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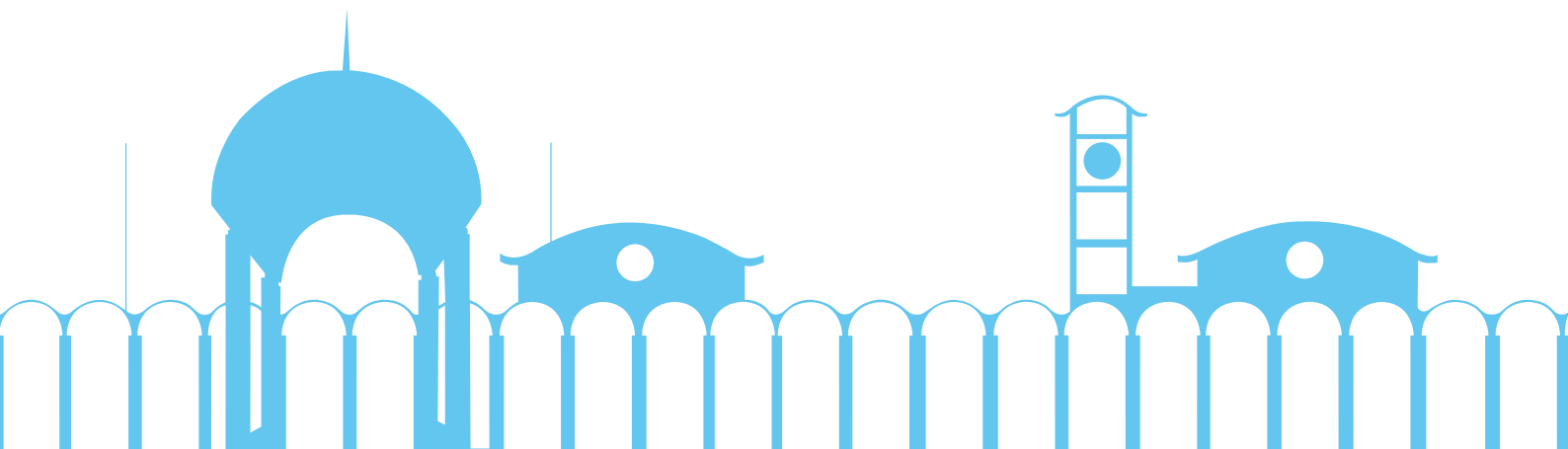
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Thursday 26th February, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Good morning Honourable Members. I hope you had a restful night. Honourable Members, we start our business of today with Committee of Supply. Let me indicate that you should have gotten your presentations electronically. The other thing is that Whips, I will be expecting your debating lists for Committee of Supply. Let me just confirm something.

...Silence...

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, o tshwanetse wa ntsha lentswe la kgalemo fela le le kwa godimo. Ga go nne sentle, jaaka Honourable Whip maloba a sa tswa go bua, ga go nne sentle gore fa re simolola Palamente, go bo go nna ka tsela e go ntseng ka yone jaana. Mo e leng gore even from bench, go bo go nna le motho a le mongwefela e le Honourable Mohwasa ka gore he has come to present. Ke ene Minister a le mongwefela. Ga go tseye Palamente ya gago ka tlhwaafalo. I think we should go to a situation where you can even invoke your powers, ke dumela gore di ka tswa di le teng. Fa go ntse jaana, le one madi fela, salary e bo e tsewa.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR HIKUAMA: *Salary fela ya motho e bo e kgaolwa. Golo mo ga o a siama Mr Speaker, gotlhelele. Ba dumalane 9:00 a.m. Re a itse gore rotlhe re ka bo re le gone fa.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members, nnyaa mme le mmogo. Palo ya lona fela fa e le one third, le ka tswelela. A re dumeleng gore ba bangwe will join us, le ntse le tswetsetse. Le teng lotlhe, le lekane, mme ke utlwa matshwenyego a gago. Ke tsaya gore ba reeditse, ba a utlwa. Honourable Members, let us go to the Appropriation Bill.*

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, we are starting the Committee of Supply for the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) today. Let me therefore remind you Honourable Members, that in accordance with Standing Order 51.7 (b), the Minister is allocated 20 minutes to present and 30 minutes to respond. Honourable Members shall speak for 10 minutes in accordance with Standing Order 51.7 (c).

...Silence...

ORGANISATION 0100-PARLIAMENT

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that 1 hour 50 minutes has been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate, I will adjust the time, but I think around 10:30 a.m. today and the question will be put at 11:00 a.m. I will adjust the times as we proceed. I now call upon the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to present.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ntetelele Modulasetilo, gore ke beye Ntlo e, kakanyetso kabo madi ya Palamente. Ke tshwanetse santlha ke tlhalose gore se se diragala morago ga gore re amogele National Development Plan (NDP) 12, e e neng ya fetisiwa mo ngwageng o o fetileng wa 2025. E bua gore re nne le itsholelo e e tswakantsweng. *Mr Chairperson*, ke tlaa leka go bua ka Setswana gore batho ba utlwe. Ke tlaa leka gore ke nopole, ka gore dikgang tsa Palamente di mmalwa. Fa ke ka re ke a di bala tsotlhe, ke ka felela ke tlogetse tse dingwe kwa ntle. Ke tlaa di nopola mme ke di bua ka Setswana gore batho ba utlwe, ka Palamente e ke ya bone.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *That is fine.* Kopo fa o e dira, o e kope fela jaaka fa e kwadilwe, ke raya fa mading.

MR MOHWASA: Madi a lona a ka ntsenya dingalo fa ke ka re, ke a tlhalosa sentle. Ke tlaa baya jaaka a ntse. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Modulasetilo...

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order!* Le mo reetse thata, o bua ka Palamente.

MR MOHWASA: Modulasetilo, NDP12 e supa sengwe se sesha se re sa se tlwaelang, jaaka re bona e tsenya se se tlaabong se fetlha, se re se bitsang re re, Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), e e tlaabong e e itebagantse le go baakanya itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Dikakanyetso tsa kabo madi tse re di beileng fa pele ga rona *Mr Chairperson*, di lebagane le gore di arabe kgang ya Goromente ya gore re nne le *True North*, e e tlaa dirang gore re nne le itsholelo e e tswakatswakaneng, e bile e sa tlogele ope kwa ntle. E bile re lebelela le makalana a Puso, *institutions* go diragatsa gore le nne le ditlhabololo le tebelelo dilo sesha. Goromente wa lefatshe le, o ikamanya le go bona gore re baakanya ditsamaiso tsa Palamente le tsa Ntlo ya Dikgosi gore tse tsotlhe di dirwe go leka go tiisa puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Re ikaelela gape gore re lebelele go ikemela ga makalana a, ka tsamaiso le ka phatlalatso ya madi. Mo nakong ya gompieno, go na le molao o o tlaa tlang *Mr Chairperson*, ke gatelela kgang e, o re buang gore re dire gore makalana a leke gore ka bo one, a itseele ditshwetso go na le gore dinako tsotlhe ke e fa sekai; lekalana le tshwana le Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) jaana. Thulaganyo e re e buang e, re e bitsa re re *corporatisation*. Se se tlaa dira gore makalana a a bereke ka bo one, e bile ditiro t sa bone di se ka tsa diiwa ke makalana a mangwe a Puso.

Ke tshwanetse ke bue gore Palamente e e fano e, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa yone, o mo maikaelelong a go dira gore e nne ya seemo se se fa godimo; tse di tswang mo go yone, ka fa e dirang ditiro ka teng, le ka fa e bayang ditirelo ka teng, e nne mo go farologanyeng le jaaka go ne go ntse mo nakong e e fetileng.

Mo nakong ya gompieno re ne ra nna le *Bills* di le masome a mabedi tse re neng ra di kopanela rotlhe re le Mapalamente ka diphathi ka go farolagana. *Bills* tse di supa fa e le maikaelelo a Puso go leka gore re fetole ka fa dilo di ntseng ka teng ka gore re a amogela gore go na le melao e mmalwa mo lefatsheng le e e tshwanelwang ke go baakanngwa.

Fa godimo ga Melao-kakanyetso e ke buang gore melao e fetisitswe ke Palamente, go nnile le *policies* tse re neng ra di dira, maikaelelo e le go fetola ka fa re dirang dilo ka teng. Dilo tse re ne ra di dira. Ke sa le ke tlhalositse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, maikaelelo ke go abela batho ditiro ka tsela e e ka tokafatsang matshelelo a bone.

E ntse e le mo Palamenteng e ke tlhalositse gore go na le *Bills* tse di tseneng ngogola mme go na le tse di tshwanetseng go tsena mo ngwageng o o latelang o. *Bills* tseo di mmalwanyana, re solofetse gore le tsone di tle fa go fetola matshelelo a batho. Palamente e na le maikaelelo a go dira gore go dirisiwe maranyane mo ditirisanyong tsa yone. Di tlaa dira gore re baakanye gore metsotso (Hansard) le dibuka tsotlhe tse di tlaabong di le teng tsa Palamente, di tokafatse ka fa Palamente e ka kgonang go rebola ditiro tsa yone. Re tsaya gore di tlaa letlelela gore babereki le Mapalamente ba kgone go abelana dikgang tsotlhe tsa Palamente, le tiro ya bone e kgone go nna motlhofo. E bile go tlaa fokotsa ditshenyegelo tse Palamente e tlaabong e tshwanelwa ke go tsena mo go tsone.

Gompieno Mapalamente ba tlaa amogela gore bontsi jwa bone ba kgonne go bona thebolo ya madi a ka maranyane. Re tsaya gore go tlaa tswelera go ntse go tokafatswa. Fa gongwe fa go ne go kwalwa go bo go gatisiwa dipampiri, go ka bo go nnile turu. Ke dingwe tse di dirwang go leka gore go nne bofefo le go fokotsa ditshenyegelo mo kabong tirelo ya Palamente.

Re tshwanetse go amogela gape gore Palamente ke letshego fa gare ga matshego a mararo a Puso. Re tshwanetse go itse gore go nna teng ga Palamente le go fiwa serwe se se fa godimonyana mo ditirong tsa lefatshe le, go ka dira gore puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng le e ye kwa godimonyana. Se se teng ke gore dikomiti tsa Palamente di ntse di fiwa sebaka sa gore di kopane le Matona gore ba kgone go tsweledisa tiro ya bone. Se se letlelela gore le bone ba nne ba tlhodumela ditiro tsa Mapalamente go bona gore go na le boikarabelo ka fa re dirang tiro ka teng re le Puso. Tse ke tsaya gore di thusa Mapalamente go amogela thomo ya bone.

Mo ngwageng o go ne ga nna le dikgang tse di neng di ama bana ba dikole jaaka re ne ra nna le bana ba ba neng ba tswa kwa sekoleng sa DDT School of Medicine. Go ne ga nna le komiti e e neng e tsenwe ke Mapalamente

mme ya itshwaraganya le kgang e go leka go rarabolola dikgang tse. Selo se se supa gore Mapalamente ga ba tle fa e le go botsolotsa dikgang tsa kabo madi, le bone ba na le seabe sa go bona gore tshiamelo e nna teng mo bathong ba rona.

Public Accounts Committee (PAC) e ne ya kopana e lebeletse madi a a neng a dirisiwa dingwaga tse di fetileng. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore Komiti e ya PAC e na le seabe e le thomo ya Palamente jaaka gompieno e ne e tlhodumela ditshenyegelo tsa Puso le go bona gore a madi a Puso a ne a dirisiwa sentle.

Mo ngwageng o o ntseng o feta o, dikomiti tsa Palamente di ne tsa nna le diphuthago di ka nna 47. Golo moo go supa kgatelopele. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore re santse re ka dira botoka go na le foo. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, ke maikaelelo a Palamente ya gompieno go bona gore Palamente e na le maikarabelo e bile e dira tiro ya yone jaaka go solofetswe. Fa godimo ga moo, go oketsa serwe sa yone mo go duleng le go aga Puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Seemo se re emeng mo go sone sa madi se re fa sebaka, se re beile mo seemong sa gore re simolole re sekaseke ka fa re dirisang le madi ka teng. Go reela gore gompieno dikomiti tse di tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore le tsone ka fa di dirang le go tlhodumela ga tsone ka teng, le gone go ye fa godimonyana. Re tshwanetse go dira dilo tse tsotlhe ka maikaelelo a go bona gore go sekwasekwa e bile go nna go lebeletse ka fa go dirisiwang madi a a setseng a rebotswe ke Puso.

Tse dingwe tse ke ka buang gape ka tsone ke gore re le Palamente go ne ga nna le sebaka sa go itshwaraganya le ba makgotla a a kwa ntle ga lefatshe la Botswana. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore Palamente le yone e thusa gore re nne le dikamano le mafatshe a sele. E na le tshwanelo ya gore e tswelere e nne le go amana le bangwe kwa ntle jaaka Puso le yone e tsweletse. E bile golo mo go thusa gore go tsise botsalano jo re ka bo eletsang fa gare ga rona le mafatshe a sele.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ke a tle ke bone o ntse o gakolola ka Standing Orders, Rre Saleshando o di gataka ka go rata le go bona. O nne o mo kgalemela.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, Standing Order 58.4.

MR MOHWASA: O tshabelelwa ke go tlhoka go tlotla Standing Order se.

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

MR MOHWASA: Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Palamente ya lefatshe la Botswana e tsene diphuthago di le 30 kwa mafatsheng; go tsenelela Inter-Parliamentary Plenaries tsa *committee meetings*, le go ya go lebelela ditlhopho mo mafelong a a farologaneng. Se ke ka se bolelelang Palamente e fano ke gore *Election Observer Missions across various membership namely*; Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States–European Union (OACPS-EU), Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF) le Southern Africa Development Community Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (SADCOPAC). Mapalamente ba tsere maemo a a ba fang maikarabelo mo makalaneng a a farologaneng go ralala lefatshe leno. Makalana a go nna jalo ke Africa Representative to the Bureau of the IPU Forum on Women Parliamentarians, CPA *Regional Representative* mo Kgaolong ya Central Africa, Bothusa Bodulasetilo jwa Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) ya kwa CPA.

Modulasetilo, re tshwanetse go amogela gore go a tlhokafala gore Palamente e nne e ntse e rerise ka fa e leng gore e amana le ba bangwe mo lefatsheng ka bophara. Mo ngwageng o o latelang o, go tlaa dirwa go le fa godimonyana ka maikaelelo one a. Re tlaa simolola go nna re emela gore dilo di diragale, e bo e le gone re ka tsenelelang. Ga re a tshwanelwa go nna moriti o tsididi, re tlaa ema ka dinao gore lentse la rona le utlwale, e seng fela fa dilo di sena go diragala. Se se tlaa diragala ka gore re tlaabo re lebeletse dikgatlhago tsa rona re le setšhaba, le go bona gore tse di tlhokafalang di diragale go tokafatsa le ka fa di dirang ka teng mo gae.

Palamente e ikaelela go tshwaragana le ba mafatshe a mangwe go leka go nna re tsisa thuto e e botoka mo Mapalamenteng le gore ba ithute le tsamaiso e e fa godimonyana ya Palamente. Se se a tlhokafala gore Palamente ya rona e kgone go nna le maikarabelo. Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosa Modulasetilo, gore fa re ntse re tsweletse jaana, go tokafatsa boleng jwa Mapalamente.

Re tshwanetse go itse gore sengwe se Goromente a buang ka sone ke gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala, ke tlaletsa e Modulasetilo, go tlaabo go nna le dingwe tse di mo *Executive* mo nakong ya gompiano, tse Palamente e tlaabong e nna le seabe sa gore e di dire e bile e nne e di sekaseka. Ga re Palamente e bo e ipaakantse gore e tle e nne le bokgoni jwa go dira jalo.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalose gore maiteko a a dirwa gore tse di diragalang kwa ntle re kgone gore jaanong re tle re di bone di tokafatsa ka fa re dirang tiro ka teng mo gae.

Palamente e tswelitse ka go bona gore Batswana ba nna le seabe mo dikgannyeng tse di amanang le Palamente ka gore Palamente e ke ya bone, ba tshwanetse gore ba nne le seabe se se fa godimonyana, e bile ba nne le ka fa ba ka tsenyang letsogo mo go tokafatseng Palamente. Re a itse tse di diragalang ka nako e go nang le ditlhaelo tsa madi. Re tshwanetse gore re dire tse, ga re ka ke ra ema fela re re ga go na madi, re bone gore lentswe la Palamente le la batho le ya kwa godimo, mme re dira ka metlhale e e tlaa dirang gore le bone ba nne le seabe se se fa godimo le ka tsela e e leng gore ga e na go turela Palamente kana Puso.

Ka thulaganyo ya Botswana Speaks go na le tse di diragalang gore Mapalamente ba kgone gore batho ba bone ba bue le bone mo dikgaolong ka dikgang tse di amanang le tsa kwa dikgaolong tsa bone le Melao-kakanyetso e e teng. Se se diragala mahala gore batho ba kgone go nna le kamano le Mapalamente a bone, jaaka ke tlhalositse. Re tsaya gore Mapalamente ba ba fano ba emetse batho, mme go dira jaana go reela gore jaanong ba tlaabo ba kgona gore ba emele batho ka tsela e e botoka.

Ngogola ka kgwedi ya *April*, Palamente, jaaka e sena go tsenya Botswana Speaks, e e neng e le thulaganyo ya gore e tokafatse ka fa go neng go ntse ka teng, re bo re dira gore jaanong go nne le ka fa e leng gore motho o ka go bitsa *applications*, tse di thusang mo kgannyeng e ke ntseng ke bua ka ga yone ya gore go nne le kamano e e botoka fa gare ga rona le batlhophi.

Maikaelelo a gore re goroge kwa dikoleng, Palamente e tswelitse ka go oketsa bana ba dikole ba ba yang kwa go yone, jaaka ngogola e ne ya kgona gore ka 2025/2026 go tla go fitlha gompiano jaana, e setse e etetswe ke dikole

di le 145. Mo ke koketso go tswa mo dipalong tsa 89 mo ngwageng o o neng o feta. Selo se se supa jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore maikaelelo a Palamente ke go oketsa serwe sa seabe sa batho mo mererong ya yone. Dipalo di supa gore gompiano, e ntse e le gone mo maranyaneng, go nnile le kgolo e e kwa godimo ya *interaction* kana kamano ya rona re le batho, jaaka dipalo di supa gore go na le batho ba ba ntsi ba ba kgonang gore ba ka amana le Palamente ka maranyane jaaka ngogola e ne e le 1,359, e le koketso go tswa mo go 951 mo ngwageng o o neng o feta...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister*, fa ke lebeletse nako, *you may want to go to page 18.*

MR MOHWASA: Aa! *Mr Chairperson*, nako ya gago le yone e tsamaya ka bofefonyana jang, *sorry. Thank you Mr Chairperson.*

Mr Chairperson, ke ne ke re o nne o kgaleme, yo mongwe o tla *late*, e bile o tla ka go bua yo gotweng Motlotlegi Dr Gobotswang. Mofuta o o ntseng jaana ke one o o re dielang nako.

Mr Chairperson, ke ne ke re ke boele kwa kabong-madi. Tlaa ke tsene mo mading ka tota ke yone kgang e re e tletseng fa.

Mr Chairperson, mo ngwageng wa 2025/2026, Palamente e ne e neetswe madi a a kana ka *Two Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula* (P200,865,820). *One Hundred and Forty-Four million, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Pula* (P144,258,690) o setse a dirisitswe go ema ka kgwedi ya Morule ngogola, go reela gore go dirisitswe 72 *per cent* ya madi a a neng a rebotswe mo ngwageng o o felang ka *March*.

Modulasetilo, mo ngwageng wa 2025/2026, P800 *million* o ne a ntshiwa, mme go ne go sena madi a a dirisitsweng go tla go fitlha mo nakong ya gompiano, se se dirwa ke gore go ne ga emisiwa tiriso ya madi ka seemo sa madi se re neng re lebagane le sone, go amile *projects* di le tharo.

Kopo ya gompiano ke gore Palamente e fiwe madi a a kana ka *Two Hundred and Six Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula* (P206,424,410). *Mr Chairperson*, e le madi a

recurrent. Kabomadi e e supa go okediwa ga madi a a kana ka *Five Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula* (P5,558,590) mo e leng gore re ka re ke boraro mo lekgolong fa re lebelela mo *budget* ya 2025/2026.

Kwa ntleng ga madi otlhe a a setseng a dule *Mr Chairperson, One Hundred and Forty-Seven Million Six Hundred and One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula* (P147,601,950) kana *71.5 per cent* ke madi a a beetsweng dituelo tsa ba Palamente le ba Ntlo ya Dikgosi, fa *Fifty-Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty Pula* (P58 822 460) ke madi a a beetsweng tsa tsamaiso mo ofising.

Madi a ditlhabololo ke *P8 million*, mme go solofetswe gore a tle a tsenye *projects* di le thataro; ya ntlha e le maranyane e le *P2 million*, ya go baakanya Palamente *P1 million*, ya *security* sa Palamente, tshireletsego le pabalesego e le *P2 million*, e e amanang le go ithulaganya ga Palamente e le *P1 million*, ya go gasa ka maranyane dipuisanyo tsa Palamente e le *P2 million*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Bala* paragraph eight verbatim.

MR MOHWASA: Paragraph 58, Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposal for Organisation 0100-Parliament. I therefore move that the sum of Two Hundred and Six Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P206,424,410) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 0100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule and that the sum of P8 million in the Development Fund Estimates stand part of those Estimates. I move accordingly and I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order Honourable Members! Thank you Honourable Minister. The floor is open. Honourable Justice Dr Unity Dow, Mother of the House, Member for Kgatleng West.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker* go bo o mphile sebaka sa gore ke tswe la me. Ke ne ke re la ntlha ke simolole fela ka gore ke ema nokeng kopo e e bile o kare gongwe madi a ka ba a feta fa.

Mabaka a me ke a a latelang *Mr Speaker*, la ntlha ke tsaya gore gongwe fa e le gore batho ba ne ba le teng

maloba fa o bula phuthogo fa re bua ka *prebudget*, le maloba gape le *seminars* tse re ntseng re di tsena, re utlwa *the Clerk of the National Assembly* tota go supagala gore keletso ya *the Speaker* gompieno ke gore a Palamente e simolole go ikemela ka nosi go lebilwe gore Dipalamente tsa mafatshe a mangwe di ntse jang, di tsamaya jang. Re tswa kgakala re ntse re *benchmark* re ya kwa bo Zambia, Kenya, re ya kae le kae, ke tsaya gore mongwe le mongwe o a itse gore dikeletso tse pedi tse di tona tsa *the Speaker* ke gore go nne le molao wa Palamente, Parliamentary Act or Parliament Act, ka gore gompieno ga e yo. Gape gore Palamente e nne *green*, ke gore e simolole go fokotsa go gataka *environment* ka dinao. Ke a itse gore re na le lenaneo le o ntseng o bua ka lone, ke ne ke re ke kopa gore o le eme nokeng *Mr Speaker* fa re setse re dirisa madi a Palamente.

Ya bobedi ke ne ke re a re tlotleng Palamente, gompieno go supa gore tota re tlotla Palamente...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ke fologetse fa tlase *Mother of the House*, ke *Chair* jaanong.

DR DOW: Modulasetilo, ee, kana re mo *Second Reading, we are in Committee Stage of the Bill, so ga o Speaker* o Modulasetilo wa Ntlo e. Ke a leboga, o Modulasetilo wa Ntlo e.

Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re kgang e nngwe tota fela a re supeng gore re tlotla Ntlo e, gompieno jaana Tona o ntse a bua a le nosi go sena ope fa pele. Gompieno *Honourable Ramogapi* o gorogile, tota go tla fela go supa gore o a e tlotla. O ka supa go e tlotla jaana gape, se bitseng diphuthogo *Leader of the House*...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke re o gakolole Mma Dow gore kgang e a e buang eo..., le fa ke ka re *Comrade Dow*, lona ke lona le tletseng se Domkrag, o fitlhela go raya gore le rata bo *His Excellency*, nna ka re *Comrade* fela. Ke re o mo gakolole gore kgang eo o ne wa *rule* mo go yone, wa e bua *Mr Chairperson*. Jaanong fa re e bua o kare re ganetsana le se tota ota o neng o setse o dirile *ruling* ka sone. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa *Honourable Members*, kgakololo tota e ke neng ke ithaya ke re re ne re setse re e buisantsa ke gore, kana *this is a timed debate, so any point of order, point of procedure, it eats on the time*. Ke

sa reye gore mme fa Ntlo e dule mo tseleng le se ka la bua batlotlegi.

Jaanong Honourable Motsamai, tota that is not a point of order, ka gore Honourable Mother of the House is debating Parliament, and her line of debate is respect for Parliament. O ne a santse a re o wela mo point ya gore, gone go supa respect for Parliament ke gore o se ka wa schedule diphuthego tse dingwe ka nako ya Palamente. That is her line of debate, you may argue with her on whether she is wrong or right, but that is her opinion and certainly it is not a point of order.

DR DOW: *Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re kana Palamente e tsena gararo fela mo ngwageng, ka November, February le ka July. A Cabinet e lebelele schedule sa yone, e leke ka bojotlhe gore e se ka ya thulana le Palamente, re a itse gore go thata. I have been a Minister, ke a itse gore tiro ya lona is from 7:30 to even after 5, I accept that. I am just saying in respect to Parliament, try to schedule your work. I have always said to Ministers that, I know you do double work, it is two jobs in one. I understand that, I accept that. I am just saying respect this House, by scheduling your time such that you actually attend it.*

Ka re e tlotleng le fa le dira Dikgotla *meeting*, le se ka la di dira e tsene ka gore fa le dira e tsene, le rona le a re gogela kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Mo go rayang gore le fokotsa ...*(Interruptions)*... ke ne ke re tota fela ke fete ka kgang eo.

Ke ne ke le fa e le gore madi a tswa kwa *Finance* kana jang, tota fela tlhogo ke kwa *State President, through you* Modulasetilo. Ntsha madi a *political funding* ngwaga o, ka gore fa o ntsha madi ao, o nonotsha *democracy* ka go fa madi a *political funding*. Ngogola ga a tswa, e le gore go a tlhaelwa. Ke a itse go tlile go nna ditlhaelo, a e re go tlhaelwa, mme re sekameleng ka gore re *fund the growth and strength of democracy* go ntsha madi a *political party funding*.

Betsho, a e re re kgaoganya madi re itse tota gore bodiredi jwa Palamente bo a tlhaela, *the reason why* dikomiti tsa rona di sa bereke...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

DR DOW: Ntle ke tlhalose gore Palamente e bereka ka ditsela tse tharo. La ntlha e bereka ka dikomiti, la bobedi e bereka mo Ntlong e ka go dira melao le *policies*. E

bereka le ka go reetsa batlhophi kwa re tswang teng go tliša megopolo ya rona kwano.

E nngwe e ke bonang e santse e tlhaela tota ke dikomiti. Dikomiti tsa rona di a tlhotsa, di tlhotsa ka gore ga di na bodiredi. Fa o bona o le Mopalamente kana *an officer serving* dikomiti di le *seven*, tota o tlaa dira tiro ya gago jang. O tlaa dira *research* jang. Tota fela boammaaruri ke gone koo. Le rona re a itse gore ka gore re Palamente e potlana, go raya gore re mo dikomiting tse dintsi, go bo go raya gore tota ga re kgone go dira tiro ya rona ya dikomiti ka botlalo, ka gore re phatlaletse. Seo Goromente ga gona gore o ka dira jang ka sone, ka gore tota *it is a nature of our* Palamente. Tota fa le le 68 mo teng go na le *Cabinet Ministers*, go raya gore le potlana, ba le salang gore le nne le dikomiti. Go raya gore le tlhoka bodiredi jo bo nonofileng gore bo le thuse, ka gore lona le phatlaletse.

Gompiano bontsi jwa dikomiti ga di tsene, Batswana ba itse Public Accounts Committee (PAC) fela, ka gore ke yone e gantsi e tsenang. Tse dingwe di teng, ke eng di sa tsene, ga di tsene ka gore re palo potlana, ga di tsene gape ka gore tota fela Palamente ga e na madi a a lekaneng go di tsenya, ga di tsene gape ka gore bodiredi bo phatlaletse le dikomiti. Ke ne ke re a bo nonotshiwe gore re kgone gore re kopane ka botlalo.

Ke batla go bua ka kgang ya *independence* ya Palamente, jaaka go etle go buiwe gore go tewa jang fa go tualo. Bangwe ba tsaya gore go raya gore Palamente e tlaabo e ntse fela koo e itirela melao ya yone, ga go a nna jalo. Go na le dikao tse dintsi tse re di boneng gore go tewa eng. Ke tlile go go fa *example*; go tewa gore *the Accounting Officer* wa Palamente, *Clerk of the National Assembly*, tota fela o lekana le *other* Accounting Officers mo ga Goromente. Gompiano jaana o ka fa tlase ga wa kwa *State President*, tota go raya gore ga a na thata e e kalokalo. Ke go riana fela yo mongwe a bo a mo tlanetsa. Golo mo ke gone go dirang gore a seka a kgona go dira *plan* ya gagwe sentle, a bo a kgona *to fulfil it*, ka gore o tshwanetse gore a ye go sele go ya go ikopakopela. Ke ne ke re kgang e re e lebelele, ga se go leka gore re nne *independent* mo re thulana le *Cabinet* kana re thulana le *Judiciary*. Ra re re batla molao *that governs us* sentle.

Another example ke gore re na le komiti ya *Members' Rights. What are our rights?* Tota ga e tshele ka gore

e ya go ikopakopela gape kwa go *Minister*; ga e ye go ikopakopela kwa go *Speaker*. Kana e tshwanetse gore e ye kwa go *Speaker*, tota e re dikeletso tsa rona ke tse. A nne fa fatshe a lebeletse *budget* ya gagwe le *the Clerk of the National Assembly*, ba bo ba ipotsa gore a dikopo tsa lona di ka diragala. Jaanong gompiano, re ikopakopela kwa e leng gore re thulathulana le ba bangwe, ke gore re tshwana le Directorate on Intelligence and Security (DIS) tota fela, ke gore re *department* ya *State* fela jaaka DIS, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC). Ee, re lephata. Ga re a tshwanela go nna lephata, re tshwanetse gore re nne letshego lengwe la matshego a ga Goromente. Gompiano re lephata.

Ke tlaa go bontsha gore go bua boammaaruri tiro ya rona ka gore ga re *independent*, ga re na ditsompelo tse di lekaneng, tiro ya rona ya bopalamente e wela kwa tlase. Gompiano jaana la re go tle go ntshiwa *more than 35 Bills*, gakere BETP ya rialo, tse di tlaabong di tsamaisa NDP 12, di nonotsha BETP jalojalo. Re di bona leng, re di bona re ntse re le gone fa, ka goreng, le fa e le gore di gatisitswe mo *Gazette*, *Gazette* re a e bona, *but* re e bala leng, re e balelwa ke mang. Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe e ka bo e re fela fa e tla gone foo, *your support system* o le Mopalamente e bo e kgona go go bolelela gore Mma Dow melao e e tla kwa Palamenteng, *I have researched on it*, e thulathulana le ele jaana, kante e nonofile jaana, e re fa o tsena kwa, o se ka wa e ganetsa. Ke e e leng gore fa re lebile *manifesto* wa Botswana Congress Party (BCP) le *your philosophy*, ke se o dumelang mo go sone. Gompiano ga go a nna jalo, re thulana le yone fa ka gore ga re na nako ya go e bala, ga re na ba ba ka e re balelang, e bile ga re na ba ba ka e re sekasekelang gore re tle re kgone go e *debate* fa *with strength* Modulasetilo. A re nonotsheng Palamente e ikemele ka nosi. *Honourable* Ramogapi, ke dumela gore o dumalana le nna ka mabaka a, ka gore o kile wa nna motho, o itse dikgang tse.

Let me show the example of how weak Parliament is. Ka ngwaga wa 2024, ngwaga ole wa Puso e e tsamaileng ele, fa go sena go nna go baakannngwa melao ya go oketsa dituelo tsa *Judges*, tsa eng, tsa eng, wa rona o tsile gone fale, le ne le le teng. Ka gore re ne re ganne go fetisa molao mongwe o o neng o oketsa ditshwanelo tsa batho mo *pensions* jalojalo, o eme fela foo a bo a re, e bile o ga le ka ke la o bona, a bo a o busa. *5 per cent* yo a neng a neelwa mongwe le mongwe ka 2024,

Mapalamente ga ba o bona. Go ne go sena gore go ka tweng, ka gore tota fela marapo a ofisi e o leng mo go yone eo, a kwa godimo mo e leng gore fa o re ga le a bone, ga le a bone. O ne a ema fela foo a re, ka gore le ganne go fetisa molao wa *pension* ya ga Tautona le ya ga Vice President (VP), o ke a o busa e bile ga le ka ke la bona *5 per cent* yoo. Ga re ise re ko re mmone le gompiano jaana. Mo go supang marapo a gago mo Palamenteng.

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

DR DOW: Ao, tota *Leader of the House* o ka dira jalo...

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

DR DOW: Se mo arabe, wena didimala...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *E ile* Mother of the House.

DR DOW: Ka mafoko ao ke re, *I support* madi a a kopilweng Modulasetilo.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): Ke a dumedisa *Honourable Members*, ke a dumedisa Modulasetilo. Ke re Modulasetilo ke utlwile mafoko a ga Tona jaaka a ne a ala, a supa gore e le baeteledipele ba eletsa gore Ntlo e ya Palamente ya Botswana e gole, gape e tle go nna *the highest performing organisation*, e na le ditsompelo. Ke re mme ka fa kakanyetso madi e ntseng ka teng, ga go dumalane le dikeletso kana dikakanyo tsa gore e ka tsholetsega ya gola.

Modulasetilo, ke kopa gore o ntetlelele ke dirise sejathlapi gore ke tlhalose *the small fraction of the national budget*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Go ahead.

MS MANYENENG: *The small fraction of the national budget is just at 0.2 per cent overall. This includes the Recurrent Budget of P206 million which is 0.3 per cent of the P8.32 billion in total and the Development Budget proposal of P8 million which represents a marginal 0.03 per cent of P23.38 billion of the estimates for the 2026/2027 financial year.* Modulasetilo ke leka go supa gore, fa o re o utlwa ka fa madi a a neetsweng Palamente a leng mannyennyane ka teng, tsotlhe tse di eletswang ke lefela, ke go bua fela ka molomo. Fa o ka ela tlhoko mo puong ya ga Tona re eletsa gore Palamente e tseye

crucial functions fa motho a ka dirisa puo eo. Mme fela fa o re o leba ka diofisi tsa Mapalamente ga go na le fa e le ofisi ya Mopalamente ope e e siameng. *They are all under resourced*, mme e le gone go tlhoka go latlhelelwa sengwe se se ka tsosolosang serodumo sa diofisi tsa Mapalamente mo dikgaolong.

Gape mo *speech* sa gago o supa gore, keletso ke gore, *Bills* kana *policies* tse di tlang ka kwano di bo di tlhodumetswe pele ke dikomiti tsa Palamente ka go farologana. *Honourable Members* le ele tlhoko gore, gore re kgone go tlhodumela re le dikomiti golo moo go tlhoka madi, go tlhoka gore *budget* e bo e le teng e e tlaa re kgontshang. Jaaka fela *Mother of the House* a ntse a leka go bua gore, dikomiti ga di tsene ka lebaka la gone gore di a tlhalelwa, e bile ga go kgonagale. Le rona fa gongwe re a tle re re re ka atolosa dinako, mme o tlaa fitlhela go le thata ka gore fa komiti e sa tsena go sena sepe se se tseneng pele tiro e boela kwa morago, ngwaga o ya go wela re sa dira sepe.

Gape ke re, mme tota fela gore re nonotshe botlhodumedi (*to strengthen oversight*), *financial implication* ke yone ya ntlha e re tshwanetseng go e leba, ka gore o tlhodumela jang o sena noko kana thata ya go tlhodumela, e leng madi. Gape kana *parliamentary oversight and democracy* ke dilo tse di tsamaelanang, *but* ka fa re lebang ka teng re bua fela ka *parliamentary oversight* Tona, *democracy* o kare re e lebetse. Kana *democracy should be there*, gape re tshwanetse re itse gore e a tura. *So*, gore re nne le *democracy* a re tsenyetse lebogo kwa teng mo pateng.

Selo se sengwe gape se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, o buile gore *institution* e tshwana le Palamente jaana ga e a tshwanela gore e farologane le tsa mafatshe a mangwe. Fa o re o a leba jaaka re ntse re a tle re tsamaele kwa ntle kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, re kwa tlasetlase. E bile go tlabisa ditlhong gore o nne o buela kwa godimo o ntse o re o tswa kwa Palamenteng, ka gore o tlaa fitlhela le le Mapalamente fale le le bararo, Dipalamente di tlike le Mapalamente a bone ka dikomiti tsa tsone, ba tlike le bakwaledi, le sengwe le sengwe sa go supa gore Palamente e ikemetse kwa ba tswang teng. Ga ba a bolelelwa gore go ka tsamaya ba le babedi. Ke re yone e a ko re lebe le Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 16, e a supa gore re tshwanetse re nne le *institutions* tse di *accountable*, le gone tse di *transparent*.

Jaanong potso ya me mo go Tona ke gore, a ga a bone go le botlhokwa gore Palamente e kope madi a sekale se se botoka thata go na le se se setseng se kopilwe Tona go tsamaelana le dielo tsa mafatshefatshe jaaka ke setse ke buile?

Fa re bua ka *independence of Parliament*, tota fela ke leina mo gotweng Palamente e ikemetse ke letshego la boraro, ke leina fela. Fela fa re setse re nna fa fatshe re re re a leba, ga re foo. Mme fela *under Constitution of Botswana Section 57 to 110*, Palamente e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e le nosi e dule *from the Executive*. Le rona jaaka motho a setse a buile re kgona go raya batho re re re eletsa go dira jaana, mme re tsamaya fa, re sa kope. Gompiano re bakopi bagaetsho. A ko le lekeng go supa gore le Botswana yo mosh, le se ka la re gata, re lekalekane.

Gape se ke se bonang ke gore, *all the reforms* tse re leng Palamente re eletsang go di dira ka gore ga re na *Parliament Act* jaaka motho a setse a buile. Re tlhoka gore re nne le *reforms* gore re kgone go nna le bo *Parliamentary Service Commission, code of conduct, ethics for Members of Parliament and staff. Also, to establish a budget office and look into administration's organisation structure* tse di setseng di ntse di builwe bagaetsho, re saletse kwa moragorago fela thata. Potso e nna gore, a mme Tona o tlaa simolodisa melawana e e ntseng jalo go sireletsa Palamente mo Molaomothoeng gore e ikemele ka nosi, *so that* re tle re kgone go nna le botsamaisi jwa madi, bogolo jang jwa go aba madi.

O supile gape gore o batla gore re nne le *ratification of treaties through Parliament*. Ke tsaya gore re tshwanetse re e gatelele e bereke, ka gore gompiano fa re setse re tswela ka kwa ntle batho ba batla dikgakololo kana re batla go akgela, o tlaa, fitlhela re ntse re gadima gore ga re ise re utlwe gore *Executive* ya reng. O palelwa ke go ema fela o bua ka gone gore, re ne re akanya gore ditumalano tse tsa rona fa re tsamayang teng di tsamaya fa. O tshaba le gone go bua *because* ga o ise o utlwe gore *Executive* ya reng. Jaanong tota re eletsa gore a go nne le molawana Tona o e leng gore maikaelelo a one ke go simolodisa gore *all the treaties* kana *protocols* di fete ka *process* ya Mapalamente pele. Re di tlhodumele le tsone pele ga di ya *to be signed*. Re le Mapalamente re di tlhologanya gore kwa re tlaabong re le teng re tlaabo re di tlhodumetse, e bile o ka di tlhalosa motlhofo go na

le gore e re o tshwanetse go araba o bo o sena se o se buang.

Jaaka ke buile bagaetsho, madi a re a neetsweng a kakanyetso a kwa tlase thata. Ke itumelela gore o amile ele ya gore go ne ga emisiwa P8 million a ise a dirisiwe. E se ka ya nna jaaka o kare Palamente e ne e sena ditiro, nnyaa, re ne re tshwanetse gore re ka bo re dirile se le se. Ke itumelela gore o a itse, o e buile. E ne ya emisiwa ke se se e emisitseng, *hence* ra wela kwa tlase ka bodiredi, ra se ka ra dira sepe. Dikoloi di eme, ga gona le fa e le sepe se se tshikinyegang Tona. Jaanong tota ke ne ke akantse gore le tlaa re okeletsa.

Le Ntlo ya Dikgosi (NYD) jaaka e na le rona jaana, ke batho ba ba eletsang gore le bone *be serviced equally like* Mapalamente. Jaanong o fitlhela o kare dilo tsa bone di thatanyana, ga gona sepe se se tsamayang. Re itumeletse gore Ntlo ya Dikgosi ... (*Interruptions*) ... ra tsamaya le bone ra ya go ba neela Molao-kakanyetso o re ba o neetseng ole *Bill No.14 of 2025*. Ba nnile le nako ba o leba, ba akgela ka fa ba akgetseng ka teng. Re eletsa gore dilo tse re di nonotshe, mme re eletsa gore re okeletswe re dire go feta fa. E se ka ya re kamoso e bo e nna o kare ga re mmogo mme re le mmogo mo Palamenteng.

Ke supe gore madi a a manyennyane fela thata. Fa re na le diphuthego... Batswana ba eletsa go tla Palamenteng ya bone, ga re na Palamente. Go a omanwa gore *tickets* di kae *and* ga go na jaaka re ka okatsa *tickets*, ga re na Palamente. Tota la reng ka Palamente le le bo Tona ka koo, a le re tsaya re le leoto le lengwe la lona kana re ka fa tlase? A ko le re thuseng le re okeletseng ka fa le tshwanetseng go re okeletsa ka teng bagaetsho.

Sa bofelo keletso ya me ke gore, Mapalamente jaaka ba ntse jaana ba nne le *oversight* e ntsi mo go sepe fela se ba eletsang se ka dirwa mo Palamenteng. Tota ya dikomiti jaaka a buile ka *Members' Rights*, eo yone e utlwiswa botlhoko ka gore, tota go raya gore batho fa ba le kwa ntle ba re leba ba akanya gore re na le dithata dingwe kana re tshela sentle *somehow*. Tota fela Modulasetilo, re a kopa gore Palamente a ko e tsewe le yone e le bontlha bongwe jwa Puso.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you. You are right on point.* Jaanong ke ne ke re a o raya jaaka gompiano jaana fa o lebeletse, ke gore dikoloi tsa ga *our*

Speaker ka bobedi, di eme, o tshela ka go adima koloi ya gago? A ke tsone dikgang tse o buang ka tsone gore *Minister* a itse ka dilo tse gore *the Honourable Speaker* dikoloi tsa gagwe di eme ka bobedi?

MS MANYENENG: Ke yone eo *Honourable*, o e weditse. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Tla ke dumedise ke bo ke go akgole *Mr Chairperson*, fa o le kwa setilong se se kwa godimo gore ngwaga o o fetileng o supile bokgoni jo bo kwa godimo thata jwa go leka go isa ba ba sankeng ba rutega kwa mafatsheng gore ba nne ba ye go ithuta. Ke ne ke tshwere bothata jaaka ke ne ke tsamaile le Furniture le Disho. Ke raya gore batlotlegi ba supile gore e rile fa ba boa kwa, re bo re tla re fetogile. Re tsamaile re sa itse sepe, mme fa re boa kwa, re tla re tsetswe sesha go tswa kwa China, e le gore re rutegile le bakaulengwe, ke re selo seo ke go akgole.

Ke ema fa ke sa dumalane le *budget* e ya Palamente gotlhelele, e bile fa go riana go ntsenya mowa wa gore kana fa o bona e ngotlelwa madi jaana, a a bo a tserwe a isitswe DIS. Re ne re ema fa re dumalana gore DIS ga re e tlhoke, jaanong fa e le gore re tsena mo seemong sa gore e bile madi a Palamente a a fokotsega, rona re ngongorega ka gore boleng jwa Palamente bo wela tlase letsatsi le letsatsi. Tota DIS ke eng re sa name re e isitse kwa *police* ra tsaya madi ra tla *to beef up* Palamente? Bone ba nna *special branch* fela fale ba fokotsa madi a mantsi a ba tlaabong ba a tshwere ra tla *to beef* Palamente.

Boleng jo jaaka bo wela kwa tlase, ke ne ke kopa *Mr Chairperson* gore Palamente a ko e tswe kwa Office of the President (OP). Mogopolo o o sale o buiwa ka 1988, wa tla wa buiwa ka 2002, 2024, le ka 2026, go pala eng? Go tlhokana le eng *Chairperson* gore re ntshe Palamente? Kana kwa sekoleng re ne re rutwa gore mo tsamaisong ya Puso, matshego a mararo, mme le ga leyo. Le pitsana ya teng e wa letsatsi le letsatsi ka gore fa re tshwanetse go dira sengwe, re busiwa kwa *airport* gotwe Mapalamente ba tsamaile jaana. *Mr Chairperson* ene a re rebotse, go bo gotwe boa koo *Executive* ga e a *approve*. Go raya gore *Executive* e gataka Palamente, mme selo se ga re a tshwanela go se letlelela.

Palamente ya gago e kgona go sa tsena e bo e *collapse* ka gore *Executives* ba ile go bula borogo. A selo se re

tshwanetse go se letlelela bagaetsho? Ga re a tshwanela gore e re Mopalamente a eme fa a bua, batho ba bo ba mo dilola ka gore ene ke Mopalamente, gotwe ga o dire dilo tsa Puso. Motho yo Mopalamente o tshwanetse go bua a phuthologile a sa tshabe go dilolwa ke ope. Jaanong tsone dilo tse fa re ka se ke re di dire sentle *Honourable Lesedi*...

MR LESEDI: *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge, ke go dumedise, ke a leboga motlotlegi. Tota ke ne ke eleditse go go raya ke re rra, o e tshwere sentle bogolo jang fa o bua ka DIS. Ke ne ke re gongwe o *clarify* gore a o raya ka jaana *Ministry for State President* e le one o tsereng matshebetshebe a madi, jaanong re gakgamalela go bona kwa Palamenteng go tla go ntshitswe madi a bonnye jo bo kana? O e tshwere sentle rraetsho.

MR LEKAU: E bile gape ke gakolole Mapalamente gore fa gongwe e tlaabo e le rona re sa itseyeng tsia. Ga e ka ke ya re madi otlhe a ile kwa *state*, e bo e re mo teng re bo re fiwa 0.1 *per cent*, sengwe go raya gore le rona re tlaabo re sa se dire sentle. Re ne re le kwa re rutwa gore re kgona gore go fetolwe gore a madi mangwe a tswa kwa a potele ka fa. Go tsene a *State President*, a re yeng go e tlhodumela gore gatwe madi a ile kae ka bontsi. *Let us get our priorities right*, re nonotshe Palamente.

Fa o lebelela *Whips* tsa Palamente gompiano jaaka o bua jaana, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe fa o re *Whip*, o raya motho fela yo o maemo. Gompiano Sam o itshwanela fela le nna, e bile o kopa *lift* mo go nna. Ke *Whips* tsa Palamente e re tshelang mo go yone ba ba senang le fa e le koloi, o raya gore go ka pala kolotsana fela ya Corolla go tsaya *Whips*? Ke gore le fa go ntse gotwe *Chief Whip* kana *Opposition Whip*, o itshwanela fela le nna. *Chairperson, we need to empower Whips*, ke bone ba ba bayang Ntlo e *into order*. Ke bone ba ba baakanyang Ntlo ya gago, jaaka o ne o re o batla *lift*, mme o e batla fela mo mothong yo e leng gore le ene ga a utlwe gore o na le maemo golo fa. Le madi a Sam a a amogelang a tswana fela le a me, ga a supe gore ke *Whip*, e bile ga a na lentswe fela le a ka reng a kgorotlha, *Minister* mongwe a lemoga gore mo Ntlong go kgorotlhile *Whip*. Ga go direge, mme kana ke *powers* tse a di neetsweng gore o tshwere eng. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke kopa...

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification.* *Thank you Honourable Lekau. I want to you to qualify your statement* fa kgannyeng ya ga *Whip*, a o raya mo e

leng gore fa Palamente e tsene, Matona a a fa ba itse gore taolo ke ya ga *Whip, not anybody else* fa re bua ka ditsamaiso tsa Palamente? Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: E bile go raya gore thuto e e batla go tsena mo bathong le mongwe le mongwe gore ba itse gore *Whip* ke ene a laolang Ntlo fa re le fa. E se ka ya nna gore *Ministers* ba re ba fa godimo ga ga *Whip*. E bile...

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Elucidation.* Mma ke go leboge go mpha sebaka. A go ya ka wena mokaulengwe, *budget* e ke yone e e tshwanetseng go netefatsa gore *office* ya gago kwa Mogoditshane e thusa batho mo go tseneletseng, bodiredi bo kgona go taboga le dikgang tse batho ba di kopang jaaka go tlhokana le koloi *to run around and do office work? Thank you very much.*

MR LEKAU: Lona fa o bona ke sa le bue, ke gore le tshabisa ditlhong. Fa o ka ya kwa ofising ya Mopalamente ene yo o ntseng a bua gone fa, *admin* ya gagwe o kwa Jwaneng, fa a tlhoka sengwe gone fa, ke gore o leletsa *admin* a re bitsa *taxi* e go tseye e go ise BPC o *ye to report*. Ke matlhabisaditlhong, e bile ga o ka ke wa tsena mo khanseleng kana kwa ga molaodi wa kopa gore nkadimeng koloi ke ise *officer*. Ba ya go ipotsa gore o mang; Mopalamente, nnyaa, ga go dirwe jalo. Tsamaiso eo tota e botlhoko.

Tla ke bue fa *Chairperson*, fa o ne o le fale, ke ne ke tlaa go raya ke re *Speaker*; a mme wena o a itumela ka fa o lebeletseng botshelo jwa Mapalamente ba ba neng ba tswa fa? A go go fa monono fela, o kgona go gata sentle o supa gore *the former* MPs ba tshela sentle? A go tlaa go fa kagiso fa re sena go tswa fa gore re tlaabo re tshela sentle? Go tshela sentle ga re reye *corruption*, re raya Mapalamente ba kgona go dira dilo tse di tlhamaletseng. Komiti ya gago ya *rights* mongwame, gongwe nako e tlile ya gore jaanong o ye go lebelela le bone ba ba e lebeletseng. Ga re ka ke ra tlhola re ya OP kana kwa *Minister for President* re ya go kopa dithuso kwa go ene. Palamente e tshwanetse go ikemela, *Minister* wa *State* a eme fale, e se ka ya re Mapalamente ba bua ka *rights* tsa bone go bo gotwe a o boditse *Minister*. Nnyaa, ga go na *Executive* e e ka botswang o bua ka dilo tsa Palamente.

MR PULE: *Clarification.* *Thank you Mr Chairperson, thank you Rre Lekau.* E ne e se gore Batswana ba a itse

gore *sitting allowance* e re e dirang fa, re e kgaogana le bone? A go siame gore gompieno re bo re amogetse lekwalo re tewa gotwe ga re na go duelwa *sitting allowance*? Ga ke itse gore a o bone rraetsho? Ga re na go duelwa *sitting allowance*. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Ka gore ene tota ke motho le madi, mme e diegile. Se ke batlang go se supa bagaetsho ke gore, Constituency Community Project (CCP), nako e tsile ya gore e bile re se ka ra tlhola re e rera le ope, ka gore itsholelo e wetse kwa tlase. A Tona re tseye *full control* ya CCP ka gore ga go na ditlhabololo tse re tlaa di dirang. Re tseye CCP, re ye go thusa Batswana. E sale a re o epa sediba kwa Kgantsha, se a pala ka gore ga go na gore o ka se epa ka *salary* ya gagwe. E bile Puso ga e ka ke ya mo thusa ka sepe gore a epe sediba sele. *No*, a re tseyeng gore Palamente e fa re emelela bagaetsho, se lebeleleng sephathi sa rona, se lebeleleng *alignment*, lebelelang gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi, wena o ya go tswa fa ka *jacket* e e *scotch*, ga o na go laletswa phuthego epe fa o sa itebelele mo botshelong jwa gago le Palamente. Bana ba rona ba ya go re kgwela mathe gore o ne o dira eng ka 2026 kwa Palamenteng. Ga re a tshwanela go bulela batho, a bo re galeletse le go bulela dikgaolo tsa rona, re pakogile, re le basetlha. Re sa kgone go ka itirela, le fa e le *office* e e mo Palamenteng, e sena *secretary* fela yo o ka mo romang gore nkisetsa golo mo ke tsena mo Palamenteng. Ke matlhabisaditlhong. Hirang *matemporary* ba re thuse mo diofising tse di mo Palamenteng. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga gore a bo o mphile sebaka. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore mongwe wa Mapalamente a gago e bong Kaizer Reuben wa Phikwe West, re mo leboge gore a bo a tsere kgato ya gore ene e le Mopalamente wa BCP, wa Selebi Phikwe, o busetsa *sitting allowance* ya gagwe kwa Pusong go leka go tokafatsa seemo sa madi a Puso. Ke kgato e re tshwanetseng re e opele letsogo ka gore go a diragala mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Re a itse gore *President Trump* ga a tseye *salary*, ke tshwetso ya gagwe e e supang boleng jwa gagwe. Re tshwanetse re e amogele ka gore madi a motho...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Le se ka la mo kgopakgopetsa.

MR HIKUAMA: Heish! O itse gore paro e gotweng Motsamai, ke bothata fela.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, mme se dirise lefoko leo *Honourable* Hikuama. Le boele morago.

MR HIKUAMA: Ga a dire sentle tota. Ke le boela morago. Bona fela...

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! We are back in the Assembly. Honourable Members, *mmang ke le kopeng jaana, le se ka la kgopakgopetsana gape le se ka la kgopisana, tsweetswee. Ke ne ke le raya ke re*, the debate e is timed.

The other thing Honourable Members, I have since written to Honourable Kaizer because he had written a letter. *Jaanong* because the matter has been raised in the House by himself, also now the Opposition Whip, I will make it part of the Speaker's remarks in the morning tomorrow for purposes of guidance to all of you. *Gakere re utlwane Mapalamente. Jaanong le se ka la kgopisana tlhe batlotlegi! A ko go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong.*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke ne ke le gone foo, gore ke kgato e e leng gore jaaka e le *discretion* ya gagwe, e le tshwetso ya gagwe, re tshwanetse ra e le bogela. E bile re le Congress Party, ga re na bothata le yone. Ke thata ya gagwe, ke tshwetso ya gagwe. O bone go tshwanela gore go nne jalo. Go se ka ga nna ope wa BCP, e ka tswa e le leloko, e le Member of Parliament (MP), e le mang fela yo o nang le bothata le tshwetso ya go nna jalo. Ke tle ke e papamatse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Modulasetilo, o *product* ya BCP wena. O a itse gore ke tumelo e e tseneletseng ya gore Palamente e tshwanetse e ikemele ka boammaaruri, mo gotweng *true independence* ya Palamente. E seng go bona e kete e ikemetse. Le nako e re neng re setse re ithuta sentle sepolotiki le tsala ya me Motsamai le *Honourable* Mohwasa kwa re tswang teng, kwa re tlhologileng teng, re ne re dumela jalo kwa Botswana National Front (BNF). Re ne re dumela jalo kwa BNF, e ke sa tlholeng ke itse gore gatwe go rileng mo malatsing a gompieno. E tlhanogetse ditumelo tsa yone tse di tseneletseng tsa gore, Palamente e tshwanetse e fetoge. A mme fa o lebile Palamente ya gompieno e e tsamaisiwang ke Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), a o bona pharologanyo fa gare ga e e neng e tsamaisiwa ke Domkrag le yone? *No*, ga go na pharologanyo. Babangadi e gotweng BNF, e kete ga e yo mo teng. Selo se, se a tshosa. Ga ke itse gore ke ka re e rileng. Re tshwanetse re bone

matlhasedi a yone mo tsamaisong, e seng mo puong le mo mekwalong. Re tshwanetse re bone matlhasedi a BNF *in influencing direction* ya Puso. Palamente e ikemetse ka boyone ka boammaaruri.

MR MOTAOSANE: Clarification Mr Chairperson. Thank you Mr Chairperson. Honourable Hikuama, Chief Whip, are you aware *gore go na le bothata jwa gore jaaka fa o bua ka fa* the ideology ya BNF *e ntseng ka teng, a ga o bone go na le bothata jwa gore* it is not implementable *ka gore* there is concoction? There is Alliance for Progressives (AP), People's Party, Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) inside, so, BNF cannot implement their ideology freely *ka gore ke makgatlhanela thapong*. Do you not think *gore selo se, ke sone se se itsang gore* ideology *ele ya BNF e le e itseng, e nne teng?*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke belaela e ka tswa e le yone ka gore ga ke itse sentle, ka ga ke nne le bone. Ga ke itse gore sekgoreletsisegolo e ka tswa e le eng. Ke sone se ke batlang gore *Honourable* Mohwasa yo ke mo itseng, yo ke itseng le ditumelo tsa gagwe, a tseye taolo, a supe *direction* gore se re se batlang re le lefatshe le, se se ka siamelang Palamente ya Botswana, ke eng, *independence of Parliament*. E se ka ya nna e kete *it is an extention of the Executive*. Golo moo re tshwanetse re go papamatse re supe gore, gore Palamente ya rona e ye kwa pele, ke gore e nne *truly independent*. *In the BCP Manifesto* re buile ka *Act* e e tlaa nnang teng ya Palamente. Ke dumela gore ke yone toro ya rona rotlhe.

MR MOROLONG: Clarification Mr Chairperson. Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson, le wena motlotlegi. Mo kgannyeng e e bothokwa ya *independence* ya Palamente, a ga o bone go le bothokwa gore gone jaana re fe *the relevant Minister an ultimatum* ya gore mo nakong ya *before 1st of April 2026*, re bo re setse re tsero tshwetso ya gore Palamente e ikemele? Tota *there is nothing to argue about*, ke kgang e re e dumelang.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke dumalana le wena se o se buileng sotlhe. O moFronta tota wena. E bile ke a bona le ka fa o tsamayang ka teng, gore *you are still a Front member*. Ga o tshwane le Motsamai.

Facilitation of Parliament, re tshwanetse re dire gore Mopalamente kwa a leng teng, *is facilitated* gore a kgone go dira tiro ya gagwe ka maatlametlo le tsamaiso e e lolameng. Re ka dira jalo ka go mo thusa dilo

dingwe. Ba buile, *Honourable* Lekau o ne a bua e le ene a se *hacked*. A bua tota e le ene. A bua sentle gore tota *offices* tsa Mapalamente, di tshwanetse di nne le boleng. Di supe gore ke *office* ya Mopalamente, Ntlokgolo e e dirang melao ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Gompieno bodiredi jwa rona gone kwa bo tsamaya ka dinao go ya go tsaya diposo. Ba palama *taxis*, ba a fufula. Ke gore le fa a laleditswe gore a ye go tsenelela phuthego nngwe, kana a ye go emela *office* ya Mopalamente, motho wa Modimo o emela *taxis* le *combis* mo tseleng le *lift* gore a goroge koo. Ga go supe seriti sa Palamente e, Modulasetilo. Dilo tse o tshwanetse o di lebelele. Tona Mohwasa, dilo tse o tshwanetse o di lebelele ka leitlho le le tseneletseng la go tlhabolola Palamente ya rona le serodumo sa yone.

Ke dumela gore gompieno Mapalamente ba lela gore *they are not well facilitated*. Ga o ka ke wa bona fa o le Tona, mme fa o le Mopalamente fela, o a lemoga gore o tlhoka koloi kwa kgaolong kwa o leng teng, gore o kgone go dira ditiro tsa Palamente botoka.

Go rata ga me nako e ke neng ke tswa *from the box*, ke ne ke bua gore a re nne le *access to Government transportation* mme go lebega go nna bokete. Ke eng le sa dire a *grant* bogolo e e thusang Mopalamente gore a ithekele koloi e e tlaa dirisiwang mo ditirong tsa tiro ya bopalamente? Fa le ka mo thusa ka *grant* e e ka dirang gore a kgone go reka koloi e e ka mo thusang go goroga gone koo. Maabane ke ne ke araba potso e nngwe ke bodiwa *on the radio* gore a Mapalamente ba amogela madi a mantsi? Ke gore ba supa gore Mapalamente a amogela madi a mantsi. Ka re madi ga a nke a nna mantsi kana mannye, go tswa mo goreng a dirisiwa eng.

Madi a re a fiwang gompieno, go ya ka nna fa a ka bo a lebagane le botshelo, *to maintain* Mopalamente o kare a siame. Fa o a kopanya le dilo tse dintsi tse di *official* tse o tshwanetseng go di dira ka one, a nna kwa tlase. Ke sone se re reng ka gore re a kopanetse le sengwe le sengwe; tiro ya rona e *official* e gone moo, ditiro tsa rona tse di *social* le tsone tsa go thusa mo malwapeng, tsa go thusa mo kgaolong di gone moo. Sengwe le sengwe se gone moo. Jaanong go felela go le gonnye mo go feteletseng. Re tshwanetse go dira Palamente e *to facilitate* gore a kgone go dira tiro ya gagwe sentle.

Mr Speaker, go netefatsa gore Palamente e ikemetse ka nosi, *it will maintain separation of powers* gore ke

makalana a mararo a a tsamaisang Puso ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ga go supagale ka gore dithata tsa yone di santse di laolwa ke Office of the President (OP). Jaaka re ya ditiriping re rebotswe ke Palamente, re tshwanetse go ya go kopa *permission* kwa OP gore go rebole o sele. Wena o bone go tshwanelwa gore re tshwanetse go ya koo, jaanong ke ya go khubama kwa go Rre Mohwasa ka gore ke *permission* ya go tsamaya. Fa a sa ntsha *that permission* wena o bone go tshwanela gore ke dire jalo, go raya gore go a ema. *What kind of separation of power and three arms of Government is this?* Golo mo ke matlhabisaditlhong, ga re a tshwanela go tsamaya ka seemo se se ntseng jaana re le mo Pusong e ntšha ya ditshwanelo tsa batho, e e itseng tsamaiso ya *governance*. A mme e a itse kana ke a e pateletsa? *Governance* e botlhokwa *and separation of powers have to be enforced*. Ke yone Palamente ya rona ya Puso e ntšha ka gore e bile re mo thulaganyong ya go fetola Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana. Ke yone nako, e seng go siana ka bo *Constitutional Court (Con Court) Honourable* Mohwasa. *Con Court* ga e botlhokwa gompiano, ribolola Molaomotho re o loge sesha, o neele dithata batho ba ba tshwanelwang ke dithata tse di seyong. *Con Court* ga e ka ke ya ba neela ditshwanelo, ga e ka ke ya tla ka *provisions* tse disha tse e di tsenyang mo botshelong jwa batho.

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): *E go siile* Honourable Whip. *Honourable* Moneedi Bagaisamang, Member for Shoshong.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke leboge tshono e o e mphileng gore le nna ke tle go kgwa Tona dikgaba mo kopong ya madi a a lebaganeng le ditirelo tsa Palamente.

La ntlha mma ke supe gore re amogetse kopo ya gago Tona, ya ka fa o eletsang go ya go dirisa madi a mo ngwageng o wa 2026/2027. O ne o bua ka melao e re e fetisitseng e e fetang masome a mabedi mo ngwageng o fa e sa le Palamente e tsena. Gone moo Modulasetilo, go supa mokgweleo wa tiro e Palamente e e tshwereng. *Bills* tse jaaka *Mother of the House* a ne a tlhalosa, re a bo re tshwaragane le namane e tona, ka fa re tshwanetse *to attend* dilelo tsa batho. *Staff* se re nang le sone e le gore *it is incapacitated*. Ga ba na go le kalo *to do the research*, e le gore ga re na *support staff*. Fa re tla ka kwano re solofela gore re bo mmantswitswidi ba

go fetisa *Bills* tse. Ga se rotlhe ba dikitso tsa rona di itseng *all spheres of the Bills* tse di a bong di beilwe mo Palamenteng. Modulasetilo, re kope gore a ko re bone gore le thusa jang Mapalamente ka bodiredi. Re na le bodiredi jo bo kwa dikgaolong Modulasetilo, fa re bua boammaaruri fa bo leng teng, bo nna fela ga bo na tiro ka gore ga ba na *resources*. Ga ba na koloi, ke gore gore ba bereke, ke bo ke boile kwano. Jaaka ke tsile kwano jaana go ntswe, ga gona sepe se ba se dirang. Ga ba na koloi e e thusang *to attend to* dilelo. Ke gore ba ya kwa Mokgenene fa ke boetse kwa kgaolong. Ba ya kwa Moralane fa ke boetse kwa kgaolong, ba ya kwa Dibete fa ke boetse kwa kgaolong. Fa ke tsile kwano jaana, sengwe le sengwe se phuthame.

Ba ba leng kwa *constituency office* e leng teng, fa e sa le jaaka ke tsena kwa ga gona le fa e le a *toner* Modulasetilo. E e teng ya gompiano ke gore madi a gotweng ke a buse a *sitting allowance*, a bo a tsene ke bo ke ya go reka *toner*. Ke sone se ke ka se keng ka a busa ka gore ke one a ke a tsayang ke reka *toner* gore go kgone go nna le mo goreng tswitswiritswiriri. A mme ke sone seemo se e leng gore Mopalamente *should be subjected to under* Palamente e ya gompiano Modulasetilo? Ke diemo tse re lelang ka tsone. Ke lesokolela, o kare e bile ngwaga o gongwe go tlaa nna *worse than* ngwaga o o fetileng ka fa ke bonang madi a ntse ka teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke tlaa tla ke go neela mokaulengwe, mma ke riana pele.

O ne o bua ka *oversight and accountability*. Modulasetilo, ke sa le ke itse fela gore ke leloko la dikomiti dingwe tsa Palamente. Ke sa le ke bona ke ya go tsena kwa go tsone ke tla ke rolelwa gore o fa, *mandate* wa komiti ya gago ke o, e bo e nna tshoo! Go tla go tsena letsatsi la gompiano. Nngwe ya dikomiti tse ke mo go tsone e gotweng ke ya *Oversight*, ke ne ka amogela pego ya gore e na le dikgang tse di fetang 250 fa e sa le dikomiti di phatlaladiwa ka nako ya Domkrag, tiro e bo e kgweleana. Go na le *cases* tse di *over 200* tse e tshwanetseng go di lebelela. Go tla go tsena gompiano jaana, komiti eo *has never seated* Modulasetilo. *What will be the purpose of these committees* Modulasetilo, ka gore *they are there and they are not providing the necessary oversight* e di tlhokang gore di bo di e dira?

The only committee e gongwe ka mabaka a e dirilweng ka teng, e e a tleng e re tswitswiritswitswiri ke PAC, mme le yone e ntse e dira *under limited operations* ka dikgang tsa madi.

Modulasetilo, a ko golo mo go bonwe, Palamente e nne *effective*, e re re tlhobogiwa ke batho mme gone re bo re na le *available resources at our disposal to carry out our mandate*. Ke kopa gore re lebelele golo mo re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang Modulasetilo. Ke na le letshwenyego fela le le kwa godimo la gore Palamente e ga e dire tiro ya yone. Gore e bo e dirile tiro e o neng o e supa Tona ya komiti ya me le Rre Hikuama, ke ka gore bana ba ne ba dira toyitoyi ba tla mo Palamenteng. Ke dumela gore fa ba ne ba se ka ba dira dithupetso tseo, le tshwetso e e supagalang gore komiti e e ne ya e tsaya, e ka bo e ne e sa e tsaya. A mme ra re *society* ya rona gore e bone thuso, ke gore e bo e gwanta ba tla kwano mo dikomiting tsa Palamente? *The answer is no. Let us empower these committees* Modulasetilo, di nne le madi. Ke gore a re direng gotlhe mo go ka nnang mo taolong ya rona go bona gore dikomiti tse di nna *functional*.

Representation; re Mapalamente a a tswang kwa dikgaolong, ke eteletse metse e le 13, meraka le masimo gotlhe go kopakopane. Keletso ya batlhophi ba rona ke gore fa ke tshwere phuthago kwa Mmutlane, ba ba kwa Dibete ba eletsa go utlwa gore go buiwa eng kwa. *We are incapacitated* re le Palamente. Le BW Speaks e o buang ka yone Modulasetilo, ga ba na le mo go kapang ditshwantsho, ke *phones* fela tse di ntshang ditshwantsho tse di lerole. *They cannot stream live* diphuthago tsa Mopalamente. Le puisanyo e o reng ba a e dira, ga ke dumele gore go na le Mapalamente gone fa ba ba ka supang gore ba na le puisanyo e ba tleng ba e dire *through* BW Speaks. *This is the honest truth that we must live with*. Fa e le gore re batla gore golo mo go nne le botshelo, a re boneng gore batho ba re a ba *capacitate*; ba nne le ditsompelo tse e kareng fa o tshwere phuthago kwa Otse, ba ba kwa Moralane ba kgona go utlwa gore ba Otse ba bua ba reng ka kgang e, go nne le *interaction* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Jaanong gompiano gore golo mo go diriwe, ke gore ke bo ke boa ke tsaya madi a *sitting allowance* ke batla ba ba ka tlang ba nthusa gore go tle nne e kete go a re takataka. A mme gone Mopalamente o tshwanetse gore

ditlamelo...e bo e le gore jaanong bontsi jwa nako o tsenya letsogo kwa bo teng jwa pata ya gagwe gore go tle nne o kare go nna le botshelo? Ke bona gore golo mo ga se mo go tshwanetseng gore go letlelelwe go tswela. *Let me yield for you Honourable Lekau*, o ne o kopile *clarification*.

MR LEKAU: *Clarification*. Ke ne ke re ka matlhotlhapelo a o a buang a, wena fa o lebeletse fela go ka nna bofefo jo bo kae gore dilo tse di boele mo taolong ya Palamente? Ke raya gore le *buyer*, re se ka ra tlhola gotwe go ya *to confirm* kwa Office of the President (OP).

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Bagaisamang, freeze the clock. *Ke ne ke re there* is a desire by the Honourable Whip to get somebody to debate, but they will have three minutes, because it is your side, if you so desire, you can leave them a few minutes so that they have five minutes. It is up to you.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga. Kgang ya gago *Honourable Lekau* ke e re e dumalanang mo Ntlong e gore *we need total independence* ya Palamente *for Parliament to be able to carry out its mandate* e sa kgopakgope. *It is very painful*, gompiano bona gore ka dikgang tse, jaaka *Honourable Dow* a ne a supa gone fa jaana, go ne ga tliwiwa *Bill* fa, e e neng gotwe e ye go lebeleba *the welfare* ya batho ba Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Makhanselara le Mapalamente, e gannwe ke motho a ntse fa go ntseng Rre Mohwasa, a re fa le sa dumalane le ele ya gore Tautona a nne le mo le mo, ke busetsa e kwa morago. Gompiano jaaka re le gone fa jaana, Makhanselara le Dikgosi ba a botsa, ra re go tilwe sengwe le sengwe se dirilwe se fedile ka yone. Ka mongwe o ne a tenega, a nna *reactionary*, a re fa le sa dumalane le gore go ye go tsenyediwa bana ba ga Tautona *pension* le basadi ba bone, jaanong go raya gore re gone foo. *This needs total independence* ya Palamente ke gone fela mo go ka thusang gore diemo tse re ye go di baakanya mokaulengwe. Mma ke eme gone fa Modulasetilo, ke sa re ke feditse ka gore nako ke yone e e tsamaileng. Ke supe gore ke ema *budget* ya gago Tona nokeng, mme ke e ema ke le bete se molangwana. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke tlaa go siela, ke tlaa kgomisa fela.

Mr Chairperson, ke ema ke le *in support of the proposal* kana *budget* e. Se ke batlang gore ke gatelele mo go sone fa go buiwa ka *the e-parliament* gore re tshwanetse go bona gore jaanong re dira maranyane a sejwalejwale go dira Palamente ya rona e e leng *has already proven* gore e *active* ka go fetisa melao e le 20. Ke ne ke re ke amogela *the path* ya *e-parliament* gore re nne le Hansards tse di *accessible on real time*, *library* le *notices* di goroge ka nako, le dikarabo tse ba *Cabinet* fa ba tla fa, ba tshwanetse gore ba di arabe, sengwe le sengwe go nne *seamless* e bile go nne *time saving*.

Ke ne ke batla gape gore e re fa re tsena mo go *this path* re lebelele gore go na le Information Technology (IT) *graduates* mo Botswana ba bantsi ba ba *unemployed*. *This is an opportunity* jaanong ka gore re bua ka *inclusive growth* gore le bone re ba *incorporate* gore ba tle ba re neele *this IT solutions* tsa go tsamaisa Palamente. *I do not think* go ka ntsha mokola gore re bone gore re ya go ba *group* fela botlhe, re bo re ba neela *department* ya *e-parliament* gore re bone *solutions* tse ba ka tlang ka tsone gore ke tsa mofuta mang.

E nngwe e ke batlang go e gatelela ke yone ya gore *the Member of Parliament (MP) office* e tlhokana le *capacitation*, bakaulengwe ba sa tswa go bua gore re tlhoka dikoloi, *computers* jalojalo. Gape ka gore Africa *is known for making something out of a little*, ga se gore jaanong ke nako ya gore *especially* kwa ofising ya me, re na le mathata a sa tswang go buiwa, mme mo gongwe re eletsa gore a bo re *capacitate* ka bo Statistics Botswana? *We can better plan for* lefatshe le, re na le *statistics and contact point* ke *the MP office*. Ke dumela gore fa re ka nna le *officers* ba ba tswang kwa Statistics Botswana, *qualified research individuals* ba nna ba fiwa *all our MP offices*, *then we can better plan for our country* re lebile gore re tla ka *well captured and informative data* e bile e tlhohlilwe ka *stages* tsa kwa Statistics Botswana. Ke ne ke re e re fa re ntse re lebelela *going forward on how to improve our Parliament*, a bo re bona gore re *include* maphata a mangwe a e leng gore *when it comes to national planning* le bone ba teng. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke go siele mokaulengwe ke se ka ka e tsaya ka bolelele. Ke a leboga. Ke *support the budget*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mphe *clarification* tlherra o ise o nne fa fatshe.

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

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification*. Honourable o bua kgang ya botlhokwa ya go dirisanya le makalana a tshwana le Statistics Botswana. Ke ne ke re a ga a bone go le botlhokwa gore nako e tsile ya gore Palamente ya rona e tshwaragane gape le barutegi ba University ya Botswana go nne le *forum* e re nngang re kopana le bone *quarterly* ya go leka *to interact* le bone ka dikgang tse ba ka re thusang ka tsone le rona re ba thusa ka tsa rona?

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *honourable*. Tota jaaka ke bua gore *budget* e *tight* fa re setse re bua ka *the planning of the country*, a makalana otlhe a ga Goromente *from research* to ba Statistics a re boneng gore re *capacitate* MP's *office*. Ke tlaa fa sekai fela *quickly*, fa o bua ka *Destitute Programme*, o fitlhela e le gore Kgaolo ya Boteti ga re a fiwa madi a a *indicative* of batlhoki mo Boteti, jaanong *there is imbalance already*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere* Honourable Member. Order! Order! Honourable Members. I now call upon the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to reply to the debate. I will put the question at 10:59 a.m.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Tla ke simolole fela ke fete ka kgang e neng Mme Mma Dow a e tlhalosa. Ga ke na go tsaya nako e ntsi Modulasetilo mo go arabeng batlotlegi ka ke tsaya gore dikgang tse ba di buang ka go farolagana di na le boleng le fa gongwe go tla go tsennngwa letswainyana. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e re ntseng re bua ka yone ya gore go tshwanetse go baakanngwa thulaganyo yotlhe ya tsamaiso ya Puso mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke tsaya gore e neng Mme Mma Dow a bua gore Palamente e tshwanetse gore e ikemele ka dinao e tlhamaletse. Re tshwanetse go lebelela jaana gore kana fa re re Palamente e ikemele ka dinao, ke tsaya gore re tshwanetse gore re dumalane.

Mr Chairperson, ke ne ke re ke gakolole. E bile ke ne ke lebetse gore ke fete ka kgang e, go na le seemo se se tsileng go felela kgantele le wena se go kgopakgopetsa go tsamaisa Palamente. Bagarona ba kganetso ba tshabelelwa ke go nna ba tlola Standing Order 58.4 e bo go kgobera ba bangwe gore ba nne ba ba araba. O fitlhela e kete rona ba ba ka kwano kana re madimabe, re felela re ntse re gakololwa ka kgang e, mme bone ba

ipuela fela jaaka ba rata. *I want to appeal to bone and in particular the Leader of the Opposition (LOO), gore ke ne ke kopa gore tlhe...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Honourable.

MR MOHWASA: ...a patilwe ke Gobotswang gore ba ne ba ema pele.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Mr Chairperson* o ne o re kopile gore *because the process is timed*, re tlogele go tsenya dikgang tse di re dirang gore re bo re ntse re re *procedure, point of order* ka gore *the Leader of the House* jaaka motsadi, o tshwanetse a itse gore motho yo o kgalemelwang thata ke *Honourable* Motsamai le *Honourable* Moswaane. *So*, ga ke itse gore ke eng a tshwanetse go dira jalo e le motsadi...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order! Order!

DR GOBOTSWANG: Kgalema fela o kgaleme sentle *Honourable* Mohwasa. *Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order. Mr Chairperson, *nyaa o ntshenya leina. Ke ka se ke ke mo tlogele*, I have been patient for a long time.

MR CHAIRPERSON: What is your point of order Honourable Motsamai?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Nnyaa o tswa mo tseleng, fa e le gore nako ya gompiano ke ya motshameko, e seng mo go Motsamai. A e nne go sele gotlhelele, ba gata mo mmung o o boreledi *Mr Chairperson*. O se ka gotlhelele, o tswa mo tseleng.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, a ko go nne le kagiso tlhe batlotlegi, le se ka la lwa, go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Modulasetilo. Jaanong ke ne ke re a re lekeng gore re iketleng. Mathata a matona Modulasetilo re akgela thatathata ka fa thoko, le batho ba ba eletsang gore ba nne ba tla mo Palamenteng ba sa nne ba nna ba ntse ba dira dikakgelo, ba felela le bone ba ipuelela, mme ga go a nna sentle. E ne ya re ngogola fa ke simolola tiro ke ne ka kopa gore re leke gore re nne re reetsana, ka gore go ka re thusa gore le rona fa re ntse re le mo Palamenteng re sele sengwe mo go ba bangwe fa ba akgela.

Ke dumalana le kgang ya ga Mma Dow, ga gona yo o ka ganetsang gore Palamente e tshwanetse gore e ikemele. Rotlhe re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore fa Palamente e tshwanelwa ke gore e ikemele, go na le tse dingwe tse bangwe ba nang le dikakanyo ka tsone, e ntse e le tsa tsamaiso. Ke ne ka tlhalosa gape ke feta gore, gompiano Puso e ne e bua ka gore re batla gore re nne le thulaganyo e e tlaa tlang, ke tsaya gore le tlaa tla le bona Public Service Bill, ke *sure* e tlaa tswa beke. E e le kang gore e dire gore go nne le *corporatisation* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go na le seemo se sengwe le sengwe jaanong se kgobokane golo go le gongwe fela, ka gore maikaelelo ke go dira gore re abele batho ditirelo go le motlhofo.

Ke tswelile gape ke tlhalose gore motlotlegi o ne a bua gore Palamente *should turn green*, ke tsaya gore e tlhamaletse e a utlwala, ke gone kwa rotlhe re tsamaelang teng. O ne a lela gape gore Palamente ga e tlotlwe, maloko a Palamente ga ba tle Palamenteng, ba bangwe ba tla *late*. Ke bo ke re go maswabi, ka tota motlotlegi le ene ke mongwe wa ba ba tlileng *late* letsatsi leno. Golo mo re tshwanetse gore re go ele tlhoko, gore re amogele. Ke dumela gore, jaaka gompiano fa o lebelela ka koo bakaulengwe ba ke ka se keng ka ba bua ka maina, ga ba yo gompiano, mme ke na le tumelo. Jaaka ke e fa sekai maabane re letse re le kwa Kasane go na le phuthego ya mapodise kwa, Rre Mapulanga o sale a le koo, Mosupologo o ne a le kwa go ne go na le kgang ya borogo. Maabane go ne go na le dikgang tse dingwe tsa mapodise, beke e o tshwerwe ke tse dingwe. Jaanong ke tsaya gore re se ka ra nna le gore fa gongwe re bo re re nnyaa bakaulengwe mo go raya gore motho fa a seyo kwano e a bo e le ka lenyatso, e a bo e le ditshwarego.

DR DOW: Clarification. *Ke a leboga, ke ne ke re a ga o dumalane le nna gore try not to schedule dilo tsa Cabinet Palamente e tsene*, that is why *Mapalamente a felela a le kwa metseng ya bone? Fa o re ke tlile late*, we do not expect everybody to be here *nako le nako, moo re a dumalana*, but we are saying bring your one third. Bring your one third to Parliament, we are more than two thirds this side. You are the ruling party and the leader of the House, *tiro ya gago* is to make sure *gore re nne mo Palamenteng*.

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

DR DOW: I am clarifying for you, you are the leader. *O tshwanetse* to ensure, do not defend, insist *gore tlang Palamenteng. Ke a leboga.*

MR MOHWASA: Ke ne ke re ke go raya ke re, ke ne ka simolola ke tlhalosa ke go fa sekai ka Rre Mapulanga, e bile ke sa sireletse ba ba kwano. Ke re gompiano ga a yo *not because* o tsere tshwetso eo. Ga re ka ke ra emisa go bula borogo jwa Kazungula, fela ka gore Palamente e tsene. Ga e ka ke ya re gompiano go na le dikgang tsa gore batho ba utswa, re tshwanetse gore re bitse mapodise, baetedipele ba sepodise ba kwa Angola le Namibia gore re tle re bue ka dikgang tsa bogodu, re bo re go emisa ka gore Palamente e *on*. Tse tsotlhe re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore, Puso ga e ka ke ya ema ka gore Palamente e teng. Se se teng se re tshwanetseng gore re se dire ke gore, re bone ka gotlhe mo re ka kgonang gore re tle Palamenteng.

Gompiano jaana Modulasetilo, ke a amogela gore *attendance* ga e a nna jaaka go ne go eletsega ka kwano, fela jaaka e sa nna sentle ka kwa, o bona gompiano ba phathi ya Domkrag ga gona le fa e le motho a le mongwe fela, mme ke tsaya gore ba tshwerwe ke tse ba di tshwereng. Lona ka koo ga le a wela, ba *ruling party* ka kwano go na le ba ba seyong. Ga ke tseye gore Mapalamente ba botlhe ka go farologana ga ba yo fa ka go rata, ga ba yo fa ka ditshwarego tsa bone. Gore dinako tsotlhe fa re tsena fa re nna re supana ka monwana, e kete jaanong re e baya ka mowa wa sephathi. A re bueng fela rotlhe re le botsadi gore Mapalamente, *Ministers* a re lekeng gore re tlonteng go tla kwa Palamenteng, ke sone se re ka bong re se bua. Mowa wa rona wa go nna re ikgaoganya ka bosephathi ga go re thuse.

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

MR MOHWASA: Iketle tlhe mmaetsho, a ko o iketle, ke bua kgang yone eo. Kana lona le bua fela jaanong, le itse gore ga le twe sepe, a ko le iketleng. Se ke batlang gore ke le bolelele bagaetsho ke gore, dikgang tse tsotlhe ga ke tseye gore ba botlhe ba ba seyong fa e a bo e le ka go rata.

E nngwe e le e buang ke ya gore diofisi tsa Mapalamente le Palamente go na le *understaffing*. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore ga se fela kwa Palamenteng, go na le letshwenyego la bodiredi go farologana Puso ka bophara. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele le rona gore,

go dirwa ke gore madi ga a yo, jaaka gompiano go na le ditiro tse le rona kwa *ministry* tse re ka bong re di dirile, ga re a di dira ka gore madi ga a yo. Ke *problem* e re nang le yone *across* Goromente. Kgang e ya madi, e diragala mo Pusong ka go phatlalala ga yone. *Ideally* le ka bo le fiwa batho ba ba le thusang gore le kgone go dira botoka. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele, kana ... (*Inaudible*)... e ke e bonang *Mr Chairperson* ke gore, fa re tsaya re fitlhela seemo se e leng gore ga gona masheleng a gore re ka fetola seo. Jaanong fa nne madi a letla tse tsotlhe re ka bo re di diragatsa, *but* ga re a kgona gore re di diragatsa ka lebaka la madi. Ga o hire fela, o tshwanetse gore batho bao o bo o ba duela.

E nngwe go ne go buiwa ka *Clerk*; ke ne ke tsaya gore Mma Dr Dow, gongwe ga ke a go utlwa sentle. *My understanding is that Clerk, he is an Accounting Officer, e bile he does not fall under office ya State President. Like other Accounting Officers, administratively* ba ka fa tlase ga *office* ya ga Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP) e seng ya *State President*.

E nngwe e ke neng ke re ke e bue ke ya Members' Rights, gore ba ya kwa go *Minister*. Nnyaa bagarona, se se leng teng ke gore re na le...

MR NKAWANA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, ke a go leboga *Minister*. Ke ne ke re a o a tlhaloganya gore fa re bua ka gore ga gona madi ga gona eng, re bo re supa gore se se tshwenyang thata ke gore fa Mopalamente a tshwanetse gore a ye *for a trip* ka tiro ya ga Goromente kwa mafatsheng, ga a kope kwa go *Speaker, authorisation is from your office or the President*. Moo ke nngwe ya dikai tse di supang gore Palamente ga e *independent, Speaker* ga a ka ke a *authorise* gore tsamayang go sa kopiwa *permission from Office of the President*. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Se ke se buang mogolole ke ne ke re, ga se fela Palamente go ntseng go diragala jalo, le ba Boatlhodi go ntse jalo, ke thulaganyo e re e fitlhelang e ntse jalo. Ga se Palamente fela. Le ba Boatlhodi fa ba batla go tsamaya go dirwa jalo. Jaanong se se teng ke gore, ke dikgang tse nkabong re bua ka tsone gore re di dira jang gore re di baakanye.

E nngwe e nne ke re ke bua ka yone ke ya *Members' Rights*, gore *Members' Rights* bagaetsho, re a itse gore pele, ka fa nna ke tlhaloganyang ka teng, e bile ke re

gongwe ba ba neng ba ntse ba le gone fa ba ka bo ba ntse ba e tlhalosa, ka gore ke bona fela fa gongwe fa motho a bua go bo go ntswe gotwe *clarification, correction*, mme ba ne ba lesa fela, e bile ke tseela gore Mma Dow o na le lebaka a ntse a le fa.

Re na le komiti gompiano e le e itseng ya ga Rre Gaongalelwe. E ke tlhloganyang gore gatwe lona ba le neng le le teng le ne le e dira gore e nne yone kwa le isang dikgang tsa lona teng, e seng kwa go *Minister*. E re fa e sena go tlhotlha dikgang tsa lona, e bo e le yone e di tsayang, e bo e di isa gore Puso e di lebelele, tse tsothle. Jaanong gore fa le na le dikgang le di isa kwa go *Minister*, golo moo le bana ba ba tsenang sekole ba *Social Studies they will fail, because they would have been misled by Minister* mo Palamenteng, ga se gone. Ga go a nna jalo. Jaanong se se teng ke gore, le a itse, go ne go na le dikgang tse le neng le na le tsone, e bile ba bangwe ba setse ba kopane le komiti ya ga Rre Gaongalelwe go lebelela dikgang tsa lona. A dikgang tsa lone di ye koo, komiti eo e tle e lebagane le dikgang tseo.

E nngwe o ne o bua ka madi a *five per cent*, a o reng e ne e le a ga rre mongwe, ga ke itse gore e ne e le rre mang. Ke tsaya gore rre le ene kwa a leng teng... ke gore fela gongwe ga a yo gone fa go ka ikarabela, le ba ba neng ba le teng gongwe ba ka tlhalosa gore rre yoo ke mang, le gore gatwe gare go ne go tsene eng. Jaanong ga ke ka ke ka arabela dilo tsa ga rre yoo tsa nako e a neng a le teng, tsa madi a le neng le a batla, le buisana le ene ke sa itse gore gatwe go ne go diragetse eng. Ke tsaya gore tota kang ga se madi Mma Dow, kang ke gore wa re, mongwe o ne a le fa mme *they abused* seemo. E le gore jaanong o le kabolola ditshoka ka gore ga le a dira tse a neng a eletsa gore di diragale. Fa re ka bereka ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ga ke tseye gore go ka re thusa.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order Mr Speaker.* Ke re, Tona o fapogile mo boammaaruring, jaanong go tloga go nna o kare go tlhamaletse. Fa a re komiti ya *Members' Rights*, e a tsamaya e bo e re ba sena go e begela ba komiti eo, ba kopane le bone ba ba tlaabong ba kopana le bone, fa ba tswa kwa, fa batho ba re go koponwa le *Minister*, a bo a latola seo, a bo a re go kopanwa le Puso, Puso kante ke mang? Kana go buiwa ka *Minister*. Ke nna yo ke neng ke bua ka kang e. Jaanong ga go nne sentle, o kare ke ne ke sa bue boammaaruri gore go etla go ikamannngwa

le *Minister*. Puso ke itse gore e ya go nna *Minister*. Jaanong e se ka ya fetoga go ntshiwa lefoko *Minister* fela go bo gotwe Puso, e bo e nna o kare Puso ke go sele, *Minister* e bo e le o sele. Jaanong ke belaela gore golo moo go tlaabo go se ka fa tsamaisong go fetola mafoko, go timetsa batho.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa mme *you could have clarified* fela *Honourable Lekau*.

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, mme go raya gore mokaulengwe o rata go nna a re *Minister* thata. *Minister* ga se ene a tsayang tshwetso fa dikgang di sena go tswa kwa *commission* eo, ga gona gope. O itse gore go utlwisa botlhoko fa o re *you are correcting*, mme go bo go tshwanelwa ke gore le wena gape o baakanyediwe. *If you correct o correct from a position e e informed*. Nna ga ke amane gope le komiti. Komiti fa e sena go tsaya dikgang tseo di a tsamaya di ya kwa *Cabinet*, ke yone e bo e ya go tsaya tshwetso. *So*, go re raya o re *Minister... (inaudible)...* jaanong mme...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Mr Chairperson.* Ga ke itse, o ka thusa ka tsamaiso gore re ka tsena jang go busetsa tsamaiso mo tseleng. Ke gore gone *it was going to fit if he was yielding for correction*, mme kana fa re bona ka fa a tlhalosang ka teng, ke gore e kete komiti ele ke yone e e emelelang e bo e ya kwa *Cabinet*. Ke gore motho yo o reeditseng a le kwa ntle o tsaya gore go raya gore komiti e tsaya *report* ya yone e bo e e isa kwa *Cabinet*, *and it will present, then it is discussed at Cabinet*. Kana go buiwa gore ka tsamaiso, *he is the final person to take that report or recommendations to the Cabinet. I think that is what the Honourable member was trying to say, gore at the end of the day, it is him as the Minister responsible* yo o ka tsayang dikgang tse, e bile *he can argue* botoka gone kwa *Cabinet* gore ke eng golo mo go tshwanetse gore go fete, ke ene.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Opposition Whip, I know it is a very emotive issue for all of you, mme kana ditsamaiso ke gore le kope correction kana clarification...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a gana.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Jaanong fa a gana ga le na phatlha epe e nngwe. Jaanong e le sukunyetsang fela e, ga se yone.

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Chairperson*, Motlotlegi Chief Whip o a itse gore se a se buang ga se se nne Motlotlegi Lekau a se bua. Ke gore fela ba ka bo ba tsamaelana, jaanong ba a thusana, *but* ga se se a neng a se bua. Ka re kgang eo ga e tle kwa go *Minister*, e ya kwa *Cabinet*. Jaanong go na le dikgang tse pedi, se o tshwanetse gore o se tlhologanye Modulasetilo. Fa gotwe kgang e tsewa e le gore maikarabelo a mo go *Minister*; jaaka go ne go buiwa, go bo gotwe maikarabelo a mo *Cabinet*, go gobedi go farologane. Fa wena gompiano o le fa, o bo o roma motho o re a ye go duelela sekoloto kwa boketekete, yo o romilweng ga se ene go duelelwang sekoloto mo go ene, go duelwa yo go isitsweng kwa go ene. *So*, le se ka la itsietsa le iphatlha ka mafoko. Lesang matiriki (*tricks*) ba garona.

E nngwe e e latelang ke ya ga Mma Manyeneng, a bua ka dikgang tse di amanang le Palamente. Ke gore dikgang tse tsotlhe, ke tsaya gore rotlhe re a dumalana gore Palamente e tshwanetse gore e baakannwe jalo. Ke na le tumelo gore, jaaka gompiano e le lantlha mo lefatsheng la Botswana re bona melao e fetolwa ka dipalo tse di kanakana, re dumalana gore go a tshwanela gore re fetole le tsamaiso ya Palamente. Le dithata tsa ga Tautona, di tshwanelwa ke gore di sekasekiwe. Lotlhe le a itse gore, le rona ba re leng fano re ntse re bua gore go tshwanetse go nne le *direct election* ya ga Tautona. Golo mo go ya go ama ka fa le Palamente e tlaabong e lebe ga ka teng. Jaanong re tsaya gore jaaka re baakanyetsa go tla re dira *Constitutional Review*, e re e solofeditseng Batswana, dikgang tse re tlaa leka *to deal* le tsone. Tse re ka di dirang ka go baakanya molao, jaaka ke ne ke bua ka *corporatisation* re tlaa tsewelela re ntse re di baakanya.

Ke tsaya gore ke di arabile tsotlhe ka gore tota o ne o bua ka gore *they should be reforms*, e bile go baakannwe tsamaiso ya Palamente, e fiwe le dithata. E nngwe...

MS MANYENENG: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: Ke ne ke re, ke ne ke tsaya gore o ne o bua ka *reforms* tse di tshwanetseng go diragatswa mo Palamenteng. Jaanong ke ne ke bua gore tse tsotlhe, *Honourable Deputy Speaker*, di ka dirwa jaaka re tlaabo re baakanya gore go fetolwe Molaomotho wa lefatsheng. Ke bo ke re, tse re ka di dirang jaaka re bua ka *corporatisation* re ka di dira fa re baakanya molao, di tlaa kgona gore di diragale.

MS MANYENENG: The low hanging fruits?

MR MOHWASA: Ke bua ka gore *they will be addressed ka corporatisation that will deal with the... (inaudible)*. Jaanong e nngwe ke ne ke bua ka tshwanelo e nne Rre Lekau a bua gore, Mapalamente ke tshwanelo ya bone ya go bua ba le *free*, ba ikemetse. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng bagaetsho gore, fa re le fa, re Mapalamente, ka koo go na le a BCP, BPF, Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) *and we have one Independent*. Fa go ntse jalo, go na le thulaganyo ya tsamaiso mo Palamenteng, le tsamaiso mo pusong ya batho ka batho. Re tsamaya re le *a collective* re ya go ema fa pele ga batho re ithekisa ka megopolo ya rona. Re bo re bua le batho ba re tlhophajalo, re eme ka diphathi tse re emeng ka tsone. Fa re sena go nna re dira jalo, re a boa gape re nna fa fatshe *and we caucus*, re bo re tsamaya ka fa tsamaisong ya *party*. Ke tsaya gore ba e leng gore gongwe ba ka gakolola gongwe ba bua mongwe wa *party* ya BCP a sa bue se se tsamaelanang le se ba se rekisang, kana a le ka kwano a bua e le gore batho ba bua se e leng gore ka kwano *party* ya bone e a se rekisa, yo mongwe o bua se ba sa se rekiseng, ba na le tshwanelo ya gore ba ye go bua kwa diphathing tsa bone. Go ya go buisana gore ba bope mogopolo. *That is why* go na le *caucus*. Mapalamente ba na le tshwanelo ya gore ba ntshe maikutlo a bone, eo ga re ka ke ra iphapaanya le yone.

Rre Hikuama o ne a bua ka kgang ya ga Rre Kaizer ya go koleka ka *sitting allowance*. Le ene re mo kope gore mme a se ka a lofa gore madi ao a batho a nne a oketsege. Kana jaanong fa a koleka a bo a sa nne mo Palamenteng, le gone ga go thuse.

E nngwe o ne a bua ka go ikemela ga Palamente, re a dumalana. Ke bona gore mokaulengwe o santse a tlhwaafaleitse puo phaa thata, o santse a e shwele. Gantsi mo go shweng ga gagwe, fa a e gopotse, a bo a dumela gore ka o e lebelo kwa ntle, a re e fetogile, ene le Rre Gobotswang. Yo ene o ne a e rata thata, e bile nako nngwe o ne a etle a nne a tsene mo dikomiting tsa *community forum*. Ba santse ba e shwele, ba e tlhwaafaleitse. Tona fela *frontline* yotlhe ke bona fela e le bone. Ke a itse bagaetsho, o kgona gore fa gongwe o nne o gopole kwa o neng o le teng, mme e se ka ya re o gopola kwa o neng o le teng, o bo o ka nyefola ka fa batho ba dirang dilo ka teng.

E nngwe o ne a bua gore UDC, ke sone se BNF e neng e se bua, mo go rayang gore o ne o etla o fapoga. UDC ke sone se BNF e leng sone. Re ne re ntse re bua ka *multiorganisational front*, re tshwanetse gore re tlhaloganye gore fa re le mo *multiorganisational front*, go na le *contestation of ideas*. E bile *even within the BNF* o a itse gore gompiano le ne le re ruta gore BNF *is a broad church*, jaanong ga go na sepe se e leng gore UDC e a se dira mo nakong ya gompiano ka thulaganyo yone ya go dira diphetogo, se o ka reng ga se diragale.

Maloko a lona gone fa maloba ba ne ba ngakaletse ba gana re bua ka *outsourcing*, e bile ba batla go botsa dipotso gone fa, mme bangwe ba ba gogela kwa morago. Le maloba kwa dikgaolong ba ntse ba bua ba lona ba gaketse ba sa dumalane le *outsourcing; policy* e e leng gore gompiano re a e diragatsa 1st of April, re tswelsetse re le UDC ka se e leng gore re ne re se bua re le kwa BNF. *Go through all the programmes* tse re neng re di bua re le kwa BNF o bo o mpolelela gore ke efe e e leng gore o tlaa re gompiano go nnile le *compromise* mo go tsone; ga go na *compromise*. Re tshwanetse re amogele bagaetsho gore fa re le mo *multiorganizational front*, go na le *to contest ideas*. Ke tsaya gore BNF yone jaaka o itse, ga se phathi ya sekomanisi, ke phathi e e nang le makomanisi mo go yone.

MR HIKUAMA: *Tlhaloso. O e tshwere sentle fa o bua ka concepts tsona tsa bo multiorganizational front. Gakere you know* these arrangements, according to our philosophy and principles, it was supposed to be for minimum programme, and where we want to go, I need the BNF influence in the policies and practical reality of the country?

MR MOHWASA: Ke a go utlwa fa o bua ka *minimum programme* but le fa re ne re bua ka *national democratic revolution comrade*, o tshwanetse gore o tlhaloganye gore gompiano *resolution is not realised over time*. Le fa o ka bua jaaka o ne o bua ka *stages* tse Musk a neng a bua ka tsone, go na le *an... (inaudible)... So ga e ka ke ya re gompiano 15 months down the line*, o bo o ka nthaya wa re gompiano *we have transitioned to the next stage. The problem that we have* e e itshupang jaaka o bua, ke *impatience*, gore lona le ne le tsaya gore fa o tsaya Puso, go tlaabo gotwe mogotswana ikage, *suddenly* sengwe le sengwe se bo se diragetse. Ga go diragale jalo, go na le *process* ya *evolution* e e leng gore le ene yo o neng o re o mmadile Elon Musk, o ne a bua gore go ntse jalo. *Stage*

se sengwe se tlaa tla, *and then the other stage will give away* se bo se neela se se latelang. Ga e ka ke ya re *in 15 months* o bo o ka tsaya gore re setse re ka *transition to the next stage*.

Ka mafoko a a kalo Modulasetilo, ke tshwanetse ke amogele gore rotlhe ba re leng fano re a dumalana gore *indeed* re tshwanetse gore re tiise puso ya batho ka batho. Gongwe gore re dire jalo, re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re tiise Palamente le *the independence of Judiciary, and make sure* gore le ka fa *Executive* e berekang ka teng *is kept in check*. Dilo tse tsothle re a dumalana, ga go na yo o ka ganang. Mathata a re nang le one mo nakong ya gompiano ke ditsompelo tsa gore re kgone gore re fitlhelele tseo.

Ke tsere megopolo ya lona yotlhe, e mentle, e leka gore e age setšhaba. Fa gongwe re se ka re nna re bua jaana re itebatsa gore re na le dikgwetlho. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Leader of the House, *bala Paragraph 58 jaaka e ntse*.

MR MOHWASA: *Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.*

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposal for Organisation 0100-Parliament. I therefore, move that the sum of Two Hundred and Six Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P206, 424, 410.00) under the Recurrent Budget for 0100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule, and that the sum of Eight Million Pula (P8 000 000.00) for Organisation 0100 in the Development Fund estimates stand part of those estimates. I move accordingly, and I profusely thank you, Mr Chairperson.

Question put and Division **called for**.

MR LESEDI: *On a point of procedure.* Ke go leboge *Chairperson*, ke go dumedise. Gongwe se ke ka se gakololang Ntlo e e le *procedure* ke gore o se ka wa fela pelo Modulasetilo, go a lebega gore thuto e tlaa tsena ka bonya ka bonya bogolo jang mo batlotleging. Fa o utlwa Tona wa *State President* a kgona gore a re Mme Mma Manyeneng mo Palamenteng, a bo a re Rre Furniture. A ko o thuse, batho ba ba bidiwa batlotlegi. Ga ke itse gore go tlaabo go na le eng se se ka palelang batlotlegi gore ba lebe Standing Orders ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ke kgakololo, ba utlwile *Honourable* Lesedi.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): We are back in the Assembly. Honourable Members, the division has been called, ring the bell for two minutes.

Order Honourable Members! Honourable Disho has invoked Order 62.1(a) by calling for a division, and that division shall be held in a manner prescribed in Order 63. *Re utlwane gakere?* You know the deal, I will put the question.

I am going to activate your voting machine. Honourable Members, *tobetsa* one to indicate that you are present or to activate your own machine. Press two for “aye,” three for “no,” four for abstain, *tlhophang*.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: I am deactivating. Honourable Members, here are the results of your voting; present in the House; 24, “ayes” 12, “noes” 10, abstain two, so, the “ayes” have it.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0200 – MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, we move to Organisation number 0200, State President, Defence and Security. Honourable Members, please note that two hours and 10 minutes has been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 1240 and I will put the question at 1455 this afternoon.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Modulasetilo, ke emela go baya fa pele, Ntlo kabo ya madi a ngwaga o wa 2026/27 a *Ministry* wa *State President*. Mma ke simolole go tlhalosa gore *ministry* o, o tsentsse Office of the President (OP), Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM), Office ya ga Tautona wa pele Rre Mogae, *Information Services* le Kgatiso, Directorate on Corruption and

Economic Crime (DCEC), Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), Office ya ga Tautona wa pele Rre Khama, *headquarters, State President*, National Planning Commission (NPO), *Office* ya Tautona wa pele Rre Masisi, Ba Kanamiso ba Puso, Botswana Defence Force (BDF), Botswana Police, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Weapons Management Authority (CBRNWMA). Ke tlhalose gore lephata le re ntseng re le itse la National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), le isitswe kwa Lephatheng la Botsogo.

Ke tlhalose gore seemo sa madi mo lefatsheng jaaka re tlhaloganya gompiano, ga se a nna sentle. Mo go reelang gore tiriso ya madi go ya kwa pele, e tshwanetse go nna dingwe tse re di tsayang ka tlhwaafalo. Gape re lebeletse gore dikgang tsa *maintenance*, e nne tse le tsone re tlaa di tsayang kwa pele ga tsotlhe tse re di dirang.

Re tshwanetse gape re amogele gore go na le mananeo a le mmalwa, a re ikaelelang gore re a diragatse, e le ka thulaganyo e re tlaabong re rulaganya ditlhabololo tsa lefatshe ka teng. Re tshwanetse go bua gore mo nakong e, maikaelelo ke gore re tokafatse ditirelo, ditsholofelo tsa setšhaba ka ngwaga wa 2036. Fa re ntse re tswelletse, re tshwanetse go baya tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang go bona gore re fitlhelela maikaelelo a setšhaba. Re na le komiti e e beilweng, re ka re ke *steering committee*, e bile fa godimo ga moo, re na le e ba e bitsang ya *Technical*. Maikaelelo a tsone, ke go thusa go goroga kwa maikaelelong, e leng tebelo setšhaba ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Jaaka ke tlhalositse kgantele Modulasetilo, ke tlaa bua ka tsone ke le mo lepotlapotleng ka gore, maikaelelo ke go tshwara nako. Mma ke tlhalose gape gore go na le kgang e nngwe e re ntseng re na le yone ya Africa Peer Review Mechanism. Re a itse gore go ne go na le phuthego e e neng e tshwerwe ya baeteledipele ba mafatshe kwa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia mo bosheng. Mo phuthegong eo, re ne re emetswe, mme maikaelelo a teng re ntse re tswelletse go bona gore re tokafatsa fa re direlang teng mo seemong se. Nngwe ya dikgang tse di santseng di saletse kwa morago, ke gore re nne le *secretary* gone mo lefatsheng le le ka kwano.

Go na le kgang e nngwe e e amanang le *data protection*. Re a itse gore ngwaga o o fetileng, re ne re simolodisa molao o. Mo ngwageng o wa 2026 *January*, re ne re setse

makgotla a ka nna lekgolo le masome a mabedi, ba dirile gore go nne le *data protection officers*. E le gore tse di diragala go leka go tsamaelana le se molao o se eletsang. Go tsenya mo molaong molao o, go ntse go tsamaya ka bonya. Re tsaya gore tsotlhe di tlaa nna di ntse di direga ka gompiano go na le maikaelelo mo bogautshwaneng, go nna le diphuthego le ba ba amegang.

Dikgang tse dingwe ke tsa *public service management*, re leka go tokafatsa bodiredi. Maikaelelo ke gore, bodiredi bo nne bo tsena dikole ba ntse ba theogetse jaaka go simolotse thulaganyo ya *e-learning*.

Kgang e nngwe, ke e e amang banalebogole, e re dumelang gore re tshwanetse go dira tsotlhe tse re ka di kgonang gore le bone ba se ka ba iphitlhela e kete ga se bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe la Botswana.

Ke tlhalose gape gore ngogola ka 4th December, re na ra tsenya mo tirisong ya molao wa Persons with Disabilities Act. Maikaelelo a teng ke gore re leke go sireletsa le ditshwanelo tsa batho ba ba tshelang le bogole, gore re emise go tswelela ba ntse ba kgophelwa kwa thoko. Re tshwanetse go tlhalosa gore ka bonya ka bonya, re ntse re tsamaela gone koo.

Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosa Modulasetilo, kgang ya tshenyetso-setšhaba. Mo ngwageng o o neng o feta o, dipalo tsa Consumer Price Index (CPI) *ranking* di supa fa e oketsegile e le bo 58 *per cent*, go tswa kwa go 57 *per cent*. Mo ga go a lekana. Re tshwanetse go dira go le gontsi mo go lekaneng go bona gore re lwantsha tshenyetso-setšhaba. Re tlaa tswelela re dira re tshwaragane le makgotla a a farologaneng gore re kgone go fitlhelela koo.

Fa re ntse re tswelletse le ba Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), maikaelelo ke go tla ka molao o o tlaa dirang gore e ikemele e le boammaaruri. Maikaelelo a molao o ke go dira gore o tsene mo Palamenteng mo bogautshwanyaneng. Re solofela gore o tlaa tsena ka *sitting* ya Palamente ya July ka gore go tlaa tiisa ba DCEC, e bile go tlaa dira gore ba dire tiro ya bone ba sa kgopakopetswe. Maikaelelo ke gore Molao-kakanyetso o o dire gore *operations* le *governance structures* tsa DCEC, di itebaganye le se ba se romilweng.

Government Communications; Goromente o ntse a tlhabela mo go anamiseng dikgang tsa ditlhabololo.

Batho ba tshwanetse ba rutiwe ka mananeo a Puso, ba bolelelwe ka se e ikaeleng go se dira. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore se se ntse se le kwa morago mme re dira mo gontsi go leka go fitlhelela se. Kgang ya go fitlhelela mo dikgaolong ya *digitilisation* e gompiano o fitlhelang batho ba eme mo dikokelwaneng, fa gongwe ba eme mo dikagong tsa Puso ba tlele go batla maranyane teng, re fitlhetse go na le metse e e neng e le gore ga e kgone go bona ditirelo tse, mme se re batla go se baakanya. Re dumela fa go tlaa baakanngwa mo nakong e e seng kgakala. Kwa ntleng ga go dira gore batho ba nne le go nna le maranyane, ba felela ba saletse kwa ntle mo ditlhabololong.

Go na le Lephata la *Broadcasting Services*, le re dumelang gore le lone le na le seabe mo go anamiseng dithulaganyo tsotlhe tse Puso e nang le tsone. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore se Goromente a ntseng a se dira jaaka maabane go letse go botswa dipotso fa ka bodiredi jwa lephata le, re na le batho ba bantsi ba ba berekang kwa lephateng leo. Fa o ka lebelela, madi a Puso e a tsenyang le se e se bonang mo lephateng le ga go tsamaelane. Re batla go bona gore se Puso e se tsenyang e nna le dipoelo tse di lekaneng. Madi a Puso e a dirang gompiano ka *advertising* a kwa tlase. Re dumela gore fa re tlhwaafetse re kgone go dira *more than P100 million*, go na le jaaka re dira gompiano. Re tsere tshwetso ya gore re nne le kompone e e bitswang 1966 Media Services, e e tlaabong e lebeletse *commercial interests* tsa Puso le *intellectual property* ya Puso kwa *Government media*. E bile e tlaabo e thusa go dira gore letseno le ye kwa godimo.

Fa ke gakologelwa, tse dingwe ke gore go ne go na le maikaelelo a gore gompiano jaaka re bua jaana, lephata leo le setse le epile didiba di ka nna pedi. Re a itse gore gompiano go bona metsi ga go motlhofo, ba bangwe e bile ba a gelela le mo dinokeng. Fa re ntse re tswelletse, fa re na le *a commercial arm* re ka kgona go tsaya metsi a *for gardening services* re kgone gore e dire, e bo e ka neela le Puso e fokotsa ditlhwatlhwa. Maikaelelo jaaka motlotlegi kgantele a ne a bua *a turning green*, re tlaabo re ntse re akantse gore le rona re fetlhe motlakase kwa Mass Media gore o fokotse ditshenyegelole. Re tsaya gore madi a re tlaa dirang, a tlaa re thusa gore re kgone go reka *content* e e ka kgonang go hira Batswana gore ba nne le letseno le le botoka.

Disaster Management; re a itse gore re kile ra feta mo bathong ngogola re phutha madi gore re thuse mo *disaster*. Maikaelelo ke gore mo bogautshwanyaneng re ntshe *audit report* gore e se ka ya re nako e e tlang fa re ya kwa bathong, re bo re palelwa ke go ka tlhalosa gore re tsere madi a bone re a isitse kae. Re a itse se se diragetseng kwa Pandamatenga ka merwalela e e neng e ntse e diragala. Gompieno go nnile le *Foot and Mouth* e e neng ya tsena e belaelwa e tswa kwa lefatsheng la Zimbabwe. Tse di supa gore nako e e tlang re tshwanetse go nna re ipaakantse sentle. Re solofetse gore re bo re nna le *National Emergency Operation Centre* mo ngwageng o o latelang.

Defence, Safety and Security; re simolotse ka go baakanya National Security Strategy (NSS) mme re solofela gore mo ngwageng o wa *April*, re bo re feditse thulaganyo e ka gore lefatshe ga le ka ke la tshela le sena *security strategy*.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke bue ka sone gape ke gore tse ga re di dire fela, re dira ka go bona gore Batswana le bone ba nne le seabe ka gore mo re go dirang re direla bone.

Modulasetilo, fa re le fa ga se gore ga re reetse se batho ba se buang. Re a utlwa gore batho ba reng, re a utlwa gore ba tswelotse ba a lela. Le gompieno fa go tlhela madi, mongwe le mongwe a re a re yeng go tsaya kwa DIS. Fa gotwe go tlhela madi, a re yeng kwa DIS, fa gotwe se a re yeng kwa DIS. Re tsaya gore se se dirwa ke gore batho ba kile ba se ka ba nna le kamano e e monate le DIS e e fetileng. Ke batla go le bolelela gore gompieno fa re sa le re tsaya Puso, ga gona ope yo o ka buang a beile bosupi e seng a ipelaela, gore ga a ise a ko a nne le kamano e e sa nnang sentle le DIS ya gompieno. Seo ga se ka go bo re iphitlhela re le foo, go diragetse ka gore Puso e e fano e tlotla ditshwanelo tsa batho. Se re batlang go se bua ke gore re ne re re kope batho gore le fa ba tlaabo ba ntse ba gololesegile mo go kana, mo ba neng ba sena kgololesego eo, a kgololesego ya bone e se ka ya iphitlhela e tsenelela mo go ya ba bangwe. E bo e le gore fa ba fiwa *those freedoms, they then encroach* mo ditshwanelong tsa batho ba bangwe. Se re dumelang mo go sone ke *accountability* le *oversight*.

Re setse re dirile *consultation* le Leader of the Opposition (LOO) le Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ka maina a ba ba tshwanetseng go tsena mo

dikomiting tsa Palamente tsa DIS. Re tsaya gore maina ao a tlaa rebolwa mo nakong e e seng kgakala. Se se teng bagaetsho, re batla go diragatsa go bona gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana, mongwe le mongwe o tshela a gololesegile. Ba Botswana Defence Force (BDF) ba tsere maikarabelo a ka tlhwaafalo. Re tshwanetse go amogela gore BDF ka boyone, kgang e ya letlhoko la madi, le yone ke nngwe ya maphata a le one a amegileng thata. Re kopile komiti ya ga Motlotlegi Mma Dow, komiti ya lona le le Mapalamente a *National Assembly* gore ba tle ba bue le lona gore le kgone go amogela e bile le tle le bone seemo se ba leng mo go sone. Re dumela mo goreng re nne *transparent*, re tlaa tswelela re nna re tla fano. Le bone ba ba tshelang ba tla ba DIS le tla le kopana le bone le mo General Assembly, ba foo go dira ditiro tsa setšhaba. Le lona le tshwanetse go nna le buisanya le bone le le baemedi ba setšhaba.

Se sengwe se ke ka buang ka sone ke gore mo ngwageng o o fetileng re nnile le dingwe tse di dirilweng jaaka BDF e ne e fetsa matlo a le 420 ka fa Tsholofelo, ka go leka go tokafatsa seemo se ba direlang mo go sone. Re tlhalositse fa gore fa re tsena jaaka re ne re bua ka madi a, fa re le fa maloba ke le boleletse ka dikoloi tse re neng re di amogela re fitlhela di rekilwe. Re tlhalositse gore go na le *helicopters* tse di tlang gape tse re tshwanetseng go di duela ka konteraka e e re tlamang. Madi ao a tlaabo a duelwa mo ngwageng o. Se se teng ke gore le tshwanetse go amogela gore BDF le ba sepedise ba felela ba tsenelela le mo dikgannyeng tse di farologaneng, tse e leng gore ga di lebane fela le go tshwara magodu le go tlhokomela kwa meelwaneng. Gompieno fa dipula di na go nna le mathata, re bitsa bone ba BDF le ba *police*.

Re tshwanetse go tlhalosa bagaetsho gore go na le dikgang tse di mmalwa tse di santseng di tshwanelwa ke gore ba itebaganye le tsone e le mapodise. Ba Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) ba na le maikaelelo a gore gompieno re dire thulaganyo. Bana ba gompieno bagaetsho, ga go na ope yo o fa *who can claim* gore ga go na gope fa a sa amaneng le seemo sa tiriso ya *drugs* teng. Re tshwanetse gore re itebaganye le kgang e ka tlhwaafalo.

Ntlha e nngwe ke gore bana ba bolawa ke bodutu ka go tlhoka ditiro gore fa ba feditse sekole ba ye kae. Re na le thulaganyo e re batlang go e dira gore bana yo o batlang gore o ka nna a tsenelela *boot camps* a tsene a

ye go rutiwa ka tse di ka mo thusang di baakanyetsa bokamoso jwa gagwe e le tse di buang ka *the values tsa this country*, mme fa godimo ga moo, a bo a ka dira gore a ithute ka gone go tlhoka go tlisa diritibatsi. Se se a tlhokafala re le Puso e e kgathalang ka batho ba yone. Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalose *Mr Chairperson*, ke tsene mo *proposals*. Ke kopa gore ke bale ka Sekgoa *Mr Chairperson, if you allow me*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please do.

MR MOHWASA: Allow me to now present details of the Ministry for State, Defence and Security Recurrent and Development Budget proposal for the 2026 financial year for consideration by this Honourable Committee. Mr Chairperson, I request a total of Thirteen Billion, Fifty Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Six hundred and Sixty Pula (P13, 050, 492, 660) for Recurrent Budget, and One Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Pula (P1,997,742,917) for the Development Budget. If you allow Mr Chairperson, *ke kopa go dira correction. Ke phosego e e neng e dirilwe mo go paragraph 63, ga ke itse gore a ke e buele ruri kana ke tlaa tla ke tsena fa ke tsena mo go yone, ke tlhalose kana ke e buele ruri? Madi ao go ne go kwadilwe P402, 512, 000 ke tlhalose gore madi ao fa go 2 go tsena 3 fela. Ke ne ke re go nne on record mo paragraph 63.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: I am looking at paragraph 63, so, instead of P2, 400, 255, 223?

MR MOHWASA: Ee rra.

MR CHAIRPERSON: It is actually P3 billion?

MR MOHWASA: *Yes, e tshwanetse e nne this requests a reduction of P402; ke million*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Which figure are we correcting?

MR MOHWASA: Mr Speaker, paragraph 63 *go na le P402, 512,316, it is supposed to be P403, e fetola 3 fela foo.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Oh! Rona re tshwere e e siameng.*

MR MOHWASA: *Oh! Ba ne ba setse ba go baakanyeditse. Sorry. Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson. Ba*

dira ka tlhwaafalo ba bua ka madi a ... (Inaudible)...re bua ka madi a ... (Inaudible)... Ke ne ke le mo go 58 Mr Chairperson; an amount of One Hundred and Fifty-Six Million Pula (P156,000,000) is requested to cater for the establishment and operations of the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund Secretariat. The Fund aims to effectively manage the country's sovereign wealth by securing savings for future generations, supporting the development of critical national infrastructure as well as promoting fiscal stability and economic resilience. An amount of One Hundred and Thirteen Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty Pula (P113,159,640) for BDF to cater for allowances, institutional service charges as well as uniforms and protective clothing...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *O setse ka about a minute, so go to paragraph 69 and read it verbatim.*

MR MOHWASA: Thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Paragraph 69.

MR MOHWASA: Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 proposed budget for my ministry. I therefore, move that the sum of Thirteen Billion, Fifty Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Six hundred and Sixty Pula (P13,050,492,660) for the Recurrent Budget and One Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety- Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Pula (P1,997,742,917) for the Development Budget stand as part of the schedule of the Appropriation Bill 2026/27. I therefore move accordingly Mr Chairperson.

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): *Ke a go leboga Mr Chairperson. Ke leboge Tona ka pego ya gagwe. Ke simolole fela ka gore ga ke dumalane le budget ya gago ya madi a mantsi a a kanakana a a yang kwa lephateng la gago. Ke buisiwa jaana ke gore Tona, re buile gangwe le gape about the independence of broadcasting services. Re kopa jalo le wena o supa o solofetsa gore you will turn it into a public broadcaster. O didimetse ka dikgang tseo, we need independence ya bobegadikgang jwa Puso gore re kgone gore re bo tshephe. Kana fa re ka dira gore re nne le a proper public broadcaster le independence ya media wa ga Goramente, ba kgona go tshameka role ya bone sentle ya go nna the watchdog of this nation gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba bege dikgang sentle, ba*

kanoke maphata a ga Goramente, ba kanoke Puso e, ba begele tšhaba e gore go diragala eng. Botswana Television (BTV) le Radio Botswana ke tsa Batswana ga se tsa Puso. Go bothokwa gore o di tlogele rra, ka e bile go a utlwala gore malatsing a le setse le tsena le mo dikgannyeng, *you edit them*. Go utlwalega jalo rra, dikgang tse di sa nnang sentle tse le di dirang. Le setse le simolotse go laola gore go begwe eng, ga go begwe eng. Rra, re a kopa Batswana ba batla go utlwa dikgang mo *radio* le *television* tsa bone tse di monate tse di nang le boammaaruri, tse di lekalekanyang dikgang tsotlhe. Golo mo go bothokwa rra, gore le lona le tle le kgone go dira sentle. BTV e ya go le thusa *when you let it be independent*. Rra, o buile gore madi a le a tsenyang kwa *television* a mantsi. *How many times should I say this?* Fa le ka e dira ya nna *public broadcaster*, e ya go tsenya madi. Madi a a tsenngwang ke Goramente mo BTV a tlele go fokotsega, e bile a ka fela ka gore ba na le bokgoni jwa go itirela madi a.

BTV e na le bokgoni jotlhe, bothata jwa yone ke gore e mo diatleng tsa gago, BTV, Radio Botswana le DailyNews ba na le bokgoni jotlhe. Phoso e nngwe fela ke gore di mo diatleng tsa gago. *Let go*, ba tle ba kgone gore ba bereke ba dire madi a sentle, ba ka dira madi. *If you let them go*, go ya go tlhama ditiro tse dintsi thata, badiragatsi ba tlaa kgona gore ba duelwe sentle ba nne le madi. *Make-up artists*, baroki ba ba rokgang diapar, *script writers*, bommasapei ba ba apayang ka jaana *when shooting* go a apewa. Bo radicombi ka jaana fa go tsamaiwa *for shooting* ba tlhoka *transport*. Ditiro tse di ka tswang fa o ka tlogela *television* di ka nna dintsi thata.

Ke utlwa o bua gore go na le *company* ga ke itse gore wa re e bidiwa mang e o reng e tlele go lebelela *the commercialisation* ya BTV. O boa o senya madi o tsenya *company* e nngwe gape, o ya go e duela bokae, o a bo o e hirile jang, e a bo e ntse e le *direct appointment* gape? O boa o senya madi gape, gona le gore o tlogele bana ba ba nang le bokgoni le botsipa jwa gore ba tsamaisa *television*, *because* o batla gore o laole gore ba gasa eng, o batla gore o laole gore mo dikgannyeng *camera* e *focus* kwa e tseye ba le bararo ba ba reng ee...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order.

MR MABEO: E tseye a le 1 yo o reng *no...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Chairperson.

MR MABEO: *Rra* please, let go of BTV.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Mabeo, there is a point of order.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Point of order. Mr Chairperson*, o kopile gore re se ka ra kgoreletsa ba bangwe ka *point of order*; mme fa re itlhomolosa Standing Order re dira mo gotweng go kokometsa ba bangwe lekape la motsotsojane, ga re a tshwanela go go letlelela. Motlotlegi re kile ra re a itshoka, o tswelala fela ka go re kokometsa lekape la motsotsojane, a bua ka gore re *edit* dikgang. Fa a re BTV *is edited* a na le bosupi, go raya gore a bo tsise. O tswelala gape a re re a bo re batla go dira mo gongwe ka *direct appointment*, a bua a papametse o kare ke golo mo a reng o tlaa ntsha bosupi fa pele ga gago. Golo mo *Mr Chairperson* ga go re tseye sentle, ka gore go supa gore re babusi ba ba botlhaswa fela thata, ba re kgonang *to edit* dikgang. Ga go a re siamela ka gore re itse gore ga re dire jalo. Ba re kgonang go dira gore gatwe *camera* e leba kwa e se ka ya leba kwa, golo moo ga go a re siamela. Kgapetsakgapetsa mo rona re ka bong re go ngongoregala mo Palamenteng, o fitlhela *camera* e supa ditilo tse di ka kwano ga e ke e supa go riana mo bona ka koo gore ga gona le fa e le ope ka fa, ke bone ba ba fa fela fa. Ga e ke e supa ka kwa, e supa fela ka kwano. Ke mo e ka bong gongwe rona re go ngongoregela re le babusi re re a *camera* e supe sentle, mme ga re dire jalo. Jaanong a emise go re kokometsa lekape la motsotsojane *as per the* Standing Order. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, *le a bona gore* it is the third time *re boela* into the Assembly, *tsweetswee ke ne ke re le itse gore* your debate is timed *sa ntlha*. *Sa bobedi ke gore* Honourable Members, I understand Honourable Mabeo's debate because *o bua ka* editorial independence of the state media, *mme jaanong mo* debate *ya gagwe ke a bona gore o tsamaelana le go tsuolola* Order 57.5. *Jaanong tsweetswee* Honourable Mabeo do not put improper motives especially on matters that you cannot substantiate, *ka gore ba ba ka fa ba edit dikgang jalojalo*. *Fa o na le bosupi jwa sepe se o buang ka sone*, as I say I understand your line of debate is on the editorial

independence and your perceived interference on that editorial independence. *Jaanong tswetswee motlotlegi o ele tlhoko thata ditsamaiso tsa lona ka fa di ntseng ka teng.*

Batlotlegi le ele tlhoko gore nako fa le ntse le nkemisa gore ke boele kwano, already I think it is minus one debator since we started.

...Silence...

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): O e ele tlhoko thata *Honourable* Mabeo.

MR MABEO: Nnyaa e utlwetse *Mr Chairperson*, ke tlaa a boela morago. Bothata ke gore kana nnete yone e a baba, Ke tlaa boela morago jaaka o gakolotse. Rra, *please let go, this one will help you.* Ke a itse gore *you would not do what I am saying, but I will not stop talking about it.*

Conditions tsa mapodise di a tshwenya *Honourable Minister.* *Last year* babereki ba ga Goromente ba okeleditswe madi ka P400 wa *Upkeep and Housing*, ba santse ba letsa ba le bantsi mapodise le masole ba a botsa gore a mme ba lebetswe kana jang. Ke kopa gore o tle o e tsibogele le eo.

DIS; ba ba kwa tlase ba a kolotwa, *court orders* ga o di obamele Tona. A ko o obamele *court orders* tse, o duele maDIS ba ba kolotwang...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MABEO: ...ba ba kwa tlase. Ke kopa o tle o ba duele. Nako e setse e mpolaille tlhe nkgonne, tla ke taboge. Kgang e ya gore ga le obamele *court orders*, *please* a ko re obamele *court orders* le lese go berekisa *Judiciary* bokete mo go kanakana e kare jaanong le a ba nyatsa. Ke kopa gore a ko le duele ma DIS a a kwa tlase, madi a o ntseng o a bua a matsebetsebe a, a ko a duele ba ba kwa tlase ba ba kolotwang.

Borukutlhi bo gaketse Tona, kwa ga Ramotswa kwa re mo mathateng *even my neighbor* ke ne ke feta teng phakela jaana, ba tlhaselwa *the second night*. Borukutlhi bo bontsi thata, ke ipotsa gore golo fa a go tlhabela dipalo tsa mapodise kana ba tlhalelwa ke *resources*. *Please* a ko o baakanyetse mapodise, e bile tsaya madi mo DIS o okeletse mapodise. Tla ke go bolelele gore *why* ke re borukutlhi o kare bo saletse kwa morago kana mapodise

ba a tlhalelwa. *Four years ago I lost a friend* Otere, *may his soul rest in peace.* O bolailwe ke batho le gompieno ga gona le fa e le motlhala kana mokgwasa wa gore go diragetseng, go diragalang. Ke ipotsa gore a ba tlhalelwa *resources* kana ba tlhabela fa kae.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MABEO: Ke kopa gore o okeletse mapodise, re tle re oketse bokgoni jwa bone gore ba sale dikgang tse morago. *Last year* kwa Ramotswa gape go bolailwe mme yo o berekang kwa ofising ya ga Molaodi botlhoko tota, le gompieno le fa e le mokgwasa. Dilo tse ke belaela gore gongwe o tlhaedisa mapodise, a ko o oketse madi a mapodise o fokotse madi a DIS. *Until and unless* o fokotsa madi a DIS, ga nkitla ke amogela *budget* e ya gago ka gore ba bangwe ba a sokola maDIS bone rona ga re itse gore ba bereka go dira eng tiro ya bone, borukutlhi bo tswelletse bo golela kwa godimo ba ntse ba le teng. Kana tiro ya bone ke go go mokaganela fela jaaka o mokoganelwa ke ba le kae, ba le *five* kana ba *six* kana o kolota mang. *Why* o tshwanelwa ke gore o dikaganyediwe ke maDIS a a kana, naare o tshaba eng, o dirile eng? Ke raya ka gore o tsile maabane fela jaana, e bile o bitswa o sa tlhophiwa, rona ba re tlhophilweng fa ga re dikaganyediwe ke maDIS, o tshaba eng? A ko o fokotse ma DIS le madi a o ba a neelang a. Ga ke itse gore o rumolane le mang kae le kolotane kae, mo maDIS o sokametseng mo go bone. Ke utlwile o bua monate thata ka DIS o re e ntšha ke ya lona, se lebale le Puso e e neng e feta e ne e ntse e bua monate ka yone. Baganetsi ba ne ba ntse ba gakolola gore...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Mabeo, o ele tlhoko Standing Order 51.1. Fa o bua o bue le nna kwano o se ka wa ba wa lebagana le ope, o lebagane le nna fela.

MR MABEO: Ee, ke gore monna yole o tlaa ntwisa pelo e kare ke ka mo leba. Ke a tlhaloganya *Mr Chairperson*, ke go tlhaloganya sentle.

Tota dikgang tsa lephata la gago rra, ke kopa re wele *Mr Chairperson* ka *the DCEC*. DCEC ga re ka ke ra e tshepha e le ka fa tlase ga gago. Dikgang di dintsi di a buega di a utlwala, ga ke batle go supa ope ka monwana *Mr Chairperson*. DCEC ga e ka ke ya tshephega e le mo diatleng tsa gago wena le Tautona, gotlhelele. Fa go sentse lona ba ya go kgona gore ba sale dikgang morago jang. *Mr Chairperson* fa go sentse batho ba ba bapileng

le Tona Mohwasa yo DCEC e leng mo diatleng tsa gagwe, a mme tota dilo di ka tsamaya sentle? Tota ke eng le itebetse BNF, e re neng re e rata, e e godisitseng batho ba bantsi, e neng e bua boammaaruri? Ke gore Rre Koma fa a ka tsoga tota o tsile go makala, a makadiwa ke dilo tse le di dirang. O tsile go makala thata a makatswa ke ka fa le tshelang ka teng. Ke kopa gore a ko le boeleng morago le ikgakologelweng BNF.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Point of order Mr Chairperson.* Monna yo o tswa mo tseleng yo.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Point of order Mr Chairperson,* monna yo o tswa mo tseleng. *Mr Chairperson* tota re a ne re lebelela kwa go wena gore o kgaleme, re sa batle go nna re ntse re re... ga ke motho yo ke ratang go nna ke re *point order*. Motlotlegi o senya leina la ga Tautona fela a le sukunyetsa fa le sa sukunyetsweng teng. A re, “fa go senya Tautona le *Minister*,” ke gore o ipotse gore o le tsenya fa kae, go rileng, ka gore tota *I thought*...

MR MABEO: Ka rialo ee.

MR CHAIRPERSON: ...*(Inaudible)*... *Honourable Mabeo.*

MR RAMOGAPI: Akere o a mo utlwa *Mr Chairperson*. Ke raya gore tota ka fa a dirang ka teng seriti sa Palamente e o se gogobisa mo seretseng. Ke eme ke a bua gompiano o tshuba *microphone* gape a re, “ka rialo ee,” ke gore ke ipotsa gore, le batho ba Ramotswa ba ba mo tlhophileng tota ba re jang fela. Ke raya gore *Mr Chairperson* a ko o kgaleme Ntlo e e tsene mo seemong se se tlotlegang.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa *Honourable Ramogapi*, ke ne ke ithaya ke re fa ke mo reeditse ka kelotlhoko *his line of debate* ke gore, DCEC e nne *independent*, ka gore fa e le gore *in a hypothetical situation, at least that is how I understand him*, fa e le gore bone ba e leng gore *they are in charge of*, ke raya *according to debate* ya gagwe, fa e le gore e ka fa tlase ga ga Tautona, e ka fa tlase ga *Minister for State President*, fa e le bone jaanong gongwe *that are investigated* go ka nna le mathata fa e le gore ga e *independent*. *Unless* e le gore ga ke a mo utlwa sentle.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa order! *Honourable Members*, ka re nna fa ke mo reeditse kutlwisiso ya me ya se a se buang, *I may be wrong, you will have to clarify*. *Honourable Mabeo*, *is that not what you are saying*, fa e se gone o *clarify*?

MR MABEO: *That is exactly what I am saying Mr Chairperson.* Ke go leboga thata, ke yone eo. Kana puo e ke e buang e borre ba ba ne ba e bua fa ba le ka kwano ba botsa ka bo Tautona le bo *Minister* ba ba fetileng, ba ne ba bua *the same thing*.

MR KHAN: *On a point of order.* Nnyaa, go na le pharologanyo ya go tlhotlhomisa le go senya. Ke gore fa a bua a re, “fa Tautona le *Minister*, ba senya,” go na le pharologanyo ya gore fa go tlhotlhomisiwa ga ga Tautona, *but* e seng go senya. Go na le pharologanyo teng foo, *unless* go na le bosupi jo a ka bo bayang fa ka go senya. Ke eng a akanyetsa gore Tautona o tlaa senya?

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

MR KHAN: A re a senya.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Members*, heela iketleng. Iketleng, *order Honourable Members*. *Honourable Members*, a ko le iketleng, iketleng fela, welang dibete. A ke re ke rile *Honourable Mabeo* a itlhalose sentlesentle gore a reng, *he has clarified because* o bua ka a *hypothetical situation* e e leng gore, *an anticorruption agency that is not independent*, gore jaanong fa e iphitlhela e le gore ba ba e okametseng kana ba e ka fa tlase ga bone ba ka amega e ya go tlhotlhomisa jang. *That is his line of debate*.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members, order!* Ke ne ke ithaya ke re ke mo utlwile jalo. Jaanong ka re a dumalana gore go raya gore ke ne ke sa mo utlwa sentle ke rile *he should clarify* gore a reng, *and he has clarified*. *I will also look at the Hansard*. *Honourable Mabeo*, o setse ka 34 seconds.

MR MABEO: *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Ka rialo ka re fa le ka senya, naare le a ipelaela fa le tlola le bo le tloaganya jaana, le setse le sentse? ...*(laughter!)*... Le setse le sentse, hee, *am I coming close to the truth*, le setse le sentse, le dira eng? ...*(laughter!)*... Ka rialo, ka re, ga re ka ke ra tshepha DIS fa e le mo diatleng tsa

batho ba ba tshwanang...*because* fa le ka senya le ya go sa lwa morago ke mang? Kana ke gone...*that is why* le tsamaya le dikaganyeditswe ke maDIS a le bo *five*, Motlotlegi Mohwasa, le setse le sentse, hee? magodu! *Thank you.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Nnyaa*, withdraw the last part.

MR MABEO: I withdraw the last statement ya “*magodu*” sir, I withdraw.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Nnyaa*, mme ga se mo le buang dilo tse di senang boammaaruri.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Mabeo*, ke eme ka dinao. *Nnyaa* boela fela kwa setilong sa gago. *Honourable Members*, ke le kopile gantsi gore le buisane sentle fa le le mo Ntlong. A ko le ngangeng ka di *idea* le tlogele go rumolana. Ke kopile *Honourable Mabeo to withdraw, he has withdrawn.* Mme tsweetswee ga ke batle go tlhola ke utlwa le bitsana magodu, le bitsana ka fa le bitsanang ka teng. Palamente e e reeditse ke setšhaba, jaanong ka fa le itshwarang ka teng *Honourable Members* go botlhokwa thata. Farologanang mme le farologane sentle, go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Point of order. Mr Chairperson*, ke a go tlotla morena wa me ka *ruling* ya gago, e bile ga ke batle *to tamper* le yone. Fela ke kopa gore tota *Mr Chairperson* fa motho a rogana ka bomo mo Palamenteng, e bile a go supegetsa gore le la ntlha... kana mafoko a a buang gore re magodu o gatelela mafoko ale a ntlha a a neng a re, “Tautona o a senya.” Go senya kana ke jone bogodu, jaanong o wela ka yone kgang e a neng a e bua. Ke re *Honourable Mabeo* o tlwaetse *to abuse officers*, jaanong o akanya gore le rona Mapalamente *he can abuse us.* Jaanong golo mo *Mr Chairperson*, fa o sa mo kgalemele fela mo go tseneletseng, mo o mo kobelang kwa ntle, nako nngwe le rona re tlaabo re ema ka dinao re emelelana le bone, go bo go sa nne sentle. Ke raya gore go kgalema ga gago *Mr Chairperson* re a go utlwa, mme tota *we feel* gore ga go a lekana ka gore go na le gore motho a fologiwe ke lefoko, e seng e le gone o kgalemang o re a go nne le kagiso mo Ntlong, motho a bo a dira gape ka bomo, e le gone o kgalemang. Fa o fologiwa ke lefoko go a utlwala, e seng fela e le gone o kgalemang. Ke gore o dira mo gotweng, *nnyaa* mme gone ke buile, lefoko ga le boe, go boa monwana, golo mo ga go ka ke ga re

tsaya sentle *Mr Chairperson.* Ke a leboga *Sir.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Nnyaa*, order! *Honourable Members*, ke rile *Honourable Mabeo should withdraw* mafoko ao. *This debate is timed*, le ja nako ya lona ya *debate.* Tsweetsweeng ke tswetse kgang e, *I have made a ruling*, a re e tswaleng gone fa. *Let us exchange* le *Madam Speaker.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Chairperson, *ke kopa* point...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Members*, tsweetsweeng, ke rile a re tsweleng ka puisano ya lona ya *chapter e, Organisation 0200*, tsweetswee.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG): Order! Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, let us continue. The floor is open.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Madam Chairperson.* Le nna mma ke eme fa ke akgele mo kgannyeng e ya *budget* ya *State President*, e ke dumelang gore ke nngwe e botlhokwa. Selo sa ntlha jaaka re ntse jaana ga re le fa re le Batswana re tshwanetse gore re dumele, e bile re itse gore Ofisi ya ga Tautona kana *State President is the face of the country.* Fa motho a batla go bona gore re le Batswana re ntse jang, re dira eng, o simolola pele ka *the State President*, kana a etetse mo Botswana o gorogela teng koo. E bile go maleba, gape go tshwanela gore ofisi e e tshwanetse go nna le ditlamelo tse di rileng, tse di tsamaelanang le *a face of the country.*

Sa bobedi, ke batla go tlhalosa ke re, ofisi e jaaka *Minister* a tlhalositse fa gore e tsentse maphata a a kae, ke batla gore ke supe ke bo ke tlhalose maphata mangwe a a tshwanang le a sesole. Botsadi, sesole se a tura. Fela fa o le lefatshe o simolola o re o nna le sesole, o aga sesole, itse gore se a tura. Sesole se tshwanetse gore se nne le *equipment* e e rileng. *Equipment* ya sesole e a tura, ka gore e a bo e dirwa go itsiwe gore e direlwa eng.

Fa o simolola fela o re o batla go nna le sepodise, o itse gore se a tura. Gore sepodise sa gago se kgone go bereka sentle, ke gore se nne le ditsompelo tse di rileng. Se nne le batho bangwe ba ba rutetsweng dilo tse di

rileng, jaaka gompiano le ngongoregela gore batho ba a nyelela, ga ba boe. Motlotlegi yo o neng a bua fa Rre Mabeo a re tsala ya gagwe o sa le a bolailwe, ga a itse gore kgang ya gagwe e feletse kae. *We need expertise, and equipment to investigate such cases. So dilo tse ke tse e leng gore re tshwanetse gore re di tlhaloganye.*

Lephata la gagwe le tsentsa DIS, e ke utlwang bontsi jwa rona ba bua ba re re tshwanetse gore re e kgaolele madi. Kgang ya me e tswa fa, fa o sena *intelligence* o le lefatshe, *you are doomed*, ga go na sepe se o ka se dirang. Se ke batlang gore bakaulengwe ba se tlhaloganye ke gore, fa e le gore go na le mathata kwa DIS, *let us go back to the Act. It is not the budget* e e neng e tshwara batho e sena *search warrants*, ga se *budget*, ke *individual*. Jaanong a re ngwaeng kwa go babang teng. *Budget* ga se yone e e reng maDIS a a kanakana ba se ka ba duelwa. Fa re kgaola *budget*, sone se re neng re se bua jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua fale, maDIS a a kolotiwang madi a mantsi ao, ga ba na go ya go duelwa. Le a bo le batla tlhakatlhakano mo lefatsheng. *So*, a re itseng gore *budget* ke *budget*, fa e le gore diphoso di dirilwe ke bangwe kwa DIS, lebagang le bone, le bo le *amend the DIS Act*, ka gore le fa o ka re o tsaya motho o sele o mo tsenya mo teng *before you amend it, that same person is going to do the same thing* le yo o neng o mo ntsha *because the law allows him to do that. So, let us amend the DIS Act first.* Ke yone e dirang gore batho ba dire jaaka ba rata. Jaanong fa re sa dire jalo, re bo re simolola re *blame* batho ba sele, go ya go nna fela jaana. *So*, a re direng jalo.

Fa re lebelela lephata le tshwana le la DCEC, borukutlhi le tshenyetso-setšhaba di ile kwa godimo, re tshwanetse re fe lephata le madi, re ye go bona gore ba ka rarabolola *cases* tse di *complicated*. Gone gompiano jaana bogodu jo bo diragalang mo teng ga maranyane mo, bo bontsi thata, *and* o batla gore o nne le lephata le le *well trained and well resourced to deal with this.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Chairperson*. Ka bokhutshwane fela *Honourable Member*; a mme o a lemoga go le gantsi gore yone DIS, molao wa yone le fa e le gore o siame, go le gantsi e roba tsone ditsamaiso tse e leng gore e na le tsone, *they operate outside its mandate*, gore molao o ka tswa o siame, gongwe ke ka fa e itsholang ka teng? Wa reng ka kgang eo?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much.* Dilo tseo di a diragala, e bile di diragetse, ga ke go ganetse. *The fact of the matter is that*, o tshwanetse gore *within the Act*, o nne le dikgato tse di tsewang. Ya go e bala yotlhe mo teng moo, *why people are doing things*, ya go e bala, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore dikgato ga di yo. *That is why* ke re *let it be amended.*

Ke ne ke le teng fa *DIS Act* e dirwa. Ke ka go supegetsa gore re ne re tsere *Act* ya makgoa re e beile fa, re bo re kopa. Jaanong go na le *sections* tse di tlodilweng mo teng, tse di ka bong di supa gore e bereke sentle. A re di tsenye tsone tseo tse di tlaa supang gore fa motho a dirile molato, dikgato tse di ka tsewang ke tse di ntseng jang, mo mothong yo o ntseng jang. Jaanong gompiano ka gore golo moo go a tlhela, *certain sections are not there*, batho ba kgona go dira se ba se ratang. Le fa re ka tsaya *Honourable* Hikuama ra mo tsenya mo teng, o ya go dira sone se se diragalang se, a botsa gore *does the law allow me to do this*, go bo gotwe *yes*. O ya go tshwara batho *with faith* a sena thata ya go ba tshwara.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Elucidation.* Ke ne ke re Motlotlegi Mokgware o e tshwere ka botswerere jo bo kwa godimo thata. Batho ba na le go tsietsega gore ke gore mo Pusong ya rona ya ngwaga o le mongwefela, go ise go nne le fa e le ngongorego ya Motswana ope a re o kile a tlhatlhelwa ke DIS, ya mo harasa, ba bo ba re tshwantshanya le Puso e e fetileng. Ke raya gore rra, o e tshwere ka botswerere gore ka fa go tsamayang ka teng, rona fa re leng teng, re segile motlhala, re thatswitse DIS. Dilo tse di neng di diragala, ga di sa tlhole di le teng. Jaanong fela ka gore leina lele, go setse go ntse gotwe ke rona bale. Nnyaa, bagaetsho, re tlogeleng, ga se rona bale. Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki. Ke batla gore Batswana botlhe, masole, mapodise, DIS, ba bo ba ntse ba ba reeditse bone ba ba reng a *budget* ya bone e kgaolwe ba, gore e re kamoso fa ba tsaya ditshwetso, ba tseye ditshwetso tse di maleba, gore tota bone ba batla gore *budget* ya lona e kgaolwe, ga ba batle gore le bone *salaries* tsa lona. Gompiano jaana re na le masole ba ba kolotiwang *pensions*. Masole ba ba berekileng dingwaga tse dintantsi, ba maloba rre yo mongwe fa o ne a sa itse gore ba kolotiwa jang, a bo a re nnyaa Accountant Mokgware ke ene a neng a dira gore ba se

ka ba duelwa. Go supa go tlhoka kitso, mme ene ke tlile go mo araba, ke bo ke mo tsenya mo sekoleng sa gore kgang e e tsile jang.

Gompieno ke batla go bulela masole ke eme ka dinao, botlhe ba ba *retired*, ba ba berekang, ka re masole a, ke batla *budget* e e ka bo e gola. Mapodise a, ke batla *budget* e e ka bo e gola, Batswana ba tshwenngwa ke borukutlhi. *Stock theft* e re e buang re le UDC, ra re *it is a threat to national security, because* e ja yone itsholelo ya Motswana. Rre Nkawana a re madi a mapodise a kgaolwe. A kgaolelwa eng? Ba ya go tlhotlhomisa jang? Kana ene ke wa bojanala, dikgomo tsa gagwe di mo nageng, tsa rona tsone di kae? Jaanong dilo tse ke batla gore di itsiwe sentle gore e re le ntse le bua dipuo tse, le itse gore ba le lebeletse, ba a le bona gore batho ba ba sa ba rateng ke bafe.

MR NKAWANA: Procedure.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, ke tlaa e boela kwa morago Rre Nkawana, e siame ya gago.

Ba a bo ba ntse ba le lebeletse, *because the statement which you are saying here, they go to the core of what is happening in the country, and what is really wrong with this country. So* ga e ka ke ya re o le Mopalamente, o bo o tla go ema mo Palamenteng fela o bo o re *budget* ya DIS, BDF le ya *police* di kgaolwe. O lebala gore rona re batla *to reduce* ditronko, *that is why* o bona re batla gore mapodise ba neelwe madi a mantsi. Re batla gore batho ba se ka ba tlwaela lefatshe la rona, *that is why* re batla go oketsa BDF, re e fe *equipment* e e maleba. *We want the welfare of the security agencies to be much better.* Jaanong, dilo tse bagaetsho, a re tlhologanyeng.

DCEC e re buang ka yone e, gompieno jaana fa o lebelela madi a a sentsweng ke bangwe ba ne ba a tsaya ba phathi e e tsamaileng maloba jaana, ke bone ba re batlang go ba tlhotlhomisa, re tsenelele mo teng, re hire batho ba ba rileng, ba ba nang le boitseanape jo bo rileng. *Forensic investigators*, ba tlhotlhomise tshenyetso-setšhaba e e kanakana e. Selo se se diragalang mo *tenders* se, ba tlhotlhomise dikgang tse. Re ba neele...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Okay, I yield. Quick.

MR DISHO: Correction. Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Ke a leboga Tona. Tota ke ne ke re ke

correct, ga go na ope wa rona ka kwano yo o rileng madi a mapodise le masole a kgaolwe, rre fa o supile gore maDIS a isiwe kwa sepodiseng le kwa sesoleng ka gore re tlhokana le sesole le sepodise *than* DIS. *Thank you.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, nna fa fatshe. Rre Mabeo o ne a bua jalo fa. O tlhabiwa ke ditlhong ka gore ba go reeditse, ke bua mo Palamenteng gore ba le lebelele gore lona ga le ba rate. Le ene Rre Motaosane, a re madi a bone a kgaolwe e bile. Jaanong ba le itse. Re santse re tlile go itsheka rra ka *Con Court*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable* Mokgware, e tšhaile. *The floor is open Honourable Members.* Emang pele *Members*, go lebega go na le *list*.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. *I want to call Honourable Digwa to order.* Modulasetilo, ga ke bone fa dilo di tsamaya sentle mo Palamenteng e ka gore, gone gompieno fela jaana, re sa tswa go utlwa *Honourable* Mabeo ka fa a ntseng a bua ka teng, e bo e re fela jaaka fa a fetsa, a bo a tswa a tsamaya. Golo mo ga se gone, e bile ga ke bone gore a le bone bagabone, ba itumelela ka fa a dirang ka teng mo Palamenteng e. Ke dumela gore ba tlaa mo kgalemela.

Ke batla ke tsewelele jaana ke re, *Minister, ministry* o re buang ka one gone jaanong jaana, o o o batlelang madi a, ke wa *monitoring and evaluation of Government projects* tse di dirwang ka madi a Puso. Ke batla go gatelela fa gore *ministry* o eme ka dinao *when it comes to projects because* madi a ga Goromente, a senyega a le mantsi. O fitlhela e le gore ditiro di a dirwa, mme ga di dirwe *to the standard* se se amogelesegang. Go bo go raya gore Goromente o latlhegetswe ke madi, e bile gape go lebega go na le *corruption* ka fa ditiro tse dingwe di abiwang ka teng. A golo fa go tsenngwe leitlho thata *Minister*.

Go na le Lephata la *National Disability*, le le ka fa tlase ga lephata la gago. Batho ba ba Modimo, ba ba nang le bogole, golo mo Botswana o kare ga re ba tseye tsia mo go tlhwaafetseng. Batho ba, ga ba a itira gore ba bo ba le mo seemong seo. Mo gongwe o fitlhela e le gore ke tlholego kana *accidents*, mabaka fela a mantsi a a farologanyeng. A batho ba ba Modimo, re se ka ra ba latlha, ra ba latlhelela. Gone gompieno jaana kwa kgaolong ya me kwa Kanye, go na le yo mongwe, o tlhokana le digalase tsa matlho *and* go a pala gore

mmaboipelego a mo thuse. *This is rare, ke incident* e o ka fitlhelang ka ngwaga, e nna gangwefela. Digalase fela tsa P3 500, go bo go pala gore motho a thusiwe. Moo go bo go raya gore go boela mo go rona re le Mapalamente, ka itsholelonyana ya rona e e reketlang. Motho yo wa Modimo, o leba rona jaaka fa go sale go phakela go buiwa ka fa Mapalamente ba tshwereng ka teng. Golo fa, a re go lebe thata *Minister*.

Go na le Lephata le la DCEC; mo nakong e e fetileng, mo Goromenteng yo o neng a feta, go ile ga nna le dikgang tse dintsi tse e leng gore gompiano jaana, ga di ise di bo di wele. Goromente o a sekisiwa ka dikgang tse a di fitlhelang gotwe batho ba tsere P100 *billion*, Bank of Botswana (BoB) yone ka fa e latola. Batho ba tsewa ba tlhatlhelwa, ba isiwa dikgolegolong. Golo moo ga go a nna sentle, a re baakanyeng. Ke a itse ke boswa jo bo bosula jo re bo fitlhelang, mme a re lekeng go baakanya.

Lephata le la DIS, le e leng gore selelo se se ntsi se utlwala se tswa kwa go lone gore ga le *account for* madi, mme a seyo jaaka fa go ntse. A re lekeng gore golo fa re boneng, re tswaleng *loopholes* tse di kanakana tse. Tota fela ga go na madi a gotweng *is not accounted for* bagaetsho, gotlhelele fela, golo moo ga go letlelesege. *Promotions* kwa lephateng la DIS go utlwala fa di ne di sa dirwe sentle ka nako ya ga Goromente wa ga Rre Pule le ka fa tlase ga ga *Honourable* Mmusi.

Ke ya kwa lephateng la Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), le le tsamaisang ditlhopho mo lefatsheng leno. Go kile ga nna le thulaganyo ya gore go nne le *political party funding* mme golo fa diphathi ga di bone sepe. Go dira jalo...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *On a point of clarification.* Ke re, le fa ke go busetsa kwa morago, ga o bone mo ntilha e o neng o e ntsha e e botlhale thata ya banalebogole, go tshwanetse go nne le lenaneo la gore fa a thusiwa, a tlodisiwe mola mo go fetang selekanyo? A ke mo go phakisiweng, a ke go thusiwa, go nne bonako thata. Ke a leboga.

MR MOSANANA: Ke dumalana le wena ka botlalo *Honourable* Motsamai. Batho ba bagaetsho ba a sokola *and* gantsi ba tswa mo malwapeng a e leng gore itsholelo e kwa tlase. Ba bo ba sa kgone go ka tlhokomelwa sentle ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Bofefo jo o bo buang joo rra, le nna le dumalana le wena gore bo tshwanetse bo dirwe.

Go na le thulaganyo e e nnang teng ngwaga le ngwaga ya Botswana Police, BDF le Botswana Prisons mo go a bong go dirwa *Police Day*, *BDF Day* *and what a view*. Dithulaganyo tse *Minister* mo seemong se re leng mo go sone gompiano, go tlhokafala gore re bo re ka di dira re lebeletse seemo sa madi. Ga ke a re ga di botlhokwa, mme fela mo nakong e ya gompiano, ka fa re bonang seemo se ntse ka teng, o kare di ka nama di seegilwe pele, di tlaa tla di boelwa seemo se se na go tokafala.

Ke tsena ka ya *media*; re na le bothata kwa dikgaolong. Babereki ba *media* ba berekela fela mo dioung tsa go ema ka 4:30 p.m. Ba sa itire ka gore ba bolelelwa gore ga go na madi a gore re ka le duela *overtime*. Le fa e le gore gongwe o buisa phuthego koo, ba ya go felela ba go tlogetse ba re, nako ya rona e tshaiile. Go re laleletsa diphuthego fela maitseboa go setse go tshaisitswe batho ba le kwa malwapeng, go a pala ka ntata ya gore ga ba na *overtime* epe.

Go na le bothata gape jwa *disaster management*. Ke dumela gore madi a lephata le la gago *Minister*; ga a lekana ka gore *you will never know* gore *disaster* e ya go tla leng. Mo gongwe o fitlhele e le *disasters* fela tse di ngomolang pelo. Gompiano jaana go na le *disaster* kwa Chobe ya dipula tse di neleng ka bokete. Go thata gore o ka ba thusa ka ntata ya gore madi a a tlhabela. Modulasetilo, ka a le kalo, ke a le boga. Ke a dumalana gore o neelwe madi ao rra, le fa a le mannye. Ke a le boga Modulasetilo.

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Le nna ke akgele mo *budget* ya gompiano, e re e beilweng pele ke Tona wa *State President*, *Honourable* Mohwasa.

Ke batla go simolola jaana *Madam Chairperson*, ke na le tumelo ya gore *budget* e e ka tswa e sa lekana e bile ba bangwe re tshwanetse go ba okeletsa. Ke batla go supa selo se le sengwefela gore fa re tsena mo kgannyeng ya *media*, ke na le bothata jo botona thata. E bile ke eletsa gore fa go kgonagala, ka ditiragalo tse ke di boneng e ka fokolediwa kana ya timiwa gotlhelele. Ke buisiwa se ke gore ka ke motho wa *opposition*, maloba ke tshwere diphuthego kwa Phikwe, go bo go tswa taelo ya gore Selebi Phikwe le se ka la ba thusa. Ke gore taelo e tswa e re ba Phikwe East, West, BTV, Radio Botswana, le se ka la gata koo. Fa e le gore ke yone tsamaiso e e leng gore re...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Mohwasa, ga o ise o fiwe.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke ne ke re ke kopa clarification.

MR NKAWANA: Ke tlaa mo neela re a dirisana, le nna o ne a nneetse. Ga ke dumele gore taelo e e ka tswa e ne e tswa kwa go *Honourable Mohwasa* ka fa re tlotlanang ka teng, re neelana. Se ke se buang ke gore taelo yone e dule. Kana re feletse re tsaya dikoloi tsa phathi tse di *branded BCP* gore Mopalamente a buise phuthego mo Kgatleng a le mo tirong ya Puso. Gone mo go ntira gore ke tshoge e bile ke nne le ngongorego ya gore re tshele madi gone fa, a bo ba sa thuse Batswana ba Selebi Phikwe East. Fa e le gore moo go ka baakanngwa e le ka maikaelelo a go thusa Batswana, ke tlaa go ema nokeng ka yone. Fa e le gore ke tsamaiso ya gore go tlaa nna jalo ba *opposition* gotwe koo le se ka la gata, ga ke dumalane.

Mma ke tswelele *Honourable Minister*. Kgang e nngwe e ke neng ke re ke tsena mo go yone ke ya...

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Clarification.* Mopalamente o buile dikgang tse di tlhwaafetseng. *These are very serious allegations* ka gore ga se ka fa Puso e berekang ka teng. Motlotlegi, ka gore gongwe gompiano o ne o sa ipaakanya, ke ne ke kopa gore o kwale mokwalo o tlhalose se se diragetseng *so that we can look into those allegations*. Ke gagametse, ga se ka fa re batlang go bereka ka teng. Ke a leboga.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *honourable* fa e le gore o a re solofetsa, gone ke go itse o le motho yo o bothatha ka segarona go baakanya dilo. Ke eletsa gore o baakanye kgang eo, e re swabisitse thata maloba.

Ke ne ke re gape ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya banalebogole gore ba bantsi thata mo lefatsheng la Botswana mme ga ba tshwane. Go na le banalebogole ba ba ka itekang ba ikgoga, fa gongwe e bile ba na le bokgoni jwa gore ba ka bona diphatlha mo ditirong tsa Puso. Fa gongwe go nna le monalebogole a tla a tsamaya ka *wheelchair* kana thobane, mme e le motho yo o ka hirwang. Keletso ya me ke gore gongwe re fetole molao gore ba ba leng teng ba mofuta oo, ba neelwe *preferential treatment* ya gore

ba hirwe ke Puso ka gore ga re ka ke ra neela dikompone *instruction*. Puso e itlame gore ba ba nang le bokgoni ba sa bereke e le banalebogole, re ba hire pele ga ba ba sa tsamaeng ka *wheelchairs* le dithobane. Ba bantsi kwa kgaolong ya me, ba bangwe ba tsamaya ka dithobane le *wheelchairs* mme ga ba bone mmereko. Ba na le bokgoni le *qualifications* tse re nang le tsone rotlhe e bile di tlhokiwa ke Puso.

Ke eletsa gape go tsena mo kgannyeng ya masole, mapodise le DIS. Ke eletsa gore madi a ye kwa sepodiseng, ke sone se re tshwereng mo metseng ya rona le go lwantsha borukutlhi. DIS ga ke itse gore gatwe ba dira eng. Ga ke ise ke kopane le bone, ga ke ise ke kopane le dikgang tsa bone, batho ba a swa ga ke itse gore ba fa kae. Mapodise ke bone ba ntlha go goroga; a ke kotsi ya koloi, dikgomo di utswilwe, a ke eng se se rileng, motho wa ntlha go goroga fa motho a tlhokafetse ka ditsela tse di rileng ke lepodise. Ga ke ise ke ko ke kopane le motho wa DIS. Ba ke ba itseng le tiro ya bone ka ke a ba bona, ke ba ke eletsang gore re ka ba okeletsa madi ke tle ke dumalane le *budget* e jaaka babui ba bangwe ba boletse gore ke eng re sa tlopolo kwa go bone ba ke reng ga ke itse tiro ya bone a isiwa kwa *police*. Ba neelwa dikoloi, ba kgona go neelwa dihaka, ba kgona go neelwa *all the tools of trade* tse ba di tlhokang. E re fa re re Puso e a palelwa mme bogolo kwa mading, re bo re lekile.

Ke na le bothata gape, o kae General, ke ipotsa gore gatwe golo fa re ya go lwa le mang, re ipaakanyetsa ntwaga ya go ya kae. Heelang, mafatshe a re bapileng le one ga gona ope yo o batlang go lwa le rona. Fa e le gore gatwe BDF e batla *tools* tsa *billions*, tse dingwe *are sitting idle*, ga di ise di ko di dirisiwe e bile di setse di senyegile di ntse fa fatshe ka gore ga re ise re ye ntweng. Batho ba teng ba batla go bidiwa Marshals and Generals go ise go iwe ntweng. A re se ka ra kgotlha ntwaga, madi a *tools* a a yang kwa BDF a re a fokotseng. Re na le keletso ya gore ba duelwe, re na le keletso ya gore mongwe le mongwe mmereki a kgone go duelwa ka gore o a bo a bereketse golo moo. Gore go bo gotwe BDF e batla madi a a seng kana ka sepe ka gore re ya go reka... Go ne go na le *fly machines* di bidiwa *gripens*, tse re neng ra di kgala thata. Ke tsaya gore go a tsamaelana, maina a ka tswa a fetogile, gongwe re batla tsa mofuta o sele. Keletso ya me ke gore bontsi jwa madi bo ye kwa setšhaba se leng teng, a ye kwa batho ba sokodisiwang ke ditsela tsotlhe

tša go tšiediwa, tša go utswelwa, tša go bolawa jalojalo e leng mapodise. A re iseng madi *Honourable* Mohwasa kwa mapodiseng.

Tshenyetso-setšhaba kana e mefuta, ba ba e dirisang ke matlhale a a kwa godimo thata. Ga se ope yo re ka mo supang ka monwana gore ke semangmang, *Ministers* kana bomang. Fela yone fa e le teng e dirwa ke motho yo o botlhale, yo o tshwereng dithoto tša Puso. Batho ba mofuta oo go botlhokwa gore ba DCEC re ba nonotshe, go nne le *continuity* kwa tlhogong. Re se ka ra bona dilo tse tša ditsheko, kamoso o a seka, kamoso yo *is transferred*, kamoso yo o rile. Kgantele ke gore le *morale* wa bone botlhe, ga gona yo o tshephang gore a fa ke berekang teng go siame. E bile *independence* e go ntseng go buiwa ka yone e botlhokwa thata. Ke dumalana le *Honourable* Mabeo a ne a re fa o eteletse motho pele gotwe o mo lebelele a se ka a senya, mme e le wena o mo fang *instructions*, o ka senya fela. Go tlaa tswa fela gore wena o bopegile jang. Le ene motho yoo ga a ka ke a kgona go go raya a re o a senya a le ka fa tlase ga gago. E bile ga a ka ke a go tlhotlhomisa a phuthologile a le ka fa tlase ga gago. Ga re reye gore Matona a a senya, se re se buang ke gore go ka diragala. Go tshwana le o neetswe motho wa seemo se se riling, maemo fela a a rileng; *the late Former President* Sir Seretse Khama, o kile a tlhalosa gore o na le dithata tša gore o ka laola gore motho a bolawe, mme a bo a tlhalosa gore ka setho sa me ga ke ka ke ka dira jalo. E bile o ne a bua kwa Phikwe *Honourable* Mohwasa fa e le gore o a gakologelwa ka *strikes* tsele kwa moepong. Ga a dira jalo ka gore e ne e le motho yo o... Go kgona go tsena setsenwa gone foo, se bo se *abuse* dithata tse tsotlhe. Le mo melaong ya Botswana go teng fa re neetseng bogogi dithata tse e leng gore fa go ka tsena yo o tsenwang, lefatshe le le ka tsena mo mathateng.

Gongwe re lesego gompiano ka gore ba ba leng teng ke batho ba ba leng mo sethong, ba a ipabalela, ba babalela lefatshe la Botswana. Ka mafoko a le kalo, *I submit that the budget be passed as it is. Thank you.*

MR PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): Thank you Madam Chairperson. *Nako nngwe* early last year, late 2024, *go ne ga nna le* a disaster, *go ne ga nna...*

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Madam Chairperson.* E ne e le fela go batla *consistency*. Kana re itse Rre Phologolo gore o ntse a neelwa metsotsonyana e e fa godimo go na

le rona ka mabaka a botsogo jwa gagwe, ene le Aaron. Jaanong ke botse gore Aaron ene re ka ntsha, *but* a mme Phologolo a re ntse re ka kgona go mo okeletsa?

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Lekau, e e *so prescribed* ka nako e le laolwang ke Standing Order. Ga go na gore re ka e dira jang *because it is timed* gore ka 10 *to Minister* a bo a *respond*. Ga re ka ke ra kgona go e oketsa.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you very much.* Ngwaga tlola a simologa le ngwaga wa 2024 a ya bokhutlong, re ne ra betswa ke dipula tša matlakadibe, mme betsho di ne tša tlogela bangwe ba sena boroko. Kwa kgaolong ya Lerolwane, *we had about 61 families* tse di neng tša sala di sena matlo. Ke supe gore 61 *families*, fa o bala batho botlhe ba ba amegang, go na le bana mo teng ba ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba sirelediwe ke lephata la ga Mme Kgafela-Mokoka. *In this budget*, ga ke bone gore a mme kgang e, go na le fa e *address* teng *because it is a matter that is still persisting*. Go raya gore *for two years now*, batho ba ba ntse ba sena boroko. Re kile ra ba lekela, *ministry* wa leka ba kgona go bona ditante. Ga se gone ka fa re tshwanetseng batho ba rona ba nna ka teng re le Puso ya ditshwanelo tša setho. Ga ke bone, mme keletso ya me ke gore gongwe ke tlaa bontshiwa fa batho ba ba sirelediwang ka teng ke *budget* e, ka e bile gape ke utlwa gore lephata la gago Rre Mohwasa, ba kile ba ya kwa Lerolwane. Sebe sa phiri ke gore ga ke itse gore ba ne ba ile go dira eng, mme ba kgonne go bona eng se ba neng ba se ile ka gore ke ne ke se mo lekokong la teng.

Dilo tse ke matshwenyego a e leng gore fa re bua ka *budget* go tlilwe gatwe *what is the impact, what impact does it have on an individual*. E ya go tlhabolola motho jang? Re ya go bona motho ngwaga o o tlang fa re leba kwa morago re bo re re *budget* e re neng ra e fetisa ele ka boammaaruri e bereketse motho kwa Lerolwane. Se se dirileng bothata go feta ke gore re ne re na le maikaelelo a gore ka madi a Constituency Community Project (CCP) re tseye bontlha bongwe, re dumalane rotlhe re le constituency, gore re tseye bontsi jwa madi a re kgone go agela batho ba. Jaaka ke supa ke go bona mo *budget* gore ka boammaaruri ba tlaa bona matlo a bone. E seng ke bolelelwa ka Bonno, ke raya ka thulaganyo ya ofisi ya gago Tona Mohwasa.

Se sengwe se ke se itemogetseng, go na le banalebogole, ba a lela letsatsi le letsatsi gore ga ba utlwe re ba tlela ka dithulaganyo tsa mathata a ba mo go one. Mathata a teng e le gore ga re ba tseye ka tekatekanyo. Go na le banalebogole ba re tlaabong re ba thusa, ba bangwe go tlaabo gotwe nnyaa wena o monalebogole, mme ga o tlhoke thuso. Fela jaaka ya bagodi, ya batho ba 65 years, a le yone e se ka ya nna *selective, let it be universal and applied* mo go thuseng monalebogole mongwe le mongwe yo o tlhokang thuso ya go nna jalo, segolobogolo fa a itshupa, fa a tla kwa Pusong a re ga ke kgone bogole jo ke nang le jone bo mpaledisa gore ke kgone go itshegetsa mo go eletsegang. Kopo ya me ke gore *this budget should address* batho ba motlhale one o, ba ba tlhokang thuso ya rona re le Puso.

E nngwe e le ya bofelo ke ya IEC. 2019, IEC e ne e bua mo diromamoweng gore botlhe fela ba ba e kolotang mo nakong yone eo, e ya go ba kganela go emela ditlhopho. Selo se e ne e le go kgopakgopetsa batho ba ba neng ba dira tshwanelo ya bone ka go ikuela mo goreng ditlhopho tsa 2019 di ne di sa tsamaya sentle. Rotlhe re itse gore *the outcome of* dikgang tsa teng e ne e le eng. Ga go ise gotwe se ba neng ba se bua ga se na boammaaruri. Dikgang ga di a kgonagala *on a technicality*. Kopo ya me ke gore IEC *should go back to the nation* e supe gore go kgopakgopetsa batho gone mole, mo e neng e re e ka ba paledisa gore ba diragatse ditshwanelo tsa bone fela ka gore ba a kolota, ga se yone tsamaiso e bile ga go a tshwanela go tswelera go ntse jalo.

Mo godimo ga moo, batho ba ba neng ba ikuela, Puso e e dumela gore go ne go tshwanela gore ba ikuele, IEC e ba busetse ditshwanelo tsa bone. *It should refund those people who went to court* ba lwela boammaaruri jwa gore ba kgopakgopeditswe mo ditlhophong tse di fetileng. Le ntheetse sentle, ga ke re tshwetso e tserwe e ntse jalo ke lekgotla, ipelaetso e ne e le teng, mme re tlhokile gore batho bao ba reediwe mo go tseneletseng. Sone se se re raya se re golo gongwe re tshwanelwa ke go lemoga maiteko ale, batho bale ba busediwe ditshwanelo tsa bone tse di ba senyegetseng, tse ba neng ba itwela ba leka go sireletsa kgololesego ya go emela ditlhopho.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification Madam Chairperson.* Ka bokhutshwane fela, a o dumela gore ka ditlhopho tsa 2019 go nnile le tsietso kana *rigging*?

MR PHOLOGOLO: Ke dumela ke sa lebe kwa morago gore ditlhopho tsa 2019 ga di a tsamaya sentle. Se ke se supang ke se papamatsa ke gore re lemogile gore lekgotla ga le a ka la kgona go tsena mo dikgannyeng tse. Go raya eng? Go raya gore fa o ne o itsheka Furniture, go bo go ya go bonwa gore se o se buang ke nnete, o ka bo o boetswe ke ditshenyegelo tsa gago kगतलhanong le IEC. Jaanong *you have been denied that opportunity having spent money in defending this democracy and ensuring* gore *there is fairness in the running of elections of this country.* Batho bao *played a pivotal role into ensuring* gore gompiano jaana re bo re ya go tsena mo ditlhophong tse re dumelang gore *this time around the elections were free and fair*; go sena ka tsietsa Motswana ka gore ba ne ba kgonne go ithuta mo goreng 2019 Batswana ba ne ba kgona go emelela ba setse ba na le lesedi la gore ditlhopho di tshwanelwa ke gore di tshwarwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *I yield.*

MR AARON: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson.* O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. Tla ke go tlatsa ke supe gore re dumalana gore IEC *as it is* gompiano ga e *independent*, ka gore *as long as* e le ka fa tlase ga *Presidency*, go laola gore yo o teng a ke motho yo o obamelang dikeletso kana ditshwanelo tsa batho, kana ke yo o di gatakang. Le gore e tlhokana le gore e tswe mo *State President.*

MR PHOLOGOLO: Go na le kgang e e tswelletseng mo gompionong. *If you remember, a Court of Appeal took a decision* ya gore *it cannot entertain* dikgang tsa ditlhopho. Se go bo go raya gore se fedisa sepe se o neng o ka kgona go se ntsha kana go itela go ya kwa pele. *This is why this Government* e bua gore *there has to be another layer* e o ka ikuelang mo go yone, fa o dumela gore golo gongwe ga o a tsewa ka tlhwaafalo. *The decision of the Court of Appeal*, e ne e tshwanelwa ke gore fa go ne go na le sebaka, *we could have appealed to another court* e e neng e ka se ke e ithole go itebaganya le boammaaruri jwa gore go reediwe dilelo tsa batho ba ba neng ba ikuela. *This is why the Constitutional Court* e nna botlhokwa, gore re e letlelele, re e rotloetse, e bile re laletse mongwe le mongwe gore a e tseye ka tlhwaafalo, gore dilo tse di se ka tsa tlhola di diragala re tswelere re itse gore re nale tshireletsego rotlhe re le setšhaba sa Botswana.

Lastly, IEC should go back and apologise to Batswana go ba tshosetsa go ba kgopakgopetsa go emela ditlhopho. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke simolole kgang ya me fela la ntlha Modulasetilo ka go supa gore, ke tlhaloganya ka botlalo gore *ministry* o bo o sokotse ka *budget* go ema fa re leng teng ka ntlha ya itsholelo. *Much as* ke tlhaloganya seo Modulasetilo, go botlhokwa gore ke supe *my frustrations*. Letshwenyego la me le le tona fela go di feta tsothle, le fa ke sa tla fa go bua mo kgannyeng ya *ministry* ka kgaolo ya me, ke gore NDP 12 ga e a tsholela kgaolo ya me sepe, *absolutely nothing*. Ke gore o bona tafole e tona e e fa pele ga gago e, ga e na le fa e le sepe o kare ditlhabololo tsa Kgatleng Central. Ke gone fela fa ke nang le mathata teng. Ke gore dikgang tse tsothle tse re ka di buang tse, ga ke natefelelwe ke sepe fa go sena sepesepe fela ka Kgatleng Central. *Plan* yotlhe, ga ke bue ka *financial year* e re tsenang mo go yone, ke bua ka *plan* yotlhe gore ga gona sepe ka Kgatleng Central, *as if* ga a *exist* mo Botswana. Ke tletse eng fa Modulasetilo wa me, fa e le gore ga re na le fa e le ditlhabololo koo. Ke ya go raya batho ba Kgatleng Central ke re ditlhabololo di kae? *This is my frustration, and* re lekile bojotlhe gore kgang re e buisane le kwa Ntlong, mme ke a tshwenyega Modulasetilo gore ke ya go raya batho kwa Mochudi ke reng. *Constituency* ya me e ntšha ga ke gane, ke ipotsa gore a e ka tswa e lebalesegile. Ke ne ke kopa fela gore le fa *plan* e ne e le fa go na le *draft* fa pele ga rona, *the final document* e e tlang fa pele ga rona re e sekaseke (*review*) pele ga nako *to cater for* Kgatleng Central. *There are so many projects that we submitted*, ke a itse gore ga se sengwe le sengwe se se ka tsenang mo lenaneong, mme fela le tshwenyego la me ke gore ke tletse eng fa tota. Ke kopa gore ke thusiwe bagaetsho, ga ke dumele gore Goromente wa me o ka ntira jaana. Ke kopa gore a ko re nneng fa fatshe bagaetsho, ke kopa thuso Mapalamente, ga ke a tsoga. Ga gona sepe sa kgaolo ya me mo NDP. Ke na le letshwenyego le le seng kana ka sepe, ke dirile gotlhe mo go neng gotwe re go dire mabapi le kgang e. Ke gore ga ke itse gore ke ka reng *Honourable* Mohwasa, ke kopa thuso *Minister*, ke itse gore o ka nthusa.

Ke kopa go bua ka Botswana Police Service (BPS). Mapodise a rona bagaetsho a dira tiro e ntsi, le e tota e sa tlholeng e tsamaelana le *mandate* wa bone. Ke tlaa fa dikai di le tharo tse di tshelang segolo jang kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone ya Mochudi. Mapodise jaaka ke bua le wena jaana, fa o ka tsamaya wa ya kwa *police*,

o ya go fitlhela diteraka tse di seng kana ka sepe tsa dikgomo, ba kwadisa dikgomo foo. Letsatsi le letsatsi fa ba bidiwa ba bile diwa sengwe se jaanong e leng sa tiro ya bone, ba a bo ba le foo bone ba santse ba kwadisa dikgomo. Se ga se bakwe ke gore go na le Tlhako le Molomo, ke selo se ba ntseng ba tshela ka sone fela *all along*. Ba go dira ka bontsi mo ke ipotsang gore re ka thusa jang mapodise go fokotsa ditiro tse dingwe tse ba di dirang tse, ra fa gongwe Makgotla a rona a Setswana gore ba thuse seemo. Ke sa reye gore le bone ga ba na tiro, mme fela ke tshwenngwa ke gore mapodise borukutlhi bo bontsi, mme jaanong re ba dia ka tse dingwe tse dintsi.

Sa bobedi sekai se ke ka se fang se se tshelang e ntse e le kwa kgaolong ya me, mapodise ba beetswe tante fela e le yone go tlang fela jaaka fa dikgomong, Mokgatla mongwe le mongwe yo o batlang *service* ya go rurifalediwa dipampiri o tla koo. Golo mo *Minister*, go dira gore mapodise re bo re fapositse thatathata mo thomong ya bone. Ke a itse gore ga se mongwe le mongwe jaaka o ne o tlhalosa maloba ka kgang e, gase mongwe le mongwe yo o ka rurifaletsang motho, mme ke tshwenngwa ke gore jaanong ba rurifaletsa batho ka bontsi. O ne o supa gore *you are reviewing* molao wa gore batho ba bangwe ba ba thuse go rurifatsa dipampiri.

Se sengwe gompiono se mang le mang a se itseng, ga se mo kgaolong ya me fela, mapodise ba bereka tiro e nngwe gape jaanong ya go sireletsa (*escort*) dikoloi tsa madi. Golo mo go tsamaile molele *Minister*, ga ke itse gore go ema leng. Ke a tlhaloganya e bile ke itse gore ke eng ba ne ba dira jalo, mme golo mo re ya go tswelala jaana go ema leng bagaetsho. Ee, go re tswetse maduo a gore ga re sa tlhole re bona magodu a tlhasela dikoloi tsa madi ba tsaya madi. Re ya go tswelala ka lenaneo le go ema leng bagaetsho? Mapodise ka fa re eletsa gore ba thuse go lwantsha borukutlhi, e bile ba sa duelwe sepe. Ke re dilo tse...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Clarification Honourable Motsamai.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke ne ke re Mopalamente, ga o bone go tlhokafala gore bogolo fela fa e le gore mapodise ba sokola go le kanakana, dikompone tse ba

tlholang ba katile madi a bone go ya go a tshela mo mabolokelong le go duela, ga se gore bogolo go ne go ntshiwa *percentage* e latlhelwa ka kwa *police*, gore ba reke ditsompelo go tokafatsa fa ba berekelang teng? Ke bua jaana e le gore *police stations* tsa bo Tsootsha le Ncojane di mo seemong se se maswe le go feta, le lebati fela la lebati.

MR MOROLONG: O e tshwere sentle *Honourable Motsamai*. Ke dumalana le wena, le fa gone tota go supega gore ka fa molaong mapodise ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba sireletse setšhaba le dithoto tsa bone gongwe le gongwe. Fela motho o ka e bua jaaka o e bua jalo rraetsho.

Ga ke bone gope fa *Honourable Minister* o buang ka *police station* ya Mmathubudukwane. Kana *last year* go ne ga šha *police station* kwa Mmathubudukwane, mme ga ke bone o supa gore mo *financial year* e re tlaa e tsosolosa e baakannwa.

Mapodise le masole ba ke ka reng ke *disciplinary forces* tsa rona bagaetsho, ga ba na *unions*, re tshwanelwa ke gore re tlhaloganye fa gongwe fa re bua ka mabaka a bone a tiro segolo jang dikgang tsa dituelo, re ele tlhoko ntlha e gore ga ba na *unions*. Ga re itse gore ba ka tswa ba gateletswe jang gape le ke Barena ba bone mo dikgannyeng tse dintsi tsa go itela, ka mabaka a ba ka itelang ka one. Jaanong go bothlokwa gore fa re sekaseka mabaka a dituelo tsa babereki ba ga Goromente, tota fela bone re bo re tlhaloganya ntlha eo pele ga sepe, gore re bone gore re ba baya fa go tshwanetseng teng re le beletse mabaka a gore ga gona yo o ba buelelang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

...Silence...

MR MOROLONG: ... *clarification* e a tšhaya tlhe Modulasetilo.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: O neela mang *sir*?

MR MOROLONG: Lekau.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee, *at least* le nne le bua. Fa e le *clarification* o bo o nna fa fatshe, ga ke itse gore o e neela mang. *Honourable Lekau, clarification.*

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* Ke re gongwe yone e, o bua ka mapodise, o bue ka dituelo le *promotions* tsa bone,

o tlaa fitlhela o tsena mo *police station* motho a sale a tsena mo *police station* eo a na le dingwagangwaga a le foo *without promotion*. Le ba e leng gore jaanong o kare *transfers* tsa bone di dirisiwa *to punish them* ba isiwa kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa tengnyana teng.

MR MOROLONG: Tota ke boammaaruri, ke yone ntlha e ke neng ke re ke tsena mo go yone ke e akaretsa le ya *public service*. Mme fela ba ka gore *they are disciplinary forces*, ba ba senang *unions*, re tshwanetse go ba tlhaola ka tsela e tshwanang le e motlotlegi a buang ka yone. Modulasetilo, go na le mathata a a seng kana ka sepe mo *public service* ya rona, a e leng gore babereki ba mo tlase ga kgatelelo ya bakgokgontshi ba e leng gore bangwe ba bone ke bakgokgontshi ba ba ba eteletseng pele. *They are bullied* mo ditirong, ba a gatelelwa *unnecessary* le ka mabaka a e seng a tiro. Dilo tse di teng, di a tshela. *People are sabotaged* mo ditirong e le babereki, e bile fa gongwe ba batla go ntsha maduo, mme ba gatelelwa ke bagolwane. Fa a tsosa modumo, a ngongorega, ngwana wa batho *is being transferred* kwa kgaolong ya ga Motsamai, jaaka a letse a bua gore kwa go ene go isiwa batho ba e leng gore fa gongwe ke ba ba nang le dikgang go tswa kwa morago. Go latlhelwa koo. Batho ba nna golo go le gongwefela fa, mme ba bangwe ba sena mosola. Batho ba bangwe ke ba ba nang le lenyatso le mo bagolwaneng, mme ke batho fela ba ba laolang pharakano, ba nna ba le foo fela, ga gotwe sepe.

Bodirelapuso jwa rona, *productivity* ya bone e kwa tlase bagaetsho, re tshwanelwa ke gore selo se re se bue. Ke kopa *Minister* gore a bue le makgotla a rona a re a ratang a babereki gore re baakanye kgang e e leng gore Batswana ga ba itumelele *services* tse ba di fiwang ke badirelapuso mo diofising tsa rona tsa ga Goromente, a golo fa re go tokafatse.

Ke kopa gore go nne le *transparency* ya go reka dithoto tsa kwa BDF segolo jang didirisiwa tsa rona tsa sesole. A e se ka ya nna kgang ya ga Tautona fela le mogolwane wa DIS, kana gongwe le ene Tautona a sa itse. Ke re golo fa go tshwanetse gore go tlhape sentle fela gore dithoto tsa kwa BDF le tsa DIS di rekwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. A go na le *accountability* ya dithoto tse. Le fa ke itse gore ke dilo tsa sephiri Modulasetilo, mme go bothlokwa gore go kaege, *account for* dithoto tseo, go nne le *transparency* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Tanki.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere* Honourable Morolong. Honourable Lesedi o a bona nako gore e ntse jang. Are you comfortable because the Minister is responding at 12:50 p.m. you only have two minutes.

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Nnyaa mma ke mo tseye *Chair*. Mma ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*, tota fela ka bokhutshwanyane mma e re ke le fano ke supe jaana gore, ke lebogela Tona gore e bo ikile ya re re na le seemo se se thata kwa Motshegaletau sa lefatshe le le phatlogang a itlhaganela go tla *to attend*, go buisa, le go bona, go dira ditlhotlhomiso tse gone jaana ke ka rayang Tona ke re, rraetsho re solofetse pego, a e re mo *budget* e ya gago o re fe pego, o bo o bone gore o ka thusa setšhaba se sa Modimo ka tsela e e ntseng jang, gore kgabagare ba bone peo ya ditsha e e tlaabong e le kwa *Ministry of Lands*.

Mma ke supe jaana gore, rraetsho, madi a ka fa o a buang ka teng a ko o gakologelwe gore mo *budget* e ya gago o na le dikoloto tse di seng kana ka sepe, o kolota masole, *officers* tsa DIS le mapodise. A ko batho ba ba ye go duelwa rraetsho mo *budget* e. Gongwe o lese go itebatsa gore o a kolota ka gore *ministry* wa gago ke mengwe ya *ministries* tse e leng gore sekoloto se se welang Puso se ke ka mabaka a gore ga o a tsholetsa seme, *officers* bogolo jang ba ba tsereng boikarabelo kwa diofising tsa gago o kare ba goga maoto go diragatsa ditshwetso tsa lekgotla.

Rraetsho mma re supe jaana gore, a madi a neelwe mapodise. Bagaetsho mapodise ba tshwere ka thata jaaka bakaulengwe ba setse ba buile, o fitlhela e le gore ba bereka magoboka.

A e ya Gender Based Violence (GBV) le yone e elwe tlhoko go bonwe gore mapodise ba fokolediwa... gongwe le bone lekalana le le ka le dirang go thusa mo diemong tse jaaka fa nne *Honourable* Furniture a kopa gore a ba nne le *budget* ya bone.

Banalebogole rraetsho, ke buile ka bone maloba. A ko re bone mo maphateng a Puso banalebogole ba hirilwe, ba theogela, ka gore le bone rra ba ne ba tlotse mo letsatsing ba go sokolela go bona gore o bona phatlha ya go tla mo Palamenteng e. A ko o ba lebe ka leitlho leo la go ba tlhomogela pelo le bone ke batho ba na le ditshwanelo tse le wena o nang le tsone. *I yield for elucidation*.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E tšhaile Honourable Members. I shall now call upon the Minister to respond.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Tla ke simolole fela ke leke gore ke di digele ka bofefo, ke simolole ka ya ga Rre Mabeo, ke a leboga o teng fa. Mme ke re, Rre Mabeo ga a dumalane le *allocation* ya madi, e bile a bo a bua ka gore *broadcasting*... Ke ne ke tsaya gore fa re le fa Modulasetilo re le fa gore go ye go balwa. Go lebega Rre Mabeo a sa bala, ka gore o bua gore go fiwa *company* nngwe ya Media 66, ke kopa gore a ye go bala 34, e mo tlhalosetse gore gatwe go diragala eng. E bile ke bo ke gakolole Mapalamente, *you know* go tla kwano re bo re dira *these wild and serious allegations*, e bo e re fa batho ba go gakolola o bo o fetola mafoko o a bua ka go sele ga go a nna sentle, *the record* e tlaa tla e supa ka se a se buileng. *To accuse* mongwe *of* selo se a sa se dirang ga go a siama.

Jaanong ke kopa gore fa re le mo Ntlong e e fano, re tlotleng boammaaruri, ke gore go tshwana le gompiano motho fa o tla fa a bo a simolola a bua gore motho o tla mo Ntlong e a iphitisitse tse di tsewang mo lefatsheng, *this is a serious allegation*, ke *to...* (*inaudible*)... le ene *the person* yo o a bong o bua ka ga ene. Jaanong go bua dipuo tse di ntseng jaana ga go a nna sentle. Re tshwanetse gore fa re le fa re bue re tlhamaletse, re bua dilo tse di agang. Ke tsaya gore Mapalamente ba tlaa itlwaetsa jaaka ke gakolola go bala di ... (*inaudible*)... pele ga di tla.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re gape ke fete ka sone ke gore, o ne a bua gore maikaelelo re batla gone, ke *policy* ya ga Goromente ya rona ya gore go tshwanetse gore go nne le *public broadcast*. Jaanong fa o ka lebelela *trends*, fa o ka itlhaganelela gore o tsaya fela o bo o re o dira *public broadcaster*; o bo o tsoga *the next day* o bo o re BTV ke *public broadcaster is going to collapse on your face, even face liquidation*. *So, what you need to do is*, o tshwanetse gore o simolole o gate ka bonya, *so that* le wena e bo o le gore...ka gore fa e sena madi *it will compromise its own independence*.

The reason why gompiano media wa lefatshe o na le serious allegations tsa brown envelope journalism is

because with the advent ya digitalisation, most of the print by newspapers di ne tsa felela being affected, mo e leng gore cashflow e na le mathata gompieno. That has also compromised their ability to take care of their staff, and it affected le bone. Gompieno go na le batho ba ba kgonang go ikgantsha whether that is true or not gore semangmang kwa pampiring ya boketekete fa o batla sengwe o a mo duela. These are allegations tse di leng teng, gore batho ba duela babegadikgang, and these are serious allegations, ka gore itsholelo ya dipampiri tseo e itemogile gore ga ba kgone go duela babereki ba bone. Fa o tsaya state broadcaster o bo o se manega o le public broadcaster you are going to compromise...

MR MABEO: *Procedure Madam Chairperson. Tona o simolotse sentle a kgalema a utlwala gore a reng, jaanong o mmakatsa a wela and accuse babegadikgang. These allegations tse a reng babegadikgang, o na le bosupi jwa gore ba dira jalo kana ba tswelala ba ntse ba supa private media? Gape Rre Minister, you do not have the technical know how ya television or how it is run, what you are saying is not true.*

MR MOHWASA: Ke buile ka *allegations*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ema pele *Honourable Minister*, iketle pele, ke kopa gore o nne fa fatshe. *Honourable Mabeo, Minister is not accusing anyone, he was mentioning the allegations tse di sa siamang, gore batho ba bua dilo tse ba senang bosupi ka sone, he was not saying it ene, he was giving an example. Continue.*

MR MOHWASA: Se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, *I do not have the technical knowledge ya television, mme se ke se buang, the model e ke e buang, e Goromente a batlang go e dira ke na le kitso ya yone ya gore re batla go dira eng, ke na le kitso e. The model that...*

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Mabeo.

MR MOHWASA: ...*we have adopted*, ke gore re batla go tsenya madi mo Pusong.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Nnyaa*, but he is disturbing. It does not matter.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

Ke le gakolotse, e bile ke ntse ke gakolola gape ka tsamaiso e, gore batho ba ba ka kwa ba tsotsa modumo *and unfortunately* le ne le gakolola *Madam Chairperson*, fa batho ba ka kwano ba ipusolosetsa ke bone e bile ba nnang molato. Ga se gore ga re ele tlhoko selo se se diragalang se.

Jaanong se ke batlang go se bua *Madam Chairperson* ke gore, *to even say* re ka nna le a *public broadcaster* mme e sena masheleng, re tlaabo re dira sengwe, se re se dirang ka *this SPV*, ke gore re batla gore re tsenye madi, *take care of its expenses*, Goromente a fokotse le madi a e a neelang Mass Media, e bo e le gore *in the long-term* e ka kgona gore e bo e ka nna *state broadcaster*. Ga o tsoge fela phakela o bo o re ke batla go dira *public broadcasting*. Bangwe ba tlile *to claim* gone fa gore ke *experts* mme ke ba itse thata, mme kutlwisiso ya yone e seyo. Fa le ba gakolola, ba bo ba tshagela kwa godimo o kare motho a se mo seemong se se siameng.

Rre Mokgware o ne a bua ka mapodise, gore o nne le sesole le sepodise...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure*. Ga ke dumele gore *Honourable Mohwasa* o buisa batho sentle, puo ya gore motho 'a tshaga e kete,' a raya batlotlegi.

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

MR HIKUAMA: *Madam Chairperson*, a ko o nkgalemelele modumo wa bo Motlotlegi Ramogapi le Motlotlegi Mohwasa ba tlotle Ntlo. Ke eme ka *procedure, they should respect and show that they are Ministers*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, Standing Order 58.4, *a ko le nne le e bala*.

MR HIKUAMA: You are Ministers, behave. *Motlotlegi Ramogapi* you are a Minister, behave.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Nnyaa*, o se ka wa re raya o re *behave*, o raya jang?

MR HIKUAMA: Behave.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Nnyaa*, point of order *Madam Chairperson*.

MR HIKUAMA: He must behave *Madam Chairperson*.

MR RAMOGAPI: O se ka wa re raya o re *behave*.

MR HIKUAMA: Madam Chairperson, he must behave.

MR RAMOGAPI: Kante ke eng le rata go re kgotlakgotla jaana, la re rona ga re itse go kgotla?

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Mr Ramogapi, o supilwe ke mang?

MR RAMOGAPI: Dira jalo *Honourable* Hikuama, le wena *behave*.

MR HIKUAMA: I have been given the slot, that is the decorum of Parliament, you have to allow the Speaker to give you the chance.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke eme ka dinao. *Honourable Members*, ke gore nna ga ke itse gore le batla go tewa gotweng, fa o utlwa ke a tle ke le reye ke re o kare le dikokwanyana di le mo hokong, ke raya gone golo mo. Ke gore ga le itseye jaaka batlotlegi, le a goelana, ga ke itse gore golo ga teng le leka go supa eng mo batlhophing. Ke dilo fela tse di gakgamatsang. Mafoko a le a buisanang ga ke itse gore a re thusa ka eng re le batlhophi kwa gae. Jaanong ke a le kgalemela gore lesang go dira jaaka le dira, lona fela le intsha seriti sa go nna batlotlegi. Fa le akanya gore mongwe o ya go le kobela kwa ntle, le tshwere *zero*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order Madam Chairperson.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: O *order* mang wena?

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Le bona metsotso e e setseng e, ga go na sepe se ke yang go se letlelela sa *order*; ke ya go go neela gore o fetse. Le wena o lese gore mo *speech* sa gago o bo o kgotlakgotla batho, a ko o bale *response* ya gago fela *Honourable* Mohwasa o wetse, tsweetswee.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Nnyaa* procedure Madam Chairperson.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga. Modulasetilo, ke tlile go kopa gore gompiano ka gore Ntlo e e tsamaisiwa ka Standing Orders, e bile e le *consistent*, fa ba ba ka kwano ba *ruling party* ba bua, le ne le ba gakolola ka 58.4, ke tlile go go kopa gore o e diragatse, o tlaa bona

ke sa kgotle ope. Ga se gore ga re ele tlhoko, go na le *tendency* gone mo, e e leng gore batho ba ba kwa *opposition* ba bua jaaka ba bua nako nngwe le nngwe e ba batlang, *but* fa rona re bua, *you are quick to remind us of 58.4*. So ke kopa gore ba itseye ka maitseo, ga ba ka ke ba bona re sa ba tshware sentle.

Modulasetilo, go buiwa ka dikgang tse di farologaneng tse di amanang le tsa sesole le sepodise jaaka Motlotlegi Mokgware a ne a bua.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere, e tshaile.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Order! Order, Honourable Members. Honourable Members, it is now 1300 hours, we are going for lunch, we will resume business at 2:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 1:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 2:00 P.M.

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): *Let us be seated. Order Honourable Members, good afternoon.*

Re jele metsotso e mebedi jaanong ya dipotso. A re simoleng tiro ya rona ya motshegare wa gompiano ka dipotso.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. O ne o seyo fa kgantele, mme go kile ga galefiwa thata go bo go raya gore ga re kgone go bua. Nna lefoko le la 'dikokwanyana' ke ne ke re ka re a ko re le sekaseke gore le eme mo Ntlong. Ga go re tseye sentle gore e bo e re fa go nna le gore gongwe *temper* di ya kwa godimo, go bo gotwe le tlhodia jaaka dikokwanyana. Ba ne ba setse ba kwala mo Facebook gore ya reng kokwanyana ya Mogoditshane e. Jaanong ke ne ke re ka re a ko o baakanye seemo seo ka gore le a bo le tswa kwa *speakership*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, *nnyaa* ga ke a utlwa gore go ne gotwe dikokwanyana di rileng, go raya gore ke fa ke seyo. *Nnyaa* mme ke go utlwile *Honourable* Lekau.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

RESERVED PROCUREMENT QUOTAS

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Finance to state:

- (i) whether his ministry has any specific reserved procurement quotas or set aside provisions under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) for businesses owned by youth, women and persons with disabilities; and if so,
- (ii) the target percentages, eligibility criteria and enforcement mechanisms to ensure meaningful participation of these groups in BETP related Government procurement.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Mosanana.

- (i) Mr Speaker, BETP was conceived and structured primarily as a high-impact economic stimulus and structural transformation initiative aimed at resuscitating the economy through investment mobilisation, industrialisation, value addition, export expansion, import substitution and large-scale job creation. Approximately 60 per cent of the projects under the programme are privately driven investments, while about 40 per cent comprise public sector initiatives. Project identification and prioritisation under BETP were guided by objective economic criteria, including contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), scale of investment, job creation potential, export development impact, and value chain deepening. Participation in BETP projects is therefore, not categorised on the basis of ownership by youth, women or persons with disabilities for purposes of procurement reservation.

However, Mr Speaker, while BETP does not create separate quota regime, inclusivity is embedded in its design and philosophy. From the outset, the economic and social transformation laboratories that shaped the programme deliberately examined the number of jobs to be created by each project and the broader socio-economic impact of those

projects. Within those discussions, attention was given to ensuring that employment opportunities would meaningfully benefit youth and women, and vulnerable groups, including people living with disabilities, that they would not be excluded from the benefits of economic expansion. Inclusive growth was treated as a serious policy consideration, not merely as an afterthought. The Programme's overarching objective is to generate broad-based economic participation and sustainable employment for Botswana across all segments of society.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, because BETP does not contain reserved procurement provisions specific to the programme, it does not prescribe its own target percentages, eligibility thresholds or enforcement mechanisms dedicated exclusively to the youth, women or differently enabled persons.

Nevertheless, where public procurement arises within Government funded components of Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), such procurement is conducted strictly in accordance with the existing national procurement legal framework and empowerment instruments that apply across Government.

In this regard, Sections 72 and 73 of the Public Procurement Act, 2021 provide for reservation and preferential treatment in public procurement, and the provisions are operationalised under Section 89(3)(a), (b) and (c) of the Public Procurement Regulations, 2023. Further to that, under Clause 5.2.1, they provide 20 per cent of the applicable procurement budget under specified thresholds is reserved for targeted citizen groups, including youth, women and people living with disabilities. These quotas are enforced through their explicit inclusion in tender documents and procurement instruments, as required by the regulations, and through oversight by the relevant procurement authorities and tender committees established under the law.

It is also important to underscore that the majority of BETP initiatives are privately financed and implemented, meaning that Government procurement exposure within the programme is actually limited. Where projects are fully private, procurement is undertaken by investors in accordance with commercial principles. However, where

Government funding is involved, the full provisions of the Public Procurement Act and its empowerment measures apply without exception. BETP therefore, operates within, and does not override, the existing national framework for reservation and preferential procurement.

Mr Speaker, Government's approach to inclusion under BETP is thus twofold. First, at the macro-economic level, the programme seeks to stimulate sectors that create significant employment and broaden economic participation for citizens, including youth, women and persons with disabilities.

Second, at the procurement level, any Government-funded components are subject to the established legal framework that already provides for reservation, preferential treatment and enforcement mechanisms. In this way, BETP advances inclusive growth both through job creation and through compliance with existing empowerment procurement laws. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke bo ke leboge Vice President (VP), e bile e le *Minister* wa Madi ka karabo e e nonneng eo. Ke e kgotsofaletse. Fa re bua ka batho ba ba nang le bogole, bomme, jalojalo, ba re tsayang gore *they are disadvantaged* fa go tla mo dilong tse dingwe, le fa ke utlwa ke tlhologanya, *let us make sure* gore mo Goromente a go ikemiseditseng gore go tlaa diragala, go diragale, *so that* ba bone sengwenyana. Ba kgone go itshetsa *because in a way, they are disadvantaged*. Ke a leboga mongwame.

MR GAOLATHE: Ee rra. Mma ke mo kgwe dikgaba. Re a leboga motlotlegi. Tota boammaaruri re kwa morago re le Botswana ka go tlhokomela le go akaretsa banana, bomme le ba e leng gore ditalente tsa bone ke tse di sa tlwaelesegang, mme di le di tona, e bile di ka sologela setšhaba molemo. Se re tshwanetseng go se dira ga se fela koo, re tshwanetse re simolole kwa moding. Fa o lebile thuto ya rona, e ntse e remeletse fela mo *not differently talented people*. Re tshwanetse re e atolose. Re dumela gore re simolola go dira jalo. Go na le melawana le mananeo a a apeilweng, a a ganelelang gore banana ba akarediwe go feta jaaka ba ntse ba akarediwa. Jaaka ke ne ke araba potso maabane,

le yone *Budget Speech*, re a itse gore le molao wa dithoto, o buletswe gore re tsenye megopolo, re e fetole, re e nontshe, re e tokafatse kwa go tlhokafalang. Ke a leboga.

RESTRUCTURING PROCESS AT DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

- (i) progress made on the restructuring process at the Department of Tribal Administration which was expected to be implemented in June 2025 following a similar question on the same; and
- (ii) when he will start paying the Headmen of Arbitration whose names were long approved by respective communities, and their names submitted to the ministry for action.

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

Ke a leboga ka potso e. Go a lemosega ba Shoshong ba bone Mopalamente yo o majato. Mma ke arabe ka gore,

(i) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, paakanyo ya moalo wa maemo a pereko ya bodiredi jwa makgotla a Setswana, e tswelletse sentle. Fa re tsamayang teng, re mo thulaganyong ya go kopanya thomo ya lephata le boikarabelo jo bo neng jwa fiwa ka tshwetso ya Government Notice No. 742 of 2024 ka fa tlase ga tsetlana ya *Section 50.4* ya Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana, mo go se re reng *Ministerial Portfolio Responsibilities*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le ne la tshwanelwa ke go dira tshekatsheko ya moalomogolo wa pereko, ke gore *the functional structure* wa Lephata la Makgotla a Setswana. Maikaelelo e le go tlhomamisa gore thomo e e okeditsweng ya go isa ngwao, ke gore *culture* kwa lephateng, e tsamaya ka dipuisanyo go atolosa morero. Re rerisa batsayakarolo ba ba maleba, e leng makgotla a babereki, bodiredi jwa maemo a magolwane jwa makgotla a Setswana le bodiredi fela ka kakaretso. Go botlhokwa go ritela gore morero o botlhokwa go tlhomamisa gore diphetogo tse di tsamaya sentle. Go tlhalosiwa boikarabelo le tlhomagano ya boikarabelo le kabakanyo ya bodiredi, mo ka tšhomi

gotweng *deployment* pele ga molao o ka diragadiwa gore kwa bofelong se se dirwang, se bo se wela mo kakanyong le go tlhaloganya ga mongwe le mongwe.

(ii) Kwa bofelelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke supe fa re sena temogo e e kileng ya bewa mo go rona ya bo ralekgotla ba ba sa duelweng ke lephata, ntswa maina a bone gotwe a rurifaditswe ke banni ba Dikgotlana tsa bone. Maikaelelo le maithomo a rona kwa lephateng ke gore, re tswerefale mo go direleng mongwe le mongwe se a tshwanetseng a se direlwe mo dikganyeng tsa pereko.

E re go ntse jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lephata le ka tlhomamisa fa le itse ka batho bangwe ba ba supang ba tlhokometse Dikgotlana dingwe tse di iseng di lemogwe ka fa molaong, e le tumalano ya bone le banni ba tikologo. Go ka diragala gore go nne le tumalano ya ba ba tshegeditseng foo le banni ba tikologo, mme gongwe tsone ka fa molaong, di ise di lemogwe. Mme tse di lemogilweng ka fa molaong, ke tsamaiso gore ba duelelwe boikarabelo jwa bone.

Dingwe tsa Dikgotlana tse, ke tse di tlaa sekasekwang bogolo jang jaaka re tsena mo ngwageng o o latelang wa madi. O e leng gore selelosegolo e ntse e le letlhoko la madi. Re tlaa nyalanya ditsompelo le se se tshwanetseng se dirwe. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore, dikgang tsa bodiredi tsa makgotla a ditsheko le Dikgosi, ba tshwarwe sentle ka ba na le seabe se se tona mo mererong ya tsamaiso ya lefatshe. Ke a leboga. Ga go na *supplementary*.

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mogolole o a itse gore *supplementary* di *four*. Tona, ke utlwile karabo mme *my supplementary is here; like* ke ne ke supa, *this is a follow-up of a question* e ke neng ka e botsa ka fale. Fa ke boela kwa karabong ele, o ne o supile gore, *I am going to quote with your permission Mr Speaker*, gore, *“the next phase will include a series of further employee consultations in collaboration with trade unions and it is expected to start in April 2025. The exercise is planned to be concluded by the end of first quarter of the financial year 2025/2026.”* Gone fa, a *consultation* e le e dirile? Mo go yone karabo e, le ne le supile gore e tlaa re ka *June* ka 2025, *our structure* se bo se setse se wetse, se ka tsena mo tirisong. Kgatlhego ya me e ne e le gone fa gore re kgonne go le kae? Re sa le re se emetse

mo nakong e ntsi re le ba makgotla a Setswana. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Nte ke leboge potso tlaletso eo, ba tlaa lemoga ba Dikgotla tsa Setswana gore o ba emetse ka dinao. Ke belaela o itse mongwe thata teng.

Karabo ke gore go boammaaruri re ne re buile jalo mme seo se diragetse. Go ne ga nna le puisanyo le makgotla a a maleba a a emetseng babereki, le bone babereki ka fa ba neng ba kokoantswe ka teng. Kana seo fa se fetsa go dirwa se isiwa kwa komiting ya tsa bodirelapuso, ba e leng bone ba ba lebelelang mealo ya tsa pereko. Go dirilwe jalo. Go raya gore se se tlaabong se setse ke jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore re emele tshimologo ya ngwaga wa madi gore re tle mo go diragatseng.

Ya morero le ya go konela gore moalo ke one, koo re setse re kgabagantse, re letile madi gore re tle re wele mo go diragatseng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kagiso Thomas Mmusi, Member for Gabane-Mmankgodi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela.

LICENSED AND UNLICENSED SECOND-HAND VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS OPERATING IN MOGODITSHANE

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the number of licensed and unlicensed second-hand vehicle dealerships respectively which currently operate in Mogoditshane, and the existing mechanisms to monitor their activities;
- (ii) the estimated contribution of these dealerships to local employment creation and tax revenue generation; and
- (iii) short and medium-term Government plans and projects in place towards Mogoditshane village, aligned with promoting the ease of doing second-hand vehicle dealership business in the village, as well as tax collection and locals' participation.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke utlwa *Minister* a re *later date*, ga ke itse gore o itse go le kae ka potso e.

MR SPEAKER: O buile le mang?

MR BARONGWANG: Le wena.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga go buiwe le nna ka *later date*.

MR BARONGWANG: A ke re *later date* ka gore e tsile e kare o itse sengwe. Ke a leboga.

Later Date.

FISHING LICENSE PERMITS FOR FISHERMEN

MR G. SEDOMBO (TONOTA): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he is aware that the issuance of fishing license permits for fishermen who traditionally operated along the Shashe, Tati and Motloutse Rivers was suspended around the year 2020, thereby affecting the livelihoods of communities who rely on small scale and subsistence fishing as a source of income and food security; if so, to state:

- (i) what prompted the suspension of the issuance of these permits;
- (ii) whether the suspension was temporary or permanent;
- (iii) whether there are any plans to issue permits to affected fishermen in the aforementioned areas;
- (iv) if there are no immediate plans to resume permit issuance; and
- (v) alternative interventions or support mechanisms his ministry will consider to cushion the affected fishing communities.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Sedombo ka potso ya gago e e tsamaelanang le matshelo a batho.

E ne ya re ka ngwaga wa 2020, Lephata la *Wildlife and National Parks* la sekaseka molao wa lone wa Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act. Tshekatsheko e e ne e batla go bona gore ditlhapi di dirisiwa sentle mo dinokeng tsa rona. Go dira jalo go ne ga baka gore go nne le go emisiwa ka nakwana go ntsha ditesi tsa go ya go tshwara ditlhapi. Re tshwanelwa ke go itse gore ka nako ya teng, go tshwara dithapi go ne go se

regulated mo dinokeng tseo tse tharo. Dinoka tse ke tse di sa eleng ngwaga otlhe, di ne di nna di kgala jaanong, go bo go raya gore tlhapi e e setseng, go tshwanelwa ke go bonwa gore go ka dirwa jang.

Se se neng sa supagala ke gore tlhapi ka bontsi e ne e rekisiwa mme e tshwerwe ke motho a re ke e tshwara ka thulaganyo ya *domestic*, e motho a letlelelwang gore a tseye tse di lesome ba ye go ja kwa lelwapeng. Go bo go felela ba go dirisa e le thulaganyo ya gore go nne *commercial* mme ba sa tshwara *commercial licenses* tsa go rekisa ditlhapi.

Paakanyo e e neng e dirwa mo molaong e ne ya fediswa ka 2023 mme mo nakong e e latelang, go raya go ne go ntse go lebiwa dikgang tse di *administrative*. Di ne tsa fela mme ga nna le bonyanyana jwa gore go tsewe tshwetso ya gore go ya kwa pele, go tlaa diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Mr Speaker, ke batla ke supe gore *permits* tsa go tsoma tlhapi *as I declare and decree*, re tsaya gore e ne e se potso, e ne e le kopo ya gago rraetsho, re tlaa e itlhaganelela. Re tsere tshwetso ya gore e re ka 1st March ngwaga ono, *permits* tsa go tshwara ditlhapi di bo di simolola go ntshiwa. Ke supe gore *subsistence fishing* ya go tsaya *maximum* wa ditlhapi tse 10, tota eo ga e tlhoke *permit* mo dinokeng tseo. Ba ba tlaa tlhokang *permit* ke ba ba tlaabong ba dira mo gotweng *commercial fishing*, ba ba tshwarang ditlhapi go ya go rekisa. Gore ba dirisa eng go tshwara ditlhapi tse go a farologana ka gore ba ba tshwarang ditlhapi ba di tshwarela go ya go rekisa, ba na le matloa a ba tshwanelang ke go a dirisa go dira tiro eo. Jaaka ke setse ke buile *Mr Speaker*, *we will resume on the 1st of March 2026*, re bo re ka ntsha *permits* gore batho ba ka di dirisa.

Potso ya bofelo karabo ya yone ke gore go na le ditshono tse di leng teng mo thulaganyong e ya ditlhapi *Honourable Sedombo*. E kwa *Ministry of Lands and Agriculture*, batho ba ka tsena mo go rueng ditlhapi ba di ntsifatsa, ba boa ba di rekisa. Ke keletso ya me go rotloetsa ba ba mo tikologong ya gago *Honourable Sedombo* gore ba bo ba ka leka go itebaganya le lenaneo le gore le tle le kgone go ba thusa go tsenya mo thulaganyong ya ditlhapi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, kgang e

ya thuo ya ditlhapi ke itse gore go kile ga bo go na le *hatchery* kwa Letsibogo, e e neng e le ka fa tlase ga gago mme ya phuthlhamana. E le gore batho ba *ministry* wa gago ba re *they are into conservation not farming*. A ga o bone gore gongwe o buisane le ba *Lands and Agriculture* gore lenaneo la go rua ditlhapi *from the hatchery, permits* kwa matamong di nne *under one authority*? Gompiano fa ke batla go ya go tsaya ditlhapi kwa Ntimbale Dam, ke ya kwa go wena go kopa *permit*. Fa ke tsena kwa go Ramogapi o nthaya a re re setse re tswetswe letamo. Gongwe fa go ka tsenngwa mo *department* e nngwefela, *it can be managed* botoka. Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: Gongwe kwa tshimologong ke supe gore kgwedi ya *January* le ya *February* go a bo go santse go tswetswe gore ditlhapi di ka tshwarwa. Jaaka re ne re lebeletse potso e le gore go tlhoka gore go diragale eng, sengwe sa dilo tse ke tsereng tshwetso e bile ke dumalane le ba lephata la me gore re ye go di dira, ke gore re ye go kopana le Rre Ramogapi le ba gagwe go leka go lebelela kgang e ya *permits* tsa matamo. Mo nakong ya gompiano se se padisang gore batho ba kgone go nna le *livelihoods* mo matamong ka go tshwara ditlhapi ke gore ba Lephata la *Water* ba tshwanelwa ke go letla gore go dirwe jang.

Motho fa a sena go tla ka tetla eo ya gore re le ba *Water* re a letla, o tlaabo a tla kwa go rona re bo re mo fa *permits*. Rona mo nakong ya gompiano re le ba ditlhapi, *we are more than willing to support the livelihoods of the communities* ka go ba neela *permits*. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra ba neela *permits* Rre Ramogapi a ise a ba neele *permit*. Ka re Goromente a le mongwefela, ke sone se ke reng re ntse re buisana jaaka re ne re le mo potsong e gore mme go tlhabela eng. Re bo re bona gore go tlhabela gore re ye go kopana re bone gore golo mo re ka go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang mmogo le ba *Water* gore tota setshaba se se ka sa sokola, se kgone go thusega.

O ne a re *hatchery* nngwe ya rona *has collapsed*, so ke ne ke re eo *I am not aware of*. Ke ka ya go batlisisa go bona gore ke eng, mme fela e tlaabo e le jone boammaaruri gore ba *Ministry of Agriculture who are responsible for farming*, ke bone ba e ka nngang kgang e e lebaganeng le bone gore ba e tsweledise.

KILLING OF 10 ALLEGED SUSPECTS IN PHASE 2 GABORONE

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state:

- (i) when the Director of Public Prosecutions will take steps to enable the convening of an inquest hearing into the killing of 10 alleged suspects in Phase 2 Gaborone;
- (ii) if the inaction is a result of there having been no investigations conducted into the matter; and
- (iii) whether the Minister realises that what the previous Government did and the current one is doing is tantamount to subversion of justice and endeavouring to sweep under the carpet a gruesome extra judicial mass killing; and that any further inaction is a demonstration of insensitivity to the right to closure by the loved ones and relatives of the deceased persons.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Helen Pushy Manyeneng, Member for Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe.

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

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

REVIEW OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS FOR FATALITIES CAUSED BY WILDLIFE

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state:

- (i) progress his ministry has made in reviewing ex-gratia payments for fatalities, and loss of life caused by wildlife; and
- (ii) if Government will commit to increasing the current rate for loss of life caused by elephants from P70,000.00 to at least P250,000.00 to reflect the true socio-economic impact on families.

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

- (i) Mma ke tlhalose fela gore tshekatsheko ya *compensation as a whole* le thulaganyo ya phimolo dikeledi e Rre Hikuama a buang ka ga yone, ke

sengwe se se tsamayang *parallel* le go dirwa ga *the National Human-Wildlife Conflicts Strategy and Action Plan*. Mo nakong ya gompiano re a e digela, mme *strategy* se se *recommend Human Wildlife Conflict Fund*. Kana o tlaa gakologelwa Rre Hikuama gore mo nakong e re leng mo go yone le ene *the P28 million* yo re ntseng re mmeetse *to compensate* batho ka go farologana jaaka ba tlaabo ba senyeditse, o monnyennyane. O a tlhabela mo o tlaa fitlhelang re na le *arrears*, jaaka gompiano re na le ngwaga re go kolota dikgomo tsa gago tse *six* tse di neng tsa bolawa ke diphologolo. Jaanong re dira gore *fund* e re e *establish* e tle e kgone go dira madi a a yang go tlatsa a re ntseng re a neelwa ngwaga le ngwaga. Maikaelelo e le gore a tlatsa jalo a tle a re kgontshe go oketsa *compensations* le *ex-gratia payment*, madi a teng a kgone go re thusa gore palo ya batho ba ba ntseng ba salela kwa morago go duelwa re kgone go e fitlhelela.

- (ii) Maikaelelo ke one ao mokaulengwe, mme Goromente o *committed* gore re ya go oketsa *this ex-gratia payment*. E re re itlama jaana mokaulengwe, mo nakong e re leng mo go yone e, ka gore re santse re *consult*, re bona gore ke eng se se tlaabong se lebege botokanyana, *we cannot commit ourselves to a figure that you are suggesting*. Fela gone ke batla go go rurifaletsa gore re tshwentswe ke P70, 000 ka gore o monnye thata ga a ka ke a thusa sepe. *We are committed* gore re ye go wela mo *figure* nngwe e e ka lebegang e na le sefatlhego sa motho mo go yone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable Speaker*, o ka nna mopaki wa gore fa ke tsena mo Palamenteng e ka 2019, re ne re utlwa karabo e e tshwanang fela e e fiwang ke *Honourable Minister*. Go ntse mme yo mongwe a le fale a bidiwa Philda Kereng, a araba fela jaana a re ba a *review*, e bile mo Palamenteng, *Bill* e tlaa goroga. A mme Tona, o ka tshephisa Ntlo e le Batswana gore wena le *ministry* wa gago ba ka solofela leng gore o bo o kgonne go dira *review* ya *compensation* yotlhe ka bophara?

O bua gore le eletsa go tokafatsa madi a le reng le a dira fela ka gore ga le tlamege go a neela batho, le bo le felela le ba neela P70, 000, kana ke sone se *the*

current policy e se buang gore ga ba tlamiwe ke sepe go duela P70, 000 ba neela e kete ke kutlwelobothoko. A mme wena fa o lebile o bona e tshwanetse go nna kutlwelobothoko fela e e tswang e le *gesture* ya Puso kana e nne se se tlamang? Puso ya gago e ikemiseditse seo? E bile fa e ikemiseditse seo e ikaelela gore e ya go lebelela *factors* dife tsa motho gore e kgone go ntsha madi a le akanyang go ka a lebelela? E tlaabo e lebelela eng le eng *policy* ya gago? Gakere le tswetsetse le mo go yone, jaanong e ka lebelela eng le eng? Gongwe fa o ka re babisa ditsebe ra ipaakanya, fa e le gore setšhaba se a *contribute towards it*, ba nne le seabe gore go lebeletse se le se. Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Gongwe ke supe *Honourable* Hikuama gore karabo e ga e tshwane le karabo ya ga Philda Kereng e a kileng a e fa. *This one is completely different* ka gore e bile ke go bolelela gore *we are at the tail end*, tota re a digela. Maloba e rile fa ke go araba gone fa ke ile ka re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo re tlile go boela kwa go lona. Le gompiano ke santse ke rialo gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo ke santse ke tlile go boela kwa go lona. Jaaka ke bua le wena, ke tshwere *draft* ya *Cabinet Memorandum which I am working on*, go bona gore a e bua sone se Batswana ba se eletsang. Ke sone se re leng mo go sone gompiano mme jaaka ke bua, re tlaa kgona go wela mo bogautshwaneng.

Re ka nna le mathata fela gore kana jaaka ke bua ka *establishment of the fund* e ke e buisanang gape le ba *Finance*, re ka nna le tiego ka gore *fund* e go raya gore e tlaabo e tsaya madi kwa e tlaabong e a tsaya teng kwa le kwa. *Takeoff* e ka nna ya nna bonya *in terms of* go duela ka fa re eletsang ka teng re santse re lebile gore *fund* e e tshwanetse *to accumulate* e tle e re thuse go tlatsa. *Takeoff may be slow* ka gore o ka nna wa fitlhela gore fa madi re dumalane ka go oketsa jaaka re tlaa dumalana, e le gore nako e yotlhe re ntse re tshela ka *arrears* ka gore re ne re sa kgone go duela batho botlhe ka gore madi a ne a tlhabela, go ka nna ga felela e le gore gongwe fa re simolola go nna bonya gore ba le saletseng kwa moragonyana palo ya lona e a gola *until this fund* e kgona go re thusa.

Ga re a leba yone fela, re na le Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), re na le kakanyo ya gore re tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e tle e kgone go thusa ka madi a

compensation. Tota maikaelelo e le gone go dira se e leng go leka go thusana le Batswana gore ba goroge golo gongwe.

Se re tshwanetseng go se ela tlhoko *Honourable* Hikuama ke gore ga go na *figure* epe e e ka lekanang botshelo jwa motho *because* ga bo na theko. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, P70, 000 jaaka ke bua, ke madi a e seng one gotlhelele mme jaaka re tswetse ka go buisana, re tlaa ya go goroga golo gongwe kwa e leng gore le fa re ka goroga teng, ga re ka ke ra akanya gore re rekile motho kana ke madi a a lekaneng go reka motho. *No, we will still be far from thinking* gore golo mo go ka reka botshelo jwa motho. Se o tshwanetseng ke go se itse ke gore, re ya go leka ka bojotlhe gore go nne botoka. Ga ke ka ke ka *commit to figure* e o e buang wena, e ka nna nngwe ya *figures* e tlaa reng fa re ntse re di sekaseka e bo e le teng foo go bona gore e ka raya eng. *Any figure* tota ga e reye sepe, ka gore botshelo jwa motho ga bo ka ke jwa rekwa. Ra re go tshwanelwa ke gore go nne le sengwe se se ka gomotsang.

Jaanong wa re kana ke *ex-gratia* fela, ke ga kutlwelobotlhoko, *can we make it compelling*. Kana o a itse gore ga gona mo go a teng e re motho fa a ntile le one mathata ao, go bo gotwe P70, 000.00 yo o ntseng a ntshiwa yo ga a ntshiwe ka gore *it is not compelling*. Ga re ise re nne le seemo seo, mongwe le mongwe yo o nnileng le mathata a a ntseng jaana, P70, 000.00 yo o dule. *Figure* nngwe le nngwe e re tlaa yang kwa go yone e tlaa tswa, go ntse go bidiwa gotwe *ex-gratia*, *because ex-gratia* yo o raya gore tota fela ga gona ka fa o kareng botshelo jwa motho o ka bo duela ka bokae. Ke gone go utlwa botlhoko.

TRANSCRIPTION OF KEY POLICIES, PIECES OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTION INTO BRAILLE

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security if Government has plans to ensure that key policies, programmes and pieces of legislation and the Constitution will be transcribed into Braille and other accessible formats for visually impaired persons to enhance their participation in governance and civic life.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole ke tlhalose gore, gore batho ba kgone gore ba fitlhelele kitso epe ke tshwanelo ya bone. Goromente wa letsatsi o na le maikaelelo a go bona gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe go sa kgathalesege, seemo sa gagwe a kgone gore a iphitlhele le ene a kgona go fitlhelela kitso epe e e leng teng. Se se tsamaelana le ditshwanelo tsa batho ba ba nang le bogole.

Se ke ka se buang ke gore, Goromente a tshwaragane le ba a dirisanyang le bone, re dirile gore mekwalo mengwe batho ba kgone gore ba e fitlhelele. Jaaka ke riana fa, ka gore fa gongwe o fitlhela motho fa gongwe fa o bua ba ganetsa re tshwere *Budget Speech* e e kwadilweng ka thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo, le mekwalo e e farologaneng ka go tlatlologana ya gone. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore *braille* e na le botlhokwa jo bo kwa godimo, ka gore jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa batho ba le bone ba kgone gore ba bone *information*. Re tshwanetse gore re lemoge gape gore, re batla gore re simolole re dirise maranyane, ka e bile a ditlhathwa tse di kwa tlase gore batho ba kgone gore le bone ba fitlhelele *information*. Se ke ka go se bolelang ke gore re tshwaragane le ba Attorney General's Chambers, ba Botsogo le *Basic Education*, re dirile gotlhe mo re ka go kgonang gore re baakanye seemo se, mongwe le mongwe *regardless of whether you are visually impaired* a kgone gore a nne le *access to* kitso. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: Supplementary. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mohwasa. Ke tsaya gore ke boammaaruri re Puso ya ditshwanelo. O tlhalose e ke sa itseng gore a o tlaa kgona go e araba mo bojaanong ya gore, ka re gaufi le go baakanya Molaomotho, a e tlaa re le one fa o tla o tlaa tla o le mo seemong se se ntseng jalo sa puo e ya batlhokapono. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Maloba le fa re ntse re tswetse motlotlegi re ntse re dira *consultation* le batho ka *Constitutional Court*, ba ne ba bua ba itumela ka gore ditshwanelo tsa bone di ntse di sa kgone gore ba di fitlhelele. Ba itumelela se ka gore seemo se sa *Constitutional Court*, se tlaa ba thusa mo goreng le bone ba kgone gore ditshwanelo tsa bone ba di fitlhelele. Ke tsaya gore fa re santse re emetse *Constitutional Review*, *Constitutional Court* e tlaa ba thusa mo diemong tse.

Se ke ka go se bolelelang ke re *Constitution* fa re e dira, re tlaabo re e direla mongwe le mongwe. Re tsaya gore botlhe ba ba nang le seabe mo kgannyeng re tlaa rurifatsa gore ditshwanelo tsa botlhe di a sireletswa ka fa go tlaabong go tlhamaletse ka teng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MEDIE COAL MINE

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) the status of Medie Coal Mine following its closure; and
- (ii) whether there are any intentions to reopen the mine; and if so, how soon that would be.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Masama Coal Mine at Medie remains under care and maintenance, as efforts to engage and acquire new investors continue. Various parties that are involved in the mine continue to engage investors from different part of the world looking for a robust plan of ensuring that the mine's long sustainability post resumption. It should also be noted that there is an associated matter before the Courts, that is scheduled to be heard soon which therefore requires us to tread very carefully as we might interfere with the processes. Negotiations between the parties are an intricate process and still sensitive as wooing investors must be done on consideration of a win win basis for the country and for the investor in the long term. It is therefore, not advisable to put a definite time or date on this process and the subsequent resumption of operation. Nevertheless, the team are working in a very tight timeline with the intention to reach a sustainable deal intended to reopen the mine in the nearest future. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BOGATSU: Supplementary. Tank Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re mo go yone karabo e re e fiwang ke Tona, ke botse gore a mme go ne go se botoka gore go ka bo go kile ga ya go buiwa le *community* ya Medie *because that mine* e ne e le *lifeline* ya bone. Jaanong ka fa go ntseng ka teng o kare ke batho ba phuangantswe ga ba a bolelelwa sepe.

Ya bobedi potso e ka nna gore, go santse go na le *hangover* ya batho ba ba neng ba tsaya gore e santse e

le babereki ba gone kwa *more especially* ba *company* e gotweng ke Meropa Resources, ba ba dumelang gore ba phuangantswe. Tona, a go na le sengwe se o ka se ba bolelelang mo bogompionong ka seemo sa bone le *their former employer*; yo a neng a le *contracted* ke Minergy *to exploit* kwa Medie.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. *I think* ya gore re ye teng kwa Medie ke a e amogela, mme re e tseye mohago gore re ye go tlhalosetsa batho ba Medie gore go diragala eng. Eo, e ka tswa e le phoso *from our side*. *In terms of workers* gore re bolelele babereki gore go diragala eng ba ba neng ba na le tsholofelo mo moepong o o tswetsweng, jaaka ke bua kana *mine is under care and maintenance*, gape go na le dikgang tse di amang lekgotla. Ke belaela gore e ya gore ditshwanelo tsa babereki fa *mine* o tswalwa kana o le *under care and maintenance* tota *it is a matter before court*. *I would not want to engage much* mo go yone. A re emele *process* ya lekgotla e wele, gore re itse gore go tlaa ya jang go ya pele. Ke a leboga.

CROSS-BORDER CRIME

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:

- (i) steps his ministry intends to take to address cross-border crime in the absence of a fully functioning border patrol management authority;
- (ii) the reasons why the border patrol management authority has not yet been set up; and
- (iii) when his ministry intends to set it up or a similar agency in that respect.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tsaya gore rotlhe re ka dumalana gore go bothokwa gore go nne le lekgotla le le lebaganeng le tsa go sireletsa melelwane. Fa go ise go nne jalo, Botswana Defence Force (BDF) le mapodise ba santse ba tswelletse ka go bona gore go sireletswa melelwane. Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka gongwe a a gautshwanyane, go nna le thulaganyo ya gore ba fiwa *mandate* gore ba tlhokometse mo dikgaolong tse di ka nnang bo 5 Kilometers (kms) go tswa mo molelwane, mme go lebege e le se se diragalang mo mafatsheng ka bophara. Go lemoga se re tshwanetse gore re

tlhaloganye gore, bosinyi ga bo ka ke jotlhe bogolo jang jo e leng jwa mafatshe a a bapileng, ga gona mo batho ba ka kgonang ba le nosi.

Mo nakong e e sa tswang go feta mo bekeng e e neng e feta, re ne re laleditswe ke ba South African Defence Force, re ile go kopanela kwa Thohoyandou, kwa ba neng ba na le thulaganyo ya letsatsi la Armed Forces. E ne ya re re le gone koo ra nna le phuthego re na le Tona wa koo. Re ne ra dumalana gore, go a tshwanela gore re tshwaragane ka go na le dikgang tse di re tshwenyang re le mafatshe a a bapileng.

Potso e e latelang e botsa gore, jaanong re dira eng? Motho o ka tlhalosa gore, go na le tse re di abelanang tsa itshireletso le dikgang tse di amanang le gone ka kwa melerwaneng, le tsa *intelligence* jalo. Se sengwe gape ke gore, re tswelitse gore re nne re gakololana fa go na le matshosetsi a re a bonang, le tse dingwe tse di tsamaelanang le tsa *security*. Fa godimo ga moo, re dumalane gore o tlaa ya go bua le ba gabone ba *security cluster*; le rona re bue le ba garona, mo dibekeng tse pedi re ye go kopana. Maikaelelo ke gore re kopanele kwa Mahikeng go bua ka dikgang tse. Jaaka le itse gore gompiano re na le mathata a Tlhako le Molomo a a tlhagileng ka kwa Aferika Borwa, mme e bile matshosetsi a mantsi gare ga mafatshe a rona a mabedi a supega e le gone ka fa letlhakoreng le le ka fa la ga Morolong.

Fa re ntse re le kwa Aferika Borwa kwa re neng re solofetse gore gongwe re ka bo re tsamaila le Rre Mokgware mme a se ka a kgona ka o ne a goroga, o ne a ntse a le mo mosepeleng. Re ne ra kopana le *Border Management Authority* mme ra bua ka dikgang tse di mmalwa tse di amang mafatshe a mabedi. Ra ba ra buisanya le bone gore go a tlhokafala gore re simolole go nna le melerwane e e berekang 24 *hours*, ka gore Batswana le ba ba rwalang dithoto ba fetela koo. Fa go tswalwa jaana go dia metsamao ya batho le dithoto. Mo go tlhokafala gore go baakanngwe go tokafatsa tirisanyo fa gare ga mafatshe a mabedi. Se ke ka se buang gape ke gore, maabane re letse re le kwa Kasane, re ntse re ile go kopana le ba sepodise, e le ba sepodise sa mafatshe a marataro a a ka kwano. A Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe le Aferika Borwa, kwa re neng re ya go bua ka dikgang tsa tshireletsego. E le tsa diphuthego tsa mapodise a mafatshe ao. Tse ke tse re di lebeletseng go

leka go bona gore re tokafatsa jang tirisanyo, le gore re lwantshe bosinyi le go tlhoka tsebe. Re tshwanetse go tlhalosa gore, go dira lekgotla le rraetsho a le buang, ga se kgang e e motlhofo, e batla gore go nne le tiro e e tseneletseng. Maikaelelo a gone go dira jalo ke gore go kopakopanye dikgang tse gompiano di ntseng di dirwa ke ba BDF, Botswana Police, DIS, *Immigration* le bo Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). Jaaka gompiano kwa South Africa, ba di tsere ba di kopanya jaana, bale foo. Ba dira golo go le gongwe fela, mme di tsene di le *under Home Affairs*. Se ke ka se buang ke gore, gompiano re lebeletse go bona mothale o re ka o dirang, o o dirang gore re dire tse tsotlhe re tshwaragane re le Puso. Ka fa go ntseng ka teng, tiriso ya methale e mesha le botsipa jo bosha jo batho ba bo dirisang gone kwa melerwaneng, go tshwanelwa ke gore jaanong le rona re fetole ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng. Jaanong fa go ntseng jalo re tlaa buisanya le ba re dirang mmogo go bona gore re dira jang ka itshireletso, le gore a re ka se ke re lebelele tiro e o e buang, mogopolo wa gore re ka nna le *Border Management Authority*, jaaka mafatshe a mangwe a simolotse go dira. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members. Let us go to the Appropriation.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

ORGANISATION 0200-MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

(Resumed Debate)

...Silence...

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, when the House adjourned earlier today, the Honourable Minister for State President, Defence and Security was still on the floor replying to the debates and he is left with 20 minutes. Honourable Minister.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Modulasetilo, ke ne ke tsamaya mo

dikarabong tsa ga Rre Mosanana. Rre Mosanana o ne a bua gore, kana lephata le lebagane le dikgang tse di amanang le *monitoring*. A ngongorega gore maphata a Puso go lebege e le gore *projects* ka bo tsone ga di dirwe ka nako, e bile go na le tshenyetso-setšhaba e ntsi mo go ntsheng ditiro tsa go nna jaana. Se ke ka se mo gakololang fela ke gore, selo se ga se gore ga re se ele tlhoko, mme e bile ke maikaelelo a Puso go diragatsa dikgang tse tsa gore re lebelele gore *projects* di dirwa ka nako, e bile *within budget*.

E nngwe o ne a bua ka kgang ya P100 *billion*, a bua gore mo nakong e e fetileng go na le batho ba ba neng ba ntsha madi, go ne gatwe go ntshitswe madi, ba jele madi a setšhaba, le gore dikgang tseo di tshwanetse go salwa morago. E ne ya re maloba fa re le fa ka kgwedi e ya *January* e e neng e feta, re ne ra tlhalosa fa e le gore kgang e e mo makalaneng ka go farologana a a tsentseng bo Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), le DCEC. Ba santse ba e lebeletse. Le a itse gore kgang e fa e simolola jaaka ke tlhalositse, go ne gotwe madi a tserwe. Ba ba tsereng maikarabelo a madi ba tlhalosa gore, ga ba a tsaya madi a go nna jalo. *So*, ga se kgang e re e tlogetseng, ka gore se se teng ke gore, boammaaruri bo tshwanetse ke gore bo tswele kwa ntle.

O ne a bua gape gore, BDF Day le Police Day di a tura, e bile di tshwanetse gore di se ka tsa nna teng. Kgakololo ya gago motlotlegi ke e maleba. Mme o tlaa dumalana le nna gore, ngwaga o o ntseng o feta o go ne go sena Police Day le BDF Day. Ngwaga o ga gona Police Day le BDF Day, ka go amogela diemo tse re iphitlhelang re le mo go tsone tsa madi.

E nngwe e ke neng ke bua ka yone, o ne a bua gore bobegadikgang jwa Puso bo fitlhela e le gore jaanong ga ba dire ka gore go na le dikgang tsa *overtime*. Ke re, kana mathata a *overtime* ke mathata a amang Puso yotlhe. Jaanong re tshwanetse go amogela gore le fa go ntse jalo...ke sone se re dumelang gore, *the nature* yotlhe ya bobegadikgang *is such that* ga o ka ke wa kgona go iphitlhela e le gore *you subject them to* Public Service Act, ka gore tiro ya bone ga e tshwane. Ga gona kwa o ka emang o bo o re, dikgang di fedile jaanong, a go tšhaisiwe. Jaanong ke tsone tse ke tsayang gore, jaaka re dirile kompone e re neng re e bua, e ke neng ke e tlhalosa ya 1966 Media Services, di tlile go tla di kgona go re thusa, re bo re ka kgona go fokotsa gore...

yone le *public broadcaster* e bo e ka tswelela e ipeile mo go Goromente gore ba ka fiwa madi. Fa madi a seyo ga gona gore o ka dira jang. Ga o ka ke wa re, nnyaa bale ba tseye *overtime*, ba bangwe ba se ka ba di tsaya. Re amogela gore seemo se ba berekelang mo go sone ga se tshwane le makalana a mangwe. Mme fela a re amogeleng gore, madi ga a lekana.

O ne o bua ka ba *disaster management*. Ngwaga le ngwaga ba neelwa *five million Pula*, mme ke ka bua gore madi a a leng teng mo nakong ya gompiano mo letloleng la bone ke *P23 million*.

Motlotlegi Nkawana, mogolole le fa a seyo, ke tsaya gore kwa a teng o reeditse mo *radio*, mme o ne a bua gore go tshwanetse gore go fokotswe madi a a neelwang Lephata le la *State President, Defence and Security*. Ke tsaya gore karabo ya gagwe e ne ya tla, Rre Mokgware o ne a feta ka yone kgantele a re sesole le sepodise, le didirisiwa tsa bone, ke didirisiwa tse e leng gore ka bo tsone di lopa madi a mantsi, le gone go ba tlamela. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, le tshwanetse gore le amogele, go tshwanetse gore go nne go tswelele go dirisiwa madi a mantsi mo sesoleng.

Le tshwanetse le amogele kana BDF ngwaga o kooteng motho o ne a kile a bona Mopalamente mongwe a bua nako nngwe a re BDF e ya go reka *equipment* le difofane, ga go na difofane tse BDF e yang go di reka ngwaga o. Ke bo ke tlhalosa gape gore madi a a yang go dirisiwa gompiano, ke madi a a yang go duelela tse di tlaa bong di setse tse re neng re di fitlhela...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tsa boswa?

MR MOHWASA: Ee, tsa boswa.

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

MR MOHWASA: Jaaka gompiano jaana o ja boswa gakere. Jaanong boswa ga bo re sepe, go tswa fela gore o bo dirisa jang.

Se ke neng ke re ke le se bolelele fela ke gore bagaetsho, re tshwanetse re amogele gore BDF ka bo yone, gompiano fa gotwe go na le ngwana o wetse mo kae, go na le mathata, ke yone BDF e e leng gore re a e bitsa, e dira ditiro tse di ntsi tse e leng gore *ordinarily other departments* ga ba di dire. Re tshwanetse re amogele, re tlamele masole. Jaanong ke ne ke re le ye go lebelela

gape *budget*, le bone gore madi a ya go dirisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ga go na maikaelelo ape a go ya go reka ditlhabani tsa ntwana tsa BDF. *So*, fa gongwe re nne re tlhodumela pele ga re ka tla re kgala.

E nngwe e ne ya bua ka batho ba ba tshelang le bogole gore ba lebagane le dikgwetlho tse di farologaneng, ke ne ke re ke gakolole gape gore ee, go ntse jalo re a amogela, mme kana le a itse gore le gompiano jaana le mo go feng batho ditiro, go na le *affirmative action* e e diretsweng batho ba ba tshelang le bogole. Fa godimo ga mo, le mo phirong go na le *affirmative action* e e dirwang ke ba DPSM mo bathong ba ba tshelang ka bogole. Re se ka ra e baya jaaka e kete dilo tse ga go na sepe se se dirwang.

O ne a bua gore madi a tshwanetse a ye kwa Botswana Police Service (BPS) e seng DIS le BDF. Mogolole o ne a re ke bue gore o teng; mogolole Rre Nkawana jaanong o gorogile. Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose bagaetsho gore madi a, a teng...

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

MR MOHWASA: O se ka wa ba wa nkgaganya le Nkawana wena.

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

MR MOHWASA: Jaanong madi a teng a a neetsweng BDF jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, ke a go ba tlamela. Ke tshwanetse ke le gakolole bagaetsho, ke tsaya gore fa masole jaaka ke ne ke rile re kopile gore ba tle kwano ba kopane le komiti ya ga Mme Dow, ba tle ba kopane le lona le le *General Assembly*, ba tlaa le tlhalosetsa ka fa ba dirang ka teng gore le amogele ka fa ba dirang ka teng. Fa re ka tsaya tshwetso re le setshaba gore ga re kgone *to capacitate* BDF, nako e re tlaa tlang jaanong re iphitlhela re le mo diemong tse di sa nngang sentle, re bo re simolola re *build capacity*, go ya go re turela, *because even the people* ba e leng gore gongwe ba ka bo ba na le botsipa joo, ba tlaabo ba se teng gore ba ka bo fetisetsa kwa go ba ba teng. Go tlaabo go tshwana le simolola *army* seshu, *it will be much more expensive*. Jaanong se se teng ke gore, re tshwanetse *to equip ourselves* ka dilo tse di tlaa bong di tsamaelana le nako e re tlaa bong re tshelela mo go nang le thokgamo, e seng fela go bo gotwe re se ka ra dira BDF gore e ka tla ya thusa.

Gompiano jaana go na le *project* e e leng gore re ne re ntse re bua ka yone, ya kwa Plaatjan, yone ya bo Lucas.

A re BDF e se ka ya fiwa madi, mme gompiano ke yone e re tlaa bong re dira *tendering* gape kwa go yone gore e thuse gone ka koo.

Gompiano jaaka ke ne ke bua gore kwa Mass Media...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order! Mr Speaker.

MR MOHWASA: ...go na le didiba tse pedi tse di dirilweng, di epiwa ke bone ba BDF ba thusa lephata le lengwe la Puso, mme ba ntse ba thusa le maphata a mangwe a Puso ka go epa didiba. Jaanong e a thusa BDF mo ditseleng tse di farologaneng.

O ne a bua ka *independence of the DCEC*, ke ne ke tsaya gore batlotlegi le badile fa re bua. Re tlhalositse gore maikaelelo ke gore re dire gore DCEC e ikemele. E bile mo teng re tlhalositse gore re batla gore e nne ka tsela e e leng gore e tlaabo e sa tlhole e le mo seemong sa gompiano. *So, we are doing something in that regard, and* ga re dire ka gore la rialo, re dira jalo ka gore *it is out of conviction* ya rona ya go dumela gore e tshwanetse e ikemele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: E nngwe e ne e le ya ga Rre Phologolo, o ne a bua ka thulaganyo, ke tsaya gore ke arabile, e a neng a bua ka batho ba ba tshelang le bogole. Le rona *our attitudes* gompiano o fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe re na le dikgwebo, ba bangwe gone fa ba na le dikgwebo, ba na le ka fa e leng gore *they influence* dilo ka teng, mme ga ba kgone gore le mafelo a ba direlang mo go one le ditlamelo tse di mo dikgaolong tsa bone, ba leke gore ba bue le batho gore e nne fa e leng gore le batho ba ba tshelang le bogole ba kgone *to access them* motlhofo. A re tshwaraganeleng thulaganyo e rotlhe, re se ka ra baya fela mo go Goromente.

A bo a bua gore IEC e ne ya felela e tshosetsa ba ba neng ba e isa *court*, a bo a bua gore ba tlaa se ka ba letlelelwa go ema mo ditlhopong tsa 2029. A bo a re go tshwanetswe gore go tsewe madi a e leng gore ba a duetswe a busetswe kwa go bone ka gore ba ne ba lwantsa seemo se se neng se sa diragala sentle. Ke tsaya gore maikutlo a gago a utlwetse Mokwena.

E nngwe e e latelang ke ya ga Rre Morolong, tota o pelobotlhoko, e bile go nna sebete se molangwana ga gagwe ga go simolole gompiano, fa e sale fela ngogola

a ntse a lela ka gore ditlhabololo ga di a isiwa kwa Kgatleng. Fa ke gakologelwa, ke tsaya gore go na le ditlhabololo tse di isitsweng kwa Kgatleng, gongwe mokaulengwe o ka bo a bua fela gore ga di a lekana jaaka a ne a solofetse. Se ke se buang ke gore, fa re le mo kgaolong yone eo ya Kgatleng, maikaelelo ga se gore re ka nna le kgaolo nngwe e e tlogelwang kwa ntle. Dikgaolo tsotlhe di mo teng, jaaka le wena o itse Rre Morolong, maikaelelo a rona re tlaabo re tlhabolola re le Puso re sa lebelela gore a ke kgaolo ya kganetso kana ke ya phathi e e busang, re tsaya Batswana ka go lekalekana.

Se ke ka se buang gape, Rre Morolong o ne a bua ka dikoloi. Ke tsaya kang e ya gore go fiwa *escort to dikoloi tsa cash in-transit*, re gakologelwe gore le bone ba sepodise go na le bone ba *business*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa tlhaloso *Honourable*.

MR MOHWASA: Ba e bileng ba ntsha dikoloi fa ke sa fose kana di ne di le 12 kana di le kae, *if not more*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa tlhaloso.

MR MOHWASA: Tlaa ke leke go digela, nako e a mpolaya mokaulengwe. Ba leka gore ba thuse gore go se ka ga turela Puso mo go kalo. Kana sengwe le sengwe fa le se dira, *you assess*, a bo le bona gore a mme thulaganyo e le ntseng le e dira, a e siame, fa e le gore le bona gore le tshwanetse le fetole golo gongwe, le fetole. Ke tsaya gore ba sepodise ba tlaa reetsa kang e.

Kgang e nngwe ke ya Mmathubudukwane Police Station e shele, e sale e tlogetswe, ga e ise e twe sepe. Ke tsaya gore le tlaa amogela, tota gompiano go santse go na le leshekere, mme ke tsaya gore go na le puisanyo e e tswelatseng fa gare ga lephata le ba *Finance* gore go ka dirwa jang ka *police station* ya go nna jaana.

Ga go na mosola re ntse re neela batho *tenders*, re ntsha *purchase orders*, mme fa gotwe duelang, re bo re simolola re kalola matlho. Re tshwanetse re itse gore fa re sa kgoneng teng bagaetsho, ga re ka ke ra tswelela re ntse re *procure* mme madi one a seyo.

O ne a bua gore mapodise ga ba *unionised* mme re tshwanetse gore re ba babalele. Ke tsaya gore re itse diemo tse mapodise a berekalang mo go tsone,

dikgwetlho tsa bone le ba bo *prisons* le masole. Dilo tse ga se gore ga re di itse, e bile ke mathata a re a fitlhelang a e leng gore re tswelela re ntse re a sekaseka. Re tshwanetse go itse gore mme fa re fitlhela mathata a ntse jalo, ga go ka ke ga reela gore re se ka ra leka go baakanya mathata a. Mo dikgweding tse di lesome gongwe le botlhano, ke tsone tse di fetileng, re a leka fa re ka kgonang teng gore re baakanye seemo se.

O ne a bua gape Rre Morolong ka *procurement* kwa DIS, re tlhalositse gore re leka go baakanya tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang, jaaka re bua gore re ya go dira dikomiti tse di tlhokafalang tsa DIS, go bona gore *the necessary oversight* e nna teng go bona gore dilo di dirwa sentle kwa DIS. Ke tlhalositse gore ga se gore ga re itse ka selelo sa batho ka DIS, re a itse ka selelo se.

Ya bofelo e ne e le Mokaulengwe Lesedi, a re o ne a leboga ba *Disaster*, ba ne ba tsamaela kwa kgaolong ya gagwe ya Motshegaletau go tla ka dikgang tse di amanang le tsa *disaster* gone koo, kwa lefatshe le neng le ranyega teng. Re tlaa tswelela re ntse re ya fa re kgonang ka teng re ya go baakanya diemo ba ga rona. A bo a re o kopa gore a go duelwe ba *police*, a bo a re go duelwe le ba DIS le ba BDF ba e leng gore bangwe ba ne ba ile *court*.

Fa ba ile go itsheka jaana, ga ba duelwe mme go dirilwe *orders*. O bolelela ruri, selo se se tona ke go tlotla *orders*. Fa gongwe e a bo e se gore ga le tlotle *orders*, e a bo e le gore *you are not able to perform*, le sena madi a go ka duela. Ga e ka ke ya re le Puso e e tlotlang molao le thokgamo, re bo re palelwa. Se se teng ke gore, le tshwanetse le tlhaloganye gore fa re le fa jaana, re emetse batho bao. Ga re a tshwanela gore batho ba rona ba lela, re bo re ka palelwa ke go rekegela maikutlo a bone.

Ke tsaya gore fa ke tlhalositse jalo ke kopa, *Mr Chairperson, if you allow me*, ke tsene mo *conclusion* ke bale ka Sekgoa. *Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2026/2027 proposed budget for the Ministry of State President, Defence and Security. I therefore move that the sum of P13,050,492,660 for the Recurrent Budget and P1,197,742,917 for the Development Budget stand as part of the Schedule of the Appropriation Bill 2026/2027. I therefore move accordingly Mr Chairperson.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members.

Question put and **agreed to.**

ORGANISATION 0300 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE

MR CHAIRPERSON: Let us go to Organisation 0300. Order! Order! Honourable Members, please note that two hours, 10 minutes have been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 5:15 p.m. and the question will be put at 1645 hours. So, I may slightly revise these times. I call upon the Minister of Finance, Your Honour the Vice President (VP), you have only 20 minutes.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Chairperson. When I stood before this Honourable House last year to present the Committee of Supply proposals, I outlined a series of institutional weaknesses, fiscal pressures, and structural reforms that were necessary to halt financial haemorrhaging, restore fiscal discipline, and reposition the Ministry of Finance as a steward of prudence, transparency and national renewal. Those concerns were real, urgent, and consequential for the stability of our country.

Mr Chairperson, earlier this month, in presenting the 2026/2027 Budget under the theme “A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence,” I reported extensively to this House on the progress made in stabilising Government systems, strengthening oversight institutions, enforcing expenditure controls, advancing public finance management reforms, and inaugurating the 12th National Development Plan (NDP) 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

The Budget Speech deliberately marked a transition from diagnosis to delivery, from acknowledging fragility to demonstrating reform in motion.

Mr Chairperson, it would therefore serve little purpose for me to repeat in detail matters that have already been comprehensively addressed in the Budget Speech. The stabilisation measures, the tightening of procurement controls, the centralisation of Government Purchase Orders (GPO), the on-going reforms to our

legislative framework, the performance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) under the ministry, and the broader macro-economic strategy have all been presented to this House and the nation.

Mr Chairperson, with that focus firmly in mind, I will briefly highlight the major initiatives for 2026/2027 financial year under the themes of Macroeconomic Stability and Resilient Fiscal Reforms, Public Systems and Governance, the Performance of SOEs, and the Strengthening of Financial Sector Laws.

I will then turn to Budget proposals for the ministry for 2026/2027 financial year.

MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Reorganising the Structure and Functions of the Ministry of Finance

The first is reorganising the structure and functions of the Ministry of Finance. We have undertaken a bold and strategic step, in collaboration with specialised institutions, Governments and development institutions, to reorganise the structure and functions of the Ministry of Finance, transforming it into a modern, high-performing institution capable of delivering its mandate with excellence. This reform process will continue into the 2026/2027 financial year. Through this reorganisation, we are repositioning the ministry to serve as the anchor of Government, driving fiscal discipline, safeguarding macroeconomic stability, guiding strategic resource allocation and supporting long-term national prosperity.

One of the other initiatives is one around cost containment, I will not get into it, we have talked about it in the Budget Speech.

Corruption Management Initiatives

The other is corruption management initiatives, which entails a three-year Corruption Detection and Prevention Strategy that commenced in 2025/2026.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The other initiative has to do with the monitoring, evaluation and review of all projects in conjunction with the National Planning Commission. Again, I will not go into that.

MACROECONOMIC STABILITY AND RESILIENT FISCAL REFORMS

On macroeconomic stability and resilient fiscal reforms we are determined Mr Chairperson, to modernise our collection systems. I will not go into that either.

The BURS indeed is modernising our tax administration to close the tax gap and build a fair, transparent, and competitive revenue system.

Financial Inclusion

Mr Chairperson, we also are working and will continue working on financial inclusion in accordance with the National Financial Inclusion Strategy that stretches to 2030, and this will include some of the work we have done with the support of the World Bank through the financial sector strategy.

In parallel with that, the ministry is developing a Secured Transactions Framework, building on the 2022 Movable Property Act and Collateral Registry to expand access to finance, enable longer-term credit and diversify lending products.

There is work we are doing Mr Chairperson, on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) in accordance with the Financial Intelligence Act, 2022, and putting it into operation. That includes strengthening an operationalisation of the National Coordination Office, which continues to enhance Botswana's AML/CFT/CPF framework through risk assessments, outreach, policy reforms and preparations for the 2027 Mutual Evaluation, despite our resource challenges.

Mr Chairperson, I do not have to belabour, much has been discussed around the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) through Secretariat. It is ringfenced at the Ministry of Finance.

Mr Chairperson, in respect to public system and governance, there is ongoing work through digitalisation and this includes;

- Payroll Management System and streamlining access to payslips and tax certificates;
- National e-Procurement System.
- National Retail Payment Switch.

- Bank of Botswana Banking Services Digitalisation.

Mr Chairperson, there is work ongoing to strengthen our State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) that has been talked to and all the other SOEs under the Ministry of Finance, including the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), Statistics Botswana, the National Development Bank (NDB), where we will be amending some of the archaic provisions of their law.

There is work Mr Chairperson, at the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) entailing the development of the Botswana Mercantile Exchange (BME), which we expect to launch in March. This will position Botswana as a regional commodities hub with listings from Zambia, Malawi and Ghana. The BSE is also establishing the Tshipidi National SME Fund, targeting P1 billion to support start-ups and SMEs.

There is work ongoing Mr Chairperson, to strengthen the Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) and Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA).

There are laws that will be coming through Mr Chairperson, including operationalisation of The Banking Act, 2023, which expands bank categories and establishes what is called the Banking Appeals Tribunal. A new Payments System Law will replace the 2003 Act to support innovation and resilience. Government will also table four Tax Bills to simplify compliance and align with global standards, review Insurance Industry Act and introduce the Health Insurance Bill. Parliament has already passed the Medical Aid Funds Act, 2025, with regulations nearing publication to strengthen our health funding.

Mr Chairperson, the Recurrent Budget allocation for the 2025/2026 financial year is Three Billion, Fifty-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Pula (P3 055 755 260). Expenditure as at 20 February 2026, stood at Two Billion, Five Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, One Hundred and One Thousand and Thirty Pula (P2 587 101 030) or 85 per cent.

The largest share of the Recurrent Expenditure Budget was allocated to Tertiary Education Tuition Fees vote at One Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine

Hundred and Ten Pula (P1 746 782 910) or 96 per cent as at 20 February 2026.

On the other hand, the ministry total revenue collection was at Sixty-Eight Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Pula (P68 854 905 961) or 85 per cent, against the revised estimated revenue of Eighty-One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Pula (P81 177 407 770).

Mr Chairperson, the level of expenditure for the Development Budget as at 20 February 2026, stood at One Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-One Pula (P145 499 661) or 22 per cent of the revised budget. A slow spending was a result of an unspent budget of P523 614 660 due to Government financial constraints.

PROPOSED MINISTRY BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Mr Chairperson, allow me to now present details of the Ministry of Finance's 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for consideration by this Honourable Committee.

Mr Chairperson, I request a total of One Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Three Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ten Pula (P1 533 661 810), which represents a decrease of Two Billion, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Pula (P2 186 581 170) or 59 per cent against the revised budget from 2025/2026.

The requested budget represents Recurrent Budget of One Billion, One Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1 140 549 410) and a Development Budget amounting to Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, One Hundred and Twelve Thousand and Four Hundred Pula (P393 112 400).

Mr Chairperson, the ministry has projected total revenues of Eighty-Seven Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-One Million, One Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Pula (P87 881 118 870)

for 2026/2027 financial year, reflecting an increase of Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Three Million, Seven Hundred and Eleven Thousand, One Hundred Pula (P6 703 711 100) or 8 per cent compared to the approved estimates of Eighty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Nine Hundred Pula (P82 326 416 900) for 2025/2026 financial year. The overall percentage increase is attributed to a relatively slight increase in revenue collected from major revenue items such as Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenue and Income Tax revenue, amongst others.

Recurrent Expenditure Budget

Mr Chairperson, I request the Honourable Committee to approve a total Recurrent Budget of One Billion, One Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1 140 549 410) for the financial year 2026/2027. This budget provision represents a decrease of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Million, Two Hundred and Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Pula (P1 915 205 850) or 63 per cent against warranted provision for the financial year 2025/2026.

Mr Chairperson, the major cost drivers in the recommended budget includes, amongst others, funding obligations for staff costs at the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty-Five. Nine Million (P485.9) and for SOEs at the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Six Million (P276 000 000).

The allocation also establishes an Anti-Money Laundering, (AML)/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/ Counter Financing of Proliferation (CPF) National Coordination Office to strengthen Botswana's efforts against money laundering and terrorism funding, in preparation for the 2027 Mutual Evaluation. In addition, provision has been made for the establishment of the Banking Tribunal, in line with the new Banking Act and Regulations that came into effect in August 2025.

Mr Chairperson, I wish to make the following proposals under the ministry's Departments for the Recurrent Budget:

(a.) **Ministry Headquarters-Organisation 0301** at Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Pula (P449,657,540)

(i) Statistics Botswana at One Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Pula (P142,384,380);

(ii) Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) at Seventy-Two Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Pula (P72,548,700);

(iii) Public Enterprises Evaluation Privatisation Agency (PEEPA) at Thirty Million Pula (P30,000,000);

(iv) Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority (BAOA) at Fourteen Million, Six Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula (P14,630,000);

(v) Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) at Ten Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pula (P10,500,000);

(vi) Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) at Five Million, Five Hundred and Ten Thousand Pula (P5,510,000).

(b.) **Office of the Accountant General-Organisation 0302;** A total allocation of Four Hundred and Thirty-One Million, Sixty Thousand, and Six Hundred Pula (P431,060,600) is proposed for this department.

(c.) Mr Chairperson, the remaining budget of Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy Pula (P259,831,270) will be distributed amongst five Departments of:

(i) Financial Intelligence Agency which is Forty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Pula (P48,324,350);

(ii) Internal Audit Department which is Fifty-Nine Million, Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Pula (P59,050,740);

(iii) Budget Department which at Seventy-Five Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Pula (P75,686,450);

(iv) Macroeconomic and Financial Policy Department which is Sixty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Ten Pula (P66,474,510)

(v) National Coordination Office - Organisation 0302 at Ten Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Pula (P10,295,220).

Mr Chairperson, the Development budget request is Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, One Hundred and Twelve Thousand and Four Hundred Pula (P393,112,400). These are distributed among Consultancies, Statistical Surveys and Studies, Infrastructure, Ministry of Finance Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Development and SOEs funding

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my ministry's presentation of 2026/2027 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals. I now move that the 2026/2027 Recurrent Budget in the sum of One Billion and One Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, and Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1,140,549,410) and that the Development Budget in the sum of Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, One Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred Pula (P393,112,400) be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the Estimates of financial year 2026/2027. I thank you

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Your Honour. Order Honourable members! The floor is open.

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Tona Rre Gaolathe go na le dingwe tse ke batlang go di gatelela gore o di tseye e le mofago. Go na le Sekgoa se se builweng ke bangwe, ga ke ka ke ka ba bua ka maina ba re, *if you cannot make measure it, you cannot manage it. I think you need to bring a culture mo public service ya gore fa re leng teng, we are all now going to be very strict ka targets and I had really wished re na le very clear targets that we spell out.* Fa re le kwa Finance and Estimates Committee, ba *ministry* wa gago ba tlile go re buisa ka *budget*, ke ne ka ba botsa gore

what are the biggest takeaways mo budget generally tse di supang gore this issue ya fiscal consolidation re e tsere ka tlhwaafalo? Ba ne ba nthaya ba re, ga ke batle go bua gore ofe mogolwane, ka maswabi mo go e tota ga di yo.

Re mo seemong se e leng gore dilo tse ditona tse pedi tse re tshwanetseng go di dira ke go fokotsa *deficit* le dikoloto, *but* re tsena mo *budget* e e leng gore re oketsa dilo tse pedi tsotlhe tse; re oketsa *deficit* le dikoloto. Jaanong fa re dira jalo, re tloga re dira gore mowa wa gore re mo dinakong tse di thata jaaka ke ka dirisa mafoko a gago, gore motsadi o a lwala, fa motsadi a lwala ke nako ya go fokotsa ditshenyegelo, mme le fa o ntsha molaetsa o ga go wele mo go ba o tsamaisang le bone.

Again, I want to borrow, I think it is Benjamin Franklin who said if you look after the pennies, the dollars will look after themselves. Ga re ise re tsene mo *mindset* wa gore re mo dingwageng tse di thata. O ka tlhalosa jang gore kwa Maun, Tona Mohwasa o tsere sefofane a ya go buisa khansale ka *Constitutional Court* a bo a boela Gaborone. Fa re sena go mo pega a tsamaya re bo re folosa Tona Ramaotwana a ya fa Kgotleng e tona *which is less than a kilometre (km) away*, a ya go bua ka *Constitutional Court*, botlhe ba tla ka babereki, ba boa ba pagama ba boela Gaborone. Fa re pega Tona Ramaotwana, re bo re amogela Tona Salakae ene ke kgweeletsa le ene fela fa Shorobe le ene a ya go bua ka *Constitutional Court*. *Never mind our opposition to the Constitutional Court*, a re tseneng fela mo go se se diragalang se gore se raya eng.

How do you explain gore maloba re ne re lebeletse go bulwa borogo kwa Kasane, Tona Salakae yo o lebaneng a le koo, mothusi wa gagwe le ene a le teng? *What are the two of them doing there?* O kgona go bona gore molaetsa wa gore go fokodiwe ditshenyegelo ga o wele mo ditsebeng tsa ba o berekang le bone.

Ke a bona gore Mme Mma Kgafela-Mokoka o tsosa modumo ka kgang ya teng, mme le ene ke ka botsa gore tota Tona wa Thuto ene kwa borogong o ne a batla eng...*(Interruptions)*...O kgona go bona gore ga go ise go wele mo bakaulengweng.

I support your initiatives tsa cost containment and did that reposing to the budget gore le *centralisation* ya

Government Purchase Order (GPO), *to the extent that* e fokoditse ditshenyegelo, ke e ema nokeng. Kana e ne e tshwanetse e nne selo sa nakwana gore le wena jaanong o le *ministry*, o *reform* gore go nne le *inbuilt mechanisms* tsa gore *over expenditure* e se ka ya nna teng. *System* e gane fela gore fa e le gore o tsenya gore o reka dipena *and per unit cost* ke P20, *system* e *reject*, go se ka gatwe re emetse gore *Finance* e *approve* gore a ke reke dipena kana nnyaa. *So, let us rethink it because* le fa re itumelela *the savings, the reality is that some departments* ba tlaa go bolelela gore re mo mathateng ka gore le tse e leng gore *they are genuine Government purchases*, go a pala, go nna bonya *and result* mo e leng gore o fitlhela *police station* e tletse dikoloi ka fa ntle tse di sa tsamaeng.

Ke batla go kopa sengwe gape gore, fa re bua le ka ya *corruption*, ke dumalana le wena le ka go bona gore madi a salwa morago jang gore a dirisiwa jang, ka fa le tlaabong le *investigate* ka teng. *Two things that I think you should really apply your mind over*, fa go na le bosupi jwa gore modirelapuso o tsere tshwetso e e latlhetseng Puso madi a mantsi, e se ka ya nna fela gore gotwe Puso e latlhegetswe ke kgang. Go buiwe gore ene yo o neng a tsaya ditshwetso tseo go diragetse eng ka ene. Kana Puso le fa e ka latlhegelwa ke kgang ka ditshenyegelo, nnyaa ba ba sentseng ba *smile* fela ba itse gore ga go reye sepe mo go bone. Ga re ka ke ra tlisa ngwao eo ya gore ga go reye sepe, gongwe go ne go sa reye sepe mo nakong e e fetileng fa motsadi e leng diteemane a tsogile sentle. Gompiano motsadi diteemane jaaka o ne o bua, o a lwala.

Ya bobedi mo go yone e ke gore, gongwe o simolole go leba melao gore fa go fitlhelwang tshenyo teng, re fetola melao efe gore go nne motlhofo gore tse di neng di itseetswe ke ba ba senyang di boele mo Pusong ka bonako. *I do not get a sense that this is happening*, o fitlhela e kete go bonya, ke gore le fa o ka bonwa molato wa fitlhelwa ka nyebenyebe ya madi wa lebiwiwa *charges*, o fitlhela kgantele re ntse re bona motho wa teng a akola tiriso ya dilo tsa teng. Ke a itse gore go na le melao ya bo *forfeiture*, *but you need to send a strong message* gore ba ba tsereng tsa tshenyo go tlaa nna le bothata gore ba di akole...

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Clarification.

Ke a leboga Leader of the Opposition (LOO) *for yielding*. Ke ne ke re gongwe o ka re thusa, ke e tle ke tshwenyega jaaka wena gore tota gone mme ke gore go ka tweng. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe gatwe bosupi ke jo, motho o sia ka madi, *court* e a mo golola. Ke raya gore fa o ka thusa gone foo, le tlaa intshwarela ke dumalana le LOO ka fa a e bayang ka teng.

MR SALESHANDO: Ga go molato Ramogapi go dumalana le nna, o kile wa tla *training* ka kwano dingwaganyana. Tota se ke se buang *Honourable* Ramogapi ke gore, ke dingwe tse ke kopang gore Tona a di lebelele go yeng kwa pele. Fa re bua ka *tax*, ke ne ka bua fa ke *respond to the budget* ka kgang e e tshwanang le bo *rebates*, bangwe ba matlhale ba ba kgonang go dirisa melao. A ko o e lebelele, go na le tse e leng gore gongwe bangwe ba falola go re duela makgetho a re ka bong re a dirisa go tlhabolola lefatshe, *I just want your assurance* gore o tlaa e sekaseka.

Ke batla go bua le ka kgang ya *Parliament Budget Office*, re bua re le nosi re le Palamente, *I think your ministry should partner with Parliament. It is in your interest*, go ka le thusa go nna le komiti ya Palamente e e lebaganeng le *budget* e tlhologanya gore go buiwa ka ga eng. Go nna le Mapalamente a a nang le kitso e e botoka, *partner with Parliament* e se ka ya nna gore ke *expense* ya *Parliament*. *It helps you to converse* le ba o nang le bone ba na le kutlwisiso e e gaufi le fa o leng teng. *In this regard*, ya go *strengthen budget* le Palamente, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model Law, ke utlwile bangwe fa re o bua ba tsholetsa lentswe gore re tlile go e gana, mme re tlaa e tlisa. SADC Model Law e ka re thusa *to adopt the Law on Finance Management*. E ka re thusa re le Mapalamente gore re sekaseke melao e mengwe e mentsi, gore re dira jang gore e tsamaelane le se mafatshe a mangwe a SADC a se dirang, gore *budgeting process* e nne more *transparent* mo nakong ya dikgwetlho tsa gompiano.

Ke ne ke tsere gore o tlaa bua sengwe ka *Sovereign Wealth Fund*, ke gakgametse ke botsa potso ka yone gotwe ga e ka fa tlase ga lephata la gago. Bangwe ga ba e tlhologanye, ke letse ke utlwa Tona mongwe a re ke gone kwa re tlaabong re tlogelela ba ba tlaa tsayang Puso morago ga rona madi teng. O bo o bona gore go lefifi, ga ba tlhologanye *Sovereign Wealth Fund*. Ke gakgamala gore go bo gotwe e ka tswa e le kwa Office of the

President (OP), *how? In fact*, ke ne ke gakgametse gore e bile le nako e go buiwang ka yone fa ke gakologelwa sentle, o ne o seyo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke bona e le ba ba kwa OP e bile ke setse ke bona batho ke ipotsa gore ba ba tsena jang mo dikgannyeng tse. Rra, ke a tshwenyega, fa e le gore lephata la gago le le nang le bokgoni, batho ba ba tshwereng dithuto le boitseanape jo bo ka re tsamaisetsang Sovereign Wealth Fund, ba kgaphetswe kwa thoko go ilwe kwa OP, *it will be a major gamble*, go ya go e tsaya fela o e latlhela kwa OP. *I hope you can say something about the Sovereign Wealth Fund and the role your ministry plays*, le gore e tsamaisiwa ka molao ofe *as we speak*. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Prince Mogorosi Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): *Thank you* Motsamaisa tiro...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Mosanana, re mo Committee Stage o mpitse Modulasetilo, Motsamaisa tiro o kare o raya gore re mo lenyalong.

MR MOSANANA: Ijoo, ee, ke a leboga Modulasetilo ka kgakololo eo le go mpha sebaka se. Ke simolole fela ka gore re a utlwa ka se Tona a se re beileng pele mme go na le matshwenyego a ke a bonang *Minister*. Sa ntlha o tlaabo o fitlhela kwa *departments* tsa ga Goramente, go sena *revenue collectors* ba ba tsayang madi a re a batlang, a re tshwanetseng go tsena ka one mo ditirong. Ke ka a fa sekai fela, go ntse go sena *revenue collector* kwa Kanye kwa Omang. E le gore batho ga ba thusiwe, ka ntata fela ya gore ga gona yo o ba duedisang, mme ka *Monday* fa ke tsene teng go ne gotwe o tsile, o kare sengwe le sengwe se tlaa boela mo maemong.

Ke go utlwa sentle fela *Minister*. Bagaetsho go na le mathata, go na le diemo tsa gore madi a felela a sa tshwarwa sentle, dilo dingwe di sa dirwa sentle ke badirelapuso, bogolo jang ba maemo a magolwane, go bo go sena dikgato tse di tsewang. Motho yo o kgonang go tseelwa dikgato ke *driver* a thudile ka koloi, a bo a duedisiwa. Motho wa Modimo gongwe e le gore o na le letsapa la go kgweetsa nako e e telele, a bo a bona *accident* go bo gotwe *you were careless, so you have to make good the loss*.

Kana *Minister* tiro ya lephata la gago ke go leka go tsoholosa itsholelo ya lefatshe, ke a itse gore go na le *finance officers* kwa *ministries*. Jaanong gompiano GPOs are centralised kwa *Ministry of Finance*, o bo o ipotsa gore tiro ya *finance officers* ke eng kwa *ministries* tseo. Go raya gore sengwe ba ne ba sa se dire sentle fa o bona go tsewa kwa go bone, ka gore *those are senior officers*. Kana motho ene ke motho, fa go tsewa o re o thiba ka fa, o bula ka fa o batla e nngwe phatlha e a ka tsenang ka yone. Ga ke itse gore a mme tota go dira jalo, GPOs di le *centralised*, ka ga se tsone fela tse di ntshang madi, a mme diphatlha tseo di tswalegile.

Ke na le letshwenyego Modulasetilo, mabapi le *tax collection*. Tse re di bonang kwa dikgaolong kwa ke tse o ka di gagamalelang, o fitlhela e le gore a *wholesale* e sena *swiping machine*, ka re *wholesale*.

Gape go na le *quarry* e nngwe gone kwa, kwa Moshaneng, e go tsewang *gravel* le mmu o o sedilweng ka diteraka, go duelwa madi a mantshi. Di tlhola di boaboa foo go duelwa madi a mantshi, letsatsi le letsatsi, a go tshipi, a go leng, ga go na *machine that swipes*, gatwe o romele madi ka *phone*, ka maranyane. Ke raya gore a golo mo go raya gore... a mme a ruri e seng gore batho ba... ba tshaba eng gore ba nne le *swiping machine*? Ba re batho ba tle ba tshotse madi ka dikgetsi, e seng jalo ba romele ka maranyane. *Something is fishy there*. Sengwe se teng. Golo mo re lekile go ba tsibosa le BURS gore, bagaetsho le nne le tšheka, le nne le re botsa gore le bona eng. Re tle re kgone go le thusa gore tsenang fale, tsenang fale, le leke go thiba diphatlha tse re di bonang. Le dishopho tsa maChina di le mo teng, ga ke ba ntshe ka lesolegolo, mme fela ba mo teng le bone.

Batho betsho, kana go na le matshwenyego a gore bagolo ba rona, batsadi ba rona ba tseelwa madi ke magodu, legale moo e a bo e le magotswanyana, mo go rayang gore sepodise sa rona le sone se a tlhela, a se okediwe, a bo ba thusiwe ka maroko jalojalo le ba sesole.

E e ntshwenyang le go feta ke ya gore, *when people retire* mo ditirong ba tseelwa *packages*. Ke ntse ke utlwa o bua ka lekalana la Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) Tona, mme ke re golo mo go a tshwenya. *They will target* motho, fela jaaka a sena go nna a latlhela, a ya go nna fa fatshe a santse a re *he/she is planning*, o tlaabo o utlwa kamoso gotwe, owaii! kana ba mo tsetse *package* ele yotlhe e ile. Ba e tsere bo ramatlhajana.

Ke re go laola gone mo ga ditheko a go tlatlamelwe thata, ka go supafala gore mo go ba rona ba ba neng ba tswa tota go ne go ithekelwa fela. E ne e le gore ke ga mmapereko fela, mongwe le mongwe o reka jaaka fa a rata.

Modulasetilo, Tona o buile ka *corruption*, e e leng gore ka fa a re bolelelang ka teng a re lekodisang, a re ba leka *to detect it* e ise e diragale. Seo ke a se lebogela thata Tona, gore go nne jalo, a e tseelwe ditshwetso tse di gagametseng. Sengwe se se teng ke gore, go na le dithoto tsa ga Goromente, *the unserviceable* tse di tlaabong di tsewa *and are piled outside*, kwa ntle fela mo *compound*. Di nna foo di nelwa ke dipula, di senyega, di itewa ke letsatsi, di bo di bola. Di sa rekisiwe gore Goromente a tle a bone sengwenyana se se botoka mo go tsone. Golo moo a go tlhagafalelwe, dilo tse di nne *disposed* di santse di ikutlwa.

Dikoloi tsa ga Goromente *are boarded*, di nna *write off*, go tsweng foo di tlaabo di tsewa *and are parked* kwa Central Transport Organisation (CTO) *for* dingwaga di sa rekisiwe. Di ya go tswa fa e le gore ga di sa tlhole le go tsamaya di ka itsamaisa fela, ke raya e gogwa, e le gore dithaere tsele jaanong e setse e le dibodu fela, ga go na tswelelopele mo go tsone.

Ke go utlwile fa o ne o bua ka *anti-money laundering and terrorism funding*. Ke re dikgang tse ke tse di tshwanetseng go emelwa ka dinao thatathata Tona. Kana fa e le gore ga re a ipaakanya, ga e ka ke ya re bagwebi ba re le kang go ba ngoka... babeeletsi ga ba ka ke ba tla kwa lefatsheng le e leng gore ga re a ipaakanya mo dikgannyeng tse tsa *terrorism funding* le bo *money laundering*.

Ke re go a bonala seemo rotlhe re a itse gore go maswe thata fela jaaka fa o bona gone mo Palamenteng ya rona Tona gompiano jaana go bereka *television* (tv) e le nngwefela, tse dingwe go raya gore di sule...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)..

MR MOSANANA: Tse tharo di kae, tse dingwe di kae?... (*laughter!*)... Go raya gone gore tota fela mme ke seemo se se sa nngang sentle, se re tshwanetseng go se emela ka dinao, re ipaakanye.

Fa ke wela Modulasetilo...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa e go tshwere.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge Motlotlegi *His Honour the Vice President*, mme e bile e le Tona wa Madi ka go bo a buile ka matsetseleko, e bile a re tsholetse itsholelo ka matsetseleko. Batswana ba a tle ba ba re, “hei! re ipetšheditse.” Tota ka boammaaruri re ipetšheditse. Re ipetšheditse ka gore o bua dikgang tse di mo *manifesto* wa rona, gore re tlaa aga itsholelo re dira mo gotweng ke *deep economy*. Re aga itsholelo e e boteng, e e nonneng. Mme itsholelo e e dira ditiro. Ditiro tse e di dirang e se tse di tlaabong di kgetholola. Ke go rata gone foo fa o re *inclusivity*, re dira ditiro re sa lebelele gore mang ke mang. Ba garona e a tle e re fa ke dira Bonno, fa ke re, nnyaa ke file motho mongwe kwa Kanye gore a dire ditiro, ba bo ba re, “nnyaa kana ke mo Domkrag.” Ba bangwe fa ke re, ke dirile ditiro tsa Bonno kwa Ramotswa ba bo ba ema ba re, “nnyaa kana ke mo UDC.” Re batla go dira ditiro tsa Batswana go sa lebelesege gore yo ke mang, yo o tswa kae. Fa re ka dira jalo Batswana ba tlaa re gopola.

Tiro e o e dirang kana e o e dirileng e e molemo ya *to centralise* GPOs e re boloketse madi a a seng kana ka sepe. E bile re a e lebogela. Go ne go na le tshenyo le *to spend* fela gore, nnyaa *we are spending*, mme rraetsho o e tshwere ka matsetseleko. Re e lebogela fela thata ka gore fa e ne e se yone *millions* tse di kanakana di ka bo di ile, ka gore re tshwere ka thata go bona gore itsholelo e re a e baakanya.

Kgang ya gago ya *cost containment*, ga o e bue fela, ga o e rere fela. Re dumalane, re buile mo *Cabinet* gore, re le Matona re tshwanelwa ke *to lead by example*. Ga o ka ke wa bona Tona a tsamaya...nna e bile ke tlhomola pelo, maabane ke fa yo mongwe ke na le Rre Gobotswang kwa kgaolong ya gagwe a re, “ao, ke gore ga o na le fa e le *a Private Secretary?*”, ke itshwaretse beke kafa, ke tshwere *phone* kafa, ke ile go bua ka dikgang tse di bothokwa tsa Bonno le metsi a kgaolo ya gagwe. Mo e bileng batho ba kgaolo eo ba neng ba nkakgola thata ba re, ke nna Tona wa ntlha ke ile go bua ka dikgang tse di tshwenyang batho.

Rraetsho ke batla go go leboga go menagane, le Batswana ba itse Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe gore, e le lantlha ka fa tlase gago Rre Ndaba ga re ise re bone ope

a tla a kibakiba a re ke tlisitse *Supplementary Budget*. A ko re bone tiro e e molemo e e dirilweng ke Puso e ntšha, mme ga go na ope mo go ba garona yo o ka emang a re ke lantlha go diragala. Ba ne ba e tle ba bue jalo ba ba fetileng ba re, ga go na go nna *business as usual*, kamoso ba tla ba tabogile ka *Supplementary Budget*.

Ka fa tlase ga gago ga go ise go nne le dilo tseo, re a di lebogela, opang diatla.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR RAMOGAPI: Ka fa tlase ga ga Rre Gaolathe, a re le fa go le thata, le fa go le bokete, ga ke batle gore mosadimogolo kana monnamogolo yo o kwa lwapeng a felele a bolawa ke lehuma. Ke tsenya sengwenyana gore se tle se mo tshetse, le ene a bone *tandabala* e e botoka.

A bo a sa eme foo, bona motho yo o molemo, bona modisa wa letsomane yo o molemo, o a ema gape a re le fa go ntse jalo go le thata, lekgetho ga ke ka ke ka ba ka le neela motho wa mohumanegi. Mo Pusong e e fetileng e ne e re fa gotwe lekgetho, go bo gotwe nnyaa re kgethisa botlhe ka Value Added Tax (VAT) go sa kgathalesege gore ba ntse jang. Ke kile ka ema fa ka re ao, batho ba Modimo, a la re mo go bothokwa ke yone *condom* fela e le sa e kgethiseng, ba re ee, mme fela re kgethisa mongwe le mongwe VAT. Jaanong mo re a go itumelela rraetsho gore lekgetho la gago le ntshitse bahumanegi.

Rraetsho, ka fa tlase ga gago...

MR MOTAOSANE: *Point of order. Thank you, Mr Chairperson.* Ga ke motho yo ke ratang go kgoreletsa ditsamaiso tsa batho ba bangwe, mme *when an Honourable Minister of Government stands up in the House* a bo e re fa a galaletsa ba a ba galaletsang, a bo a re go ne gotwe *condom* e le nosi fela ke yone go senang VAT mo go yone, *the previous regime*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa *Honourable* Motaosane, tota mme go raya gore o leka go mmaakanyetsa, jaanong ga go diriwe jalo. Go batla o batla *clarification* mo go ene, gongwe ene o bua Setswana, mo gotweng ga ke na le fa e le thebe mo pateng, e le *exaggeration*. *I am sure he knows the VAT exemptions that existed even before he became a Minister; I am sure he is aware, but wena o ka kopa clarification kana correction, e seng procedure kana point of order.* Tswelela *Honourable Minister*.

MR MOTAOSANE: Mr Chairperson, sorry about that. I know the Honourable Minister for a fact he knows, that is why I am standing on a point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, ke sone se ke reng ga e ka ke ya nna *point of order* gotlhelele. Wena mmaakanyetse fela o re *correction*. Ke sone se ke reng ke *Minister; he ought to know*.

MR MOTAOSANE: *He would not give to me Mr Chairperson*. Ke ne ke itse gore ga a ka ke a nneela. *Correction Mr Chairperson...*

MR CHAIRPERSON: *He is not yielding, take your seat*. Fa e le gore wa go neela, o tlaa go neela.

MR MOTAOSANE: Correction Honourable Ramogapi.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, ke tlaa go neela kamoso o mongwe.

Se ke se buang fela, ke bua kgang e ke tlhamaletseng e ke sa oketseng marago ka matlapa. Ke ne ke ntse ka kwa, *Minister of Finance* a bua gore *the ones she is excluding* mo VAT o tsenya dilo tse di tshwanang le *condoms*. Jaanong ke lela gone ka kwa ke re ao, le raya gore le e rata thata. Jaanong batho ba bo ba ntsaya fela gone foo gore ao jaanong o ka tsenya yone eo fela? Ke supa gore mme jaanong ka fa tlase ga ga Rre Gaolathe gone, re bona e le gore nnyaa VAT yone ga e tsenngwe gore gotwe nnyaa mma re oketse madi ka yone, fa ene a re nnyaa, rona ka fa tlase ga me, bahumanegi re a ba ntsha mo lekgethong, *we are targeting* ba ba tsenyang madi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke tlaa tla ke go neela, o tsala ya me.

Ka fa tlase ga ga Rre Gaolathe, re bona tiro e e molemo, modisa wa letsomane, a tla a re o tla ka lenaneo la BETP le le supang ditiro tse di gakgamatsang, le le supang 186 *projects*, mo go supang ditiro tse di gakgamatsang, tse di fetang 100, 000 di mo pota ka kwa. Bagarona e etle e re fa go buiwa ka ditiro ba bo ba re nnyaa, kana ke gore re ne re aketsa Batswana. Bagaetsho, ditiro tse dingwe gore re di kgone, gore re di dire, ke gore re tle ka melao...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke tlaa tla ke go neela, o tsaya yame.

Ditiro tse dingwe gore re di kgone ke gore re tle ka melao, re di alele, re di baakanye. Melao e tshwana le ya bo *hemp*, re bo re leme. Batswana re a le kopa gore le nne pelotelelenyana re tlaa goroga, re ya go goroga gone koo.

Kgang e e botlhokwa e le lantlha mo lefatsheng la Botswana, re bona e le gore re tlaa tla ka lenaneo la *Sovereign Wealth Fund*, e le lenaneo le re direlang Batswana itsholelo e e kwenneng, e e leng gore mo go yone, e tlaa kgona *to stabilise any shock* ya *economy* ka madi a re tlaa bong re a dira; e le lantlha fa e sale re tsaya boipuso. Jaanong dilo tse, fa ke ka bo ke le ba *opposition*, ke ka bo ke di lebogela.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke tlile go go neela o se ka wa tshwenyega.

Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe o tlile ka kgang e nngwe e e molemo ke e, gatwe *payment switch*, e le lantlha fa e sale re tsaya boipuso. Ao, batho betsho! le raya gore dikgang tse di molemo tse, re ka palelwa ke gore re di lebogele gore go tlaa tla dikgang tse di molemo?

Mo *budget* ya gago rraetsho le fa go le thata, o letleletse gore masole a a sa bolong go kolotiwa a duelwe, *multiple grading* ba ba sa bolong go kolotiwa, ba duelwe. O letleletse rraetsho gore dikoloto ka bontsi re di kgametse mo ngwageng o ka gore Puso e e fetileng fa go na le selo se e se pasitseng go se re flogelela, ke dikoloto tse di gakgamatsang, ke boswa jo bo botlhoko. Ke etle ke ipotse gore ke gore ditiro tse tsa di Direct Model (DM) tse di kanakana tsa di *billions* ba ne ba ya go dira jang. Rraetsho, le fa go ntse jalo, o dirile ditiro tse di molemo fela thata.

Ke batla ke go kope, ke go gakolole gore mo dikgaolong, batho ba bangwe ba santse ba lela, mme go fokotsegile, go na le *late payment of pension*, gore gone foo re leke gore re fefose gore tota gatwe e bakiwa ke eng. E bile Batswana ba kopa *to tap* go le go nnyennyane mo *pension* e ya bone e, ka gore tota e bile *pension* e nngwe ba re madinyana a teng a mannyenye fela thata, ba dule e le bo *constable* nako eo ba sa amogele sepe, mme fa ba re ba tsaya *pension*, ke gore ba tsaya kgwedi le kgwedi P200 e e sa ba direleng sepe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: O tlaa e reng e setse fedile ke re ke tlaa go neela, nna dikgang tsa me di di ntsi.

Rraetsho, ba BURS ga ba na boroko, mme keletso ya me ke gore ke le rabonno ke ba thuse. Buang le bone gore ke ka ba thusa jang ka boroko, fela fa ba ka re ba ka tsaya lefatshe, nnyaa, ke ka ba thusa ka ba agela boroko.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMOGAPI: A ko o e tseye motho wa Modimo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR AARON: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Batho ba kgaolo ya me ba batla go itse; ka rona re bahumanegi, gore ke efe kgaolelo lekgetho e e leng gore ba tlaabo ba e akola. O buile mafoko a mantle, jaanong ga o a e atolosa. Rona re itse gore *Honourable Leader of Opposition* o kile a thusa ka gore go kgaolelwe dijo le *the first home owners*. Jaanong ya bahumanegi ke yone e ba e batlang thata, *please*.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, lenaneo la makgetho ke gore go kgethisiwe ba ba amogelang thata, bahumanegi botlhe ga ba kgethe, ba tlogelwa fela foo, ga ba okelediwe lekgetho, go okelediwa ba ba jang madi, nna le wena ke rona ba re tlaabong re kgetha. Ke thulaganyo e e molemo thata.

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, mme ke simolole fela ke re re kile ra bo re na le Mopalamente fa wa Tonota e le *mlamo* wa me, a bidiwa gotwe Pono Moatlhodi, o ne a etle a re fa dilo di mo gakgamaditse thata a bo a re o phatlogile pelo, a re e bile o kgonne go wa le mo bolaong letsatsi la teng. Jaanong letsatsi leno nna ga ke a phatloga pelo, ke gakgametse, e le gore ke utlwa *Honourable Leader of Opposition* a bua gore *Sovereign Wealth Fund* gatwe e kwa OP. Ke gakgametse mo! Fa e le gore go ntse jalo Vice President (VP), moo ke matlhabisaditlhong, mo ke mo go tshwanetseng gore le go baakanye ka ponyo ya leitlho ka gore ga o a tshwanela go nna jalo. Le dipotso tsotlhe tse bakaulengwe le ntseng le di botsa, re di isa kwa go wena, nna ya me ga ke ka ke ka e fetola ka e isa kwa OP, le nna ke tlaabo ke sena boikarabelo. Jaanong matlhabisaditlhong a, ke dumela gore ga o ka ke wa tshela le one *Honourable Vice President*. Ke ne

ke re ke fete ka eo ka gore mo go nna fa o dira jaana, re tsamaela kwa goreng golo gongwe re utlwe gotwe Bank of Botswana (BOB) le yone *is under supervision of* OP.

A re eleng tlhoko dilo tse gore ga re mo dilong tse e keteng re tshameka ka lefatshe go ntse jaana. Eo o e ele tlhoko VP. O na le gore o re, ke shaba ka wena, ga ke batle letsatsi leno gotlhelele go shaba ka wena. Ke batla o itse jaana gore ke tshwenyegile.

Matshwenyego a me a mangwe ke a VP; re buile ka NDP 12, re bo re bua ka *budget tsa successive years*. Se se gakgamatsang ke gore, mo NDP 12 go na le *estimates tsa budget ya 2026/2027*. *When you compare them le budget ya gompiono, ga di tsamaelane*. Gone mo ka bo gone, go batla motho a tshwana le nna e le raboipelego jaana, o mo tlhalosetse gore go dirwa ke eng? Ke eng o sa bue gore golo fa re ne ra kgoreletswa ke se? *If we are going to estimate P54 billion kwa NDP 12, o bo o estimate mo Development Budget, e bo e nna around P23/P24 billion, I think golo ga teng o re tlhalosetse*. Bangwe ba rona re bo raboipelego fela. Re batla go itse dilo tse, mme di a re tshwenya. Le rona re rata lefatshe la rona jaaka re le rata ka koo. Sengwe se se ntshwenyang ke gore, *relationship ya deficit le Development Budget ga se e motho a ka eletsang go e bona*. Go supafala gore *deficit e kare e tlaa palama go gaisa Development Budget*. Seemo se, se ele tlhoko rraetsho. O re supegetse gore ke seemo se o ikaelelang go se baakanya mo nakong e khutshwane kgotsa jang? Ke seemo se se sa amogelese, se re tshwanetseng re se sekaseke rraetsho. Go botlhokwa fela thata gore dikgang tse, re di lebe re di kopanetse ka lefatshe ke la rona.

Kgang e gotweng re ka kolota go fitlhelela *60 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)*, e o e tlelang ka molao. Ke a utlwa gore gatwe le mafatshe a mangwe le ba bangwe ba International Monetary Fund (IMF) ba a dumalana. A re ikeleng tlhoko, re ikgabetseng re itse *the structure of our economy*. Ka fa e ntseng ka teng, go kolota *up to 60 per cent of the economy*, go ka re direla bothata fela mo tsamaong ya nako. Kgang e, re di tseye ka go di neneketsa, re se ka ra di garumela thata *His Honour the VP*. Ke kgang e ke neng ke re, ke fete ka yone. Ke a itse gore ga o nke o fela pelo, o tlaa re tlhalosetsa sentle gore o ikaelela jang go fokotsa seemo se se fano. Le fa ke shabile ka wena, ga o nkomanye o bua fela sentle le nna.

Ke tshwenyega gape *His Honour the VP*, gore fa gongwe dikgang tse ke neng ke solofetse gore o tlaa re di kaela ka dipalo, mo *Budget Speech* ga di tswe sentle. Ke tsaya gore mo *Budget Speech* ya gago, dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsa *poverty levels* gore e tsamaya fa kae, re tle re nne re *track over the years* gore e rile a le mo *budget* ya bobedi, *poverty levels* di ne di le fa, *budget* ya boraro, di le fa. Dikgang tse o kare o a di loba, o a di fitlha. Dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsa *unemployment* le *underemployment*, o tshwanetse o di ntshe re di utlwe. Ke tsaya gore Statistics Botswana e go thusa ka dipalo tse. Ga ke itse gore o di lobela eng? O di fitlhela eng dikgang tse? Ke ne ke bua mo dikakgelong tsa me tsa *budget on the broad principles* ke re, fa gongwe o tsamaya o re tsietsanyana ka go loba dikgang tse o tshwanetseng o di bue.

Issues of inequality ga ke utlwe o di bua *His Honour the VP*. Ke utlwa o didimetse fela ka tsone. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore rotlhe babusi le kganetso, re ntse re bua gore di a re tshwenya go tswa kgakala. Fa le setse le le mo setilong, le tsamaya le di loba. Ga ke itse gore le di lobela eng, ka re tshwanetse *to track* gore go diragala eng *going forward* ka dikgang tsa *inequality*? Ga o di bue VP *and* golo mo go a ntshwenya fela thata. Ke dumela gore mo *budget* e e tlang, o tlaa tla dikgang tse o di amile.

Ke a tshwenyega rraetsho ka gore, go ne go na le tsholofetso e tona, e ke tsayang gore le fa mongwe a ka e isa *labour, it also falls squarely on your table*. Kgang ya gore ba tlaa duelwa *living wage* ya P4,000, ga ke batle go emela go e utlwa ka Rre Mokgware. Ke batla go e utlwa ka wena yo o tshwereng sepatšhe gore a *economy* e a letla gore batho ba duelwe P4,000. Fa re tsamaya mo *filling stations, shops, security guards, constructions sector workers* ba a re botsa gore P4,000 wa rona o kae? Go mo go wena rraetsho gore o bue dikgang tse, o di tlhalose sentle, setšhaba se itse. Ba se ka ba botsa rona, ba botse wena ka o tshwerwe sepatšhe. O tshwere itsholelo. E se ka ya re o tshwere itsholelo, e bo dikgang o di tlogelela rona mo *filling stations*. Fa o re o a tshela, ba *filling station* ba a botsa. Fa o tsena *in a shop* ya maChina, ba a botsa gore P4,000 *living wage* o kae? Dikgang tse, *clear them*, o se ka wa re tsaya jalo. Dikgang tse re di bolelele fela, di papamale. Ke kgang e tona.

Ke a itse gore ya Ikageng e, ya gore batho ba Ipelegeng ba tlaa duelwa P2,500, e ne e le gore o e phuthololenyana ka gore ga ke batle o e tlogelela Rre Moswaane kgotsa Rre Motshegwa. Ba itse mabaka a gore ke eng ke sa ba e tlogelele. Fa ba bua, ba kile ba re, P1,800, morago go bo go fetoga e nna P1,400. Dikgang tse fa gongwe re batla go di utlwa ka wena. A batho ba Ipelegeng ba tlaa hirwa ka dipalo tse ba hirwang ka tsone fa ba amogela P2,500 fa e le gore ba tlaa mo amogela rraetsho? Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e tla a gorogang moragonyana.

Rraetsho, kwa ga rona go na le dikgang...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa tlhaloso *Honourable Lucas*.

MR LUCAS: Ee rraetsho le fa e tsamaile, go na le dikgang tsa...

MR MOROLONG: Tlhaloso. Ke a leboga. Ke tlaa berekela mo nakong. Ka fa o e tshwereng ka teng, o tlhalose gore a mme *Minister* o ka bo a sa ama kgang ya bagodi ba gompiano ba tsayang *pension* kwa le kwa, *including* le yone ya ga Goromente ya bogodi? *Thank you*.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga. Yone ya *pension*, ke kgang e tona. Jaaka o bua Rraetsho Gobotswang, le rona ba 60 years go ne go na le tsholofetso, ga e diragadiwe. Fa gongwe go tlhalosa fela, le go kopa maitshwarelo gore ga re a kgona fa, golo ga teng ka bo gone, go na le seriti. Fa gongwe ga go tlhalosiwe, go tlaabo gotwe re *guess* fela gore go tlaa diragala go ya kwa pele. Ke kgang e re tshwanetseng re e ele tlhoko.

Go na le kgang ka fa rraetsho, ya tsela ya rona ya Plaatjan ya madi a European Union (EU). Ke a itse gore ke madi a EU, ga se a o neng o *budget* mo go one. Kgang eo, ga ke itse gore a e kwa OP kgotsa jang. Re solofeditse gore tsela eo ya 30 kilometers (km), re ya go direlwa le tsa 213 km. Ke dikgang tse o ka bong o di gatelela gore re di itse le rona. Re di utlwe ka wena yo o tlaabong o laola madi a lefatshe la Botswana. Re nna re utlwa Rre Mohwasa a bua ka yone, e kare o e tsere kwa go Ntsima. Fa e le Salakae, ga ke itse gore o fa kae mo go yone mme e ama ditsela? Rraetsho, dikgang tse, o re thuse ka tsone. Mo go yone ya Plaatjan, re kopa kwa Bobirwa gore re nne le a *commercial border*. *Commercial border* e, e nne kwa Plaatjan e le ya ntlha

e e ka re lomaganyang le ba Aferika Borwa. Re nne le e nngwe e e ka re lomaganyang le ba Zimbabwe, e e kwa Mabolwe. Fa le ka simolola pele ka *border* ya Plaatjan, le tlaabo le re bereketse thata mo kgaolong ya rona. Re na le *borders* di le *four*; tsothle di di nnyennyane. Gone mo ka bo gone, go patika gore nngwe ya tsone le fa go tšhonnwe, go simololwe ka ya Plaatjan. Ya Zanzibar le e *attend*, e tloge e bulwe, e dirisiwe. E ne e thusa Babirwa ba ba ntsi. Dikgang tse rraetsho tse, re di kopa ka kitso ya gore madi a a tlhela.

Ya bofelo ke ya dikoloto tse go kolotiwang batho ba ba farologanyeng. Masole re a utlwa gore ba beetswe madi a a kana ka *P5 billion*, ba tlaa duelwa. A masole a duelwe. Go ne go setse go buega dikgang tsa gore go duelwa ba ba isang tjojonyana kwa thoko gore ntuelang foo, ke tlaa le fa bokana. Ke kgang e re neng re e utlwalela e buiwa. Rre Mokgware o a itse gore re kile ra e utlwalela nna le ene, e buiwa. Ga ke ise ke re e ntse jalo. Ka re fa e le gore e ntse jalo, ga e a siama. Wena yo o abang madi, tsenya leitlho gone kwa. O bone gore a kgang e, ga e a nna jalo. Mo gotweng go duelwa batho ba ba kolotiwang bo P300,000, ba neelwa madi otlhe, ba bangwe ba a diiwa. Madi re a tlhoka rotlhe. Fa e le gore go neelwa batho P300,000, le bone ba madi a mantsi, a ba neelwe sengwe. Bangwe ba bone ba mo letšhonong le dikoloto tse di gakgamatsang. Batho ba, ba tshwanetswe le bone ba thusiwe.

Go na le dikoloto tsa batho ba ba kolotiwang ke Puso. Ke tshela ke gatelela kgang e, gore Puso e e leng motlamedi wa batho, fa e kolota batho, e go kolota *up to 10 years* e sa go duele. Fa gongwe o fentse *case*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable Lucas*.

MR LUCAS: Ao! *Honourable Nkosinathi, please*. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much* Modulasetilo yo o tlotlegang. Mma le nna ke eme jaana, ke latlhele la mmotlana mo kgannyeng e ya botlhokwa ya madi a *Ministry of Finance*. Go maleba, e bile go matshwanedi gore ke simolole fela pele ke lemoge, ke bo ke leboge ka fa ke bonang Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona, a tshwereng tiro ya gagwe sentle ka matsetseleko. Re a utlwa, bangwe ba a ngongorega. Fa o ka lebelela ka fa

a dirileng ka teng, jaaka bangwe ba ntse ba bua, ke la ntlha re bona ngwaga o wela, go sena lepe lephata le le kopang madi a kokeletso.

Ke la ntlha re bona go ntse jalo ka gore pele go ne go buega gore e kare selo se ke se se tlwaelesegileng thata, se se neng se supa gore mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse go dira fela jalo. Ke tlhalose ke re *we have done very well, we have strengthened the oversight bodies* jaaka re tlhalosa. Ke ne ke kopa gore tsone o di okeletse madi, o bo o oketse le bodiredi jwa tsone ka gore go botlhokwa gore re tsenelele mo teng, re tsise mo re ka reng *a new mindset in the public service*. E bile re bo re tlhodumele thata gore a madi ba a dirisa sentle.

Sa bobedi re bo re lebelele *compliance*. Ke gore re bone gore a ba sala morago tse di siameng, tse ba tshwanetseng go di sala morago. Ke a bona ka fa o dirileng ka teng gompiano ka GPOs. Le fa re ka tswa re sa dumalane le ba bangwe ba ba sa boneng botlhokwa jwa teng, wena ka fa o dirileng ka teng gompiano, *for the first time* re kgona go itse gore fa re re go reka, re raya o reka eng. Ke ne ke tlaa batla gore re se ka ra ya go tseela gore batho bangwe ba tlaa nna ba le *irresponsible*, ba sa rwale maikarabelo, a re tsenye mo badirelapusong. E bile Goromente a tle le mo gotweng *suggested prices*. Ke gore re se ka ra nna re bona batho gotwe ba ya go reka dijo mo go Goromente, o fitlhela Coke e re e itseng fela kwa Fours, ke sa reye ba ba sa tseneng Palamente bale, e rekwa P30 mme kwa e le P10. Gongwe ke gore Goromente a nne le *suggested prices*, a dire *the market survey*, a ba a re *these are accepted prices*, a ba a di tshwaya, re bo re tsaya di *...(Inaudible)*...ka gore *we are going into a digital platform economy, whereby* maranyane a tlaa ba a tsena. Fa o tla ka *invoice* o kwadile P30 kana P40, *it will reject that item because as per the Government, it costs this amount of money. Indirectly that will also help or indicate to other or to our suppliers* gore Goromente o felela fa. Ke batla re ntsha mogopolo o mo e leng gore selo fa e le Goromente, se tura mo go maswe. Fa o lebelela dithaere, ke gore re ka nna ra lebelela dithaere tsa dikoloi tse tsa rona tsa Land Cruiser, ba ba nang natso ka fale jaaka Motlotlegi LOO fale. Thaere fela ya P5,000, fa e le Goromente ke P15,000. Madi a a sisimosang mmele. Pharologanyo ke eng? Ke sone se o neng o utlwa ke re ke gore Goromente a dire *survey*, a ba a kwala *prices* tse, di bo di nna *standard* gore mongwe le mongwe yo o tlaa tlang ka yone, e bo e ka ganwa. Selo seo ke sone se se ka kgonang *prices*.

MR AARON: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi. A mme ga o bone gore e e ka nna bontlha bongwe jwa gore DIS e ka nna tiro ya yone, *this economic intelligence* ya to save Goromente, go na le gore ba bo ba nna fela ba setse dikgang tse e seng tsone?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: O a bua motlotlegi, kana *we have to have an economic intelligence. That is important.* Ga e lebelele fela *prices*, e lebeletse le gore ba re gaisanang le bone ba, a ga ba re tsietse. A ga gona bape badirelapuso kana Batswana bangwe ba ba utswang diphiri tsa rona tse re ka bong re itshetsa ka tsone ba di isa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. O bua sentle jalo.

Ke ne ke batla go tla mo kgannyeng e ke neng ke utlwa ba bangwe le bone ba ntse ba bua ka yone. *It is very strange*, mokgweetsi; jaaka Motlotlegi Mosanana a ne a bua fale a re o tlaabo a kgweetsa koloi a ba a thula kgaka kana kgaka e thula koloi. Mokgweetsi fela fa a tsena kwa, lefoko le teng gatwe *surcharge*, o tlaa ba a tseelwa madi. Yo mongwe o a tla o koba motho mo tirong a sa sala ditsamaiso tsa *labour* morago; e le motho fela o motona ka maemo. A sa sala ditiro tsa *labour* morago, a ba a koba motho, a ya go nna kwa gae ngwaga. Fa a le kwa gae ngwaga, fa gotwe go iwa kwa tshelong, Goromente o welwa ke tshoko, o duela motho yo P400,000. *Gentleman* ele kana *madam* yole go siame fela, ene ga gona *surcharge*. Ke a kopa Vice President (VP), a re nne le *surcharges* tsa batho ba. Ke gone re ka emisang dilo tse di dirwang ke batho; ya re o le moeteledipele o tsaya ditshwetso, o bo o itse gore o tsaya tse di ka fa molaong. Go tshwana le motho a aba *tender* a ntse a itse gore ga a tshwanela go e aba, kana a ya go dira tiro e e seng ya gagwe, Goromente a ba a latlhegelwa ke madi. Ba bantsi ba ba dirang jalo. Ke batla gore a golo mo go nne teng mo bodirelapusong, go tlale, go itsege gore fa o dira ditshenyegelo Goromente a ba a senyegelwa ke madi, *there are consequences*. Go se ka ga nna fela go sena le fa e le sepe; fela jaaka *driver* yo o thutseng kgaka.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. *Honourable Minister*, kgang ya *non-consequential management* ya gore batho ba a senya go bo go sa dirwe sepe, *there was a case that was reported today*. Gotwe babereki bangwe ba Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) ba lopile Goromente over P120 million mme ba athlotswe

suspended sentence ya three years. A ga o bone gore go tshwanetse ga fetolwa melao, go gagamadiwe gore motho a ye toronkong lebaka le lelele?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* Modulasetilo. Tanki motlotlegi. Ke tseela gore kana moo go tswa gore *route* e e tserweng ke efe. Fa go ne go tserwe *route* ya *disciplinary*, gongwe ba ka bo ba teetswe gotwe busang madi a. Jaanong fa re e tsaya *in a criminal way*, kana go raya gore *case* ya teng e ya go tsamaya ka semolao seo, ba bo ba kgona go ya go tswa fela jalo. Golo mo go raya gore le rona ba ba neng ba tshwere tshoko, kana akere go na le mo gotweng kwa phelelong ya tshoko, go a botswa gore a le batla *compensation* kana jang. Gongwe go raya gore ga ba a e kopa le bone. Ke tsone dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di ela tlhoko, le gone re di ise koo. Ke santse ke dumela...

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

Elucidation. Ke ne ke re o e tshwere sentle mogolwane. Dikgang tse o ntseng o di bua tse, a ga o bone go tlhokafala gore gompiano, mo ngwageng o go simologe gore fa re bua ka *monitoring and evaluation*, go nne le *proper statistics* ka gore e ka thusa gore re se ka ra bua fela? Kana fa o ka lebelela, le *last year* re ne re ntse re re *we will enhance that* mme ga re na dipalo. Batho ba o fitlhelang ba tsentse Goromente mo diphatseng ba e leng gore ke bagolwane, ke bomang, go ne go ka thusa gore *consequence management*, e bo e simolola gone foo, e se go bua fela ka molomo.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you* Modulasetilo, *thank you* motlotlegi. O bolelela ruri, tota e tshwanetse go nna teng. E tshwanetse go simolola ka Permanent Secretary (PS) kwa godimo. Fa e le gore ene o ka tlogela *administrator (admin)* ya gagwe e tsamaya e dira dilo Goromente a ba a latlhegelwa ke madi, go raya gore *he or she is not in control*. A go simolole ka ene gone koo. Pelepele ke ne ke itse gore go ne go na le *this auditor*, mo go dupiwang maphata a Puso. Fa go fitlhelwa go na le selo se se ntseng jalo lephata le sentse madi, a go simolole fela ka *supervisor* pele go ya go tsena kwa tlase. Kana ke yone *monitoring and evaluation* e re tlaabong re e bua.

Fa ke digela mongwame ke kopa gore a kwa BURS e itsose. Dikgang tse di buiwang fa tsotlhe fa o bona re sena madi jaana ke BURS. *We are in the digital era*

gompieno jaana, mo go ka bong go le motlhofo mo go bone *to collect* madi. Bogolo fela ke gore re bone batho ba duela, jaaka ke utlwa batlotlegi ba bua, bogolo jang ba ba dishopo, ba ba tsamayang ka diteraka le ba ba tsayang metlhaba. Kana ba tsaya metlhaba eo, fa o ka bona matlo a ba a agang gore a kae, ga ba duele lekgetho batho bao. Ke kope gore re bone gore BURS e ema ka dinao, e a bereka. Le yone e tswe ka batho ba ba tlaa nnang ba sala gore ba ye kwa Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA), ba bo ba ya go tsaya dikompane ba bona gore *are they operational or not*. Ke a leboga *Chairperson*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Chief Whip*, go tsena mang? Ba babedi ba o ba kwadileng ga ba yo.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Mme ke go leboge Modulasetilo, ke bo ke dumedise tšhaba ya Letlhakeng *Constituency* le yone Ntlo e.

Go botlhokwa gore ke tlhalose, go tlhaloganyesegwe. Maloba fa ke eme fa ke tshwanetse gore ke bue, ba bangwe ba re gongwe Brigadier Mokgwathi o tlaa iphatlakanya. Kgosi Nkosinathi Gaolathe a nthaya a re, Mokgwathi o thunyeditse sefatlhego, ka re, morena, ke thuntse sefatlhego ka gore lefatshe la borre le diphuphu tsa bone di ntse makakaba fela, le dikgomo tsa bone di jelwe ke molelo. A mpotsa Kgosi Nkosinathi a re, o lopa eng morwa Mokgwathi? Ka re ke lopa tsela fela ya Kaudwane le Letlhakeng. Ke lopa tsela ya Hatsalatladi le e e yang kwa Diphuduhudu. Ke lopa sepatela sa Letlhakeng. Ke lopa sekole sa Ngware sa *secondary*.

Fa go ntse jalo bagaetsho, ke *appreciate* ke bo ke leboge gore Tona wa Madi o buile ka *corruption management initiative*. Ke dumela ke re re a itse gore mo Botswana tshenyetso-setšhaba e setse e le ngwao. Ke ngwao e e sa bolong go nna dingwaga tse dintsi. *The system has not only been rotten from the core, but to the core*.

Batho ba ba tshelang mo Botswana, fa o tshela le bone wena o sena tlhaloganyo ya go senyetsa setšhaba Modulasetilo, o *enemy* ya bone *and you have to be very careful when you deal with them because their conscience is dead completely and they can eliminate you*. Re itse gore tshenyetso-setšhaba e amogile Botswana tsela e ke buang ka yone ya Kaudwane le Letlhakeng. Tshenyetso-setšhaba e amogile monana

gore a kgone gore a tsene sekole sentle kwa *primary, secondary* le gone kwa Mmadikole tota.

Tshenyetso-setšhaba e amogile Motswana dipilisi, melemo e; ditlhare tse di neng di tshwanetse gore di mo alafe, mo e leng gore gompieno rona re le Puso ya UDC, re a itse gore *we inherited* mathata a. Re itumelele gore e re gompieno re bo re utlwa *Honourable Minister* Modise a kgonne sone se batho bontsi ka kwa ba ntseng ba se kgala ba re o ka se ke a kgona.

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

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Bagaetsho, tshenyetso-setšhaba e dirile gore mo Botswana le babereki ba ga Goromente ba itse gore, gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba berekele setšhaba se, ba tshwanetse gore ba jesiwe sengwe. Tshenyetso-setšhaba bagaetsho e dirile dilo tse dintsi, e dirile dilo tse e leng gore gompieno fa re le Botswana, ke yone e e digileng itsholelo ya Botswana. Ke batla gore Botswana ba itse kgang e gore fa Tona a bua ka tshenyetso-setšhaba, ke mo ema nokeng, mme ke batla gore e re fa re bua ka yone, *we should not only be talking about tshenyetso-setšhaba in rhetoric, but re tshwanetse gore rotlhe re le Botswana gongwe le gongwe, go se ka ga nna le ope yo re tlaa utlwang gotwe o senyeditse setšhaba*.

Ke tlaa bua ka dilo tse pedi fela bagaetsho; *monitoring and evaluation and review*. Ke na le tumelo ya gore leitlho a e nne le le ntšhotšho mo sengwe le sengweng mo meamusong ya setšhaba. Ke ne ke utlwa Tautona a bua gore *there is going to be dashboard* e e tshwanetseng gore nako nngwe le nngwe go bonwe gore a mme tota ka fa dithoto tsa Puso di tsewang ka teng, *they have what you call return on investment*.

Fa e le gore go rekilwe dikoloi tse di yang go dirisiwa kwa Kgaolong ya Letlhakeng, a go bonwe gore di dirisiwa sentle. A ga go na ope yo e leng gore ene o tlaare gongwe a di reka kgotsa a dira ka tsela eo, ka re bone go diragetse mo nakong e e fetileng, gotwe gore ka gore o le Mokgwathi o rekile dikoloi tse, wena o tlaa ja sengwe. A re itse gore go na le mo gotweng *the corruptee and the corruptor. They are out there*. Fa re sa lebelele (*monitor*) re tlaa aramela mogote o re santseng re ntse re o arametse le gompieno.

Betsho, ke ne ke utlwa Tona a bua ka *social security reforms*. Ke batla gore *these social security reforms* ke

eletse, ke bo ke kope gore dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le bo Letlhakeng Constituency, Letlhakeng District le bo Ghanzi go ya kwa, di tsenngwe leitlho thata. Ke kile ka bua ka *systemic utilisation of resources. Equitable distribution of resources*. A e re fa go na le *those social security strategies*, go tsewe gore bagaetsho kwa dikgaolong tsa rona re bahumanegi ba nta ya tlhogo. Re lebelelwe pele ga sengwe le sengwe. *If there is going to be any reforms*, go ka nna le ditlhabololo kgotsa diphetogo, a re lebelelwe pele, re gopole gore dingwaga tse 58 re ntse re le ka fa mosing, fa o ka ela tlhoko, ke ne ke bua gore le gone kwa dikgaolong tsa rona betsho, lehuma la nta ya tlhogo o le bona le roto ba o sa le senke.

A re dire gore fa re dira *reforms* tse, re re go na le ba bangwe ba ba kileng ba ja ka lebaka. A re dire gore re itse gore re rile *there is going to be equitable distribution of resources*, gore e re kamoso le rona re le tšhaba ya Letlhakeng Constituency, Letlhakeng District, re ipele re re Goramente wa UDC o re sekegetse tsebe a bona re sotlegile ka lebaka le le leele. Ditsela tsa rona ga di tsamaege, dikole tsa rona di tletse, dilo tse Modulasetilo ke eletsa gore e re fa re dira *these reforms*, re itse gore *we must prioritise* dikgaolo tsa rona, bogolo jang Letlhakeng Constituency, Letlhakeng District.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka *distribution of resources*, mme fa o lebile mo Pusong ya lona ya UDC mo lebakeng la ngwaga, a o santse o na le tsholofelo ya gore di tlaa abiwa *equally*, re lebile dikgaolo tsotlhe tse di mo lefatsheng la Botswana?

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: A very good question...

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MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG):
Order! Order! Honourable Members. Continue Honourable Mokgwathi.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Honourable* Furniture, ke na le tshepho e ntsi gore *our BETP will ensure that balancing of resources* mo lefatsheng le, e tlile go dira gore mongwe le mongwe a nne le meamuso eo. Ke na le tshepho mo UDC gore ga e na go palelwa. Fa o bona ke eme ke bua jaana, ke na le tumelo ya gore re reeditse rotlhe le lona ka koo, re ne re bua ka *monitoring and evaluation* gone fa. Ke tsaya gore *during the process*

of implementation ya projects tse, re tlaa nna le mo gotweng *freeze and unfreeze*.

Fa re bona gore *this project* ga e bereke, ke na le tumelo ya go re *the ministry itself or the financial controllers themselves* ba tlaa nna ba tsaya ba tlatsa fale. Ga ke bone ba ka tlhoka go dira jalo, ka gore re le UDC re itlamile gore re betla itsholelo e gore re age matshelo a batho ka yone. Ga gona gore re ka faposa.

Ke bue gape ke re Kgosi Gaolathe, motlhanka wa gago a re fa Goramente wa gompiano a ka dira tsela ya Letlhakeng le Kaudwane le sepatela, batho bale ba Letlhakeng District ba tlaa mo galeletsa bosakhutleng. Le serodumo sa puso ya batho ka batho re tlaabo re se beile mo mpaananeng. Mafatshe a tlaa ipela ba re ba ba busang ba, ke bone ba ba dirileng gore Kgalagadi ele yotlhe le Letlhakeng Constituency e nne mo maamong a a tshwanang le a bana ba bangwe. *With those few remarks* ke kopa fela gore ke boele fa morago, ke sa re ke feditse nako ke yone mmaba.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke batla go tsaya ntlha e le nngwefela, ka gore nako ga e yo; ya dikoporase tsa Puso, State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs). Fa o bua Tona mo puong ya gago ka bophara ya kabo madi a setšhaba o ne wa bua *theme* e e e botlhokwa ya go tswa mo tshekatshokong go tsenelela mo go direng, fa e le gore ke tlhalosa Sekgoa sentle. *You were talking about transition from diagnosis to delivery.* Fa o lebelela kakanyo ya go sekaseka *these* SOEs, e sale e simolola ka 2020, mme le gompiano re santse re lebege re le mo go sekasekeng, re sa tlhaloganye gore go ya go diragatsa go ya go tsena leng.

When we talk about rationalisation of the SOEs, re ne re bua gore go na le dikompone tse di setseng tse di tsetse tse dingwe ditiro, tse dingwe go lebege di dira tiro e nngwefela. Golo mo ke go sa ela tlhoko tiriso ya madi a setšhaba. Fa re ka tsenelela mo kगतong e ra di sekaseka ka bonako, jaaka o ne o bua ra tsena mo go diragatseng. Gompiano o ka ipotsa gore National Development Bank (NDB) le Botswana Savings Bank (BSB) tiro ya tsone fela mo lefatsheng la Botswana e farologana fa kae. *Why can we not rationalise and merge them*, ka gore go lebege di na le mokgwa o o tsamaelanang. O ka ipotsa gore ke eng di santse di *operate independently*. Dilo tse dingwe tse fa re ka di tswala *and merge* tse dingwe tse di sa tlhokafaleng *to exist separately*, re tlaabo re

bolokela Puso madi a a seng kana ka sepe, re bo re tsena mo ditlhabolong tsa lefatshe la Botswana.

Madam Chairperson, re na le bothata jwa gore gompiano go supagala gore madi a Puso a mantsi a senyega gone mo dikoporaseng tse, madi a a isiwang kwa go tsone ga a lekane le se re se solofetseng go tswa mo go tsone. Fa go ntse jalo *Madam Chairperson*, ga go supafale gore re tlaa gatela pele e bile *we will save* madi a setšhaba, ka gore re tswelala ka go tshela madi mo dikomponeng tse di sa direng sepe, e bile *we do not value money*. Vice President (VP) ke tsaya gore ke kgang e re tshwanetseng gore re e lebelele ka tlhwaafalo, re bone gore re ka e baakanya jang.

Bothata jo bo dirang gore dikompone tse dingwe tse di se ka tsa *perform* ke *political interference and influence*, e go lebegang e le ntsi mo dikomponeng tse. Bogolo jang mo go tlhomeng *boards*, ka gore go lebeaga jaanong *boards* go lebelelwa gore ba e leng gore *they are politically connected to the ruling elites and the ruling party* ke bafē. Go bo go tlhongwa go abelanwa dirwe tsa lefatshe le, ka go sekaseka gore ba ke ba garona ba jelwe ke ditlhopho kwa Shashe West, re bo re mo neela *board* gore a e tsamaise. Go sa lebelelwa *the commercial expertise and proficiency of that person*, go lebeletswe *the political connection*. Golo mo go dira gore dikompone tsa rona le tsone di se ka tsa tswa maduo. Ke kgang e re tshwanetseng gore re e lebelele *Honourable VP*, re bone gore a nako ga e a tla ya *to move towards rationalising our SOEs*.

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng gore re se lebelele thata Mothusa Tautona, go ne go buiwa ka *ghost employees*. *We cannot talk about a problem for more than two years*, go duelwa batho ba ba seyong. Dithokolosi tse di neng di buiwa ke Rre Hunyepa, go lebeaga di le gone ka kwa. Nako e gorogile ya gore jaanong o tle ka letswai o le gase, dithokolosi tse di tsamaye ka gore ga re ka ke ra kgona go nna le dithokolosi tse tsa lona, di tlaa felela di tsaya madi re sa itse gore a dira eng. *I think* go duela bone batho ba ba seyong ba, ke kgang e re tshwanetseng gore re e ele tlhoko VP.

Vice President ke batla gape ke siane ke re, le fa re ka bua ka tiriso ya madi...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Point of order. *Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, ke go leboge*

Rre Hikuama. You are out of order, *ka gore* you are misrepresenting the views that I expressed. *Se se leng teng ke gore...*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: What is your point of order Honourable Hunyepa?

MR HUNYEPA: Ke ne ke re ga a bue se ke se buileng, *he is mispresenting the facts and therefore out of order*. Kgang e e neng e le teng *Madam Chairperson...*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Hunyepa*, ga o tlhalose sepe. Ga ke utlwe *point of order*, ga ke ise ke utlwe a bua ka wena gore ke wena o neng o rialo. Ke kopa o nne fa fatshe go wele, VP a tle a *respond*.

MR HUNYEPA: Ke kopa go baakanya.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke kopa gore o nne fa fatshe.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point* e ke neng ke batla go wela ka yone VP ke e, le fa re ka somarela madi go le kae, ra dirisa madi sentle ka bokete jo re ka bo kgonang, fa re se na bodiredi jo bo dirang ka natla, bo ikgantsha e bile bo itumetse, ga gona ka fa re ka dirang ka teng *miracles*.

MR MOROLONG: *Point of clarification*. *Thank you Madam Chairperson*. O buile kgang ya *ghost employees*, ke re a ga o bone gongwe go ka tlhokafala gore Goromente a etse jaaka kwa *private sector* a nne le Know Your Customer (KYC) *kind of arrangement* le *public*, gore re *capture* batho ba e leng gore *they are ghosts*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Yes*, o a bua *Honourable Member*. Tota Goromente o tshwanetse gore a tshwenyeye, a tle ka *system* epe e e ka dirang gore re *clean* dithokolosi tse tsa bo Rre Hunyepa, di tswa *from the system*. *Otherwise* fa re sa *clean*, re tlaabo re ntse re bapalela mo kgetsing e e phunyegileng.

Madam Chairperson, ke ne ke bua ka gore ga gona ka fa re ka dirang ka teng re le lefatshe re se na bodiredi jo bo *motivated and inspired*. *We have to deal with productivity and work ethics* mo bodireding jotlhe jwa rona, ke gone re ka kgonang go fitlhelela kwa re batlang go ya teng. *Otherwise*, fa re sena mananeo a ga re ka ke ra ya gope VP. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable members. I now call the Minister of Finance to reply go the debate.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke kgwe batlotlegi dikgaba. Ke simolola ka Motlotlegi Hikuama, yo o tlhalosang gore ga a itumela, o kare go nna go buiwa fela go sena sepe se se diragalang. Gore ra re re fetile mo go reng re dire *diagnosis*, re tsene mo go *delivery*. Le fa a bua o bona gore o dumela thata gore re santse re le mo *diagnosis*. Ke ne ka le gakolola ba bangwe gore le ele tlhoko thata go salela kwa morago ka dilo dingwe tse di diragalang, le tse di setseng di diragetse, tse gongwe le sa nnang le nako ya gore le ka di bala, le sa nnang le nako ya gore le ka di itemogela. Ke le gakolole dingwe tsa tsone; Motlotlegi o bua ka gore, go sale go buiwa bogologolo gore dikompone tse di tlhakanetseng le Goromente...o fa sekai sa BSB le NDB, gore ke sekai sa tse di ka kopanngwang tsa bereka mmogo, ka gore fa di le koo di jela Puso madi, ga gona gope kwa re ka yang teng. Jaanong ke re, kana tsamaiso e e leng teng ke gore, di ka tswa di ne di jela Puso madi mo dingwageng tse di fetileng di sa tsamaisiwe sentle, mme gompiano di tsamaisiwa sentle. NDB re bua jaana e dirile dipoelo, ga e jele Puso madi...

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

MR GAOLATHE: E bile re mo legatong la go ya kwa pele, re bua jaana e le gore ba setse ba feleletsu thulaganyo ya go nna le setlankana sa gore ba nne boremelelo jwa dikgang tse di amanang le *Green Climate Fund*. Go raya gore e ya kwa mankalengkaleng jaanong. Gape re bua jaana e le gore ba na le lenaneo le le tseneletseng la gore ba tlaabo ba sa adimisane madi fela mo temothuong, ba tlaabo ba tsena le mo go tsa bojanala. Re bua jaana gape re fetola le molao wa bogologolo o o neng o sa letlelele gore ba ka feta go adima madi ka selekanyo se se rileng. Jaanong ba ka ya kwa godimo gore ba ka kgona go dira, e seng fela mo Botswana mme ba ka dira le dikgwebo tse di tona gore re kgone gore dikgwebo tsa kwano di gaisane mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Jaanong ke belaela gore...motlotlegi o bua sentle, o gakologelwa dilo tsa maloba, tse gongwe di neng di sa tsamae sentle di senyetsa Goromente madi. Ke re, nnyaa, *plan* e ya gore di tlaa dira mmogo ka gore di senya madi ga se e re e lebileng, re lebile gore dikompone tse re di tlhatlhelele, re di nontshe gore di kgone go gola gore di nne *global companies*. E bile maikaelelo a rona ke gore, fa go na le tse di kopanngwang gore di dire mmogo mo go tsone tse di dirang sentle, e tlaabo e se ka lebaka la gore di

senyetsa Puso madi, e tlaabo e le ka gore re eletsu go di godisa, gore lefatshe la Botswana le nne le dikompone tse di tona tse di lekanang le Debswana. Di kgone go tlhamela Batswana ditiro.

Jaanong ke itse gore o ne o buisiwa ke gore o rata lefatshe la gago. Le nna ke go gakolole gore go na le dilo tse di sutetseng kwa pele tse re tshwanetseng go di lebogela. Ke santse ke le mo go eo, o bua gape kgang ya gago ya gore re tswe mo mogopolong wa go bua ka dilo re sa dire sepe. Fa ke tswa mo go NDB, ke bue gore le teng tota kwa Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), re bua jaana thulaganyo ya go e godisa e setse e simologile, ya go katolosa *labs* tsa bone, gore ba kgone go gaisana, ba rekisa mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke re fela ke go tsenye mo dinakong gore, re simolotse ga re bue fela ka molomo, dikgang tse re di buang ga se tsa molomo. Re bua ka dilo tse di setseng di diragala tse le dinomere tsa teng di simolotse go supa.

O bua gape se o reng badiri... ke utlwile yo mongwe a re dithokolosi, o bua ka *ghost employees*, gore le gone go ntse go buiwa fela, go sale go buiwa fela ga gona sepe se se diragalang. Jaanong ke re tiro ya go sekaseka *payroll review* e setse e le mo motsubong, re tsena mo go reng go tsenwe mo dikgatong tsa gore go ya pele re dira jaana le jaana. Gape o bua e bile o bua boammaaruri gore, babereki ga ba shege mo pelong go dira ka bonatla le bonokopila, fa ba sa duelwe sentle, ba sa nne mo loagong la go itumelela ditiro tsa bone ga re ka ke ra ya gope, ke re eo ke boammaaruri. Re tshwanetse go dira tsotlhe tse re di kgonang e seng fela dituelo, mme gape le tse dingwe di akaretsa le dithuto tse di lebaneng, tse di godisang mo tirong, re tshwanetse go di tlhwaafalela. Eo ke boammaaruri, ke kgang e re tshwanetseng go e ela tlhoko, e bile re e tseye ka tlhwaafalo.

Moeteledipele LOO, Motlotlegi Rre Saleshando tota o ne a emelela a a fa bogakolodi ka bolelele. Tota ke bogakolodi jo a nnang a re bo fa, mme e bile bo siame. O bua gore ga re ka ke ra ya gope re le lefatshe la Botswana fa e le gore dilo tse re di dirang ga re beye dielo tse re nnang re di sala morago. Ke re eo ke boammaaruri, mme re simolotse Rre Saleshando jaaka ke supile, mme go simologa moo ga go a lekana. BETP e na le dielo tse di tsepameng, mohama mongwe le mongwe gore maikaelelo ke go gola ka bokae, maikaelelo ke go dira ditiro tse kae, maikaelelo ke gore re bo re le fa kae ka

nako efe. Jaaka ke ne ke bua maloba, re setse re na le beke le beke gore re tsamaya fa kae. Maikaelelo ke gore, fa nako e ntse e tswelitse dinomere le dielo, le setšhaba ka bophara se kgone go nna le gore se ka okomela. E bile go na le dilo, mongwe o buile ka tsone tse e leng gore ga re ise re atolose dielo tsa teng mo go lekaneng, mo go kgotsofatsang. Re dirile dingwe, dingwe ga re ise re di dire, mme maikaelelo ke gore re tswelile re godise, re atolose dielo le maikaelelo a. Ke kgakololo e re e amogelang, e bile re e rata.

O bua gape ka gore ga re a tshwanela gore re le lefatshe la Botswana re bo re re re ka dira dilo tse ditona mme re palelwa ke tse dinnyennyane. Fa e le gore re palelwa ke go somarela madi a setšhaba ka dilo tse dinnye, ga re ka ke ra kgona go somarela ka dilo tse ditona, re a dumalana.

A re dumalane gore re simolotse re a leka, mme gape a re dumalane gore ga re ise re goroge kwa re tshwanetseng gore re ye teng. Fa re ne re le bana ba sekole, re ne re e bitsa gore “*it is not yet Uhuru,*” and *yes, it is not yet Uhuru.* Ka mantswa a mangwe, ga re ise re goroge kwa re tshwanetseng gore re ye teng.

O supa gape kgakololo ya gore yone GPO, lenaneo le a e se ka ya nna la sennelaruri. Ke go solofetse gore ga se lenaneo la sennelaruri. Go na le mananeo a le mmalwanyana, lengwe la one e le lone la *e-procurement*, ya gore re tlhabolole *systems* tsa rona, mme le tsile go thusa thata, e bile le tsile go kgona keletso e o ntseng o e supa ya gore fa dikopo dingwe tsa go reka ka *prices* tse e seng tsone, *system* e gane. *This system* ga e ye go gana fela, e ya go raga le go raga. Ke gore e ya go gana, e bo e ragela kgakala sepe se e leng gore ga se sone.

Ke ne ka tlhalosa gape gore re simolotse le ba re dirisanyang le bone, mafatshe le *specialists*. Tota go na le dilo tse di ntsi thata. Gakere gompiano re bua ka Lephata la *Finance*, tse di ntsi kwa *Finance* tse e leng gore di ntse di sa re kgotsofatse, re tshwanetse gore re henyenkolole, re fetole lewa mo go tseneletseng gore tsotlhe tse re reng re eletsa go di dira, re se ka ra di dira fela, mme re di dire ka manontlhotlho, le ka matsetseleko a a tseneletseng.

O bua gape gore o tshwentswe jaaka o tlhola o bua ke tshenyetso-setšhaba, le gore a mme kwa e leng gore o dumela gore go ka nna le melao e e rileng, ke tseela

gore ba reeditse boramelao ba ga Goromente kwa e leng gore go a kgonega teng. Megopolo re tlaa e amogela e e ka tlhofofatsang gore ba ba tsereng madi a setšhaba, a kgone gore a boe motlhofo go feta jaaka go ntse. Ke tseela gore ke kgakololo e rotlhe re e reeditse, e bileng re e amogela.

O bua gape ka ba ba kgonang go tsietsa ka dikgang tsa *rebates* jalojalo. Ke re e ntse jalo thata, ka gore thulaganyo ya rona le *systems* tsa rona, ba BURS ba tlaa go bolelela gore *system* ya *Customs* e ntse e sa kgone go bua le *system* ya *income tax*, mme ke *systems* tse e leng gore di a fetolwa gore *systems* tsotlhe tsa ga Goromente di kgone go bua puo e le nngwefela.

O bua gape ka yone *budget office* e e leng gore go thata gore ke ka e katolosa, ka gore le kgona gore le supe gore ngwaga le ngwaga ke ne ke bua ka yone nako e ke neng ke nna gone ka koo. Ga go na kwa ke ka iphitlhang teng ka gore e mo mpepeneng. Ga go na kwa ke ka sielang teng. Ke gore le fa ke ne ke rata, ga go na tota kwa ke ka sielang teng. Yone e tshwanetse gore ka tsela nngwe *budget office* Botswana e nne le yone. Jaaka o ne o bua, o bona fa Botswana otlhe, e seng Goromente fela wa *Executive*, ke gore Botswana otlhe o ka itshetela ka dikgang tsa itsholelo le gore e tsamaisiwa jang, e tshwanetse gore e tsamaisiwe jang, fa e gotlholo e tlholwa fa kae, e ka baakanngwa ke mang, molemo ofe o ka bereka, go ka thusa setšhaba sa Botswana fela thata. Eo, ke dumalana le wena, e bile le fa ntswa ke itse gore lona mo Palamenteng bogolo jang ba *Office* ya ga *Speaker*; ke nngwe ya dikgang tse ba di lebileng. Le nna tota ka sebelebele jaanong ke a thusa ka yone gore re bone gore re ka dira jang, re simolola le go dirisanya le bafe thata.

Le a itse gore ke rata thata ba *Congressional Budget Office* ka gore tota thulaganyo ya bone ke e e tseneletseng. Ke sa reye gore ya rona e tshwanetse go nna jaaka ya bone. Go na le tse re ka di ithutang mo go bone le ba bangwe, ra felela re nna le thulaganyo ya Palamente, ya ga Goromente ka bophara e e leng gore rotlhe fa jaanong re tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa itsholelo ya Botswana, e bo e le gore re bua ka tsone rotlhe re nonne mo dikgannyeng tsa teng.

O bua gape ka letshwenyego la gago ka *Sovereign Wealth Fund* e e tshwentseng motlotlegi, ke tlaa tsena kwa go ene ka nako e e tshwanetseng, Rre Om Luu. Ke re kana

Sovereign Wealth Fund fa re setse re e akanya sentle, e na le ditokololo di le mmalwanyana. Fa motho a re *Sovereign Wealth Fund* tota gore dikgang di felele sentle fa re setse re e bitsa sentle, a re e bitse re re *Sovereign Wealth Fund System*. Jaanong fa re setse re e bitsa ka ditokololo tsotlhe tsa yone, go tshwanetse gore go nne le tokololo ya ntlha e bong molao one o e leng gore o tsamaisa *Sovereign Wealth Fund*. Jaanong molao o o leba dilo di le mmalwanyana. O lebelela tsamaiso gore e nna e e ntseng jang, e felele e ntse jang. O lebelela gore yone *Sovereign Wealth Fund* maikaelelo a yone le gore e tlaabo e beeletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e leba tsone dikgang tse. Jaanong ke re molao o re tswelletse re a o dira, o kwa *Ministry of Finance*.

Jaanong go bo go nna le se ke ntseng ke bona se bidiwa gotwe *Sovereign Wealth Fund* mo dipampiring e le tshimologo, ba ba simolotseng *preparatory ground* e e dirwang ke *Ministry for State President*. Ke yone eo e le e bitsang *Sovereign Wealth Fund*. Fa re setse re bua ka *Sovereign Wealth Fund System*, molao o ya go tla o tswa re o dira re le kwa *Ministry of Finance*.

Ke gakolole gore re tshwanetse gore re gakologelwe gore ka dinako tsotlhe Goromente o mongwefela, *there is one Government*. Sengwe le sengwe se se tswang mo go Goromente wa letsatsi, sengwe le sengwe se se tswang mo mosalagaeng, se tswa mo mosalagaeng, ga se tswe mo letsogong la moja kana mo leitlhong, *it is one Government*. Ke sone se e leng gore re batla gore fa re tlhabolola ka fa re dirang ka teng, re dira dilo ka bonako, ka matsetseleko, re batla gone gore Goromente fa motho a bona thuso a se ka a tsaya gore o e bona kwa lephateng la gore kana la gore, o e bona fela mo *one Government*. Ke yone tsamaiso e re dumelang gore re ya teng. Jaaka ke bua, *it is not yet Uhuru*, mme maikaelelo a rona ke gore re ithulaganye ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ke ratile thata ka fa Rre Lucas a neng a baya dikgang tsa gagwe ka teng. Ke kgalhiwa thata ke ka fa ene tota yo o ntseng a bua gore ke ne ke bua o kare ke mmoki, ke *poet*, mme jaanong fa re setse re senka baboki tota, *poet*, ke bone gore ke ene *poet*. Ka fa a neng a e baya ka teng, ke gore le ditemana tsa teng, o bona gore ke tsa mmoki tota. O boeletsa lefoko, o tsere sekgele kgakala. O bona fa o bona motho gore ke mmoki, fa a bua sengwe, ke gore sengwe le sengwe o a ikgakgamatsa, o gakgametse...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR GAOLATHE: Ke gore o gakgametse gore heela! Kgang ya gore, ya gore, ke e solofetse kwa go wena, ke e utlwa kwa go Rre Modise. Nnyaa rra, ke ratile thata ka fa o beileng dikgang tsa gago ka teng. Mo go beyeng dikgang tsa gago, ga ke boele morago mafoko a ke tlholang ke a bua a gore jaaka Rre Nkawana, o motho a rata lefatshe la gagwe. O supa gore o tshwenyegile ka *Sovereign Wealth Fund* gore e fa kae. Ga o batle go e utlwalela gope. O batla go e utlwalela fela teng kwa o reng, o batla go e utlwalela teng. Ke tsaya gore ke e tlhalositse gore re eletsa go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. O tlaa nna o ntekola gore a o wetse mo moweng, mme o supa gape gore o tshwentswe ke *deficit*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR GAOLATHE: O jela ba bangwe ba e leng gore ke...

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* Nnyaa ke a leboga *Your Honour the Vice President (VP)*. Ke utlwile kgang ya gago ya *one Government* o e gatelela thata, o e boeletsa. O batla gore ga gore sepe le fa re ka utlwa gotwe Lephata la Metsi le kwa go wena, o a le laola? Ke sone se o se buang *because it is one Government*?

MR GAOLATHE: Nnyaa Rre Hikuama, e e batla re e bua re le kwa ntle ka gore nako e tshaile. Rre Motlotlegi Oom Luu, o tshwentswe ke *deficit*, ke gore ka bokhutshwane, o tshwentswe ke gore lefatshe le dirisa madi a a fetang letseno. E re tshwentse rotlhe kgang e ya *deficit*, e bile o tshwentswe bogolo jang ke gore e kwa godimo mo e leng gore le ka fa o e tlhalosang ka teng, o e tshwantshanya le *Development Budget* gore o kare e setse e le koo, le go feta e tlaa feta. Ke kgang e e re tshwentseng rotlhe, e bile ga go na yo o sa itseng gore re tshwanetse re kgaole, re simolotse go kgaola. Re tshwanetse gape re oketse letseno, mme dithulaganyo tsotlhe re di simolodisitse tsa gore re oketse letseno.

Ke tlhalose sengwe ke se se bidiwa gotwe *counter cyclical spending*. Ke gore le fa re kgaola jaana, re tshwanetse re kgaole ka kelotlhoko. Fa gongwe fa re re a kgaolela gore re lekanye madi a re a dirisang le a letseno. Fa gongwe fa o kgaola, go felela o kgaotse pelo, jone botshelo. E le gore o kgaotse botshelo jotlhe. Go tshwanetse go kgaolwe ka tsela e e rileng, e e matsetseleko fela jaaka ngaka yo o baakanyang pelo,

gore a tsene kwa pelong o kgaola ka matssetseleko a a rileng, ga go kgaolwekgaolwe fela. Ke eletsa gore o se ka wa lebala kgang e gore go botlhoko, mme re leka sengwe le sengwe. Re tshwanetse re kgaole re ntse re gopola gore re se ka ra felela re kgaola, re bolaya lefatshe lotlhe.

O bua ka dikgang tsa *living wage*, tsa P4, 000. Jaanong *living wage*; P4, 000 go na le ba ba amogediwang ke Goromente, ba ba berekelang Goromente. Go na le ba ba berekelang mo dikomponeng tse di ikemetseng ka nosi. Ba ba berekelang Goromente, ke tsaya gore le itse tumalano e e teng, e e tseneng. Babereki botlhe ba ga Goromente, go ya go nna le lenaneo la gore ba ba kwa tlase, ba okelediwe ka *allowance* tse di rileng gore ba felele e le gore fa go padile, ba fa go P4, 000. Ba dikompone tse di emeng dile nosi, o tlaa dumalana le nna gore go na le dikompone...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister*, tsamaela kwa pele, e tlaa tloga e ya go go tshwara. *I am about to put a question.*

MR GAOLATHE: *Ga se four minutes?*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee, ke raya gore o e bone gore...

MR GAOLATHE: *Ee, four minutes*, ke tsaya gore fa ke re tsharatshara, ke tlaa feleletsa ka yone. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR GAOLATHE: Re tlaa dumalana gore go ne go na le dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi, tse e leng gore motho fa a le mo kgwebong, dipoelo tsa gagwe, le P4, 000 ga a mmone ka bo ene. Go na le dikompone tse di lelang, di a supa gore fa ba ka duela P4, 000, le dipampiri ba di supa, go ya go felela e le gore batho ba felela ba sena ditiro. Se se botlhokwa ke gore, Goromente o ikaletse go aga itsholelo e e leng gore fa go padile, motho a amogele P4, 000. Ke selo se se ka sekeng sa diragala letsatsi le le lengwefela. Ke selo se se tlaa tsayang nako, se se tlhokang gore re godise itsholelo re godise ditsamaiso. Ke tsaya gore e a utlwala rra.

Go na le dikgang tse o di buang, tse ke tshwanetseng ke gakolole gape gore *budget* ga e ka ke ya rarabolola mathata otlhe a lefatshe. Go na le dilo tse di ka

rarabololwang ke *budget*, go na le tse di rarabololwang ke di sele. Ke ka fa re itsayang ka teng, ke ngwao, ke go bereka mmogo. Goromente a le nosi, *budget* e le nosi, ga se yone e e ka re agelang itsholelo.

Rre Mokgwathi, lesole le le tona, re amogela kgothatso le mafoko a gago. Dikeletso tsotlhe tse o ntseng o di bua, re tlaa leka tsa sepatela kwa Letlhakeng, dikole kwa Ngware, ke tsaya gore re lwa ka sengwe le sengwe gore re goroge teng koo.

General Mokgware, Rre Ramogapi le Rre Mosanana, re lebogela kgothatso ya lona. Le a bona gore nako e tshaile, mme re lebogela kgothatso le maikaelelo a lona a gore re ka dira mmogo go aga itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke ne ke re ka go kgwa dikgaba go le kalo, Modulasetilo yo o tlotlegang, yo o rategang, ke felele ke rialo le nna ke boele kwa puong ya Seeng ke re, *I therefore move that the 2026/2027 Recurrent Budget in the sum of P1, 140, 549, 410 and that the Development Budget be approved and stand part of the Schedule of Estimates for financial year 2026/2027.*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The question is that the sum of One Billion and One Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, and Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1,140,549,410) for Organisation 0300 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule and the Revised total estimated cost for the Sub-Organisations in Organisation 0300 in the Development Fund Estimates stand part of those Estimates.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0400 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, the question for consideration this afternoon is that the sum of Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty (P973 168 650) for Organisation 0400 and the Schedule stand part of the Schedule and the Revised total Estimated cost for the Sub-Organisations in Organisation 0400 in the Development Fund Estimates stand part of those Estimates.

Honourable Members, please note that 2 hours 10 minutes has been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 15:40 hours on Monday 2nd March, 2026 and

the question we put at 16:10 hours. I shall now call Honourable Mokgware to present.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Madam Chairperson.* Mme ke leboge gore le nna o bo o mphile sebaka se sa gore ke bue le Batswana, ke ba rolele kgang ya kabalano ya madi a Lephata le la *Labour and Home Affairs*, le le itsegEng ka Organisation 0400. *Madam Chairperson*, re le lephata re lemoga e bile re a bona gore Goromente o na le mathata, ga gona madi. Re ikemiseditse go dira ka gotlhe mo re nang nago fa re le teng go bona gore le rona re a thusa go tsosa *economy* ya Botswana. Gore go nne le mmereko, Batswana ba bone ditiro, re a leka ka fa re tlaa kgonang ka teng go dira neelano e e tshwanetseng go nna teng fa gare ga mohiri le mmereki. Ke dumela gore ka go tsisa ledula le le ntseng jalo, lefatshe la rona le lone le tlaa nna le itsholelo e e botoka.

Pele ga ke ya kwa pele thata *Madam Chairperson*, ke kopa gore o ntetlelele ke go beye pele maikaelelo a rona fa re lebile *budget* e ya rona, e batla gore re tle re kgone go di dira sentle. Selo sa ntlha se re ikaelelang go se dira *in this budget* e ke gore re kgone go bula meelwane mengwe ya rona *for 24 hours*. Re dumela gore molelwane o tswana le wa Kasane, re o bule *24 hours*. Re dumalane le bagarona ba kwa Zambia gore 1st April 2026, re tshwanetse re bo re o bula *24 hours*.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Wa Kasane-Kazungula. Re bo re dumalana le ba bangwe ba re berekang le bone gore molelwane o tswana le wa Martin's Drift, Tlokweng le Pioneer Gate o o itsegeng ka Lobatse, le one o bulwe *24 hours*. Re dumela gore meelwane e yotlhe fa re ka e bula, ra nna le gore go tswa kwa diteraka di fete jaana tsotlhe, di tlaa tlhama mebereko mo Botswana. Batswana ba tlaa kgona go itse gore fa o rekile dilwana tsa gago, ga gona gope kwa di ka lalang teng, o kgona go tswa fa o ya South Africa o tlhola o bereka maitseboa, o bo o boa. Ke maikaelelo a re ikaeletseng go a dira.

Sa bobedi se re ikaeletseng go se dira ke go lebelela gore gore re tsose itsholelo mo Botswana, ke gore re *introduce* mo gotweng *24-hour economy*. Ke gore re se ka ra nna le gore nako fa e tshaya 7 o'clock mo

Botswana, dikgwebo tsotlhe di tlaabo di tswetse go le go ntsho. Go timile, go sena gore mmereki wa Puso yo o neng a tshaisa ka 4:30 p.m. o ka ya go bona ditirelo gope jang. Mabaka a mararo fa re batla go dira *this 24-hour economy*. La ntlha fela ke go leka go baakanya gore go nne le maduo mo lefatsheng la rona. Fa o ka ela tlhoko o kare re setse re tlwaetse thata lefoko le la *overtime* mo go rona mo Botswana. Re kopa gore re bone gore fa re ka dira *24 hours* e, go tlaabo go oketsa *the number of shifts*. Ke gore *shifts* di tlaabo di oketsega, di sa tlhole di nna pedi, di tlaabo di nna tharo. Mongwe le mongwe mmereki re batla a bereka *eight hours*. Fa o ka lebelela, fa e le gore o na le *shop* o batla gore e bereke nako e telele e tswala ka 10, go raya gore o tshwanetse go nna le *shifts* di ka nna tharo. Fa re ka dira jalo go tlaabo go bakela babereki ditiro jaaka re ka lemoga gore bo *security* bone gompiano ba bereka *two shifts*, tsa 12 to 12. Go tsenya *24 hours* go tlaabo go raya gore *shifts* tsa teng di nna tharo. Re setse re lebeletse mo *mines*, e bile bangwe ba setse ba leka go bereka ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Fa re bua ka *this 24-hour economy*, ga re a tshwanela go e lebelela kwa *private sector*, re tshwanetse go e lebelela le mo go Goromente. Mananeo kana diofisi dingwe tse di thusang batho jaaka go fa batho bo Omang, *licenses* le *passports*, re leke go bula fa ba bangwe ba tshaisa gore modirelapuso yo o tshaisang ka 16:30, o ka tsena kwa diofising tsa Omang. Gongwe Omang a tswale ka bo 8:00 p.m., o bo o ya go dira Omang kana *passport* ya gago.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Re bone gore *on Saturdays* le gone diofisi tsa rona di ka thusa batho ba ba sa dirang bo Omang, ba sa tsaya *passports* le *birth certificates*. Dilo tse ke tsone re dumelang gore jaanong di tlaabo di tsotsa, re dira gore go nne le *a shift of work in the public service*. Re dumela gore dilo tse tsotlhe di tlaa leka *to improve our performance as a Government and bontsi will build public confidence*. Re ka kgona dilo tse tsotlhe fa re ka simolola re inakanya le maranyane, mo re go buileng re re ke *to digitalise all the public service*.

Modulasetilo, e ntse e le rona kwa *Labour and Home Affairs*, ke gakolole gore kana *Library and National Archives* le tsone di ka fa tlase ga rona. Le tsone re eme

ka dinao go bona gore re a di baakanya gore di tle di kgone gore kwa ntleng ga go tsa sepe fela jaaka go ya go bala dibuka, le tsone di leke *to provide a public service*. Ditiro dingwe tse o kgonang go di bona kwa re itseng gore go ka kgonega teng fa go na le *library*, gore o kgone go ya go dira Omang kana *passport* teng. Re dira selo se jalo re di oketsa. Re dumela le gore golo gongwe *libraries* tsa rona re ya go nna le mo gotweng *Presidential Libraries*, gone go oketsa *history*. Le Palamente tota go nne le *a wing* ya Palamente gore jaaka le ntse jaana, kwa Maun a itlhele *shelves* gotwe ke Botswana Parliament gore dikgang tsa lona di itsege tse di diragalang mo Ntlong e. *Bill* ya teng re tlaa e tlisa kwano.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*, o bua dilo tse dintle thata. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go botsa gore a dilo tse o di buang tseo di mo mading a o a kopang, ke raya gore ke *projects* tse di yang go dirwa ka madi a o a kopang gone jaana?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki motlotlegi. Akere ke bua ka *budget* ya 2026/2027 motlotlegi, *so* ga ke ka ke ka bua dilo tse e leng gore ga ke tle go di dira. Ke raya gore ke batla go go tlhomamisetsa jalo.

Go na le dilo dingwe tse re di dirileng tse ke di bitsang *achievements* mo ngwageng o o fetileng. Le ka gakologelwa batlotlegi fa ke lebelela mo go tsa molao, re ne ra tlisa fa *the* Citizenship Act, National Registrations Act le Births and Deaths Registration Act, la dumalana le tsone tsa feta. Tse di setseng, ke tshwanetse gore ke tle ke di tlise fano mo ngwageng o ke ya Married Persons Properties Act, e re tlaabong re thusa bangwe ba e leng gore *Form B* tsa tsone ba ba nyalaneng ga di bonale. Ke dilo tse re tlaa di tlising gone fa.

Re ne ra tlisa Employment and Labour Relations Act, ya fetisiwa e bile e saennwe, e re batlang gore e tsene mo tirisong ka potlako gore fa re ka kgona ra fetsa *regulations* tsa rona bogolo ka bo *April* e bo e ka nna teng jaanong ra e dirisa. Ke ne ka tlhalosa ka yone fa, le a itse gore tota gore yone e bua ka eng thata.

Re ne ra tlisa *policies* di le mmalwanyana, dingwe tsa tsone ke tse di tshwanang le National Occupational Safety and Health Policy, tse e leng gore jaanong re tsenya mo teng gore mmereki a simolole go babalesega mo tirong, go se ka ga tshwana le pele. Ke *policies* tse di neng di

ntse di seyo. Re ne ra tlisa *the* National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy mo Palamenteng, le yone le ne la e amogela la ba la e fetisa. E re setseng ka yone e ke tlaa e tlising mo malatsing a a seng kgakala ke *the* National Migration Policy, e e tlaabong e nna konokono ya rona, e re dira gore batho jaaka ba ntse ba tsamaya jaana, e laola metsamao, re itse gore ba tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke dilo dingwe tse re tlaabong re tla re di dira m mo go one ngwaga o.

Ke batla go tsena gore ke fe tekodiso fela ka *programmes* kana *initiatives which we are already undertaking*. *The biggest one* e re batlang go e simolola ke *the digital identity* ID, re batla gore ID ya rona re e fetole e nne *digital*, e bile o bo o kgone go bona re nna le maranyane a teng a a rileng. Re batla gore e nne le dinepe tsa gago e bo e nna le *biometric*. Ke dilo tse re re batlang gore re bo re di dirile pele ga *financial year* e e fela, re diegile. Re diilwe ke mabaka a gore *the procurement process* ke yone e neng e santse e re beile kwa morago...

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ga ke itse gore mongwame a reng, fa o botsa, ke raya gore mme o tlaa bona fa e diragala fela jalo.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Re ne ra fetola melao e...

MR AARON: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi. A ke yone e e reng gatwe fa o feta fela e tlaabo e le mo matlhong a gago ga o tlhokane le gore o dire sepe, e tlaabo e le mo mmeleng?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, motlotlegi eo ga ke e itse, ga se ya rona, ya rona ke ID, *we are improving the ID card* e re ntseng re na le yone gore jaanong e lekane kana e tshwane le ya mafatshe a mangwe. Kana re tlaabo re e dira jaana e le gore re tlile go dira letseno ka yone, tse re batlang go emisa go nna Batswana ba tsamaya ba ya *to photocopy* ba lefiwa madi gotwe tlisa *certified copy*, o tlaabo o ntsha Omang wa gago fela jaana go bo go lebelelwa mo go Omang o bo o dirile *your* KYC ka yone, go sa tlhole gotwe tsamaya o tshotse Omang wa gago o ye *to photocopy* kwa mapodiseng, jaaka ke ne ke utlwa batlotlegi kgantele ba bua gore mapodise ba dira ditiro tse e seng tsa bone. Dilo tse tsotlhe tse ke tse re a bong re dira gore jaanong re

improve, fa re re *we are moving into digital space* re raya jalo. Jaanong ke nngwe ya *initiatives* tse re tlaabong re di emetse ka dinao.

Go na le dikgang tse di tshwanang le *monitoring and compliance to labour laws*, re ya go ema ka dinao re bona gore re nna le *labour inspections* gongwe le gongwe, re bona gore *concerns* tsothle tse di buiwang ke batho kana babereki re di sala morago re a di tlhotlhomisa.

Madam Chairperson, re ya go nna le *the Administration of Workers' Compensation*, re dumela gore gompiano *the Compensations Act* ya rona e re nang le yone mo Botswana ke ya bogologolo fa e sale e diriwa fela jalo, mo go rayang gore tota e batla go baakangwa. Sekai fela ke gore, gompiano jaana fa o na le mongwe le le mo tirong le bo le tlhokafala lotlhe ka *accident*, ga e ke e lebelela gore a yo o ne a amogela bokae, e le fa P200,000 lotlhe. Go golagala, re dumela gore dikatso tsa teng di fitilwe ke nako, mo e leng gore gompiano jaana batho ba le ba ntsi ba golafetse, mme jaanong ba neelwa madi a mannyennyane, gape ga e *include* go golafala tlhologanyo. Kana babereki ba ntse ba ya kwa ditirong re sa ba buise sentle, ba golafala ditlhologanyo. Go golafala tlhologanyo ga go tsewe jaaka bolwetse, ke raya gore ga go balelwe. Mo malatsing a a ntseng jaana motho a ntse a go kgoba ka letso, dipopego kana ka eng, kgantele ga o tlhole o tla tirong batho ga ba go tseye jaaka bolwetse, mme jaanong ke dilo tse re batlang gore re di tsenye dikgang tseo.

Fela gongwe ke fe le *update* ya rona e re buang ka *the compensation of Batswana ex-miners*, re ntse re eme ka dinao re tseletse Batswana betsho gore re bo re ntse re tlhodumela, re di setse morago, ba ba ntsi Batswana ba ba iseng ba duelwe. *Funds* tse ba neng Batswana ba ntsha madi mo go tsone kwa South Africa di santse di le teng, di dintsi thata, mo e leng gore re saletswe ke batho ba le ba ntsi ba ba iseng ba duelwe, mme re di setse morago. Fa re tla go tsena fela mo gompionong jaana, batho ba ba setseng ba duetswe *from the Provident Fund* ke P119 million. Ba le 1,744 fa ke bua le wena Batswana ke madi a ba a tshotseng a a mo diatleng tsa bone, e le gore re ne re ba direla go tsweng mo palong ya 3,822.

Re bo re tsewelela gape re lebelela Batswana ba ba neng ba duelwa madi a bone a e leng gore ke a *pensions*, Batswana bao ba le 744 ba duetswe madi a a kana ka P77 354 706. O bona gore ke madi a mantsi, ke maiteko

a a kalo, re tlaa tsewelela re ntse re dira jalo re batla babereki ba rona ba borraarona ba ba bereketseng kwa meepong e e ka kwa ele *to make sure* gore mme tiro e ba e dirileng kwa e e rileng, a ba ka bona ditshwanelo tsa bone.

Ke ne ke kopa gore o ntsetselele *Madam Chairperson* e re fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng e ya madi jaanong gore ke bokae, ke bo ke ka e bua ka puo ya Seeng, ke bue ka 2026/2027 *financial year budget request*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Tsewelela.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I now turn to request the budgetary provisions under the ministry for the financial year 2026/2027 for both Recurrent and Development Expenditure. I am requesting a total of Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty Pula (P973,168,650) for the Recurrent Budget and Seventy Million, One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two Pula (P70,119,862) for the Development.

Recurrent Budget e ntse jaana:

Lephata la Headquarters ke le kopela madi a a kana ka One Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Pula (P126,230,840). Ke lephata le re tlaabong re ntse re thusa le bagarona ba Botswana National Productivity Centre (BNPC).

Lephata la Immigration Citizenship ke le kopela Three Hundred and Sixty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand and Thirty Pula (P362,304,030).

Lephata la Civil and National Registration ke le kopela One Hundred and Eight Million, Five Hundred and Five Thousand and Fifty Pula (P108,505,050).

Lephata la Labour and Social Security Seventy-Six Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P76,373,980).

Lephata la Occupational Health and Safety ke le kopela Sixteen Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Pula (P16,528,340).

Lephata le tshwana le la Botswana Public Service College ke le kopela Forty Million Nine Hundred and

Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy (P40 985 570). *Lephata le tshwana le la* Productivity and Competitiveness Centre, *ke le kopela* Ten Million Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand and Four Hundred and Eighty (P10 647 480). *Ke bo ke kopela lephata le tshwana la* Employment Services One Hundred and Eleven Million Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand Five and Thirty (P111 977 530). National Archives and Records Services, *ke le kopela* Twenty-Nine Million Nine Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety (P29 946 990). *Ke ntse ke tswelela ke kopela maphata a madi* Madam Chairperson, Botswana National Service Library *ke e kopela* Eighty-Nine Million Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty (P89 668 840).

Development Budget *ke e kopela* Seventy Million One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two (P70 119 862). *One ke a kgaogantse jaana;* computerisation *ke e kopela* Forty-Two Million Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two (P42 019 862). *Ke madi a ke a batlelang maranyane.* Consultancies *ke e kopela* One Million Five Hundred Thousand (P1 500 000). *Ke bo ke kopela* Infrastructure Development Twenty-Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (P24 500 000).

In conclusion Madam Chairperson, I therefore request that the sum of Nine and Seventy- Three Million One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty (P973 168 650) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 0400 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation 2026/2027 Bill, 2026 (No. 1 of 2026) and that the sum of Seventy Million One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two (P70 119 862) for the Development Budget for Organisation 0400 be approved and stand as part of those Estimates for the Financial Year 2026/2027. I therefore move accordingly Madam Chairperson. Thank you.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open Honourable Members.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki Madam Chairperson. Madam Chairperson re lebeletse madi kakanyetso a *Labour and Home Affairs*, ba filwe Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three (973) million Pula for

Recurrent, mme ngwaga o o fetileng ba ne ba filwe Nine Hundred Sixty-Four (964) Million Pula, ba okeditse ka 10 million Pula, mme madi a ba a dirisitseng ke Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four (794) million Pula, mo go rayang gore ke Two Hundred (200) million Pula less than estimate e ba neng ba e filwe. Gone moo fela go raya gore ba nnile le koketsego ya budget ya 1 per cent, mme fa o lebile gore ke eng ba dirisitse madi a a kalo, ke dikgang tsa GDP, tsa bo madi ga a yo, tsa bo systematic budget cut, di tla di tswa kwa Finance. O ipotsa gore a mme gompiano fa ba okeditse madi, mme ngwaga o o fetileng ba filwe madi a a kwa tlase gona le a ba neng ba a kopile, mosola wa teng e nna eng fela, ka gore ba wetse kwa tlase ka P200 million. Mo go rayang gore gongwe fa re lebile kabo ya ngwaga o o fetileng, the actual estimates gompiano re lebile madi a ba ka kgonang go ya go a dirisa, re lebile dilo tse tsotlhe ke P800 million.

Tona o bua ka *ministry key drivers*, P800 million ke madi a a kwa tlase thata fa o bua ka *Labour and Home Affairs*. *Ministry* o bua ka *key drivers*, go bula itsholelo hours tse 24, ke boammaaruri itsholelo ga e a tshwanela go robala. Le rona fa re robotse, ga re ka ke ra robala rotlhe nako e le nngwefela, ba bangwe ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba bo ba kgorometsa itsholelo. Gone at the borders, fa o dira tse dingwe 24 hours, go botlhokwa thata gore tse dingwe o di atumetse kwa go 24 hours, di tswalwe ka bo 10 bosigo, di tswalwe ka bo 12 bosigo. Tse di tshwanang tsone tsa rona tsa Mohembo, Ngoma le Sikwane. E se ka ya nna o kare jaanong re ganelela fela mo mafelong mangwe, a re buleng itsholelo lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara.

Le 24 hours wa dikgwebo, a go nne clear gore ke dikgwebo dife, le gone kwa go Goromente, a go nne clear. Ke gore ga re ka ke ra bua selo se le sengwefela ka SONA, re bo re tla go bua selo se le sengwefela ka Budget, go sena milestones fela tse di...

MR MOROLONG: Clarification. Ke dumalana le wena honourable, mo kgannyeng ya borders go bula until 12 midnight, ke dumalana le wena gore Sikwane must be considered. Ke ne ke re ke go botsa gore a ga o bone tota fela yone e le priority over others because e ka fokotsa mosuke thata gape o lebeletse the nearness le gore go dirwa tsela gompiano e e tswang mo Modipane e ya kwa Sikwane.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ee, ke boammaaruri, ke *priority within other priorities*, ka gore gakere e ka fokotsa mosuke *from* Tlokweng, ke boammaaruri go tsena ka South Africa. *It should be considered* thata. A go itsiwe gore ke afe maphata a ga Goromente le dikgwebo jalo, go nne *clear* fela gore bagwebi ba ipaakanye. Ba itse gore sebaka se etla, mme se tla fa ka mabaka a a ntseng jaana. Bofitlha jo bo feteletseng jo, ke jone jo bo dirang gore kgantele e nne o kare le a ipaakanyetsa pele. Fa le sena go nna le ipaakanyetsa ke gone le bo le itsise, lona le setse le ipaakantse le tsamaya kgakala.

Legislation review, o buile ka Citizenship Act, National Registration Act, Birth and Death Registration, Employment and Labour Relations Act. Jaanong bothata jwa teng ke gore *Acts* tse tsotlhe tse o di buang, di na le *more than three months* di fetisiswe ke Palamente. Tse dingwe bo *six months*, but ga di na melawana ya teng. Fa di sena melawana ya teng go raya eng, ga di bereke. Jaanong rona re ne re tseela gore re mo kgolaganong e ntsha, fa o dira *Bill* kana o dira *Act* o tla o e patagantse le *regulations* tsa teng gore go kgone gore go bereke gone foo ka bofefo.

Fa o bua ka Employment and Labour Relations Act, go tlhokafala thata gore setshaba se itse, babereki ba itse gore e tsamaya fa kae *implementation* a teng. Kana gompiano thatathata kwa *private sector*, batho ba tlogela ditiro ka gore fa ba lebile *inflation*, ba lebile P4000 yo o palang, e nna gore jaanong ba berekela *transport* fela. Fa ba tsena mo malwapeng bana ba ba lebile mo matlhong go sena le fa e le sepe. Fa ba ka itse gore *labour relations* e tsamaya fa, ba bangwe ba a sotlwa mo ditirong, nako ya go nna jaana go tlaabo go dirwa se, go tsenngwa se, babereki ba nna le tsholofelo ya gore go ka diragala jaana.

Joint industrial council kwa *private sector* di botlhokwa thata, gore go itsiwe gore *consultations so far* di tsamaya fa kae le *unions*, because rona re le BPC go re tshwentse thatathata babereki ba *private sector*, e bile ka re na le lenaneo la *issue driving*, *it is part of our issue driving programme*, gore re bone gore re *consult unions* tsa *private sector* le babereki ba *private sector* go bona gore ba ipaakanyetsa motlha o mosha o o tlang ka tsela e e ntseng jang. A ga gona tsietso mo teng.

Civil National Registration (Omang); o bua ka dikgwetlho tse di ntseng di le teng tsa Omang. Mathata a

teng ke gore, dikgwetlho tse di nna teng, mme le di bua fa le setse le gwetlhiwa, le botswa dipotso le kgobotliwa ka dipuo, ke gone le buang gore re na le bothata. *It is very important to be transparent* Honourable Minister *from the onset* fela, gore re na le mathata a Omang, re ikaelela *to sort it* ka nako ya go nna jaana, batho ba itse. Re lebogela kgang ya gore *documents* tse di tshwang bo *licence* le *passport* di tlaa kgona go dirisiwa fa motho a santse a baakanyetsa Omang, *but go further than that*, di dirisiwa *in leu of* Omang fa motho a sa tshwara Omang. Go botlhokwa thata gore go lebelelwe *fraudulent challenges* tse di leng teng thatathata kwa ditseletsong, re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore jaanong mongwe le mongwe o nna Motswana ka tseletso e e *fraud*.

Sustainable and decent employment, *Multisectoral Employment Committee*; letlhoko la ditiro mo lefatsheng la Botswana le kwa godimo fela thata. Mo go rayang gore *committee* e e batla e bereke, e se ka ya bereka jaaka e le ya Multisectoral Gender Committee e go neng gotwe e ya go lwantsha Gender Based Violence (GBV), e re sa itseng fa e simolotseng teng le fa e le fa e feletseng teng. Go botlhokwa thata *because* go bereka ke botshelo jwa gompiano. E bile jaaka ba bangwe ba dira bo Sport Pitso, Youth Pitso, le Temothuo Pitso, dira Job Creation Pitso. A babereki, bahiri, Goromente le *Unions* ba nne fa fatshe ba go thuse ka megopolo ya gore ditiro di ka nna teng ka tsela e e ntseng jang, o e fetisetse kwa go Goromente. Fa o re *you monitor* maphata jaana le *private sector* ba bua ka *dash board* ya *projects*, le wena nna le *dash board* ya gago ya go thama ditiro. Babereki ba itse gore *project* ya go nna jaana e ya go thama ditiro di le kana. Go sa tlhokafale gore ba bo ba reeditse Palamente pele kana ba emetse *press release* ya gago, go diragala jaaka go tshwanetse.

Last year ka *February* o ne o le fa o re, *by end of March* 2025 babereki botlhe ba ba kolotiwang ba tlaabo ba duetswe. O tsamaya fa kae General mo go reng babereki ba bo ba duetswe? *Court orders* di tletse mo, *overtimes* tsa babereki di tletse mo. Fa e le gore le na le bothata ke eng le sa bue le babereki gore, *we acknowledge* gore re a go kolota, mme re santse re na le bothata. E seng mo le ganetsang gore le a ba kolota mme le tshwere *court orders* tse di reng ba dueleng. Go se na le fa e le *communication* le therisano. Batho ba Modimo ba mo mathateng fela ba ipotsa gore a re tlaa tshela kana jang, wena mo Palamenteng wa re ba a kolotiwa, o tlaa

duelwa ka *March* 2025. Ga a goroge ne *March* 2025 wa gago General?

Compliance to labour laws, labour inspectorate capacity building or strengthening; go bothokwa thata mme ga re go utlwe mo *budget* e General o bua ka *labour offices* kwa bo Shakawe, Gumare, Gantsi, Tutume, Kasane, Charles Hill le mafelo a mangwe a e leng gore ke *district headquarters*, botoka fela o simolole gone foo. O ka kgona *to strengthen capacity* fa o dirile ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

P4 000; naare P4 000 o ikaelela go mo tlisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? A o mo tlisa ka molao kana ka kokeletso eng? Nna *clear* General, ga re go utlwe. Tautona a re bagwebi ga ba na madi, Tona a re mosalagae, motsadi o a lwala, wena o kile wa re go tswelletswe...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable* Kekgonegile.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Tanki* Madam Chairperson.

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

Ke a leboga *Minister* Mokgware gore o bo o re beile pele mokwalo wa gago. *Minister* Mokgware, *on your budget* jaaka o ntse o e aga, e bile o supa mo yone, kopo ya me le batho ba toropo ya Francistown ke gore, o sekaseke thata go bona gore re ka fedisa jang kgang ya batho ba ba senang boagedi. Re na le batho ba ba nang le dingwaga ba le mo Botswana gongwe ba ne ba tswa kwa Zimbabwe kana mafatshe a gautshwanyane, ba bangwe ba bone ba tlile *even before I was born*. Mme le mo letsatsing la gompiano ba ntse ga ba itse gore a ke Batswana kana ba tswa kae. Tota le kang go bona gore le dirisa bonnyennyanyana jo bo ka bonalang mo *budget* e go bona gore *we round up all these people* kwa Francistown, kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa molelwaneng tse di tshwanang tswa kwa Bobonong kwa *Honourable* Lucas a tswang teng, le fa o bona re ya go agisanngwa kamoso jaana. Kwa dikgaolong tsa bo Maitengwe, Nkange, gore batho ba ba saleng ba tlile mono ba kgone go bona boagedi, ba se ka ba sokola jaaka ba sokola.

Nngwe ya dilo tse dingwe gape ke gore, go na le bana ba ba neng ba tsholwa ke Motswana gongwe le mo Zimbabwe, ba e leng gore thatathata bomme e ne e le maZimbabwe. Go raya gore batsadi fa ba sena go nna

ba ba tshola ba bangwe ba bo bo nyelela, ba bangwe ba tlhokafala, motsadi yoo a ne a sa tsenya rraagwe ngwana mo setlankaneng. Go raya gore ngwana yo o mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga a na mmaagwe, ga a na rraagwe. Ga a na rraagwe ka gore leina la ga rraagwe ga le a tsennngwa mo *birth certificate*. Golo mo jaanong go dirile gore kwa Francistown re nne le bana ba bantsi ba e leng gore ga ba na boagedi. Boraabone ga ba kgone go ba thusa ka gore ga ba yo mo ditlankaneng. Fa gongwe fa gotwe borraabone ba ye go dira di Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) *test*, ga ba na le fa e le thebe wa go ya go dira DNA *test*. Mo go felela go ama ngwana yo e leng gore tota ga a na molato. Jaanong a re lekeng *to round up* bana ba *as the new Government and make sure* gore ba bona boagedi ka tsela e e tshwanetseng *Minister* Mokgware. Bangwe ba bone ba ne ba pasa kwa dikoleng ba tsaya bo 43, 45, 48 *points*, ga ba kwa dikoleng gompiano. Ba bangwe batsadi ba bone ba tlhokafetse ba tlogela boswa, *they are unable to access* madi ka lebaka la go tlhoka boagedi. Ke re a re lekeng ka bojotlhe go bona gore re ka thusa bana ka bofefo ka tsela e e tseng jang *Honourable Minister*. Kgang e ya gore batho ba sokole go bona boagedi gongwe re e lealebeng thata, re bone gore a ga se gore re funetse thata mo seemo se re leng mo go sone jaanong *is disadvantaging* batho ba e leng gore tota sengwe le sengwe sa bone se mono. Re leke go sekaseka go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Gape fa o lebelela tsamaiso ya rona kwa e tswang teng, go na le bana ba e leng gore bommaabone e rile fa ba sena go nna ba ba tshola fa gotweng *father* fa gongwe go bo go tsennngwa malomaagwe kana rraagwemogolo, ka gore motsadi o ne a sa nyalwa, mme ngwana tota e se wa ga *Honourable* Hikuama. E bo e le gore ka tsamaiso ya bogologolo go tsennngwa *Honourable* Hikuama gone foo gotwe ke rraagwe ngwana. Jaanong tsamaiso gompiano ka fa e ntseng ka teng ke gore, golo mo fa go lemogiwa ka gore ba simolotse go lemoga ba ofisi ya ga Mokgware, go raya gore ba go amoga Omang wa gago. Go tswa foo gore o tle o mmone ke tshokolo e nngwe e e gakgamatsang. Diphoso tse ke tse di neng di dirwa ke batsadi ba rona fa gongwe ba dirwa ke go tlhoka kitso, le gone gore tota ka nako eo go ne go le dingalo fa gongwe gore ngwana yo go ka twe ke wa ga mang. *So* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ke re gongwe re go tseye e le *a special project*. Re kgone go bona gore Batswana ba ba iphitlhelang ba le mo seemong se re ka ba thusa ka tsela

e e ntseng jang *Madam Chairperson*, gore Motswana a se ka a sokola ka tsela e ba tswang kgakala ba sokola ka yone. Ka lebaka la dilo tse e leng gore fa gongwe bana *were not responsible for* tsone tse di diragetseng, mme ba felela e le bone ba ba sokolang mo go feteletseng.

Ke a itse gore tsamaiso ya teng ke gone gore, gatwe motsadi a ye kwa mapodiseng a ye go amogela molato. *That process also is not very clear*; mme e bile ba bangwe ba e dirile ba bo ba nna ba ntse ba tswela ba sa kgone go bona se ba se tlhokang. Ke sone se ke kopang gore, a re lekeng gore *this issue* ya *citizenship* re e neele *attention* e e tlhokang mo go feteletseng.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ke gone ke bonang gore o e tshwere sentle jaaka Wynter yo re mo itseng. O tshwanetse gore o bue dikgang jalo. Se ke neng ke re ke se tlhalose ke se, kana mo mabakeng a mangwe, go ne go dirwa ke yone tsamaiso ya Setswana le dingwao gore kana fa ngwana fa gongwe a sa bona rraagwe ba gotweng ke bone ba ba gatiwang ke diterena ba re neng re ba utlwalela ba, o neelwa leina la ga rraagwemogolo gore ke monnawe mmaagwe, go raya gore rraagwe mmaagwe ke rraagwe. A mme ga go a tshwanela gore le mo molaong go lemogiwe *that thing* go ya ka wena?

MR MMOLOTSI: *Well, I think* batho ba lephata la ga Rre Mokgware tota bone ba ka senka *solution, but it cannot be that one because* kana mo setlankaneng, gatwe *father's name.* So, ga re ka ke ra re o se rraagwe ngwana, re bo re re o rraagwe ngwana. Tota kana ngwana o tlhoka go itse rraagwe tota, mme e bile rraagwe ngwana tota ..

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

MR MMOLOTSI: Ga go na ngwana yo o senang rraagwe. Ke sone se e leng gore ba a rotloetsa bone bo Rre Mokgware gore motho mongwe le mongwe o tshwanelwa ke gore fa a nna le ngwana, mo setlankaneng e bo e le gore go na le rraagwe ngwana. So, tota ke thotloetso, re a itse gore ga go diragale jalo *Honourable Hikuama.* Batswana ba ntse ba a rotloedwa gore ba dire jalo ka gore go tlhofaletsana bana gore e re *moving forward* le fa motsadi wa mme a seyo, wa rre a kgone go supela ngwana, fa wa rre a seyo, wa mme a kgone go supela ngwana go tsaya sengwe le sengwe se a se tlhokang. *So, it is encouraged.*

Ke fete ka eo ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya *labour.* *Madam Chair*, go na le mathata a a tswang kgakala mo Lephateng le la *labour*, a ke tsayang gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re a lebelele gore *labour* ka fa e tsewang ka teng mo nakong ya gompieno, tota ke lephata fela le e leng gore fa babereki ba na le mathata ba ya kwa go lone, e a bo e le go tsamaya ba goga maoto, ka gore *labour* ka bokhutshwane ga ba na meno a go ka dira sepe se se kalokalo. So, ke dumela gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re dire sengwe go fokotsa dikgang tse di yang kwa *Industrial Court.* Kwa *Industrial Court* kgang e tsaya lebaka le le leele, e bile bahiri ba kgona gore ba re re tlile go mo goga go fitlhelela a tlhokafala kana go fitlhelela a humanega. So, e bo e le gore motho wa Modimo o ya go tsaya lebaka a sa seka, fa a sena go nna a atlolwa gore a ye go bona tse di mo tshwanetseng, go bokete ka lebaka la gore ba e leng barongwa ba ga Goromente ba ba tshwanetseng go thusa, ba tilhaela mo go seng kanaka se pe. Kakanyo ya me ke gore, a re bone *in this budget* gore a mme re ka se ke re oketse bone barongwa ba ba ka thusang batho ba rona ba e leng gore bontsi jwa bone ba a bo ba sena se ba nang le sone, ba ba thuse *to collect* dikoloto tse e leng gore ba a bo ba di kolotiwa ke bahiri ba madi a mantsi mme motho wa Modimo go sena sepe se e leng gore o na le sone. So, a re lekeng gore yone eo re bone gore re ka se ke re e bonele bonnyennyane tota gore re tle re kgone gore re thuse.

Se sengwe ke yone kgang *Honourable Minister*, ya gore, gore re tokafatse bojanala mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *we need to look at our visa system*, re bone gore *visas* tsa rona di tokafadiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore batho ba kgone go ka tsaya *visa* le kwa molelwaneeng jaaka a goroga. Go na le mafatshe a mangwe a a tshwanang bo India, ba tshwanelwa ke gore fa ba tla bojanaleng mono, ba simolola ba tshwanelwa ke go ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe pele, gore ba bo ba tswa kwa mafatsheng ao gore ba kgone gore ba tsene mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka gore gatwe *visa* ya bone ga e bonale, *something like that.* So, tsone dikgang tse, a re di tlhotlhomiseng ka gore tota re eletsana gore go nne motlhofo gore motho mongwe le mongwe yo o siametseng go tla mo Botswana, a bone *visa.* Ka lebaka la gore jaaka re tlhalositse, re batla gore bojanala mo lefatsheng la Botswana bo gole ka tsela e e gagamatsang. Kgang ya *visas* ke nngwe ya dikgang tse e leng gore gompieno di a re kgoreletsana.

Le gone gore re nne a *bit flexible.* Re na le merafe e e farologaneng mo Botswana. Morafe o tshwana le wa

India gompiano jaana ba na le *their specialised dishes* tse e leng gore batho ba ba ka kgonang go di apaya thata botoka, ke *chefs* tsa teng. Go fitlhelela re nna le *chefs* tsa mofuta o mo Botswana, re se ka ra nna dingalo gore re letle gore ba bo ba ka tsaya *chefs* tsa bone. *Whether* ke ba India kana ke ba kwa kae, *if they think* gore mo *hotels* tse dingwe tse, go tlhoka gore go jewa ka fa ba batlang ka teng, *let us allow those chefs* tse di tswang koo *to prepare* seswaa sa bone. Gompiano fa ke le kwa ntle, fa gongwe fa ke batla seswaa le phaletšhe go bokete bakaulengwe ka gore ga go na batho ba ba itseng *to prepare it*. Fa ba le bantsi ka dipalo mono, *I think we should allow* gore ba tshele jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

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

Tanki *Madam Chairperson*. Le nna ke batla go ema fela ke leboga Rre Mokgware. Lephata la ga Rre Mokgware ke ntse ke le lebeletse fela thata, mme fa ke leng teng fa, ke dumela gore o tsamaya sentle thata. Mo melaong e e leng gore o e fetisitse, ke rata go bua thata ka Employment and Labour Relations Act. *So*, molao o fa ke lebelela kgaolo ya me kwa e leng gore re na le moepo, kwa go nang le dikonteraka tse e leng gore batho ba ntse ba bereka fela ba fiwa bo *one-month contract, two months contract*. Jaanong kana molao o o ya go dira gore go nne *fixed* gore batho ba fa ba bereka, ba kgone go simolola ka *one-year contract*. Selo seo se siame thata ka gore ba tlaa kgona *to plan their lives*. Ke belaela le gone kwa dibankeng jaanong fa e le gore go simolola ka bo *one-year* go ya kwa godimo, batho ba ka kgona *to plan*. Se se neng se ntse se diragala, e ne e le seemo se se neng se ngomola pelo.

Ke itumelele gore mo molaong one o, *you are very clear* gore dilo tse di tshwanang le bo *child labour*, jaanong re ya go di tlhodumela tota. Ke ne ke batla go go gakolola gore e re le ntswa re ntse re tlaabo re lebeletse bo *Occupational Health and Safety*, ke batla gore o nonotshe *enforcement*, ka gore o kare re tswa kgakala e le gore ke yone e e leng bothata. Fa re ka dira gore *enforcement* ya gago e bo e le gore ba ba tlolang molao go tsewa *action*, re ya go dira fela sentle thata.

Rre Mokgware, ke batla go go lebogela go bula meelwane. Ke ne ke le kwa Ethiopia mo malobeng jaana, *business* ya re e tswelele 24-hours. Rona mo

Botswana o kare re ntse re lebeletswe thata gore mathata a rona a matona ke melao e mentsinti e e leng gore re a ikgama. Jaanong fa meelwane e bereka (*operate*) 24-hours, go ya go nna le *flow of goods*, le batho ba tlaa tlholana. Ke go utlwile gore wa re tse dingwe *will operate 24-hours*, ke re o di lebelele fela tsotlhe. Kana go na le molelwane o mongwe fa Parr's Halt o e leng gore o tsenya bojanala ba se kana ka sepe go tla go dira *tourism*. O kare re a e lebala, ke re o e lebelele le dire *proper evaluation*, le bone gore a le yone ga e ka ke ya kgona gore le e betse 24-hours. Le fa e le gore ga le e betse 24-hours, botoka le e sutise e kgone go tswala ka dinako tse di rileng.

Ke ratile thata ka *electronic identification* e o buang ka yone, gore dilo tsa rona fa re ya go nna *digital*, re ya go thusa thata gore dilo tse di tshwanang le bo *fraud* e e diragalang thata mo go bone bo Omang *and passports*, re e laole, *because* ke golo mo gongwe mo e leng gore *if we do not manage*, o fitlhela e le gore *the integrity of this country becomes very questionable* le fa o tsamaya *internationally*. Jaanong fa e le gore re tlaabo re fokotsa *a lot of paper work*, kana go raya gore go ya go nna *very difficult* gore ba ba batlang go dira boferere, ba bo ba ka bo dira. Ke re *that one...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR NYATANGA: Jaanong tla ke bue ka ya *citizenship*. Ke itumelela *multiple citizenship...(Interruptions)...* Ba butse *radio Madam Chairperson*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke clarification.

MR NYATANGA: Le e sentse ka go bula *phone*, jaanong *you are confusing me. Madam Chairperson*, ke ne ke re golo moo *I think* go batla gore re go lebelele gore kana *it contradicts Standing Orders. Members must make sure that* ba dirisa *phones* tsa bone sentle. Fa o santse o kelemile o ja *issues* jaana *phone* di bo di lela, *it distracts*.

Kgang ya *multiple citizenship* ke tsaya gore re tsamaya sentle re le lefatshe. Kana lefatshe le re tshwanetse gore re lemoge selo se le sengwefela General gore re ntse re ikgama. Ke sone se o bonang ke na le tumelo ya gore mo gongwe re dirisa *templates* tsa bo Goromente ba ba fetileng mo e leng gore re felela e le gore *we lose out on a number of things*. *So, multiple citizenship* e tlaa thusa thata gore re kgone go nna le Botswana ba e leng gore *they come and invest* ba dira ditiro.

Ke batla gore ke gatelele sengwe General, e e tsamaelana le ba *trade*, mme a e re re e fa batho *citizenship*, jaanong e se ka ya re batho ba fiwa ditiro, e bo e le gore ba neelwa ditiro dingwe le dingwe. O bo o fitlhela ba tsere ditiro tse di ka dirwang ke Batswana.

Ke utlwile o bua ka *24-hour operation* le ya ditiro gore *you are going to move from two shifts to three shifts*. Ke selo se se siameng ka gore babereki ga ba ka ke ba lapa. *One of the things we do not consider*, ke *fatigue*. Fa e le *gore we are operating three shifts, we are going to increase in terms of productivity efficiencies le fatigue* ya batho.

Golo mo gongwe mo ke batlang go bua ka gone ke *data integrity* Rre Mokgware. *That is one area* e o tshwanetseng go e lebelela *because* go tsamaya go mpelaetsa gore diofisi tsa gago *do not capture data properly*. Ga ke itse gore a ke mathata a gore ke dipampiri, mo o kgonang go tsena mo ofising, o bo o fitlhela e le gore *they are not able to retrieve information, even as far as 10 years back*. Go bo go go supegetsa gore re ka nna le mathata, *it is an opportunity also for fraud*.

Ke batla go gakolola Rre Mokgware gore tota keletso ya me e tona ke gore, re *simplify* dilo mo lephateng la gagwe. *You have got good programmes, but let us simplify, let us simplify*, ka gore go tsamaya go ntshugetsa gore dinako tse dingwe, o kare *we are too rigid*. Re na le batho ba ba sa bolong go nyalwa jaaka mongwe a ne a bua. Fa o re o kopela motho wa teng *citizenship*, o tllile go batliwa se, o batliwa se. *It frustrates* ka gore ba ba nyetsweng ke bana ba rona ba Batswana fa motho a batla go tsamaya, *it becomes very difficult*. Ga o ka ke wa tsamaya le mokapelo wa gago *because* o a bo a ise a fiwe *citizenship*. Kgang e ya *citizenship*, ke itse gore bogologolo o kare go ne go na le *a position* ya Botswana e e leng gore ra re, ga re batle makwerekwere. Gompiano *we need to evaluate*, o tlaa intshwarela *Madam Chair*, ke itse gore ga ke a dirisa lefoko, mme ke tseela gore o nkutlwile General. Re tshwanelwa ke *to make sure* gore batho ba ba nyalwang ke bana ba rona, re dira gore botshelo jwa bone bo nne motlhofo. Gompiano jaana, *it is very difficult and frustrating*. Ke na le tumelo ya gore ka fa ke bonang o tsamaya ka teng, o tsamaya sentle. Fa re ka *make sure* fela gore *we enforce*.

Ke ratile kgang ya *labour inspections* ka gore re na le mafelo a mangwe a dipolase mo kgaolong ya me ya

Kudumatse le Dovedale. O fitlhela bothata jo botona e le gore bo radipolase go nna thata gore go tsenwe *and inspect*, go bona gore babereki ba bereka sentle. O kare re a bo re sena batho *on the ground*, kana *resources*. Ke kopo fela gore e re le dira *inspections* jaana, re tlhodumele gone mo dikgaolong tse di gaufi le molapo wa Limpopo. Batho ba rona ba bereka koo. Re bone gore re a ba *protect*...

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification. Honourable*, o bua kgang e e botlhokwa ya *inspection* segolo jang mo dipolaseng. A o etse tlhoko gore badisa fela le bone bagaetsho, ba humanegisa barui? Motho a latlhaganya dilo tsa gago a tsamaya a ya bojalweng, go sena melao epe e e ba tsamaisang gore ba dirisanye le rona jang re le barui. A golo foo le gone o a go itse? Re leke go e *balance*, badisa ba a re sotla bagaetsho.

MR NYATANGA: Ee rra, ke tseela gore ba reeditse, ba tlaa iteka mongwame. Ke batla go tswala Rre Mokgware, ke bue ka kgang ya *...(inaudible)...* *ex officio*. Ke lemoga gore o dirile melao e mentsi, wa re o santse o emetse *regulations*. *I think that is one area where we really need to improve going forward*, gore a dilo tse re rileng re a di dira, re *make sure* gore re di dira ka bonako. Fa re ka tsaya lebaka re sa di dire, *then good points* tse batho ba neng ba tshwanetse go di re fa, ba tllile go re tlhoboga. *Area* ya gago ke nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore fa re ka dira sentle, *we will shine and shine very well*. Ke batla gore le nna ke tseye a le kalo *Madam Chair*, ke agela. *Thank you very much*.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se, ke leboqe le *Minister* ka *presentation* ya gagwe. E rille fa a e simolola, tota le nna ke bo ke utlwana le yone, segolobogolo fa a neng a bua ka *borders*. O umakile *borders* di le *four* tse di ka kwano tse pedi. A re go na le ya Martin's Drift le Kasane. Ke sebete se molangwana gore Ramokgwebana ga a tsennngwa mo teng. A ko o e sekaseke, re bone gore Ramokgwebana le ene re e okeletse dinako. Bogolo fa *24 hours* a padile, re eme golo gongwe fa nakong e e fa godimonyana ka lebaka la gore ba lala ba *travel* bosigo jotle batho bale. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore fa *borders* di bulwa maphakela, go a bo go tletse. *On a daily basis*, ke batho ba ba nngang ba *move* fela. Re e lebelele, re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ya Ramokgwebana le Maitengwe.

Go bula ga dikgwebo 24 *hours* le nna ke a go lebogela. Maloba dibara di ne di bulwa 24 *hours* ka *December*. E ne e le mogopolo o montle thata, sebe sa phiri ke gore, go tlile nako e setse e tšhaile. O kare e ne e setse e le bo di 22, le rona kwano re sa itse le fa e le sepe, e bo e nna o kare *Minister* o ne a itirela. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di lebelela, re di dire nako e santse e le teng. Gone e le mogopolo o montle gore dikgwebo tsa rona, di bo di ka bulwa 24 *hours*, ka lebaka la gore, gore *economy* e tsoge, ga re dinako tse tsotlhe re bo re nna re tsamayatsamaya. Motho e re a thanya ka 12, a bo a itse gore o ka ya kwa diofising tsa ga Goromente, o ka ya go reka borotho, o ka ya go dira eng. Ke dilo tse di bothokwa thata tse e leng gore e rile o di lebelela, wa di lebelela sentle.

Ke rata go tsena mo kgannyeng e o neng o bua ka *Citizenship Act*, ke sebetse se molangwana ka dikgang tsa *foreigners, more especially* ba re bapileng le bone ka kwa *side* ya Zimbabwe. Ba na le bana ba bantsi thata le Batswana, e bile ga go na ka fa re ka ba emisang ka teng. Bana ba bone ba babalelwa ke melao e re santseng re na le yone mo Botswana. O kgona go fitlhela ngwana a tsholetswe mo Botswana, a ya go tsena sekole mo Botswana, a bo a fetsa. *Like* gompiano jaana, motho a ya go fetsa Form 5, *you can imagine* o tsholwa, o bo o tsena sekole o ya go fetsa, e bile ba bangwe o bo o ya go bereka. Jaaka nna, ke na le *case* kwa kgaolong ya me e le gore motho o tswa go ntshiwa mo sepodiseng gotwe mmaagwe ke motswakwa. *Just imagine*, ke dikgang tse e leng gore re tshwanetse go di lebelela. Re se ka ra fitlhela di kokonela batho.

Dikgang tsa go tshwana le tsa ba ba nyetsweng mo Botswana, di teng *cases* tseo. Ke na le bana ba bantsi kwa Jamataka, ba ba tshotsweng ke motsadi yo o tswang ka kwa le ka kwano. Ke a itse gore ba tlile go babalelwa fa go ntse go tsamaya go ya kwa pele. O ya go fitlhela motho a nyetswe mo Botswana, gore a tle a bone Omang, go ya go nna le bothata. O ya go bereka, o bo o fitlhela e le gore, gore a tle a bone Omang yoo, o a bo a sa bolo go rontshiwa ditshwanelo tse a tshwanetseng go di bona. Dikgang tse, a re di lebeleleng, re bone gore re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation.* Ke batla *to elucidate* mo go ya batho ba ba nyetsweng kwano. Ke na le mongwe o na le 12 *years* a nyetse mosadi yo o tswang Zimbabwe.

Ba mmileditse *interview*, ba tla ba mmotsa dipotso tse pedi fela gore monna wa gago o dira eng? Wena o dira eng? A bo a ithaya a re go raya gore ba tlaa tla ba mo neela, a bo a tla a bona *rejected*. Ke tsone dikgang tse re di bonang tseo.

MR FRENZEL: Ba a go gana (*reject*), ba bo ba tlaa ba bua gore ga o *fluent* mo Setswaneng. O bo o ipotsa gore, o tshwanetse gore o nne jang. Re tlile mo seemong se e leng gore ga re a tshwanela go akanya gore Setswana ke... Ke gore le fa o bua Setswana, batho ba bangwe ba ba mo dikgaolong tse di bapileng le melelwane ga ba se itse. Ga re a tshwanela go rontsha batho ditshwanelo tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba ka bo ba di bona. Ke batla gore dikgang tseo re di ele tlhoko, re bone gore re a di baakanya. Segolobogolo fa o dirile Omang, *you can imagine* o na le Omang jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua a bo a ya go tsewa. Fa Omang yoo a tsewa, gore o tle o mmone o tlile go sokola. *Officers* di tlaa go bolelela gore mo *system* go supa gore mmago ga se ene yo o neng o mmuile, *yet* o ne o na le Omang. Go na le gore ba leke go go bontsha gore motsadi wa gago o kae gore kgang e rarabololwe, go tlile go nna le bothata.

Dikgang tsa *ma-security* a a neng a theogela o fitlhela ba sa bone dituelo tsa bone. Ba mo dikoleng, ba mo dikomponeng tse ke ka di buang ka maina le tse ke ka se keng ke di bue mo nakong ya gompiano. A re ba lebeleleng gore a ba anya ditshwanelo tsa bone ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Sengwe sa dikgang tse ke di ratileng ke yone ya *multiple citizenship*. Ga re batho re ba tlise, motho o tlaabo a neelwa *permit* ya nako e telele, kana a ya go neelwa *citizenship* a tswa gone koo. Fa a tsena kwano a bo a rekisa dipitsa kana dikobo. Dilo tseo ke tse Batswana ba ka di dirang. A re lebeleleng dilo tse gore fa re neela batho, ga re neele mongwe yo e kareng kamoso a bo a dira *business* e e ka dirwang ke Motswana.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go feta ka sone Tona, madi a o a bong o a aba, rona re na le *settlements* tse dintsi. Mo kgaolong ya me ke na le *settlements* tse dintsintsi mme *since last year*, batho ba *office* ya gago ya Tonota ba na le bothata ka lebaka la gore ga ba na *fuel* ya gore ba ye go direla batho kwa *settlements* bo Omang. Ke kopa ka tsweetswee gore a dikgang tsa dikoloi tse di yang *service* di rarabololwe, go tlaa nna go adimiwa koloi kwa bo Francistown, gore e goroge mo Tonota e tlela letsatsi kana malatsi a mabedi e bo e boela kwa morago.

Dikgang tsa batho ba gongwe ba nnang mo Botswana, ke tlaa remelela segolobogolo mo go ba lefatshe le re bapileng le lone la Zimbabwe. Ke santse ke na le tumelo ya gore Batswana re le bantsi re ka bo re sa sokole ka ditiro fa e ne e se kgang ya gore gompiano ba tletse gongwe le gongwe. Ke bone ba ba mo merakeng ya rona jaaka motlotlegi fale a ne a bua. Ke bone ba ba berekang ditiro tsotlhe. Fa o re o a lebelela, ditiro tseo ba di bereka ba sena le fa e le *permit*, di ka bo di ne di tsewa ke Batswana. Fa o re o lebelela bo Mogoditshane; fa ke simolola go nna mo Gaborone, ke ne ka gagkamala go buiwa Seshona, Setebele mo Mogoditshane. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re gongwe maZimbabwe ba tletse kwa Francistown fela, ke tswa go gagkamala ke tsena kwano ke fitlhela e le gore ba tletse gongwe le gongwe. O ya go fitlhela ba bereka ditiro tse di motlhofonyana tsa go rekisa bo dijo, go dira bo ditena. Ke ditiro tse di ka bong gongwe di dirwa ke Batswana. Gompiano di tserwe ke batho ba ba tswang kwa lefatsheng le sele, go raya gore re tima Batswana tshono e ba ka bong ba e anya. Tona o lebelele gore dikgang tseo o ka di rarabolola ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore di tle di kgone go wela sentle, re itse gore batho ba fa ba le mono ba tswa kae, ke bomang.

Dikgang tse fa o ka di lebelela, Batswana ba tlaa di itumelela gore o di fetotse ka bontsi fa o tsena mo *ministry*. Dikonteraka tse re di neelwang, ke na le kompone gatwe Unique kwa kgaolong ya me. Konteraka e telele e e neelwang batho ke *one month, one month, one month*. Dikgang tse a re di lebeleleng re bone gore konteraka ya *one month* re a e emisa...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go jele *Honourable Member*.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a lebogga.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): Nte ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Ke go leboegele gore o bo o mphile sebaka se mo maitseboeng ano gore le nna ke akgele mo kgannyeng e e amang bobbe kgaolo e ke e emetseng.

Phetolo puo ya me e tlaabo e ganeletse thata kwa motseng wa Mogoditshane, e bile e ama metse e e bopegileng jaaka Mogoditshane. Rre Mokgware ke go ema nokeng mo *budget* ya gago ya lephata la gago ka gore tota e leka go *address* se e leng bothata lefatshe ka bophara. *It is consistent with change and the demands* tse di tlhokwang ke gore batho ba a bo ba tlhoka eng ka nako mang.

Lefatshe la Mogoditshane ke la makgatlhanela thapong fela jaaka mokaulengwe a sa tswa go bua. Ga se merafe ke tlang le bone. Ke lefatshe le ke dumelang gore *you have budgeted for it* mo *budget* ya gompiano. Fa ke itlhaganela mo go se o se dirileng se tsamaelana le Mogoditshane, ke *this 24-hour service operation*. Ke selo sengwe se ke se amogelang thata e bile ke se opela diatla. Lefatshe le le tshwanang le la Mogoditshane kwa go senkeng go robalwa, le Goromente o tshwanelwa ke gore a se ka a robala. Go raya gore se se ntseng se dirwa bosigo se se *formal*, jaanong le wena o eme nokeng *business* ya teng. Golo moo ke a go agkola Kgosi ya me. Ke supe gore *services* dipe tse di tlhokafalang gore re eme nokeng *this 24-hour initiative*, di tshwanelwa ke go tla le *services* tse di ka emang nokeng motse mongwe le mongwe. Fa e le gore motse o tshwana le Mogoditshane o itsiwe thata ka go rekisa dikoloi tsa *second hand*, le tsone di se ka tsa tswalwa. Gore o kgone o di fitlhelele *in terms of infrastructure development*, le tsone di se ka tsa tswalwa kana go nne le tomagano e e rileng. Re se ka ra dira *24 hours* fela kwa bo Omang, mme kwa re batlang go ya go dirisa Omang teng re bo re sa kgone ka gore gone go tswetswe.

O tlaabo o bula meelwane *24 hours* mme se motho a tlang ka sone, kwa a se isang teng go robetswe. Golo moo le gone a re netefatseng gore *this thing is seamless, it flows nicely until service delivery*.

Se re tshwanetseng gape go se netefatsa ke go itse gore teko nngwe le nngwe e re e dirang e le maiteko a mantle, a na le borukuthinyana. Fa o bona re simolola re bula meelwane *24 hours*, ba bangwe ba dira ditogamaano tsa bone tsa gore ba ka boela borukutlhi jang. Dilo di tshwana le gongwe go batla tsela e e motlhofo ya go fetisa dithoto di se *declared* ka gore go bosigogare batho ba lapile, go robetswe.

E ntse e le mo *issue* ya *24-hour operation*, se ke tlaa se eletsang thata ke kgang ya gore re iphe nako e ntsi ya go dira le mekoakoa ya dikgang tsa babereki. Fa go na le sepe se re batlang gore se *operate 24 hours*, e ne e ka nna go netefatsa gore ditsheko tsa babereki tse e leng mekoakoa di setse di le dintsi, e nne tsone tse di rarabololang pele. Le bosigogare fela re utlwe gotwe kgang ya gago e tsena ka 12, motho a kgone go ya go reetsa kgang ya gagwe gore re leke *to push backlog* e e teng.

Mo gongwe gape...

MR MOTSAMAI: *Clarification.* Ka bonako *Madam Chairperson*, ke batla go go botsa *sir* gore kwa dikgaolong tsa rona ka kwa bo Kgalagadi, Charles Hill le Kole go na le bothata jwa gore batho fa gongwe ba latela molelwane bokgakaleng, ba bangwe ba o latela *up to* 200 kilometres (km) go ya go tsena ka one.

Go na le gore fa o tsena mo mafelong a a ikaegileng ka Gaborone, e bo e le gore melewane e bapile fela. Ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore kwa bo Kole re bulelwe motshelakgabonyana fela fa re kgonang go tlola teng re tsena? Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke a leboga. Ke kakanyo e ntle e e leng gore fa ke e akanya, ka re a e re fa o akanya tse dingwe tse di neng di *operate* go ema ka 12 kana ka 10, o di *shift* kwa go 12, tsele tsa 10 o di ntshe kwa go 10 o di ise kwa go 12. Fa go neng go sena melewane teng gongwe o akanye go e oketsa. Ke ka e tswala fela go le kalo, ke kakanyo e ntle.

Mma ke bue ka e, *before* nako ya gago e tšhaya...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke setse ka two *minutes* fela, fa o ka tsaya 30 *seconds*. *Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O ne o bua ka...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Jaanong o a ipha?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke setse ke iphile *Madam Chairperson*, o tlaa intshwarela...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, tswelela Barongwang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke ne ke re ka o ne o bua ka 24 *hours*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Phologolo, kana ga ke a go supa, nna fa fatshe, a bo ke go supa, o se ka wa re o setse o iphile.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Clarification. Thank you very much.* O ntshositse ka nako. Ke ne ke re ka o ne o bua gore gongwe dikgang tse di tsene le mo gare ga bosigo, a kakanyo ya gago ke gore *accounting officers* ba ba fitlhelwang e le gore *they failed in exercising their judiciary duties*, e re fa go sekisiwa Goramente, re batle melao ya gore le bone re ba sekise *in their*

personal capacity ka gore bangwe ba tsaya ditshwetso tse o kgonang go bona gore di ne di ikaeletse go gamola batho bangwe di se ka fa molao o letlang ka teng?

MR BARONGWANG: O e tlhalositse bontle mo e bileng ke na le *Motion* mongwe o o tsamaelanang le se o se akantseng seo. Ke kgang nngwe e leng gore ke tlaa kopana le wena gore re loge *Motion* mongwe kana o tle go ntlaleletsa mo go se ke se akantseng.

Mma ke riane ke go *hantse* e nngwe e ke neng ke batla gore e tle e re ke fete ka yone pele ga re ka tswala, ka e bile e ama *Minister wa Finance*. Ke na le bothata le setlhophana sa batho ba ba berekang, mme ba bereka *mostly in the private sector*, ba ba senang *pension* ka gore gatwe go na le ditirelo tse di neelwang ke *insurance companies*. Batho ba ba Modimo bontsi jwa bone ke ba ba berekang fa, kamoso o bereka fa, fa a beraka fa, kamoso ga a bereke, *the insurance* ele e a neng a e dirile e a *elapse*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order!
Honourable Member.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke tlaa tla ke e tswaledisa kamoso. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Order!
Honourable Members. It is now 6:30 p.m. I will call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Friday 27th February, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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