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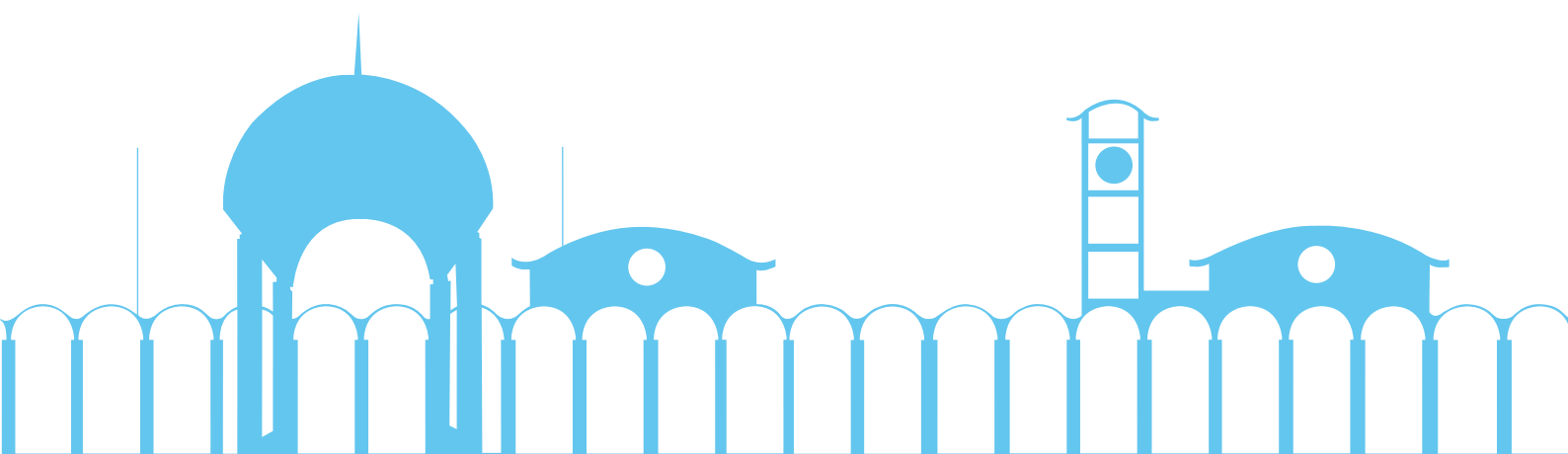
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Tuesday 25th March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): *Order! Honourable Members, le a bona gore le jele four minutes ka go tla thari. Ke ne ke utlwa bangwe ba re purapura e, e ntšha, nnyaa, ke ya ceremonial mme ga go na any special ceremony. Clerk o santse a palelwa ke go nthekela gown. E a e ntheketseng, e a thanthologa. E rile ke re ke a apara, e bo e tharologa e tswa jaana. Ga ke itse gore a o na le mathata a seemo sa itsholelo kana jang.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Ee, go ka fa molaong.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga se gore re go kolekele.

MR SPEAKER: Fa e le gore le ka nkolekela gown, le e kolokele mo go Clerk.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER: *I have one announcement; the announcement is that as I have indicated yesterday Honourable Members, you would recall that we are a member in good standing of Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) which is a consultative and deliberative body headquartered in Windhoek. We have been a member since it was inception, I believe it was following the SADC summit which was held in Maputo in 1997.*

It was long resolved that the SADC PF be transformed into a Regional Parliament because our region is the only one which does not have a Regional Parliament, it has that forum. Mafatshe ka bontsi a go neng go tlhokafala gore a saene gore go nne le this transformation, ba dirile jalo. Re le lefatshe la Botswana, re ne re santse re le kwa morago le mafatshe a le mabedi mme le lengwe le setse le gatsetse pele. Go raya gore re setse re le babedi. Re ne ra ya go bua le Tautona kgang e, re le Palamente, mme go dumalanwe gore go tlaa saeniwa kamoso.

Re tsoga re na le baeng e le Batsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fa ba se bane, ba tlaabo ba le batlhano, bagolwane ba bangwe ba ba tswang gone kwa SADC PF, Mapalamente ba ba mo *Executive* ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a a mo SADC, Batsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ba gompiano le ba pele, ke dumela gore ba tlaa nna babedi. Go na le *Professor* Peter Katjavivi, *outgoing Speaker of the National Assembly of Republic of Namibia* le *Honourable* P. T. C. Skelemani yo e leng gore ke ene yo ke neng ke mo tlhatlhama.

Tiro e, e tsoga e nna *in the afternoon* kwa Office of the President (OP). Ke tiro ya Palamente le fa e le gore e tlaabo e le kwa OP. Gakere go saena bo Tautona ka gore ke bone *who amended treaty* ele ya SADC. E ya go nna ka nako e re tshwanetseng re bo re le mo Palamenteng. Mapalamente ba bangwe, fa e le gore dikopo ga di ise di goroge, di tlaa goroga kwa go lona gore le bo le ka thusa *to protocol* bo *Speaker* ba ba tlang. Tota kamoso go raya gore re tlaabo re lebagane le tiro eo.

Letsatsi leno *we deal with the Appropriation Bill, expectation* ke gore e bo e fela. Re ne re buisantse le Moeteledipele wa Ntlo gore gongwe a dire Tshutiso ya gore kamoso re se ka ra tla *in the afternoon, so that we focus on this important event* ya Palamente ya lona. *Announcement* ke yone eo gore *we could take tomorrow* ka gore re tswa kgakala le *Appropriation* re sa robale. Dinako tse dingwe *I sat for nine hours; four hours in the morning, five hours in the afternoon to evening. We can take that moment to reset, rest and prepare for Thursday as we will be starting to deal with Bills.* Ke yone *announcement* batlotlegi, re utlwane gakere.

MR PULE: *On a point of procedure.* Ke kopa fela ke buelela bakaulengwe. Fa e le gore go ntse jalo, go raya gore *on Thursday we are sitting.* Fa e le gore *what I have seen is what is there,* o kare *Bills* di pedi fela. Ga go na possibility ya gore e ka re *Friday,* re bo re tswalela *Mr Speaker?*

MR SPEAKER: Eo e ka tla ya buiwa *Honourable* Pule. Re setse re kopane as *Business Advisory Committee, Honourable Hikuama Opposition Whip, Honourable Digwa and Leader of the House.* There is a resolution ya go akanya gore go ka tswalwa leng. Ke tsaya gore tiro ya Palamente e tlaabo e wetse, ga e ka ke ya kgoreletsega.

We are likely to deal with three Bills and a policy before you adjourn. Remember that we were projected to adjourn ka di 11 tsa kgwedi e e tlang *but it is most likely to come forward, maybe to around the 4th. That*

is not the agenda on the table at the moment, it was just information sharing. We will meet at the General Assembly where we will ventilate on the issue of the almanac and the end of the Budget Meeting.

MR JACOBS: On a point of clarification. *Ke batla o clarify gore who are going to attend this ceremony tomorrow?*

MR SPEAKER: The ceremony because it will be held at OP, we are expecting five Speakers and their delegations. In total they might be, including former Speakers, about seven. So, there will be obviously officials from Parliament, OP, Foreign Affairs because they deal with treaties *le delegation tse di tswang kwa*. So, *fa re lebeletse* space, I think those that will attend will be notified.

MR MOROLONG: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. *Step sa ga Goromente ke se se itumedisang. Re maloko a SADC PF mme se ke bonang e kete se ne se sa tshwanela go diragala ke gore, gongwe rona fa, re bo re tla re utlwela kgang gongwefela le batlotlegi ba bangwe. Go ka bo go kile ga nna le kitsiso mo go rona, re sa re re kgethegile, fela ka gore re maloko a committee. Mo nakong e e tlang, a selo seo se baakanngwe. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: *You are right. I think se se diileng e ne e le negotiation ya back and forth. Ke yone tota I think e e neng ya khidia. Le tlaa gakologelwa lona ba le mo SADC PF gore I think it is a matter that at every Plenary Assembly which you attended in Lusaka le kwa meetings tsa Executive tse di tswang ke the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) as our representative in the Executive, possibly you have talked about the idea ya gore signing go tsamaiwa fa kae, go setse bomang, tsholofelo ke gore ba ka saena leng.*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a go setse go le *late* thata *because* ka fa ke e bonang ka teng, go *sign* mo fa go ka bo go ne go direlwa mo Palamenteng, Mapalamente botlhe ba lebile golo mo ka gore tota ke *symbol* e e tona mo Palamenteng ya Botswana. Kana Office of the President (OP) ga e ka ke ya tsaya dipalo tsa Mapalamente jalo, *but you can imagine if all MPs were here*, fa e le gore go na le baeng to witness that historic event. *If it is too late, there is nothing we can do, but if there is something that we can still do, I think it would be best to do that.*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Thank you. Honourable Mmolotsi o tsere bontlha bongwe jwa kgang e ke neng ke batla go bua ka yone. I am worried Mr Speaker that our*

committees are not sitting, dikomiti ga di kopane gone jaana. It is not healthy for this House gore e bo e le gore committees are not meeting for business epe fela ya tsone ya Palamente, hence o utlwa Mopalamente a bua e le wa SADC PF, komiti ya bone e ka bo e tsene e itse all the arrangements. I am worried that committees are not sitting, not even ya Members' Rights, ga e tsene sentle.

Gone jaana ke batla go kopa mo go wena fela go le botlalo, madi ke itse gore a a boa kamoso, ke kopa gore a ko go tsenyediwe Mapalamente meriti ya dikoloi gone fale. *It is not fair for MPs gore ba bo ba tshwanelwa ke go taboga ba senka parking a le late for Parliament. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Certainly Honourable Motaosane, you know gore that falls within the purview ya komiti e o e tsamaisang, e kopaneleng le e buisane. Batlotlegi, dikomiti tse dingwe ga di kopane, tota most committees since tiriso ya madi e ema, ka gore gakere go na le gore go tswalwe, go bo go nna gore jaaka le kopane jaana today, tsholofelo ke gore le fetise budget. Fa le sena go e fetisa, go raya gore di 1 tsa ga April ke gone madi a rebolwang. Ke yone process eo ya madi. Jaanong batlotlegi, ke go utlwile Honourable Mmolotsi, I am sure the Clerk is also listening. Go na le a task force e e ready, ga ke itse gore a preparations tsa bone; my assumption is that they are at very, very advanced stages. I am not sure if there is much that can be done. Honourable Members, can we start our business of today with questions.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

STATIONERY AT SCHOOLS

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs if he is aware that primary school students are asked to bring stationery to schools in Tlokwen; if so, what is he doing to address the issue.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

(MR MOSWAANE): Mma ke leboge potso go tswa kwa go Motlotlegi P. M. Segokgo e a neng a botsa gore a mme re a itse gore kwa dikoleng batsadi ba laetswe gore ba tle le stationery. Mma ke go arabe jaana, rraetsho, ga re ise re ko re fe taelo epe re le ministry gore batsadi ba kopiwe gore ba tle le stationery. Se ke se itseng ke gore mo lebakeng le le fetileng go ne ga nna le tiego ya gore stationery se goroge kwa dikoleng jaaka go ne go solofetswe. Thulaganyo ya rona ke gore go tshwanetse

gore fa re ya kwa dikgweding tsa bo *December*, gongwe maphata otlhe a bo a dirile se se tlhokegang go reka *stationery* se se dirisiwang mo dikoleng gore fa dikole di bulwa di bo di le teng.

Ke supa jaana gore re le *ministry* go ya ka Tlokweng District Council, re ne ra tsena mo thulaganyong ya gore go rekwe dibuka di neelwe dikole tse dipotlana di le nne mo kgaolong ya gago ka di 28th February 2025.

Fa ke fetsa karabo ya gago motlotlegi, ke supe gore le fa go nnile le *challenges* tse, lephata le ne la tsaya tshwetso la bo la baakanya gore *stationeries* di nne teng mo dikoleng go ya ka tsamaiso e tshwanetseng go nna, go tsamaelana le ka fa re itlamileng ka teng re le Puso gore re tlaa tlamela tsa thuto re bo re ba neela tsotlhe tse ba di tlhokang. *Thank you Member of Parliament.*

MR SEGOKGO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Minister, o e tsere ka botswerere. Ke ne ke re gone mme jaaka o araba jalo, tota bontsi jwa dikole gone kwa Tlokweng, potso e ke sala ke e tsentse ka *December*, mme ga go ise go nne le *improvement* epe e e kalo. Dikole tsotlhe tsa Tlokweng e leng Mafitlhakgosi, Botsalano, Batlokwa National School le Kgosi Kgosi, go santse go na le seemo seo. Gape mo godimo ga moo, le *notes* di a pala, bana ba tla kwa malwapeng ba neetswe dipampiri gore batsadi ba *print* ka gore ga go na *printers*. Ke gore Tlokweng otlhe fela ga go na fa dikole tsotlhe ka bone jwa tsone, *where they can print*, jaanong ke seemo se se bothoko. Wa reng ka seemo seo Tona, a ke tlaa bona thuso gongwe pele ga madi a tswalelwa, ke utlwa gotwe a tloga a tswalelwa ke Rre Motaosane?

MR MOSWAANE: Mma ke go leboge Motlotlegi Pheny Segokgo, ka letshwenyego le le kalo. Ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore fano ke na le *list of stock levels on how we supplied stationery* ka teng mo dikoleng tsa gago motlotlegi. Ke tsaya ke re gongwe fa go na le mathata, gongwe ka fa ntle ga Palamente re kopane re bone gore re *normalise* seemo jang gore a mme go boammaaruri di santse di tlhela. Go ya ka fa re amogetseng pego ka teng mo Tlokweng District Council, *the process has been completed* ya go isa *stationery* mo dikoleng tse nne jaaka ke supile. E bile ke tsaya gore seemo se re buang ka sone mo nakong ya gompiano se mo go reng re kgotsofadiwa ke gore *stationery* se teng rraetsho. Ke sena pelaelo e e kalokalo ka ngongorego ke re gongwe ka boeteledipele jo re nang le jone jaaka e le nna ke le *Minister* ka kwano, wena o le Mopalamente, ke se ka ka go tsholola fela. Dilo tse dingwe a re tle re bone gore re di gatisetsa mmogo kwa ntle re itebaganye le ba dikhansele le ba dikole. *Thank you so much.*

RELOCATION OF SOME SERVICES TO TONOTA SUB-LAND BOARD

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when services for Matsitama, Mathangwane, Jamataka and Makobo will be relocated to Tonota Sub-Land Board so as to bring services closer to the people.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you Mr Speaker;* mma ke leboge potso ya ga motlotlegi. Ga re ise re ko re bone kopu epe ya gore motse wa Matsitama, Mathangwane, Jamataka le Makobo dithuso tsa bone tse di amanang le tsa ditsha di fudusediwe kwa Tonota Sub-Land Board. E bile ke a tlhologanya gore dithuso tse dingwe fela kwa ntle ga tse di amanang le ditsha, ba di bona kwa motseng wa Tonota. Ke re gongwe ke gakolole motlotlegi gore ba kopane e le boeteledipele ba ye go sekaseka. Fa ba tsere tshwetso ya gore ba batla gore go nne jalo, *ministry* o ka fefoga ka pela gore o tle o tsamaisa se ba se dumalaneng. Re tlaabo re eme fela ka lona motlotlegi ka gore Puso ya UDC ke e e reetsang se batho ba se batlang. *Thank you.*

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker* go mpha sebaka. Ke gone ke bonang gore go na le pharologanyo fa gare ga khansela le Palamente. Ke gakologelwa ke kopa metse ya Jamataka le Makobo, e bile ga bo ga dumalanwa re le kwa khanseleng ka 2016 gore e ye go tseela ditirelo tsa yone tsa *land board* kwa Tonota. Tla ke go tseye fela ke riana *Minister*, kana go molemo fa ditirelo di tseelwa golo go le gongwefela. Motse wa Marapong o ntlha e nngwe e sele kwa bofelong kwa, motse wa Tonota le one o kwa bofelong fela kwa, mme metse e ke e nankolang e, yotlhe e tseela ditirelo tsa yone tsa khansela kwa Tonota.

Jaanong go raya gore fa o emelela o tswa kwa Matsitama o batla go kopanya ditirelo, ga re o ye kwa Tonota o bo o ya kwa Marapong mme Marapong a le ntlha e nngwe e sele. A nee re le Puso, a go tsaya ditirelo re di isa gautshwane le batho, a ditshwetso tse ga se tse re tshwanelwang ke go di tsaya re lebeletse tsotlhe tsa *land board*, khansela le metsi re di ise golo go le gongwefela *before consultations* di ka nna teng? A ga re bone go tshwanetse go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo gore ditirelo tsotlhe di tseelwe golo go le gongwefela? Ke a leboga *Honourable Member.*

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke gone mo ke neng ke bua jalo mo karabong ya me ke re se o se buang ke boammaaruri. Fela ka gore ga re ise re nne

le kopo e e tlang e re lemotsha jalo gore le batla go nna jaana, ke gone mo ke tlhalosang ke re direlang ka pele le le boeteledipele, le bo le tlisa kopo re tlaa e tsibogela ka pele. *Thank you.*

ILLEGAL MINING IN MATSILOJE

MRT. FURNITURE (TATIEAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on illegal mining happening in the Matsiloje area and measures in place to prevent this.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you.* Ke go leboge motlotlegi ka potso ya gago ka gore o bulela batho ba kgaolo. Ke tlhalose jaana gore *ministry* o ke leng mo go one o tlhologanya thata gore go na le diemo tse di ntseng jalo. Batho ba a tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele ba tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana mo kgaolong e o e tlhalosang fa, ba ya go epa gauta e se ka fa molaong. E bile go fitlhelwa go na le *shafts* tsa bogologolo tsa *before independence*, ba tsena mo go tsone ba epa gauta mme ba dirisa le metlhale ya segompiano ya go dupa ba tsamaya ka ditshipi ba bo ba epa.

Gone mo jaaka o tlhalosa go dirile gore ba masimo mo kgaolong eo ba felele ba tshaba go nna kwa teng ba bona boketeketse jwa batho ba ba sa ba itseng, ba bo ba sia ka gore o fitlhela go na le ditiro tse di maswe tse di diragalang. Jaanong ke gone mo ke tlhalosang jalo gore *ministry* wa me *is aware* gore go na le dilo tse di ntseng jalo. Re setse re buile le ba ba maleba jaaka ba itshireletso jaaka mapodise le masole gore ba tsiboge ka pele ka gore seemo se fa se ka lebelelwa se ntse jalo, o ka fitlhela se beile Batswana mo dipharagobeng tse ditona ka gore fa gongwe le bogale bo le teng mo go bone. Jaanong ke gone mo ke rialong ke re mapodise le masole ba tsibogile ka pele. E tlaa re mo bogautshwaneng o bone kgaolo ele e aperwe ke *security* sa rona gore re tle re rebe seemo se se diragalang mo nakong ya gompiano.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Nte ke go leboge Tona. Tota gongwe ke ne ke re e ya gore le tsibogile ka ba sepodise le sesole, gongwe re name re e beetse kwa thoko ka gore go supafala gore go a retela. Ga o akanye gore le le lephata gongwe le dire ditshekatshoko tsa bokete jwa *gold* e gore ke bokae gore *in a long term solution*, le bo le ntsha (*issue*) *licenses* tsa gore gongwe e epiwe ka fa molaong gore re se ka ra tlhola re ntse re tladitse masole le mapodise re re ba alolane le batswakwa?

Se sengwe gape sa bobedi ke gore kotlhao e o fitlhelwang o ikepetse *gold* ke P1, 000.00, a ga le bone gore gone moo jaanong go rotloetsa gore batho ba epe, a bo a ya go e rekisa ka P100,000.00 a itse gore o tlaa tla a ntsha P1, 000.00 a duela kgang e bo e fela?

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke re ke tlhalose jaana gore ya mapodise le masole ga se e re ka e seegelang kwa thoko. Ke gone mo ke neng ke tlhalosa ke re mo nakong ya gompiano re baakanya jalo gore mapodise le masole ba ye gone koo go ya go reba seemo ka gore ga re na go itse gore fa re ka sekaseka gore ra re re ya go dira eng ka yone, mme bone batho ba setse ba tlhasetse kwa re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle. Go botlhokwa thata gore mapodise le masole ba bo ba le koo ba ye go reba seemo gore matshelo a batho a tle a babalesege.

Ke supe jaana gore mo kgakololong ya gago ya bofelo, *ministry* wa me o tlaa lebelela thata go bona gore jaanong *in future* re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore gone go a supafala gore sengwenyana se teng. Fa o bona batho ba tla ka dipalo tse di kana go supafala gore *gold* e teng. Re tlaa bona gore re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke yone e ke neng ke re ke e arabe jalo. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MINING OF SAND IN MAHALAPYE RIVER

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she:

- (i) is aware of the state of the Mahalapye River with regards to excessive mining of sand;
- (ii) is aware of developments activities in the area where villages benefited due to Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) ; and
- (iii) has plans to develop a model that will benefit the villages along the Mahalapye River.

MR SPEAKER: Mo reetseng, se ntse le mmitsa thibang diphotlha.

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

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MATHOOTHE): Ga ke a utlwa ba bua jalo...

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

MR MATHOOTHE: Le le tswa kwa go *Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke ba ba gaufi le nna *Honourable Mathoothe*, gongwe wena ga o ba utlwe koo.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhalose jaana gore re a tlhloganya e bile re a bona gore go epiwa motlhaba mo nokeng ya Mahalapye. Bokete jwa batho ba ba epang motlhaba ke ba ba tswang ntlheng e e ka kwano ya Gaborone.

Mr Speaker, re tsere tshwetso ya gore jaanong mo dikopong tsa *licenses* tsa *mining* go simolola ka *prospecting* re tlaabo re di emisa mo bofelong jwa kgwedi e, re bo re sekaseka jaanong gore go ya pele ka go tsaya motlhaba mo molapong re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORY (LMO) COMMITTEE

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Higher Education:

- (i) to state the mandate of the Labour Market Observatory (LMO) Committee and if it has achieved any of the goals set out in its mandate;
- (ii) how effective this committee has been in collecting and disseminating data on Botswana's labour market;
- (iii) if LMO reports and findings are being used to inform policies and strategies aimed at reducing unemployment and addressing graduates and labour market skills mismatches;
- (iv) what steps Government is taking to ensure that the LMO has adequate resources, capacity, and technology to fulfil its mandate;
- (v) to provide examples of key initiatives or decisions that have been directly influenced by the LMO's work; and
- (vi) what mechanisms are in place to ensure collaboration between the LMO, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and other stakeholders to create a cohesive approach to workforce development and employment creation.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Just so that you allow the answer, I will invoke Standing Order 38.4. The question is four pages Mr Speaker, can I go ahead and read or?

MR SPEAKER: I invoke Standing Order 38.4. You will give the Honourable Member a written answer.

MR MAELE: Thank you Mr Speaker.

ZUTSHWA SALT PAN MINE

MR R. M. LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise this Honourable House on the upgrading of the Zutshwa Salt Pan Mine with the intention to create employment in Kgalagadi North.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke go lebogetse motlotlegi go bo o boditse ka kgang e mo kgaolong ya gago ya Zutshwa. Ke tlhalose jaana gore moepo o ke *project* e e leng gore ke ya morafe. *It is a community based project* e tsamaisiwa ke ba Qhaa Qhing Conservation Trust, e e bonwang kwa motseng wa Zutshwa.

Project e e simolotse ka ngwaga ole wa 1989, e ne e simololwa ke ba Lekalana la Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC), mme e thusiwa ka fa tlase ga Corporation for Research Development and Education. *Project* e e ne ya lebagana le bothata jwa gore a bo e sa dire sentle go fitlhelela e ba e phuthama. E rile ka ngwaga wa kgwedi ya August 2014, *project* e ya tsosoloswa gape e le ka fa tlase ga Office of the President (OP) ka fa tlase ga Lenaneo la *Poverty Eradication Programme, facilitated by Rural Development Council (RDC).*

E rile go ntse go tsamaya jalo, ga lebelelwa gore kana *project* e ka bo yone, e bo e le kgwebo. Ke gone mo ba Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) ba neng ba tsenya letsogo le bone ba tsosolosa *project* e gore ba bone gore mme ke e e ka tsamaisiwang fela e le kgwebo gore fa dingwaga di ntse di tsamaya, e se ka ya iphitlhela e le gore jaanong ga e sa tlhole e dira sentle. Mo nakong ya gompiano, *project* ya Zutshwa e na le *ponds* di le 46, di le pedi e le *holding ponds*, di le 44 e le tsa *crystallisation ponds* kwa go omisiwang teng.

E kgona gore e ntshe *tonnes* di le *eight* ka kgwedi, mme *project* e e tsamaisiwa ka didiba di le pedi tse di bidiwang *Brian*, *yield* ya teng e kwa tlase thata. Re le solofetse gore fa e ka gola e lebilwe e le ya kgwebo e ka kgona gore e ntshe ditiro tse di ka bonalang mo kgaolong ya Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Maikaelelo a matona ke gore e godisiwe ka go epa didiba tse dingwe gape di ka tshwara *five* gore jaanong re tle re oketse *production* go ya go tsena kwa go 400 *tons per month* le go dira ditiro tse di ka gorogang kwa go 100 gone mo motseng wa Zutshwa. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR LEKUTLANE: *Supplementary.* Mma ke go leboge Tona le fa Leader of the Opposition (LOO) a ntse a go bitsa mainaina, mme ke leboge ka fa o tshwereng potso ya me ka teng. *Mr Speaker*, ke sale morago kgang e, go supagala fa go na le *potentiality of growth* kwa moepong wa Zutshwa jaaka Tona a bua. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore ka golo fa le wena o a bona gore *there is potentiality Honourable Minister*, maikaelelo a lephata la gago ke eng go tsosolosa ditiro tse Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e di supileng gore e tlaa di dira e bile e le go emisa gore batho ba morafe wa rona wa kwa Kgalagadi District o se ka wa ne o *migrate to* ditiro kwa bo Francistown le Kanye? O re solofetsa gore o tlaa re thusa go le kae go oketsa moepo oo? *Gape on top of that, to ease doing business* ka gore *that community trust* e na le tumalano le Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) gore ba kgone go reka letswai mo go bone.

Mathata gompiano e le gore bokete jwa yone ke tsela. O ikaelela go re thusa jang *for easing business* gone foo gore bogolo tsela eo ya Zutshwa-Hukuntsi e ka tshelwa sekonetere? Kgang ya lekgarapana ga e re thuse ka gore le gompiano jaana le fa nako e re neng re le kwa le Rre Moswaane, tsela e e santse e ntse jaaka e ntse e bile e nna *worse* jaaka maloba pula e ne e nele. O ka re thusa jang *Honourable Minister*?

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke a leboga motlotlegi, gongwe jaaka ke ne ke tlhalositse ke bua gore maikaelelo ke gore re oketse didiba tse di leng teng tse di ntshang letswai, re di ise kwa go botlhano. Ke tlhalositse gore ba LEA le bone ba a thusa gore golo mo e nne *a business*. Se se raya gore jaanong ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, Ministers are disturbing.

MR SPEAKER: Le se ka la mo tlhodia, la tlhodia le Mapalamente, ba utlwe.

MR MATHOOTHE: Jaaka le ba LEA ba setse ba le mo teng, ke tlhalosa jalo gore re go tsaya e le kgwebo, go raya gore re ya go dira dithulaganyo tsa gore e gole e ye kwa pele, re lomogane le ba *ministry* o mongwe jaaka *Ministry* wa *Trade* gore jaanong ba ka bona gore *can be funded* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gone mo ke supileng jalo gore *expansion* ya teng e ya go tsenya didiba tse tlhano gore re tle re oketse *production* e tswe kwa go 80 tons per month e ye kwa go 400 tons per month. Re oketsa babereki. Ke one maikaelelo a Goromente wa UDC go tswela o tlhama ditiro fa go bonalang teng gore ditiro di ka nna teng. *Thank you.*

BOCRA

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

- (i) to explain her ministry's relationship with the Botswana Communication Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) personnel in primary schools;
- (ii) whether they are contracted by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs and the wages paid by BOCRA; and
- (iii) who should absorb them at the end of their three (3) year term contract.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e le Batswana ka kakaretso. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Lephata la Tlanelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa kwa Modimong, le na le tshwaragano kana tumalano le BOCRA. Gape le na le tshwaragano le *Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs* le *Ministry of Communications and Innovation* go diragatsa *project* ya tomagano ya tsa maranyane. Go tloga ka 2018, go fitlhelela gompiano, BOCRA ka Universal Access and Service Fund (UASF) e kgonne go hira badiri ba le 205 ba tsa maranyane mo dikoleng di le 205 tse di potlana, kwa Ghanzi, Charles Hill, Kgalagadi, Tsabong, Mabutsane, Mogoditshane, Thamaga, Letlhakeng, Kweneng le Goodhope. Ka tshwaragano yone e, BOCRA e kgonne go tlisa tomagano ya maranyane le didirisiwa go thusa go fetola thuto mo dikoleng tse di potlana.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, babereki ba tsa maranyane ba tshwaraganetswe ke BOCRA, UASF le Lephata la Tlanelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa kwa Modimong kwa khirong ya bone. Dituelo tsa bone di duelwa ka botlalo ke BOCRA go tswa mo go yone UASF. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *Ministry* wa *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*, o na le boikarabelo jwa go hira babereki ba e seng barutabana mo dikoleng tse di potlana.

Fa Lephata la Tlanelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa Moding lone le itebagantse fela le barutabana. Ka jalo fa go sa ntse go na le dipuisanyo tse di tswelletseng, ka bokamoso jwa go tlisa babereki ba tsa maranyane, lephata le gompiano tota le lebagang le go hira babereki ba tsa maranyane, ke la *Local Government and Traditional*

Affairs kana Communications and Innovation ba e leng gore ke bone ba hirang bone babereki, mme ba bo ba ba romela kwa maphateng a mangwe a ga Goramente. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Potso e ke ka e latedisang jaanong ke gore ka gore ba bereka ka konteraka, motsing konteraka ya bone e welang, a lephata la rona la thuto e potlana, ga le na maikaelelo ape a go ba *absorb*? Gape kana le *scale* sa bone ba amogela ka sa *B even though* e le *degree holders*. Ke ne ke ipotsa gore yone eo Tona le e bona e ntse jang go dirisa batho ka tsela e e ntseng jalo?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Mma ke leboge *Honourable* Bogatsu ka go kopa go tlaletswa mo puisanong ya gompiano le karabo. Ke re tota ka gore ba hirwa ke one maphata a mabedi a ke setseng ke a buile, mme ba ba hira jalo ka *contract*, kana go raya gore ditumalano tse tsotlhe tsa khiro ya bone ba di dira le *ministries* tse pedi tseo, kwa go rona ba tsiwisa fela gotwe tsamayang le ye go thegelela kwa. Mo go rayang gore tota re le Lephata la Tlamelo ya Bana le Thuto go tswa kwa Moding, le yone *budget* tota ya go hira babereki ba mofuta, ga re na yone.

Ya gore ba duelwa ka B Scale, le yone e ntse e tshwana le yone eo mongwame, ga ba wele ka fa tlase ga lephata la me, gongwe le gompiano tota ga ke na kitso e ntsi ka kgang eo. Fa e le gore gongwe ke ka e tlhotlhomisa, ke ka e tlhotlhomisa ra bonana kwa ntle mme e seng gompiano. Ke a leboga.

STATUS OF THE BLUE MARK SERVICE

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the Blue Mark Service offered by Botswana Railways (BR), he should further explain:

- (i) if the service is still offered inhouse by BR, if not, who it is currently outsourced to; and
- (ii) whether BR controls the courier service charges for this service.

Later Date.

ALLOCATION OF RESIDENTIAL PLOTS IN KUMAKWANE

MR P. K. MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture when his ministry will allocate residential plots in Kumakwane.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Mma ke leboge *Honourable* Motaosane ka potso e ya batho ba Kumakwane. Ke arabe jaana gore re tlaa ya go baya lefatshe kwa motseng wa Kumakwane kwa bofelelong jwa *this financial year* ya 2025/2026. Re setse re bone lefatshe la selekanyo sa *hectares* di le 131. Re a dupa mo nakong ya gompiano mme re solofetse jalo gore re ye go ntsha *plots* di ka tshwara 1,300.

Mo nakong ya gompiano jaaka ke bua, re simolotse jalo *detailed layout, surveying* le *to upload* mo the *Land Information System*. Fa re fetsa, re tlaabo re ya go baya batho ba Kumakwane. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary. Thank you. Honourable Minister-at-Large,* ke a go utlwa e bile ke lebogela karabo *but there is something* se se ntshwenyang se ke sa dumeleng gore ke a bo ke bolelelwa boammaaruri. *Early last year around April, I asked the same question* and ke ne ke solofeditse gore *by October last year*, batho ba Kumakwane ba tlaabo ba bewa, *that never happened*. Le gompiano jaaka o bua jaana, ke a itse gore go tewa fela gore ke didimale. *Are you aware Minister* gore go sale go bewa la bofelo kwa Kumakwane ka 2016? Ga go ise go bewe ope *up to now*, mme go na le *plots which have long been acquired*. Ke eng le sa sege lefatshe *which have long been acquired* le le foo, le duetswe, sengwe le sengwe se duetswe? Yang go baya batho, a le baya ba le 50 kana ba le kae, *it does not matter, at the end of the day*, sengwe se tlaabo se diragala kwa Kumakwane.

It is now more than 10 years batho ba Kumakwane gotlhelele ba se ke ba bo ba bona peo. *Are you telling me* gore kgang e o e mpolelelang e, batho ba Kumakwane ba tswelele ba lete go fitlhelela ngwaga e e fela le gone ba ntse ba ise ba bewe *Minister*? Ke yone potso e ke batlang go e tlhaloganya, mme e bile kwa bofelelong, ke kopa gore lephata la gago le ye go buisa phuthego ya Kgotla kwa Kumakwane *as soon as possible, please*.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke dumalana thata le *Honourable* Motaosane gore re kile ra welwa ke seru sa gore fa re sena gongwe dipotso di arabiwa ka nako eo mo Pusong ele ya maloba, e bo e le gore ga go diragale. Ke batla gore ke mo tlhomamisetse gore ke ne ke na le wena ka nako eo, e o neng o bolelelwa jalo. Gompiano mo Pusong e ntsha ya UDC, ke a tlhomamisa gore se ke se buang fa, ke sone se e leng gore re ya go se diragatsa. Ke tsaya gore mathata a o nnileng le one mo dingwageng tse 10 tse di fetileng e tlaa re ngwaga o a bo a fedile mo Pusong e ntsha e re buang ka yone.

E bile ke bo ke go tlhomamisetse gore re tlaa rulaganya *Honourable* Motaosane gore re ye kwa Kumakwane go buisa phuthego. *Thank you.*

RESIDENTIAL HOUSES OWNED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to provide detailed information on:

- (i) the number of residential houses owned by the Central Government;
- (ii) how many of these houses are occupied;
- (iii) how many are not occupied; and
- (iv) how many are dilapidated.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga morena wa me *Mr Speaker*, dumela. Rre Nkawana, ke a go leboga le batlhophi ba gago ba Selebi Phikwe go bo a boditse potso e.

Matlo a a tlhokometsweng ke Lephata la *Water and Human Settlement* a 2,714. Mme mo matlong a, a a nang le batho a 2,541. Mo go one a, go raya gore a a senang batho a 173. *Mr Speaker*, mo go one matlo a, a a senyegileng (*dilapidated*) a 96.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ke supe gore kana go na le matlo a mangwe a gotweng *institutional houses*, a bo Botswana Defence Force (BDF), *Prisons*, *Police*, *nurses* fela jalojalo. Jaanong dipalo tseo ga di ame matlo a a ka fa tlase ga rona a re a tlhokometseng. Ke re gongwe Rre Nkawana a se ka a re ga ke a a tsenya mo teng. Ka jalo, ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Rre Nkawana.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker* le Tona *Honourable* Ramogapi. Fa ke dira dipalo tse o neng o di nneela, go na le matlo a a 77 a o sa supeng seemo sa one. Fa e le gore o a beile fela foo, ga a *occupied*, ga o supe fa e le gore a senyegile, a ko o arabe gore o a beetse eng? Ke eng fa a sena batho mo go one? Fa e le gore gongwe o na le karabo, a lebaka le le kae a se *occupied*? O bo o supe gape gore a a 96 a o reng a mo seemong se se sa itumediseng, maikaelelo a gago ke eng ka one? Fa e le gore o mo seemong sa go dira sengwe, go tlaa tsaya lebaka le le kae? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Matlo a a 96 a a senang batho, tota boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gore a senyegile. Puso e e fetileng e ne e ya a tlogela fela a ntse jaaka a ntse, mme rona gompiano ka gore re

mo lenaneong la gore re dire kgang e gotweng Bonno National Housing, ke mangwe a matlo a e leng gore ke rile re lebelele thata re tlhodumele gore a matlo a gotlhelele fa a tlogetswe jaana, a ga a na ka fa a ka baakanngwang ka teng a bo a dirisiwa ka gore go lebega *plots* tsa teng gape di le di tona. Mme e bile matlo a, tota boammaaruri ke gore bontsi jwa one a kwa Mahalapye. Fa o feta go bapa le *Police* ya Mahalapye, o tlaa bona matlo ao a le mantsintsi. Ke ne ke ntse ke ba raya ke re, le mpoletseng kwa Phikwe, gongwe e ka tloga ya re ka *supplementary* a botsa gore kwa Phikwe a kae, ba re mme kwa Phikwe a a ka fa tlase ga rona ga go na ape.

Jaanong tota matlo a e leng gore ga a *occupied*, ga a *occupied* ka mabaka a gore a senyegile. Ga se gore a tlogetswe fela, ke gore a senyegile jaanong a bo a tlogelwa fela o kare a a latlhiwa. Ke bothata jo re bo lemogileng. Mme jaaka ke buile rraetsho, re mo tseleng ya gore matlo a otlhe re a batle, re bone gore re ka a baakanya jang, e bo e nna karolo nngwe ya Bonno, gore batho ba ka a reka, re a baakanya batho ba a reka, kana re a baakanya batho ba nna mo teng ka gore, *costs* tsa teng ga ke tseye gore di ka tshwana le fa o simolola ntlo sesha, *unless* e le gore gongwe a na le mo gotweng ke *structural defects*. Ke a leboga *Sir*.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure Mr Speaker. Honourable* Ramogapi ga a araba potso ya bobedi e e neng e bodiwa. Go na le a o reng a *dilapidated*, a ko o lebelele dipalo tsa gago sentle. O rile matlo otlhe a 2,714. O bo o re a *occupied*, a a nang le batho ba ba nnang mo go one a 2,541, go sala 173. O bo o re go na le a *unoccupied*, go bo go nna le a a *dilapidated*, one o rile a 96. *When you deduct numbers* tse tsotlhe mo go 2,714 go na le 77 yo o fa thoko. Potso e ne e re, 77 yo ke eng a le *unoccupied*, ga a reye *as part of the dilapidated*, di farologane?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke tsaya gore ke e arabile mogolole, ga ke itse gore gongwe ga re a utlwana fa kae. Gongwe le nna ke re ke e arabile ke sa e araba. Dipalo tse fa ke di bala tsotlhe, *I checked and checked*, ga ke itse gore a e nngwe e ka tswa e le gore e nyeletse fa kae. E le gore matlo a a 96 a setseng...ke rile a 96 a a setseng a *unoccupied*, 96. Jaanong one a a 96 a e leng gore ga a na ope, ga a na ope ka lebaka la gore, a *dilapidated* kana a senyegile. A 173 a ke neng ke bua ka one, ke rile ao...mma ke e tseye fela jaaka e ntse gongwe ka puo ya Sekgoa ke se ka ka go tsietsa *Honourable* Nkawana.

“Mr Speaker, there are 173 houses that remain unoccupied.” Ke bo ke boa gape ke ya kwa tlase ke re *“Mr Speaker, 96 out of 173 houses that remain unoccupied are currently in a dilapidated state.”* Le fa ke dira dipalo tsa me ga ke ise ke bone 77, mme fela kgang e e teng...

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Ema pele ke wele. Ke ne ke re fa ke dira dipalo tsa me ga ke ise ke bone 77. O na le dipotso di le *four*; jaanong dipotso tse tsa gago tsotlhe tse ke di arabile.

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Thuso ke ka e amogela, ga ke na bothata.

MR SALESHANDO: *Clarification. Honourable Ramogapi a re e tseye jaana, total number Roman one ke 2,714, ke gone fa o simololang teng foo, matlo otlhe, total. Out of 2,714 fa o ya to add kwa go Roman two, number of the houses that are occupied o e kopanya le not occupied, which is Roman three, o e kopanya le Roman four; dilapidated 96, di tshwanetse di ye to add back to 2,714, they do not. Go na le matlo a le 77 that you did not account for; gongwe go tlaa re o ye go e leba gape o tle o...*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Ramogapi, *go raya gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, kana* you are saying the 96 houses are unoccupied on account of dilapidation, so it leaves us 77 out of the 173 that are unoccupied. *Jaanong* those 77 could be unoccupied for other reasons, that is the reasons that they are looking for; is it because *go di transfer*, they will be occupied *kana a tlhoka* minor refurbishments, *a a rekisiwa*, all of those?

MR RAMOGAPI: *Mr Speaker*, se ke ka tsenang mo go sone fela ke gore, *figures* tse go tlaa re ke di lebe gape ke se ka ka ganetsana le *Honourable* Nkawana a nthusa, ka gore fa ke tswa kwa ofising ke di lebile. Jaanong ga ke itse gore e nngwe e ka tswa e timetse fa kae.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Ramogapi, the issue is not the figures per se, it is the reasons for the 77 unoccupied houses, the reasons.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa *Mr Speaker*, ga o tlhaloganye, kgang ke *figures* tse e leng gore ga di nyalane, ka gore ba garona ba re, nnyaa mo *figures* tse ke di fileng go na le tse 77 gape.

MR PULE: *Point of order:* Ga ke itse gore a motlotlegi *is in order*, go go raya a re, *“Mr Speaker* ga o tlhaloganye,” ke kopa gore a boele mafoko ao morago. Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa ke a boela kwa morago ka boikokobetso. Ke ne ke raya gore re thusane, ga go na lefoko lepe le ke ka le dirisang, intshwarele *Mr Speaker*, ke bua ka tlotla.

Ke ne ke re fa ke utlwa sentle se Rre Nkawana a se buang ke gore, *figures* tse fa ba di nyalanya di supa gore go sala 77. Jaanong nna fa ke emelela kwa ofising ke emeletse e le gore *they correspond*. Ke sone se ke reng, mme go raya gore ke di tlhakanye ka bofelo ke tle ke dumalane le wena gore, mme ka boammaaaruri go na le 77 yo o nyeletseng gone fa, kana ke *typing error*. Fa e le gore gongwe a mangwe a nyeletse, kana go botsa le a bo le re thusa, fa gongwe gone fa matlo a mangwe re a bo re sa itse gore a kae. Dilo tsa Puso ya Domkrag o se ka wa di tsaya motlhofo. Ke raya gore ke amogela kgakololo e, ke tlaa baakanya. Ke simolola gone gompieno jaana ke a tlhakanya, ke tlaa boela kwa go wena Rre Nkawana.

BORDER CROSSING FACILITY FOR OLIPHANT'S DRIFT, RAMOTLABAKI AND PHALA CAMP

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Finance to state:

- (i) if the Government has any intention or plan to construct a border crossing facility for the people in Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki, and Phala Camp who currently struggle to cross at the Sikwane Border Post; and
- (ii) the timeframe for when this plan will be implemented.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Mr Speaker, let me acknowledge the challenges that may be faced by residents of Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki and Phala Camp in accessing the nearest Border Post, being the Sikwane Border Post. Let me also hasten to say that the challenge is not only peculiar to the residents of these villages alone but are universal for all Batswana who might have to travel long distances from their homes to access border facilities.

Mr Speaker, it is a fact that the cross-border movement is essential for the socio-economic activities of the affected communities and as such, Government would be happy to open additional borders in all affected strategic places. However, there are obviously constraints Mr Speaker.

First of all, this decision would have to be guided by several critical factors, including but not limited to:

- (a) The anticipated volume of cross-border traffic and trade activity in the proposed area;
- (b) The security implications and requirements for border control;
- (c) Bilateral agreements and mutual interests between neighbouring countries, and in this case, Botswana and the Republic of South Africa; and finally
- (d) The availability of financial resources to establish and sustain such a border facility.

Mr Speaker, it is an open secret that Government is currently grappling with serious budgetary constraints. Should the fiscal position improve, sufficiently, and other necessary conditions mentioned above also warrant the establishment of a border crossing facility in the Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki, and Phala Camp area, Government will engage the Republic of South Africa.

Mr Speaker, at this juncture though, due to the constraints relayed above, including the P300 million annual expenditure in recent years and the implied P15 million recurrent expenditure for new border developments in recent years. In light of this, the Government has no intention or plan to construct a new border crossing facility at Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki and Phala Camp area. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ka boikokobetso *Mr Speaker*, ke utlwile Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona ya Madi ka fa a buang ka teng. Tota kana kgang e a buang ka yone, ga ke itse gore a Tona o a itse gore go kile ga nna le *request* ya mofuta o kwa Kgaolong ya Borolong, kwa Tshidilamolomo. E e feletseng go dumalanwe ke mafatshe a mabedi a Aferika Borwa le Botswana gore, go agiwe a *lighter version* ya *border crossing point*, e e neng e sa batle madi a a kalokalo. Ga ke itse gore a Tona golo moo o a go itse.

Sa bobedi Tona, a o a itse gore *we are incurring a lot of losses of human life* kwa kgaolong ele *as a result of the fact that border post* ya Sikwane *is almost 140 kilometers (kms) from batho* ba Phala Camp ba ba sa kgoneng *to travel on bad roads to come and cross* mo Sikwane. Tona, o a itse gore batho ba kgaolo e ya Oliphant's Drift, Ramotlabaki and Phala Camp ba bereka mo dipolaseng tsa kwa Aferika Borwa, ba dira *casual labours and temporary jobs* tse fa gongwe ba patelesegang gore ba tlole molelwane *illegally*. Ke dilo tse dingwe tse ke ipotsang gore a Tona o a di itse.

Finally Tona, ke go kope gore a ga o bone go ne go ka nna botoka gore le wena o tle o nne *very close to the subject matter* e ke buang ka yone. O romele *team of experts* ba ba yang *to assess* seemo sa kgaolo ele, e le a *view* ya gore fa o tswa koo, *inform yourself* ka *information* e e leng gore e ka re fa o ya *to approach* Lefatshe la Aferika Borwa, *at least* o bo o na le *facts about that area*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Honourable Member of Parliament. I have to assure you that this is not a case peculiar to these areas. There are many instances across the country where all the issues that you raise, the first of which you say there are options for lighter duty type borders. The second, the loss of human life as a result of these failures to have a comprehensive, and the case of our people working in these areas.

I want to take the last bit which I consider to be your advice, which is that I should invest more time looking more closely at these issues and what can be done. *Ke a leboga*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *nako ya dipotso e fedile*. I understand that the Leader of the House has a Business Motion to table.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke eletsa gore ka tsetlana ya ditsamaiso tsa dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e leng No. 25.2, gore Ntlo e e fano e tseye tshwetso ya gore kamoso e le ka Laboraro, go se ka ga nna le bokopano bope go letlelela gore re kgone gore Mapalamente rotlhe re tsenelele modiro o go tlaabong go fetisiwa tumalano ya mafatshe ya go lemoga SADC Parliamentary Forum, e le lekalana la SADC. Ke a sutisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

E nngwe e ke neng ke re ke e sutise ke gore, Palamente go simolola ka Labone fa e tla e boela, e simolole go tsena ka nako ya bobedi go fitlha nako ya borataro, gona le jaaka e ntse e tswa gompiano ka nako ya bosupa. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that Parliament to not sit tomorrow, and that on Thursday until the end of this meeting we revert to normal sitting hours of 2 to 6 o'clock.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure.* *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ka re gongwe mafoko a ga Tona a fapaana go le go nnyennyane le a gago. E rile fa a ntsha Tshutiso a bo a re gore Mapalamente otlhe ba tle ba kgone *to attend*. *Mr*

Speaker fa a bua o rile ba ba laleditsweng ba tlaa bona, jaanong ke re gongwe re e tlhatswe, e re re dumalana le Tshutiso re itse gore a ke ba ba laleditsweng kana ke botlhe.

Le mo boseyong jwa gagwe fa, Rre Mmolotsi o ne a kopile gore fa go nang le bokgoni jwa gore e direlwe mo Palamenteng ka go na le *space*, a go nne gone. Fa go sena, le gone go ntse go sena molato. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a dumedisana. Ke ne ke re gongwe go tlhatswiwe le ya bokopano jwa *Cabinet*, gore a go tewa gore le yone e tlaabo e seyo. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke dumela gore Tshutiso e re e beilweng pele ke Tona wa Ofisi ya ga Tautona, ga ke bone e ka ganwa ke ope. Ke dumela gore ke tiro ya Palamente, re bontlha bongwe jwa Palamente e e tlaabong e tshwere tiro kamoso. Jaanong go tlaabo go le thona go bona tiro e e kalo e e dirwang mo lefatsheng la rona re le Palamente, e bile bone bao ba solofetse gore re ka ba amogela ka diatla tsoopedi, re bo re itira e kete ga re bone gore go diragala eng. Ke dumalana le Tshutiso ya gagwe.

Ke bo ke dumalana le Tshutiso ya gore a re boeleng kwa tsamaisong ya go tsena mo nakong e e beilweng e e itseeng ya Palamente, ka gore go lebea bokete jwa tiro e re ntseng re leka go e kgarametsa gore e fele, e tlaa wela go sena makgwere ape.

Ya boraro ke e e buiwang ke *Honourable Mmolotsi, and raised by Honourable Lekau*. Go neela tshono mongwe le mongwe wa Mopalamente, gongwe re ka kopa Tona ka gore tiro e kwa *Office of the President*, a ba ka se ke fa e le gore ga ba a siiwa ke nako le dithulaganyo tsa go e baakanyetsa, ya tla ya direlwa mo Palamenteng gore mongwe le mongwe a phuthologe go e lebelela le go e direla. Mapalamente ba na le ditlo le *space* fela se se lekaneng, se ke dumela gore le *those Executives and official leaders will have enough space* se ba ka se dirisang. Le batho gongwe ba ka tla go reetsa le go lebelela ba le mo *gallery*. Ke dumela gore e ka nna kgang e e siametseng lefatsheng la Botswana le Botswana ka kakaretso. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Motion be agreed to.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Let us go to Committee of Supply.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Procedure.* Ke ne ke re gongwe dipotso tse di neng di botswa tsele, ke ne ke bona o kare di botlhokwa. Ke ne ke re gongwe di tlaa arabiwa, Tona a re thuse ka gore a go *voluntary* kana *involuntary*, a re tla rotlhe, a ga re tle rotlhe, a go direlwa fa, a go direlwa go sele. Ke ne ke tsere gore gongwe Tona o tlaa re thusa a re tsenye mo tseleng, jaanong ke bona e tlogelwa fela *hanging*. *I think* Mapalamente le bone *are confused as much as I am*. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR SPEAKER: Ba ba neng ba ka nna *confused* ke ba ba tsileng thari, ka gore ke sale ke tlhalositse *this issue*. E rile fela re goroga ke bo ke e *clarify*. Ba ba *confused* ke ba ba tsileng thari, botsang ba le bapileng le bone se ke neng ke se bua.

MR LEKAU: On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, I was here earlier. My point was there is a contradicting statement and the question was which one do we adopt, his or yours?

MR SPEAKER: Certainly there is no contradiction *ka gore ke le tlhaloseditse batlotlegi* gore the attendance will be by invitation. You will be represented. The Speaker will be representing you. There may be other Members of Parliament (MPs) who will be representing you. I am certain that the proceedings will also be televised.

Remember, I have also indicated that Parliament does not sign treaties. *Tiro e, ke ya Palamente ka gore rona re le Palamente ya Botswana*, we are a member in good standing of the SADC PF but the signature to amend the treaty can only be done by the Head of State. *Ke tlhalositse jalo fa e le gore le ne le reeditse thata ka kelotlhoko le gore le utlwisitse. Ke tswetse kgang e batlotlegi, re ya kwa Appropriation.*

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

APPROPRIATION (2025/2026) BILL, 2025 (NO. 2 OF 2025)

ORGANISATION 2200-MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS

(Resumed Debate)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Honourable Members, the debate on this organisation is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday at 7:00 p.m. Honourable Tlhabologo Furniture, Member for Tati West was on the floor debating and he is left with eight minutes 45 seconds. Honourable Furniture, continue with your debate.



MR FURNITURE (TATI WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Maabane fa re tswala, ke ne ke sa tswa go supa gore Tona, ke ema Tshutiso ya gago nokeng gore o fiwe madi ka mabaka a gore o tshwere lephata le le botlhokwa thata, le le nang le baeteledipele ba gompiano le kamoso. E le sengwe se se tshwenyang mo lefatsheng la Botswana go bona dipalopalo tsa banana ba le mo mekgwatheng mme ka mabaka a a farologanyeng.

Tona, banana ba o ba eteletseng mo lefatsheng la Botswana kana rotlhe re ba eteletse, ke ba e leng gore ba bangwe ba a bereka mme ba bidiwa gotwe *the working poor*. Ba tsoga phakela ba ya go theogela mo maphateng a Puso, mo dikomponeng tse di farologanyeng. Fa gongwe ba hirwa ka dikonteraka tsa *three months*. Ba nna fela mo maphateng a Puso gotwe maTirelo Setšhaba jaaka o ne o bua mo puong ya gago, ba bangwe ba le *temporary*. Ke sone seemo se se ngomolang pelo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Rona re dumela gore ditiro tse di isitsweng kwa mafatsheng a sele, di boele mono, banana ba tle ba theogele. Ba nne le ditiro tsa sennelaruri, tse di ka letlang gore le bone ba adime madi kwa dibankeng. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse re dumelang mo go tsone.

Fa o bua maabane Tona, o supile gore madi a a kana ka P35 million a ya go dirisiwa go duela *rent, security and other services* kwa lephateng la gago. Ke go kope gore o ye go sekaseka *particularly* mo go ya *rent* gore o se ka wa iphitlhela o dirisa madi a mantsi go duela dikago tse le leng mo go tsone go na le fa e ka bo madi a teng, o dira sengwe se se ka tlhabololang banana. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse ke di lemogileng.

Tona, go na le kgang ya Youth Development Fund (YDF) e e tswang kgakala e dirwa. Go a lemotshega gore mo Pusong e e fetileng, e ne e dirwa fela e le dikgang tsa sepolotiki, e se gore gone mme ke go leka go ntsha banana mo mekgwatheng. Kgang e Tona, e batla gore o e sekaseke.

Ke kile ka e bua le Tona yo o tllileng pele ga gago gore YDF e tshwanetse e itebaganye thata le bagwebi, e seng batho ba e leng gore ga ba na kgatlhego e e kalo mo kgwebong. O ye go e sekaseka thata, le one madi a teng a mannyennyane. Se sengwe gape e se ka ya nna *one-size-fits-all*, e bulelwe fela banana ba supe bothakga le ditalente tsa bone. Lephatla la gago le kgone go ba thusa ka madi ka gore fa e nna *one-size-fits-all*, e nna bothata.

Dikgwetlho tse di teng Tona mo go yone e, ke ya *access to market*. Fa gongwe fa re file banana madi ka YDF, o fitlhela e le gore maphata a Puso ga a reke mo bagwebing

ba banana. Go bo go raya gore madi ale, ke moka re a tsentseng mo mosimeng. Tona, eo o ye go e sekaseka, o tlhomamise gore le batho ba e leng gore *offer services* mo lephateng la gago, e nne banana. E nne thulaganyo fela e e leng gore tota o itse gore *you have empowered* banana ba lefatshe la Botswana.

Re na le *issue* e nngwe gape Tona ya *access to funding* kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA). Go tlaare o bue le Tona yo o maleba gore fa gongwe banana le fa ba dirile dikopo kana *proposal, some of the requirements* tse di tlhokafalang ga ba na tsone. *The requirements* tse di tlhokanang le gore o bo o na le madi, sekai; *projects* tsa *agriculture*. Fa gongwe go batliwa gore monana a bo a na le sediba kana *lease* ya sediba. O fitlhela *process* ya teng e le bokete thata mo go bone. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse Tona ke eletsang gore o ye go di sekaseka.

Re na le *issue* ya *gender*. Ke dumela gore o tlaa dumalana le nna Tona gore *issue* e, fela jaaka ya *unemployment, it is an elephant in the room that we need to deal with*. Fa o lebelela le gone mo Palamenteng, o fitlhela e le gore banana, bomme, banalebogole dipalo tsa bone ga di kalokalo, ga di nametse mo re ka reng go na le *gender balance*.

Se sengwe ke gore *recently* fela, go ntse go tlhongwa dikomiti le *commissions*, ga go na le fa e le mme a le mongwefela mo dikomiting tseo. *They are appointed by* Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse di re tshwenyang mme gore di sekasekiwe. Ga re bone banana, bomme kwa go tsewang ditshwetso teng, jaanong re kopa gore kgang e e sekasekwe...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. *Honourable* Furniture, ke botse fela gore wena fa o bona, go ka baakanngwa *policy* efe e e leng gore *can empower* bana gore ba tle ba kgone go bona dilo tse o di akanyetsang tseo?

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Minister*. Tota dilo di di ntsi tse di ka dirwang go leka *to empower* banana. Selo sa ntlha fela ke thuto, ke gore monana o tshwanetse gore gompiano fa a se kwa sekoleng a bo a le kwa tirong. Ke ene monana yo re buang ka eng, mme fa e le gore gompiano re santse re na le banana ba ba gobeyang mo mekgwatlheng, selo se se tshwanetse go go tshwenya o le Tona e bile o lebagane le tsa thuto, gape o le mo Pusong. Ke tsone dikgang tse re buang ka tsone.

Re dumela gore gape jaaka Tona a ne a bua ka gore re tswe mo *system* ya *First Past the Post* re tsene mo go ya Proportional Representation (PR), jaaka ditilo tsa Palamente di le gone fa, ga nna le tsamaiso ya gore tse 10 tse ke tsa bomme, tse 10 tse di beetswe banana. Ke yone kgang e re buang ka yone.

Re ntse re bona Namibia e sa tswa go fetola Puso, re bone bomme ba le bantsi ba tsenngwa mo maemong a go tsewang ditshwetso teng. Tautona wa Namibia ke mme, mothusi wa gagwe ke mme, ke tsone dikgang tse re buang ka tsone.

Re bo re nna le *issue* e nngwe Tona e e itebagantseng le dikgang tsa Gender Based Violence (GBV), ke re kgang e e botlhokwa thata...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FURNITURE: Nnyaa, o tlaa *clarify* kwa Gabz FM *comrade*, e tšhaile, kwa jazz.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, ga o mpuise sentle.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Furniture, *please* ga o ka ke wa buisa yo mongwe jalo, baakanya mafoko ao o a boele morago.

MR FURNITURE: *I withdraw Mr Chairperson.* Gongwe ke tsewelele jaana gore kgang e ya GBV e botlhokwa thata, e tlhokana le gore matsogo otlhe a bo a beilwe mo tafoleng. E ka tswa e le ba Bogosi jaaka o ne o bua, re boele kwa moding re ye go ruta ngwana wa mosimane le wa mosetsana gore o solofelwa gore a itshware jang, boitshwaro jwa gagwe bo nne ka tsela e e ntseng jang mo setšhabeng. Jaanong setšhaba se a nyelela ntateng ya dipolao tse di tseweletseng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a go leboga Monnasetilo. Ke leboge Tona Chombo go bo a re beile pele dikgang tse di monate tse, kwa fatshe lentle ba di reeditse ba bo ba di eletsa, ba bo ba di leletsa mogolokwane.

Monnasetilo, ke emetse bontsi jwa tšhaba ya banana, fa o ne o lebeletse ka *November* fa maduo a kwa fatshe lentle a tswa, o ne o tlaa itemogela gore matshwitshwiti a a neng a le fa ntle a emetse maduo a malatsi a mararo, e ne e le banana ba ba nang le tsholofelo e e seng kana ka sepe, gore re roma monana jaaka rona go ya kwa Palamenteng go ya go emela matlhoko le dikeletso

tša rona. Ke dumela gore matlhoko a teng ba itse gore setlhako kana se babalela morwadi Monnasetilo. Ba a itse gore setlhako se ke se rwele, ke itse botlhoko jwa sone, mme go botlhokwa gore jaaka re le mo Palamenteng jaana, re ipotse potso e le nosi. Ke gore le fa o le *Shadow Minister* o tshwanetse go ipotsa gore mo *response* ya me ya *budget*, kana bogakolodi jwa me ke le moemedi, ke gakolola ke reng ka go fetlha mebereko ka madi a ke a fetisang.

Go botlhokwa gore re le Palamente e go tle mo go rona gore nako e tšile ya gore re tle ka *policy which addresses issues of unemployment*. Go botlhokwa gore fa re leng teng re dumalane gore molao o o teng wa theko wa Puso ga o tsenye monana le mme mo teng. Fa re ka se ke re fetole molao o kwano gore o mo tsenye mo teng ka tsela ya gore a nne le go ungwelwa mo go mo tshwanetseng, ga re kitla re kgona.

Mr Chairperson, kana kwa kgaolong ya me ke tshwere bothata, fa o bua o re tebele le le kwa ga mmago le kwa ga mme le teng, o raya letlhoko la mmereko le le amang monana. Ga go na ope wa lona fa, ope; ga ke reye ope yo o neng a buiwa ka nako ele ya *campaign* gotwe ‘ope’ ‘ope’ a seka a ikuela. Ga go na ope wa lona fa, ope yo o ka nthayang a re ga a tsoge kwa lelwapeng a tlogela monana yo o sa berekeng. *It is upon us* gore re tselele golo mo kwa godimo gore fa re *support budget* ya ga Mme Chombo, re e *support* ka tsela ya go itse gore *messages* tse re di romelwang ke banana, ke gore fa gongwe monana a go raya a re mpha ke ye go ja *lunch*, kana mpege ke ye go kopa tiro, itse gore o bua go tswa mo botennyeng jwa pelo ya gagwe. Ke boammaaruri Monnasetilo, mo Botswana fa o ngata letlapa jaana, kgonagalo ya gore yo o mo ngatang ka letlapa mo bathong ba le bane, ba babedi kana bararo mo teng a bo a na le *degree* a sa bereke, e kwa godimo. Re fano mo Palamenteng ya Bolesome le Boraro, ke ipotsa gore kwa Goodhope-Mmathethe fa ba ntheeditse ba ipotsa gore a Palamente e e kwa ga ba bue sepe ka go fetola molao mongwe o o ka re thusang gore le kwa Maun re nne le tsela ya gore re kgone go ungwelwa mo go siameng.

Ke tsaya gore nako e gorogile ya gore le gompiano *when you look at different types of investors that come through*, re simolole go akanya gore a fa ke ntsha lefatshe kwa Sebele kana kae, kwa mang a ka le kopang teng e le mogwebi yo motona a nthaya a re o batla go tla go aga matlo a a rileng a a rekisang, *equity* e e tsenang mo teng ga *business* ya teng e bo e le nngwe e

e ka tsamaisanang le gore banana ba ungwelwe sengwe mo teng. Golo moo go batla gore re akanye ka tsela e e farologanyeng gotlhelele ka gore letlhoko la mmereko le re babaletse *Mr Chairperson*.

Kwa kgaolong ya me kwa Goodhope-Mmathethe, re na le metse e le 52 mme ngogola ke ne ke neetswe P3 million, ngwaga o kana ke tlaa neelwa P4 million, gatwe tota o ya go dira eng? Gape fa o lebelela ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng, go tlhokana le gore re fetole monagano.

Rona kwa *Agriculture* bontsi jwa *projects* tsa lona tse di tlang tsa banana, di bua ka temothuo. Fa o lebelela gore re abile dipodi di le kae ka mananeo a, le gore dipodi tsa teng a mme di a tsala, o tlaa bona gore madi a a tsena ka tshoba la badimo. Jaanong ke rona fa ba re tshwanetseng go akanya ka tsela e e farologanyeng gore monana kwa Metlojane, Metlobo, ke gore fa re bua ka tsela ya metlobo, ga re bue ka tsela fela e e ralalang naga, re bua ka tsela e e tlaa thusang gore re oketse ditswatemong le ditwakgomong. Kwa bofelong ene monana yo o senang mmereko yo o tswang kwa Kanye *Honourable* Mosanana, a kgone go ya go lema kwa Metlobo, ditswatemong tsa gagwe di kgone go ya kwa *Marketing Board* kana dikgomo tsa gagwe di goroge sentle kwa kallistori *It is very, very important* gore re akantshane re le Mapalamente gore a o raya gore *Honourable* Motaosane, Kekgonegile fale, re ka se ke re dumalane gore fa e le gore ke fiwa P5 million, wena o na le P10 million mme kwa kallistori go na le *a big tender* ya *refrigerated trucks to transport* nama, a go ne go se botlhokwa ka gore fa o na le *assurance* ya gore fa ke mo neetse mo, go tlaa nna le dipoelo, gore re bone gore re dirisa *economics of scale* re bo re tsamaya re ya go reka diteraka tse di *refrigerated* tse, le bo le tla le nthaya le re Dikoloti kwa kallistori, neela banana ba kgone go tsamaisa nama e, fa e tswa kwa e bo e boa ka *vegetables*. Monana a bo a kgona go busa madi ka bonako, a bo a kgona go gweba.

Jaaka Motlotlegi Tautona a ne a bua gore re batla go tsena mo diporong, kana kgantele banana ba fa ba tsena *into the logistics business*, ga go pale sepe gore ba ithekele letoroko. Golo mo go bo go fetola monagano, go fetola ka fa re tsayang dikgang tsa banana ka teng gore kwa bofelong ba kgone go oba lelogo. Ke raya gore kwa kgaolong ya me re solofetse *Honourable* Chombo.

Jaaka ke bua Diphallana le yone e ntheditse. Ke bangwe ba ba eteletse pele thata. Paul o ntheditse gore a naare golo fa ga ke a utlwa *Honourable* Chombo a a fa sekai ka Diphallana gore o nkutlwile fa ke bua mo

budget gore le tlaa e okeletsa ka gore re bua dikgang tsa kgokgontsho kwa kgaolong ya me. Re ipeile seelo pele ke na le bo Kgosi Lotlamoeng, Marara otlhe bo Kgosi Mathiba gore ga re batle kgokgontsho, re e ila lebaibai. Fa e ne e le gore o ne o ka e bitsa sereto, o kare re bina kgokgontsho ka bong. Re dumela gore golo moo e tshwanetse go nna dilo tsa maloba, e tshwanetse go nna dikgang tsa mainane tsa bo kgogomodumo tsa gore go kile ga bo go na le kgogomodumo a re. Re ipeetse seelo pele re le kgaolo gore rona re ya go fokotsa kgokgontsho ka bong by 25 per cent every year. Golo moo go raya gore re ngoka lona ba *ministry* gore atumelang Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) tse re nang le tsone mo kgaolong ya rona gore le gate mmogo le tsone. Tlisang kwano re tlaa le tsenyetsa go le thusa gore le bope *policies* le melao e e leng gore kwa bofelelong ga gona nna ga di nkame wa teng ka gore mongwe le mongwe o a babalelwa ka tsela nngwe.

Ke buile gore kwa kgaolong ya me re na le *social clubs* tse di seng kana ka sepe. *It is only in my constituency where you will find three soccer teams* tsa bomme tse di tsayang karolo mo *league*. O ka tlhola dikgaolo tse tsotlhe, dilo tse di bonwa kwa Goodhope-Mmathethe fela. Ke dilo tse re di bopileng ka nako re supa gore *inclusivity* e a bereka, re batla mongwe le mongwe a nna mo teng. Jaanong ra re *ministry* atumelang kwano. Fa le ka gata kwa fatshe lentle fela, le tsile go ratwa ke Modimo le banni ba Goodhope-Mmathethe. Ke raya gore *budget* e ya lona fa e ka nna e re atumela, ke dumela gore kwa bofelong re tlaa kgona go nna le pharologanyo e e duleng diatla.

Banana ba dumela gore *for the longest* re ntse re nna re ba akanyetsa *but the time has come* gore *we also want to be part of it*. Se nkakanyetse, ntire bontlha bongwe jwa dikakanyo le nna ke kgone go go gakolola gore Gobotswang, ke ne ke go utlwa o bua ka *broadcasting* ya bogologolo mme kana ke ne ke akanya gore *broadcasting* e siametse fa o bua *only for home consumption*. Ke le monana ke ne ke sa akanyetse go jela mo ganong, ke ne ke akanyetsa gore ke direle golo mo gore ke nne le mo go salang gore kgantele ke bo ke *commercialise* a bo ke kgona go...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification.* Nnyaa ke a go utlwa. Hei! O e tshwere sentle. Domkrag e ratile go re senyetsa motho. *Honourable*, kana o kwa lephateng le re dumelang gore ke lone le le tshwanetseng go ntsha bokete jwa ditiro. Ke ne ke re ke a go reetsa, ga ke kgone go utlwa dipalo sentle gore wa re lona le ipeetse seelo sa gore le ya go re ntshetsa ditiro tse di kae kwa *Lands and Agriculture*.

DR DIKOLOTI: *Thank you very much for raising that up. Rona se re se dirileng kwa retreat, I have tasked all the Directors ke laetswe ke Tona Chimbombi gore mongwe le mongwe mo budget e a nang le yone, a ye go lebelela gore e tlaa re fa a tla re tla go arabela (account), o tlaa dira ditiro di le kae mo budget ya teng. Ke gore fa e le gore budget ya gago within your department ke 30, 40, 50 kana P100 million, o tshwanetse go itse gore mo teng fa o ntsha tiro ya ga Gobotswang gore a ye go aga ntlo kana a ye go aga eng kwa kae, profit ya ga gagwe ke bokae. Mo profit ya ga Gobotswang, go pala eng mo teng gore a hire monana wa qualification e e kana. Fa a ntse jalo kwa bofelong, upon completion of such project you submit the certificate of completion to show gore you indeed complied. We need to be innovative in our thinking to make sure that we create meaningful jobs for our youth.*

Ke a itumela thata gore o bo o ntsha dikgang tse *Honourable* Gobotswang ka gore di botlhokwa, di batla Palamente e, di batla rona kwano ka gore setlhako se babalela morwadi. Ke itse thata gore *Campaign Manager* wa gago kwa kgaolong ya gago e ne e le monana yo ke nang le tumelo ya gore fa e le gore ga o a mo mmatlela bo *special*, o go romelela message every day.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kwa ofising.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ee, akere o a bona gore *at least* o mo tsentse kwa ofising, o gaisitse ba bangwe. Golo moo re a go lebogela. Banana ba re lebile, kwa kgaolong ba nthomile ba re dilo di *four* fela, ba re, “*jobs, jobs, jobs and jobs.*” Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Ke go leboge le wena Tona ka go re baya pele kopo eo ya gago ya madi. Ke lemoge boleng teng jwa ga *Honourable Vice President* (VP) of Botswana e bile e le Tona wa Madi *Honourable* Ndaba Gaolathe. Kwa go wena *Minister, ministry* o wa gago ke mongwe wa *ministries* tse di nang le dikgwetlho tse di seng kana ka sepe, tse o tshwanetseng go hunela ditlhako, o gagamatse. Le fa bangwe ke itse gore ba a ne ba tla ba go kgotlakgotla ba leka go go ntsha mo seporong mme o ba ithokomolose, o lebagane le maikarabelo a Puso ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e a go neetseng. Dikgwetlho tse di dintsi, di ditona, di tshwana le bo GBV di batla tlhoafalo e e tseneletseng. Le lone letlhoko la ditiro mo bananeng.

Ke go lebogele gore go bo go na le YDF. Go botlhokwa gore go nne le *intense monitoring* mo *fund* e ka gore fa e sa lebelelwe, e ya gore kwa bofelong dikgwebo tse le ba neelang madi a gore ba di dire ka one di bo

di seyo. Go bo go raya gore ke monka go a thela fela ka motlhoboloko. Mo *constituency* ya me go na le dikgaolwana tse di tshwanang le bo Molapowabojang, Lotlhakane, Moshana, Dipotsana le tse dingwe jalojalo tse e leng gore *they are hard hit* ke letlhoko la ditiro. Re tlaa nna re leka go go thusa, re go akantsha re bona gore letlhoko le le kanakana la ditiro re ka le fenya ka ditsela tse di ntseng jang. Ke maikarabelo a rona re le UDC, re le babusi go bona gore bana ba rona ba bona ditiro. Kgang e ya letlhoko la ditiro ga gona yo e sa mo ameng gone fa. Mapalamente ba le fano kgang e ya letlhoko la ditiro e le ama lotlhe. Letlhoko la ditiro le na le ditlamorago ka gore banana ba re buang ka bone fa ba felela ba tsena mo borukutlhing, *alcohol* le *drugs*. *Drugs* tse ba di bona jaana ba di tsaya mo go bone bangwe ba go ka bong gotwe ke batsadi, mme jaanong ba felela e le bone ba ba neelang bana ba ditagi. Seo e bo e nna gore ke poelo morago. Batho ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba ka bo ba babalela bana, a bo e le bone ba ba dirang jaana. Bangwe ba bone bana ba *they are already addicted* mo ditaging tse. Ke a tshepa e bile ke a dumela gore *rehabilitation centres* tse di leng teng *in the near future* di tlaa tswalwa ka gore banana ba ba tlaabo ba bone ditiro ba bereka, ba bo ba kgona go tswa mo ditaging tse di kanakana di tletseng ka lefatshe.

Go na le dikgwetlho tse di leng teng *Minister*, ke gore banana ba ga ba kgone *to acquire loans* kwa *institutions* tse di tshwanang le bo CEDA ka ntata ya gore fa a tsena kwa CEDA ba mo raya ba re re batla *security, without security* ga re ka ke ra kgona go go thusa. Go bo go raya gore ngwana wa Modimo o a boa o ya go nna fa fatshe.

Go na le madirelo mangwe a ke senkeng ke bo ke fetsa go bua ka one a bidiwa Rural Innovation Industries Centre (RIIC) kwa Kanye. Madirelo a a tswetswe, a tswetswe fela, fela, fela. *Equipment* e ntse e mo teng moo. Batho ba ba neng ba bereka moo ba ba nang le bonokopila jwa go dira ka tshipi le logong *they are still there idling doing nothing*. A ile a tswalwa ke babusi ba ba neng ba le teng, maDomkrag...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Bo Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA: Nnyaa rra, se mpatlele koo, se mmamaretse dilo tse ke sa di itseng rraetsho. Ke dumela gore tota e batla *Commission of Inquiry*, gore tota gatwe e ne e tswalwa fa go ne go rileng, e tswalelwa eng. Ditsala tsa me bo Rre Motaosane le Rre Mmusi ba tlaa re araba gore tota gatwe golo kwa go ne go sentseg eng fa go tlaa nama go tswalwa.

Honourable Dikoloti kana o kwa lefatsheng le kwa temong. A e re fa lefatshe le abiwa ka koo, lehang go lebelela banana pele gore ba thusiwe ba kgone go intsha mo seroromeng se ba leng mo go sone. E seng jalo fa re ka se ke ra ema ka dinao ra bona gore banana ba ba tswa mo dikgannyeng tsa letlhoko la ditiro, re ya go felela re na le mathata. Re ne ra bona ka 1976 gore go ne ga diragala eng kwa South Africa. Banana ba ema ka dinao ba tsena mo diseterateng, fela ka gore ba ne ba le mo kgatelelong. *Some people were failing them* ka gore ba ne ba sa kgone go ba neela ditiro, mme le rona...

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga thata *Honourable* Mosanana o e tshwere sentle e bile banana kwa Molapowabojang ke a bona gore ba a *smile* tota. A ga o bone go le matshwanedi gore re tle ka moakanya wa gore kana lefatshe le teng le lengwe beng ba lone ba sale ba tlhokafetse ga re itse kwa ba leng teng? Palamente e go maleba gore e tle ka molao wa gore lefatshe le le teng le re sa itseng kwa beng ba lone ba leng teng, re batle tsela ya gore re le tseye re tle re bone gore re le abela banana jang.

MR MOSANANA: Fa o ka tla ka Tshutiso eo ke tlaa go *support 100 per cent*, e bile ga ke dumele gore a go na le yo o ka ganang re lebeletse seemo se se leng teng *on the ground* ka fa banana ba sotlegang ka teng. Kana fa ba riana ba lebile rona gore re se ka ra tshwana le ba ba neng ba tswa ba ba neng ba sena sepe le bone. E ne ya re fa re le mo ipapatsong, e re fa ke kopana le bone, *slogan* sa rona e ne e le “halala banana, halala,” “eita banana, eita” ba bo ba itse gore fa go tualo re raya gore *the struggle continues and we shall overcome*.

So, ke ba netefaletse gore le jaana re ntse re foo, moonoo e ntse ke one oo. A ba se ka ba fela pelo ka gore *there is light at the end of the tunnel*, diemo tse di tlaa siama, re tlaa di baakanya. *Two or three years* golo mo go tlaabo go sa tlhole go le teng, diemo tse di kanakana tse di tsisitsweng ke bangwe ba ba busitseng 58 years, mme ba bona go siame fela gore go bo go diragala jalo.

Ke kopa gore banana ba ba *graduates* ba *Internship* le maTirelo Setšhaba *be absorbed* ba lese go konkmediwa ka go bereka. Kana fa ba tshwarisitswe *peace job* jalo, ga se gore ba ka tsaya *loans*, kana e a bo e se phiro golo moo, mme kana *for you to survive* o dire sengwe se e kareng kamoso sa go tshetsa, ke gore o bo o tsene golo gongwe o kgonne go bona *loan*. Tota fela bagaetsho a re lekeng UDC re boneng gore banana ba rona ba bona ditiro. RIIC a e tsosolosiwe e boele e bereke. Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE): Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. *Thank you* Motlotlegi Mosanana gore o bue thata ka RIIC. E bile ke ne ke re gongwe o tlaa wela o re mo bananeng ba ba tlaabong ba thusiwa ka *fund* bale kwa kgaolong ya gago e nne bone ba neelwe madi ba ye go simolola gone kwa RIIC koo. Ke ne ke ka go leboga thata fa o ka dira jalo ka gore ba tlaa hira ba bangwe *in the process*, ba teng banana ba ba nang le kitso ya dikgang tse o buang ka tsone.

Nte ke leboge Tona Chombo gore a bo a re beile pele kopo ya madi, a e leng gore tota one ka tsamaiso, ga nke a bo a lekana, *it is never enough*.

Budget e le fa re ka go neela *three times this budget*, ke a itse gore *still* e tlaabo e sa lekana go ya le ka dikgwetlho tse lephata la gago le lebagane le tsone. Gongwe ke tle ka Ditshutisonyana di le pedi, tse e kareng fa o ntse o sekaseka tiriso ya madi a, segolobogolo a YDF o bo o ka di sekaseka ka maikaelelo a go bona gore a ga di ka ke tsa bereka sentle. Ke na le letshwenyego le le tona ka thulaganyo ya *ministry* wa gago mabapi le ka fa banana ba thusiwang ka madi ka teng. Monana o kgona go dira kopo *so many times or several times* a bo a felela a sa atlege. Fa gongwe fa o re o senka mabaka a gore ke eng a sa atlega, tota go bua boammaaruri ga go na mabaka.

Ke batla go go lemotsha selo se le sengwe fela ka banana, ka *programme* ya *youth*. Go ne gotwe ke *Out of School Youth*, bontsi jwa bone *have dropped* kwa dikoleng ka mabaka a a farologaneng, ba sa pasa sentle. Jaanong fa o e lebile jaana, batho ka fa ba e akanyang ka teng, o kare go tewa gotwe e lebagane le ba ba tseneng sekole fela, mme ga go a nna jalo. Go na le bana ba ba koo ba itse go disa, ga o tlhoke go mo ruta go disa. Bana ba fa ba batla go dira temothuo e e leng gore ke gone golo mo ba go tlhalefetseng mo go gone ba go dira, ba batliwa dilo fela tse di gakgamatsang. So, ke kopa gore o ye go sekaseka kgang ya gore monana fa a re o batla go rua dipodi, a lese go batliwa didiba, matamo a e leng gore ga a ka ke a mo solegela molemo. Mo e reng monana fa a supile letamo fela le Puso e le lemogang (*recognise*) le tshwana le la Gakgatla go tlaabo gotwe fa le kgala o isa kae. Jaaka re le barui jaana re le mo Ntlong e, fa o disa o na le leruo, fa sediba sa gago se sa siama, o ya go kopela dikgomo tsa gago kwa sedibeng se sengwe. Banana fa ba re ba a rialo e nna mathata a a tlhatlaganeng, *so this thing* ya masimo gore motho a o na le lefatshe kana eng, *should come to an end*, ka gore golo mo go itsa banana gore ba bone lenaneo le. Go tshwana le batho ba gantsi gotweng ba a ba *assess*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Elucidation* o santse o le foo.

MR MOTAOSANE: ...kwa ntle ga gore gongwe *they sabotaged* Goromente yo o fetileng. *Honourable* ke kopa o tseye motsotso.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motaosane. A mme o a itse gore go na le gore ngwana a bo a batla go dirisa tshimo ya ga rraagwe, go bo gotwe sediba se se mo tshimong ga se a kwalwa gore se a go nosa dipodi, se kwadilwe gore ke se se nosetsang merogo? A o a itse kgang eo *honourable*?

MR MOTAOSANE: *Thank you Mr Chairperson. Thank you Honourable Dr Gobotswang.* Kana ke yone kgang e ke e buang, *people are making it impossible for* bana ba gore ba kgone *to be funded*. Fa o re o a senka, nna le lona gone fela ba re tletseng mo Ntlong e, ngwana wa Motswana yo o itseng podi, kgomo le go disa, a bo a ka palelwa. *It is a matter of* go leka go mmontsha gore jaanong ga o rue fela, *you are doing* go rua mo *as business, hence* o ka baakanngwa gone foo. Jaanong o tlaa fitlhela bana ba *being rejected* kgantele *they lose hope, they go out* ba ya go simolola *activities that are undesirable*. Ke kopa gore a basekaseki ba lenaneo le ba ba *conducting interviews take cognisance of the fact that not all of them* ba tsene dikole jaaka kgotsa batho ba eletsa gore ba ka bo ba tsene dikole. *The programme was deliberately tailored* go thusa batho ba ba ntseng jalo. O a itse gore *programme* e fa e simologa gone go sena *graduates* mo teng, *but* ka gore ba itlhobogile le bone jaanong ba tsena koo.

Rejections; fa o re o lebelela le gotwe *you have lodged an appeal*, o lebelela mabaka fela a gotweng bana ba ba ikuetse (*appeal*) ka one, nnyaa bagaetsho. Mo, *it is a clear sabotage* ya gore *this programme should not work. If you do not take responsibility* mo go yone, *it is not going to work even during your era, it does not matter whether the Government is UDC or whoever. I am telling you, if you do not put your mind into this* go bona gore banana *are funded, it is still not going to yield any good results* tse monana a ka ikgatlang ka tsone. Ke ka go fa sekai, go na le monana o mongwe o sale a batla go dira *filming*, ke gore o tlaa bona jaaka motho a mo *reject* ka mabaka a e leng gore *does not hold water*. A bogolo ba bitse ngwana ba nne le ene *during the appeal time*, gongwe ba ba neng ba mo *assess* la ntlha ga ba bua. Kwa *appeal* *you do not even appear*, o kwalelwa lekwalo fela go lebilwe mabaka a a neng a ntshiwa ke ba e leng gore mabaka a teng ga se one. Jaanong golo mo, a ko go eme, banana ba neelwe madi go dira ditiro.

Gongwe ke tsweletse Tona, ke a lemoga fa go na le *an increase* mo *budget* ya gago ya YDF. Fa ke leba e nthaya e re *every constituency* jaanong e ka kgona go bona madi a a kanang ka P3,278,000. *I want to know* gore *does this mean* o oketsa dipalo tsa banana ba ba tsayang kana o akanya gore o fete *the P100,000 mark*, o oketse e nne bo 100 *and something thousand* go leka go thusa banana? Fa ke leba, dipalo tse o ka di tsayang mo kgaolong ka gore go ntse gotwe 20 *per constituency*... Se se utlwisang botlhoko ke gore bana ba ntse ba sa tsewe ba le 20, o ipotsa gore madi ao a ya kae? Bana ba ba dirileng kopo kwa kgaolong ya me o fitlhela ba le 700 mme go tlaabo gotwe 20 yone eo e ba e tlhophileng fa e sa *qualify*, ga ba tseye ba bangwe ba ya go ba *fund*, ba tlogela bao fela. Ba ya go *reject* 10, go tsewa 10 fela e le nosi. Madi a o ipotse gore a ntse a ya kae? A madi a *strictly* a lebagane le banana, a felele *in a financial year*, banana ba le 20 ba thusiwe ka madi jaaka ntse e le 20. Fa e le gore dipalo tse di raya gore ba ya go okediwa, a go thusiwe banana ka madi. Ke gone golo mo ntseng go bolaya gore banana ka bontsi ba se ka ba thusiwa ka madi. Ke kopa gore o tle fa kgaolong fale go bona gore go diragala eng.

The other one is monitoring; your officers kwa dikgaolong *are not doing their job. At least* ba ba fetileng kwa kgaolong ya me. Ke sale ke bona Mmabanana yo o neng a itse gore o dira eng kwa kgaolong ya me a le *one*, o bidiwa gotwe Grace Otlogetswe. Banana ba ne ba thusiwa ka madi e bile *their projects were monitored* ka botswapelo. *Ever since* a tsamaya, ke bona ba e leng gore ga ba na sepe le banana. Ba a tla, ba *reject* banana, banana fa ba tsena kwa diofising ga ba yo. Yo mongwe o a itse gore e bile o ne a seegelwa fa thoko. Ke rre ba mmeile gone mo *because* o na le yo a mo emeng nokeng kwa Mogoditshane, yo e leng gore o mmeile mo legwafeng e le foromane, *these things are not good*. Kgang e ya kwa Mogoditshane, ke kopa gore o ko o ye go e sekaseka, golo koo ga go dirwe dilo sentle *and when you bring* ngwana koo, ga o ka ke wa utlwa karabo. *Some of the supervising officers, they shield* bana ba ba berekang kwa dikgaolong, *that is not right and it cannot be right. It should be dealt with forthwith*.

Se sengwe ke gore kwa dikgaolong ga go na *transport*. *Monitoring* e tlhokana le *transport*. Go kile ga tsewa ba bangwe, ga nna le *programme* e go neng go tserwe batho gotwe ke *officers that provide monitoring*. Wa kgaolo ya rona e bile o tserwe kwa Thamaga o beilwe mo Mogoditshane, ga a sa tlhole a le kwa kgaolong ya Thamaga. *What for; I do not know*. Le fa o re o a lebelela

gore o ne a dira eng, o mmotse gore *projects* tsa banana tse di tswelentseng sentle di kae, ke bo mang, o di bone di ntse jang, mabaka a gore tse di sa tsweleng a bo a seyo ke eng, ga go na. *They should be facilitated* gore ba kgone gore ba dire tiro ya bone. Ba bangwe le gone ba lese go tla mo *headquarters*, ba ye kwa ba tshwanetseng go nna teng.

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable*.

MR MOTAOSANE: Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke dumedise batlotlegi le botlhophi ba kgaolo ya Shoshong. Mma e re la ntlha ke supe fa ke ema fa go amogela kopo ya ga Tona ya madi a a kopetseng gore a ye go a dirisa mo ngwageng o wa madi. Ke supa gore ke madi a a sa lekanang ka fa re bonang lephata la gagwe le na le dikgwetlho ka teng le tse re kopaneng le tsone fa re ntse re tshwere diphuthago tsa Dikgotla, tse di amanang le lone lephata le la gagwe.

La ntlha mma ke tlise e le kopo e ke dumelang gore e tshwanetse gore lephata la gago Tona, le e sekaseke, ka batlotlegi le bone ba bua ka yone. O bue ka *the ceiling* e e leng gore *you allocate* kwa dikgaolong gore banana ba thusiwe ka yone. Madi a a sale jaaka a nna mo seelong sone se. P100,000 yo re thusang bana ka ene, tota o tlodilwe ke dipeba *because we have experienced a lot of inflation since inception of the programme*, mme *funding ceiling* yone e eme golo go le gongwefela. Ke dumela fa re tlhwaafetse re batla go tla ka *projects* tse di *sustainable*, re tshwanetse re tsenye madi a a utlwalang mo go tsone. Rotlhe re ka dumalana gore P100,000 tota o siilwe ke nako. Go tlaa re le tlhodumele ka gore *projects* tse bana ba batlang go tsena mo go tsone, madi one a P100,000, a tsentse le thutuntsho ya bone mo teng, mo go rayang gore tota *it is not entirely for project inception because* a na le mo gongwe mo e leng gore a go dira jaanong. Ke dumela gore a tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore fela jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba supa, go le thata jaana, *make a consideration* le bone gore madi a okediwa Tona, re tle re bone ditiro tsa banana e le gore tse di thusiwaang ka madi di a itshetlela

Ke supe gape e le matshwenyego a a teng a ke kopaneng le one, a a amanang le madi a, mo go ba e leng gore *they have been funded*, ba na le keletso ya go busa madi Tona, go bokoa thata e bile nna go a ntshwabisa gore *this is a youth fund programme* mme e santse e dira dilo ka *analog*. Ke lone lephata fela gompiano le e leng gore le gaisiwa le ke Water Utilities, le fa o bona e re jela

madi jaana. Fa o tshwanetse gore o duele madi ke gore o bo o tla o a sikere ka letsogo o ya go a duela, mme go na le metswedi yotlhe e o ka e akanyang ya bo Orange Money, MyZaka, sengwe le sengwe se e leng gore se teng. *Department* ya *Youth* e santse gotwe o tle o sikere madi a bo o tsamaya o ya go a duela. Golo foo Tona a ko le bone gore go a baakanngwa ka gore jaanong ke seipato mo bananeng gore a bo ba sa buse madi a. Re itse gore *kana this is a revolving fund* e e tshwanetseng gore a thuse ba bangwe, a boele mo letloleng go tle go ntshiwe a mangwe. Jaanong kana re ba fa monyetla wa gore ba nne le seipato sa gore ke eng ba sa buse madi, mme go tlaa felela go le *valid* gore ke eng fa ba sa kgone go busa madi ao. Ke dumela gore jaaka re bua ka boranyane jo bo tlhabolotsweng, a e nne nngwe ya dintlha tse re di akofelang, re bone gore re baakanya jang mo ntlheng eo.

Lephata le la gago Tona, go raya gore le wena *you inherited* boswa jo bo botlhoko jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba supa. Ke tswa kwa dikgaolong tse ke tlholang ke bua fa gore ke tse di bitswang tsa tennyanateng. *Under your ministry*, go na le bana ba maTirelo Setšhaba, mme ke maswabi go tla go bega fa Tona gore a ko e re jaaka o tsoga o busa madi jaana, o tlhomamisa gore bana ba ba santse ba kolotiwa ke Puso e e fetileng... bana ba fa ba tsennngwa mo *programme* ya Tirelo Setšhaba, go ne go na le bontlha bongwe jwa madi a ba a beelwang, mme le ka letsatsi la gompiano jaana, Karabo kwa Moralane o a lela gore ga a ise a bone madi a gagwe a a neng a a boloketswe. Kebitsaone o a lela kwa Mokgenene gore ga a ise a bone madi a gagwe a a neng gotwe ke a *the savings*. Ba Poso bone ba re nnyaa, ga ba na *records* tsa gore ba a kolota. Kwa go bone go supafala gore ngwana o duetswe.

Jaanong re batlele gore madi a a bana a *savings* a kae, a ba boele, ka gore ga ba a a akola ka nako e go neng go tilwe ba tlaa tla ba a bona ka yone. Mme go lebege gore gongwe a tsene mo pateng ya mongwe. Jaanong ke kopa gore kgang e o e tlhodumele. Bona gore mo mading a o a filweng tlhomamisa gore dikgang tsotlhe tse di amanang le go tlhoka go dira dilo sentle o a di itlhotlhora, o tswe mo go tsone jaanong re simolole *on a new slate*. Ka gore jaaka ke a go tshwara diphuthago ke tswa fa gone jaana, ke a go fitlhela dipotso tse gore, a reng Chombo ka sekoloto sa rona? Mme ke leboge gore ba Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture (MYSC) kwa Mahalapye e rile fa kgang e e goroga ba ile ba itlola ba ya go leka go latedisa kgang e, e ke dumelang gore gongwe e tshwanetse ya bo e gorogile kwa go lona, kana

e tlaa goroga kwa go lona. Mme fela kopo ya me ke gore, ga se koo fela, ke na le dikgang tse le kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe, tse madi a bana a *savings* a lebegang a tsene ka motlhobodika. Mme re a batla ka gore ba a bereketse.

Ke tle ke supe gore ke lela ka bodiredi *that monitors* ditiro tse mo lephateng la gago. Ke tswa kwa kgaolong e tona, Mahalapye District Council, *one of the largest districts* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, mme gone kwa re na le *officer* a le mongwe fela yo o okametseng kgaolo e le yo motona. O fitlhela e le gore o koo, ba ba kwa tlase bale ba ba kwa Shoshong le Sefhare, ga se ba ba tsayang ditshwetso, ke ba ba ntshang dipampiri fela. Re kopa gore dira katoloso ya ditlamelo, o tlhome *youth officer* kwa dikgaolong, go tlhohofatsa gore ditiro tse di amanang le banana di akofe, di direlwe ka pele.

GBV; ke ka kutlobotlhoko gore mo kgwedding e re tswang mo go yone ya *February to March* ke nnile le dikgang tseo kwa kgaolong ya me tse di botlhoko. Tse di neng di tsaya bana ba dingwaga tse 19 years. Ba ba neng ba tlhoka lesego ba latlhelgelwa ke matshelo mo dikgannyeng tsa baratani. Ke ne ke boloka yo mongwe mo Dibete *some three weeks back* a le 19 years, re bolokile yo mongwe kwa Shoshong *two weeks back*. Maabane jaana ka *weekend* e ka *Saturday* re ne re le kwa Kalamare, a 22 years old boy and a 19 years old girl. Maabane ka *Sunday* re ne re baya yo mongwe kwa Otse- a 19 years old as well. Ke re ke tlisa e le selelo Tona, re a leka kwa kgaolong go bona gore dikgang tse re lwa le tsone jang, *all stakeholders*. Mme kgaolo ya me ka mokgwa o e atlameng ka teng, ke a ikuela mo go lona gore, re thuseng molaetsa o kgone go goroga, jaaka e tlaa re ka Labotlhano jaana re bo re na le tiro gape kwa Kgotleng e tona ya Shoshong, re ntse re lebagane le dikgang tsa GBV. Re a bona gore o kopane le lerwa le fuduga mo dikgannyeng tse GBV, mme ke go akgolele seo Tona. Ke supe gore nkgadima, o tsamaele kwa Kgaolong ya Shoshong o ye go bona gore le ka re thusa jang, ra bua le banana jang, le setšhaba fela ka kakaretso, ka gore dikgang tse ga di ame banana thata. Mme se ke se supang ke gore kwa kgaolong ya me *I so far recorded about five deaths* tsa banana mo dikgannyeng tsa GBV.

Ke re ka a le kalo mma ke tle ke supe fa ke go tlatsa mo kopong e ya madi a gago, le gore a ye go dirisiwa. Gongwe e bile fa go ne go kgonagala re ka bo re batla golo gongwe re go tlaletsa, gore o tle o kgone go dira ditiro tsa gago tsa letsatsi le letsatsi, tse tsa go tlhabolola matshelo a banana mo lefatsheng le la rona. Ka a le kalo, ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke lebogela nako e ke e filweng e. Mme ke re le nna ke tlatsa gore, a *Minister* a neelwe madi a a kopileng le fa a sa lekana. Tota kana re mo nakong e e leng gore *ministry* mongwe le mongwe madi a e a kopang ga a lekane. Mme go bo go raya gore go batla *prudence*, go batla gore *Honourable* Chombo madi a le leke go a dirisa sentle, gore gongwe le tle le dire *more with little*.

Mr Speaker, tota fa gongwe madinyana a e tle a bo a le teng mo *ministries* tse tsotlhe, bonnyennyane bo a tle bo bo bo le teng, mathata a matona a re nang le one mo Botswana kana a re ntseng re na le one ke *the use of the funds*. *Sometimes money is available, the challenge is how is it used, how are those funds used*. Ke gore fa o tsaya maloba jaana go ne go phuthilwe banana ka Alexander Forbes, e ke kileng ka bua ka yone, banana ba e le gore tiro eo e e tsayang letsatsi le le *one costs P25 million*. *When it costs P25 million* jaana go tsweng fa kwa morago o re *you check* gore banana ba ba neng ba phuthilwe ba kgonne gore ba solegelwe molemo ke *entertainment* eo ke eng. O bo o fitlhela e le gore tota banana ba tswa foo ba sa bona sepe se se *positive* mo matshelong a bone.

Gape go na le *programmes* tsa YDF, CEDA, *programmes* tse fa o ka reetsa *Minister*, wa lesa *to be disturbed by* mogoloo ka koo...

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

MR MONAGENG: *Programmes* tse tsa bo YDF, CEDA, tsotlhe tsa banana di teng, mme e bile fa o ka bala ka tsone o a go fitlhela go ne go na le maikaelelo a a siameng, mathata ke *implementation* le *supervision*. *It is high time* e re sengwe le sengwe se se diriwang e bo tota go nna le *proper monitoring* le *supervision*. Go se ka ga nna go tshelwa madi fela, e bo e le gore, nnyaa ke mokang go tlaa bonwang gore go tlaa felela go ntse jang.

Capacity building; a banana ba neelwe *skills and resources* gore ba tswelele, ba kgone gore kamoso o bone gore mme banana ba ba ya golo gongwe. Ke gore fa o tsaya P25 million yo o kileng a dirisiwa ka Alexander Forbes Summit, a dirisitswe gabedi, *which is P50 million*, fa a dirisitswe gabedi e le P50 million jaana, ke le Monageng ka re, fa e ne e rile *each and every constituency* go bo go tsewa banana gongwe ba le 10, 10, 10, e bo banana ba ba neelwa sebaka sa gore ba dire *businesses* tse di tsamaelanang le tse ba

di rutilweng kwa bo *university*, because banana ba ba alogile kwa *university*. Fa ba le 10 kwa Molepolole ba dira tiro nngwe kana *business* nngwe e e tsamaelanang le tse ba di rutetsweng. Fa e le gore motho gongwe o dira *farming*, e bo e le gore *one or two people from Ministry of Agriculture are monitoring, mentoring and supervising them. Every six months they have to give a report. Go tsweng fa after a year of financing, monitoring and mentoring them, after a year then they have graduated*, ba ka kgona gore ba rute ba bangwe gape ba le 10 ditiro tse di farologaneng. *At the end of five years you have empowered thousands and thousands of youth ka just P50 million yo o dirisitsweng in two days.*

MR SEGOKGO: Clarification. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke santse ke ntse ke botsa potso ya maabane gore, a mme P50 million yo o ne a ka se ka a entice bagolo ba ba dingwaga tse di bo 50 mo ditirong, gore re ba neele P50 million yo? Tota banana ke lemoga gore ba batla ditiro, gore ba ba sutele banana ba tle ba kgone gore ba tsene mo ditirong. Ke gore re dire *Adult Retirement Fund*, re bo re tswa fela mo YDF re ye go hira banana, re entice bagolo gona le to entice banana, re ba fe ditiro.

MR MONAGENG: Ee, o e tshwere sentle *Honourable Member*, ka le wena o monana. Ke gore tota mo Botswana, banana ga ba ditshwakga mo go kalokalo, but they are frustrated and have lost hope. Ke jaaka mo Gaborone jaana o bona e le gore bontsi jwa banana ba o fitlhelang ba le borethe mo difatlhegong, ba ineetse mo seemong se se leng teng se le se itseng. Ke gore o tlaa bona monana a itisa kwa Cappello kana Millennium Jazz Restaurant. Fa o tlotla le ene o mmotsa gore o bereka kae, a bo a go raya a re ga ke bereke. O bo o mmotsa gore, fa e le gore ga o bereke o le mo Cappello kana Avani, mme o o nwa *drinks* tse di turang jaana, o tsaya kae madi. O bo o fitlhela gore ka bokhutshwane, monana yo *with due respect*, o na le ditsala tsa borre ba bagolwane ba ba berekang ba ka nna babedi kana bararo. Yo mongwe ke wa *gas*, yo mongwe ke wa diaparo, yo mongwe wa dijo, jalojalo. Ke gore boleng jwa banana mo Botswana bo ya kwa tlase, ka ntata ya gore ba nna mo Gaborone mme ba sa bereke.

Jaanong re tshwanetse re nne Goramente yo re tlaa tlhokomelang banana ba rona, ka gore ke bone *future* ya rona. Jaaka o bua *Honourable Segokgo*, ke dumalana le wena thatathata. Banana ba tshwanetse gore ba *take up leadership roles*, ba se ka ba re ka nako tsotlhe ba bo ba ntse ba re ke tlaa ja eng, *what is it there for me*. Fa o re tsena mo mekgathlong, ke tlaabo ke ja eng. Fa o re

tsena mo go sepe fela, monana o tlaabo a leba gore o tlaa ja eng. Fa a ka bo a itse gore fa a tsena mo Student Representative Council (SRC) a le kwa Molepolole College of Education (MCE) kwa ke neng ke *address* SRC teng, o tshwanetse go itse gore le fa e sena *sitting allowance*, monana yoo *is building future* ya gagwe and leadership skills. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore re ba encourage re le Puso e ntšha, gore a ba tsene mo roles tse di leng kwa ba nnang teng kwa dikgaolong tsa bone, because they will be investing in their future.

Skills Development; bagaetsho, vocational training is the answer. Let us go back to those ideas tsa ga Van Rensburg, tse di neng di batla to mould monana, a itse gore ga se gore tiro fela ke *white collar jobs*, a itse gore ke ka itirela ka diatla. Goramente o dirile phoso e tona 14 years ago, go tsaya *brigades from the communities*. Brigades ke ne ke le modulasetilo wa tsone tsotlhe mo Botswana, mme *Honourable Nkate* wa tsala ya me ka tlotlo, nako ya teng e le *Minister wa Education*, ba ne ba tsaya tshwetso eo ya gore ba tseye *brigades* mo merafeng. Ba ne ba bolaya mowa wa go ipelega. You can imagine brigade jwa Kweneng jo bo kwa Molepolole, properties...

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. Mma re dumedise mo Ntlong e, le Botswana ka bophara. Ke banana le *gender*, bangwe ka rona kana fa gongwe re a tsietsega ka dilo tse, fa gotwe *gender* rona ra re bomme. Fa gongwe ke gone fa mananeo a rona a tlhakatlhakanang teng foo, gore fa go buiwa ka bong wena o bo o bua ka bomme.

Boammaaruri jwa teng ke gore, *ministry* o o tshwere dipalo tse dintsi fela thata tsa batho mo lefatsheng le, e bile dipalo tseo ke tsone tse ba leng mo mathateng ka bontsi, fa re lebile dikgang tsa itsholelo le *smooth and positive functioning within the society*. Ke bone batho ba ba tshwereng mathata, e bile ke bone batho ba dikgwetlho tsa botshelo, fa re tla mo ditlamoragong tsa botshelo tse gongwe di sa siamang, *social ills*, ke bone batho ba ba mo mogoteng wa tsone.

Gompiano fa re bua ka dikgwetlho tsa banana thata, ke ditagi le letlhoko la ditiro. *The major one* ke ya letlhoko la ditiro. Mo go tlhokafalang Tona gore jaaka o le kwa Cabinet jalo, *each and every project that passes through Cabinet*, o tsenye leitlho thata mo teng. O pateletse gore kgang ya ditiro e senoge mo *project* e e bonala, le gore ditiro tse di ya kae. A ke ditiro fela tse di batlelwang *management*, bagolo kana ke tse gongwe banana ba ba sa berekeng ba ka nna le seabe mo teng. *It is very*

important gore jaanong o intshe *prefect* ya *projects* tse, go bona gore banana ba ba tlhokang ditiro ka bokete jo bo kana gongwe le gongwe, ba bona tiro.

Kgang ya *tertiary training* ya banana le yone e botlhokwa thata Tona, gore le fa dilo tse di se mo maphateng a gago, *but when it comes to* banana, bong kana bomme, o tshwanelwa ke gore o tsenye leitho gongwe le gongwe. O nne o ntse o thodumela gore kwa go diragala eng, kwa go diragala eng, a banana lenaneo le la ga Goromente le le tshwanetseng gore ba ka bo ba le akola, a ba a le akola, bo *tertiary funding* jalo.

Selelo sa banana ba ba ka bong ba le kwa dikoleng tse di kgolwane tsa *secondary, universities* le tse dingwe jalo, dipalo tsa bone di kwa tlase fela thata, *in terms of they are not funded*, ga gona madi a a kgonang *to fund them*. Ke gore fa o bona gotwe 36, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba tsamaya kwa go bo 32. Gone moo fela ka bogone go raya gore kgang e ya letlhoko la madi e, e teng fa e teng, mme fa gongwe *you just need to be bold and deliberate* mo *Cabinet* fela gotwe *budget* e a feta, *and say* a ga re ka ke ra fokotsa P100 million kwa Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) a ya kwa *tertiary funding*, banana ba kgone go ya go tsaya *skill* se ba ka kgonang gore ba itshetse ka sone. *Yes, DIS and Botswana Defence Force (BDF) are very important institutions* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *but* ga re ye ntweng le ope, ga re ikaelele go rumola ope. Ngwaga mongwe o le mongwefela fela ga re go topolwe fela *significantly* ka fa, go isiwe kwa letlhoko le leng teng e leng la banana.

Tona re go rotloetse, re utlwile gotwe *furnitures* ke bo P1.3 million tsa *Ministers*, re utlwile gotwe bangwe kwa diofising tsa lona kwa, *curtains* jaanong ke tsa P200 000, re utlwile gotwe dikoloi tse dingwe di phepile kwa, di raletse metsi, go ralalwa noka ka kara, re utlwile gotwe bangwe le gana go dirisa dikoloi tse di neng di dirisiwa ke *Ministers* tsa maloba, la re le rekelwe tse disha. Re re Tona tlhe kwa go wena o na le mathata, tseo a ko di se ka tsa go ama. O amiwe ke mathata a banana, *not the luxurious lifestyle* ya a *Cabinet Minister* in Botswana.

Kgang ya *decentralisation* e botlhokwa thata, o leke go tsenya leitho go bona gore a mme *our services are decentralised*. Dikgang tsa gore batho ba tswe kwa bo Maun ba tle *to fill forms* mo Gaborone, e ya kwa *tertiary institutions and professional bodies*, di ama banana thata. O leke ka bojotlhe gore *service providers to the youth are decentralised* gore ba kgone *to access them* ka bokete jo bo kalo.

Go na le kgang e ya YDF; *the one-size-fits-all amounts* tsa P100 000. Fa re le kwa Maun, Chobe, Okavango, Gumare, Seronga, go bo gotwe P100 000 *project* le yo o mo Gaborone P100 000 *project*, rona *is no longer* P100 000 *because of the prices*. Go raya gore ke bo P70 000. Madi a a *project* fa kwano ba tsaya P100 000, rona e nne P120 000 *because project* e o ka e dirang ka P100 000 kwano, kwa o e dira ka P120 000. *Your budget must take into account* dikgang tse di ntseng jalo gore *the total amounts be regionalised*.

MR DISHO: *On a point of elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe ya *projects*. Kwa ga rona *projects* ke tsa *tourism and if you fund it* ka P50 000, o a bo o sa *fund a tourism project*. Gone foo mokaulengwe, a ko o kope fela gore ba go okeletse madi. Tanki

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Honourable* Disho, go ntse jalo. Rona kwa re tshela ka bojanala *and it is a highly capital intensive investment*.

Fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) ke gatelela se *Honourable* Monageng a neng a se bua, *brigades* le *Technical Colleges* ke tsone konokono fa go tla mo go ntsheng banana mo letlhokong la ditiro. Re lebile gore monana wa gompiano ga se motho wa bo 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ke monana yo o batlang go dira fale, a boe a ye go dira fale. *Therefore*, fa a tshwere *skill* ka diatla, o kgona go dira *piece job*, a bo a ya go dira se a se dirang. Fa re batla gore ba ye go bereka 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., ga go ka ke ga kgonagala.

Gompiano fa o tsena mo *garages* le Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) tsa rona, ke batswakwa fela. Fa re ka baakanya kgang ya rona ya *brigades* le *technical colleges*, ditiro tseo di ya go tsewa ke banana. *They are going to create jobs for themselves rather than* re bo re lela ka gore ga go na ditiro. Go botlhokwa thata Tona gore kgang e ya *tertiary education*, e nne teng.

Kgang ya bomme le lefatshhe; fa o lebelela *the squatters* tse di leng teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, o ya go fitlhela dipalo tse di ntsi e le *female headed households, why?* Go diega ga *land board* go fa batho lefatshhe *in the past 15, 20 years or so*, go amile bomme thata go gaisa borre. Kwa Mapororo, Polokabatho kwa e leng gore *land board* e gorogile le ipeile, e a le thubela mme e na le lebaka le le kana e sa fe batho ditsha. O ipotsa gore ba ne ba solofetse gore batho ba ka ya go nna kae? Bontsi jwa batho ba ba mo *list* ya teng, e ke e tshwereng ya malwapa a le 50, a e leng gore gatwe a

ya go thubiwa kwa kgaolong ya Maun East, ke sa tseele gore ga se gone fela, ke bomme. Mo go rayang gore *it is very important* gore you intervene gone fa Tona. O bona gore ba ba ikopetseng, bogolo *land board* e ba segele ditsha gone foo, ka gore ya re ba tswe, e sege ditsha gone foo. *Rather than* ba ba nang le 10 years ba ikopetse, go bo gotwe ba a thubelwa, ba ya kae? Ke *issue*. Tona, a ko o leke go tla ka *Bill* ya gore bomme, thatathata ba ba eteletse *disadvantaged households*, ba se ka ba tshwantshangwa le mongwe le mongwe *in terms of access to* lefatshe. A go nne le *Affirmative Action* ya bomme bao kwa *land board*.

Kgang e ya banalebogole le yone e ama bomme thata *because* ke bone 24-hour guardians tsa banalebogole. Le yone *it needs to be looked into*. Go bonwe gore ba ka thusiwa botoka ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Tanki.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Ke simolola ka go leboga Tona Chombo yo o kileng a baya *budget* e ya *ministry* wa gagwe fa pele ga rona. Re mo leboegele gore o supile gore o tsibogetse dikgang tse Batswana ba ntseng ba bua ka tsone, dilelo tsa banana le bomme tse di itebagantseng le kgokgontsho ya bomme.

Ke simolole ke gatelele, ke bo ke mo leboege gore o ne a kgona gore e re a goroga kwa New York, *she assumed* maemo a bo *Chairperson* jwa the *Specialised Technical Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment*.

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

MS KENEWENDO: Re solofela gore o tlaa dirisa maemo a, go eteletsa dikgang tsa bomme pele mo Botswana le lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Go tlhoka gore go nne le kemonokeng ya bomme e e tseneletseng, e bile re bone le madi a tswelsetse a tsena *into the organisations* tse di itebagantseng le bomme.

Re mo nakong e e utlwisang botlhoko. Batswana ba ntse ba gatelela gore re a lela, ga re ka ke ra kgona gore beke le beke, re bo re utlwa ka dipolao tsa bomme. Beke le beke, re utlwa gotwe mo mafatsheng bomme ba ba leng mo dipolotiking, ba ba mo maamong a a rileng le bone ba a fokotsega. Re nna re utlwa dikgang tsa gore bomme mo mafatsheng mangwe, ba emisiwa go bereka le letseno la bone le a fokotsega. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore *the Secretary General* wa United Nations (UN) o ile a tlhalosa gore *“we need to push back on the pushback on the women’s agency and women empowerment.”* Minister Chombo, re solofetse gore

le wena dikgang tse o tlaa di emela ka dinao gore *we should push back on the pushback on any development around women* segolobogolo kang e e re tshwenyang. Ke bona go na le *those who have already organised* gore go nna le mogwanto o o supang gore re tshwenyegile ka dipolao tsa bomme. Re re le wena o ko o goroge kwa mogwantong oo, fa e le gore o tlaabo o le teng mo Botswana. Re bontshe Batswana gore re ba ema nokeng mo dikgannyeng tse, ga se fela tsa kwa gae.

Tona, ke itumelela gore o re solofetse gore re tlaa bona melawana e o tlaa e tlising fa, e e itebagantseng le Gender Equality Act le Gender Based Violence Act. A re atolosetse gore melawana e e tlaabong e tla, e re tshwaretse eng? Re solofele eng ka gore re a itse gore gatwe molao fa gongwe o kgona gore o rutuntshe ka fa re tshelang ka teng, *legislation can craft culture?* Ba tlhomamisitse gore *indeed in examining legal cases and legal process, we can shape culture*. Re solofela gore melao e o batlang go e tliša e, e ka tla e itebagantse le gore re fetole ka fa rotlhe re tshedisanang ka teng mo Botswana. Re tlhomamisa gore mosadi kana Motswana mongwe le mongwe wa bong jo bo rileng, o tlaa bona a babalesegile, e bile a sireletsegile mo Botswana. A bereka, a nne le letseno le botshelo jo bo rileng mo lefatsheng le la rona.

Mr Chairperson, ministry o, o tshwere le dikgang tsa banana. Re tshwenngwa ke letlhoko la ditiro le madi a a tsenang mme ke lemoga jalo gore YDF ke e e a buiwa gore ke yone e e yang go tsaya *a large budget* ya *ministry* o. Ke re, nako nngwe re kile ra gakolola gore gongwe *part of the* YDF e dirisiwe *to serve the guarantee* kwa dibankeng.

Re *leverage* madi a re nang le one *to unlock a lot more to create a multiplier effect in the market*. Fa gongwe fa re tshwere ene P100, 000 re sa kgone go mo *turn into* P1 million, re kgona *to limit the impact* e e ka tswang mo mading a re nang le one. Gongwe Tona o ka sekaseka dikgang tseo *on how do we transform the YDF to have better impact and deliver economic change in Botswana*.

E bile gape ke atlolole letsogo le nna ke re go na le tse re tlaabong re di dira kwa *Ministry of Minerals and Energy*. Ke solofela gore re tlaa tla re bereka mmogo, tsotlhe tse dingwe tse di tlang di amilwe ke *our agreement with* De Beers tse di itebagantseng le *beneficiation, jewellery making* le *the institute of diamonds* mo Botswana, re tle re di tshwaraganele, re bone gore banana ba Botswana le bone ba ka kgona go bona sengwe mo teng.

Mo go tse dingwe ke re tota kgang e ke setse ke kile ka go e kopa Tona ke re, go botlhokwa gore re busetse Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC) kwa seemong se e kileng e bo e le sone. Lefelo le le ne le re ruta gore re itse go berekisana le ba bangwe, re nganga mme re felela re dumalane. BNYC *was a place of developing leadership*. Go batla gore re busetse BNYC e e tlhophiwa ke batho jaaka re ne re e itse, e seng e e tlhophiwa ke Minister. E bile re bo re tlhomamisa gore *the youth centres around the country* le tsone re a di tsosolosa, re tlhomamisa gore banana ba itse kwa ba ka yang teng fa ba jewa ke bodutu, fa ba batla *to network* ba itsane, fa ba batla le go supa bokgoni jwa bone *in the creative industry*. Dilo tse ke tse re godileng re na le tsone...

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Elucidation. Thank you very much honourable, o e tshwere sentle thata. Ke ne ke re gongwe o gatelele gone mo gore kana gore banana ba ne ba kgona go ithlhopela baeteledipele ba bone, e ne e le tsela nngwe ya go ba godisa le bone, ba nna le seabe mo go reng e re kamoso ba bo ba ikemetse go tla go tsena gone fa mo Palamenteng ba dire melao jaana.*

MS KENEWENDO: O e tshwere sentle Butale, ke yone kgang eo ya konokono. Ba le bantsi mo Palamenteng e le tse di fetileng, ba fetile koo, go botlhokwa gore re busetse serodumo sa BNYC le Botswana National Youth Centres tse di neng di le *around the country*. Fa e le gore madi ga a yo gompiano, a re boneng gore re tlisa ba *the private sector* jang gore ba re thuse gore re tsosolose mkafelo a ka gore a botlhokwa tota go tlhomamisa gore banana ba itse go dirisana mmogo, ba gola mo *their leadership capacities and on their own skills*. E bile re gatelele tota gore e boele mo matsogong a banana gore dilo tsotlhe di tle di tsamae sentle.

Tona, mma ke tle ke wele ke lebile nako e, ke go leboge gore go supa fa o batla gore go nne le *a gender responsive budgeting process*. Re se ka ra felela fela mo *gender responsive budgeting process*, re tsene le kwa *procurement*. Ke yone kgang e e leng gore le rona kwa *ministry* wa rona re ne re e bua gore, gore re bue fela re re tlaa *support* bomme mme go sena sepe mo ditshetlaneng tsa *procurement*, ga go thuse sepe. Go batla gore le le ba lekalana la *gender* le tle le buisane le *ministries* le re bolelele gore sentle, *how do we even make procurement gender responsive and how do we make procurement youth responsive*. Ka gore fa e tla e le lona le re rutuntshang, ke tsaya gore re ka tla ra dira

dilo tse ya nna *a very clear* KPI e rotlhe re batlang go bereka mo go yone re go *support* mo tirong e o tlaabong o e dira. Re a itse gore fa wena o *succeed*, rotlhe re tlaabo re *succeed*. Banana ba mo Botswana ba tlaabo ba gatela pele, bomme ba tlaabo ba gatela pele ka re a itse gore fa bomme ba gatela pele, lefatshe lotlhe le gatela pele. Re setse re utlwile kgantele go buiwa gore *over 70 per cent of our households are female headed, a woman led households which means* tota *we need to ensure that all the economic vulnerabilities* tsa bomme re a di tlhokomela, re a di ntsha, *we are building economic agency* ya bomme le banana. Re tlhomamisa gore kamoso ga re na mo re go bitsang re re *a lost generation*. Ke kgang e tota ke neng ke re re e tseye tsia, re bone gore re ka *partner* jang, ra tshwarisanya tsela e, mokgweleo o jang gore lefatshe la Botswana, banana le bomme ba lone ba tle ba gatelele pele. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you honourable. *E le tshwere nako* ya debate, I now call upon the Honourable Minister of Youth and Gender, Baby of the House, to reply to the debate. Honourable Minister, we will readjust that time, I need you reply to the debate and put the question by 5 o' clock. Do you think you can do that?

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO): 20 minutes?

MR CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MS CHOMBO: I love myself for a challenge. Thank you Mr Chair, let me start by thanking my honourable colleagues for their meaningful contributions and for truly showing *gore tiro e re e tshwaraganetse*. *Kgang e re nnang re e bua thata* at the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs is that our issues cut across all ministries, all sectors, so I am very happy and pleased to see that we are aligned in that regard, and realising that for us to achieve a mandate, we will need each and every sector, every ministry, every individual to contribute meaningfully and to abide by *tsone dielo tse re di bayang* to achieve this mandate.

Let me start of by addressing one which seemed to be quite prevalent which is YDF. *Ke simolole ka* to assure *batlotlegi* gore the YDF is undergoing a review, it is the first thing that we did upon the new administration taking over, *gore* the YDF needs to be reviewed. We have realised not just as the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs but as Batswana *le bogogi* gore it is not fit for purpose. Initially when it started, it was for out of

school young people, and it has gotten to a point where our degree holders are resorting to it. This shows *gore letlhoko la ditiro le tsentse banana* in uncomfortable situations leading them to even resort to initiatives which were not tailored for them. We have also realised that the YDF is now even being applied for young people who are not entrepreneurs, *e le kgang ya gore banana ba tlhoka madi, ba tlhoka se ba ka itshetsang ka sone*. I welcome the contributions that have been made by the Honourable Ministers, Honourable Assistant Ministers as well as the Honourable Members of Parliament. One which have been prevalent was to request for an increase of the fund *gore re kgone go e atolosa* to cover *banana ba le bantsi. Ke dumalana le kopo e, banana ba supile gore keletso ya bone ke go simolola dikgwebo*.

Before we even get to saying let us increase the fund, let us give more young people jobs, I think it is very important for us to realise the necessity of getting it right to begin with.

I believe in being able to be held accountable for everything that we do. If I can trust you with P10, then I can trust you with P100, and if I can trust you with P100, I can trust you with more. So, we need to structure it such that *banana fa re ba file P100, 000 o ba tswela mosola. Ke a itse gore ke madi a mannye, mme go na le dikgwebo tse di ka dirwang ka madi ao*. As we restructure YDF, we realise as well that it is not a one size fits all. *Go na le dikgwebo tsa banana tse di tlhokang madi a mannye, go na le ba ba simololang, ke gone ba ithutuntshang*, and so on and so forth, and *go na le banana ba e leng gore bone ba tlhoka a mantsi*. Let me highlight that currently young people are able to group themselves into four or five and be able to get more than a P100, 000 getting up to P450, 000 or so. *Ke yone e re rotloetsang banana ba currently ba tlhokang madi a mantsi gore ba e dirise*.

The Honourable Members of Parliament have cautioned against lack of training, which is something that I also believe in. Currently, the ministry has been under resourced for a very long time and we find that previously *e ne e le* the ministry of Youth, covering sport, gender and arts, and our youth officers were overwhelmed. They had to do sport, arts, culture and youth, and so you find that we had the same people *ba ba re thusang thata ka* mandate *wa rona ba tshwanetse go dira le YDF ba le nosi. E bile ke dumalana le Batlotlegi ba ba buileng gore* they are not skilled.

So we need to also skill them. We need to facilitate having a proper business unit *e e tlhologanyang letlhoko la banana le* the diversity and the ever-evolving world of business, especially when it comes to young people.

We have been cautioned for lack of efficiency in funding processes by Honourable Moswaane. I humbly apologise for that delay and I agree that we need to be more efficient in our processes. It all ties to *kgang ya* lack of resourcing. Like I said, I take accountability for it and believe that as we revitalise and revamp it, we will start the proper structures in place *gore e kgone go re tswela mosola o re o eletsang*.

Access to market is something that we also welcome. We have been undergoing meetings and dialogues with various ministries *re bega* mandate *wa rona, e bile re bona gore re ka dirisanya jang*. One of the discussions that we had this morning at the Ministry of Agriculture with Honourable Dikoloti *e ne e le kgang ya* access to market *gore re na le banana ba bantsintsi ba ba mo dikgwebong. E bile re itemogela gore* because *dikgwebo tse* cut across all sectors, we need the various ministries to help us in terms of ensuring that these young people access these markets.

Re ntse re le mo go yone ya YDF, we speak of monitoring and evaluation and that too *e tlhamaletse batlotlegi gore* there is no point in not training young people, giving them funds and then not even monitoring, evaluating and ensuring that they are mentored through the process. The initial point of this fund to begin with was not just to give *monana madi le kgwebo*, it was to empower them. It is very essential that as we do restructure it, we factor this in *gore* post funding, *banana ba rona ba tswelile ba ntse ba rutuntshiwe*. They should be handheld. *Ke kgang e ke nnang ke e bua gantsi ke re* there is no one who is old enough or too smart *yo e leng gore ga a tlhoke* a mentor. All of us need to be hand held and guided especially when we are venturing into *dilo tse di ntšha*.

Digitilisation is also very important and it is one of the things that we are going to include as we restructure YDF. *Banana* have really contested *kgang ya gore ba ye* ministry, *ba tle ka madi ba a ise koo*. It has been an issue that has also been raised by officers who feel unsafe *gore ba bo ba tshwanetse go tshwara madi a banana, e bo ba a busetse kwa* ministry. The whole process of applying...

MR SEGOKGO: *Elucidation.* Ke boelela la boraro jaanong gore tota mme *we do not burn energy* e ntsi mo YDF *so that focus* ya rona e nne mo *creation* ya diphatlha tsa mebereko. Madi a YDF ke eng re sa a ise fela kwa bagolong *and entice Government employees* gore ba sutele banana mo ditirong? *Energy* ya rona re bo re e dirisa mo *creation of employment opportunities for young people*. Ba ba batlang dikgwebo re bo re dira *that National Fund of Funds* e re buang ka yone rona ba UDC gore ba ye go tsaya madi koo, YDF re bo re e ntsha *totally* re tle re kgone go batlela banana diphatlha tsa mebereko. Re bo re ya *to entice* bale ba bo 45 years go ya kwa godimo gore ba sutele banana mo ditirong.

MS CHOMBO: Thank you *motlotlegi*. I appreciate your sentiments and I think that what you are saying is that we need to ensure *gore banana re ba direla diphatlha*. *Ga ke dumele gore mo go direleng banana diphatlha*, we streamline them and decide *gore banana ga ba tlhoke dikgwebo*. I think that entrepreneurship is very critical in the times that we live in. Various Honourable Members here *ba ntse ba bua gore bone ba itse banana ba sa rate ditiro, ba sa rate 8-5*. *Jaanong ke dumela gore mme le fa ke dumalana mo goreng* we need to really find a way of creating an exit strategy for most of our officials, *ba bangwe* have even expressed that Motion *o o kileng wa tswa wa exit strategy ba ne ba o ratile*. *Ke keletso ya bone gore ba sutele banana*. *Ke a dumela* but I do not think that it needs to be one or the other. I think that YDF is a very important initiative. When done right, it is going to help young people to create more jobs for more young people. I do not agree in discarding it.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): *Elucidation.* Thank you Mr Chairperson. Honourable Minister, *ke re gongwe e bile o re tlhalosetse gore kana* in some spaces, niche development areas and entrepreneurship is largely driven by young people. We need to create avenues for them to access finance. We cannot just streamline them into jobs and leave out their creativity, eagerness and their youth vigour to create their own new sectors and jobs to stimulate the economy.

MS CHOMBO: I thank you Honourable Minister and I agree with that. Young people are innovators and creators. This also ties to the fact that as we are saying that we are revamping YDF and ensuring that entrepreneurship remains the priority of this Government, we are doing this having consulted the

young people. As a representative of young people and being a young person myself, you are a young person as well Honourable Member, *ke dumela gore go bothokwa* for us to address the problems *tsa banana ka solutions tse banana ba di batlang*. It is that vigour, passion and desire that is going to actually help us in attaining the desired results *ka gore e a bo e le dikeletso tsa bone*. *E bile entrepreneurship ke keletso ya banana*. *Ba eletsa fela gore re e dire sentle, e bile re se ka ra e dira ka dikakanyo tsa rona*. *Legale nna ke monana, ke sa ipalelele mo teng*. *Dikakanyo tsa me di mo teng, di tshwana le tsa banana*. *E se ka ya nna dikakanyo tsa boeteledipele fela, bone e le gore ga ba a tsenngwa mo go tsone*.

We have actually done our stakeholder consultation with various relevant stakeholders, including *banana*, speaking of how we need to revamp YDF and it is ongoing. We are partnering with the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship and various ministries as well, including *banana* to revitalise it.

In the interest of time, I will now move to the overall development of young people Mr Chairperson. When I got to the ministry, one of the things that I said which I felt as a young person was that, “if I was not in sport, if I was not in arts, if I was not an entrepreneur, then I feel like my country is not programming and catering for me.” Previously I understand the ministry was quite overwhelmed and so this is what created these gaps. One of the things that we are taking as a priority as we have been highlighting and the Honourable Minister also highlighted, is avoiding to streamline *banana*. *Re ba akanyetsa gore wena o top achiever kana banana botlhe ke top achievers, banana botlhe* are in sport, *banana botlhe* are entrepreneurs because that is not the case. So when we speak of youth development, we speak of holistic youth development. We realise that young people do not only need to be empowered economically but we need to build their character. We realise that we need to enhance their skills. As the Honourable Members have already alluded to, those are welcomed suggestion and they are well underway *go netefatsa gore* we create a well-rounded young Motswana.

We are currently in the process and we have already started and drafted the Revised National Youth Policy. *Keletso ya rona ke* to redefine what a young Motswana is and not have them streamlined *ba akanyeditse gore ba tshwanetse go nna eng*. This youth policy which will truly holistically cover every young Motswana from all

walks of life, *ke e e tlaa netefatsang gore melao e re e dirang*, programmes *tse re di dirang* in various ministries and sectors align with our mandate of catering for every young Motswana.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Elucidation. Thank you. O e tshwere sentle Honourable Minister. Fa ke ka go raya ke re go na le banana ba gago ba e leng gore at the moment* Botswana Examination Council (BEC) e gana go ba neela *certificates* tsa bone, jaanong ga ba kgone *to access* sepe fela. O ka ntsha lentswe o reng *to represent* banana ba gore *with immediate effect*, BEC e ntshe *certificates* tsa bone, e ba neele ba ye go palelwa ke matshelo go sele? Ke kopa gore a ko o e atlaatlle o le Minister wa Banana gore re e bone.

MS CHOMBO: *Ke a leboga motlotlegi.* A priority Mr Chairperson, that we are currently implementing at the ministry *ke mainstreaming e re buang ka yone. Jaanong* my position as the Minister of Youth is to advocate for young people indeed and to hold all the Ministers and all the various sectors accountable for everything that they need to perform to the advantage of young people. *Jaanong* respectfully *ke re* our beautiful Honourable Mma Mosadinyane, Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka is here. I believe that with full trust, this is something that she will look into *ka tshakgalo eo o tlaa ntsha* that instruction to ensure *gore banana ba rona ba thusitswe. Ke tswelele* Honourable Chairperson to speak of Tirelo Setšhaba. I welcome all the...

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

MS CHOMBO: Mr Chairperson, please protect me from them.

MR CHAIRPERSON: You are basking under my protection.

MS CHOMBO: Thank you.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, Standing Order 58.4. *Tswelela* Honourable Minister.

MS CHOMBO: I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Elucidation. Ke a leboga Honourable Chombo. Ke tseye kgang e ya certificates* tse bana ba ganelwang ka

tsone, ke setse ke ntshitse *pronouncement* maabane ke kopane le *Directors* tsa dikgaolo le bagokgo ba dikole gore a bana ba se ka ba duelela melato ya batsadi, a bana ba neelwe *certificates with immediate effect because* go dia *placement* ya bone. Ba tlaa sala batsadi morago gore go dirwe *plan* ya gore go duelwa jang, ke e beile jalo maabane.

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

MS CHOMBO: I thank you Honourable Chairperson. *Ke tlaa tlolela kwa goreng* Tirelo Setšhaba *bagaetsho* is also being revised to ensure that we transform it into an initiative that actually skills *banana*. It is an initiative that at the end of the day, *monana o na le* certificate *se se tlaa mo tswelang mosola*. We are also developing an exit strategy, *ga re eletse gore banana ba nne mo* Tirelo Setšhaba for many years, it was never the intention. Again it speaks to how we need to create jobs for young people.

Honourable Phologolo said something very important about collaboration and he mentioned collaborating with Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) *ke nankole gore* we already have that collaboration, recently I attended a graduation *e bidiwa*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MS CHOMBO: I am sorry Honourable Minister. I attended an initiative *e e bidiwang* IncuHive where BIUST actually incubates young people and skills and trains them for three years. A partnership is such that these young people will then go to our Mmankgodhi Farm which sits under the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs *gore ba kgone gore jaanong ba tsene mo kgwebong*.

I would like to quickly jump to issues of gender, we have our Inter-Ministerial Committee on GBV *e na le* Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, we are speaking of preventative measures when we talk about curbing GBV. We want to teach them while they are still young *gore gender equality ke eng*. We are speaking of positive masculinity and mental health in partnership with the Ministry of Health. We are speaking of healthy and sustainable and conducive labour conditions for women and we are partnering with the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs to ensure that there is no sexual harassment in the work place. We are speaking of gender responsive and sensitive budgeting

in partnership with Ministry of Finance. *A mantsi, re na le the Ministry of Justice as well o o botlhokwa thata fa re bua ka our judicial structure.*

Speaking of the judicial structure, our Honourable Minister here did speak to the laws *tse ke dumelang gore di botlhokwa*, they are the foundation of everything that we do. For just to speak on the Gender Equality Bill. *Tota keletso ke gore* we need to get to a point where we criminalise GBV. This has been the cry of all of our CSOs and stakeholders. They need to see the political will that aligns to the grave situation that we are faced with right now *mo Botswana ya kgokgontsho*. So, these laws and this Gender Equality Bill, the GBV Act, we want to strengthen our legal protection and promote gender sensitive justice systems. We want to enable *bomme le botlhe ba ba mo kgokgontshong* to have access to comprehensive services.

We want through this Gender Equality Bill to ensure that the National Gender Commission *e e nang le batho ba ba nang le boitseanape jo bo ntle, ba rata tiro ya bone* to actually be capacitated and formalise them. Also to ensure *gore* their mandate is formalised and is given a strong legal foundation so they can be able to conduct investigations and hold us accountable for all the non-compliance that we align with; all the gender strategies that have been put in place. I think that it is very critical *gore* this National Gender Commission *e fiwe tetla eo*.

Bagaetsho, when we speak of gender issues, we also speak of women in leadership. Earlier on I was speaking to Honourable Minister Dikoloti *ke mo tlhalosetsa gore tota fa re bua ka* inclusivity, *a dumalana*, inclusivity *ya rona bagaetsho* is such that we do not want people *gore ba akanyediwe*. *Ga re batle gore mo Palamenteng borre ba bo ba re ba akanyetsa bomme gore mme ene* we can programme for her, *re a akanya gore mme o ka ikutlwa jang*. *Re batla bomme mo Palamenteng ba tle go ikakanyetsa, e bile go tshwana le banana*. Right now, we have our Honourable Ministers with their incredible experience speaking on behalf of young people. What we need is young people in these positions so that they can be able to speak for themselves. So, these are the things that we are currently working on Honourable Chairperson and I would like to applaud all the Honourable Members. I applaud Honourable Dikoloti on that commitment to 25 per cent reduction of GBV annually. *Ke tsone dilo tse re batlang go di utlwa*.

E bile ka nako e Honourable Chairperson, I would like to move and request that the sum of Ten Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Seven

Hundred and Thirty-Nine Pula (P10, 527, 739) for the development budget be given to the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs. I hereby request the sum of Seven Hundred and Seven Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Pula (P707, 656, 660) under recurrent budget for Organisation 2200 be approved and that it stands part of the schedule of the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 and that the sum of Ten Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Nine Pula (P10, 527, 739) for development budget for Organisation 2200 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2025/2026. I therefore move accordingly. I thank you humbly Honourable Chairperson.

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

Question put and **agreed to**.

ORGANISATION 9100 - APPROPRIATION FROM REVENUE

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, *re tsamaela kwa motsubong wa tiro ya rona ya go dira molao wa madi*, Appropriation from Revenue. Honourable Members, please note that there is a proposed amendment to the Appropriation from Revenue by the Minister of Finance. I shall now call upon the Honourable Minister, His Honour the Vice President to present and move the amendment.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mr Chairperson, the amendment is to insert the Organisational code 9100 for the appropriation from revenue as part of the schedule to the Bill. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Let me just indicate that the amendment is in compliant with Standing Order 77 and Standing Order 90. The question...

MR SALESHANDO: Point of procedure. Mr Chairperson, *kana* it completely caught all of us off guard. We do not know what the significance of this is. It has not been noticed, *ga re a bolelelwa sepe, ga re a tla ka* any of the relevant documents *mo o neng o ka re o lebelele*. I think it is only fair to take Members of the House into your confidence and say, this is what we achieve by the amendment, *re seka ra ya go tlhophafela re sa itse gore go tewa eng*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Mma ke riane*, when we look at the Estimates, all the Ministries and the Chapters,

Organisations, they have numbering. So, if you look at the Bill which you have before you, all the Organisations have numbers except Appropriation from Revenue. If we should go to the Estimates, even the Corrigendum which I have here, Appropriation from Revenue is No. 9100, that is the significance, so that this Bill when it is passed, Appropriation from Revenue is numbered accordingly. So that is the significance. It is a clerical Amendment if you may.

Amendment **agreed to.**

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, the question is that the Appropriation from Revenue for Organisation No. 9100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule.

...Silence...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, the question is that the Appropriation from Revenue for Organisation No. 9100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR CHAIRPERSON: That the Amendment stand part of the Bill.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: We move to Organisation 9100. Honourable Members, the question for consideration this afternoon is that the Appropriation from Revenue for Organisation 9100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule. Honourable Members, please note that 30 minutes has been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Minister to reply to the debate at... we will add six minutes there, it would be what? 1736 hours, is that correct? Yes, and the question will be put at 1726 hours to 1736 hours. I now call upon the Minister of Finance to present.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Chairperson. The procedure by the Leader of the Opposition was justified, when we were writing compositions at primary school, it is a case of forgetting to number the paragraph, so the correction was numbering the paragraph.

Mr Chairperson, the 2025/26 Budget stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to a luminous future for Botswana, a nation gracefully ascending the path of enduring prosperity through sustainable

development and inventive ingenuity. In this spirit, I have the honour to present the 2025/2026 budget for Organisation 9100, "Appropriations from Revenue."

Mr Chairperson, to finance the total Development Expenditure of Twenty-Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand, Two Hundred Pula (P23,749,171,200) in the 2025/2026 Estimates, I propose the appropriation from the Consolidated Fund Revenue, a sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-One Pula (P23,390,879,331) to the Domestic Development Fund (DDF) to finance part of the 2025/2026 Development Programmes.

Mr Chairperson, the remainder will be financed by Loans and Development Grants amounting to Two Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P230,000,000) and then One Hundred and TwentyEight Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine Pula (P128,291,869) respectively, which are the direct receipts in the Development Fund.

Mr Chairperson, in addition, an amount of Two Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P230,000,000), is being proposed for appropriation to the Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF). This is a Special Fund set 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 (UB), as well as the establishment of the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST)."

The Minister of Finance is mandated to replenish this Fund with proceeds realised from the issuance of bonds under the Stocks, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, and such monies as may be donated and contributed into the Fund.

The proposed amount of Two Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P230,000,000), is intended to replenish the Tertiary Education Development Fund, to finance additional facilities geared towards expansion of training programmes that align with industry needs, particularly in technology and renewable energy. An amount of One Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P130,000,000) is set aside for expanding the teaching and learning space, that is, lecture rooms and auditoriums at the BIUST. Construction of the facilities is expected to commence in April 2025.

In addition, part of the proposed funds will cover transactional advisor for the construction of 3,000 beds student residences through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to facilitate increased intake of students.

On the other hand, the UB requires an amount of Eighty Million Pula (P80,000,000) for the construction of additional student accommodation on campus to cater for 630 students in 2025/2026. This will allow UB to offer all the first year and international students accommodation on campus. The total beds required to accommodate...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure.* O tlaa intshwarela, nna o kare ke latlhegilenyana, ga ke itse gore *presentation*, ke ne ke ithaya ke re gatwe ke *response to the budget debate*. Ke eng? Ka gore jaanong o kare ke a *Presentation ya Tertiary Financing*, mme ga ke itse gore mo Order Paper a mme go a tsamaelana. *Appropriation from Revenue* ke eng? A ko le re beye mo mmepeng, kana dilo tsa diphetogo di batla le nna le di tlhalosa sentle, re tsamaye mmogo ka gore fa e seng jalo ba ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba saletse kwa go bo Rre Pule, gongwe lona le setse le tsamaya go sele. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Indeed Honourable Gobotswang, mme fa o ka ela tlhoko sentle, you have done this process at least five times.* Fa re dira molao wa madi fa re tsena fa nako le nako re tsena mo Organisation 9100, *which is Appropriation from Revenue.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: From?

MR CHAIRPERSON: From Revenue, *ee*, Appropriation from Revenue. Kana akere ke...re ka re ke eng, thebolo ya tiriso ya madi *for* se le ntseng le buisana ka sone se. Tota fela ga ke itse gore a ka Setswana ke ka re le soboka se le ntseng le se dira. Jaanong mo tshobokong ya ga Tona wa Madi go raya gore o tsere tshwetso ya gore a nankole tse a buang ka tsone. Mme o mo reetse fela ka kelotlhoko go fitlhelela a wela.

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Mr Chairperson. This is a special item, constitutionally this is sending money to the pocket that deals with Development Expenditure and the money is being brought from revenues and others being brought from grants. Then this is an explanation, what I am giving here is an explanation also of the special funds which are not explained by all these ministries. One of those special funds is the tertiary

one, and I am explaining the use of that money, which is money for BIUST, UB, it is mainly for expanding facilities at BIUST, expanding accommodation at UB. It is basically that explanation. I hope that makes sense, so let me continue.

On the other hand the UB requires Eighty Million Pula (P80 000 000), as I had said, for the construction of additional student accommodation on campus to cater for 630 students in 2025/2026. This will allow the UB to offer all first year and international students accommodation on campus. The total beds required to accommodate both international and first year students though is 1,800 and these will be achieved over a period of three years.

Mr Chairperson, as this is the last item in the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill let me take the opportunity to thank Honourable Members for their positive contributions and feedback on the Budget and assure them that their valuable inputs will be taken into account in the course of implementing Government programmes and projects.

Mr Chairperson, in the spirit of hope and renewal, I am reminded of the words of Jeremiah 29:11, I quote, “for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Let these words inspire us as we embark on this ambitious journey to secure a brighter and more prosperous future for all Batswana.

Mr Chairperson, in conclusion I move that the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty- One (P23,620, 879,331) for Organisation 9100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule to the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025). I thank you Mr Chairperson.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, *ke dumela gore le tshwere* Bill *akere* le the estimates. Honourable Members, as the debate follows, I am going to give priority to Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition (LOO) and Leaders of Political Parties, with five minutes allocated to each.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Ee o tlaa mpolelela* Honourable Minister Ramogapi...(laughter!)... *Akere re utlwane*, five minutes each, Leader of Parties represented here in Parliament, Leader of the House and LOO, Honourable Lesedi and Honourable Pule or who he has designated. The floor is open.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa o tlaa ema a tlhalosa.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Modulasetilo. Ke ne ke re tla mo bokhutlong jwa mosepele o re o simolotseng ka kgwedi ya *February*. Mosepele o o tlang e le legato la ntlha re sena go nna le Puso e ntšha mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Mosepele o ke tsayang gore ga go na ope yo o kareng o eletsa gore a bo a iphitlhetsa a le mo seemong se Tona wa Madi wa lefatsheng a le neng a iphitlhela a le mo go sone. Mosepele o o fitlhelang e le gore batho mo Botswana mo nakong ya gompiano ga ba na ditiro, ba ba nang le ditiro ga ba duelwe madi a a lekaneng. Ba e leng gore ga ba bereke Goromente o tshwanetswe ke gore a ba direle ditiro. Go tshwanelwa ke gore go tlwe ka metlhale e e nitameng, e e nang le tebelopele. Go reela gore ba ba kgaphetsweng kwa ntle mo itsholelong, go tshwanetse go dirwa maiteko a a nitameng a go bona gore le bone e nna bontlha bongwe jwa itsholelo ya Botswana. Ka re tshwanetse go dumalana gore re ne na le itsholelo e e neng e re kgaogantse gabedi; go na le ba ba nang le sengwe, le ba e leng gore ga ba na sepe. Re na le seemo se re neng re na le bodirelapuso jo bo neng bo bereka bo sa itumele, bodirelapuso jo bo neng bo gatelelwa.

Fa o ka lebelela gape, go na le itsholelo... jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore ga se seemo se o neng o ka eletsa go iphitlhela o le mo go sone, se nneng Tona, e bile e le Mothusa Tautona, a iphitlhela a le mo go sone, sa gore lefatsheng la Botswana go ne go sena madi a a tsenang, re sa kgone go nna le letseno le le utlwalang, mme ditsholofelo mo setšhabeng di le fa godimonyana. Ke re rotlhe a re amogeleng, re le mo boammaaruring, gore mo seemong se re neng re le mo go sone Puso e dirile gotlhe mo e ka go kgonang, e bile e tsena, morago ga dikgwedi di ka nna nne go bo e ka diragatsa gore gompiano e bo e sa lebala masea, bagodi le batlhoki, ba re itseng gore rotlhe e ne ya re nako ya re simolola diphathi tse gompiano di leng mo Pusong di ne di simolola di bua ka gore, seemo se bomme ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane ba iphitlhelang mo go sone ba ne ba felela ba tlhoka seriti, ba sa kgone gore ba ikatege ka mesangwana. Gompiano re bua mo seemong se bana botlhe ba tlaabong ba gola ba ka kgonang go ka dirisa mesangwana. Mesangwana e ba ne ba sa e dirise ka gore e ne e felela... ditsela tse ba neng ba di dirisa ka go tlhoka mesangwana di ne di felela di kgona gore di nne kotsi mo matshelong a bone. Seemo se Modulasetilo re tshwanetse go se akola.

Re tshwanetse re akole gape gore, le fa go ntse jalo madi a bana ba bangwe ba ba mo *brigades* ba yang go a tsaya jaaka go ne go ntse go dirwa dikitsiso, ba a go bona madi a botokanyana go na le jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba a bona. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng go amogela gore... rotlhe fa re le mmogo re tlogetse tsa sepolotiki ka fa thoko ka gore gone re tshwanetse gore re farologane, re tshwanetse go amogela gore rotlhe ga re ka ke ra akanya ka go tswana. Re tshwanetse go amogela gape gore, go na le fa re tshwanetseng go tshwaragana re le setšhaba, ka gore re nne selo se le sengwe fela, bogolo jang fa re simolola. Mo thulaganyong e re e simololang e bagaetsho re ne re bua gore, kana mo ke gone mo bangwe ba a tlang ba re ke motshelakgabo, re a bo re ne re batla gore jaanong re ye ka kwa motsheo kwa. Mme jaaka re ne re nganga ka Transitional Plan, re tsaya gore fa re ya go tla ka National Development Plan (NDP) 12, e ke tsayang gore Mapalamente ka bontsi ba tlaa nna le seabe mo go yone, re tlaabo re ka kgona... (inaudible)... mme jaanong re sega tema ya gore, re batla gore mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di tlang re ka wela fa kae.

Modulasetilo, ke tlhalose gore fa o ka lebelela bontsi jwa madi a a neng a rebolwa gompiano mo *budget* ya rona, ke madi a go dira dituelo, a mongwe a ka buang gore ke a *recurrent* gona le a ditlhabolole. Se se dirwa ke gore letseno la rona le kwa tlase, go raya gore dingwe tse re neng re eeditse gore re ka di dira go tlhabolola lefatsheng la Botswana, ga re na go kgona. Ke sone se re ka tlhalosang gompiano gore, Puso e tsere tshwetso e Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi buileng gore, mongwe le mongwe a nne le seabe gore rotlhe re kopanele go aga lefatsheng la rona re ye kwa pele. Yo o nang le gore o ka tsenya madi a tsenye, a tlhabolole. Yo o nang le setsha a ikatumetse Goromente o ka hirisa mo go ene, ka gore ga re na madi a go ka aga gore re hirise.

Tse tsotlhe bagaetsho, ke kopa Mapalamente otlhe ka boikokobetso ka tlotlo, gore a re simololeng mosepele o moshia mmogo, go bona gore re fetisa *budget* e gore re tle re simolole, e re fa re ya go tsena mo ngwageng o o tlang, re bo re thabile tema e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

LEADER OF THE MINORITY (MR LESEDI): Mma ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson*, e bile ke go dumedise mo tshokologong eno. Rraetsho, mma re dumele gore re tla mo bokhutlong jwa thulaganyo e re ntseng re le mo go yone ya kabo ya madi. Ke rata go go raya ke re *Mr Chairperson*, go santse go na le tse dintsi thata tse di saletseng kwa morago, tse re dumelang gore jaaka fa madi a a rebolwa kana Palamente e tlaabo e a

fetisa jaana, di ye go lejwa ka maikaelelo a go tokafatsa le go tliša Batswana mo botshelong jo bo botoka kana ke re botsogo jo bo botoka. Kwa dipateleng go santse go na le mathata a a thataganeng a gore ga gona dipilisi le melemo. Kwa dipateleng go santse go na le bothata jwa gore *bookings* di tsamaela kgakalanyana. Re santse re bona go sena dingaka, baoki le bodiredi fela jotlhe jwa dikokelo le dikokelwana. Re na le tshepho e e seng kana ka sepe ya gore, madi a go tlaa ya go tokafadiwa ka fa go ntseng go ntse ka teng, ka gore rotlhe o kare re dumalana ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore Batswana mo dingwageng tse di kwa morago ba kokonetswe thata. Jaanong tsholofelo ke gore madi a go ye go lejwa, go bonwe se se ka tlang pele ga se sengwe.

Mr Chairperson, e re ntswa re le mo seemong se sa lešhekere, ditsholofelo ke go bona letlhoko la ditiro jaanong le tokafala, bogolo jang mo bananeng. Batswana gone jaana fa ke bua ka banana, re a itse gore le kwa ntšeng ga banana fela, fa re ya kwa *ministries* di tshwana tsa bo Motlotlegi Ramogapi, re bone Batswana ba sokola mo go gagamatsang dingwageng tse dintsi go sena ditsha, ba sa bewa. Gompieno fa motho a kopile setsha a le 20 years a na le nonofo, a na le tse a ka bong a ka di tshwara, o bo o ya go baya setsha a setse a le 70 years a togetse tiro ka bogodi, ga go mo thuse. O felela kwa phelelong jaanong a tlelwa ke mowa wa go se rekisa, mme gone moo go bo go sa sologele bape ba a atamelaneng le bone mosola kana molemo, ka gore jaanong fa go setse go tla mo goreng o a itsamaela, o fitlhele fa gongwe go setse go tla mo seemong sa gore fa merapelo e tswa gatwe emang fa. Diemo tse ke tsone tse ke dumelang gore madi a jaaka fa ntse jaana, go tlaa raya gore go elwe tlhoko go bona gore go ya go dirwa jang ka one. Ke a itse gore tiro ya one tota a ya go tlhalela kgakala, ka gore go gontsintsi. A go ye go lekwa, tsholofelo ya Batswana ke gore ba tlaa bona dilo di fetoga.

Sengwe sa dilo tse ke eletsang gore ke se ka ka di tlogelela kwa morago ke gore, mo ditsholofetsong tse UDC e di dirileng, a e eme ka dinao go bolelela Batswana gore ba ne ba tlhoka eng fa kae, maikaelelo a bone ke go dira eng, ka gore re santse re na le tsholofelo ya gore bao ba ba teilweng sengwe re ya go palelwa ke gore re ya go ba raya re reng rona, gongwe mo go ka tloga ga baya phathi e mo seemong sa gore e bo e fapaane le ditsholofetso tsa yone. *Mr Chairperson*, ke leboga gore jaaka ke bua, re na le ditsholofelo tsa gore re tlaa bona diemo di fetoga. Fa di ka fetoga go ka raya gore botshelo jwa Batswana bo ka tokafala, go fokotsa manokonoko a ba tshelletseng mo go one ka dingwaga tse di kwa morago.

Kwa ntšeng ga moo *Mr Chairperson*, ke ema fa ke supa gore ka boammaaruri ke dumalana le gore madi a jaaka fa Tona a ne a a supa, a rebolwe ba ye go a dirisa, kwa phelelong ya letsatsi *Mr Chairperson* ba a dirise go yeng ka fa a ka sologelang Batswana molemo ka teng. *I thank you Mr Chairperson.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: LOO, let me just confirm first if the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Whip wishes to speak. Okay.

LEADER OF THE MINORITY (MR MOTAOSANE): Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. Ntle ke leboge Tona wa Madi e bile e le Mothusa Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana Rre Nkosinathi Gaolathe, yo re mo tseelang fa godimo. Ke gatelele thata mafoko a nneng o a bua a lekwalo la ga Jeremiah, gore kana o bua ka ditsholofetso tsa Modimo, mme re itse gore go ya go dira motho wa nama le madi. Yo e leng gore ga go thata go fetogela ditsholofetso tsa gagwe, ka dikakanyo tsa gagwe ga se tsele tsa Modimo. Dikakanyo tsa Modimo ka rona, ga se tsa motho wa nama le madi yo o re eteletseng pele kana ka fa re le batho re itshwarang ka teng.

Ke na le tshepho, *especially* mo go wena, *I do not want* go akaretsa ope. *I want to be specific*, ke na le tshepho mo go wena gore *we are not going to see that 35 per cent wastage* e nna teng. *If you remember, the then Minister of Finance* o ne a bua ka go dutla ga madi mo go sa tlwaelesegang. Mo ke eletsang gore e se ka ya nna pina e e tshwanang le e e kileng ya opelwa ka fa tlase ga boeteledipele jwa gago. *The Minister then was not wrong, because tota the processes and procedures* tse di leng teng mo ditsamaisong tsa Puso, *I think* ga di salwe morago sentle *to the latter and that is why* go nna le *those loopholes*. Fa o ela tlhoko, *there is this issue of procurement* e e leng yone totatota e eteletseng pele dikgang tse *when it comes to Development Budgets*. *I know it is not only Development Budget that is suffering this*, ke a itse gore le *recurrent* fale le fale o tlaa fitlhela jaanong dilo dingwe di dirwa fela gore madi a fele.

Jaaka ke bua jaana, ke a itse gore madi a a tswalelwa nako e re buang ka yone e, *the financial year* ya ga Goromente e a fela. Jaaka e fela jaana, o ya go fitlhela *unnecessary meetings* di dirwa, mme kwa dikoleng kwa ga gona *stationary*, ga gona eng, *instead of doing a virement* go dira dilo tse di tshwanetseng. O fitlhela jaanong re dira *workshop*-nyana tse di senang mosola, ka gore madi ao ga re a a dirisa mo nakong ya ngwaga.

Jaamong ke kope e bile ke go solofetse kemonokeng ya me. *You will see me knocking at your door* fa ke bona sengwe se sa tsamaye sentle golo gongwe mo lephateng lengwe. *I expect action to be taken* ka nako. Fa gongwe go letela dikgang di nna di ntsintsi, ke gone mo go dirang gore re felele re ya go bona go setse go nnile le tshenyo e e seng kana ka sepe. *I hope we are not going to fall into that trap this time around.*

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *On a point of elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle. Se se botlhokwa ke gore, le rona *ministries* re beile mo go lona ka koo ba *opposition* gore le dire *oversight*. Fa go senyegang teng le re, fa go a senyega. *That is why* o bona re le beile bo *Chairman* motlotlegi. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE: Thank you Mr Chairperson. Thank you Honourable Ramogapi. *Le lona* as Ministers, you have to take it upon yourselves that you supervise. You look at everything that is happening under your ministries. I always hear Ministers saying, *“tota ga re na dithata, ga re supervise bodiredi, ga re reng, ga re reng.”* I do not agree with that. As a Minister ...

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Nono, o a bo o simolola gakere, ke tlaa go fetola.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Address the Chair.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Even if* e tshaile, ke tlaa fetola ka fa go ka se keng go itumedise ope.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Order!* Le se ka la rumolana.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ema nokeng kopo ya ga Tona ya gore re rebole madi a re ntseng re a kopanetse gone fa. Ke tlaa kopa gore ke ntshe ditlhagiso dingwe. Nna le *Honourable* Mmolotsi yo o santseng a bua le mogala, e tlaare go fetseng ga gagwe, a go tlhomamisitse gore nna le ene, *budget* e ke ya bone re e reetsa. *In the past* ke reeditse *budgets* di tlisiwa ke Tona Serame, Tona Matsheka, Tona Matambo le Tona Baledzi Gaolathe. *I want to caution you* gore fa *budget* e begiwa, bo Tona ba ke ba badileng ba, go le gantsi *their attendance* e ne e le kwa godimo *from start to finish*. Fa go ka twe ke go tshwaele mo *attendance*,

there is a lot of room for improvement. Go botlhokwa gore o nne teng, o ikutlwele. Mafoko ga a tshwane le fa o ka re, ba tlaa tla ba mpolelela. *All these Ministers* ba ne ba nna fa *most of the time*.

I hope that diphetogo tse re neng re solofetse gore o tlaa di tlisa, di tlaa tla. Re tlaabo re go eme nokeng. O itse gore ya *reforms* tse re neng re di tsentse mo 12th *Parliament*, e ne e le ya gore *budget* fa e tla, pele Ga e tsena mo Palamenteng, *estimates* di fete pele ka *Finance and Estimates Committee*. Ga go a diragala ngwaga o. A re boele kwa thulaganyong e e neng e simolotswe mo nakong e e fetileng gore *Committee* e okomele thulaganyo eo.

Budget e, e nnile le dilelo thata, tse ke kopang Matona gore re tsweng mo go tsone. Ga le ka ke la opela sefela sa, “re fitlhetse sepatšhe se kwakwaletse” go ya go ileng. Le a itse gore gore lotlhe le ne le filwe dipalo fa re tsena fa. Lebaka le le letseng le ntshitswe ke Tautona ke mo raya ke re, “wena yo o neng o eme fa pele ga batho o ba raya o re, ka *November* Ipelegeng ke P4 000, a itse gore *manifesto* wa re P2 500 ka gore ke metsotso ya dikgobalo.” Tlhaloso e a letseng a e file ke gore o ne a dira jalo ka gore o ne a lebeletse *ground-breaking* tsa Domkrag, a dumela gore madi a teng. Ga le ka ke la dira ditsholofetso le lebeletse *television* kwa malwapeng. Ditsholofetso di dirwa go lebilwe dibuka tsa Puso tsa madi. A re tsweng mo diipatong tse di tshwanang le tsa gore, ke ne ke dirwa ke *ground-breaking* tse ke neng ke di bona. Ga go na ope yo o botlhale yo o ka amogelang lebaka leo gore le a utlwala, le ka bewa pele ke Tautona wa lefatshe.

Budget e, e supile gore madi a a tlhabela. Se se raya gore re tshwanetse re fokotse ditshenyegelo tse di sa tlhokafaleng. *Basic economics* ya re *differentiate between needs and wants*. *A lot of the time* wants, dilo tse e leng gore ga re di tlhoke mme re a di eletsa, di tsennngwa mo teng. Gompiano go na le modumo o o tsogileng ka buka nngwe ya Puso e gotweng Green Book. E letlelela Tautona go nna fa fatshe a le nosi, a bo a kwala gore ke letlelela Matona a me, Bathusi ba bone, *Speaker*; Mothusa *Speaker* le LOO gore ba ka bona tse di latelang. *These past Parliaments, we allowed the President to get away with unnecessary things in that book*. E letlelela le gore Tautona o ka supa mongwe a re, le semangmang yo ke mmoneng fale maabane, ke mo tsenya fa gore go simolola kamoso, a tsamaye ka koloi ya Puso. *This is a time when we cannot have such things, where we have expenditures* tse re sa di tlhokeng.

Fa seemo se ntse jaana, *we need to account seriously*. Seemo se re nang le lekgotla la DIS, le e leng gore go tswa kwa le tswang teng, ga le *account*. Ga o itse le gore gatwe ditsompelo tsa teng di dirisiwa jang. Tona yo mongwe yo o fa pele ga me, o a itse gore re kopane maloba a tsamaya a katilwe ka DIS. E se *Acting President*, e se Vice President (VP) mme koloi ya DIS e le fa morago ka dipone tse di *blue*. Ikgalemeleng nako e santse e le teng, ga go dirwe jalo bagaetsho. Fa go ka twe tlisa bosupi, ke ka mmua ka leina le gore ke kae kwa a neng a katilwe ka koloi ya DIS. Ke a itse gore le a itse, ga ke batle go le tlontlolola, ke go le kgalemela. Ikgalemeleng, ga go dirwe jalo.

Ya bofelo ke ya *Supplementary Budget*, I agree le se o se buile gore ga o na go e letlelela *unless if it qualifies strictly* gore *it could not have been foreseen*. We will support you and the game is on. Thank you.

MR CHAIRPERSON: I now call upon the Honourable Minister of Finance to reply to the debate if he wishes. Honourable Minister, 10 minutes.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mr Chairperson, in fairness, in terms of the discussions around this budget, it is fair to say that every song that needed to be sang, has been sang. Every dance that needed to be danced, has been danced. Every poem that needed to be recited, has been recited. What I mean by that is that, everything has actually been discussed. What I was doing today *fa ke ka e bua ka Setswana, dikakgelo tsotlhe di ne di dule mo tseleng. Di ne di dule mo tseleng ka ntata ya gore se ke neng ke se dira gompiano, ke se se bitswang gotwe* administrative. *Ke ne ke tsaya madi mo letloleng, ke tsenya mo go le lengwe* but everything else has already been discussed. So, *go ne go itshukunyediwa* to repeat.

Having said that, I still need to respect and respond to the sentiments. Honourable Motaosane, who is a Biblical man, correctly states that, that which is planned by a man cannot be as trusted as that which is planned by God. I simply wanted to say I agree with that. This is why we hope that those who lead whether these ones of anywhere else, will lead with the inspiration of God so that, that inspiration becomes what is trusted and not the man himself. Thank you for the confidence and the kinds words that you have expressed in my favour.

Thank you for the advice about procurement being a major leakage point and the need for us as Government of the new Botswana to focus on getting procurement

right. Thank you for offering yourself to knock at my door whenever you encounter anything that you feel it is untoward. You would be welcomed to do so.

To the Leader of the Opposition, your advice of attendance, while your advice is correct that I should attend as much as I should, I can assure you that I have done my best to attend and balance all the responsibilities that are before me, but I have to accept that there is always room for improvement, and I will look and find that room for improvement. You have spoken about *selelo*, perhaps that is what you have heard most of the time, but I can assure you, if you were to read that speech, three hours, seven minutes, I would put it to you that there is immense hope in that speech. I have repeated hope and belief, and that we will overcome much more than I have indicated the trouble waters that we find ourselves in...

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

MR GAOLATHE: The wastages and fat, and you cite in particular the DIS, what I can say is that in the new Botswana, anywhere where we believe there is fat, we will do our best to trim that fat. Whether it is in or outside the DIS, we will do our best, but where our best is enough, we will leave it to history to make the judgement. Your sentiment of the need to account, I think this is a recurring thing coming from yourself and it is a thing that I have to accept and embrace. Your indication *ya gore* we need to do much more especially with the Estimates Committee and all the governance value chain, I agree that we need to improve on that one, and we will. As I have indicated, I am simply answering the questions out of curtesy because the real subject here was administrative. It was just taking monies from one fund to another.

With those words Mr Chairperson, allow me to move again that the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-One Pula (P23, 620, 879, 331.00) for Organisation 9100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule for the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025). Thank you Mr Chairperson.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! The question is that the schedule showing total estimated expenditure of Eighty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One

Hundred and Eighty-One Pula (P89,571,721,181.00) stand part of the Bill, and the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand and Two Hundred Pula (P23,749,171,200.00) being total estimated expenditure from the Development Fund Estimates.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, now we go to the Clauses and we shall deal with them *ad seriatim*. Go tewa gotwe ka go tlhatlogana ga tsone. Order! Order! Honourable Members, the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025, Bill (No.2 of 2025) has 5 Clauses and a Schedule, I shall call the Clauses *ad seriatim*. Each clause of the Bill in accordance with Standing Order 89.11.

Clause 1 **agreed to.**

Clause 2 **agreed to.**

Clause 3 **agreed to.**

Clause 4 **agreed to.**

MR LEKAU: *Procedure.* Ke bona re nna re ntse re dumela Mr Speaker; gongwe jaaka LOO a ne a bua gore gongwe re ba siile, ke ne ke re gongwe re ba siile thata because go lebeba ba sa tlhaloganye.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Lekau, kana ke one a ke neng ke a bua ke re there is nothing out of procedure, here is the Bill mo Page B6, Clause 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and then the Schedule, ke gone fa re leng teng.

Clause 5 **agreed to.**

Schedule as amended **agreed to.**

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

APPROPRIATION (2025/2026) BILL, 2025 (NO. 2 OF 2025)

Bill reported from Committee **with amendments.**

Third Reading – **Forthwith.**

Third Reading

APPROPRIATION (2025/2026) BILL, 2025 (NO. 2 OF 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order, Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 2 of 2025) be read a third time. I now call upon the Honourable Minister of Finance to move.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): I move Mr Speaker, that Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Your Honour the VP. Order! Order! The question is that Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025) be read a third time and do pass.

Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 62.1(c) I should order a division.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

MR SPEAKER: That division will be held in the manner prescribed by Standing Order 63. You have made laws before in the last meeting, you know the prescription of Standing Order 63. Sergeant at Arms, you will ring the bell for 2 minutes. Upon the lapse of 2 minutes you lock the doors. With the doors locked Honourable Members, we go into voting. The voting as prescribed under Standing Order 63 *ke ya go tobetsa mo maranyaneng. Jaanong ke tlaa activate kwano, ba ba dumalanang ba tlaa tobetsa "yes", ba ba sa dumalanang ba tlaa tobetsa "no". Mma ke le gakoleng.* Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, *gakere* for "Present" you press 1. For "Yes" *ke* 2. For "No" *ke* 3. For "Abstain" *ke* 4. I am going to activate. I have activated. *Le tlhophile lotlhe batlotlegi? Akere ga gona yo a nnileng le kgoreletsego ya go tlhophi?*

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Here are the results of your votes: "Present" you are 44, "Yes vote" 43, "No vote" 1, "Abstain" 0. So I call the vote, the "Ayes" have it.

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

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

MR SPEAKER: Congratulations Honourable Members, you have concluded the Appropriation Bill. *Le dirile molao wa thebolo ya madi.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Ke jaaka fa le wetse. Tiro ya letsatsi la gompiano e wetse, le fa nako e le 6:05 p.m. Ke tlaa kopa Moeteledipele wa Ntlo, *Minister for State President Honourable Moeti Ceasar Mohwasa to move a Motion of adjournment.*

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka ke tsaya gore dipuisanyo tsa rona di tlike bokhutlong. Ke eletsa gore ke sutise gore dipuisanyo tsa letsatsi di felele gone fa. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:07 p.m. until Thursday 27th March, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

WRITTEN ANSWER FOR QUESTION NUMBER 5

(i) Mr Speaker, the Labour Market Observatory (LMO) was established in November 2022 with a clear mandate to enhance the employability of education outcomes at all levels of the education pipeline. This is achieved through labour market performance analysis, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, ensuring that macroeconomic policies and strategies are aligned with national development goals. The LMO is chaired by the CEO of Business Botswana and it includes high-level officials and experts from Government, the private sector, trade unions, civil society, and development partners. Its outputs are expected to feed into the Cabinet Committee on Employment, chaired by His Honour the Vice President, and the National Employment Coordination Council (NECC), chaired by the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, to inform national policies on employment and human resource development. This diverse composition ensures a multi-stakeholder approach to addressing labour market challenges. The instruments that aide the functionality of the LMO are; the Labour Market Information Systems (LMIS.Stat) which is, a statistical software developed

by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to support data management, analysis, and reporting of labour market information; the LMIS Portal and the LMO Secretariat. While the LMO has laid a strong foundation by launching the LMIS.Stat platform in August 2024; thus putting Botswana ahead of other SADC countries towards the development of the SADC LMO, a commendable achievement that has seen Botswana being used as a Benchmark for the rest of Africa. Furthermore, the LMO has produced an analytical paper on the “Status of the Botswana Labour Market,” an extract of the paper will be presented to the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, His Honour the Vice President and I, as a tangible output on policy advisory. However, the full operationalisation of the LMO has been hampered by budget constraints since 2023. As a result, progress toward achieving its mandate has been limited to foundational activities such as data preparation activities, stakeholder engagement and the development of key tools like the LMIS.Stat platform.

(ii) Mr. Speaker, the LMO has demonstrated potential effectiveness in collecting and disseminating labour market data, particularly with the launch of the LMIS.Stat platform. This platform serves as the statistical engine for education and labour market indicators, providing policymakers with timely and accurate data to inform evidence-based decision-making. The production of the first analytical paper on the status of Botswana’s labour market, which utilised indicators extracted from the LMIS.Stat has demonstrated potential effectiveness of the tool in facilitating the LMO to collect, analyse and disseminate data on Botswana’s labour market. The paper unveils significant labour market inefficiencies in the utilization of the workforce. Some of the findings highlight the urgent need for targeted policies so as to address underemployment, unlock the potential of the workforce, and ensure more equitable opportunities for all citizens. These insights have equipped the LMO Governing Body with initial data-driven recommendations for policy brief formulation and facilitation of the NECC. However, full operationalisation remains dependent on securing adequate funding. Funding for the LMO governing council will ensure labour market research and business development

intelligence and data resources are translated from raw data (Statistics Botswana generated) to policy ready knowledge products for evidence based policy making.

(iii) Mr Speaker, while the LMO's recent findings provide critical insights for policy discussions, their direct impact on specific initiatives or decisions is still in the early stages. The analytical paper on the "Status of the Botswana Labour Market" highlights pressing challenges, including severe workforce underutilisation, gender disparities, and the prevalence of informal employment, and presents data-driven recommendations to address them. In line with the LMO's mandate to support evidence-based policymaking, these findings and recommendations will be formally submitted in the first quarter of the 2025/26 financial year to the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs (MLHA) and I. Ultimately, they will be escalated to His Honour, the Vice President, for further review and potential integration into national policy frameworks to enhance employment outcomes and workforce development. It is worth noting that the establishment of the NECC by the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs is still underway. Once operational, the NECC is expected to play a pivotal role in adopting and utilising the findings from the LMO for coordination efforts to address unemployment and ensure alignment between labour market needs and human resource development strategies. While these recommendations are being considered as ongoing policy discussions, their implementation remains contingent upon the approval of funding for the LMO's operations and the establishment of collaborative mechanisms such as the NECC.

(iv) Mr Speaker, efforts are being made to ensure the LMO has adequate resources, capacity, and technology to fulfil its mandate, notwithstanding the financial challenges that my Ministry faces. As indicated earlier, funding proposal is being considered by the HRDC Board under the National Human Resource Development Fund (NHRDF) to secure financial support for the LMO's operationalisation over the 2025/26- 2027/28 financial years. The successful launch of the LMIS. Stat platform in August 2024 reflects progress in leveraging technology for labour market analysis. Additionally, the HRDC is fostering collaboration

among Government Ministries, the private sector, trade unions, and development partners to ensure multi-sectoral support for the LMO's objectives, with plans to further enhance data integration and harmonization across sectors once funding is secured.

(v) Mr Speaker, while the Labour Market Observatory (LMO) has produced valuable findings and recommendations, such as those highlighted in the analytical paper on the "Status of the Botswana Labour Market," these insights are still in the policy discussion phase and have not yet directly influenced specific initiatives or decisions. The recommendations, which include strategies for addressing skills mismatches, expanding IVET programs, formalizing the informal sector, and promoting youth entrepreneurship, are being considered by relevant stakeholders.

(vi) Mr Speaker, to ensure collaboration between the Labour Market Observatory (LMO), the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), and other stakeholders, several mechanisms are in place. The HRDC serves as the institutional anchor for the LMO, facilitating coordination with Government Ministries, private sector entities, civil society, and development partners. Regular forums and workshops are organised to foster dialogue and align efforts with national priorities, while multi-sectoral engagement with employers, trade unions, and educational institutions ensures responsiveness to labour market trends. Efforts are also underway to harmonise and integrate administrative data across sectors, providing consistent and reliable information for all stakeholders. Additionally, the LMO serves as a knowledge broker, translating complex data into actionable insights for policymakers, thereby enhancing collaborative decision-making processes aimed at workforce development and employment creation.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

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