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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! Honourable Members, good afternoon. I hope you are well, some of you we met this morning at the General Assembly. Honourable Members, tsholofelo ke gore letsatsi leno re fetse Appropriation Bill. Fa le tsamaile sentle, le tshwanetse gore just after 5:00 p.m. le bo le e weditse. A re simololeng tiro ya letsatsi la gompieno ka dipotso.*

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

### BACKLOG OF LAND APPLICATIONS

**MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST):** asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture what measures are being taken to clear backlog of land applications for youth and first-time applicants in Kanye.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the current waiting list for land allocation in Kanye village stands at 7 391 applicants, distributed across age groups. This is against a population of 48 028 according to the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

Mr Speaker, analysis of the applications against the demand indicates that while there is a challenge of diminishing land resource in Kanye as the population grows, but also a challenge with the accuracy and reliability of applicant records. We have introduced the Land Administration-Know Your Customer (LA-KYC) platform which will enable verification and routine updating of applicant information, allowing the land boards to confirm active applicants and cleaning the waiting lists.

The objective of these reforms is to ensure that land administration becomes efficient, transparent, data-driven and responsive to the needs of citizens as the youth and first-time applicants will have been distilled from the applicants through this process.

Mr Speaker, of these numbers *tse ke neng ke di bua*, 382 applicants are youth aged 18 to 25, representing approximately 5 per cent of the total. Applicants aged 26 to 35 are 3 408, accounting for approximately 46 per cent, while those aged 36 to 50 are 2 531, representing about 34 per cent, those 51 to 65 are 837 and those over and those over 65 are 233.

Mr Speaker, it is important to highlight that when considering the broader category of young and economically active citizens aged 18 to 35, this group constitutes 3 790 applicants, or approximately 51 per cent of the total waiting list, indicating that the majority of applicants are indeed young and economically active.

Mr Speaker, allocation of residential plots is conducted strictly in accordance with applicants' position on the waiting list, in line with established policy. However, with respect to non-residential plots, priority is accorded to youth whose projects have secured funding under Government programmes in order to promote enterprise development and economic participation.

Mr Speaker, with regard to measures being undertaken to address the backlog, the Kanye Sub-Land Board is implementing a phased allocation programme. *Kwa ga Logaba*, the layout *e e nang le* a total of 1,276 residential plots has been planned, of which 220 plots were allocated in December 2025. Survey records for a further 224 plots were approved on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and these are scheduled for allocation in May 2026. The remaining 832 plots are currently undergoing survey examination and quality control processes, which are expected to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, with allocations anticipated to commence in June 2026.

Additionally, Mr Speaker, *kwa Lodubeng le kwa Mheelo*, layouts comprising 1 428 plots and 726 plots respectively, are expected to be allocated during the 2026/2027 financial year, following completion and approval of survey records.

Mr Speaker, these measures underscore Government's commitment to accelerating land servicing, improving allocation efficiency and expanding access to land, particularly for youth and economically active citizens. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke go leboga Minister ka karabo eo e e fang tsholofelo. Ke go fetise fela fa Minister gore kana fa o tswa mo Kanye o ya Mmathethe after molapo wa Nneneke, go na le lefatshe foo le ke tsayang gore le siame

e bile ga le matlapa, gongwe le lone o ne o ka le leba wa bona gore a o ka se ke o atologele koo. *Mr Minister*, kana bana malatsi a gompieno ba setse ba hutsa batsadi gore ba tsamaye ba ba sutele mo matlong ka ntata ya go tlhoka *plots*. Motho le fa a ne a bone sengwenyana golo gongwe o tlaabo a kgona go reka *plot* mme ka ntateng ya go tlhoka mmereko a bo a sa bone madi a go e aga.

**MR SPEAKER:** O botse potso *Honourable* Mosanana; Order 40.3.

**MR MOSANANA:** Ee, ke utlwile *Mr Speaker*. Ke wele ka gore of 100 000 *plots* e e ileng ya re fa e wela go bo gotwe ya bo 100 000 ke ya Kanye, go ne go na le tse kae tse di abilweng mo Kanye mo go *that number*? *Thank you Mr Speaker*.

**DR DIKOLOTI:** Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*, ke leboge mokaulengwe wame ka dikgakololo tse a di ntshitseng ka go baya ditsha mo tseleng e e yang kwa kgaolong ya me. Ke tsaya gore ke mogopolo mokaulengwe, re tlaa bona gore ga go *compete* le mahudiso, kana golo fale ke meraka ya ba ga Ngwaketse. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa nna re ntse re buisana go bona gore re ka dira eng.

*Mr Speaker*, ga ke a tshwara dipalo tsa gore mo 100 000 *plots* Kanye o ne a neetswe bokae mme ke dipalo tse ke ka di tselang mokaulengwe wa me ke bo ke tla ke di mo neela kwa bothokong.

#### CARRYING CAPACITY OF BOARDING HOSTELS

**MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware that the boarding hostels at Boteti West junior secondary schools have exceeded the carrying capacity which is 96 pupils per hostel by over 150 per cent; and if so, whether this condition is ideal and what she intends to do to arrest this dire situation.

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, our ministry is aware that boarding hostels have exceeded carrying capacity not only at Boteti West Junior Secondary Schools but across several of our junior secondary schools.

While the specific carrying capacity of 96 pupils per hostel is a standard design, we acknowledge that enrollment at several schools has surpassed these intended limits.

Regarding whether this condition is ideal *Mr Speaker*, and I must be candid with this Honourable House, that the current situation is far from the standard we strive for in our educational facilities.

*Mr Speaker*, to arrest this situation, our ministry has already started prioritising the expansion of oversubscribed schools. This includes the construction of additional hostel blocks to alleviate congestion, as seen in other schools such as Chamabona JSS, Nkange JSS, Shanganani JSS, Gumare JSS and Motswakhumo JSS. Consequently, the schools in the Boteti West Constituency will be addressed under this initiative. Thank you *Mr Speaker*.

**MR DIGWA:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Minister*. Le fa ke go utlwela botlhoko gore o na le *stress*, o ntse o tshwerwe ke selo sa makgowa *for an hour*. Ke dumela gore o tlaa fola, ke tlaa go fodisa maikutlo.

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

**MR DIGWA:** Ke utlwa o *quota* dikole fela tse di kgakala le Boteti. *When did you last visit* sekole fela se sengwefela mo Boteti go ya go itemogela gore seemo sa Boteti gongwe ga se tshwane le dikole tse o buang ka tsone? Kwa ke leng teng kana mo *room* e nngwefela e e tshwanetseng go robala bana ba le *eight*, go robala bana ba le 22. Bana ba ba robala ba *share* materase fa fatshe, mabati le difensetere ga di yo. Go tswalwa ka bolao fela jo bo senang nnenyane, go bo go bewa kobonyana e nngwe gone foo. Jaanong seemo se se batla o kile wa etela Boteti wa bona gore ke se se maswe mo go kae. Gongwe e kare o bua kana o sena go fiwa madi, wa tllhagogela go simolola kwa Boteti pele o lebile seemo se se maswe se.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge potso tlaleletso ya ga *Honourable Member of Parliament (MP)*. Tota dikole tsa Boteti bagaetsho ke dingwe tsa dikole tse di sa nthobatseng gotlhelele. Ga ke ise ke ye Boteti ka mabaka a gore gantsi fa ke re ke ya teng, go ne ga nna le dilo tse dingwe tse di neng di ntse di nkganela. Ke ka supa gore re kile ra nna le seemo sengwe kwa Khwee, *Assistant Minister* o ne a ya teng, Permanent Secretary (PS), o ne a santse a *act then*, o ne a ya teng. Ke ka solofetsa gore kamoso fa ke ralala Kgalagadi, Maun Special Education Centre, Nata, ke tla ka Francistown mo malatsing a mane a go tloga kamoso, *our Secretary for General Education* o tlaabo a emelela a ralala Boteti. Kana fa go tsamaiwa jaana, ba tsamaya ka molaetsa o ke o ba fang, ga ba itsamaele

fela. Tota go maswe thata mo *hostels generally*, mme Boteti go lebega e le kwa pele e na le mathata a gore go na le bana ba ba nnyennyane ba ba amogilweng go bapa le batsadi ba bone. *It does really make Boteti a very special case*, re tlaa e tsibogela rraetsho go feta tse dingwe. Ke a leboga.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker*, Tona fa a araba o buile Gumare JSS, jaanong ga re itse gore a ke sekole se se sha kana se kae. Gongwe se ka itaya batho tsebe ka gore re setse re ise re se itse, fa a ka tlhalosa gore ba aga se se sha, se kwa kae kana jang.

**MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA:** *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore golo foo e ka tswa e le phosego, Mopalamente o ka bo a kile a *correct fela*, rotlhe *we err*. Ke tswa kwa Gumare rraetsho fela maabane, *if I erred you could have just corrected me*. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Boniface Bashi Mabeo, Member for Gamalete.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** O tlaa mo e tseela *Honourable Furniture*.

#### DANEGA SATELLITE SCHOOL

**MR P. AARON (NGAMI):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware that:
  - (a) Danega village, a fully gazetted village, is still operating without a proper primary school and that the current satellite structure is made of boards and has some of the walls made of river reeds which is a highly combustible material and to exacerbate this, these structures include the kitchen;
  - (b) that the same current structure runs on employment of 100 per cent temporary teachers without a School Head since it has not been awarded the status of a primary school;
- (ii) the current Satellite has one accommodation house made of boards for nine (9) teachers, simply translating to a Satellite school running without accommodation and that the nearest villages are Gumare and Nokaneng which are about 20 kilometres away without gravel roads connecting

them to Danega except donkey-cart tracks; and that temporary teachers who can are forced to commute every day using their vehicles, making it impossible during muddy rainy seasons; and that those without transport sleep like boarding school children without privacy in the makeshift structure; how a Government of human rights continues to run a school without water; and

- (iii) whether the Minister does not find this situation inhumane, an exploitation of people and a situation which calls for his immediate action.

**MR SPEAKER:** Karabo eo e bolelele bo kae?

**MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):** Ke buka.

**MR SPEAKER:** Standing Order 38.4, o tlaa mo neela karabo e e kwadilweng.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Yone e telele thata, go raya gore ke tlaa mo e neela, mme ke ka *summarise* fela gore matshwenyego a a tlhalositsweng ke Motlotlegi Mopalamente a a utlwala, a maleba. O bua ka dikgwetlho tsa ditlhabololo tsa matlo a barutabana, go tsamaya ga bone gore ga go ise go nne le sekole sa tlhomamisego.

Mo karabong re tlhalosa gore mananeo a a farologanyeng, go balelwa le Constituency Community Projects (CCP), *public works programme*, a tlaa dirisiwa go tsibogela tse Mopalamente a tshwenyegang ka tsone. Kgang ya sekole se se botlana gore go tsamaelwe kwa go se se feletseng sentle, matlo a barutabana a ne a santse a diilwe ke go sa lemogiwa ga sekole, kgwetlho ya gore barutabana ba tsamaya sekgele se se telele ba dirisa dikoloi tsa bone, le go nna mathata fa pula e nele, a bo e le gore ba nna le kgwetlho, bogolo jang ba ba senang dikoloi, ke tse re tlhalosang kalafi ya seemo seo gone mo karabong. Re itebagantse le National Development Plan (NDP) 12 le Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

Re amogela matshwenyego a a buisiwang ke Mopalamente, mme le rona re mo neela karabo gore tsele tsotlhe di tlaa dirwa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang, go araba seemo seo. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Supplementary.*

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** *Supplementary questions* ka gore ke potso e e telele di teng tsotlhe.

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

**MR AARON:** *Supplementary.* A ko o ntetle ke tlhologanye sengwe. Ke a leboga Tona. O solofetsa gore dikarabo tsoitlhe di mo pampiring e o tlaa e mphang ka sekole sa Danega. Ke tlhologanye sentle gore gongwe ka bokhutshwane, ditsholofetso tse re di solofele mo lebakeng le le kae? A o bua dilo tsa ngwaga o kana o o latelang? Ke ne ke ka rata fa o ne o ka ama dikgang tsa *safety*, botsogo jwa bana le barutabana tota. Ke ne ke tsere gore fa o *summarise*, o tlaa supa gore seemo o a se bona, mme re ikaelela go reng.

Ke lebogela gore o bo o amogetse gore ditsela ga di tsamaege, ga go reng. Gone mme mogokgo re mo solofele leng kwa Danega ka gore le ene yo gotweng o etela sekole, ga go na *transportation*? Ga go na gore o ka *reach* jang to Danega. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga thata Mopalamente Aaron. Tse a di tlhalosang kana e ne e le go tshaba go buela ruri, di mo teng jaaka ke ne ke buile. Kana motse o o amogetswe semmuso ka Phatwe mo ngwageng wa 2024. Jaanong gone moo go ne go bulelwa gore go baakannwe tse e ntseng e le dikgoreletsi, re ne re diiwa ke gore motse ga o a amogelwa semmuso. Jaanong ka gore o amogetswe semmuso, matshwenyego a gago Mopalamente a a maleba a o tlhwaafetseng mo go one, ke one a ke reng a arabiwa mo teng. Fa re bua ka *Public Works Programme*, ke lenaneo le re rileng le simologa ka 1<sup>st</sup> April. Fa re bua ka NDP 12, e simologile. Fa re bua ka ngwaga wa madi o a simologa ka 1<sup>st</sup> April. Dilo tse tsoitlhe re a di tlhalosa mo teng, o tlaa bala o tlaa le fa phetolo.

#### COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON MISSING PERSONS

**MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH):** asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security:

- (i) to give a comprehensive report on the number of persons who have gone missing and those who have been reported missing in Botswana in the last 10 years, as well as their ages and gender and the search efforts thereof;
- (ii) if his ministry has not considered introducing a Missing Person Unit across all Police stations in Botswana to deal with escalating cases of missing persons;
- (iii) how many cases were due to kidnappings and ritual killings and what is being done to sensitise the public and raise awareness to deal with such superstition;

(iv) why incidents of missing persons are increasing in Botswana; and

(v) to state the longest missing persons case and cases of missing persons which were resolved.

#### MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, this Honourable House will appreciate that the ministry is experiencing a number of people reported missing. Most of the youth go without informing their relatives and guardians about their whereabouts. These youths in most cases are found or return to their homes in good health. The ministry has recorded a total 6 677 reports of missing person which involves 6765 from 2016 to 2025. Of these a total of 3 412 were male while 3 353 were females.

Mr Speaker, through search efforts by the Police, the communities and publications on Botswana Police Service (BPS) Facebook a total of 6 330 missing persons were recovered while 426 were never recovered. I have to notify this House that many of those not recovered could have returned to their homes or contacted their relatives about their whereabouts but the relatives would not have notified the Police to close the cases. Due to high levels of internal migration associated with our socialization and the vast geographical spread of our country, many of these missing persons leave their places to other places for job seeking or visiting friends and family with intention of returning to their places of abode, but will not inform anyone. This then raises the number of missing person reports.

Mr Speaker, the BPS has established a specialized Human Trafficking and Missing Persons Units in 2023 and 2025 respectively, to address and combat issues related to human trafficking and missing persons. These two units are currently based in Gaborone and whenever an investigation is required anywhere in the country, these officers are assigned to coordinate the investigations offering those on the ground any necessary technical assistance.

Mr Speaker, there are no cases of kidnapping that were reported during the period. However, a total of 344 reported missing persons were recovered dead, while 178 died of natural causes, 97 committed suicide and 54 were found to have been murdered. Among these 6 of the victims were found with body parts missing, which is culturally associated with ritual killings. However, post-mortem examinations conducted on this indicated that the injuries were post-mortem and not ante-mortem.

Mr Speaker, in our statute in general and Penal Code in particular, we do not have an offence called ritual killing. We are therefore constrained to speak of a crime that is not in our statute. The taking of human life is criminalized as murder.

Mr Speaker, the ministry through the BPS has put in place educational strategies to sensitize the public on kidnapping and missing persons. The BPS has a comprehensive public education strategy on crime and crime prevention which includes murders.

Mr Speaker, as I have already stated earlier, most of those people reported missing persons' incidents turned out not missing. Most of these incidents are reported by guardians or parents of mostly young persons after they did not return home.

Mr Speaker, through strategies in places a number of reported missing persons is actually going down from 725 in 2022 to 618 in 2025.

Mr Speaker, in conclusion the longest missing person incident was reported during the year 2023 at Mabutsane Police Station. A total of 6330 cases were resolved out of 6 677 reported incidents. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR LESEDI:** *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge Tona, o e arabile ka bophara, ke sone se nngeng tota se tlhokega. Go latedisa mo dikarabong tse a setseng a di file, gone mme batho ba ba nyeelelang ba ka gore ba felela gotlhelele ba sa bonwe, go na le eng Tona se o ka bong o se akanya gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi ba masika le ba ba atamalanyeng le bone gongwe ba nne le dipego tse di tlhomameng gore Puso e dira eng go ba thusa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Mopalamante. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, go na le tse di dirwang jaaka re na le dikomiti tse re dirang le setšhaba go nna re lebagana le dikgang tsa twantsho borukutlhi jalo, ke dingwe tsa tse re di dirisang. Ke tlhalositse gape le ka Facebook Page, fa gongwe fa go kgonagalang teng ba boela gape kwa malwapeng a go nna jalo go leka go bua le bone le go ba tlhalosetsa ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng ka ditlhotlhomiso tsa bone. Fa gongwe ga go kgonagale gore ba boele kwa go bone, ka ntata ya gore mapodise le ditsompelo di a tlhabela. Keletso ke gore ba nne ba boela kwa go bone, ka gore tota go bua nnete *case* fa e ntse jalo le bone ba ba neng ba e begile ba bonwe pele ga go ka tsewa gotwe jaanong motho o setse a nyeletse ga a bonwe. Tanki.

### JOBS CREATED BY GOVERNMENT SINCE JANUARY 2025

**MR P. K. MOTAOSANE (THAMAGAKUMAKWANE):** asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:

- (i) the number of jobs, by sector, that were created by Government since January 2025; and
- (ii) if there were no job losses in the same period.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker, good afternoon.* Ke reye motlotlegi ka potso e ya bothokwa ke re, gantsi dipatlisiso tsa go bona phiro mo maphateng otlhe a Botswana *every 12 months*. *Period* e re e solofetseng gompieno ke ya *November 2024 to November 2025*. *Usually* re bona *results* tsa teng *after 6 months*. Jaanong ke ka kgona go go fa dikarabo tse di tletseng ka *June 2026*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Supplementary.* Tanki Motlotlegi Tona. *Mr Speaker*, ke gore Tona fa a re ba e dira ka *November 2024*, o solofetse tse dingwe gape ka *November 2026*. *The question* e bua ka *at least January 2025 to the current date*. Jaanong ga ke itse gore ke eng a sa mphe tsone tse dikgologolo fela tse a nang le tsone gore ke tlhaloganye. Kana go na le bothata gone foo, ga ke tlhaloganye golo foo *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *O tlaa tlhalosa. Tlhaloso ya gagwe e ne e le gore kana* the report that they are doing normally which is a survey, *ke ya November to November*. *Le fa e le gore ke ya November to November, ga go reye gore November yoo fa a wela immediately e a tswa*, it can go up to 6 months before they receive *yone ya November to November*, which is why he does not have the number. *Tlhalosa General*.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Thank you very much.* Motlotlegi, kgang e o e buang ke gore re dira mo gotweng *Multi Topic Household Survey* ka *intervals* tsa *12 months*. Jaanong *usually* jaaka re tlhola re di dira, re di dira *from November to the other November*. Fa re tswa foo re tsaya nako *to disaggregate them*, ke gore go bona *numbers* re bo re kgaoganya jalo, re tsaya *6 months* go dira jalo.

Gompieno *we are on that, that you are asking*, re dira eo ya *twelve months*. Jaanong go ya go nna bokete gore ke e kgaoganye, kana potso jaaka e ne e tla maabane fela jaana, gore ke bo ke simolola ke di kgaoganya tsotlhe ke bo ke go neela *from January*, go tsweng mo *period* e o e batlang *up to 2025*.

Ke sone se ke go solofetsang gore, fa o mpotsa potso e... e ka re ka *June* ke bo ke kgona go go fa *the exact figure* gore ke mang. Ke a leboga mongwame gongwe o tlaa ntlhaloganya sentle.

#### ALCOHOL LEVY

**MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) how much funds were raised through the Alcohol Levy during the new operational times introduced during the 2025 festive season; and
- (ii) whether there were any mishaps or incidents reported to have been associated with the new operational times compared to the same period in the previous year.

**Later Date.**

#### BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION

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

- (i) if she is aware that;
  - (a) residents of Metsimotlhabe Block 4 are experiencing prolonged delays in being connected to the electrical grid because the area is not yet fully serviced by Botswana Power Corporation (BPC);
  - (b) as a result, residents are being issued with unusually high quotations for electricity connections, comparable to those for business or commercial connections; and
- (iii) when her ministry, through BPC, expects the servicing of Metsimotlhabe Block 4 and the provision of standard residential connections to be completed.

**ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Good afternoon and good afternoon to the House.

Mr Speaker, I wish to update this Honourable House on electricity connections for Metsimotlhabe Block 4.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, no unseemly interruptions. You must be silent.

**MR TSHERE:** Government recognises the urgent need to extend electricity to this area, and a phased electrification plan has been developed to ensure efficient and sustainable delivery. The total reticulation cost for the programme is approximately P125 million, required to fully extend the network across both developed and developing sections of Metsimotlhabe Block 4.

Mr Speaker, until the area is fully reticulated and gazetted under the National Electrification Standard Cost framework, new applicants are charged according to the capacity they require. This approach ensures that connections can be provided promptly while the full programme is being implemented. Once funding is in place, residential connections will be available at the nationally applicable standard cost.

Government remains fully committed to accelerating electrification in Metsimotlhabe Block 4. Relevant departments, together with Botswana Power Corporation, continue to coordinate efforts to ensure that residents have timely access to reliable and affordable electricity. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MS MANYENENG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go utlwa Tona, mme ga o a wela jaaka ke ne ke akantse. Le fa o re le a itse gore go tshwanetse gore go tsenngwe, go *important for* baagi ba Metsimotlhabe. Potso ke gore, ke eng ba bangwe ba tsenyediwa go sa ema fela jaaka ke solofetse gore fa go sa tsenngwe ga go tsenngwe? Ga go tsenngwe ka tekatekanyo. Ke gore go na le *those that applied* ba ba tsenyediwang, ba bangwe *have applied* ga ba tsenyediwe, gatwe go santse go batliwa se le se. Ke gore ka re, a le a itse gore golo fale ga gona tekatekanyo, go lwantsha baagi ba Metsimotlhabe Block 4?

**MR TSHERE:** *Thank you very much Honourable Speaker and Honourable Manyeneng for the follow up question.* Mma ke e beye jaana, kana Metsimotlhabe Block 4 ke lefelo le lesa *Mr Speaker*, ka jalo ga le ise le tsenngwe mo ditlhabololong tsa gore le tle go direlwa *the infrastructure* ya mafaratlhatlha a motlakase. Ka jalo, ke gone mo karabo e reng, tota re lebeletse kwa go ba *Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs who are the custodians of this place*, gore jaanong ba tle ba duele madi a go tlhabolola motlakase mo kgaolong e.

Se se diragalang gompiano fa e le gore go na le ba ba setseng ba tsentse motlakase ke gore, kana jaaka ke bua mo karabong e gore, *when the new customer applies* go raya gore go dirisiwa *charges* tse di kwa godimo thata

tse e nnang o kare o ikogogela dipale, o bo o boa o dira le transformer gore o nne le motlakase. *The cost now can go up to around P 400 000 and perhaps the people who connected have actually paid that amount. Thank you.*

#### RETREATS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

**MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** asked the Minister of Health to state Government plans to introduce structured retreats and psychological support programmes including emotional therapies or mindfulness-based stress reduction for nurses, doctors and other health practitioners to address occupational stress and trauma.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of the House *ba kae ba Health?*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa mme e santse e le Mopalamente.

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** O mo tseleng *Mr Speaker*, ba ne ba na le *engagement* ya *Ministry of Health*.

#### ROUGH DIAMOND

**DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST):** asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy whether an agreement on zero tariffs on rough diamond was ever reached with the United States of America; and if not, what the current tariff is.

**ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker and good afternoon once again.

Mr Speaker, you will recall that in April 2025, the reciprocal tariff policy was introduced, imposing tariffs on countries perceived to maintain a high trade imbalance with the United States. Under this framework Botswana was assigned a 37 per cent tariff on exports to the United States.

Following diplomatic engagements led by the President, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, the tariff rate on Botswana exports to the US, was reduced to 15 per cent in August 2025.

Mr Speaker, negotiations with the US Government are still ongoing. We have given them our offer and requests and await their response. The current tariff is at 15 per cent. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**DR DOW:** *Supplementary.* Mma ke botse, ga e ise e ko e nne zero ka nako epe fela? Fa re kile ra utlwa *Minister* a rialo re ne re sa mo utlwe sentle, kana gongwe e ne e bua ka *a different product* kana ka lefatshe le le farologanyeng? Ga e ise e ko e nne zero? *Thank you.*

**MR TSHERE:** Thank you very much. What the Minister was referring to *fa a re re batla* zero tariffs on export to United States of America (US) *o ne a bua ka diteemane*. So, with diamonds the position of Botswana is that, we should have zero tariffs for diamonds. Mainly because diamonds are not produced in America and in most cases the industries are sustained by the diamonds from Botswana. Therefore on that basis, we are pursuing a zero per cent tariffs on diamond, so this is the position of Government. We argued with the United States of America on this matter, but they have only reduced up to 15 per cent and the request that we have submitted is further to the case of making zero per cent tariffs on diamonds that are coming from Botswana.

**DR DOW:** *Further Supplementary.* Ke ne ke re o tlhalose re go utlwe. Le santse le kopa zero per cent, ga re na zero per cent, ke se o se buang? Ke gore ke 15 per cent *across the board for all products*, ga re na zero per cent wa diteemane? Ke ne ke re o tlhalose ke tle ke e tlhaloganye sentle. *Thank you.*

**MR TSHERE:** *Gongwe mma ke e leke ka Setswana ka se ke se buang ke gore*, position ya Botswana ke gore, *akere re a kopa kwa* the United States of America, this is our request and preposition that Botswana's diamonds ought to have a zero per cent tariff. *Ke kopo ya rona, ga e ise ko e nne zero per cent* on diamonds. We are asking them for a zero per cent tariff specifically on diamonds. We are not talking about any other goods and they have only reduced it to 15 per cent in August last year, and 15 per cent includes diamond, but we want a special dispensation for diamond at zero per cent tariffs. Thank you.

#### SCHOOLS IN OKAVANGO DISTRICT

**MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST):** asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) the current state of school infrastructure in the Okavango District, particularly the two junior secondary schools in the Okavango East Constituency, which are in a severely dilapidated and unsafe condition, thereby compromising the rights of children to a safe, healthy and conducive learning environment;

- (ii) the immediate measures Government is taking to safeguard the rights, wellbeing and dignity of learners and teachers, who are compelled to continue learning and teaching under these conditions;
- (iii) whether her ministry acknowledges that the persistent poor academic performance in the school may be directly linked to the violations of learners' rights caused by the degraded learning environment; and if so, to state how long children, educators and parents are expected to endure such conditions; and
- (iv) timelines which have been set to bring these schools into compliance with national education standards and children's rights obligations as provided for under the Constitution and the relevant child protection frameworks.

**MR SPEAKER:** ...*(Inaudible)*...e boleele bokae?

**MR HUNYEPA:** It is very short.

**MR SPEAKER:** Okay, go ahead.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I wish to apprise this Honourable House that the two junior secondary schools in the Okavango East Constituency last underwent cyclic maintenance seven years ago in 2019. Like the MP stated, the school is in a dilapidated condition.

Mr Speaker, maintenance of school infrastructure is currently experiencing significant challenges due to budgetary constraints. However, the ministry remains fully committed to safeguarding the rights, welfare and dignity of learners. As a result, Mr Speaker, these two schools are featured prominently in the ministry's high-priority refurbishment list. We are actively engaged in securing funds for the rehabilitation of these schools, and the refurbishment will commence in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Furthermore, one of these schools, being Gowa Junior Secondary School, has been earmarked for expansion in the 2026/2027 financial year Mr Speaker.

On issues of associating or linking it with poor academic results, the poor academic performance is usually caused by several factors Mr Speaker. The poor state of the infrastructure could possibly be one of the reasons why the school is performing badly. This state would be addressed in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Finally, Mr Speaker, I would like to assure this House that we are continuously developing efficient and cost-effective methods to address the rehabilitation of schools' infrastructure nationwide to restore the dignity and the wellbeing of our learners. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR DISHO:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a utlwa Tona gore *the last time it was maintained* ke ka 2019. O buile ka maduo, ke one a ntshwenyang thata Tona. A mme o a itse gore dikole tse pedi tse, ga di ise di fete *even 30 per cent* mo botshelong jwa tsone *due to* ka fa le di tsayang ka teng lona le le Puso? *We complain every day*, mme ga le tsiboge. *For seven years* o a supa le wena o a tlhomamisa gore *from* 2019 ga le ise le ikgogele kwa sekoleng le ya go se bona gore se ntse jang, mme re ngongorega letsatsi le letsatsi. A mme ga le bone gore go dira fela jalo, ke go sokodisa setšhaba, kana ka le ba tlhobogile batho ba kgaolo yone ele, kana ke eng?

Ya bobedi Tona, *when was the last time* o etela sekole se, wena ka sebelebele fa e sale o nna Tona, gore re tlhologanye sentle gore dilo tse re di buang tse le wena o a di tlhologanya? *When was the last time* o le mo sekoleng sone sele *particularly* sa Ngambao, se e leng gore jaaka Mopalamente wa Boteti a bua, *more than 20 of* bana ba sekole ba nna mo ntlong e le nngwefela e sena difensetere, mabati, e sena le fa e le materase, ba lala mo *floor*? Ke ne ke re o tlhalosetse Ntlo e.

Ya boraro ke gore le tsibogela leng mathata a? Nna dikgang tsa lona tsa 2026/2027 ga ke dumalane le tsone. Ikgogeleng kwa sekoleng le ye go bona gore go ntse jang. Ke a leboga.

**MR HUNYEPA:** *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker, and thank you for the supplementary questions. *Tota ke seemo se re fitlhelang se ntse fela fa, mme ra re re setse re batlile madi*, for financial year 2026/2027 *gore se baakanngwe*. That is the only thing that we can promise you, and we know the state of the school. *Le fa re ise re se etele*, we have more than 250 secondary schools countrywide, and we have more than 773 primary schools, and there are only two Ministers, the Minister and the Assistant Minister. We have already started visiting a number of other schools. We will do the best to visit the school as well; this year, either myself or Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka. So, we will visit the schools, especially that we still have those financial constraints challenges.

You are correct, the results are very bad, not only that school, most of the schools in the Okavango, it has not been fair really to that part of the country. It is not only the schools, even the roads *di maswe di senyegile*, and the state *ya gore mabati ga a yo le difensetere*, we know it is like that. We have visited a number of other schools, *go maswe tota*, but we will do our best, to see to it that we correct this. Some schools have more than 20 years *of no maintenance*, but we are working around the clock to ensure that it is corrected. It is true you always complain about this, but we will make sure that before the end of the year, we should have visited that particular area. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Owaii! nako ya lona e fetile ya dipotso, le setse fela ka 52 seconds.*

Honourable Members, there is a question without notice, so we are going straight to that question. You will understand why we decided that *e tsene mo* Order Paper today because it should have come on Friday.

### QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

#### INSOURCING OF SECURITY, CLEANING AND GARDENING SERVICES

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

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

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the insourcing programme will commence with Phase 1, which entails the absorption of 490 temporary employees within the cleaning and gardening cadres, effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. These employees will be absorbed into the already existing permanent positions which are vacant across the public service as follows:

Position Name	Total Number of Vacancies
Cleaners	249
Night watchmen/ Gatekeepers	178
Gardener/Grounds man	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>

Phase 2 will be for the absorption of the remaining employees engaged on temporary basis in the three areas (cleaners, gardeners and security) as and when their current contracts expire from May to July 2026.

The last phase of insourcing process will focus on employment of employees who are working for private companies performing outsourced services (cleaning, gardening and security) effective August 2026.

A comprehensive compilation of all ongoing contracts is currently in progress. The data collection exercise, aimed at determining the exact number of affected workers, is expected to be completed by the end of April 2026.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, recruitment process will be as follows;

Step 1: All currently serving temporary cleaners, gardeners, grounds men, night watchmen and gatekeepers will be absorbed at the end of their contracts.

Step 2: Ministries and Government departments will profile all temporary employees who have served in the public service from the date of the Cab Directive and those that were engaged by private companies. Those who meet the minimum requirements will be prioritised during filling of the remaining positions.

Step 3: Ministries and Government departments will source candidates from the Labour Job Seeker's database where there are no suitable candidates. Advertisement by respective ministries and departments will be done as the last option.

(iii) Mr Speaker, to ensure transparency and fairness during implementation, DPSM has developed recruitment guidelines which provide a selection process to be followed in line with Government policies and procedures. Furthermore, DPSM will be monitoring recruitment process as implemented by ministries, departments agencies and local authorities.

(iv) All ministries, independent departments and agencies, councils, as well as land boards will be affected. It should be noted that the parastatals are not affected by this initiative. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Tona re go utlwile, dipotso gongwe di ka nna pedi, tharo.

Ya ntlha ya nna gore fa go tla mo dingwageng, a le na le *cut off points* ya dingwaga *in terms of* babereki ba jaaka le tlaabo le ba *absorb* jaana? Le ya go tsaya dingwaga go ema fa kae?

E nngwe e bo e nna kgang ya *salary scale* gore kana kwa ba berekang teng gompiano, thatathata ba *private*, fa gongwe go kwa tlase le ba ga Gorumente, fa gongwe go kwa godimo mo *scales* tsa ga Gorumente. Le ya go ba tsaya ka *scale* sefe; ke sone sa P4,000? Gakere golo fale *manifesto* o ne o re re se ka ra wela ka fa tlase ga P4,000.

Kgang e nngwe ke *budget* gore fa e ntse e tswelsetse jaana *ministries* di bua, ga ke itse, gongwe kana ke letsatsi le ke neng ke seyo. Ga ke a utlwa *Minister* ope mo *speech* sa gagwe sa *Committee of Supply* a re *we are going to absorb temporary workers* kana batho ba ba ntsheng ba bereka mo dikonterakeng. Moo ka bogone go tla mo goreng gongwe *budget* ga e yo mo *ministries* tse. A *budget* e teng kana ke *special dispensation*, re solofetse sengwe go tswa kwa *finance* go tla go duelela kgang e?

Kgang e nngwe e bo e nna ya *recruitment process* gore wa re le ya go tsaya *temporaries* ba ba neng ba bereka *temporary from the date of the Cabinet Memorandum* (CAB Memo). A o ka kgona go e bua *date* eo gore ke kgwedi efe, ngwaga ofe? Le gone ke eng le tsaya *from date of the CAB Memo* ka gore bao le bone ba dule mo tirong fela jaaka ba bangwe ba ba nang le bo *five years*, ba ne ba bereka ditiro tseo e le *temporaries* ba na le bo *12 months*? Ke eng *recruitment process* e sa

boele kwa morago *for all the temporaries* gore ba ye go iteka lesego, go kgone yo o kgonang, go palelwe yo o palelwang *and then fall off to the market*, a bo le ka e *open up to labour*? A ga o bone go le *unfair* mo go ba ba neng ba kile ba bereka *temporary* gore *immediately* fa ba sutisiwa, a bo gotwe jaanong re hira batho? Tanki Tona.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Kekgonegile. O ne o bua gore dingwaga, ke tsaya gore o raya tsa matsalo. Jaaka o ka gakologelwa, mo nakong e e fetileng go na le ba ba neng ba ntshiwa ka potso ya maloba o e botsa ya ba *strike*. Maphata jaaka re ne re bua, re santse re dira *guidelines but you know it will be unfair* gore batho e re fa ba santse ba le mo dingwageng e le gore Gorumente o ka ba hira le fa ba atumetse, a bo ba ka beelwa kwa ntle. Keletso ke gore fela fa o santse o le ka fa tlase ga dingwaga tse o ka hirwang jaaka mongwe le mongwe mo Pusong, o bo o ka fiwa sebaka sa go hirwa.

E nngwe kgang ke gore *scale*. Jaaka re ne re kile ra tlhalosa, ga gona modiredi wa Puso mo nakong ya gompiano yo o amogelang madi a a kwa tlase ga P4,000. Go reela gore le bone ba, ba tsile go amogela ma P4,000, ba tlaa kgona go itseela *loans*. Ba tlaa kgona go itshetsa ba ...(*Interruptions*)... ba tshwane le batho ba bangwe. *We have achieved target* ya rona ya P4,000. *The reason why we insource precisely* ke gore re leke go imolola batho mo boketeng jwa botshelo. *This thing* ya *insourcing* ka boyone *is going to transform* matshelo a batho ba le bantsi, e bo e ba falotsa gore mo dingwageng tse di tlang tse mo isagong, a bo ba ka felela ba bereka bo Ipelegeng ba palelwa ke go itshetsa kana go tlhokomela bana ba bone.

O ne o bua ka *budget*; mo *budget* e e neng e fetisiwa gompiano, madi a, a bo a ka dirisiwa go duela. E setse e le mo teng, go setswe go dirilwe *Cabinet Directive*, e sena go tsaya tshwetso e gore go tshwanetse go diragale. Ke tsaya gore re a tlhologanya gore *Cabinet Directive* fa e dule *Cabinet* e sena go tsaya tshwetso, go raya eng.

E nngwe e bo e nna ya *recruitment*; o ne o re ba e leng gore *before CAB Memo* e dirwa, kana *it is unfortunate*, ga gona gore re ka dira jang. Fa e le gore o ne o bereka a bo o tswa mo go Gorumente gompiano, e bo go nna le sengwe se se tlaa tlang se diragala mo bathong ba ba tlaa tlang morago fa o sena go tswa, ga go ka ke ga go akaretsa. *That is why* re rile ba e leng gore nako e ba neng ba le teng fa *memo* o tswa. Ke tsaya gore motlotlegi

o o bone, o ne o tlhalosa. *I cannot remember the exact date but* go ne ga ntshiwa *memo* o o neng o tlhalosa gore batho botlhe ba ba berekang, dikonteraka tse ba neng ba hirilwe ka tsone tsa *temporary* di fela ba di oketse, di se ka tsa kgaupetswa. Ke gore le fa di fela, ba di oketse go fitlhelela *April* a tsena jaana. Tsholofelo ke gore ba ba okeleditsweng, ba ba neng ba hirilwe go fitlhelela *end of March*, *1<sup>st</sup> of April* ba tshwanetse gore a bo ba theogela e le badirelapuso ba amogela ma P4,000 a a yang go ba inola mo lehumeng. Ka bokhutshwanyane, ke tsaya gore ke akareditse dipotso tsa gago.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke botse gore kante batho ba ba hirwang ba le *temporary*, ba bo ba se *qualified*? Fa e le gore ba *qualified*, kgang ya gore go tlaa batliwa gore ba *apply*, e bo ba sekasekiwa gore ba *qualified*, e tswa fa kae?

A mme wa re *all temporaries* ba ba mo maphateng otlhe; kwa *justice, education, health*, fa e le gore ba *qualified*, ba ya go tsewa ka fa o buang ka teng?

A mme o a itse gore mo maphateng a mangwe *like* gongwe kwa Mass Media Complex kwa Botswana Television (BTV) le tse dingwe, go setse go supagala gore ba ya go kgaola mo lephateng le lengwe. A re re gongwe ke ba *sports* ba *eight*, ba setse ba tsere tshwetso gore ba ya go tsaya ba le babedi kana ba le bararo. E *Honourable Minister*, wa reng ka yone? Ya gore ba ya go kgaolwa, wena wa re ba ya go tsewa *if they are qualified*. Ba setse ba tsere tshwetso gore re tlaa tsaya a le mongwefela. Wa reng ka kgang eo? Ke a leboga.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Rre Gobotswang. Motlotlegi, gongwe ga re a utlwana sentle, kana fa re ntse re gola jaana, o fitlhele re sa utlwele dikgang golo gongwe. ...*(Interruptions)*... Le nna ke mo teng gakere. Jaanong wa mpusolosetsa.

Motlotlegi, ke ne ke bua ka gore *assessment* ke ya ba ba tlaabong ba tswa mo dikomponeng tse di neng di ikemetse ka bonosi. Ke bone ba ba tlaabong ba tla ba fiwa sebaka sa gore ba tle ba *apply* ka ditsamaiso tsa Puso tse di tlaabong di beilwe. Gompiano gore motho o hira motho ka seemo seo kwa komponeng e e *private*, ga re itse gore tsamaiso e a bo e ntse jang.

Go na le *incident* e nngwe, mongwe o ne a bua gore gatwe go kile ga nna le motho wa *security* a hira. Ke gakololwa ke kgang ya maloba ya ga *Mother of the House*, motho a kile a sekela *murder*. O kare o ne a

se ka a tsamaya sentle mo tshekong eo, mme o ne a kata mongwe wa Baatlhodi. Diemo tseo, fa gongwe o fitlhele e le gore ba ba neng ba ikemetse ba ne ba sa dire go lekane go leka go bona gore ba hira batho ba ba nonofetseng gore ba ka sireletsa dithoto le matshelo a batho. Go ya go nna le tsamaiso e e ka fa tsamaisong ya ga Goromente go bona gore batho ba hirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

E nngwe o ne o re a botlhe ba ba *temporary* ba ya go hirwa? Ke tsaya gore fa ke ntse ke bala, ke ne ka nna keletlhoko gore ke balolola gore go hirwa bo mang. Ke tlhalositse gore gompiano re bua ka ba e leng gore ke ba *cleaning, garden services* le badisa dikago. Ke bone ba ke neng ke ntse ke ganelela kwa go bone.

E bile gape fa o ne o ka gakologelwa motlotlegi, ba Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) ba ne ba dira kitsiso morago ga gore Tautona a ntshe taelo eo gore ba dira tshekatsheko ya bodirelapuso jotlhe gore go itebaganngwa jang le kgang e ya batho ba e leng gore ba tswelela e ntse e le ma-*temporary*. Seemo seo ga se a siama, *that is why* jaana re nyeletsa ya ma-Special Constable kgwedi e e tlang ka gore ka boyone ke go ja batho ntsoma. Batho ga ba kgone go itirela bokamoso, ga go na bokamoso jo bo *certain*. So, ke dilo tse re lekang go di baakanya tse re tshwanetseng gore re di *correct*.

O ne o bua ka ba *mass media*; mma ke go tlhalosetse motlotlegi, *mass media* mo nakong ya gompiano e mo seemong se e leng gore e na le batho ba gotweng ke *freelancers* ba le 500. *It is not sustainable* gope. Go a tshwanela gore *posts at mass media should be rationalised*.

Batho ba gaketse ba re re bonya ka kgang ya go e dira *public broadcaster*, re simolotse thulaganyo ya go e baakanya le go e betla gore fa e ya go wela koo e bo e kgona gore e nne *sustainable*. Mo nakong ya gompiano ka *wage bill* e e kanakana, ga e *sustainable*. Fa godimo ga moo, re tlhalositse gore re dirile kompone e nngwe ya SPV e e yang gore go oketsa letseno la *mass media* gore e fokotse go nna e tsaya madi a mantsi mo go Goromente, madi a kgone go dirisiwa mo ditlhabolong tse dingwe. Fa SPV eo e le teng, ditshekatsheko di ne di supa gore e ka *generate income* e e *in excess of P100 million*. Madi a a ka thusa gore re nne re reka *content*, re *commission and even to pay* le ba ba tshwanang le ba bo *football* madi a *rights* a a botoka go na le *P5 million* o re mo ntshang gompiano.

Mma ke go fe sekai, fa o ka lebelela nako e nne Digital Satellite Television (DSTV) e reka *rights* kwa Premier Soccer League (PSL) kwa South Afrika, go ne ga *transform* South African *football* ka tsela e e gaggamatsang *because of* go reka *rights because* madi a a felela a ya kwa ditlhopheng (*teams*). *They were able to attract talent* e e kwa godimo. *So*, fa re dira jalo re bo re ka neela le Premier League ya Botswana madi a a kwa godimo, re tlile go *transform the whole football environment* mo Botswana. Le batho ba re tlaabong re ba *commission for content*, re ya go ba duela madi a a botoka re bo re *create employment*.

*So*, *question* ya teng e tshwanetse gore e nne gore a re batla gore re tswelele ka nako ya gompiano kana *we want to grow* re lebelela fa re ka dirang *impact* teng re lebeletse seemo se re leng mo go sone. *So*, ke dilo tse re di dirang le tse dingwe go leka gore re fetole seemo kwa *Mass Media*.

Se se teng ke gore le bone batho ba ba kwa, dikonteraka tsa bone e ne e le gore di a fela. Ke konteraka e e felang ka *March*.

*Before* re simolola *languages*, re ne re na le batho ba *freelancers* ba le 300 mme gompiano re bua re na le 500. *This whole exercise* ya go tsenya *languages* tse dingwe e dirile gore palo ya batho ba ba dirang *freelancing* ba oketsege ka *about* 200. *So*, ga se gore re okeditse ka fa re tla re fokotsa ka fa. Re ne re itse gore madi a mannyennyane a re nang le one e se ka ya re kgwedi e fela ba bo ba ema ba sena se ba duelwang ka sone. E seng mo e leng gore gompiano go tlaa bo gotwe go diegile gore ba duelwe. *So*, *before* re *commission*, dipalo e ne e le 300. Fa re tswelela jaana *after this exercise* e e dirwang ya gompiano, *the numbers will still be over* 300. *So*, ga go na dipalo tse di ileng kwa tlase tsa batho *except that* re fokoditse ka fa re bo re isa ka fa bathong ba e leng gore ba tlaabo ba thusa kwa *languages*. *So*, ke tsaya gore motlotlegi o a e tlhaloganya. Tanki.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Supplementary Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, we have overshot the runway. *A re yeng kwa* Appropriation Bill.

#### ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

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

(Resumed Debate)

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, we are now in Committee. Honourable Members, please note that I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 15:55 hours today and the question will be put at 16:25 hours. Honourable Members, when the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Ignatius Mokwaledi Moswaane was on the floor and he is left with 3 minutes and 52 seconds.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Lantlha ke nne ke rurifatse gore ke go eme nokeng *Minister* Chombo. Ke batla gore re gatele thata kwa kgannyeng ya *job creation* mo bananeng ka Youth Development Fund (YDF). Ke kopa gore re e tsibogeleng, mme e bile ke batla go lemotsa gore bogologolo ka *the* 11<sup>th</sup> *Parliament* re ntse re le gone fa, go ne go kgona gore madi a YDF go iwe gape le kwa *Alcohol Levy* a tsewe. Go ne go kgona gape gore go tsewe madi a *Gender Economic Empowerment Scheme* go tlaleletsa go thusa bomme.

Maabane fa ke setse ke tshaisa, re ne re bua thata ka P60 *million allocated* yo o neng o supa gore nkabo a ya go thusa bomme mo ditsamaisong tsa *campaigns*, tsa go ba rotloetsa mo ditsamaisong dingwe tsa *gender*. A re tlhamalaleng kwa go neeleng bomme madi gore ba nne *financially independent*, ba tsene mo dikgwebong, re se ka ra ba rotloetsa gore ba nne bakopi ba banna ba bone mo nakong e ntsi. Fa re pateletsa bomme gore ba nne ba tshonne, re raya gore jaanong ba tsamaele kwa Gender-Based Violence (GBV) ka gore ba ya go kopa monna yo e leng gore le ene gongwe o *abusive*, mme e bile fa a se *abusive*, a tshonne, go bo go tsoga dikgangkgang mo malwapeng tse di feletsang di baka dintwa. Molemo wa kgang fela ke gore, a re fetoleng madi a a tsene mo *Gender Economic Empowerment Scheme*, bomme ba bule dikgwebo, ba kgone go ikemela, ba itirele letseno, ba se ka ba nna bakopi mo go borre. Seemo se a re tsweng mo go sone re le Puso, a jaanong re re re le neela madi gore le ye go ikemela, le tlaa bona seemo sa GBV se fokotsega.

Fa e le gore bomme ba tlaa nna bakopi *right through* mmaetsho, ke go raya ke re o tlile go *campaign* o sa fetse ka gore seemo kwa malwapeng ga se batle *campaign*, se

batla dijo mo tafoleng. Ke sone se ke go kopang gore a re se lebeleleng gore re ye go tsenya madi a mantshi re a neela *civil societies* gotwe go dirwa *programmes* tsa go tlhola bomme ba kgobokane, ba tsena *meetings, workshops*, ga go thuse sepe, a re ba neeleng madi ba ye go dira ditiro, ba hirane jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba dira bogologolo. Ke go ema nokeng ka thulaganyo ya go bona gore bomme ba ka tswelela jang.

Ke a boeletsa gape, Tirelo Setšhaba e re leng mo go yone ga ke dumalane le yone. Tirelo Setšhaba e ke e batlang, ke e e ikopantseng e bile e ikanantse le go neela bana *skills development*, gore e re ba le mo Tirelo Setšhaba, ba fetsa bo *five years*, motho a bo a tswa a tshotse *certificate* fela jaaka re bona kwa Ipelegeng yo mosha yo re mo dirang. Tirelo Setšhaba fa e le gore ngwana o tlaa nna *five years* a bo a fetsa, a bo a boeleta gape kwa Ipelegeng, re tlaabo re sa dira sepe. *A the same amount* e a e neelwang mo Tirelo Setšhaba gotwe *you have got the choice now* ya go go isa kwa *brigade* kana ya go tsena kwa bokete, o tsaya madi a Tirelo Setšhaba *for six months* o ithutela gore fa Goromente a hira, a bo a sekasekela mo go wena. Jaanong fa go hirwa, bana ba ga ba yo mo tshakatshekong ya go hirwa ka gore ga ba *qualify for* sepe, ke maTirelo Setšhaba fela. Tirelo Setšhaba e ke batla gore re e lebelele.

**MR LESEDI:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga thata *Minister*. O e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke re gone foo o dumela gore gompiano fa re leng teng tota go boammaaruri, ga go na sepe se Puso e thusitseng bogolo jang bomme ka sone? Ke a leboga.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Rraetsho, ke dumela ke re go tswa mo seemong sa itsholelo e e phutlhameng, mme fa re setse re bua ka *P60 million*, bogologolo *the budget was P50 million*, mme o ne a kgona go tlamela bomme ditiro ba ba farologaneng *in different districts*. Jaanong ka re mo re ka go dirang gompiano ga gore re ya go ba rotloetsa, re ba tsenya *workshops* ka *P60 million*, go gaisiwa ke fa re ka ba neela madi a gore ba ye go simolola dikgwebo, ba roke, ba dire dikerese, ba dire sengwe le sengwe, seo se ka tlahabolola bomme. *Thank you very much.*

**MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke ne ke re ke simolole fela ka go utlwa botlhoko jwa gore madi a a neetsweng lephata la ga Mme Chombo a manyennyane thata fa re lebile dikgwetlho fela tota tse di mo lefatsheng, tse di lebileng bomme le bana ba basetsana. Ke itumelela gore ba re ba ya go baakanya

YDF. Ke kope *Minister* gore fa re baakanya YDF, re lebe gore fa bana ba kopa madi, fa re ba neela, o mo neele kana o ba neele o itse gore ba ya go dira eng, le gone ba bo ban a le *mentors*. Ba salwa morago gore a sone se ba se kopetseng madi a se tsamaya sentle, a ba se dira sentle, e bo e nna gore gape ba bo ba senkelwa le *market* gore fa go ntse go tsamaya go gola e le kgwebo e, ba ya *to market* kae, ba ya go rekisa kae dilo tsa bone. Ke kopa gore ba salwe morago, ba se ka ba lathelelwa fela fa ba sena go nna ba neelwa madi a ka gore ba batla tshipidi-tonto. Go santse go le thata, go le lefifi mo go bone gore ba ithute.

Ke dumela gore e ya *youth centres*, le yone ke nngwe ya dilo tse e ka le kang. Fa nne *Minister* fela ba ka leba gore kwa ba di bayang teng ke kwa di tlhokafalang sentle teng, ka gore mo gongwe o kare ga re beye re lebile gore golo foo go ntse jang, go tlhokafala jang. O kare re baya fela ka gore re kgona go baya kana re na le lefelo. A re di *spread across the country*, re di beye mo dikgaolong, gore totatota, di re thuse mo go tlhokeng go bereka ga bana ba ba rona, ka gore fa bana ba sa bereke, mme ba kgona go ya kwa *youth centre*, a ya go dira sengwe ka diatla, kana a ya go dira thuto nngwe e e ka mo tshetsang fa go ntse go tsamaya.

Fa ke tsena mo go *Gender and Development*, ke dumalana le *Honourable* Moswaane gore madi a a kabong fela a tlhamaletse a ya go neelwa *Gender Development*, a manyennyane, ga ke itse gore a ke one a *P4 million*, ga ke tshware palo ya teng sentle. A manyennyane. Ntwa e ya *gender* e bagaetsho, e ntsi thata, e tona. Gape fa re bua ka *gender and development*, a re se ka ra bua ka bomme le bana ba basetsana fela. Ke kopa *Minister* gore a ko re lebeng bana ba basimane. Kana golo fa re leka gore re ba emeletse kwa tlase kana re ba godise kwa tlase ba le mmogo, e le ngwana wa mosimane le wa mosetsana, go se ka ga nna le pharologanyo ya lerato e e ka reng ba basimane ba gola e kare ga ba ratiwe. Re leka go ba lekalekanya gore go tle go nne le *stability* tota le mo lefatsheng. Re itse gore ga go na jaaka fa o ka ba farologanya.

Mo gongwe *Minister*, ke dumela gore le mo tseleng, la re le a baakanya le santse le *draft* kana le *review policies* tse le itseng gore ke tsone tse di ka tsenang mo go direng GBV Bill. Fa le ntse le *review Policy on Gender Development and Strategy*, le lebe gore fa le batla maakanya kana therisanyo, a re se ka ra lebala go ya kwa Batswaneng *Minister*. Kgang ya GBV bagaetsho, e ama lelwapa lengwe le lengwe, mme fa re ka baya fela mo goreng re ya go bua le ba *union* le baruti kana

le eng, re bo re tlogela Batswana kwa magaeng le kwa Dikgotleng. Kgang e ke ya Batswana thata fela mo magaeng gore fa re le kwa Dikgotleng, ba tshwanetse gore ba bue gore molawana o, ba akanya gore o tsenye eng, o se ka wa tsenya eng, o tsamaye jang, bogolo jang ka gore tota kwa magaeng, rona jaaka re le bo Metsimotlhabe-Mmopane, batsadi ba rona ba itse gore bana fa ba emelela kwa gae, a re o ya toropong o ya go batla morogo. E le gore fa a tsena kwa jaanong, o fitlhela a tlhalelwa, kana fa a berekang teng ga a amogeletse, o feletsa a nna le monna mo ntlong. Fa ba nna mo ntlong e nna mosadi le monna, kgantele jaanong go a lowa, go lwelwa gore ke go neetse madi, madi a kae. A re lekeng go ya kwa bagolong kwa Batswaneng, kwa Dikgotleng re ye go leka go utlwa gore ba ka re akantsha eng.

E nngwe gape ka nako e a ntshwara *Minister*; ke bone o bua gape ka *one-stop-service-centre*. Ke itumelela gore e nne teng e bile e tle ka bofefo, ka gore tse re di boneng mo mafatsheng fa re ntse re tsamaya jaana, di a bereka *because* ga gona fa motho a tabogatabogang a ya kwa a ya kwa, a emetse di *combi* a rurugile, nnyaa. Fa o tsena foo o simolola fela ka go amogelwa mo sepateleng, mapodise le sengwe le sengwe foo. Ke re ka gore re santse re kokotletsa madi *Minister*; a re direng gore *these one-stop-centres*, di se ka tsa nna mo lefelong le le lengwefela kana mo ditoropong fela. A re tsweleng kwa ntle kwa magaeng, kwa bathong ba rona ba e leng bone ba tlhoka thuso e thata, dilo dingwe ga ba di tlhaloganye.

Ke go ema nokeng, madi a o ka a dirisa wa a tsutlaganya. Ke kope gore o nne o lebe gore a ga gona ba bangwe ba ba ka go thusang, ba nne ba go latlhelele. Kana *women shelters* le tsone jaaka re kile ra bua, bomme ba fa ba sia ba kgokgontshiwa, ga gona kwa ba sielang teng, ga diyo. Mo go leng teng go go nnyennyane fela. Ke a leboga.

**MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST):** Ke a leboga *Honourable Chairperson*. Tlaa ke tseye sebaka se ke supe gore re a utlwile madi a Tona o a kopang. Lephata la gago ke lengwe la maphata a o fitlhelang a aperwe ke dilo tse dintsi, segolobogolo re bua ka dikgang tsa GBV. O tshwanelwa ke gore o itebaganye le tsone o sa boele kwa morago Tona, ka lebaka la gore dikgaolo ka bontsi fa o re o le lelela gompiano motho wa mme o nna a kgotliwa ka nako tse tsotlhe. Jaanong ke a kopa gore o di tseye ka tlhwaafalo, le fa re nyatsa gore *budget* ya gago e santse e le kwa tlase.

Dira ka bojotlhe go bona gore motho wa mme kana monana yo o a bo a simolola, leka go mo rutuntsha mo go tsa kgwebo. Ke batla go tsena thata mo go tsa kgwebo ke re, a re bone gore *we empower them* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E seng mo nakong ya gompiano e e tlaa reng mme a le mo seterateng fa, o bo o fitlhela e le gore o kgobiwa ke rona re le Puso. Fa go ntse jalo go raya gore ga gona ka fa re ka ba tsosang ka teng. A re bone mananeo a a tlaabong a tlele *to empower* motho wa mme. Kana monate wa go thusa motho wa mme ke gore, fa o mo thusitse, o a bo o sa thusa ene a le nosi. O a bo o thusitse le bana mo lwapeng le monna yo gongwe ene a sa rateng go iperekela, a rata gore a dirilwe ke mme, kana borre bao ba teng. Jaanong fa mme a le mo seterateng o bo o o mo tlela ka melao e e dirang gore a felele a tshaba, o ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. O ntheeditse *comrade*, o se ka wa leba thata kwa go nna. Tona o e lebelele thata kang ya melao, e se ka ya nna *harsh* thata mo go...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Lesedi, Standing Order 58.7.

**MR FRENZEL:** Reuben ke eme motho yo o batlang go nkgobakgoba. Ke kope Tona gore fa bo Tona ba bangwe ba tla ka tse ba tlang ka tsone *regarding* kang ya *to empower* bomme, re bone gore *we shape* dikgang tse. Re dire melao e e lekang go ngoka bomme ba ba lekang go itshetsa le go itsholetsa, re se ka ra dira gore e nne bokete thata mo go bone, *more especially* e re nnang re ntse re bua ka yone re lebagane le ba *informal sector*. Ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

**MR LESEDI:** *On a point of elucidation.* Ke go leboga *Mr Chairperson*, ke go leboga Motlotlegi Frenzel. Jaaka fa o e tshwere motlotlegi, fa moragonyana fale re kile ra bona go na le mananeo a tswana a *constituency competitions*, bogolo jang fa re leba banana le *funds* tse di neng di thusa batho ba bomme. Fa o ntse o tswelitse le puisano eo ya gago, e nne dilo tse o tlaabong o ka feta ka tsone bogolo jang mo puong ya gago le Tona. Ke *elucidate* gone foo. *I thank you sir.*

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga *honourable*. Tota ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse ke neng ke ya go feta ka tsone gore, re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kana *programmes* tse o tse di neng di lebagane le *constituency*, di ne di emeletsa banana segolobogolo go supa talente ya bone. Jaanong a re direng gore re bone gore *competitions* tse di neng di bidiwa *constituency tournaments*, re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore di tle di simolole go bonala. Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse ke neng ke re gongwe re di bone.

O lebelele le *office* ya gago lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, o ya go fitlhela e le gore jaaka kwa kgaolong ya me, monana a tswa kwa Matsitama, Mabesekwa, Jamataka a ya kwa Tonota, go le *distance* mo go bone. Fa o tsere *office* e nngwe o e beile fa Borolong fale, go nna botoka gore monana o ka kgona gore e re a dirile *business plan* fa gotwe a ye go baakanya, a bo a tsamaya a boa a tla a baakantse *without it costing much to them*. O bone gore o anamisa *offices* tsa gago lefatshe ka bophara, e le go leka go thusa monana ka gore o a bo a sa ise a ko simolole sepe se se mo neelang madi.

**MR PULE:** *On a point to elucidation*. Ke ne ke reeditse Tona Chombo *when she was presenting*, mme ke mo lebogela gore ga ke ise ke utlwe a bua gore ke fitlhetse ntlo e nnga, ke fitlhetse go reng. E rile fela fa a tsena a bo a tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa gore tota o a itse gore banana *face multifaceted challenges*; e tona ke *unemployment*, e nngwe ke ya *training*, kgang e nngwe ke ya *education*. Ke tsone ditsela tse di ka thusang banana.

Ya YDF; *I have always made it very clear in all my comments* gore YDF golo gongwe kwa e tswang teng, go na le fa e neng e jesa teng. Ke utlwile fa o bua Tona o tlhalosa gore, *you want to turn it into an investment programme* e o bonang gore go na le *return on investment*, *I support you. I wish you can come up with robust strategies*, ka gore le nna mo kgaolong ya me ya Kgatleng East, *I have realised* gore banana bangwe ba ba neetsweng *programme* ya YDF, *they are not really benefiting from it* ka gore ba bangwe ga ba na *business acumen*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse banana *should be taught about; business acumen*.

*The last one* ke ya GBV motlotlegi gore, tota go bua nnete gongwe re ngwaya kwa go sa babeng teng. GBV re ka e lwantsha fa re ka *reconcile relationship between boy child and a girl child right from the onset*. Ba gole ba itse gore *they need to accept each other, tolerate each other and not to hurt each other*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

**MR FRENZEL:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Pule*, o ne o e tshwere sentle. Re lebelele thata le *experience* e gotweng e a batliwa, fa banana ba tshwanetse *to be offered* ditiro. O ka tsaya kae *experience* e kalokalo gongwe ya bo 10 years, mme wena e le gone o alogang. Re lebelele go bona gore dikgang tseo re di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

*Youth programmes*; kana ke sone se o utlwang gotwe banana ke bone bokamoso jwa rona. A re tleng ka mananeo a gongwe a ka ba tsosang fa ba a bong ba

le teng Tona, ka lebaka la gore fa o se ke o nonotshe (*empower*) monana go raya gore kamoso itsholelo e tlaabo e tshwerwe ke batho ba bagolwane, banana ba saletse kwa morago. Madi a Tirelo Setšhaba a ba a nelwang gompiano a ma P 1 000 *up to the age of 30*, fa o setse o le 30 kana o bo o setse o le motho yo motona, mme fa o santse o amogela P1 000, *it is way too less* gore o ka itirela sepe mo botshelong. Jaanong a re lekeng go bona gore re oketsa madi a Tirelo Setšhaba.

Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA); kana mo dingwageng tse di ka kwa go ne go na le mananeo a a ileng a felela a emisiwa a bo Chema Chema. Rona a re boneng gore re tla ka a a dirang gore fa monana a tsena kwa, ga go nne bokete thata gore a felele a bone madi. Kana fa o tsaya madi jaaka re e tle re bone, gongwe o tsaya madi o bo o neela *farmer* bo P5 million o re a ise kwa polaseng, o ya go hira batho ba le babedi ba ba tlhokomelang dikgomo. Mme fa o tsere madi ao o bo o ngathoganyana banana ma P50, 000 mo go P5 million, ba ya go tswa ba le bo 20, mme ba ya *to create employment* gongwe ya bo five, 10. O ya go fitlhela palo ya teng e nnile ntsi thata. Jaanong dikgang tse a re bone gore re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang re lebeletse kgang ya go leka *to empower* banana. Re bone gore re ka ba tsholetsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka re le Puso ba a bo ba beile mo go rona ka gore ba a bo ba ise ba simolole go theogela. E bile fa re ka bona gore re ba tsholetse go tswa kwa tlase go ya go nna molemo thata, ka gore e tlaare kamoso re bo re fitlhela re tshwere *economy* e e phophomang ka lebaka la bone. *I submit, thank you*.

**MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG):** *Thank you Chairperson*. Le nna tla ke eme *Honourable Chombo* nokeng ka *budget* ya gagwe. Ke leboge thata gore *Minister* a bo a tsere tshwetso ya *to review* YDF. Go botlhokwa thata gore re *review* YDF, mme e bile go botlhokwa thata gore re e potlakele, ka gore e botlhokwa, bogolo jang mo go lekeng go tlisa ditiro. Fa re lebile dilo tse a di tsenyang tse a yang go lebelela *sustainability, mentoring, access to markets*, ke dilo tse re di tlhokang, ka gore banana o fitlhela ba tsere mananeo, ba kgaolo ya me kwa Takatokwane ba tsere dipodi, fa gongwe ba tlhoke le kwa ba di rekisang teng, e le gore jaanong *market* ke kgang. Sengwe sa dilo tse re di lemogileng ke gore, fa gongwe *they complain* gore le gone go duela YDF ke mmereko ka bogone. Ba tshwara bothata gore ba buse madi a re tsayang gore e a bo e le *grant* kana *partly* sekoloto. Dilo tse *Honourable Minister*, a re leke gore fa e le gore jaanong *programme* e a boa e bo e le *seamless* ka sengwe le sengwe, *including* ka fa re ka thusang ka teng.

Ke a itse gore re dumela mo go reng re se ka ra leba gore re fe batho dikoloto. Re lebe tota gore se re se dirang sone, a re lebelela dikgwebo tse di nang le *high impact potential for growth*, tse di ka dirang *employment*. Re tshwanetse go di lebelela. Ke sone se ke go emang nokeng gore, mogopolo o wa YDF gore o bo o leka *to review it*, o botlhokwa thata, bogolo jang fa re lebile ka fa o eletsang go dira ka teng.

Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC); *you should give it the teeth to bite*, ka gore mo gompionong fa e sale ka nako ya Puso e e fetileng e ne ya fetoga ya nna sepolotiki. Ya re go tswetse la e fetola jaanong ya nna *a desk office under ministry* wa lona. Golo moo go bo go raya gore go bolaya megopolo, go bolaya le banana kwa ba leng teng *Honourable Minister*, go diga *morale* wa bone. Go raya gore BNYC le *board* ya teng fa re na le yone ga e na ditshwetso tse e ka di tsayang. Ga gona *agility* kwa BNYC, jaaka o bona gore dilo tse banana ba di dirang fa gongwe ba di dira *after hours*. O fitlhela e le gore kwa BNYC fa *half four* a tshaya go a tshaisiwa, *weekend* go a tshaisiwa. Go bo go raya gore *programmes* tse banana ba di dirang gone koo ga ba na tshono ya go kgona gore ba di diragatse. Fa e le gore go a kgonagala gore le *staff* o se lebe gore a mme se *oriented* kana ba tsamaelana le go thusa banana, kana fa e le gore ga ba thuse banana jaaka go tshwanetse, o ba fetole *Honourable Minister*.

BNYC ke yone e re itseng gore fa re bua ka *advocacy, leadership development, civic engagement*, re ne re bua ka yone. *Youth centres* tse ba nang le tsone mo lefatsheng, jaaka ke itumelela gore o tsosa tse di kwa bo Gantsi, ke re o se ka wa lebala Takatokwane, jaaka o itse gore batho ba Metsibotlhoko ba a go rata, o tshwanetse go ba gopola. Jaanong dikgaolo tse di tshwanang tseo o di gopole *Honourable Minister* ka *those youth centres* tse banana ba neng ba di ratile, e bile dikomiti tsa BNYC tse di neng di diragala, e ne e le gore fa di diragala kwa dikgaolong go nna le sengwe se banana ba neng ba ipela ka sone. E bile go ka ba thusa thata *to develop them*. Ke a itse gore re buile megopolo e mengwe gore tse dingwe re tlaa di kopanela, fa le aga *youth centres*, rona re age *recreational centres* gone kwa mafelong ao. Re dumela gore selo se fa re ka se ema nokeng se tlaa diragala *Honourable Minister*.

Le ya *gender*, ya *women economic empowerment programme*, ke e eme nokeng ka gore, go botlhokwa thata gore re busetse mogopolo o. Lenaneo le fa le ne le le teng le ne le thusa thata gore bomme ba tsene mo dikgwebong, jaaka re itse gore ba saletse morago. Go

ka re thusa thata gore gompiono jaaka ke bona o supa gore o ya *to collaborate* le bo Stanbic, De Beers, gore o rotloetse bomme ba gore ba kgone go dira dikgwebo, golo moo go ka re thusa thata, mme e bile go ka fetola matshelo a batho. Ke sone se ke go emang nokeng.

Ke go ema nokeng gape ka ya *youth employment strategy*. Dira gore mme fa o bua ka yone, le ba *creatives* o se ka wa ba lebala *Honourable Minister*. Fa re bua ka *employment* le bone re batla go bona ditiro di fitlhega *in that space*. Go ka re thusa thata. Le rona re tlaabo re ntse re go eme nokeng mo maitekong a gago. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re ke eme nokeng *Honourable Chombo on her budget*. *Maybe Honourable Chombo* ke go tseye ka motlhala ke go lemotshe gore, mo nakong e e fetileng banana ba lefatshela Botswana ba ne ba leka dikgwebo ba thusitswe ke lenaneo la YDF. Go a itshupa gore Goromente ka nako ya teng gongwe o ne a sa e akanya sentle, ka lebaka la gore o ne o kare o batla go ba tseela tshwetso gore, kgwebo e e siameng, e e ka dirang madi ke efe. Go bo go raya gore jaanong *most of the time* ba tlaabo ba na le dikakanyo tsa bone, tse e leng gore go ya ka bone ba bona ba na le *passion*, mme e bile ba akanya gore *passion* ya bone e tlaa kgona go dira gore dikgwebo tse di nne *successful*. E bo e le gore lephata la re, nnyaa, re batla go le neela se; re batla go le direla *salons, gym rooms*, sele le sele. Fa o ka lebelela dikgwebo tse banana ba di dirileng, tse tsotlhe *after three months, because* go raya gore lenaneo le ne le ba duelela *rental* ya *three months, after three months they collapsed*. *Why? Because* e ne e se dikgwebo tse ba neng ba na le *passion* mo go tsone *and therefore propelling them forward, was very, very difficult*. *I think* mo nakong ya gompiono re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela bokgoni jwa banana, bana *are now very switched on*, ke batho ba *technology, applications*, ba eng, ba eng. Ke dumela gore lenaneo la gago jaanong fa le tsoga le tlaabo le lebile gore bana ba gompiono ga se ba o ba rayang o re, tsamaya o ye go dira ditante. Ba na le ka fa ba akanyang ka teng, ka fa ba dirang dilo ka teng. *Inspiration* ya bone ke *technology and therefore* ke dumela gore fa re ka leka go utlwa pele gore bana ba ba eletsang, ba ka kgona eng, re ka kgona go ba thusa botoka.

*Programmes* tsa Goromente yo o fetileng di ne di gakgamatsa, motho o ne a tlaabo a bonwa fa thoko ga tsela *patching* dikoloi foo. Boemong jwa gore o mo thuse *to develop that business* ya *to patch tyres* jalojalo, wa re a tswa foo o ya go mo neela dipitsa, o ya go mo

neela *something else*. Mme ene a itshupile gore se a se kgonang ke se. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *let us also look at the interest and the passion of young people*, re bo re ba thusetsa mo dilong tse ba tlaa ratang go di tsweledisa pele, ba di dira ka lerato le le seng kana ka sepe. Mo go raya gore *we should check* sentle gore, a batho ba rona ba na le *capacity* ya to assess dikakanyo tsa bomme le banana ba gompiono, gore ba batla go dira eng mo dikgwebong ka go farologana.

Gape *this thing* ya go itebaganya gongwe le *individuals*, le yone *was a problem*. Minister Chombo, fa re ka lebelela kgang ya gore, *if we can group* banana, *maybe* 10, ke raya gore go ne go letlelelwa *groups* tsa up to four ba bo ba neelwa P450, 000, *but* fa o ka neela banana *maybe group* ya 10 Honourable Gobotswang, *and then give them more than a million* pula...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Hang on honourable, Chief Whip, *ke bona* gore the last one on your side would have been Honourable Monageng. *Kana* you have two more slots, unless *e le gore* we increase the time of the Honourable Minister on the floor. *Tswelela* Honourable Minister.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, fa o ka ba kgobokanya *into maybe a group of 10 members*, o bo o ba neela madi a a botoka, ba bo ba dira *investments, maybe bakery, supply schools and hospitals in the area*, ba dira kwa ba rokang *jerseys* le *uniform* tsa bana, *group* eo e e felelang e le bone babereki gape, kana go raya gore tota bana ba ba ka ya golo gongwe. *If you give them* P150, 000.00 *what can* P150, 000.00 *do* mo kgwebong? *Let us encourage groups*, mme re bo re leka go bona gore *these groups* re ka ba *guide* jang gore ba ka dira dikgwebo dife tse di tsamaelanang le se e leng gore Goromente o a se tlhoka, e ka tswa e le dikole, e ka tswa e le eng, mme gape re ba reetse gone gore mme bone dikakanyo tsa bone ke dife *especially those who are coming as individuals*. Fa re ka dira jalo, re ka kgona go dira dikgwebo tse di nonofileng mo dikgaolong ka go farologana, mme ra hira banana ba le bantsi, mme gape ra dirisa madi a ga Goromente sentle *because when you have big businesses* tsa *bakery, farms that supply* merogo kwa dikoleng jalo, bana ba ka kgona gore ba nne *gainfully employed* mo madirelong a a ntseng jalo. Ke go ema nokeng. *Thank you very much Mr Chairperson*.

**MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** Ke a leboga go bona sebaka se. Ke re sa ntlha fela ke dumalane thata le Honourable Kelebeg jaaka a ntse a bua ka bo BNYC gore tota fela a re e bone e dira, banana

*be kept busy by this youth centre*. E bile jaaka a ne a bua, ga go ka ke ga nna sentle gore e bo e eteletswe pele thata ke batho ba ba setseng ba le bagolwane, gongwe *living in the afternoon or evening of their life*. Ka gore gongwe ga ba ka ke ba kgona go itepatepanya le se tota banana ba se tlhokang.

Gape ke bo ke re yone eo, fela jaaka le bapile jalo le le banana; Honourable Kelebeg le Honourable Chombo, tota le *ministries* tsa lona le tsone di bapile thata. Lekang gore le dirisaneng thata, le bone gore *ministries* tsa lona di a dirisana gore gongwe go tle go nne botoka.

Ke lebogela thata Minister Chombo gore o bo o setse o lekile gore le ye go felela le aga *youth centre* kwa Molepolole le tshwaragane le ba kompone ya Lucara. Kana go botlhokwa thata gore dikompone di dire *their* Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Maloba go ne go tlilwe ka molao wa gore di patelediwe, mme Ntlo e e ne ya se ka ya dumalana. Jaanong go raya gore a re ba rotloetse thata ka gore banana tota ba a gakgamala gore fa dikompone di dira madi a a kanakana mme di sa ba thuse, ke ba ga mang. Jaanong a re di rotloetse jaaka yone Lucara re itumelela gore ke eo. *Centre* e e ya go dira gore go nne le *employment*, e ya go dira gore GBV *and crime* tse re di utlwalelang kana re di bonang kwa Molepolole di ye kwa tlase. Le a itse gore Molepolole go na le mathata a *crime* thata. *This centre is going to provide mentorship, entrepreneurship training, digital skills and mental health support and creative arts, especially* mo *creative arts* jaaka re na le banana ba ba leng mo dikhwaereng le mo borankaneng jaaka Dipela tsa ga Kobokwe.

Gape e bile ke leboge thata gore the Molepolole Sub-District Council e ne ya bona go le botlhokwa gore e neele banana le bomme *plots, 30 per cent allocated to* bone batho bao. Gape ke leboge mma gore *this time around you have considered the men sector* mo budget ya gago. *You have considered the civil society for the first time* re bona go ntse jalo.

Ke bo ke siana gape ke bua ka *the moral decay that we find in this country*. Tota fela go botlhoko thata ka fa go diragalang ka teng. Banana ka ntata ya go tlhoka ditiro, ka go tla mo Gaborone, ba bo batla go nna mo Gaborone, *a lot is happening. That really shows social ills and moral decay*. Kamoso re tlaabo re sa itse gore tota lefatshe le le gogiwa ke batho ba ba ntseng jang. Maloba ka go nna ke bona, ka gore rona re a tsamaya re ya fale le fale mo dilong tsa maitiso, tsa eng jalo, ke ne ke tshela ke ntse ke bona banana ba ntse ba eme mo

ditseleng, la bofelo ke bo ke lemoga gore tota ba emetse eng masigo mo ditseleng. Ke kile ka tsaya bomme bangwe ba babedi ka re a ko le mpatleleng batho ba ba nnang mo ditseleng ba, ke kopa go kopana le bone. Fa o ka kopana le bone, o ka lela ka dikeledi, o utlwa fela monana a bua gore nnyaa mme kana ka fa go ntseng ka teng ke kgona go bona *clients* di le 10 bosigo bo le bongwe. Fa o mo raya o re mme *clients* tseo di go neela bokae, a re le fa e le P50.00 kana P100.00. Ke gore *this is actually heading to a situation* e e leng gore lefatshe la rona le tlele go senyega. Jaanong ke re Tona, a ko o tsene thata le boneng, gongwe go nne le tlhotlhomiso ka gore tota banana ba ba nnang mo ditseleng bosigo, tota ba dira eng, go diragala jang, le tlaa fitlhela e le gore ke selo se se gakgamatsang thata. Gongwe a go tle go bonwe gore ba ka thusiwa jang, gongwe ba phuthiwe, go buiwe le bone, e seng jalo lefatshe le le ya go nna mathata fela.

Jaanong ke lebogele ba e leng gore bone ga ba nne mo ditseleng e le banana, ba a leka ka bojotlhe, ba rekisa diaparo, ke gore ga ba rekise sele se banana bale ba se rekisang, bone ba rekisa diaparo, ditlhako, *they are in the social media as influencers*. Ke gore o ka bona gore nnyaa banana ba, ba dira sengwe se e leng gore se ka ba isa kwa pele. Ke re *ministry* wa gago a o lebe bone banana ba *because* lefatshe kwa le yang teng, go ya masweng. Ke a leboga.

#### ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP):

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke go leboge *Honourable* Chombo. Ke tlhalose gape gore re ema nokeng kopo ya gago ya madi mo *ministry* wa gago. *Honourable Minister*, re na le *youth centres* tse e leng gore di ntse fela ga di dirisiwe. Rona re *ready*, re na le banana mo Tati West ba ba *ready* gore ba ka dirisa ditsompelo tseo, mme o fitlhela e le gore ga ba na *support* sentle. Ke lemogile gore gone tota se setona ke gore *ministry* wa gago Tona le *Ministry of Sport*, *Ministry* wa rona wa *Child Welfare*, le *Ministry of Higher Education* ke *ministries* tse e leng gore di ka dirisanya fela thata ka gore di na le banana fela ba bantsi. O fitlhela e le gore dikago di teng, di beilwe fela gone foo, tse dingwe di na le *machines*, *computers* di sa dirisiwe, rona ke go di etela dikago tseo. Mo Mosojane, go na le tse di leng teng tse e leng gore di a go tlhoka Tona. Gongwe e bile ke tlaa go tsaya re ya teng kwa nako nngwe. Madi a gago a mannye fela thata go ka thusa lefatshe lotlhe le le kanakana. Re teng *Minister* go tla go go thusa, go go ema nokeng.

Re setse re simolotse *programme* e nngwe e ke tseelang gore re ka dirisanya fela thata ka gore e na le banana ba bantsi; ya *scout*. Banana bao re setse re ba ruta *discipline and leadership*. E bile ke leboge monana yo mongwe yo e leng gore o eme ka dinao fela thata kwa Tati West wa Tafa Foundation. Monana yoo o dira *boot camps*, *training* bana ka *leadership*, *entrepreneurship* le rona re tlaletsatsa mo go ene ka *scout* se e leng gore re setse re ba ruta ka yone *entrepreneurship* gore ba ka dira jang dikgwebo tsa bone ba santse ba le mo sekoleng, le ba ba duleng mo dikoleng. Ke re tota e bile ditsompelo tse o nang natso tse, o di kope, le rona re tlaa go ema nokeng gore re kope le boradikgwebo tota ba tle ba go thuse, re thuse banana ba simolole dikgwebo tsa bone tse e leng gore di dinnyennyane mme go lebega e le gore di tlhoka one madi. Mo gongwe tota ga go tlhokege madi a a kalokalo, go tlhokega fela *just to mobilise and come up with ideas*. Ba ka dira *programmes* tse di ntsi. Jaaka re na le BETP le NDP 12 go na le *programmes* tse di ntsi gone moo. *One of those* tse e leng gore re bua ka tsone thata, ke e re buang ka yone ya gore *agro processing* e na le mananeo a mantsi tota a e leng gore banana ba ka dira le yone *technology*, ba bangwe ba ka tla ka *drones* tsa bereka gone mo masimong, ba bangwe ba tla ka go ntsha *different products* tse e leng gore ke ditiro tse di ka dirwang ke banana.

Jaaka Tona wa *Ministry of Higher Education* a ne a bua ka Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), go na le banana ba bantsi, mathata a gone koo. Banana ba ba mo mebileng fa re ka ba botsolosa, ba ka tla ka *programmes* tse di batliwang ke bone. E seng go ba pateletsatsa gore ba ye go lema, ba dise dipodi kana ba tseye mananeo a dipodi jalojalo. *Let us have proper needs assessment*, re tle re bone gore bana ba ba tlhoka eng.

Tona, *especially* dinako tse di fetileng, go ne go tshwarwa *workshops* tse dintsi tse e leng gore kwa bofelong bana ga ba kgone go sologelwa mosola ke sepe. A re fokotseng *workshops*, *let us come up with skill-based training* e e kareng banana ba tswa foo, ba kgona go itirela ditiro ba itshetsa. Ke *support budget* ya gago *Minister*.

Kgang e nngwe e e teng ke gore *issue* ya GBV, re na le bomme ba bantsi ba ba sa berekeng. Re na le bomme ba e leng gore fa ba ne ba ka thusiwa, ba ne ba ka simolola ditiro tse. O fitlhela e le gore ba beile mo go rre, o mongwefela ke ene yo o tlang ka dijo. Rre yo kamoso ke ene yo o tsogang a re o jelwe ka gore o fitlhela bomme ba bantsi jwa bone e le banana, ga ba bereke. Fa re ka

felela re thusa re tla ka *programmes* tsa go rutuntsha banana gore ba tle ba kgone go iperekela, le yone GBV o tlaa bona e fokotsega e ya kwa tlase.

Tona, go na le kgang e nngwe ya *Ministry wa Sports and Arts* e ke setseng ke buile ka yone. Re na le talente e e seng kana ka sepe, bana ba rona ba ntse mo malwapeng ka mabelo, *football*, jalojalo. Fa re ka dirisanya sentle ra nna le mo gotweng *one Government*, re sa kgaoganye gore go na le *ministry* o mongwe kwa, o mongwe kwa. Re na le *stadium* mo Masunga *for instance*. Re tlaa dirisana le Tona wa *Sports* gore a re thuse gore re kgone go dirisa *stadium* kwa Masunga. *Stadium* seo ga re kgone go se dirisa ka gore dipone tsa teng di a tura, o fitlhela bana ba ntse fela ba sa kgone go dirisa *such facilities*. Fa re ka felela re bulelwa *stadium*, go ka nna botoka.

Maloba ka *Christmas, teams* tsa banana di ne di batla go dirisa *stadium*, *they could not use it* ka gore se ne se lotletswe, go sa itsiwe gore dilotlele di kae. Le sone re ne re ka se ke re kgone go se dirisa ka gore madi a a neng batliwa, banana ba ne ba ka se ka ba kgona go a duela.

Ke a go *support Madam Chombo* ka *budget* ya gago. *Thank you.*

**DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Lephata le ga se le re ka tlhokang go le ema nokeng ka gore ke lone le le tshwereng matshelo a bontsi jwa Batswana, banana le bomme. Selo sa ntlha fela ke batla gore ke re Tona, lwela bomme. Ke batla go nankola maphata a o tshwanetseng go a tsenya leitlho. Bomme ba kwa *informal sector* ka bontsi, ba bangwe ba rekisa bo ditopoti, merula, bojalwa jwa segaolwane mme ba a kgokgontshega ke melao e e tsamaisang dithulaganyo tsa *informal sector*. O tshwanetse gore o ba lwele *Honourable Minister*.

Go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore ga go tlhokane le gore o ba thuse ka mananeo kana jang, ba a iteka. Ba ke buang ka bone ba, ba bangwe ba kwa phaneng *Honourable Lucas*. Bomme ba phane tota ba a kgokgontshega ke mananeo a lephata la ga Rre Wynter Mmolotsi. Tsenya leitlho lephata la ga Rre Wynter Mmolotsi, bomme ba ba itshetsang ka go bapala phane ba sirelediwe. Tsenya leitlho Lephata la *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*. Bomma ditafole ka bontsi ba koo mme ba a kgokgontshega, ba tlhola ba fudusiwa ba alotswe ka dikgang tse di ntseng jalo. Re dumalana le wena gore Lenaneo le la YDF, a le ye go sekwasekwa gore le

tle le tsamaelane. Re diegile. Bakaulengwe ba setse ba buile ka lone mme a re berekeleng mo nakong, *we need timelines*. O ya go sekaseka leng Tona? O ya go sekaseka leng? *Timelines!*

Ya bobedi ke *one-stop-shop* ya GBV. Re dumalana le yone mme re batla *timelines* gore e ya go diragala leng? *Remember* gore Palamente e, *Mother of the House* o kile a tla ka *Motion* gone fa a bua ka *businesses* gore re thusane le bomme ba ba kgokgontshegang. E ne ya ganwa ka mabaka a le wena ke dumelang gore o ne o sa dumalane le yone. E ya *one-stop-shop* kana e ya go tsaya lebaka, gongwe go ne go raya gore re name re akanya ka ya dikgwebo gore re ka thusanya jang gone foo.

Ke tla mo *expenditure* ya gago *Honourable Minister*, ka fa madi a a sa dirisiwang ka teng mo lephateng le go a tshwenya. Go buiwa gore *50 per cent* ya *Recurrent Budget* ke yone e e dirisitsweng. Fa e le gore ke a fosa o tlaa mpaakanyetsa; fa gotwe *Recurrent Budget* go tewa gore go ne go na le batho ba ba neng ba tshwanetse go hirwa, go na le ditlamelo dingwe tse di neng di tshwanetse go dirwa didirisiwa dinako tsothle, ga di a dirisiwa, go raya gore ga di a nna teng. Fa di sa nna teng, go raya gore *service delivery* ga e ka ke ya nna teng.

*Development budget*; a ke bona sentle golo mo ke *3.6 per cent* kana ke *36 per cent*? Fa e le *3.6 per cent* ya *Development Budget*, ke one a a dirisitsweng. *3.6 per cent!* Modulasetilo, nnyaa bagaetsho, mathata a banana a le kana? Mathata a bomme a le kanakana, o bo o palelwa ke go dirisa madi a? Ke utlwa bakaulengwe ba ntse ba re madi a a mannyennyane. Lephata le le filwe madi a a le fetileng, le paletswe ke go a dirisa *and she must account fully* gore go diragetse eng. *She must explain* gore go diragetse eng, a se ka a fetisa dipalo go sa tlhalosege.

Ke utlwa a bua ka *austerity*. *Austerity* ga e ka ke ya ama lephata le le lengwefela. Go na le maphata a a betsang bo *70 per cent, 90 per cent for development expenditure*, a o bonang gore maphata a tlhwaafetse. Mmaetsho, mathata a mantsi mo lephateng la gago mo e leng gore ga gona ka fa o ka tlhokang gore o bo o dirisitse madi ka teng. O ka se ke o itse gore kgang ya gagwe ke eng; a ke *capacity* ya go dirisa madi kana o filwe madi a a mo fetileng? Go gabedi fela gore go diragetse eng mme yone e tshwanetse go tlhalosega.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ga ke go utlwe sentle Dr Gobotswang. A wa re *ministry* o o busitse madi mme ditiro di le kanakana? A a busa gore ga re batle go a dirisa? A wa re o busitse madi kana go ne go sena se se ka dirwang?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Kana go ntse jalo *Honourable* Hikuama. Fa o sa dirise madi mo go Goromente ngwaga o fela, go raya gore o busitse madi. E bile *Ministry of Finance* o a itumela gore ka tla ka bona sesolo sa madi, ga a bolo go nna a sa dirisiwe.

E ya *national relationship study*, o kare e kgologolo Modulasetilo. 2018 ka fa dilo di fetogang ka teng, go tlaa re gongwe le tšhematšheme le bone gore le ka batla e nngwe la dira *study* se sengwe se se ka tsamaelanang le dipaka tsa gompiano.

Go na le ya borre, Mapalamente ba ntse ba bua gore le se ka la lebala bana ba basimane le borre. Le yone *you have captured it* sentle la re *problem* e teng e bile le a e lemoga, le batla *to support* Men Sector. Fa o ya kwa *budget* wa re ga ke a tshola sepe, e bile ga gona gore ke ka ba thusa ka eng. *Why mention it*, o e bua fela mme go sena sepe se o ka se dirang mo bogompionong? Fa e le gore ke e bona sentle, go raya gore ga se yone. Re dumela gore lephata le le tshwanetse go nna *proactive meaning* gore le tshwanetse go tšhematšhemela banana, le ba tsamaele gore le ba bulele diphatlha ka gore fa le sa ba bulele, go raya gore re tlaa nna re bua puo e le nngwefela e e sa feleng.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Clarification.* Re a go utlwa *honourable*. Ya Men Sector jaaka *Minister* a e buile, a ga o bone le fa madi a ka ne a seyo thata *for it*, ke kgato e e botoka gore *at least for the first time*, re utlwe gotwe bana ba basimane ba akanyeditswe? Gongwe ba tlaa nna ba bona gore ba ba direla jang mme go e nankola fela.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a leboga. Ga ke ka ke ka kgotsofalela *to mention* fela, ke batla *action*.

Gape le gone re tsene mo seemong se e leng gore re se ka ra leba *inputs* fela gore re dirisitse madi mo sennanneng le sennanne. *Where is the output?* Fa o dirisitse o sena *output*, o itshwanela le *Honourable* Chombo yo o sa dirisang madi a bo a a busa. *So*, ke yone kgang.

Modulasetilo, go na le dikgang tsa *apprenticeship*; go ruta banana ditiro. O kgona go lemoga gore banana ba bangwe ba fetsa kwa *brigades* gantsi ba sena *practical application*. E ka nna ka *solar*, go tsenya le fa e le motlakase fela wa dijarata le go ithuta go kgweetsa *machines* tsa kwa meepong, dilo tse di ntseng jalo. Ke eng re sa nne *proactive* ra leka go kgarametsa banana gone koo? *What about those who generate content*, ba na le bo 1 000 000 *followers* mme go sena madi mo teng? Gatwe banana ba ya go dira leng madi ka dikgang tse? Modulasetilo, ke akanya gore *Minister* o tshwanetse gore a leke go ba tsamaela thata le gone.

Ke batla gore e re ke tsamaela kwa bokhutlong, go na le kgang ya Happiness Index e e leng gore *the Leader of the Opposition* (LOO) o kile a bua ka yone, *I think* ke mo State of the Nation Address (SONA), a bua gore seemo sa rona se maswe thata re le Botswana, re batho ba e leng gore re tletse go tlhoka boitumelo thata go feta mafatshe ka bontsi. Nako ya teng o ne a re kana go tlhoka boitumelo jo, dipalo tse ke tsa nako ele ya bale ba maloba. Dipalo tse disha di dule tsa Happiness Index *and they are worse*; 143 out of 157. Ke gore re tsamaela gore re e bo e le gore ke rona ba e leng gore tota re di goga kwa pele fa go tla mo go tlhokeng go itumela. Ga re ka ke ra tlhoka go itumela, ba ba sa itumelang ke bomang? Ga e ka ke ya re re sena melemo ra itumela, ga e ka ke ya re banana ba sena ditiro ga nna le boitumelo. GBV e e kanakana, ga re ka ke ra tlhoka go nna re sa itumela. Gompiano re utlwa gore madi ga a yo, go buiwa ka bo *Con Court*, dilo tse di gagamatsang. Ba bangwe ba tshela mo letlepong, o a bona gore he banna! batho ba ba tshela mo letlepong. O ka tlhoka go sa itumela jang o bona ba bangwe ba tshela mo letlepong mme ba bangwe ba sa tshela sentle? *So*, go raya gore le bone ba ba tlholang ba tla mo Palamenteng go ngongorega jaaka ba Information Technology (IT), *freelancers* le *temporary workers*, ke batho ba ba sa itumelang, ke dipalo fela tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ke gore fa o tshela o bapile le batho ba ba tshelang sentle, go tlhoka go itumela ga go ka ke ga tlhoka go nna teng Modulasetilo.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debates. Honourable Minister, and Baby of the House.

**MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker and thank you today in your capacity as the Chairperson. I wish to thank the Honourable Members of this House for all their contributions and concerns that have been shown for the issues that affect our young people and for our gender landscape that truly represents inequality in various sectors.

*Ke eletsa gore ke simolole ka go akgela ka dikgang tse e leng gore batlotlegi ba buile ka tsone thata ke di soboka e bo e le gone ke boelang kwa go akgeleng* from their individual concerns. I believe the key issue raised today was the YDF. *Go nnile le dikakgelo tse dintsi tse e leng gore re a di amogela e bile re a di lebogela re le lephata. E bile re itumelela gore di bo di tlisiwa mo nakong e e leng gore re baakanya lenaneo le. Ke tseye nako e*

*go solofetsa batlotlegi gore* all of their comments have been considered and we are aligned in terms of what the challenges for the YDF are. *Ke sone se re boneng gore re gatele pele ka go baakanya lenaneo le, re le baakanya le ba* United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). *Go builwe gore* YDF should create sustainable jobs and we should push for more sustainable and long-term enterprises, *go nne le* structured mentorship, *re rutuntshe banana ka dikgwebo.* *Ke tsaya gore* this approach is one that not only the Minister of Youth adopts but it is a whole of Government priority.

We will note from the Budget Speech by the Vice President and Minister of Finance and many other statements that he has given, he has made reference to the Georgia Model of Mentorship, which is a very intense mentorship programme *e e nefetsang gore* by the time we fund youth enterprises *ba bo ba setse rutuntshitswe go lekane.* This structured mentorship is going to form part of the revised YDF.

*Go builwe ka* post funding training *gore re se ka ra fa banana madi re bo re ba lathelela go tsweng foo. Re a dumalana.* I think the very important one is access to markets. *Ga go a lekana gore re bo re rutuntshitse banana le gore re bo re ba file madi ba bo ba nna le dikgwebo, re bo re sa ba gokaganye le mebaraka.* These are issues that we are aligned on. You will note from the debate by the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, he noted these issues and they rightfully fall under his purview as well *mme re tshwaragane le bone go baakanya lenaneo.*

*Go builwe ka* *gore* P100, 000 is too low and I agree. P450, 000 as well is low. *Ke simolole fela ka go gakolola gore* this current model is flexible in the sense that even if you needed P20, 000 for a very small starter business, you would be able to get it. We recognise that the key issue here is the upscaling of businesses.

Mr Chairperson,  *tiro ya rona ga se ka YDF fela* when it comes to access to finance for *banana.* *Kana* YDF is intended to curb the lack of access to finance *mme re tsweletse go bereka le maphata a a farologaneng go netefatsa gore re tsoolosa kgang eo.* *Go builwe gape ka* the administrative systems towards disbursing funds with the YDF and we agree that we need to go digital and *go bokete gore monana a bo a tswa kwa Kang a ya kwa* Tsabong *a latela* Revenue Office. *Ke dikgang tse e leng gore sale re di baya Ntlo e pele re bua gore re ya go di baakanya* as we are reviewing the programme.

*Go builwe ka* proposing *gore re kgobokanye banana* into collective enterprises, *re ba rotloetse jalo.* We have noted those concerns and those suggestions and a very important one is not to over restrict on what to fund *banana* with. *Letshwenyego la gore go bo gotwe ke dikgomo fela, dipodi fela kana eng fela,* we are not going to be having a model that restricts our young people. We want them to be innovative but I must also note that we support our young people to align themselves to the priority sectors as established by BETP and NDP *e le* sectors *tse e leng gore le Goromente o tsenya madi koo.*

*Fa re bua ka* access to markets, *ke yone* alignment *e re e tlhokang gore monana a itse gore Goromente yo o tsaya tsela e,* sectors *tse di bothokwa ke tse.* *Go setse go builwe ka bo* agro-processing *jalojalo, monana a bo a re kgwebo gagwe e ya go nna* aligned *ka tsela e.* That is the kind of eco-system that we hope to take and I must note that it is not just the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs perspective, we want to take a whole of Government approach.

The next most spoken of programme *e ne e le* Botswana National Service Programme *kana* Tirelo Setšhaba. The concerns here *e ne e le* *gore a banana ba rutuntshiwe* *kwa* placements *tse ba leng kwa go tsoone mme e bile re dumalana le kakgelo eo.* *Ke sone se re boneng go le bothokwa gore re baakanye lenaneo le.* *Le lone le tshwaragane jalo le YDF, re di baakanya re tshwaragane le ba UNICEF.* *Re bona go le bothokwa gore* as we are placing these young people, they should have structured mentorship, they should be learning from their workplaces. The view that we take Mr Chairperson, as we keep speaking of a private sector-led economy is reviewing the Botswana National Service Programme. We are going to be mindful and deliberate about that. *Jaaka batlotlegi ba dumalana gore* it needs to be a skills-based approach, *banana ba ka ithutuntsha kwa kae.* *Re eletsa gore re tshwaragane le* Minister Maele *o e leng gore ke wa TVET* to ensure that our young people are placed in areas where they will acquire the right skills that are relevant to this economy. *Go nnile le dikakgelo tse dintsi gore re e baakanye jang.* *E bile ke batla go akgela gore jaaka re baakanya lenaneo le,* we are also mindful of the existing programmes. I think some Honourable Members were proposing reviews *tse e leng gore ke tsa* Internship as opposed to *lenaneo la* Tirelo Setšhaba. *Tiro ya rona re le Lephata la Banana le Merero ya Bong* is to mainstream, *re netefatse gore* sectors *tse di farologaneng di tswa ka* programmes, policies *le melao e e leng gore e tlaa atolosa* development *ya banana le merero ya bong.*

*Fa go nang le diphatlha teng, a bo re di thiba ka programmes tsa rona. Fela jaaka ke akgola e bile ke leboga* the comments raised, I believe some of them, the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs has taken note of, because they were speaking to Internship. We do work with the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs in that regard.

*Go builwe gore* Tirelo Setšhaba P1,000.00 is not enough and I certainly agree, the ministry agrees with that because what we want is for our young people to be able to live.

*Go builwe ka* link between training and employment and we are also aligned on this. Mr Chairperson, we take the perspective *ya gore* as a ministry together with other sectors, *re tshwanetse go nna le* structured relationship between education institutions and training post education as well as the private sector. There are numerous countries *ba e leng gore* have a very tight relationship with private sector *mo go itsiweng gore* in five years' time, private sector *e ya go tlhoka ditiro fa kae, di le kae*. It is those predictions that are used to guide absorption *kwa dikoleng*. These are the issues that we are looking at. *E bile* Internship *le* Tirelo Setšhaba will fall in that cohort and ecosystem to prepare young people for the place of work.

*Ke tsena jaanong kwa dikgannyeng tse di builweng ke batlotlegi* individually. *Ke simolola ka* my shadow during the day, Honourable Furniture... (Interruptions)... shadows are only seen during the day unless there are lights at night so, he is my shadow during the day.

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

**MS CHOMBO:** *He noted a key concern Mr Chairperson, e e leng gore tota ga se e e ka ganediwang e e leng lethoko la ditiro la banana, it is a pressing issue. While there was a bit of chaos in that regard, we acknowledge that youth unemployment is a pressing issue. Re tswetse go bereka le maphata le programmes tse di farologaneng. Re bereka le ba BETP gore fa go fetlhiwa ditiro, priority should be given to young people. Re bereka le ba Bonno gore fa go fetlhiwa ditiro, priority should be young people. I must also note that these are ongoing efforts.*

*Last year, we visited all ministries at ministerial level to map jobs for young people gore mo sectors tse di farologaneng, ditiro di ka tswa fa kae, mme e bile e se ditiro fela, leadership positions and programmes di ka tswa fa kae. Melao e tshwanetse gore e reng, e akgela ka dikgang tse di amang banana le merero ya bong.*

Motlotlegi o ne a bua ka Government Purchasing Order (GPO) *oversight, he considers it as an interference to job creation, as well gore we are being inconsiderate of the situation of unemployment. I beg to differ Mr Chairperson, this was a critical intervention by Government to ensure gore itsholelo ya rona ga e phuthlame, e bile that wastage is managed. I think it is quite commendable gore re bo re kgonne to manage the wastage. We will note from the Budget Speech by the Vice President (VP) and Minister of Finance, that the wastage was managed. He gave examples of GPOs tse di neng tsa busiwa re lebile gore that is not the right standing. Bagaetsho jaaka re itse gore transformation takes a while and it takes a culture shift, I must commend the Minister of Finance and VP in the work that has been done with regards to GPOs. It has had an impact on certain issues but it was quite commendable.*

O ne a bua ka *gender and development* a supa gore tota ene ga a bone re dira sepe *when it comes to gender issues. Mr Chairperson, ke ne ka bona go le botlhokwa gore ke compile tiro yotlhe e re e dirileng ya gender kwa Tati.*

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Hang on Honourable Minister. Order! Order!

...Silence...

#### “EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG):** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Good afternoon. Honourable Minister, continue.

**MS CHOMBO:** *Thank you very much Madam Chairperson. Ke ne ke setse ke bua ka gender and development, mme ke bone go le botlhokwa gore ke bue thata ka tiro e e dirilweng ke our Gender Department. Le fa e aname ka lefatshe lotlhe, ke eletsa gore ke bue ka se se diragetseng kwa Tati East Constituency, ke simolola fela ka the women's economic empowerment projects tse e leng gore some are still operational across various sectors; horticulture, textile, small stock, bakeries, poultries di le 12, the total that we had funded was 23. Ke bua ka Dikgotla le dikgaolo tse re nnang re tsamaya mo go tsone re rutuntsha ka dikgang tsa kgokgontsho le gore e ka hemiwa jang. Ke bua ka mananeo a re kgonneng go netefatsa gore a goroga kwa dikgaolong di tshwana le bo Shashe, Tati Siding jalojalo. Ka it is a four-paged document Madam Chairperson, ke eletsa*

gore ke e romelele motlotlegi a tle a *appreciate the work that the Gender Department has done as he considers it that* ga go ise go diriwe sepe, mme ke na le bosupi jo ke tlaa bo mo romelelang.

Ke tswelela jaanong to *Honourable Ntsima who showed great support for the review of the YDF* mme kana e le Tona a bua jaana, re tshwaraganetse *review* ya YDF mmogo. O ne a bua gore o *support* gore re *diversify projects* tse banana ba letlelelwang *to be funded* mo go tsone. *I believe I have already touched on that.* O ne a bua gape gore o eletsa gore re nne le *sustainable jobs* jaaka batlotlegi ba buile.

Ke tseye nako e *Madam Chairperson*, go bua ka *the Youth Employment Strategy that we are developing in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO)*, e e yang go netefatsa *that we cover various components of development and it will guide the creation of jobs in various sectors. This is over and beyond the already ongoing programmes.* Re na le *the Presidential Youth Empowerment Campaign (PYEC), BETP* jalojalo.

Ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa ga *Honourable Ramogapi* yo o neng a bua ka YDF e ke setseng ke e amile, a bua ka ditiro jalojalo. Ke ne ke eleditse gore *Honourable Ramogapi* o ka bolelela Ntlo e gore ke nna fela ke mo gateletse ka go direla banana ditiro kwa Bonno, mme ke itumelela gore re bereka le ene sentle mo e leng *gore he will be prioritising to afford jobs* tsotlhe tsa Bonno Project *to young people*, mme e bile e se banana fela le bomme ba le mo teng.

Ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa ga *Honourable Moswaane who is very passionate about Tirelo Setšhaba even more passionate about the YDF. I commend him, this passion has existed for a very long time and* le ene o tswelsetse ka go re thusa jaaka re baakanya lenaneo. *I do not think he has ever missed an opportunity to provide guidance on what it ought to be and we are grateful for his counsel.* O ne a bua gore o utlwiwiwa botlhoko ke madi a re reng re ya go a fa *civil society*, o dumela gore madi a tota a ka bo a isiwa *to enterprise development. These are both important*, bomme ba tlhoka ditiro *and we should support women owned enterprises*, re a dumalana. *Our civil society has been doing incredible work*, ke bone ba ba berekang le *communities at grassroots level*; kwa dikgaolong le metseng, re ka se ke re re go na le se se botlhokwa go ka ba gaisa. Ke tseye nako e gore mathata a mantsi, dikgwetlho di dintsi, madi le one a le kwa tlase. Ke eletsa gore ke gakolole motlotlegi gore *our civil*

*society plays such an instrumental role* mo dikgannyeng tse di farologaneng. Ke tseye nako e le bone ba *civil society* ke ba leboqe, ke bo ke ba akgola. Ke e fa sekai, madi mangwe a e leng gore re a isa *to civil society* ke a *shelters*, kwa ba ba anameng le kgokgontsho ba ka ikuela teng, ba ka sielang teng. *Shelters* tsa rona ga di fe bonno fela, *they guide the victims or survivors with legal processes.* Ba ba thusa ka *cases* tsa bone tsa *police* le go ba fa *counselling.*

This is the incredible work that Botswana civil society is doing, I think that is applaudable and it is a commendable move by the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, *gore* over and beyond the shelters *go na le* civil society organisations *ba bangwe ba re ntseng re sa ba thusa.* *Re itemogela gore* since external funding stopped, some of our civil society, actually most if not all of our civil society organisations, have been heavily impacted. *Fa re bua ka dikgang tsa* substance abuse our civil society is on the ground handling such matters. While I note his concerns, I believe that we ought to attend to both and consider that they are both important.

Honourable Manyeneng, *o ne a bua ka YDF e ke setseng ke akgetse mo go yone.* *O ne a bua gape ka* youth centres, *gore a* youth centres *di ye kwa dikgaolong*, e bile re nne intentional *ka* placement *ya rona ya* youth centres. *Ke tsaya nako e go tlhalosa gore, ga re tlhophe felafela,* we are very deliberate in our selection of youth centres. *Ke tsaya nako e go fa* an example *ka* Molepolole Youth Centre. *Gore re tlhophe* Molepolole Youth Centre, our partner just said they would love to sponsor a centre in the south. *Gore re tlhophe gore re ya kwa* Molepolole, we looked at the GBV statistics in the southern region and we looked at the crime rates as well as social ill rates by our young people. *Re bo re itemogela gore* Molepolole is highly affected, *ke yone e e leng gore* it has the highest crime rate by young people and it also has the highest cases of GBV in the region, hence we considered *gore* this youth centre being placed there will be instrumental.

*O ne a bua gore re se ka ra tlogela borre kwa morago, re a dumalana jaaka ke setse ke akgetse ka* our move of the Men Sector. *Le gore* the GBV consultations *di tshwanetse gore di ye dikgaolong, ke tsaya nako e to assure you* Madam Chairperson *gore ga gona* Kgotla epe e ke e etelang *ke bo ke sa lekodise* Batswana *ka kgang e ya* GBV Legislation *le tiro ya rona yotlhe* *gore ba eletsa gore re dire eng ka yone.*

**MR BARONGWANG:** *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga motlotlegi. Ke utlwa o kare jaanong diteme di fetogile, ba tshela ba sa mpue sentle ba re Mogoditshane ke gone kwa *crime rate* e leng kwa godimo. Ke ipotsa gore a golo foo ke go utlwile sentle o re ga e sa tlhole e le Mogoditshane jaanong ke Molepolole. Ke raya gore o rurifatse kgang eo, mme fa e le gore ke Mogoditshane go raya gore *youth centre* e ye kwa Mogoditshane. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Further clarification. Thank you Madam Chairperson and Honourable Minister. Honourable Minister,* ke dumela gore ke kile ka sebaseba le wena ka *youth centre* ya Thamaga gore e tlhoka *to be equipped* ka ditsompelo, *it is readily available*, mathata fela ke gore ga e na ditsompelo mo teng. Ga ke utlwe o e umaka gope, banana ba kgaolo ele ya Thamaga ka gore ke sale ke ntse ke solofetse gore o tlaa tla kwa kgaolong o tla go ba buisa, ga ke utlwe o umaka sepe le ka *the youth centre* e e kwa Thamaga.

*Secondly,* ke kile ka bua gape ka *a project* e e leng gore..., kana ga se ya lephata la gago jaanong ke ya ba *sports*, kana le kgaogantse ga ke sa tlhole ke itse gore gatwe e kae. Nte ke name ke tlogetse eo, ka gore ke belaela gore ke ya ga Kelebeng.

*In the youth centre there is a variety of mabala and other stuff* se se koo, *the youth* e ka bo e nna fela koo ba direla sengwe le sengwe sa bone koo. Jaanong ke re e le balebe, o tle o kgone gore o ye go e tsenya se se tlhokafalang ba simolole go e dirisa. Ke a leboga.

**MS CHOMBO:** Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson. We will consider mafelo otlhe a a builweng for youth centres, Mogoditshane yes, Thamaga yes, Shoshong le a mangwe.* Ke eletsa gore ke tlhalosetse batlotlegi gore, le fa ke ntse ke bua ka *youth centres* tse re di dirileng *Madam Chairperson*, Gantsi le Molepolole le tse re eletsang gore re di dire *these were all through private sector partnerships.* Le fa re lebelela sepatšhe sa rona *even with this budget, the Development Budget is only covering IT infrastructure. When you look at the previous years as well the Development Budget for the ministry has not been adequate and has not been afforded* tshono ya go ka baakanya *centres.* Jaaka ke *appreciate* gore mathata a banana a aname ka lefatshe lotlhe, e bile batlotlegi ba eletsa gore re age di *youth centre*, re le lephata re ikemiseditse *to partner* le bone, le bone ba ka re thusa fela thata *to mobilise private sector in those regions. We are very happy to collaborate in that regard,* ka gore sepatšhe sa ga Goromente sone *with regards to youth*

*centres* jaaka re se bona le mo ngwageng o, ga se yo. Re bone gore *our private sector has been instrumental and we are very happy to be guided and to partner with the different regions to mobilise private sector for those youth centres in their regions.*

Ke wetsa ka tsa gago *Madam Chairperson*, o ne wa bua ka *the consultations tsa communities, one-stop-centres* gore di wetswe. Re lebogela dikakgelo tseo, e bile re lebogela le *the partnership that we have as well with the Office of the Parliamentary Caucus on Women, as led by yourself,* mo dikgannyeng tse tsotlhe tse di farologaneng *with regards to gender issues.*

*Honourable Frenzel spoke about enhancing support to women's enterprises and creating jobs for women, we agree.* O ne a bua gape le ka dikgang tsa *raising boys and girls very well to promote equality.* Kana fa re bua ka kgodiso ya bana, re bua ka selo se se molemo fela thata, e bile ke selo se se yang go re thusa gore re heme dikgwetho tse dintsi tse re di bonang mo bananeng. Ke itumela gore *the Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education is here, I am aware of her proposed Think Equal Curriculum* e e itlamileng gore bana ba rutiwe tekatekano kwa dikoleng. Ke tsaya gore le ene o ka nna a ntse a re gakolola *in this Honourable House* gore, *how far with that curriculum.* Re bereka fela thata *with the Ministry of Child Welfare to ensure that our young children are taught about equality from a young age and we would love to incorporate it into our curriculum and school system.*

*Honourable Monageng* o itumelela *youth centre* e e kwa Molepolole *in partnership with* Lucara. Ke tsaya gore re tlaabo re ntse re tswelotse re bereka le ene, *with regards to* gore e agiwa jang, *programmes* tse di tshwanetseng gore di nne teng ke dife. Re dumela gore di *youth centre* tsa rona di tshwanetse gore di nne *programmed by* beng ba motse. Ke tloga ke wetsa ke saletswe ke ba le babedi.

*Honourable Hunyepa* o ne a bua le ene ka *scout*, gore re *leverage on scout and I agree with this. We appreciate all efforts to leverage on different initiatives that promote character building.* O ne a bua gape ka *partnering with TVET,* go netefatsa gore *we focus on skill-based training.* Ke tsaya gore *I have apprised this honourable House of our relationship with the Ministry of Higher Education.*

Kwa bofelelong *the last comments that we had were with regards to our Development Budget.* Ke tseye nako e go tlhalosa gore *our Development Budget was awarded*

*not to youth programmes, not to youth centres, but to IT infrastructure. During those austerity measures by the Ministry of Finance consideration was made. Jaaka re itse, we had to prioritise.*

*Madam Chairperson, ke leboga batlotlegi for all of their comments, ke lebogela dikakgelo tsa bone tsoatlhe, e bile I reaffirm our commitment as the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs to ensure mainstreaming. I take this time to also remind the Honourable Members that the role of the ministry is to remove structural barriers across various sectors that exclude women and young people from benefiting from development. Tiro e ke e e leng gore most times requires us to depend on those various sectors. I would like to take this time to thank all the Honourable Ministers and ministries that continue to work with us.*

*Madam Chairperson, as I conclude my presentation on the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, I request that the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Pula (P686 649 970.00) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 2200 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 and that the sum of Five Million Pula (P5 000 000) for the Development Budget for Organisation 2200 be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I therefore move accordingly and I thank you Chair.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

## ORGANISATION 3500-BOTSWANA PRISONS SERVICE

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members, please note that we are moving to Botswana Prisons Service, Organisation 3500. Honourable Members, note that one hour 50 minutes has been allocated to this Organisation, and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply at 17:45 hours and the question will be put at 18:15 hours tonight. I now call upon Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to present.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Ke bona o mphile nako e ntsi gore ke fetsa ka *quarter past*, mme go na le *Appropriation* ya ga Vice President (VP). Ga ke itse gore e tlaa tsena *today* kana jang? Ke bona ke ya go fetsa ka bo 18:15 hours.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** O bua ka ga eng *honourable*?

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ke ne ke utlwa o re ke ya *to reply* ka bo 18:15 hours, ke bo ke ipotsa gore e nngwe ya bofelo e ya go tsena leng?

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** 17:45 hours you will be responding. Question will be put at 18:15 hours.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Re a leboga.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Ee, ke gore jaaka o bua, go raya gore o batla go taboga akere gore o fe nako... Ke raya gore berekela mo nakong, *you are right to remind me of that.*

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Madam Chairperson, *ke a leboga. Ke leboge botlhe.* It is therefore my singular honour to present this Honourable House the Budget proposals for the Botswana Prison Service for the 2026/2027 financial year as well as to give an account of both Recurrent and Development budgets allocated to the Prison Service for the financial year 2025/2026.

Madam Chairperson, effective from the next financial year, the Botswana Prison Service will operate independently from the ministry. This independence is expected to improve efficiency, strengthen accountability and enable more focused planning and resource management to enhance service delivery

This presentation will be preceded by an overview of the Botswana Prison Service, followed by a review of the performance of the Service during the 2025/2026 Financial Year. The presentation will finally outline the proposed budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year covering both Recurrent and Development Budgets.

## OVERVIEW OF THE BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE

Madam Chairperson, the Prison Service is created by the Prisons Act, Section 5 (Chapter 21:03 of the Laws of Botswana). It is defined as a disciplined force under Section 19(1) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana and as such it is regulated under disciplinary law. Its mandate is to provide safe custodial and rehabilitation services for prisoners, and reintegration of ex-prisoners into their respective communities after release.

Madam Chairperson, Botswana Prison Service operates 22 Prisons and a Centre for Illegal Immigrants in Francistown. The carrying capacity of these facilities is 4 337 inmates, but as of today we have 4 390 inmates in all our 22 prisons.

Madam Chairperson, as of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the prison population stood at 4 457 prisoners including two children accompanying their mothers. This figure translates to 2.8 per cent above the authorised capacity of the facilities reflecting overcrowding within the facilities. Overcrowding places pressure on our resources and stifles efforts to maintain a humane and rehabilitative environment. As I said, the 4 457 was as of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026. As of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the population has gone down to 4 390.

Madam Chairperson, provision of custodial services is a core function of the Botswana Prison Service. It consists of security, safety and humane treatment of offenders in accordance with the Mandela Rules of the United Nations (UN). Thus, the Service is required to maintain secure and orderly operation of facilities to ensure integrity of institutions conducive for rehabilitation. Another core function is rehabilitation which focuses on transforming offender behaviour by supporting personal development during incarceration structured rehabilitation, psychosocial interventions, education, and vocational skills programmes. The programmes aim to assist offenders to attain leading positive behavioural change offenders are guided towards positive behavioural change and to them being responsible citizens. Critically, these efforts are intended to build up to successful reintegration of offenders on release into society for long term public safety.

The culmination of rehabilitation is reintegration which is anchored on collaboration and support communities more especially community-based reintegration committees. So far there are 528 community-based reintegration committees formed across the country in each and every constituency. The committees have received 243 ex-offenders during the reporting period. Of this number, eight ex-offenders reoffended, and readmitted into prison while 176 are currently engaged in various forms of employment. These statistics demonstrates the positive impact of community involvement in supporting successful reintegration.

## REVIEW OF THE 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

### Prison Food Security Strategy

Madam Chairperson, the Prison Service continues to implement its Food Security Strategy to ensure food sufficiency and to equip inmates with practical hands-

on training in farming, animal husbandry and agro-enterprise management. In this sense, agricultural activities play a vital role skills training, food production and cost recovery.

Madam Chairperson, A total of 110 906.2kg of vegetables valued at P1 280 969.95 were produced and issued as prisoners' rations between April 2025 and January 2026. So that was a saving to Government costs.

Furthermore, a total of 6 180kg of maize meal valued at P43 260.00, 2 240kg of samp valued at P15 680.00, 2 220kg of sorghum meal valued at P13 320.00 and 80kg of cowpeas valued at P1 200.00 were produced from the year 2024/2025 ploughing season. The harvest produced was processed and issued to prisons kitchens.

### Vocational Training & Rehabilitation Success

Madam Chairperson, a total of 366 inmates are enrolled in various vocational training programmes. Of this number, 73 inmates have already been trade-tested and certified in dressmaking, welding and fabrication, and air Conditioning and refrigeration. In addition, 106 inmates are booked for trade testing at the Madirelo Training and Testing Centre between 2<sup>nd</sup> March and April 2026. 13 of them are already undergoing the test.

Madam Chairperson, some ex-offenders, through the skills they acquired during incarceration, have secured employment and are depending on them for livelihoods. In addition, 10 ex-offenders were assisted with starter packages by Anglican Diosece Botswana to establish various income-generating ventures in manicure and pedicure, carpentry, upholstery, brick moulding, vegetable production and tuckshop businesses. *Re a ba lebogisa ba Anglican ka tiro e ntle eo.* These success stories, Madam Chairperson, highlight the transformative impact of rehabilitation and skills development initiatives.

### 2025/2026 Budget Utilisation

Madam Chairperson, during the 2025/2026 financial year, Botswana Prison Service had both the Recurrent and Development budgets amounting to Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Pula (P866, 358, 240.00), and Sixty Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Pula (P60, 139, 527.00), respectively.

Madam Chairperson, as at 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Recurrent Budget expenditure stood at Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Pula (P829, 073, 134.00) against the allocated budget of Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Pula (P866, 358, 240.00). This translates to 95.7 per cent of the budget expenditure utilised. On the other hand, Fifteen Million, Two Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three Pula (P15, 212, 793.00) had been spent under the Development Budget translating to 25.3 per cent.

Madam Chairperson, the performance under the Development Budget was not good, and we commit to improving it in the coming financial year due to other constraints that we encountered, and hope to achieve and overcome them.

Madam Chairperson, Botswana Prison Service implemented several development projects aimed at improving infrastructure and operational efficiency. Refurbishment works were undertaken across selected prisons, with electrical works at Boro Prison successfully completed, improving security and lighting. Refurbishment of staff houses in Machaneng, Gaborone and Moshupa is ongoing, though progress has been slowed by contractors' financial challenges.

Madam Chairperson, under the farming infrastructure, replacement of farm fences at Mahalapye and Molepolole Prisons was completed. On the other hand, construction of poultry houses at Letlhakane remains in progress. It experienced delays owing insufficient project management by contractors. We will be improving performance in the next year. Completion of these projects is critical as they are meant to enhance yields under Food Security strategy.

There has been success in the installation of standby generators at Serowe Prison and the Divisional Command North Office in Francistown, and procurement of three vehicles under the fleet expansion. This success has greatly improved operational efficiency.

Madam Chairperson, some of the Prison Service projects were not implemented owing to financial constraints. The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, the Development Manager (DM) Model, and refurbishment of Central Prison in Gaborone suffered the same fate. Botswana Prison Service would request for funds to carry out these projects.

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

Madam Chairperson, the proposed budget allocation for the Botswana Prison Service for Financial Year 2026/2027 amounts to Nine Hundred and Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P906, 692, 740.00) for the Recurrent Budget, and Thirty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P38, 520,000.00) for the Development Budget.

### Recurrent Budget

Madam Chairperson, it is with great honour that I present to this esteemed House the Recurrent Budget proposals for the financial year 2026/2027 for Organisation 3500: Botswana Prison Service.

Madam Chairperson, I request this Honourable House to approve a total of Nine Hundred and Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P906, 692, 740.00) Recurrent Budget for Financial Year 2026/2027. This budget has an increase of 4.7 per cent over the approved 2025/2026 budget. The funds will be utilized to cover personal emoluments, inmates welfare, operations and rehabilitation of inmates.

### Development Budget

Madam Chairperson, I seek approval of a Development Budget of Thirty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P38, 520, 000.00) for the 2026/2027 Financial Year, reflecting a 35.9 per cent reduction from the previous year.

The Prison Service prioritises Twelve Million, and Seven Hundred Thousand Pula (P12, 700 000.00) for Refurbishment of prison facilities, Eight Million Pula (P8, 000 000.00) for Farming Infrastructure and Equipment to strengthen food security, and One Million Pula (P1, 000 000.00) for PPP initiatives, which include the proposed Rehabilitation Centre at Lobatse, Construction of Prison Headquarters building and staff houses in Gaborone.

Madam Chairperson, the remaining P16.82 million will fund procurement of vehicles, support and maintenance of the Prison Information Management System, and settlement of outstanding accounts for standby generators.

**Conclusion**

Madam Chairperson, this concludes my presentation for the 2026/27 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for Botswana Prison Service. I now move that the sum of Nine Hundred and Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P906, 692, 740.00) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 3500 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No.1 of 2026) and that the sum of Thirty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P38, 520, 000.00) under the Development Budget for Organisation 3500 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I thank you Madam Chairperson. I so move.

**MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH):** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Ke ema fano go bua mo kgannyeng e Tona a ntseng a re e baya pele ya kopo ya madi. Ke eme kopo e nokeng, mme jaaka a ne a supa ka madi a P38 million a e leng a *development*, ke re madi a a manyennyane. Fa go ne go kgonagala, madi a a ka bo a okeditswe go feta fa. Ke bua jaana ka gore kwa dikgolegelong tsa rona, re itemogela mosuke o o seng kana ka sepe. Mo dikgolegelong tsotlhe ka bo 22; ke dumela gore Tona o ka nna mosupi wa me gore ga go na kgolegelo epe e e mo dipalong tse e neng e tshwanetse go ka bo e le mo go tsone. Ke batla gore Tona le ene a lebe gore o ka dira eng se se maleba go tla ka ditharabololo go fokotsa kana go tokafatsa seemo se sa mosuke mo dikgolegelong.

Fa o ka lebelela, dikgolegelo tsa rona ga di mo seemong se se itumedisang. Ga di tsamaelane le seemo se re ka reng fa re setse re ya kwa tlase kwa, ra bua ka sone sa *rehabilitation*. Jaanong o ka bona gore go tlhoka gore Tona a bo a eme ka matsetseleko go bona gore dingwe di a tokafadiwa kwa dikgolegelong tsa rona.

Gongwe sengwe sa dilo tse ke batlang go bua ka tsone kwa dikgolegelong tsa rona jaaka fa o tlaabo o kopa madi rraetsho, a re tlaa reng fa o tswa fano re bo re go a reboletse, ke gore ela tlhoko *welfare* ya babereki ba dikgolegelo. *Through you Madam Chairperson*, o kare ke seemo se se sa itumediseng. Ga re re go ka lekana, mme re dumela gore go bothokwa gore ba *prisons* le bone ba ipone ba na le dikoloi tse tsa tsamaisang ditirelo tsa letsatsi le letsatsi ka tsone. Ba ipone ba na le bonno jo ba tlaareng ba le foo, e bo e kare phakela motho a tsoga, a bo a le mo boitekanelong jwa go ya go tlabana le tiro. Gopola gompiano jaana bonno jo bontsi jo *officers* di

bo nnang jwa *sharing*, jo bo sa beyeng *officers* tse, mo seemong se se itumedisang. Ke ne ke re tsone dilo tse, a ko di lejwe Tona. Go bonwe gore *officers* tse le bone fela jaaka ba bangwe, le fokotsa bokete jwa manokonoko a a ba diragalelang a.

Fa ke boela fa morago, fa o leba dikoloi tse ba berekang ka tsone letsatsi le letsatsi, go na le tlhalelo e e tsitsibanyang mmele. Ntle le go tlhalela tota, ke dikoloi tse di sa tlholeng di le mo seemong sa go goga mo malatsing a gompiano.

Rraetsho, fela jaaka ba maphata a mangwe, *officers* ba *Prisons, promotions* tsa bone mo dikgolegelong tsotlhe tse 22, o kare di ba baya ka fa mosing. A ko le lebe, le bone gore le ba *upgrade* jang bogolo mo maemong, gore go tle go kgone go tsena dipalo tse di botoka. Go na le go kgoba batho ba ba santseng ba ikutlwa ba nonofile, ka go ba baya mo *ranks* tse di kwa tlase. E bo e le gore ka ga go na diphatlha kwa godimo, ga ba na kwa ba yang teng. O fitlhela ba dumela gore yo mongwe wa foromane o tlaa tswa leng ka *to retire* kana go tsewa ke leso, mme ga se dilo tse di siameng. Tsone dilo tse, a re di lebeng gore gongwe le bone ba tle ba bone go le botokanyana.

*Madam Chair*, *security* sa magolegwa le *officers* mo dikgolegelong tsa rona, le sone ke sengwe sa dilo tse di tshwenyang. E tlaabo e re o ntse o le fano, o bo o utlwa gore go nnile le letsatsi le go neng go boloditswe kgang ya go phuruphutshiwa, mme ga fitlhelwa dibetsa tsa mmolao wa kgailo di tshwana le dithipa, dipe fela tse re ka reng *offensive weapons*, e le gore bangwe ba magolegwa ba na natso. Tsone diemo tse Tona, a e nne dingwe tse go tlaa nniwang fa fatshe, go tliwa ka maano a gore di tokafadiwa jang. Bone ka bobone e le magolegwa kana *officers*, tshireletsego ya bone, e tle e nne mo seemong se se botoka. Go na le gore o bo o fitlhela diemo tsa teng, di nna thata.

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

*Clarification*. Ke a go leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke go leboge Mopalamente. Ke ne ke re, a ga o bone seemo se sa magolegwa, se bifela pele ka lebaka la gore, le motho a dirile molato tota o a neng a ka o otlhaelwa kwa a ka o otlhaelwang teng, ka tsela e a ka o otlhaelwang ka yone, a bo a isiwa, a ya go tlhakatlhakannwa le dikebekwa, go tswa foo kitso ya gagwe e a senyega? A ga o bone seemo se, se tshwanetse sa baakannwa? Ke a leboga *sir*.

**MR LESEDI:** Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke sone se ke neng ke se bua ke re, a Tona a eme ka dinao go bona gore seemo se, se ka tokafadiwa jang. Tota mabaka a matona a a teng fa, o fitlhela e le *overcrowding*, gore ba bantsi mo e leng gore go tlhomola pelo.

Fa ke boela mo go ya mosuke *Madam Chair*; Tona maloba o ne a le fa pele ga Palamente a araba, a tlhalosa gore batho ba ba kwa kgolegelong, bangwe ba ba emetseng ditsheko tsa dikgang tsa *murder* ba 799. A supa gore mo go bone, bangwe ba bone ba setse ba bonwe molato. Ba ba atlhotsweng ba le *six*, ba emetse gore go nne le legato la bofelo gore ba bo ba ka kalediwa. Ke ne ke re, gongwe mo diemong tse, Tona a ele tlhoko ka gore bone ba barataro ba, maloba o ne a eme fa a supa gore ga a itse gore komiti e tlaa ya go tsena leng, e e tlaabong e dira *recommendations*. Tona, dilo tse, ga re le di lebe, le bone gore fa e le gore batho ba, ba ja mo *budget* e e leng gore tota fela go bua boammaaruri, re ne re setse re ba ntshitse. Jaanong gone mo ka letsatsi, o bone gore *they cost* Puso madi a a kana ka eng? *I yield for elucidation* ya ga Frenzel, mme a se ka a bo a leka go tsaya nako ya me yotlhe.

**MR FRENZEL:** *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke ne ke re jaaka o ne o bua ka *budget*, nngwe ya dikgang tse ke neng ke akanya gore re e lebelele, ke ya ba ba a bong ba ise ba atlholwe, ba nna ba tsewa go tswa mo *Prisons* tsa Mahalapye ba isiwa *court* kwa Francistown. A mme go ka se ke go bonwe ka fa go ka dirwang ka teng gore ba ba emetseng ditsheko ba ye Francistown jaaka go na le dikgolegelo tse pedi? Ba bewa gautshwane gore ba se ka ba nna *daily*, ba tsewa go isiwa gone kwa le go leba ka kwano.

E nngwe ke re, jaaka o ne o bua ka mosuke mo *prisons*, *it is high time* Tautona le ene a dirise dithata tsa gagwe. A nne le *amnesty* ya go bona gore ba ba fetsang kwa dikgolegelong, le ba melato e e seng kae, ba ka itshwarelwa. E le tsela nngwe ya go leka go fokotsa mosuke jaaka re bona mo mafatsheng a a gautshwane go dirwa. *Thank you*.

**MR LESEDI:** Mma ke go lebogetse. Mme ke yone, ke gore e ya magolegwa a a tsewang mo kgolegelong e nngwe a ya kwa go e nngwe, o fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe motho o kwa Mahalapye *for instance*, mme e le wa *cases* tse di ntsi. E le gore mapodise ba Francistown fa ba mo utlwalela gore o mo kgolegelong ya Mahalapye, ka nako ya *case* ya gagwe e tsena kwa Francistown, ba bo ba tla ba mo tsaya. Fa gongwe a tla go tsewa ke ba Gaborone, gape le bone fa ba tswa fa ba mmusetse kwa

a tlaabong a le teng. Fa e le gore re tlaabo re re a nne kwa Mahalapye kana Francistown mme e le gore ba Gaborone ba a mmatla le bone, ke sone sengwe sa dilo tse di tlaabong di dirwa.

Rraetshe, mma ke itumelele kgang e ya *rehabilitation*. Ke dumela gore le e atolose ka kutlwisiso ya gore e tle e re batho ba jaaka le ntse le dira, gongwe kgabagare e tle e nne bone ba ba tlaabong ba jesa lefatshe le. Batho ba ba bereke, ba se ka ba nna fela ka gore ke dumela gore ka letsatsi, o fitlhela motho a kgona go felela a tsere beke a ntse fela. *A those qualifying* go dira *rehabilitation*, a ko go emiwe ka dinao, go bonwe gore lefatshe ga le tsene mo leshekereng le le kanakana mme re na le batho ba re ka bong re ba dirisa gore fa ba a ja mo go rona, le rona re je mo go bone. Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*.

**MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST):** Ke a go leboga *Madam Chair*. Ke simolole fela ka go bolelela Tona gore ke mo eme nokeng mo kopong ya gagwe ya madi a dikgolegelo, le fa go lebega a le kwa tlase, re lebeletse ditlhokego tse di leng teng kwa dikgolegelong. Batho ba ba yang kwa dikgolegelong, bangwe ba bone ba botlhale thata. Seo se raya gore le bone ba ba ba tlhokomelang, ba tshwanetse *to be capacitated*, ba rutuntshiwe go ka tlhokomela motho.

Ke fete eo ke re, tota fela ga se gore mongwe le mongwe yo o kwa kgolegelong, o a bo a le molato. Ba bangwe e a bo e le fela gore o iphitlhetsa a le foo, a bo a kopakopannngwa le ba ba leng teng foo, le ene a ya go iphitlhela a le koo, mme go tswa go thata fa o setse o tsene koo. Go na le ditiro tse o ntseng o di bua fa, tse ba di rutwang fa ba le kwa dikgolegelong. A batho ba *workshops* tsa bone tse ba di diretsweng koo gore ba ithute ditiro, e ka nna tiro ya diatla, go lema merogo, go lema ka go farologana, di okediwe. Ba dire mo go ntsi, *so that* le bone ba kgone go ijesa. Goromente a se ka a babalelwa mo go tonatona ke go tlhokomela batho ba ka gore itsholelo e kwa tlase. Le bone e re fa ba gololwa, ba bo ba kgona gore ba ye go dira sengwe, ba se ka ba tloga ba iphitlhela ba boetse gape kwa dikgolegelong.

Ba bangwe ke ba melato e mesesanyane e ba neng ba ka fiwa dithupa, ba bo ba tlogelwa ba tsamaya. Kgang e e ntseng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Motsamai gone fa ya gore mo gongwe ba bangwe ga go tlhokafale gore ba ka bo ba ne ba isitswe kwa toronkong. Letshwenyego le le tona ke gore fa o lebelela *list* ya kwa *prisons*, *close to 50 per cent* o fitlhela e le *murder, murder, murder*. Re tshwanetse re boele kwa morago re lebe gore tota gatwe selo se se kanakana se se dirang batho gore ba bolaye ba bangwe, ke eng *so that* re leke go tla ka tharabololo ya sennelaruri.

Modulasetilo, kana go na le batho ba ba mo dikgolegolong, ba bangwe ba setse ba atlholetse go kalediwa. Batswana ka bontsi ba ganana le kgang ya gore katlholelo lesa e ka emisiwa, ba a belaela gore tota gatwe *Con Court* ke ya eng. Ke sone se se tshwenyang.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

**(MR MOSWAANE):** *Elucidation.* Ke utlwa o bua thata ka gore batho ba ba magolegwa o kare ba ka bo ba dirisiwa mo kgannyeng e tona ya go tsosolosa madirelo kwa ditoronkong. Go tshwana le go ka ba batlela dipolase tse ditonona kwa bo Pandamatenga le kwa Borolong gore ba ye go lema teng ba le mo tlhokomelong gore ba ithute go lema, ba bo ba itse gore ke jone botshelo. Le ditiro tse dingwe, le fa re ka dira madirelo a a itebagantseng le bone. Ke tsaya gore o raya jalo go fokotsa borukutlhi. *Thank you.*

**MR MOSANANA:** Go ntse fela jalo *Honourable* Moswaane. Batho ba o kare ga ba dirisiwe mo go lekaneng, ga re a re ba sotlwe ba bolawe mme fela go bereka ga go bolaye. Go bereka ke selo se se nang le mosola thata ka gore le bone fa ba tswa koo, ba tlaabo ba ithutile go le go ntsi. Re tlhaelelwa ke dijo mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana, re nna re di reka. Le bo merogo tota e e leng gore ga re a tshwanela gore re ka bo re e tsaya kwa ntle. Jaaka o bua, dipolase tsa bo Pandamatenga di di tona thata. Tse dingwe di teng ka fa bo Mosisedi, mo e leng gore ba ka ne ba tsamaya ba ya go nna koo ba bereka ba ntsha dijo. Go nna le dipolase tsa ga Goromente tse e leng gore...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** E go tshwere *honourable*. *Honourable* Motshegwa.

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

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Nte ke simolole ka go leboga Tona le go mo ema nokeng mo kopong le mo maikaelelong a gagwe. Ke simolole ka gore kana *the Committee of Application of Standards and other Supervisory Mechanism* ya ILO, ba sa le ba kopile gore go ka letlelelwa *the unionisation* ya *prisons employees*. Sone seo o se fefose. Ke lebeletse mabaka a *prison officers* ba berekelang mo go one le dikgwetlho tsa bone, go tlaa nna botlhokwa thata gore dikgang tsa *morale, motivation* ya bone di tsewe tsia thata.

Ke leboge gore Puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ka tirisanyo ya *Ministry wa Child Welfare and Basic Education*, *Ministry wa Justice* le wa *Local Government* go fudusa

Ikago Centre gore e tswe kwa *Ministry wa Justice* e ye kwa go wa Bana le Thuto kwa Moding. Go ne go sa siama gore bana ba felele ba tsengwa kwa dikgolegolong tse di ka felelang di kgotlela bokamoso jwa bone. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse re tshwanetseng ra di leboga. *Going forward*, re tshwanetse ra lemoga gore re le lefatshhe la Botswana re na le *a serious moral degeneration* e e felelang e baka botlhoka-tsebe le dikgwetlho tse...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *Hang on Honourable Minister. Honourable* Frenzel, o nna o kgalemelelwa go *cross aisles* tse. A ko o boele kwa o nnang teng. Ntate, *go back to your seat. Continue Honourable* Motshegwa.

**MR MOTSHEGWA:** Ke a leboga. Ke supa gore re na le *moral degeneration* e e leng gore basekaseki ba dithuto tsa matshelo a batho ba supa gore moo go felela go tsala botlhoka-tsebe le dikgoberego tse dingwe. Re tshwanetse ra tshwaragana thata gore Magosi ba nne le seabe fa re bua ka *establishing a moral code* gore setšhaba sa rona re tshwanetse ra se bopa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, batho ba ba ka tshelang mmogo ka kagiso le ka popagano. Re se ka ra e tsaya fela kwa seemong sa gore ke *offenders* ba bo ba otlhaiwa. Re nne le kgalhego ya gore re aga setšhaba se se ntseng jang.

Go setse go builwe ka mosuke le dikgwetlho tsa *prisons* gore re di beye mo seemong sa gore *they truly become correctional and rehabilitation centres*. E tlaa re motho a tswa kwa go tsone, go bo go na le ditsamaiso le tsela ya *integration* mo *society*, a na le dikitso dingwe tse a di amuleng, go na le ka fa re mo fetotseng setho ka teng. Fa gongwe re tsaya batho ba ya kwa dikgolegolong, ba bo ba nna koo dingwagangwaga mme a bo a tswa a tshwana le jaaka pele kana a le *worse*. Re tshwanetse ra dira ditsamaiso tsa gore batho ba re a ba soba, re a ba suputsa, re ba baya mo seemong sa gore ba tle ba nne le seabe mo setšhabeng.

Ka go rialo, nngwe ya dilo tse go ka nnang le kgalagano ke *Ministry wa Tertiary Education* ka TVET ya bone. Ba *Local Government* ka ikageng Public Works Programme, ba ka tshwaragana le ba *prisons* gore ka dikitso tse di tlaabong di neetswe ba *prisons*, go bo go ka dirwa *maintenance* ya dikole, *clinics and other Government buildings* jalo le jalo.

Ke ne ke raya gore re gatelele thata kgang ya gore re le Goromente wa ditshwanelo, fa gongwe batho kana fa o bua ka ditshwanelo ba tsaya gore re a bo re rotloetsa botlhoka-tsebe le gore go nne le kgokgontsho ya batho mo setšhabeng. Se re tshwanetseng go se bua ke kgang

ya go aga le go soba setšhaba. Gone moo go tlhoka gore re nne le ditsela tsa gore batho ba fa ba santse ba le kwa dikgolegolong, ba neelwa dikitso ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e tle e re kwa morago, ba bangwe gongwe e a bo e le dikgwetlho dipe tse di neng tsa ba baya mo seemong seo. Go botlhokwa gore ba tle ba kgone ba boele mo setšhabeng ba nne le mosola. Go raya gore dikgang tse tsoitlhe fa re ntse re di dira, re a bo re etse tlhoko *community empowerment, community building, public works programme* gore ba tle ba tshwaragane ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Kwa bofelelong, re tlaa nna re ntse re tshwaragana le lona. Fa ke bua ka *ministry* ka *programmes* tse re nang le tsone tsa bo *Rural Industrialisation, Sustainable Livelihood Approach* le tse dingwe jalo gore ba tle ba nne le seabe mo go ageng motse, dikgaolo kana matshelo a batho, le bone ba tle ba neelwe dikitso tse di tlaabong di le teng. Ke bue jalo gore *emphasis* ya me e mo baneng gore ba felele ba bewa mo seemong se ba kgonang go tswelela le dithuto tsa bone, ba se ka ba tlhobogelwa ruri.

Ke leboga *efforts* tsa ba *Ministry* wa *Basic Education* le *Child Welfare* ka fa ba dirang ka teng. Le lona le amogetse jalo. *Thank you very much. My emphasis* ke yone ya *Rehabilitation, Correctional Services Approach and Programme*.

**MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):** Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke simolola ka go ema nokeng Tona mo kopong ya gagwe ya madi a manyennyane tota; *Nine Hundred and Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty* Pula (P906, 692, 740.00). A manyennyane, o fitlhela o kare re ka bo re bua ka *billions* fa re tsena mo *prison services*.

Fa le ka ela tlhoko, madi a mantsi gone fa go supega a tsena mo *personnel emoluments*. Ke tsaya gore Rre Hikuama kana Rre Aaron ke e buile sentle. Gongwe nako e tsile ya gore fa re bua ka *digitalisation* ka ke a tle ke etele mafatshe a mangwe, go tlisiwe kgang ya diroboto. Diroboto tse di dirisiwang mo *prisons* le kwa bo *police* go kata mafelo a, go na le gore a bo re beile batho ba e leng gore kgantele le bone re ka nna ra ba tsenya mo kotsing tse dintsi fa o tlhagoga sengwe se e leng gore gongwe re ne re sa se solofela sa boitshwaro bongwe mo mafelong a a ntseng jalo. *So, digitalisation is very important, maybe the Minister could actually consider that* fa madi a ka nna teng mo dingwageng tse di tlang.

Ya *refurbishment* e batliwa gongwe le gongwe bagaetsho. Go molemo gore batho ba berekele fa go siameng, le bone magolegwa ba nne fa go siameng teng. Re bua ka *correctional services* re le Puso ya ditshwanelo tsa batho, ga se gore fa motho a bonwe molato mo sengweng kana a santse a emetse go seka, go raya gore a bo a atlholelwa ruri ka *condition* e a iphitlhelang a nna mo go yone. *Setting is very important* ka gore e ka *affect* motho mo tlhaloganyong a bona gore le fa a ise a atholwe mme o kare o setse a atholetswe go nna mo lefelong le le sa itumediseng.

Mo go ya dikoloi; go a tlhokafala gore ba *Prisons* ba nne le dikoloi tse di lekanetseng gore ba nne ba *transport* magolegwa le go dira *other services in general*.

Mma ke tle mo go e ya *rehabilitation programme*, gongwe re tlhwaafale. Fa e le gore tota ke nnete re *rehabilitate* magolegwa, a re netefatseng gore re dira *in a way that is correctional not necessarily punitive so that* go nne motlhofo gore re ba *re-socialise back into society*. Fa gongwe re a re re a ba *train* kwa mo *vocations* tse dintsi *but the question is*, fa ba tswa koo, go kgonagala go le kae gore re boe re ba *re-socialise* kana re ba *intergrate back into society*? A ga gona melawana e e kgopakgopetsang gore fa ba tswa foo ba boela mo *society* go bo gotwe ga ba ka ke ba hirwa ka gore ba kile ba nna magolegwa? Gongwe le yone melawana *that govern* gore ke mang yo o ka boelang, a nnile le molato ofe mme motho a dirile *sentence* ya gagwe, gongwe re ka e okomela.

Ke boele mo *concern* ya me e tona. *Thank you very much Honourable Motshegwa*. O a itse malatsi a ke bona *accolades even from* bo Rre Hikuama tota. Ke akgolwa le *ministry* wa rona. Go nnile le *Directive* ya gore Ikago e baakangwe e tseye bana. Ba ba *in conflict with the law*, ba se ka ba nna *hardened criminals* mo *main stream prisons*. Eo ke a e akgola tota ke re ke go solofetse gore e a wela.

Ke na le letshwenyego le le tona ke le motho wa *child welfare*, go na le bana ba ba nnyennyane ba ba golelang mo ditoronkong Tona *under the guise* ya gore ga ba kgaogangwe le bommaabone. Ngwana o ya go tsholelwa mo toronkong, o godisetswa koo go tloga a le monnyennyane. *We find the world of experience, brutally and crouching into the sphere of innocence, the world of innocence* ya ngwana. Golo moo ga ke dumalane le gone gotlhelele. Toro ya me ke gore ke le Tona ya *Child Welfare and Basic Education* bana ba ba agelwe lefelo, *a home*, e e leng gore ba ka nna teng,

gongwe ga ntshiwa ba ba tlhokomelang magolegwa, ba nne ba ba tsaya fa go tshaisiwa, ba ba busetsa kwa ba sa apara *uniform*. Bommaabone ba emelela phakela ba ya kgolegelong, ba sa itse gore ba ya kgolegelong, e nna jaaka o kare ba ya tirong gore re *prepare* bana ba sentle *psychologically*, re se ka ra ba fetola magolegwa, o kare ngwana o duelela dibe tsa mogolo.

*Psychosocial program* e tshwanetse gore e nne teng go sidila batlhokomedi ba magolegwa ditlhaloganyo ka gore ba kopana le diemo tse dintsi. Ke tlaa ema fela gone foo. Ke lelela bana ba ba godisiwang jaaka magolegwa. A ba se ka ba duelela melato ya batsadi ba bone. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG):** Tanki Modulasetilo. Ke re le nna ke supe fa ke ema nokeng lephata le. Ke bo ke supe gore le nna ke bona madi a e kete a kwa tlase. Ke bua jaana ke lebeletse dikgwetlho tsa Botswana. Mongwe o kile a bua ka gore *this social fabric has disintegrated so much that we no longer have a choice*. Re tshwanetse re lebe ditiragalo tsa ga Goromente ka ditsela tsotlhe. Batho ba maphata a a farologanyeng ba ne ba ntse ba bua gore tota le bona ba a *support*. Fa ba *support*, ba tshwanetse go *support not only in rhetoric*, le bone e re fa go na le se ba kgonang gore ba se dire, ba se dire. Ba thuse gore tshaba e ya rona re e age re tlhoafetse rotlhe.

Ke ne ke utlwa yo mongwe a bua ka *rehabilitation and restoration of human resource* tsa bone ba ba tswang kwa dikgolegelong. Ke dumalana le ene ke re tota motho o tshwanetse gore e re la ntlha fela fa o batla go mo tlhabolola, o itse gore o tshwanetse gore o mo simolole kwa moding. O gole le ene go fitlhela a tsena mo dingwageng tse e leng gore wa re o na le boikarabelo.

Malatsi a banana ke bone gantsi ke bonang ba tsena mo dilong tse di diphatsa. Gongwe fa re bua ka go ba ruta, re ba rute *in such a way that* re itse gore mongwe le mongwe go simologa kwa tlase go ema kwa godimo, ke tsenya batsadi le barutabana le batho mo teng, ba nne seopo sengwe go bona gore re ba dira jang gore dikgolegelo tsa rona di se ka tsa tlala le fa ntswa gone go ka se kgonege gore di se ka tsa tlala.

Ke batla go bua ka *community engagement*, kana motho fela fa a tswa kwa kgolegelong, re a itse gore o a bo a na le *stigma*. Gongwe e se *society that stigmatises him or her*, le ene gongwe o tswa kwa a na le *guilty conscience*. A e re a tswa kwa bagaetsho a bo a itse gore ke motho yo e leng gore o tla a tlhatswitswe dibe fa a tsena mo

setshabeng. Le ene tota fa a tsena mo setshabeng a bo a iponatsa gore tota o diragaletswe ke phetogo mo matshelong a gagwe.

Mma ke bue ka *overcrowding* tsa *prisons*, ke ne ke bua maloba ke re ke dumela mo *strategy*. Fa re ntse re lebelela dipalo tsa batho ba gola mo Botswana, re tshwanetse gore re itse gore le fa borukhuthi bo ntse bo gola jaana, re age dikgolegelo tse di tlaa dirang gore go ntshe mesuke mo go tse dingwe. Ke bua jaana ka gore metse e mengwe e godile e e tshwanang le ya Letlhakeng Constituency. Fa re ka nna le ditlamelo tsa dikgolegelo gone koo, batho ba rona ba tlaa kgona go theogelela mo bathong ba ba berekelang mo dikgolegelong. Le bone ba kgone go dira ditiro tsa *manual* ba le gone koo.

Fa re simolola fela mo Botswana, re buile gore go na le mo gotweng 4B. Ke na le tumelo ya gore go na le botswerere, bonatla le bothakga mo teng. Fa re ka kgona go di tsosolosa betsho, dilo tse di ka kgona gore di bone gore lefatshe la rona le tsenya morafe o o tswang kwa dikgolegelong gore...

**MR FRENZEL:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Honourable Mokgwathi. O e tshwere bontle tota. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke go tlatsela fela mo kgannyeng e o e buang ya ditiro tse magolegwa ba di neelwang. E ka tswa e le tsone tsa *carpentry* kana *gardening*, go botlhokwa thata gore e re fa ba tswa gone kwa ba tle ba di dire mo setshabeng gore go tle go supe gore ba ne ba ntse ba dira eng fa ba le kwa *prison*. *Thank you*.

**BRIG. MOKGWATHI:** Tanki mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle thata. Tota ke tsone dilo tse re buang ka tsone. Fa ba tswa kwa, ba tsennngwa (*integration*) mo *society*, a re direng gore ditiro tse ba di rutilweng tse ba di dire di ba tshedise. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, batho ba bangwe ba dira mo gotweng *welding* kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Fa ba dira *welding* jalo, ba kgona go dira *trailers* tse di tsayang dikgomo. Ba tshwanetse gore ba nne le *clusters* gore ba dire dilo tse di tshwanang le *trailers*, ba kgone gore ba di hirise, ba dire letseno la bone mo setshabeng. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** Tanki Madam Chairperson. Mma ke leboge Tona ka go tliša kopo e. Mme ka ga gona gore re ka reng, re tlaa nna fela re tswelela re re re amogela gore o fiwe madi a o a kopang ntswa a se kitla a lekana ka gore gatwe sepatšhe se makgwakgwa. Ga ke itse gore sepatšhe se se phunyegile fa kae re thibe? Ke kopa le se ise kwa *prisons* se ye go rokiwa sephatšhe se Rre Gaolathe, ba itse go dira ka matlalo ba tle ba ye go roka sephatšhe se se makgasa se.

Se motho fela sa ntlha a ka se buang ke go leka gore e re ntswa madi a le mannyennyane, gongwe wena kwa lephateng o ye *to prioritise* dilo tse di bothokwa tse o bonang gore thatathata ke tsone di leng kwa pele mo seemong sa dikgolegelo tsa rona ka fa di ntseng ka teng. Tota bontsi jwa dikgolegelo tsa rona di di kgologolo fela thata. O ka bona ka *the carrying capacity* ya tsone jaaka o ntse o tlhalosa gore *they are overcrowded*. Ke dumalana le wena ka gore di sale di dirwa bogologolo batho ba ise ba nne bantsi, kana borukutlhi bo ise bo gole ka seemo se bo godileng ka sone.

Jaanong ga di kgone go itepatepanya le lebelo le borukutlhi bo golang ka lone. Ke go kope gore a ko di ye go baakanngwa, mme gongwe pele ga go baakanya tsone, a go ye go baakanngwa matlo a bodiredi jwa gago. O bona fa go na le lephata le ke dumelang gore o kare le itebaditswe kana le beetswe kwa morago thata, ke la *prisons*. Fa o lebelela *welfare* ya *prison officers*, fa o ka ya go bona matlo a a kwa Village, le wena o ka sala o ipotsa gore la re golo fa go nna badirelapuso. Nnyaa bagaetsho, a ko fela mo madinyaneng a gago a *development* bogolo jang o ye go itebaganya thata le *maintenance* wa matlo.

Gape gongwe le age matlo a a bonalang a a supagalang gore ke a bodirelapuso jwa gompiano. Ale a maloba a e neng e le *Type 2, Type 4* le eng, nnyaa bagaetsho, matlo ao ga a a tshwanela bodiredi jo ka fa bo berekang ka teng. *More so* ba berekela mo seemong se se bokete se o ka akanyang fela motho a tlhotse a mekamekana le bo tlhokonkopa kwa ditoronkong, e re a tsena kwa lelwapeng a tshwanetse gore a itapolose, a akanye gore kamoso go diragala eng, a bo a iphitlhela a le mo matlong a e leng gore nnyaa. E bile gape *they share* mo ntlong, gongwe ntlo e le *three bedroomed*, ba e kopanetse ba le bararo. Ga go na le kwa ba isang bana ba bone teng. Seemo se ga se letlelesege, ga se a tshwanela go nna teng *sir*. Ke ne ke re *priority* ya gago a ko o itebaganye...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Point of procedure.* Ga ke mo senyetse nako *Madam Chairperson*. Ke ne ke re a mme go siame fela mo Palamenteng gore gongwe fa re buisa pego e, re bo re ka bitsa batho kwa dikgolegolong gore ke bo tlhokonkopa jaaka Rre Motaosane a bua. Kana ba bangwe ba mo kgolegolong foo ka go patelediwa gore ba dirile molato, mme tota ba sena molato. Ba bangwe ba felela ba ntshiwa, ba bangwe re akanya gore tota re ba age, mme

re ka ba aga ka mafoko a a *polite* go na le gore re ba bitse bo tlhokonkopa. Ke raya gore fa go siame *Madam Chairperson*, o mo letlelele fela a bue jalo, mme fa go sa siama a baakanye. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa *honourable*, ke ka fa a ngangang (*debate*) ka teng le Setswana. Kgantele ke kile ka utlwa o re dikebekwa; Setswana sengwe le sengwe fela fa wena o itse gore ga o mo go sepe fela ga go molato. A re mo letleleleng a dirise Setswana sa gagwe.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *Point of procedure.* *Madam Chairperson*, fa e le gore gongwe ka tsela nngwe wa re o nkutlwile ke re go na le dikebekwa, ke ne ke buela *in what context?* Jaanong se o tshwanetseng gore gongwe o se dire *Madam Chairperson*, fa e le gore sone seo e ne e le molato, o raya gore o nkutlwile fela o bo o sa nkgalemele, o bona fela gore go siame gore ke rialo?

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

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Motsamai, nna fa fatshe.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Nna gompiano ka re o kgalemele motho.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Ke ne ka se ke ke go kgalemele, o ne o dirisa Setswana se wena o se tlhologanyang. Ke go fa *example* ka Setswana sa gago, o dirisa sa gagwe. Tswelela *Honourable* Motaosane.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Ija! Ke tshogile. Kana bo tlhokonkopa, re raya bone ba ba tshwanang le bone bo *Honourable* Motsamai, jaaka o utlwa a nganga le wena jaana.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Nnyaa*, point of order.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Go tewa fela gone jaana re utlwa gore o a go ngangisa, mme ga ke itse gore gatwe go batla ke ka bo ke dirisitse se se ntseng jang Setswana.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa *Honourable* Motaosane, boela eo morago ka gore ke ne ke dumalane le wena gore o bua jalo. Jaanong fa o re *Honourable Member* ke tlhokonkopa ga ke dumalane le wena. E boele kwa morago o tswelele le *debate*.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Madam Chairperson*, ke e boela morago. Ga ke itse gore o ntshaleitse eng morago rre yo motho wa Modimo. Fa ke re ke bua puo e ke e tlhologanyang o nna a ntshetse morago fela. Ke e boela morago *Madam Chairperson*. E bile o ntebaditse se ke neng ke batla go se bua.

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

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Nnyaa, ga ke nne fa fatshe wena o motala. Kgang ya gore badirelapuso ba kwa *prisons* Motlotlegi *Minister*, tota *let us make a priority* ya gore bonno jwa bone bo nna sentle. Ke ne ka lemoga ngwaga o o fetileng gore go ne go na le *project* e e neng ya dirwa, e bile e dirwa ke bone ba ba leng kwa bo *prisons*, ba ba rutilweng gore ba kgone go dira dikago. A re tsewelele re nne re dire matlo ao, re bo re a baakanya one ale a bo *type 4*, re a dire sentle, a se ka a tlhola a nna jaaka a ne a ntse bogologolo. Ga a a tshwanela batho ba.

Se sengwe, *if my memory serves me well*, ke gakologelwa gore re kile ra botsa gore o kare go na le *gap* e tona fa gare ga *Commissioner* le *deputies* tsa gagwe. *I do not know the last post* fa o tswa fa go *Deputy Commissioner* wa kwa *prisons*. O kare golo foo go na le *gap* fela e e tsitsibanyang mmele. O ya go fitlhela gongwe a le kwa *E scale* ba ba mo tlhatlhamang ba le kwa go *D*. Ga ke itse gore golo foo a go ntse go teng. Ke kopa gore fa e le gore go teng, go tlhokafala gore *gap* e tswalwe ka gore go tlhatlosa ba bangwe ba ba direlang gone foo ba ye koo le bone ba neelwe madi a a tshwanetseng. Fa e le gore go na le bo *E1, E2, E3, E4* a go nne jalo. E seng gore o fitlhele fa e le gore *Commissioner* o kwa *F scale*, o bo o fitlhela *Deputy* a le kwa *E2, E3 or whatever*. Golo foo a go baakanngwe ka gore golo mo ke gone mo go kgobang bodiredi marapo gore le bone ba iteke ba iphitlhele ba fitlhelela maemo a a ba tshwanelang le lebaka le ba dirileng ka lone mo seemong sa go nna jalo.

Jaanong e nngwe e ke dumelang gore gongwe re tshwanetse re e lebisise thata; kana ke tshwennnga ke gore la re le Goromente wa ditshwanelo *Minister*. O bona go tlala mo ga *prisons*, bagaetsho, fa thupa e ka boela kwa magaeng, *I am telling you*, ditoronko tse ga di ka ke tsa tlala jaaka di tletse jaana. O ya go fitlhela ngwana fela a phamotse *phone*, yo mongwe a tloletse ka fensetere a iphile sukiri kwa ga mmasemangmang, kgantele o bo o utlwa gotwe o kwa toronkong. A moretlwa o boele, lore lo ojwa le sale metsi. Jaanong fa re tsaya bana ba re nnetse go ba isa kwa ditoronkong, *we are making them hardcore criminals because* fa ba tswa fa ba ya go kopana le ba bangwe ba *hardcore criminals*,

ba bo ba ithuta dilo mo go bone. A thupa e boele ya mokwatla le gone e seng ya marago. *That is a solution* go fokotsa go tlala mo go kanakanaka.

Ke leboge gore bana ba kwa Ikago ba tlaa se ke ba ye kwa ditoronkong. Fa o ka ya kwa Moshupa Boys Prison, o ya go fitlhela bananyana fela ba ba bo *16 years, 18 years* ba e leng gore fa ba ka bo ba tserwe ba bewa tse pedi fela tsa mosimane, ba ka bo ba se koo ka nako e, ba ka bo ba boetse ditirong tsa bone, ba bangwe ba boetse dikoleng ba dira dilo sentle. Jaanong ba kopana le ba bangwe ba ithuta dilo tse di sa siamang le go feta. A ko re busetseng thupa ya mokwatla Puso ya ditshwanelo, ka tsweetswee. Golo fa re batla go aga setšhaba, mme go aga setšhaba ga se gore re taboge le dilo tsa mafatshefatshe. Mafatshe ao gompiano ke bone ba ba re katileng tlhogo gore re re batho ba nyalane ka bong, batho ba dire dilo tse di sa siamang tse e seng ngwao ya rona. A ko re tsewelele ka thupa ya mokwatla, o tle o bone dikgolegelo tsa rona di fokotsa go netla...

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

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Nako e tsamaile molekane wa me. Ya bofelolo *Honourable Minister, rehabilitation* ka fa le e dirang ka teng, ga ke itse gore batho ba e a reng e le gone ba tsenang kwa toronkong go nne jang. Ke kile ka kopana le mongwe wa *ex-convict* a mpolelela botlhokwa le botlhoko jo batho bangwe ba kwa *Prisons...*, e seng ka go rata ga bone. Go lebega golo mo go tswa *right from* malwapa a rona ka fa re godisanag bana ka teng, e le gone mo go tsentseng bana mo seemong sa gore ba iphitlhele ba le foo. Ga ke itse gore *do you have social workers* ba e leng gore fa ba le kwa, motho a simolola go tseno ba tshwanetse pele ba tlhole gore totatota ngwana yo o fa ka lefe, *so that* ba kgone *to re-direct rehabilitation* ya gagwe gore e ka nna ya sebopego sefe...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** ...gore e kgone go thusa kgang e thatathata e dirwang ke malwapa. O ya go fitlhela rre fela a tlhola a betsa mmabana ka difeisi fa pele ga bana, ngwana yo le ene fa a gola o itse fela gore motho wa mme wa betswa ka difeisi, ka gore o bone papa wa gagwe a dira sengwe se se ntseng jalo. Yo mongwe o bone mama wa gagwe a tshela rraagwe ka metsi a a belang. Re tshwanetse re lemoge seemo se gore se senya bana ditlhaloganyo, go tlhokana le go leka go ba neela bogakolodi jo bo siameng, gona le gore fela are bo re setse re ba tsaya a bo jaanong ba tsena kwa ditoronkong.

Ya bofelo ke e e neng e buiwa ke Nono Kgafela, waitse gore gompieno o buile jaaka Mokgatla tota. Kgang e ya batho ba ba tsholelang kwa *prisons* e bo ba nna koo le bana, nnyaa bagaetsho, *let us rethink this situation* re tseye batho ba ba nne go sele ka bana ba gole, bone ke bone ba nne ba ya go dira tiro ya *prison*.

**MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST):** Ke a leboga. Ke thuse Rre Motaosane go boela mafoko morago a, tlhoganokopa gore tota batho ba ba kwa bale ga se mongwe le mongwe yo a bong a le kwa ka go rata kana e le *choice* ya gagwe. Fa o aga ga o ka ke wa aga o sotla, o lebeletse gore le rona mo sebakeng se re leka go aga Domkrag, re ba supegetse gore le fa ba sentse, mme re ntse re a ba amogela gore ba sentse. Jaanong ke ne ke re ka mafoko ao, gore ga re ka ke ra ba bitsa dikebekwa re supa gore...

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *On a point of order. Madam Speaker,* ke dirisitse mafoko a tlhoganokopa ke ikutlwa, e bile ke itse gore ke bua ka ga eng. *I have never said every prisoner* ke tlhoganokopa. Fa e le gore *Honourable Lekau* ba re itseng gore re ka bua ka tshenyetso-setshaba e re e itseng ka bone, a bo ba tla go nna ba ntse ba re Domkrag ga re ka ke ra ba bitsa. Ba ne ba re bitsa magodu gone fa *all the time*. Jaanong fa e le gore Motsamai jaaka ba lebagane ba bua jaana, ba batla go bua ka rona ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke tlaa ema ke le bolelela gore le lona le dirile eng. A ko o kgaleme, go tsenwe mo *debate* e go itebagangwe le yone *Madam Chairperson*. Ba a go talela batho ba, ke a ba utlwa. A ko fela o kgalemele *Honourable Lekau*, a lese go dira jaaka a dira jaana, ka gore *he would not like it if I have to respond to what he is saying*.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable Members,* le a itse gore le mo letsatsing la bofelo la gore re tswale gakere. Ke kopa gore ke laole Palamente, ka gore fa e le gore jaanong le tsile go tsena mo metshamekong *I will take the floor from you*. Ga re na go tswala *if you are going to start those jokes*, ga re na go ya gope. *Continue your debate*, o lese go kgotlakgotla ba bangwe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ke kopa a boele mafoko ale ka morago *Madam Chairperson*.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Nnyaa, *Honourable Motaosane* a bo kgantele ke go sireleditse fela o bua ka *debate* ya gago ya bo tlhoganokopa, a ko o lese motho a *debate* le ene fela jaaka a ne a bua. Ke mo kgalemetse gore a lese go kgotlakgotla a *debate*. A ko go nne kagiso fela, re ye go tswala batho ba Modimo. Le a bo le senya nako.

**MR LEKAU:** Ke a leboga, ke ikobile mongwame. Tlaa ke supe fela gore ke tsetswe sešha ke tlaa tshwana le ba bangwe, ba ba supang gore ba tsetswe sešha ga ba ka ke ba dirisetswa mafoko ao.

Ke supe gore kgolegelo tota ope yo o reng ga a ya kgolegelong, ke yo o ka fa tlase ga lefatshe. E diretswe mongwe le mongwe, e tshwana le lesa ga o itse motlha o o tlaabong o le mo kgolegelong ka one. E re re bua ka yone re supe gore, le rona re na le keletso ya gore batho bao re batla gore ba tle go re *join* gape mo *society*, ba nne *very active* mo *economy* ya lefatshe.

Tona, o tle o lebelele ntlha ya gore go na le batho bangwe gongwe ba ile kwa dikgolegelong, mme e le melato e mesesane. Ke kile ka bona go diragala gore batho ba e re fa ba lebeletse go wetsa *term* ya gagwe, a ntshiwe a ye go bereka kwa Kgotleng kana kae, ka gore gongwe go a bo go isiwa batho ba ba nang le dikitsokitso tse di rileng. Ke re gongwe mosuke o o tletseng ka kwa dikgolegelong tsa rona, re o leke ka seemo sa go nna jalo, *periodically* re leke *to assess* batho ba ba mo kgolegelong gore ke bafe ba ba ka itshwarelwang ba ba ka yang go dirang ditiro *which can benefit economy* ya rona.

Ke santse ke ntse ke boelela gape gore golo kwa *prisons*, fa o ka ya go lebelela *prisons* di tshwana tsa Molepolole le Mahalapye, la ntlha re ne re solofela gore fa o bua ka *Agriculture* re ya go e bona e tswa kwa dikgolegelong tsa mofuta oo. Le yone a ko re lebelele gore re leke ka bojotlhe gore re nonotshe *production* eo.

Ke boa ke ntse ke ikuela gore, kana re na le magolegwa ba gone jaana ba nang le *courses* tse ba ntseng ba di *pursue* tse gongwe motho yoo o atlholelwa koo, mme o ntse a tswelletse a dira sengwe. Ke kopa gore a ko re se ka ra mo leba ka leitlho le le rileng, gongwe re ba fe tshono ya gore ba tsweledise sepe se ba neng ba se dira *including* le tse ba di simololang fa ba le mo kgolegelong. Re bue le Rre Maele gore batho ba mofuta o o ntseng jalo, ba leke gore *tests* tsa bone motho a se ka a nna ngwaga a re ke dirile *carpentry*, mme ga a ise ko a tsamaye a ye kwa Madirelo a ye go tlhatlhabiwa. Go supagala gore gompieno dipalo tse o nang le tsone tsa bana ba *painting*, *carpentry* le *plumbing* ba na le *over 2 years* ba bangwe ba le mo kgolegelong, mo e leng gore ga ba ise ba ko ba tlhatlhabiwe. Seemo se se ntseng jalo fa o ka se tsibogela, o bue le balekane ba gago gore batho bao ba kgone gore ba ye go tlhatlhabiwa ka nako, ka gore gone fela go nna le setlankana le fa o ntse o le mo kgolegelong go kgona *to boost confidence* ya gago, o itse gore e tlaa re fa o tswa fa o ye go dira sengwe. Kana fa gongwe motho o a bo a isitswe koo ke phoso fela.

A ko tlhe mongwame o tsamaye o ye go leba matlo a badisamagolegwa ba kwa Village le Mahalapye, ke bua ke sa kgwe mathe ka one. A magologolo thata, ga go itumedise le fa o tsamaya o bona gore ke matlo a a ntseng jang. Le gone fela go tsamaya le Rre Nyatanga nako nngwe le etele dikgolegelo, go tlaa *boost morale* wa bone. Ba batla go itse gore *Minister* yo mosha ke ofe, gongwe fa ba utlwa ke bua le Rre Motaosane ba re gongwe ke ene *Minister*. Fa go tsamaile difatlhego tsa lona ba di bona, go kgonatla *to build confidence* mo go ba bangwe. Ke eletsatla gore fa ngwaga o o ya go fela, a ko tlhe gongwe a bo le ile go ya go tlhola batho bao, ka gore bangwe le bone mole ba tswa e le baruti, gongwe fa ba le bona jaana ba tlaa le rapedisa gore Modimo a le tshegetse le ye go dira tiro ya lona ka matssetseleko. Ke a leboga.

**MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE):** Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo, ke go lebogetse gore a bo o mphile sebaka, go tla go bua ka Lephata la Dikgolegelo. *Madam Chairperson*, se ke ka se buang ka lephata le fela ke gore *for a very long time* le ntse le itebaditswe, ga ke batle gore ke bue gore ke Puso efe. *I would say for a very long time* lephata le le ntse le itebaditswe *in the sense* ya gore, fa re bua ka go tlhatlogana ga maemo, ga go diragale jaaka re bona go diragala kwa sepodiseng. E bile gape a re bone go diragala jaaka go ntse go diragala *with their counterparts* ba e leng gore ke ba sesole. Ke bua se jaana ka lebaka la gore, fa ke go lemotsha go se gonene *Madam Chair* o tlaa gakologelwa sentle ka botlalo gore, go ntse go diragala gangwe le gape gore fa go nna le moeteledipele wa bone o ntse a na le gore a adimiwe *either* kwa sesoleng kana sepodiseng, o bo o ipotsa gore ba e leng bone ba lephata le ba a bo ba le bokgakala bo kae. *If it is anything to go by Madam Chair*, e ne e le gore gongwe fela jaaka... fa o ka bo o nkutlwa, fa ba ka tswa le bone ba bewa maemo a bone sentle go rulagana le balekane ba bone ba ba leng mo sepodiseng kana sesoleng, gongwe le bone re ka bo re re ba kolotiwa *differences* tsa dingwaga tse ba ntseng ba itlhokomolositswe.

Fa ke tsena mo go tsa dikago *Madam Chair*, nako ke yone e, *the time is now to build better prisons, because prison* e tshwana fela le kokelo. Ke raya se ka lebaka la gore, o ya go iphitlhela nako ya teng kana nako e nngwe o le gone ka kwa. Mme nako ke yone e ya gore go agiwe dikgolegelo tse di botoka. Ke bua se jaana ka re a itse gore motho mongwe o ne a tshwere maemo a sa dumele gore o ka bo mo letsatsing la gompiano a bo a le koo, o koo *Madam Chair*. Mme ke sone se ke reng, *the time to*

*build better prisons is now*. Ke bua se jaana ka lebaka la gore, maabanenyana fela jaana Mothusu Tautona o ne a bua jalo gore, *each and everyone of us is going to be audited*. Se se raya gore, *we must be very careful, we must make it a point* gore sengwe le sengwe se a baakanngwa nako e santse e le teng. E ne e le nako ya bogologolo e e leng gore *prisons* di ne di itsege gore ke gone kwa go bonwang dinta. Kgang e ya *overcrowding* e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e le selo sa maloba. Ke sone se ke reng, a ko lephata le le okelediwe madi gore le kgone gore le age, le atolose ditronko, dikgang tse tsa *overcrowding* e nne selo sa maloba. *Population* ya rona le yone e godile, le ntleng ga moo re bona le bone ba ba tswang mo mafatsheng a a mabapi ba tla go re okeletsa dipalo tse di leng teng gone mo dikgolegelong tsa rona. Ke sone se ke reng, lephata le le okelediwe madi ka lebaka la gore *population* ya rona le yone e setse e godile...

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *Clarification*. Ka bokhutshwane fela *Madam Chair* ke ne ke re Motlotlegi Mopalamente ga a bone jaaka gongwe a sa tswa le go bua gore batho ba ba lephata le la batlhokomedi ba magolegwa go lekwe gore ka bonako jo bo rileng ba oketswe dikitso phetelela, ba neelwe ditsompelo tse di rileng phetelela, ka ke moo le ene o a supa gore kana borukutlhi jo bo *advanced* jaanong bo tswa ntlheng tse nne tsa lefatshe, gore ba itepatepanye le jone *Madam Chair*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KWAPA:** O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. Ke ne ke dumela jalo gore fa ke bua ka *welfare* ya badisadikgolegelo ke ne ke bua jalo gore, nako e fitlhile ya gore re lebelele *welfare* ya bone. Re lebelele *salaries* tsa bone gore a di lekana le tsa balekane ba bone ba ba mo *enforcement forces* jalo. Ka lebaka la gore tiro e ba e dirang ya *to enforce*, go tlhomamisa gore bagolegwa ba dira tsone tse ba a bong ba di tlhokometse. Ke nako ya gore ba rutuntshiwe, ba tlhabololwe gangwe le gape, ka lebaka la gore re setse re tlhaloganya malatsi a gore go setse go na le *sophisticated crimes*, tse di nang le matswakabele a tsone, dikgang tsa go nna jalo. Mme ke sone se ke reng, ba tlhokana le bone gore gangwe le gape ba rutuntshiwe, ba tlhabololwe go emelana le diemo tsa gompiano. Ke sone se ke reng, le ntleng ga moo fela, ntleng ga kwa ba direlang teng kwa e leng gore ke kwa dikgolegelong, le matlo a ba nngang mo go one a tshwanetse go tlhabololwa, e nne lephata le e leng gore... e se ka ya nna selo sa maloba se e leng gore le rona Puso mo bogompionong re tlaabo re iphitlhela e le gore lephata le re le itlhokomolositse. Ke sone se ke reng, *the time to reform this unit is now, to rebuild*

lephata le *is now*. Fa e le gore le bone ba a kolotiwa, fa go sena go tla go baakanngwa gore ba lepalepane, a le bone ba direlwe fela jalo, ba neelwe tse di ba tshwanetseng, *to boost their morale*. Ke dumela gore gone moo re tlaa bona le bone go simolola go nna le dipharologanyo tse re ntseng re di bona mo balekaneng ba bone mo maphateng a mangwe, e le gore jaanong ba bereka ba tsholeditse *morale*. So, *the time to boost their morale is now Madam Chair*, ke sone se ke reng, a re lebelele lephata le fela ka bophara. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Morolong, go raya gore o latswa *two minutes* yo o setseng.

**MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL):** Tanki mmaarona. Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re lephata le le fa ke amogela kopo ya lone, kana le kwadilwe mo gotwe ke Lephata la *Prison Services*. Jaanong ke ne ke re, jaaka ba botlhe re itse gore re Goromente wa ditshwanelo, go botlhokwa gore re fetole seo, re fetole le leina tota, re dire molao o o le bitsang le ditsamaiso tsotlhe tse di tsamaelanang le leina leo la Correctional Service Act. Ke tswa ka mogopolo wa gore go nne le a Correctional Service Act ka gore, go tlaa tsamaelana le ditshwanelo le go aga motho, jaaka ba rotlhe re eletsa gore motho yo o leng mo toronkong a tswa moo a agegile, a ka tshela le setšhaba.

Go botlhokwa gape gore fa motho a tswa mo toronkong a amogelwe ke setšhaba bagaetsho. Batho kwa ntle ba dumela thata gore, motho fa a le mo toronkong o tshwanelwa ke gore a ye koo e le kotlha, a gamolwa go reng, go reng. Re nna le mathata a gore fa gongwe le bana ba rona ba ba kwa toronkong ga ba tshwarwe sentle, ga ba je sentle, ga ba ye bongakeng sentle, mme fa ba tswa koo ba ya go tshela le rona. Mma ke fe sekai fela Modulasetilo, motsadi a ne a le mo toronkong a na le bolwetse jwa Tuberculosis (TB), jaaka gompieno gotwe ke letsatsi la bolwetse joo, a sa kgone go ya ngakeng sentle, letsatsi le a tswang fa o a go e tshela batsalwale-ene le batho ba a tshelang le bone mo tikologong, ka gore o tlhokile go isiwa bongakeng sentle fa a santse a le kwa toronkong. Go batla setšhaba sa rona se amogela pele gore, batho ba ba kwa toronkong ba tshwanetswe ke gore re ba babalele, re ba tlamele, re ba tlhokomele, gore e re fa ba tswa koo ba bo ba sena malwetse a mangwe a ba ka a re tshelang, jaaka ke e fa sekai ka bolwetse jwa TB. Ke re kang e e botlhokwa, ke gore ke e bue fela jalo.

Go botlhokwa gape gore fa batsadi ba rona ba tswa kwa ditronkong ba ba hirwang ke dikompone tse di ikemetseng Modulasetilo, dikompone tsa teng...

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** *E go tshwere* Honourable Morolong. I now call upon the Minister to respond, hang on Minister. Wait a little bit.

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

**MADAM CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Order! Honourable Members.

...Silence...

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Continue Honourable Minister.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Thank you Mr Chairperson*. Ke leboge batlotlegi fela botlhe ba ba kgonneng go ka nna le motsotso wa go ka akgela. Gongwe ke re dikgang tsa bone tsotlhe re a di utlwa, re a di amogela. Tse dingwe ke tlhalose gore, tse ba neng ba bua ka *congestion* mo ditronkong, jaaka ke sa tswa go supa gore *carrying capacity* ya rona ke 4,337 mme mo bogompionong re tshegeditse ba le 4,390. Mo go rayang gore ke *excess* fela ya 53 go feta *carrying capacity*, *which is 1 per cent above the carrying capacity*. Fa nako e nneng *speech* se se dirwa e supa 2.8 *per cent above carrying capacity*, ka gore nako ya teng e ne e le 44, jaanong go raya gore gompieno e ile kwa tlase. Ka mabaka a gore re tshegetsatsi le batho ba e leng gore ke ba ba emetseng gore ba thusiwe go tsamaya kwa mafatsheng a a mabapi le rona ba ba tseneng e se ka fa tsamaisong ya molao mo lefatsheng la rona, *illegal immigrants*. Mo gongwe ke sone se o bonang nomore ya teng *keeps on fluctuating* jaana, e ya kwa godimo le kwa tlase, ke mabaka a a ntseng jalo. Mme fela go na le ditronko tse dingwe tse e leng gore *are below carrying capacity*. Tse gongwe di fetang *carrying capacity* sekai ke; *Central- carrying capacity* ya yone is 112, e tshegeditse 328 mo bogompionong. *First Offenders- carrying capacity* 170, e tshegeditse 365. Mme fa o ya kwa go ya Boys Prison *carrying capacity* ya yone is 120, 130, e feta ka 10.

Fa o ya kwa go ya Mochudi, *carrying capacity* is 106, mme e tshegeditse batho ba le 85, go raya gore e kwa tlase ga *carrying capacity*. So, go na le tse e leng gore di ntse jalo. Fa o ya kwa Tsabong, *carrying capacity* ke 140, e tshegeditse batho ba le 92; *below carrying capacity*. Fa o ya kwa Gantsi, *carrying capacity* is 194, mme e na le ba le 119, *it is below carrying capacity*. So, di dirwa ke mabaka a gore melato e mengwe ke *high*

*risk offences* tse e leng gore o ka ba tshegetsa fela mo ditoronkong di tshwana tsa Lobatse, Francistown le Gaborone. Ke sone se o bonang *carrying capacity* ya tsone e le kwa godimodimo. Ke mabaka mangwe a a dirang gore go bo go tsamaelana le melato ya gore ba ka nna mo ditoronkong tse di rileng *because* e a bo e le *high-risk prisoners*, ba e leng gore ba ka fitlhelwa kwa Gaborone, Mahalapye, Lobatse and Francistown.

E nngwe ke tlhalose gore, ke utlwile batlotlegi ba bua gore re ba dirise mo dikgannyeng tsa go baakanya dikago tsa ga Goromente. *We note it*, re a dumela, re a amogela. Bosheng jaana ba ntse ba thusa kwa Matlala Junior Secondary School le Dikgatlhong Junior Secondary School *doing repairment*. *We welcome the idea* ya go dira *more*. Re tlaa nna re thusa mo *facilities* tsa ga Goromente, mme *already it is work in progress*. Ba a thusa fela jalo.

Le ya go baakanya one matlo, ba etle ba thuse go baakanya one matlo a go nngang badiredi ba dikgolegelo. Sekai, ke gakologelwa kwa Mahalapye ke ile teng, kompone e ne e hirilwe e e ja *millions* fela e palelwa ke go aga ntlo, ya bo ya agiwa ke magolegwa, ya siama. E ne e le ntlo e e tshwanetseng go nna *senior officers* kwa Mahalapye. Ba a thusa mo dikgannyeng tsa go baakanya dikago.

Kgang e nngwe ya *the gap between commissioner and deputy* tsa gagwe, ke tseela gore ga se *gap* e e kalo, re na le *vacancy* fela e e leng gore re tlaa e tlatsa. Bone ba tlhomagana sentle fela, F0, F1, F2, ga go na *any gap*, go siame fela sentle, go baakantswe, ga e sa tlhole e le nako ele ya bo *Commissioner* Herman Nkai ba le kwa bo E, ba bangwe ba *other disciplined forces* ba le kwa bo F. *So, it has been corrected*, ba kwa bo F le bone jaanong.

Kgang ya go ntsha dijwalo, maloba ke ne ke ile kwa Molepolole ke ile go bona ba lemile 95 *hectares* ya mmidi fela o e leng gore ba tshwanetse gore ba nne *self-sufficient* mo mmiding. Re ne re utlwa botlhoko ka pula e ne e seyo, mme malatsi a o kare pula e tsile, jaanong go tlaa siama.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification*. Ke ne ke batlile gone fale fa go bo Herman fa o neng o bua ka *scale*, o ise o tsene kwa merogong. Ke ne ke re ke botse jaana gore, kana go lebege e kete *conditions of service more especially* tsone tsa *wardress*, ba berekela mo mabakeng a a kwa tlase, *promotions* tsa bone di tsaya nako. Se ke neng ke batla *clarification* mo go sone thata ke gore, ke eng go lebege e kete gone kwa lephateng la lona le,

motho o kgona go tswa kwa Botswana Defence Force (BDF), a tswa kwa sepodiseng, a ya *to head* kwa, mme ga ke ise ke utlwe yo o runyang fela *from prisons* a bo a ya *to head* masole kana mapodise. Fa e le gore yo o kgona go tswa fa a bo a ya ka fa, ke eng le sa tseye ka fa le bo le kgona go ya ka fa? Fa e le gore ga go ka ke ga kgonagala, ke eng le sa dire gore *system* yone e, e age ene yo o yang kwa pele, ka gore le *promotions* tsa bone di lebege di tsamaya ka bonya, mme le ba dia gape ka go tsaya kwa maphateng a mangwe a *promotions* di bonako, le bo le ba tsaya ba ya *to head them* gape.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Motlotlegi, ke tseela gore ke utlwa matshwenyego a gago, ke selo sa maloba, ke tseela gore *the current commissioner* ke yo e leng gore o goletse teng mo perekong ya dikgolegelo. Ke tseela gore ke dikgang tsa maloba. *We note concern* ya gago.

Ya bonya jwa *promotions*, ke kgang e re tshwaraganeng le yone Goromente otlhe ka bophara. Ke sone se go neng go na le dikgang tse go neng go buisanwa ke *unions* ka bo *fan-shaped* gore go lebege batho fa ba tsena mo C1 ba a ema gone foo, ba bo ba felela mo C1 ka bontsi, e le gore jaanong ke thaba fela e e seng kana ka sepe ya batho ba kokoane gone mo C1. Ke dikgang tse go neng gotwe re ka dira eng go thaba thaba yone e ya go kokoana teng mo C1. Go raya gore ke tsone dikgang tsa bo go tla ka bo *fan-shaped* go leka go baakanya seemo sa go kokoana gone foo le *slow promotion*. Di dirwa ke one mabaka a gore fa o ya kwa godimo, *the higher you go*, go nna *pyramidic*, ke gore go nna go sesame, batho ba kgobokana ka C1. *So* ke yone e ke reng *we are looking into it* gore re ka baakanya jang dikgang tsa go nna jalo.

E nngwe ke ne ke santse ke bua ka gore, ke maikaelelo le *strategy* sa ba *prisons* gore ba ntshe dijo. Go ya kwa pele, toro ya bone ke gore ba se ka ba tlhola ba ikaegile (*rely*) mo go Goromente, gore ba ntshe mashi a a lekaneng *to supply prisons* tsa lefatshe la Botswana. Ba ntshe mabele, mmidi, merogo, sengwe le sengwe, gore ba se ka ba tlhoka sepe mo go Goromente, ba itirele. Gongwe fa e le sengwe fela, ba bo ba ka tlhoka *salaries*. Le tsone *uniforms* magolegwa ba ithokela tsone. *So* ke yone toro ya gore ba lebelala gone koo gore ba kgone go dira jalo, jaaka o ne o bona ke bua ke re ba kgonne go ntsha merogo ya *almost P1.3 million*, e le gore jaanong *they have saved for* Goromente, gore Goromente ke ene a ka ba fang *that P1.3 million*. Sone seo ke maiteko a ba *prison* go leka go baakanya.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *Elucidation. Thank you, Honourable Minister. Ke ne ke re fa o bua ka dijo, kana you are talking about food security, ke ne ke re because these people are within a very controlled space, ke eng le sa introduce the value addition ya gore this sorghum e ba e ntshang, re bone gore e ka dira eng gape go gaisa gore e jewe fela e le motogo kana bogobe? Ke buisiwa se ke gore, ke ne ka bona kwa National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) ba tsaya yone sorghum ba dira baked goods, borotho, biscuits le snack tse ke dumelang gore di aga mmele, di na le boleng. Dilo tse, ke dumela gore lephata la gago le na le tshiamelo e ntsi gore ba ka kgona go dira jalo.*

E re ke boela morago, ke leboge ba Anglican go rotloetsa batho ba. Ke kope le dikereke tse dingwe gore le tsone di tseye karolo. Ke a leboga.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ke a go leboga Honourable Phologolo, ke tseela gore re tlaa collaborate le Minister of Lands and Agriculture ka ba NARDI go ithuta sengwe mo go bone. Re santse re totoba gore pele re dire gore Goromente re mo role mokgweleo wa go jesa our inmates, gore re ba jese.

Kgang e nngwe ke yone ya gore ba Molepolole jaaka dipula di na jaana, re na le tsholofelo ka gore fa ke ile kwa go bone, ba ne ba re fa ba ka kgona gore 95 hectares yo ba mo lemileng wa mmidi, ba kgone to supply ditronko tsa lefatshe la Botswana, e bile gongwe go ya go nna le surplus e ba ka e rekisang. So, fa re sena go dira sone seo, re sena go se kgona, re tlaabo re ya go kwatabolola mo go bone ba NARDI mo dikgannyeng tsa go leka gore a re ka se ke re dire value addition ya bo sorghum.

Ke taboge le batlotlegi fela botlhe gore madi a manyennyane, a dirwa ke gore re leka go tsutlaganya gore mo re nang le gone mo seemong se re mo go sone, re kgone gore metsi a lekane dipotla. Ke sone se...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Emang ke fetse batlotlegi, nako e setse e sule jaana, re ya mo go e nngwe.

Ya to decongest prisons, re setse re na le ditsha kwa Pandamatenga to build a higher, and in terms of capacity ya to accommodate batho, e le security tight, gore re kgone to decongest these other central and maximum that hold high risk offenders. Ke gone kwa re batlang gore re atolose.

Re na le maikaelelo a go aga kwa Sepopa fa re bone madi. Re setse re na le designated areas tse re neng re batla go aga teng go leka to decongest. Tota moo

ke temporary solution, permanent solution ke job creation ka gore batho bangwe ba ya koo ka mabaka a a farologanyeng. Ba bangwe yes, ba ya koo ka gore gongwe ke ba dikoloto, civil debts. Ba bangwe ba ya koo e le gore motho o fitlhetse mokaulengwe a na le mokapelo wa gagwe, a bo a betwa ke pelo, a tsaya botshelo jwa yo mongwe. Ba bangwe ke petty criminals tse e leng gore ka idling fela le go tlhoka ditiro, they committed an offence. Jaanong fa re kgonne go dira job creation, re ka kgona gore prisons le tsone kwa phelelong, e nne factories, go sa bonale motho yo o tlang kwa go tsone, ba bereka botlhe. Ke sone se ke reng, that is the permanent solution that can decongest our prisons as an alternative way of decongesting them.

E nngwe ke alternative sentencing policy, e e leng gore we are working on it ka gore fa gongwe go na le melatonyana e mengwe e e leng gore fa o bala Penal Code, ga e na sentence. E le melato e e ka atholwang fela in terms of Section 33 ya Penal Code. E e leng gore it is only an offence creating section, e sena punishment section; you go to Section 33 ya not more than two years. Bone bao gongwe the alternative sentence will be, let us come with another method wa gore ga ba ye dikgolegolong go ya go di tlatsa, ba ka nna kwa to promote restorative justice. Ke nngwe e re ka e dirang fa re lebeletse those things. Ya gore ba nne productive, we are doing that.

Accommodation ya babereki ba dikgolegelo; ke sone se ke neng ke bala mo paragraph 24 gore we are trying to build staff houses mo Gaborone. Kwa Village, the inmates ba kile ba thuba matlonyana a a neng a le funny ale, a e neng e le two bedroomed, ba a fetola ba dira three bedroomed. Ba a baakanya, ba a tsenya mo sebegong se se bonalang. Inmates tsa rona di a thusa, di a dira. Ke dingwe tsa tse re di dirang gore go nne le boroko for our staff, e seng mo Gaborone fela, le lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Ke sone se re batlang gore re se dire le ka Public Private Partnership (PPP) fa re ka bona bangwe ba teng. Ga go reye gore batho fa ba le teng, le ka ya go aga ka gore go tswa foo, Government o a bopa, a dira commitment ya gore o tlile go duela batho bao. Re na le dikakanyo tsa go leka go ba direla boroko.

Security sa inmates gore go na le didirisiwa tse di bogale fa ba phuruphutshiwa; go ntse jalo. Mafatshe a mangwe a a tshwanang le Norway, o fitlhela ba na le Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) camera, go leka go bona sepe se se diragalang kwa ntle ga toilets, so that we do not invade their privacy. Ke nngwe tsela ya gore re ka kgona go hema seemo sa contrabands, dithipa, wires

*sharpened into weapons le other sharp instruments.* Gangwe le gape go raya gore fa re phuruphutsha, re a di fitlhela. Re na le tsela e re batlang go bona gore re di fokotsa jang kana re di kganela jang gore di se ka tsa nna teng.

Ya bana ba ba kopanngwang le bagolo kana *convicted criminals*; tota eo, re a e amogela. Ke sone rona, ba *Ministry wa Local Government and Traditional Affairs* le *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*, re bonang gore re tlhabolole kwa Ikago kwa Molepolole, gore bana ba ba ntseng jalo, ba isiwe teng koo. Ba tswelele le dithuto tsa bone ka gore o fitlhela e le gore ba bangwe *it is not only petty crimes*, e le gore ka *dysfunctional team* e e mo malwapeng, ngwana a le 15 kana 16 years, a tlhabile mongwe ka sengwe se se bogale, a bo a tlhokafala. Jaanong ka tsamaiso, o tshwanetse a ye go tshetswa kwa kgolegolong. Re bo re bona gore ngwana yo ka o ne a le mo sekoleng a dira *Form 1, Form 2*, re dira Ikago gore ba tswelele ba ya sekoleng mme gape ka fa ba agiwa sesha, ba se ka ba kopanngwa le bagolo.

Mandela Rules tsa United Nations (UN) tsa *minimum standard* tsa go leka *to treat* magolegwa, le tsone di bua jalo gore bana ba se ka ba kopanngwa le bagolo. A *remands* di se ka tsa kopanngwa le *convicts*. Gompiano jaana, *remands* di kopana le *convicts* mo e leng gore ga go a siama *in terms of the* Mandela Rules. Ke sone se re batlang go atolosa dikgolegelo gore ba se ka ba kopana. Fa ba sena go kopana le bone, *they contaminate them*. Ba ba neela megopolo e mengwe ya gore fa ba tsena kwa ntle, ba ye go dira jang. Ke sone se e leng gore Mandela Rules tsa re, ba se ka ba kopanngwa, ba farologanngwe.

Ya gore *death row* ba ja dijo, mme dinako tse ba ka bo ba setse ba le kwa go Ramasedi, ba ikhuditse. *Honourable* Lesedi, ke tseela gore ba ka tswa ba a ja dijo mme mo thulaganyong e re e buang, *spinach* re a itemela, *sorghum, maize* le dilo tsotlhe tse. Ke tseela gore tshenyegelo ya teng ga se e e kalo. Ke sa re, re ka ba baya foo re re ga e kalo, re reela gore e teng mme ga se tshenyegelo e e kalokalo.

E nngwe ke ya ga Rre Mosanana gore Batswana *are against death penalty* le gore ba ipotsa gore *Constitutional Court* ke ya eng. Ke tseela gore melao ka fa e ntseng ka teng gompiano jaana, *Section 4* ya *Constitution* e clear fela gore *death penalty is sanctioned by Constitution* mo Botswana. *You confuse the two systems that are totally different.* Kwa South Africa, *if you read Section 11 of the Constitution* ya bone, ya re,

*“everyone has got the right to life,” full stop, e feletse gone foo. Mme ya Botswana e go bolelela gore “motho o ka tseelwa botshelo ka court order.” That is why Constitutional Court* ya South Africa, *their Criminal Procedure and Evidence (CP & E) Section 277* e ne e re, *“it is unconstitutional,”* ka gore *there is no way their Constitution talks about taking a life, it only talks about saving a life.* Ya rona, *Section 4* ya *Constitution* ya re, *“o ka tsaya botshelo ka Court Order.”* Penal Code ya rona, 203 e bo e re, *“fa o bonwe molato for murder without extenuating, ke death penalty.”* So, *the two systems are totally different*, ga di nyalane, e bile ga di tsamaelane. So, *do not fear anything sa Constitutional Court*, ga go na gope fa e tlisang *abolishment ya death penalty* teng.

*Honourable* Motshegwa le *Honourable* Kgafela, ke tseela gore ba ne ba bua ka thulaganyo ya go leka go aga sesha magolegwa le gore Ikago e diretswe bana go tswa mo bagolong. Ba agiwe sentle, ba baakanngwe, e nne kgang ya gore ba tshetswe.

Kgang ya ILO gore *it is over 10 or 15 years e demand gore prison officers are not armed force people.* Ba tshwanetse *to unionise*, ke sone se ke reng, *our Bill ya Correctional Service is at an advanced stage.* E e leng gore mo go yone, re bua ka *unionisation* ya bone, ka gore *it has been a long demand from ILO* gore go nne jalo. Ke sone ke reng, *Correctional Service Bill* ya rona e ile ya ya kwa Khuduthamageng, ba e busa gore e baakanngwe fale le fale. Go baakantswe, go raya gore e tlaa boela gape kwa Khuduthamageng mo bogaufing *to finalise*, e bo e ka tla kwa Palamenteng, e araba selelo sa ILO le *unions* tse ba saleng ba bua ka tsone bogologolo.

*Moral degeneration; yes, indiscipline* e ntsi thata ka mabaka a a farologanyeng a ditagi *and failure of families neglecting* bana ba bone. E nngwe e dirwa ke gone mo gotweng *peer pressure* e e leng gore fa a bona ba bangwe ba dira, le ene a re, *“batho ba tlhabologile ba ja tse di monate, le nna ke ba etse.”* Gone moo, go bo go raya gore go felela go na le *a lot of indiscipline, a lot of petty crimes committed* ka ditsela tse di ntseng jalo. Re amogela seo.

*Yes, we will collaborate with* ba *Ministry of Higher Education* ka *TVET programmes to enhance skills* tsa inmates tsa rona.

E nngwe ya *human rights*; ke jaaka o bua gore ga e rotloetse *indiscipline but good neighbourliness, it is true.* *Human rights* ga go na fa e buang gope gore motho o tshwanetse a itaole. Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana wa re, *“fa tshwanelo ya me e felelang teng, go simolola ya yo mongwe.”*

Ga gona gope fa gotweng o ka tsamaya o itaya mongwe le mongwe. Ke sone se e reng fa o kgona go ntshenya leina, ke ya go sekisa *for defamation*. Fa o ka re molao wa re ke na le *the right to freedom of expression* o tsamaya o roga batho, ke a go sekisa o ntse o na le *that tshwanelo* ka gore o a bo o fetile fa *the red line* ya fa ya gago e felelang teng. *Human rights do not in any way encourage indiscipline*, e rotloetsa fela gore *you expand your mental horizon* le gore o ikamogele, o tshele le ba bangwe sentle, o ba tlhokomele, o se ka wa ba kgokgontsha. *It is against torture, harassment and exploitation*. Ke sone se e kgatthanong le sone.

Mme Mokoka, *I covered* dilo tsa *human conditions*. Re a dumalana ka Mandela Rules gore *conditions* tsa *inmates* di tshwanetse go nna jang. Le *system* ya rona e nne *correctional not punitive*. *Yes, that is the intention in the region* gore re se ka ra dira *rehabilitation* e e *punitive*, e tshwanetse go nna e e *correctional*. Fa o bala *Pamphlet Number 1* mo *Pages 52 to 53*, e tlaa go bolelela gore mathata mangwe a matona a lefatshe ke gore *society* ya rona e obamela madi, khumo, dilo tse di rotloetsang *corruption*, botlhokatshebe kana *criminality*. Ke sone se e leng gore ka gore re obamela *status* sa *wealth*, madi, khumo, jaanong go rotloetsa gore mongwe le mongwe a batle go huma. Re bo re huma ka ditsela tse e seng tsone a bo di re isa go sele, re bo re felela re le mo *corruption* e e ntseng jalo.

*Overcrowding, I have already addressed that. Honourable Motaosane, to prioritise* go baakanya dikgolegelo tse dikgologolo, *indeed most of them if not all except the few*, ke tse di agilweng ka bo 1963. Di dikgologolo, re nna re di ntshafatsa fale le fale ka lebaka la gore tse dingwe di tswa kgakala di agilwe *before independence, and a few* disha di agilwe *after independence*.

Ke setse ke arabile ya boroko jwa bone gore re a dumela, *we are working on it. Ya to prioritise accommodation, I have already done it.*

*Scales* tsa *Commissioner, the gap, I have already addressed* gore di baakantswe. Se se teng gompiano fela re na le *vacancy which we are working on filling, which is due to retirement* kana *early retirement*.

*Corporal punishment* e santse e le ka fa molaong, e teng. Fa o bala Penal Code e a go supegetsa gore *it is up to the Judge or the Magistrate*, o kare a athola motho a bo a re o ya toronkong *for this period of time with corporal punishment. Until and unless* lona mo Palamenteng

le ntsha gore *a prisoner* a se ka a atholelwa *corporal punishment*. Ke *discretion* ya *the presiding officer, Judge or Magistrate to order* gore go nne le *that sentence plus corporal punishment*. Ga se kgang ya *human rights*, ke ya gore *it is there in the Act, therefore discretion* ke ya *Judge* kana *Magistrate* fa a ntsha katlholo gore o e ntsha e reng.

Boys Prison ke setse ke e arabile le dikgang tsa *families* tse di tlhokomologang bana.

*Honourable Lekau*, gore re farologanye melato, ke yone e ke e buang ke re *it is already in the Mandela Rules* ya gore ba ba tshwerweng ba santse ba emetse ditsheko, *the remands*, ba se ka ba kopanngwa le *convicts*. Bana ba se ka ba kopanngwa le bagolo jalojalo. Ke selo se se teng. Ke utlwile ya ga *Honourable Kgafela* gore ke moakanya o re neng re o akanya wa gore a mme fa e le ngwana, e le gore go na le ba ba belegelang mo dikgolegolong, bana bao go raya gore le bone ka ba amusiwa ke bommaabone mo kgolegolong, le bone ba golela mo teng. *Cite* e e ileng ya nkama mo go maswe gore kana ngwana yo go raya gore o gola a bona dilo tse di maswe fela. Go raya gore re ya go felela re na le tšhaba e e sa siamang ya bana. Le rona re akanya go baakanya seemo seo go bona gore re ka dira gore go nne le *such institutions* tse ba tlaa namang ba le teng. Go tswa foo go ka bonwa gore fa madi a le teng go ka hirwa ba ba ka ba tlhokomelang, gongwe mmaagwe a ya go mmonela gone koo fa ngwana a setse a le mo dingwageng tsa gore o ka se ke a tlhoke *breastfeeding*. Ke seemo se re se tlhaloganyang, re a se utlwa.

*Honourable Kwapa*, ke ne ke setse ke e arabile ya go kopa kwa BDF *or police*. Ke tsaya gore *the current commissioner* fa a kopiwa, gotwe e ne e le mmereki wa *prison. Better prisons*, ke tsholofelo ya gore re di age gompiano fa seemo sa madi se letla gore go ka diragala jalo. *Welfare* ya *prison officers*, re dumalana ka yone thata gore ba tshwantshiwe le *other disciplinary forces*.

*Honourable Morolong*, ke setse ke arabile ya gagwe ya Correctional Service Act gore a ga se nako ya gore e re re bua ka *correctional*, re bo re na le *Act* e e tsamaelanang le dinako tsa gompiano? *It is at an advanced stage*, go raya gore re tlaa e baakanya e bo e ya kwa *Cabinet*, e bo e ka fetela kwano ka nako e e maleba.

*Reintegration*, gore re amogela batho ba rona jang? Le nna gongwe ke tseye sebaka se go rotloetsa batlotlegi gore re thuseng gore setšhaba se amogele bana ba bone ba e leng gore fa a sena go nna *sentence* e a neng a e

filwe ke *court*, re bo re ka ba amogela e le batho. Re se ka ra ba leba e le disinyi le dirukutlhi, o re ga ke batle serukutlhi fa tlase ga me. Moo ke gone mo go ka tlisang *stigma* sa go bona ba tlhoilwe, ba sa amogelwe. Ba bo ba bona gore go botoka gore ba ye go dira molato ba boele kwa toronkong; *reoffending*. Go lwantsha *reoffending* go raya gore a re ba amogeleng sentle. Gongwe re fokotse le dipuo tsa gore Goromente yo e kete o tsaya magolegwa go gaisa batswasetlhabelo mme go sa nna jalo. Dilo tseo di bakwa ke gore le dira *society to resent or shun them*, go bo go raya gore go se ka ga nna teng. Rre yo mongwe yo e neng e le molwela ditshwanelo kwa Russia Fyodor Dostoevsky o buile jaana a re, “*The degree of civilisation in a society can be judged by entering its prison*,” mo bukeng ya gagwe ya The House of the Dead. Ke motho yo o nnileng kwa Siberia *for four years*, a nna kwa dikgolegolong kwa Russia. E ne e le le *communist* le le tona. A tshegetsatsa gone moo gore seemo se le neng le se kaya fa gore, gore re tsewelele pele re age...

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Lebelela nako*, just read the last paragraph, verbatim and move.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** I therefore move that the sum of Nine Hundred and Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P906 692, 740) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 3500 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No.1 of 2026) and that sum of Thirty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula (P38, 520, 000) under the Development Budget for Organisation 3500 be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027. I so move accordingly Mr Chairperson.

Question put and **agreed to**.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Order!

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, we are now in the Assembly. I understand that Leader of the House has a Business Motion to move.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1(b) that we extend today's hours

beyond 18:30 hours in order to deal with and dispose of the Committee of Supply and the Third Reading of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026). I thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I think Leader of the House *o raya fela gore le nne* on the safe side because you need to deal with all the remaining stages of the Appropriation.

Question put and **agreed to**.

### ORGANISATION 9100- APPROPRIATIONS FROM REVENUE

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, I beg that you be more vigilant and work with me here, okay. Let us go to Appropriations from Revenue, Organisation 9100. Honourable Members, please note that 30 minutes has been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister of Finance, Your Honour the Vice President, to reply to the debates, we need to adjust these times but the total time given is 30 minutes. That is the time allocated to this one. Your Honour, maybe maximum of 15 minutes. I can see that you have 13 paragraphs. Your response will be five minutes and then each Member maybe can have two minutes, two minutes.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** I thank you Mr Chairperson. I am privileged to present the 2026/2027 budget for Organisation 9100-Appropriations from Revenue.

Mr Chairperson, Government funds include three main funds which are appropriated for, in order to ensure accountability and compliance with budgets and legal restrictions. The Consolidated Fund, is the major fund established by Section 117 of the Constitution of Botswana, into which all Government Revenues or other monies raised or received for the purposes of Government shall be paid, and from which funds are appropriated to meet the expenditures for the purpose of Government as authorised by the Constitution of Botswana, Appropriation Act and other Acts of Parliament.

Mr Chairperson, the Development Fund (DF) and the Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF) are the main funds that were established to cater for development programmes and projects. The annual appropriations made from the Consolidated Fund into these two

funds seek to authorise spending on the development programmes and projects and accountability of the same. The DF, established under Section 36 of the Public Finance Management Act, and maintained as a separate account, is used for financing Government projects for economic and social development. Within the DF, the Domestic Development Fund (DDF) is financed through domestic sources and excludes external sources of funding such as loans and grants.

Mr Chairperson, the TEDF is a special fund set up through Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2004. The purpose of this fund is “to meet the costs of establishment of the Medical School and its associated facilities; expansion of the University of Botswana as well as the establishment of the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST).” In line with this instrument, the Minister of Finance is mandated to replenish the fund with proceeds realised from the issuance of bonds under the Stocks, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, Section 4 and 17, and such monies as may be donated or contributed into the fund.

Mr Chairperson, the Appropriations from Revenue refers to the authorisation of withdrawals from the Consolidated Fund Revenues to fund the DDF as well as the TEDF. Accordingly, the 2026/2027 budget under this Organisation is proposed to finance a total of Twenty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (P23, 490, 555, 685.00). The amount comprises appropriation of funds to the DDF to finance part of the total Development Expenditure amounting to Twenty-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (P23, 209, 795, 685.00), as well as projects under the TEDF amounting to Two Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P280, 760, 000.00).

Mr Chairperson, out of the total DF expenditure of Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Three Pula (P23, 375, 815, 203.00), an amount of Twenty-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (P23, 209, 795, 685.00) is proposed for appropriation from the Consolidated Fund Revenue to the DDF, to finance part of the 2026/2027 development programmes and projects.

Mr Chairperson, the balance will be financed through Loans and Development Grants amounting to Ninety-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Pula (P96, 694, 557.00) and Sixty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Pula (P69, 324, 961.00) respectively, which are direct receipts into the DF. I know there are lots of numbers flying around. It is not my fault Mr Chairperson, it is the fault of the numbers.

Mr Chairperson, I further propose that an amount of Two Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P280, 760, 000.00) be appropriated to the TEDF. Out of this amount, the proposed allocation of One Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P180, 760, 000.00) is proposed for allocation to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital. The funds are earmarked for the procurement of essential medical equipment to support daily operations as well as for upgrading of information technology systems and software in order to improve efficiency in service delivery. As a teaching hospital, this allocation directly advances the strengthening of clinical training platforms, enhancing research capacity, and improving the quality of health professionals.

Furthermore, an amount of Fifty Million Pula (P50, 000, 000.00) is proposed for the construction of student hostels through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) implementation model at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST). The funds will also cover expansion of lecture rooms, thereby increasing teaching space, improving the learning environment, and supporting higher enrolment in science and technology programmes.

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In addition, a further allocation of Fifty Million Pula (P50 000 000) is proposed for the University of Botswana (UB), for the continuation of on-campus student accommodation for 630 students. This investment supports the objectives of Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF) by expanding institutional infrastructure, improving student welfare and creating an enabling learning environment conducive to academic success. This project will enable UB to accommodate all first year and international students on campus.

The total requirement is 1 800 additional beds aimed at systematically addressing accommodation shortages and supporting planned enrolment growth.

Mr Chairperson, this allocation directly supports the objective of financing infrastructure and capital projects that enhance teaching, learning, research and skills development in critical sectors of the economy, particularly science, technology, engineering, innovation and renewable energy. The proposed funds will support projects aimed at expanding training programmes that align with industry needs, particularly in technology and renewable energy. This investment will also strengthen the capacity of institutions to produce skills that are crucial for economic transformation.

Mr Chairperson, since this is the final item in the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Honorable Members for their positive feedback on the budget and to reassure them that their valuable input will be taken into consideration as Government programmes and projects are implemented, consistent with the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), to take us to the new Botswana.

Mr Chairperson, in conclusion, I move that the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (P23 490 555 685) for Organisation 9100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule to the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No.1 of 2026). I thank you Mr Chairperson.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members, *le gakologelwe gore kana re ya kwa motsubong*, we are putting the Appropriation Bill to finality. This is the legal authorisation of spending of public money...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** We have done these many times. This is like the sixth time *o dira jaana* Honourable Motaosane. *Mma ke le kopeng jaana batlotlegi*, I will give leaders of political parties or their designated member for their summary statements, 3 minutes each. *Go raya gore* one per party, we would be done.

**DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a bona gore re wetse. Madi re a le a neela, mme o fitlhela le ntse le re a a tlhabela. Fa re le neetse madi le bo le sa a dirise tota *Your Honour*

*the Vice President (VP)* wa re re dire jang? Gone jaana kgantelenyana re ne re bua ka *Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, Development Budget expenditure 3.6 per cent. Correctional Services, development expenditure 25 per cent.* Tota la reng? Madi ga a yo, mme bonnyennyane jo re le bo neelang go a pala gore bo dirisiwe.

Jaanong go na le e nngwe e re santseng re ise re utlwe karabo ya teng sentle ya go fokotsa *expenditure*. GPO o ne wa bua fela sentle gore mo go yone o bolokile madi a a kae. Go ne go na le e nngwe e o neng o re o ya go emisa mesepele e e leng gore ga se ya bothokwa. Yone eo, o ganne go re bolelela gore wa re mo go yone o bolokile bokae. Fa o sa e bue, ke tlelwa ke pelaelo ya gore go raya gore ga o a *save sepe*, mesepele eo ga e a emisiwa, go tseletswe go ntse go tsamaiwa mesepele e e leng gore ga e bothokwa *Your Honour the VP*. Ke kopa gore tota o re kgotsofatse gore mo go yone eo a o dira maiteko kana jang. Fa re sa utlwe dipalo, mme ya GPO o re boleletse, re na le pelaelo.

*Unauthorised expenditure*; mo nakong e e fetileng re ne ra ntshetsa madi tse re di a ntshetsang gotwe ke molao jaaka Modulasetilo a ne a bua gore selo se ke molao. Fa re sena go nna re o fetisa re le neela madi, mo nakong e e fetileng madi a ne a kgona go tsewa fela a ya go reka se Puso e se batlang. Ke gakologelwa nako e nngwe re ntshitse madi *for refurbishment of Ramatlabama Centre*, madi ao go feletse go ya go rekiwa dipoo kwa Texas ka one. Le letsatsi leno ga re ise re bolelelwe gore gatwe go tlile jang gore madi a *refurbishment* a ye go reka dipoo...*(Interruptions)*... *Refurbishment* le go reka dipoo ke dilo tse pedi tse di sa tshwaneng. O tlaa ikgolega Motaosane, ga go na sepe se o se itseng.

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Jaanong re ne re re, jaaka fela re ntsha madi a jaana, a ko a dirisiwe se re se a ntshedseng. Se o fitlhelang go tla go phuthetswe e bo e re la bofelo o bo o utlwa gotwe go ile go rekiwa dipodi tsa mashi kwa Australia. Ga re batle dilo tse di ntsheng jalo. A madi a ko a ye go dirisediwa se re se a ntshedseng. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke thuse Tona wa me yo ke mo tlotlang *the VP*, a se ka a araba ya ga Dr Gobotswang ya madi a *refurbishment* ya kwa Ramatlabama. *It is not even necessary*. O a itse gore go diragetse eng. Sengwenyana se a bo se sa siama mo go ene gompieno.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Akere ke le boeletse ka nako. *Honourable* Motaosane o se ka wa rumolana tswetswee. O se ka wa rumola *Professor*. Tswelela.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Aa! *Professor* ya eng a sa...

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

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Member *se dire jalo*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** *Honourable* Motaosane ke tloga ke go tseela *floor* jaanong.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Mo tseele *floor* *Mr Chairperson*.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Emelela o *withdraw* o bo o tswelela.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Go siame ke e boela morago le ene a ithute go itshwara sentle. Ke ne ke re ke dumalane le gore *budget* e e dirilwe. O buile thata ka go leka go nna *prudent* mo go diriseng madi. Ke tshwenngwa thata ke e neng e buiwa ke *Professor* o mongwe gore go na le go tlhoka *to spend* mo mading a *development*. Ga ke itse gore a bothata e a bo e le tsamaiso ya *tenders* kana ya eng fela e e itsang kana go a bo go na le gore batho ga ba batle go dira ditiro ka tsela e e ntseng jalo? Gongwe golo moo o go ele tlhoko thata ka gore le wena ga go go beye sentle. *Next financial year* fa o tshwanetse gore o ba fe madi, o a ipotsa gore a o ba neele one a ba a batlang kana o a fokotse ka gore totatota go lebeba ba sa dire sentle.

Ga ke itse *Mr Chairperson*, gore kana jaaka re a bo re ne re e dira jaana, *budget* e, golo gongwe fale e kile ya re ke bua ke kopa gore madi mangwe re a sutisetse kwa maphateng mangwe a tse kwa a neng a ile teng, ga ke itse gore a go ntse go a kgonega. E ne e le keletso ya me gore, madi a mangwe *that we feel* gore dilo tsa one tse gotweng *they have been budgeted for* gompiano ga se *priority*, re a tseye re a ise kwa go tshwanetseng teng jaaka *Agriculture* le *Education*. O fitlhela re iphitlhela re le mo seemong sa gore, re tlhalelwa kwa go leng botlhokwa teng, mme re isitse (*appropriated*) madi kwa go ka se keng ga diga sepe fela fa re sa ba neela madi

ka nako eo. E seng gore ga re tlhoke se ba batlang go se dira. Jaanong gone fa ke tsietsegang teng gore, a ke ka se ke ke kope gore Ntlo e e tseye madi ale a *Con Court* e a kgaoganye *Agriculture* le ba *Higher Education*. Tumelo ya me ke gore *the Con Court* ga se *priority* e re leng mo go yone mo gompionong jaana, ntswa re tlaa e bona kwa pele, re ka e neela madi gongwe *in the next two financial years*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

**MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH):** Mma ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson*, ke supe rraetsho gore go boammaaruri ke eme fano go dumalana le kopo e Tona a re e beileng pele e. Mafoko a me a ke senkang go a dirisa ke gore, madi a re a rebolang a re a neela Tona jaaka a a kopa, a go ye go lejwa go tlhwaafetswe *Mr Chairperson*. Gone jaana re a itse go na le *ministries* tse e leng gore ga di kgone go fitlhelela, le fa di ka bo di filwe *budget, budget* ya teng e felela mo tseleng. Re gakologelwe gore kana gompiano ga gona go nna le *supplementary budget, Ministry wa Local Government* o o tshwereng bothata, gompiano jaana re na le dikgwedikgwedi batho ba sa je *Mr Chairperson*. Diemo tse a re di lebeng ka kutlwisiso ya gore Puso e bone gore e tlamela Batswana, ka gore fa re ka se ka ra dira jalo re ka iphitlhela e le gore jaanong gongwe re tsentse Batswana mo kgatelelong e e seng kana ka sepe. A re lebeng *ministries* di tshwana le *Ministry wa Basic Education*, o mo nakong e ntsi le one o tshwere bothata, diemo tsa dikole tsa rona ga di mo seemong se se se itumedisang. Fa re rebolela Tona kopo e ya madi a a kopang e, a tsone dintlha tse di ye go lejwa ka kelelelo, e re kgabagare go bonwe gore seemo se se tokafala go gaisa jaaka fa se ntse gompiano.

Madi a a neetsweng lephata la ga Tona Rraetsho Moeti Mohwasa, ke madi a a mantsi, e rile fa re bua fa ya ne e kete re a tlaopa kana ga re eletse gore Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) e ka dira ditirelo dingwe. Tota re bua re tlhwaafetse ka gore jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua, o fitlhela e le gore bokete jwa madi a jaanong e ya gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi, *accountability* ya one e bo e le gore e nna *questionable* ka gore DIS re a e itse. Ke utlwile mongwe maloba a re DIS *accounts*; ke kwa Public Accounts Committee (PAC), ke a itse gore *it accounts* go tswa fano go ya fale. Fa o re o a tselelela o utlwa ba go raya ba re *for security reasons*. Jaanong dilo tse ke tse gongwe Puso e tshwanetseng ya di leba.

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

**MR LESEDI:** Ee, ke a itse gore ke wena. Jaanong re lebe dilo tse ka tlhwaafalo ka kutlwisiso ya gore re tlamele re bo re hemele Batswana mo diemong tse ba tsheleng mo go tsone. *I thank you Mr Chairperson.*

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA):** Tla ke go leboga Modulasetilo. Ke tsaya gore ke sebaka sa go leboga Mapalamente botlhe ka fa re neng re ntse re tshwere kgang e ka teng. Go a tualo batho betsho, fa re na le kgang e e ntseng jaana re lebagane le gore re phatlalatse madi a setšhaba, re tshwanetse gore re ntsho megopolo ya rona re phuthologile go sena poifo epe. Ke tsaya gore fa re dira jalo ke gone go agana, re kgone gore le se ka la inyatsa, la tsaya gore jaanong fa le dira jalo le a bo le dira sengwe se se bosula. Le lona le nne le amogela gore le fa le gakolola, mme le se ka la nna bogale.

Se ke ka se buang Modulasetilo ke gore, ga se ngwaga wa ntlha Puso e e rebololwa madi, ke ngwaga wa bobedi. Re tlaa dumalana gore mo ngwageng e e fetileng fa re bua boammaaruri, go supile fa go ne go na le tsamaiso e e tlhamaletseng ya tiriso ya madi a le neng le a rebotse. Ga le a ka la bona go boelwa gape kwa go lona gotwe le re neetse, re tlaletseng go ne go sa lekana.

Mo godimo ga moo gape ke tlhalose gore, se re tshwanetseng gore re se amogele ke gore gompiano re berekela mo seemong sa lešhekere. Fa madi a seyo jaana, le fa madi a kwadilwe Motlotlegi Gobotswang, gotwe lephata le neetswe madi a a kana, fa madi a sa dirisiwe, e a bo e se ka gore gongwe Tona o a bo a palelwa ke tiro, re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore e a bo e le gore go nnile le seemo sa gore go na le ditlhaelo tsa madi. E a bo e se fela gore o ne a sena kgatlhego ya gore o ka dirisa madi a a ntseng jalo. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele bagaetsho gore, re mo seemong se se sa nnang sentle, re leka gore re dirise madi a lefatshe le ka tsamaiso e e siameng, re tlaa tla re tswela re ntse re tokafatsa ka dikgakololo le mafoko a lona a go aga, jaaka le tlhalosa e bile le itse gore go na le maikaelelo a gore re diragatse se le se re romileng.

Mokaulengwe o ne a bua ka PAC, ke tsaya gore dibuka di ntse di a goroga tsa maphata ka go farologana. Le a itse gore go ne go saletswe kwa morago ka *audits* tse di neng di ntse di le kwa morago, jaaka re ne re bega (*report*) maloba. Maikaelelo ke gore tse tsotlhe re itlhaganelele gore di wele, gore ka fa re abang madi ka teng, le ka fa madi a dirisiwang ka teng, dilo di direlwe mo pontsheng. Re a solofetsa, se re tlaa tswela re se dira, se nneng le letsapa la go nna le gakolola le kgala. Le fa gongwe le nna bogale mo go feteletseng e nna e kete melato e mengwe le a re e pega, mme re a amogela ka gore e e a bo e le go nna le pelo botlhoko le eletsa gore ba ba dirileng tseo ba ka bo ba le ka kwano, mme ba seyo.

Ke tsaya gore go a utlwala Modulasetilo. Re a leboga bagaetsho, setšhaba fa se agiwa go dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. A re tswela re ye kwa pele...

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Mokaulengwe o a bua gore le se ka la nne e kete le jetswe podi, yo mongwe o bua a kaname o kare ke gone a neng a ntse a a ja podi ya teng. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. I now call upon the Minister of Finance, His Honour the Vice President to reply to the debate. You have five minutes.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Tota ke go leboga batlotlegi, ka fa ba ntseng ba tshwere dikgang ka teng. Go supa gore ke baeteledipele ba na le boikarabelo, ba rata lefatshe la bone. Ke baeteledipele ba na le keletso ya go tsosolosa ...(*Interruptions*)... Ke ne ke re ke a re ke baeteledipele ba ba sa tshubeng *phones* fa go buiwa...

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

**MR GAOLATHE:** Jaanong ke re re utlwile dikgakololo tsa lona. Bangwe ba gakolola gore mme e re madi ao dirisiwa, a a dirisiwe ka boikarabelo jo bo tseneletseng le matsetseleko. A re direng mo go ntsi ka mo go nnye mo re nang le gone, a re se ka ra senya madi ka maphatsiphatsi le dilo tse di sa tlhokafaleng. Bangwe ba gakolola gore a re tsweng mo mekgweng ya bogologolo ya go tlhoka go diragatsa, ke gore a re remeleleng e seng mo go bueng le mo mogopolong fela, a re remeleleng mo go direng ka diatla gore tsotlhe tse re reng di tshwanetse gore di diragale, a re di bone di dirwa. Re amogela dikgakololo tsa gore a ditlamelo tse di ileng kwa tlase, boleng jwa ditlamelo jo bo ileng kwa tlase, a re bone bodiredi bo gola mo go iseng ditlamelo kwa Batswaneng botlhe ka go lekalekana. Bangwe ba gakolola gore a madi a a dirisediwe *projects* tse kwa bofelong di etleetsang go fetlha ditiro. Bangwe ba gakolola gore a ditsela tse di senyegileng, dikole le dipatela tse diphutlhameng go dirwe ka bonako gore di baakanngwe.

Bangwe ba gakolola ka melemo e e wetseng kwa tlase, le tsa botsogo tse di wetseng kwa tlase fela thata tse di tshwentseng Motswana mongwe le mongwe, ba gakolola gore a madi a a dirisiwe mo go tshwanetseng. E bile a dirisiwe ka bonokopila jo bo rileng, gore Batswana ba bone botsogo jo bo siameng, jo bo botoka kgakala go feta jo re bo bonang.

Tla ke soboke ke re, re a le leboga fela lotlhe, mme re a le solofetsa gore re tlaa dira bojotlhe jwa rona gore madi a a dirisiwe ka fa a tshwanetseng go dirisiwa ka teng. Mme ka tsela e ntseng jalo Modulasetilo ke boele gape ke rurifatse gore, madi a, *the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula* (P23 490 555 685) for Organisation 9100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule to the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026). Ke a leboga.

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

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members. Standing Order 89.10. We now go to Total Estimated Expenditure. In terms of that order I will just go straight to the question. Honourable Members, the question is that the schedule showing total Estimated Expenditure of Ninety-One Billion, Two Hundred Sixty-Five Million, Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Pula. (P91 265 983 275) stand part of the Bill and the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred Seventy-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand and Two Hundred and Three Pula being (P23 375 815 203) being Total Estimated Expenditure from the Development Fund Estimates.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR CHAIRPERSON:** Honourable Members, we are going to Clauses. Honourable Members, the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) has five Clauses and a Schedule. I shall call the Clauses *ad seriatim*, in accordance with Standing Order 89.11. I will call them continua.

Clause 1 **agreed to.**

Clause 2 **agreed to.**

Clause 3 **agreed to.**

Clause 4 **agreed to.**

Clause 5 **agreed to.**

Schedule **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members, we are now in the Assembly. I now call the Honourable Minister of Finance, His Honour the Vice President to report the Bill from Committee.

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

Bill reported from Committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading – **Forthwith.**

**Third Reading**

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

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) be read a third time. I now call upon His Honour the Vice President, Minister of Finance to move.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Honourable Speaker, I move that the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) be read the third time and do pass.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. You know the drill. In accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (c), I shall order a division and the division shall be held in a manner prescribed in Standing Order 63.

So, ring the bell for two minutes. Sergeant-at-Arms at the elapse of two minutes, you shall lock the doors. Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, in terms of Order 63, I will put the question again before you electronically vote.

Honourable Members, the question is that the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) be read the third time and do pass. I now activate voting, you press 'one' to activate your machine or indicate that you are present. The 'ayes' press two, the 'noes' three, 'abstain' four, *tlhophang*.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Tlhophang ka tidimalo e e kwa godimo. Le tlhophile lotlhe?

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Ee.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Moswaane, *ga ke itse gore o tshubetse eng* microphone? I am going to deactivate.

Order! Honourable Members, here are the results of your voting; present, you are 44, the 'ayes' 44, 'noes' zero, 'abstain' zero, so the 'ayes' have it, the 'ayes' have it. The Bill is passed.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Members*, le fetisitse molao wa lona wa madi mo letsatsing la gompieno, mme mma ke lebogeng tirisano mmogo ya lona gore le bo le okeditse nako ka 30 *minutes* ka nako ya lona ya gale le gale ya 6:30 p.m.

Jaanong ka se se re tlisa kwa go reng lenaneo la letsatsi leno le bo le wetse, ke tlaa kopa Moeteledipele wa Ntlo, e bong *Honourable* Moeti Caesar Mohwasa *gore a sutise gore re ka ema gone fa ra ya go itapolosa*.

#### MOTION

#### ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke tsaya gore tiro ya letsatsi re e dirile, jaanong motho o ka sutisa fela gore re emise dipuisanyo gone fa. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:03 p.m. until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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