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Wednesday 26th November, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Pray be seated. Let us start the business of today with questions.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Madam Speaker, o tlaa intshwarela. Golo fa go na le kgang e e tsentseng tsebetsebe mo setšhabeng. Re ntse re itse gore dipilisi di a tlaela mo dipateleng tsa rona. Jaanong go dule kgang e nngwe ya gore le tsone tse di teng, go lebege di sena boleng, bogolo jang tsa Tuberculosis (TB). Ke kope Madam Speaker, gore gongwe Tona ya Botsogo, a tle go lekodisa Palamente le setšhaba gore seemo se, ke se se ntseng jang? Se tsentseng tsebetsebe mo setšhabeng. E ka tswa gongwe ba Charles Hill ba siame ka gore ke bona Mopalamente wa bone ke yo, a ngongorega. Madam Speaker, ke yone e ke neng ke re, ke go e beye pele. O tle o re e akantshe gore re ka e dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang?*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order. Nnyaa, Madam Speaker, tota ke ne ke re ke bua le Motlotlegi Gobotswang ke mo raya ke re, a le kopane fa ntle la bua kgang e kgantele le Minister wa tsa Botsogo? Ke eng le sa e kopanele ka gore kgang fa e ntse jaana Madam Speaker, o fitlhela fa gongwe e le diphatsa? Dilo tse di dingwe are dismissed fela. Dilo tse di tshwanang le dipilisi le melemo, ga re a tshwanela go nna e kete ga re di kopanele pele, re bo re tsenya letshogo le le feteletseng mo bathong.*

Fa go buiwa gore Charles Hill gongwe seemo sa teng se siame, ga ke itse gore o mporofita ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ya gore ke siametswe ke seemo kwa Charles Hill. Batho ba kgaolo ya gago ba tlaa go latlha motlotlegi fa o ka nna o lebagana le nna thata, and ba go ikaletse.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Gobotswang, jaaka o ne o bua, ke santse ke batla Standing Order, mme fela se teng se se letlelelang gore Minister o ka dira statement.*

MR PULE: *Procedure Madam Speaker. O a itse Madam Speaker, ga nke ke ema fela. Ke ne ke re ke go raya ke re, phakela o, ga ke itse gore a Honourable Motsamai o*

bone mokwalo wa teng. Re ne re kwaletswe ke Clerk of the National Assembly to guide us ka fa go dirisiwang point of order, procedure, elucidation le clarification. Ka fa di farologanngwang ka teng. Jaanong ga ke bone gore a go tshwanetse Madam Speaker, re ne re gakololwa moso wa gompiano, Minister a bo a boelela the same error. Ke ipotsa gore a lekwalo leo, o le badile. Ke raya gore ke ne ke kopa gore o re guide gone fa. I was very happy. Ope yo o emang ka point e a emang ka yone, Speaker o tshwanetse to rule pele, before yo mongwe a ema ka another point. Dilo tse e reng motho a santse a re point of order, fa a bua yo mongwe a bo a re, procedure, ga se gone.

MADAM SPEAKER: Tanki Motlotlegi Pule. Ke ne ke re ke gakolola gore Standing Order 41.2, ke sone se letlelelang the Minister to make a statement on public matters, for which he or she is responsible. Ke tsaya gore e tlhamaletse.

The other one ke ya ga Honourable Mabuse Pule gore, re gakolotswe maabane ka interruption ya batlotlegi ba ba mo floor gore a ko re direng mo go tshwanetseng. Kgantele go tlaabo go sa nne sentle, e re o re o a ema, e bo e bile ke tima. Re setse re dirisa tshono ya go batla go bua ka go dirisa lefoko la 'procedure' kana 'point of order.' Ke kopa gore le bale thata se Clerk a se re kwaletseng. O tsentseng mo maranyaneng, a bo a boa ga tliwa hardcopy, di teng mo desks tsa rona gore a ko re itekeng. Setšhaba se re lebile bagaetsho, re senya nako unnecessarily. Point of order, mme gongwe ga e nne yone. Procedure ga e nne yone. Jaanong a ko re itekeng fela, re leke go supa gore re tlhwaafetse go direla Batswana ba ba re tlhophileng. Re se ka ra nna o kare re a tshameka.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

(MR MOSWAANE): *Point of order. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke fe e le kgakololo gore re kgone go tsamaisa sentle. Kgang e e builweng ke Honourable Gobotswang, e botlhokwa. Le ka bo le mo fa advice gore a tlise an urgent question mo Palamenteng. He cannot order the Minister to come and make a statement in Parliament. So, gongwe advice e tshwanetse e nne gore mogolwane a tabogele kwa diofising, a batle tsela ya go ka tlisa an urgent Question Without Notice mo Palamenteng. Go a letlelesega because ke issue ya health. Thank you so much.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, Honourable Moswaane, go a letlelesega gore Honourable Gobotswang o ka kopa

Minister gore a dire. Re a utlwana gakere?

MR MOSWAANE: Ee mma.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee. Ke a kopa fela a ko re tsamaiseng go sena makgwere. *Honourable* Mokgware, ga se gore o tle o tle ka kwano.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Koba motho yoo.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MEROPA RESOURCES EMPLOYEES

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to apprise the Honourable House on the fate of some 500 employees of Meropa Resources; she should further state:

- (i) if she is aware that employees of the company were issued letters of intent to retrench effective 31st August, 2025 yet there has been no proper communication or progress regarding payment of terminal benefits and the completion of medical exit procedures;
- (ii) if she aware that the delay has placed the employees at a severe disadvantage, as the lack of medical exit clearance has prevented them from seeking and securing new employment opportunities elsewhere;
- (iii) whether she is aware that as a result of prolonged uncertainty surrounding their retrenchment and outstanding entitlements employees continue to suffer financial and emotional distress; and
- (iv) what remedies are in place to assist the employees of Meropa Resources.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR TSHERE): Good afternoon Madam Speaker.

- (i) Madam Speaker, I am aware that employees of Meropa Resources were issued with Section 25 letters of intent to retrench effective 31st August, 2025. However, due to the current liquidity challenges faced by the company, termination benefit has not yet been processed. This matter was outlined during the last engagement with employees in Lentsweletau on the 19th August, where management explained the steps being taken to contain costs escalation.

(ii) It is evident that lack of pay-out of terminal benefits and proper termination has likely delayed medical exit clearances. However, I wish to clarify that pre-employment medical examination are conducted by each prospective employer, regardless of previous employer clearances, as those record remain specific to the former employer. While this does not eliminate inconveniences caused, it ensures that new employers can still assess fitness for duty independently.

(iii) Currently, Minerals Development Company Botswana (MDCB), Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and Minergy Limited are engaged in joint negotiations with potential investors to secure a capital infusion into the business. A key component of this process is the resolution of the outstanding employee payment obligations. While this is a complex and lengthy undertaking, negotiations have advanced significantly with several investors and Government remains committed to ensuring that employees receive their due entitlements.

(iv) The ministry acknowledges the severity of the situation and the hardship endured by affected employees. To mitigate this, through MDCB, a four-month salary payout was extended to cover the period up to 31st of July 2025, providing a temporary relief while long terms solutions are being pursued. I thank you Madam Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. *Honourable Minister,* kana golo fa go sale go kwadilwe a *Letter of Intent* ka August, gompiono re mo go November, mme babereki ga ba ise ba kwalelwe *retrenchment letters*. Ke tsaya gore o a tlhaloganya gore *intention* le *to retrench* ke dilo tse pedi tse di farologanyeng. Gone foo ke batla go itse gore, jaanong gatwe go ya go dirwa jang ke lebile gore seemo se gotweng babereki ba mo go sone, ke se *subcontractor* a sa dueleng *because* Minergy ga e na madi, mme Goromente *has infused capital* mo Minergy ka tsela nngwe. Ke *shareholder* wa Minergy ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ka gore go a utlwala gore e rile fa Minergy e kolota Goromente e sa kgone go mo duela, Goromente a bo a reka *the shares* mo *company* eo. Jaanong tota fela re tshwanetse re itse gore *company* e le fa re bua ka yone jaana, ke ya ga Goromente.

E nngwe go na le kgang ya *medical exit*, e e tshwanetseng gore e dirwe, mme le yone ga e ise e dirwe. Kana ga ba

ka ke ba tswa *from the company*, fa e le gore ga ba ise ba dire dilo tsothle tseo, *terminals le exit assessments*. Jaanong wena o bua jaaka o kare wa re, ba ka nna ba ya go di dira mo *company* e nngwe. Kana jaanong go tlaabo go raya gore *company* e nngwe e ya go tsaya mokgweleo wa *company* e e fetileng. O tle o tlhalose gone foo.

O ne o bua gore Botswana Mineral Company, e ne ya thusa go duela *four months* go bo go sala kgwedi e le nngwefela le *terminal benefits*. Ke eng e sa duele madi otlhe, mabaka a e neng e felela e duela *four months*, ke eng o sa a dirise go duela madinyana a a setseng a *terminal benefits* le a kgwedi e le nngwefela. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke tlhalose gape gongwe ka Setswana gore, ka fa go buiwang ka teng go raya gore go ne go na le keletso ya go ka kgaola babereki. Jaanong ka ntata ya gore fa o kgaola babereki ga re jaanong o ba duele madi a go ba kgaola mo tirong, go bo go fitlhelwa madi a seyo, ke sone se se buiwang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go bo go dia go kgaolo mo tirong moo. Ke sone se go santseng go tshwerwe dipuisanyo jaaka a bua fa gare ga BDC e le kompone ya ga Goromente *the investment arm* ya teng le ba kompone ya Minerals Limited. Ba sekaseka gore a go tlaa kgonagala *with potential investors*, gore go tsennngwe madi. Ga a ise a tsennngwe, fa a ne a tsentswe ba ka bo ba setse ba duetswe, *but* jaanong go santse go sekasekwa gone foo gore a ka tsennngwa. Fa a tsennngwa ba re *priority* ke go duela babereki. *Negotiations are ongoing at the moment*, fa re bua jaana.

Jaanong fa re bua la ya *clearance*, *I think* mokwalo o ne o leka go tlhalosa gore mongwe le mongwe e le *employer* kana moepo, o itirela *medical clearance*. Ka jalo, go tlhoka gore ba fiwe *an exit medical clearance* kwa kompone e ba berekang kwa go yone, ga go kganele yo o ba hirang gore a ka dira *medical clearance* ka bo ene fa a batla go hira batho ba, ka gore *medical clearance* fa e diretswe kompone ya gore, tota *it remains* wa komponeng eo. Jaanong ba le bone ba ka itirela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ba bo ba tswelela ba hira babereki ba ka fa go ntseng ka teng. Ke ne ke re ke e tlhalose jalo. Ke a leboga.

LATE PAYMENT OF TEACHERS ENGAGED BY BEC

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to explain:

- (i) the late payment of teachers who have been engaged by Botswana Examination Council (BEC);
- (ii) what causes such delays; and
- (iii) if there are any plans to rectify such delays.

ACTING MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Thank you *Madam Speaker*. *Ke dumedise le mmotsi wa potso*.

- (i) *Madam Speaker*, the Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) engages over 75 937 examining personnel in several examination processes each year. The examining personnel include both practicing and retired educationists such as teachers, lecturers and education officers. The examining personnel are engaged as consultants for processes such as development of assessment materials, marking, moderation and invigilation and these processes are conducted at different times of the year. However, most of the processes are concentrated between September and December.

Madam Speaker, the examining personnel are contracted for the period of the activity and upon successful completion of the activity, they complete claim forms to trigger the process of payment. The claim forms are then verified by the approval structures before any payment can be effected. My ministry, including Botswana Examinations Council, strive to honour payments for all personnel at the shortest possible time, however there are factors that I will shortly allude to that sometimes upset our efforts.

- (ii) *Madam Speaker*, I acknowledge that payments to examining personnel are sometimes regrettably delayed especially during the 2024 examination cycle. This delay was caused by among others financial constraints, which were experienced across all ministry departments including BEC. However, I can confirm that that all payments for the 2024 examination cycle have been processed, and my ministry is committed to reducing the delays this year and beyond, amidst the current financial constraints.

The other factor *Madam Speaker*, that exacerbates the delay is the large volumes of claim forms submitted at the same time for processing. The claims need to be vetted, verified and cleaned before effecting the

payments. Unfortunately, these processes sometimes take longer than expected, depending on the accuracy of the information submitted by the examining personnel, hence the delay.

- (iii) Madam Speaker, my ministry has been affected by the prevailing tight economic situation that the country is experiencing, and we are hopeful that under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), my ministry will continue to explore innovative avenues to raise funding for investment that would strengthen Botswana's education system, enhancing its capacity to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all children and adolescents in the country, and these includes examinations and assessments.

In the meantime, my ministry will continue to rationalise the limited available funds and continue to prioritise payment of examining personnel and avoid late payments for such. With respect to handling large volumes of claim forms, BEC is in the process of automating most of their processes, and these include claim forms for invigilation, examiners claims through the use of DataSmart and e-marking applications, just to mention a few. *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker, ke a leboga Tona. Tona, go na le 5 per cent adjustment e e neng e dirilwe ka 2024, mme ga ke itse gore o ka supa gore e setse e le *effected* mo ditulong tsa bone.

Sa bobedi, le le lephata le na le thulaganyo e le ka thusang batho ba ka *transport* kana *mileage* wa bone le *accommodation*? Ba bangwe ba ne ba tswa kgakala kwa dikgaolong tsa bo Patayamatebele, ba tlele kwano go tla *to mark*.

Se sengwe ke gore o ne o supa gore le duela mo lebakeng la go tswa *September* go ya go tsena ka *December*. Gone mme fa le dira *budget*, le a bo le baakanyeditse thulaganyo e kana e a bo e le kgang ya gore fa ba sena go dira tiro ke gone le yang go batla madi gore le tle le ba duele?

MR MAELE: Ke batla go baakanya ya bofelo motlotlegi, ke ne ke sa re gantsi ba duelwa *between September and December*. Ke ne ke re *most processes* tsa tiro ya bone, *they are concentrated between September le December, processes* tsa examinations, *to mark*, tsa eng. Ke ne ke sa bue jaaka gongwe o ne o e baya, ke ne ke raya gore *correct that one*.

In terms of 5 per cent adjustment ya 2024, Madam Speaker, you would recall that kana I am not the substantive Minister and e rile fa ke neelwa potso, dipotso tsothle tse ke neng ke di botsa, I did not foresee gore 5 per cent e ka nna potso e e ka bodiwang for now. I am sorry I may not be able to provide an answer but I can provide it in Parliament tomorrow. E tlaare fa ke tswa fa ke bo ke ya go bua le ba ke dirang le bone kwa Ministry of Basic Education, including ya transport and accommodation. I think they are very valid concerns raised by Mopalamante and I can assure you Madam Speaker gore I will be in a position to give an answer, at least by tomorrow fa e le gore ke ka letlelelwa go dira jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona go araba dipotso tse ka mashetla. Ke utlwile o bua gore *all*, e bile o *emphasising, all payments had been processed*, kana mafoko a Sekgoa, ba bangwe se re tshwara ka *diwashene* o fitlhela re sa a tlhaloganyane sentle, se kgonwa ke Modise fela. Fa o re *all had been processed*, o raya gore botlhe ba duetswe? Ke batla a tlhalose ka Setswana, ke utlwile gore a re *processed*, ga ke le tlhaloganyane. Ka re a mme wa re batho botlhe ba duetswe? Fa e le gore ga ba a duelwa, ke dipampiri *to be signed* le go dira eng, *can you put a timeline* ya gore gongwe le ka fetsa go ba duela leng. Fa e le gore ga le a ba duela, fa e le gore le ba duetse ya bofelo e tlaabo e se potso. Ke a leboga.

MR MAELE: *Ke a leboga. Eo ke ne ke e ipaakanyeditse sir. 4, 441 have all been paid, 4, 481 ke na le numbers tsa ba ba duetsweng ka February 2025, March 2025, ba bofelo ba duetswe ka April 2025. The total number of those people was 4, 441 and then the total amount of money that we have paid was P26, 925, 807.91. All of them have been paid, the last were paid ka April 2025...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Maele, ke kopa o repeat dipalo tse, fa gongwe wa re 4, 441, fa gongwe wa re 4, 481.*

MR MAELE: Alright, in February 2025 we paid 887 people, March 2025 we paid 3, 195, in April 2025 we paid 359. If you add that up you get a total number of 4, 441. In terms of the amount *ke ne ke re ke P26, 925, 807.91, ke tsona tse ke neng ke di bua* Madam Speaker. They have all been paid sir, for the cycle *ya 2024*. Obviously as we know *e re leng mo go yone cycle go raya gore gongwe e tlaare* in the first quarter *re bo re ntse re ba duela jaaka re ne re duela ba. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MR MAPULANGA: Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Tona, ke ne ke batla go latedisa kgang ya gore gone mme sekoloto ka gore ba ngwaga o ga ba ise ba duelwe, ke tsaya gore re a dumalana, ba kolotiwa bokae *in terms of figures* tse le di phuthileng ka gore *they submitted their claim forms*? E nngwe e ke neng ke batla go e latedisa, go na le *venues* kwa go tshwaelwang teng *and I understand* o kare le dirisa thata *private schools*, a mme ke gone le dirisa *private schools for marking* ya lona? Ke eng le sa bone go le bothokwa le simolole go dirisa *the Government institutions* gongwe *the university* le adima *auditorium* ya bone *to mark* mo go tsona, *to avoid cost* e e kanakana ya *to hire venues*? Tanki.

MR MAELE: Madam Speaker, I am unable to provide *gore re kolota ba le kae* this year, but like the other one, *ke ka kgona go mo tlela* answer *kamoso*. I did not anticipate *gore ya cycle ya 2025 e tlaa nna teng ka gore mmotsi ya potso* concentrated that *mo cycle ya 2024*, so I concentrated on 2024. I will be able to get an answer for you by tomorrow, that would be easy.

Venues sir, the problem is that sometimes when you want to hire a public institution, *fa gongwe le bone* they are busy. Let us say kwa university, *fa gongwe o fitlhela o sena* options but to look at the private venues to hire *batho ba dira examinations teng koo*. Of course, our first choice is that we must go for public institutions but if they are not available *ga go na gore re ka ema fela examinations di bo di sa tswelele*. We do that because of availability *ya* the public institutions. Where they are available, *ke yone* first choice but where they are not available you do not have a choice but to look for an alternative, and alternatives are the private institutions. *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker.

OLD AGE PENSION FROM 65 YEARS TO 60 YEARS

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state when the ministry will reduce the eligibility age for the Old Age Pension from 65 years to 60 years, as outlined in the ruling party 2024 manifesto in order to improve the welfare and dignity of senior citizens.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke leboge le mmotsi wa potso. Bontlha bongwe jwa potso e re e arabile maabane fa ke araba

tsa ga *Honourable* Barongwang. Tota e itebagantse le dikgang tsa bofagare jwa dingwaga tsa 60 le 65. *Ministry wa Local Government and Traditional Affairs* o papamatsa gape maitlamo, maikaelelo le maithomo a Puso a e supileng mo moalong wa 2024 *manifesto* go fokotsa dingwaga tsa katso bagodi go tswa kwa go 65 go ya kwa go 60 *years*. Mabaka e le gore *policy* e e leka go supa gore fa batho ba tsena mo dingwageng tsa 60 *years* go raya gore e a bo e le dingwaga tsa go tlogela tiro, mme bontsi jwa bone fa ba tlogetse tiro ka dingwaga tsa 60 ba bo ba ya go tsena mo seemong sa go tlhokomelwa ke Puso kwa dingwageng tsa 65, go raya gore fa gare ga 60 le 65 ba santse ba emetse go tlhokomelwa ke Puso ba a bo ba santse ba le fa gare ga dinaka tse di motsu tsa botshelo. Ke sone se Puso e neng e dumela gore go tle mo seemong sa go fokotsa dingwaga.

Ke sone se ke neng ka se tlhalosa ke re ba Lephata la Goromente wa Dikgaolo le Merero ya Ngwao ba ne ba tshwaragana le Lephata la tsa Pereko go phutha dipalo ka gore, gore tshwetso e tsewe e tshwanetse e bo e laolwa ke dipalo gore go tle go lejwe le gore mme dipalo tse jaanong fa go tla koketsego ya madi tsa batho di kae, ba ba mo bogareng jone joo le gore madi one a a tlaabo a oketsega ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Fa re lebelela kgwedi yone e re leng mo go yone ngwaga o, dipalo tsa batho ba dingwaga tse di emang fa go 60, di tsamaya kwa go 231, 082. Go raya gore ke tsona tse e leng gore go tlhomamisega gore jaanong fa e le gore go fokodiwa dingwaga, go tlaabo go lebaganwa le dipalo tsona tseo. Jaaka ke setse ke supile mo karabong e nngwe, go raya gore re tlaabo re isa kwa Khuduthamageng gore e ye go lebelela dipalo tse le gore madi a raya bokae, e bo e dira ditshekatsheko le go tsaya tshwetso ya gore fa go ntse go thaiwa, go rafiwa, go naakanngwa madi a a tlaabong a rebolwa mo ngwageng o o latelang wa madi, a se se ka kgonega kana jang. Mo bogompionong ga ke ka ke ka re se tlaa kgonega kana ga se ka ke sa kgonega ka gore re tlaabo isa kwa Khuduthamageng, ke se ka ka segela ngwana thari a ise a belegwe, ke letele Khuduthamaga.

Ke ka garela fela ka gore re tsaya tsia thata matshelo a batho ba ka gore ba a bo ba gorogile mo dingwageng tsa go tlogela tiro, mme ba bangwe e bile ba bo ba ne ba bereka ditiro tse e leng gore le fa a tlogela tiro, ga se gore kwa a neng a bereka teng go ne go amogelwa sepe se se kalo. Jaanong tiro ya gagwe e ne e sa amogedise, jaanong o tlogela tiro ka bogodi, o tshelela mo lehumeng. Bontsi jwa bone ke ba e leng gore fa go solofetswe gore o tla ka *pension* fa o tlogela tiro ka bogodi, o tla o opela

difela tsa, “ke tla ke le fela, fela” go sena *pension*. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Honourable* Motshegwa ka karabo ya potso ya ga Motlotlegi Khan. Ke dumela gore o botsa potso ka gore batho ba dingwaga tse ba re tshwarisitse bothata, ba batla go itse gore tota gatwe ba eme fa kae ka gore go ne go solofeditswe gore le bone ba mo teng. Jaanong ke re *in the interim because* ke dumela gore batho ba ba dipalo dintsi, mme boammaaruri ke gore ba a sokola, ka ke lemoga fa e le gore la re e tlaa re ka *April 2026* le bo le simolola go duela bagodi P1, 800, *do you not think it is better to maintain* P1,400 le bo le tsenya bone ba ba 60 years gore ba tsene mo palong ya ba ba tsayang *pension* go nale gore re oketse mme ba bangwe ka fa re ba solofeditse go sena sepe se ba se bonang? Ke kakanyo mme e bile e le potso gore a ga le akanye gore le ka leba jalo kgang e gore fa go kgonagala, bogolo le *absorb* ba dingwaga tse 60 *into the Old Age Pension instead of increasing from* P1, 400 *to* P1, 800 ke lebeletse seemo sa madi? Ke a leboga Tona.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke tsaya gore ke potso e ntle morwarre Motaosane. Kana o tsala ya me, ke go tlotla thata, ga ke ka ke ka ya le Rre Mokgware yo o batlang go nthaela, a re o leka go gogela dingwaga kwa go wena.

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Jaanong mme ga ke ka ke ka ya le ene. Boammaaruri ke gore puo e o e buang e a utlwala, ke sone se ke reng e tlaa re fa re sena go baya dipalo kwa Khuduthamageng, fa e sekaseka le yone e tlaa bona gore a ga se gore gongwe go tsenngwe ba e leng gore e ntse e le 60 years to 65 years go nale gore e nne P1, 800. Ke tsaya gore ke dilo tse e leng g ore Khuduthamaga, e tlaa tsenya kutlwisiso le megopolo ya yone mo go tsone. Boammaaruri ke se o neng o se tlhalosa mme e bile ke se ke neng ke se buile gore batho ba ba 60 to 65 mo bogompionong ba raletse mogorogoro wa moruti wa tshotlego ka mabaka a ka fa ba tshelang ka teng. Ke raya gore re utlwisisa jalo.

MR MONAGENG: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla go latisisa potso ele ya ga *Honourable* Motaosane mme se ke tlaa se buang, ke tlhalogannngwe sentle, ke se ka ka bapolwa.

Madam Speaker, re mo seemong se se kwa tlase thata sa itsholelo. Fa o ka leba le fa ke ise ke dire dipalo, mme fela motho o ka akanya, fa ke akanya batho ba ba

60 years gompiono le nako e e tlang, ke bo ke akanya gore re leka gore re ntshe dingwaga *from 65 to 60*, e nna palo fela e tona e e leng gore ke *millions* tse di gakgamatsang. Jaaka *Honourable* Motaosane a bua, ke akanya gore ke eng go sa lekiwe gore motho fa a santse a le 65 jaaka nna jaana, ke potile 65 ka kwa, ke santse ke ka tabogataboga. Ke eng fela ka ntata ya gore itsholelo e santse e le maswe, ra tlogela fela ya nna 65, re tlaa tla re boela mo go 60 fa itsholelo e sena go siama? Madi ao a dirisiwe go baakanya dikole, go baakanya dipatela, go reka melemo...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Se debate sir*, botsa re kgaogane.

MR MONAGENG: *Question* ya me e ntse jalo.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga. Tota ene o ne a botsa gore a ga se gore re name re iketletse ya 60 go ema kwa go 65 go lebeletse tse dingwe. Gore re tlhalose gore kana jaaka maloba go dirwa National Development Plan (NDP) kana *budget*, dikgang tsa *social protection*; bagodi, banalebogole, masiela le ba... ke leka go batla lefoko le lengwe le e seng la batlhoki, ba e leng gore ba santse ba tlhokile lesego mo itsholelong, ba ba kobo dikhutshwane, di tsewe fela gore di botlhokwa fela jaaka tsa go agiwa ga dikole, ditsela le tse dingwe jalo. Fa yo mongwe a tlhoka tsela, yo mongwe o tlhoka se a ka lalang a se jele. Ke fa botlhokwa jwa teng ka fa di tshwanetseng go tsewa tsia ka teng.

Ke sone se ke reng Khuduthamaga e tlaa di leba e nna e ntse e di bapisa gore go ka kgonega eng fa itsholelo e tokafala. Ke a leboga.

FDI DEALS

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

- (i) the number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) deals already completed and those still outstanding with a clear status of each deal in the past 12 months;
- (ii) whether any economic benefits have already been realised and those expected to mature in the next 6 to 12 months from January 2026;
- (iii) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (iv) the total amount invested in each project;
- (v) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and

(vi) the number of jobs created or likely to be created.

Later Date.

DECENT JOBS CREATED AND THOSE LOST

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state the total number of decent jobs created and those that have been lost between November 2024 and November, 2025 in the following sectors, manufacturing sector, tourism, retail, agriculture sector, mining sector and construction sector; at the current economic growth rate and the number of jobs created in the first year, does the Minister think it is feasible and possible to create the 500 000 jobs by the year 2029 as promised by the Government.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you Madam Speaker and good afternoon.* Mma ke leboge motlotlegi ka potso e e botlhale e, e e bileng e tlaa bula le Batswana matlho.

Mongwame, o a botsa gore go tswa ka *November 2024* go tsena ka *November 2025* go tthamilwe ditiro di le kae mo *sectors* tse di mmalwanyana jaaka *manufacturing, tourism, retail, agriculture, mining and construction*? O boa o botsa gore ba ba latlhegetsweng ke ditiro ba kae? A mme gone re tlaa kgona go tsena kwa go 500, 000 *jobs*? Karabo fela ka botlalo mongwame ke e, re le Puso ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), re tsaya lethoko la ditiro ka tlhwaafalo, mme e bile re buile mo makgethong a mantsi gore re na le lenaneo le tsamaiso ya go bona gore re ya go dira ditiro jang kana re ya go fetlha ditiro jang mo Botswana. Ke batla gore ke go reye ke re, ba garona ba Statistics Botswana ba sale ba simolotse *survey* e re e bitsang re re ke *Multi Topic Survey*, ba e dira kgapetsakgapetsa ngwaga le ngwaga. Ba e simolotse ka *October last year*, ke gone ba e fetsang ka *October* wa ngwaga o. E tlaa re fa *results* tsa teng di tswa, ke gone ke ka go bolelelang ka go tlhomamisetsa gore tota ditiro tse o di botsang tseo go tlhomamisitswe di le kae. Selo se re bone e le bokoa jo re fitlhelang bo ntse bo le teng, bo diragala mo go rona. Ke sone se re neng re tsisitse *Employment Bill* e re neng re re dikompone di tshwanetse gore di dire *the returns*, mme ba supe ka botlalo gore mo ngwageng babereki ba bone ba kae, ba Batswana ba kae, ba batswakwa ba kae. Di bo di boa di supa le gore ba ba latlhegetsweng ke ditiro ba kae, di ba latlhegetse ka tsela e e tseng jang.

Ke dumela ke bo ke go tlhomamisetsa gore mo nakong e e tlang, ga re na go emela *survey* e e ntseng jaana, re

tlaabo re goga dipalo fela mo maranyaneng re bo re go supegetsa gore dipalo ke tse, tse o tlaabong o di botsa fela ka gore boradikgwebo botlthe ka go farologana, ba a patelesega gore ba dire *the returns*. So, ke sone se ke reng mo nakong e e tlang go tlaabo go le botlhokwa jalo, re tlaa kgona go dira jalo.

Mo potsong ya ba ba latlhegetsweng ke ditiro *Madam Speaker*. Ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore ba ba latlhegetsweng ke ditiro, dipalo tsa bone di 487 ka mathata a go kgaolwa mo tiron, *retrenchment*, ka mabaka a a rileng. Ke taboge ka bofefo ke tsamaye le *sectors* tse o di boditseng. Ke ka go raya ke re, mo *manufacturing, services and repairs* go ne ga kgaolwa mo tiron 458 *workers*. Mo go tsa *building, construction, quarrying and exploration*, go ne ga kgaolwa babereki ba le bararo. Mo *hotel, catering and entertainment*, go ne ga kgaolwa ba le 21. Mo *wholesale* ga kgaolwa *one worker*. Mo Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and *international institutes* jaaka *embassy* jaana, go ne go kgaolwa batho ba ka nna bane. Go raya gore palo ya batho botlthe ba ba kgaotsweng jalo, e wela kwa go 487 mongwame. *Companies* tsofthe tse di neng tsa kgaola batho di 210, fa ke di soboka.

Madam Speaker, ke tlhomamisetsa Ntlo e gape le motlotlegi fa gore, re na le lenaneo le re le ntshitseng le re le begileng gone fa, BETP. Fa o ka tsamaya le lenaneo le, le National Development Plan (NDP) 12, o ka bona gore re na le *projects* di le 186. Fa o bala ditiro mo *projects* tse, di 186, ditiro tse re ikaeletseng go di tlhama di 512,000. Fa o tsamaya ka one, re beile le *projects* gore di tlaa simolola leng.

Sa bobedi, tsela e nngwe e re tsileng go dira ditiro kana go thusa Batswana go bona ditiro ke gore, re setse re le mo legatong la bofelo la go saena ditumalano le bagarona ba kwa Kuwait. Ke dumela gore fa go ka tsamaya sentle, re *sign this memorandum*, e tlaare kwa phelelong *in 12 months*, re bo re setse re tlhamile ditiro di ka nna 10,000, ba ba tlaabong ba bereka kwa Kuwait. Re setse re simolotse, fa o ne o ka ya fela mo maranyaneng, ka *September*, ditiro dingwe tsa ntsha re ne ra simolola ra *advertise* tsa kwa Kuwait. Ba re boleletse gore ba batla eng, re bo re simolola re di *advertise*. Gompiano ba santse ba dira *shortlisting* kwa Kuwait. Ga se bone fela, go na le ba bangwe ba re santseng re le mo tseleng, re ntse re bua le mafatshe a mangwe. Ke dumela gore le bone ba tlaa tla ba re thusa go tsaya Batswana, jaanong re ba ntshetsa kwa ntle. Re na le tumelo ya gore jaaka re tlaabo re amogetse, e bile re tsenya mo tirisong lenaneo la Artificial Intelligence (AI) *through this period* ya *five*

years, re na le Batswana ba ba tlaabong ba rutilwe, mme ba ka kgona go hirwa gone kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke ka feleletsa jalo *Madam Speaker*; ka tlhomamisetsa Ntlo e le Motswana ka mo raya ka re, ditiro tse di 500 000, di etla, e bile di tlaa bonala ka 2029. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Mokgware*. Ke leboga gore o ne o araba o digile dibete letsatsi leno. Ke a utlwa gore *you are very optimistic* gore e tlaare fa re goroga kwa go 2029, ditiro tse di 500 000 di bo di setse di bonetse. Ke botse gore, gompiano fa re lebile seemo sa itsholelo le dikakanyetso go ya fa pele, ke eng se se tshwanetseng go re dira gore re akanye gore ditiro tseo di ka bonala? Mma ke re, *projections* di supa gore mo ngwageng o wa 2025, itsholelo e tlaabo e gonyetse. Ba bangwe ba re e tlaabo e gonyetse ka 1 *per cent*, e le Econsult, World Bank ya re 3 *per cent*, Moody ya re -6 *per cent*. A mme gone mo, go raya gore go ka bonwa ditiro fa e le gore itsholelo e ka tsamaya e wa ka tsela e e ntseng jaana? Ke utlwa e kare ke a belaela. Ke tsamaelana le kgang ya ga *comrade* Unity Dow a re, fa gongwe *we have to manage expectations*. Re se ka ra bolelela batho dilo tse e leng gore gongwe ga di tsamaelane le dipalo tse re nang le tsone fa.

Sengwe se ke neng ke re o se ele tlhoko, ke kgang ya gore *already* go na le dikompone rraetsho. O a bona gore o kare ga o na *data* e e lekaneng. Go na le dikompone tse di kolotiwang, dingwe tsa tsone di tsile go wa, di phutlhama, di koba batho. Mma ke re gone mo, a go tsamaelana le *optimism* ya gago ya 512 000? *Even as you dream, like the President says you dream and dream big*, a mme ga gore gongwe le sekaseke dikgang tse, le se ka la tla la solofetsa batho tse e seng tsone? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Fa e ka re o le motho o bo o dumela *in failure, you will be a failure...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a mo kokotela *General*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Re bua ka *24-hour economy*, batho ba o ba nopolang bao, bo Moody ba gago, ga ba itse gore re dira eng. Ga ba ise ba bone BETP ya rona...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *They are too far.*

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

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Jaanong mma ke go fe a *typical example*; mo *mines, we are introducing a 24-hour economy*. *24-hour economy* ka fa e berekang ka gone ke go fe *example* e le *one*; gompiano re bereka *for two shifts* tsa *12 hours each, introducing* jaaka re bua jaana, go raya gore re a go oketsa *shifts*. Kwa meepong yotlhe e e berekang ka *shifts* tse pedi, di a go tsenya *shifts* tse pedi gape. Go raya gore di ya go oketsa *employment* e ke buang ka yone. *Mine* o o setseng o simolotse go dirisa *these 24-hour shifts*, ke wa Toteng. Ba setse ba hirile batho ba le bantsi. *I can confirm* gore ba setse ba firile batho ba le *65 extra to cover two shifts*.

Fa ke lebelela *the private security sector; about 75 000 nationwide* ba ba berekang *12-hour shift*. Go raya gore ba tsile go tsenya *shifts* tsa kae; *one shift each* ka *24-hour economy*. *It means* gore ditiro tseo di ya go tswa gone koo, tse re buang ka tsone tse. *These are the issues* tse o ka bong o di lebelela gore *this is possible*. Re se ka ra nna ra re, Moody a re, -6 *per cent*, nnyaa motlotlegi. Ke go bolelela *practical*. Fa re simolola gompiano jaana, *when we introduce the 24-hour economy, a lot of people are going to be employed*. *Projects* tse di tlang tse, di tsile go diragala. Gongwe o ka bo o nthaya o re, fa di ka pala, *but we are trying by all means to make sure* gore ga di pale. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary.* *Honourable Mokgware, thank you for the answer but* golo gongwe dipalo tsele tse nneng *specifically* o leka go araba tse di amanang le *construction* le tse dingwenyana tse o di badileng ka maina, ke ipotsa gore *are they correct? These jobs* tse le buang ka tsone, e tlaabo e le *permanent or temporary? I want to ask this question because in the construction industry, o laolwa fela ke gore, project* ya gago fa e simolola, o hira batho ba le kana, go ya go tsena *at the peak of the project* ba ba kana. Fa *project* e ntse e fokotsega e ya kwa tlase, *you retrench those people*, go boela kwa tlase. *This 512 000, are you talking about permanent jobs? E ya industrial construction, ba tlaabo ba sa tshole ba letlelelwa go kgaola batho mo ditirong? If* ba bereka jaaka ke itse gore *construction* e a bereka, *then it will be very difficult to achieve that* ka gore seemo sa tiro fa e simologa se kwa godimo, go ya go tsena e tsena fa gare, fa e fokotsega, *they retrench. Thank you sir.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* Motlotlegi Motaosane. Mongwame, fa re bua ka ditiro gore tse di dirilweng di kae, re a bo re bolelela ditiro tse

di *permanent and non-permanent*. Go na le *factors* tse di dirisiwang go lebelela gore ditiro tseo di kae. Ke go reye ke re, ditiro tse rona ka fa re dirang ka teng, re lebeletse *our programmes* gore di tlaabo di *run* jang go tswa gompiano go ya go tsena kwa. Jaaka ke ne ke go bolelela ka *the 24-hour economy, these are permanent jobs*. Motlotlegi o ne a botsa ka *decent jobs*, ke arabela mo go tsona. *That is our scope*, ga re batle gore batho ba bo ba hirwa, kamoso a bo o batla go hirolola, ga re rialo. *That is why we are positive* gore *it is possible* gore batho ba le 500 000 ba tlaabo ba hirilwe *by 2029*. Thank you.

ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS IN CLINICS AND HEALTH POSTS

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House on the availability of essential medications in clinics and health posts throughout the Kgatleng East Constituency and to state:

- (i) immediate measures being implemented to address any current shortages identified; and
- (ii) long-term strategies to ensure consistent and reliable availability of medicines and medical supplies in clinics and health posts within the constituency going forward.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge motlotlegi ka go botsa ka seemo se se botlhokwa sa botsogo.

Karabo ke gore, seelo sa melemo mo kgaolong ya Kgatleng Botlhaba se tsamaya kwa go 56 *per cent* fa se lekannwa le seelo se lefatshe le se ipeetseng sa 97 *per cent*. Re na le moalo-kgomaretso o re o beileng mo kapetlaneng ya karabo, e e di tlhalosang tsotlhe gore di ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E supa seelo sa melemo mo dikokelong ka bongwe ka bongwe jwa tsone mo kgaolong.

Kwelotlase ya melemo kwa lekalaneng la phatlalatso melemo; Central Medical Stores (CMS) e baka kwelotlase mo dikokelong tsotlhe ka e le yone e e leng gore e aba melemo mo lefatsheng, go raya gore ka fa ba tlaabong e le gore ba dira ka teng, go raya gore go na le seabe mo goreng seelo se bo se ntse jalo kwa dikokelwaneng.

Mo pegong ya gagwe ya seemo sa botsogo jwa setšhaba, Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, ka kgwedi eno ya

Ngwanatsele mono ngwaga, o ne a supa gore lefatshe le solofetse koketsego e e nametsang ya melemo, go lebeletse dithulaganyo tse di tswerefetseng, tse di tsepameng, tse e leng gore di a dirwa go alafa seemo sone sa botsogo ka temogo ya botlhokwa jwa botsogo gore melemo e goroge kwa bathong. Go raya gore gone kwa go tsamaelwang teng, go tlaa tokafatsa kana go tlaa hapisa le seemo sone se re setseng re se buile seo.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dikgato tse lephata le di tsayang mo nakong e khutshwane re santse re emetse paakanyo-kgonagalo ya sennelaruri go itebaganya le seemo se, ke go arogana le go kgaoganya melemo e e teng le dikokelo, dikokelwana le dipatela mo kgaolong le mo lefatsheng ka bophara, go lebilwe kwa letlhoko le leng teng. Fa godimo ga moo, kgaolo e tswelela ka go kopa melemo e e teng ka nako kwa CMS.

Kwa bofelelong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo sebakeng se se leele, lephata le itlama kana le e ipha maiteko le maithomo one a tsamaiso Puso, a go nonotsha ditsamaiso tsa go lebelela selekanyo sa melemo le go tswelela ka go tsenya dikopo le go di latedisa kwa CMS gore melemo e goroge ka nako kwa e tlhokegang teng, ka mabaka a gore re tsaya tsia seemo sa botsogo.

Re nna re tlhalosa gore fa go na le dilo tse di tshwanetseng go tsewa ka tlhwaafalo mo lefatsheng, ke thuto le botsogo, mme gompiano ke bua ka botsogo ka gore fa motho a ka se ka a bona melemo le dipilisi tsa kalafi, fa a tlhokafetse, ga a ka ke a tlhola a boa. Ke ka moo go tshwanetseng ga elwa tlhoko gore fa gongwe batho ba a bo ba tlhokafala e se ka ntata ya go gatelelwa ke bolwetse, kana Modimo o a bo o mo tsere, e le ka ntata ya tlhalelo ya melemo le dipilisi. Fa gongwe baruti ba bo ba re 'Morena o ne a neele, Morena o tsere,' kante e le tlhalelo ya melemo, ka nako eo e se Morena. Ke sone se e leng gore re gatelela mo goreng melemo e nne teng.

Ke tsaya ke re ka fa re buileng ka teng kwa ntle, le ka fa ke arabileng ka teng, ga go tlhoke *supplementary*. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: *Supplementary*. Nnyaa tsala ya me, ga ke na go lwa le wena. Ga re nke re lwa gakere? Ke na le dipotsonyana di le tharo fela.

Ya ntlha ke ya gore, ke go utlwile ka fa o tlhalosang ka teng, *short-term and long-term strategies*, mme a e ne e se gore gongwe le fa o lebelela *where there is a need*, ka kgaolo ya me e na le metsana e e kwa tengnyanateng jaaka ya bo Palla Camp, Ramotlabaki le Oliphant, a e ne e se gore gongwe e re fa le dira le lebeletse *need*,

mme le fe *priority* metse e e kgakala le ditoropo? Kana ba ba gaufi le ditoropo ba ka kgona gore ba sianele fa ditoropong ba batle melemo e e leng teng.

Le gore Tona, a o a itse gore *recently*, ke ne ke utlwa *last weekend* ke le kwa gae gotwe go na le batho bangwe ba ba neng ba ile go folela ARVs kwa *clinics*, mme go supa e ne e seyo, mo e leng gore ba bangwe *were referred, like* kwa kgaolong ya me, motho a tswa kwa Mmathubudukwane a ya kwa Mochudi. Seemo seo a o a se itse, mme o dira eng ka sone?

Sa bofelo, ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka Tautona, ke kile ka tseeletsa mafoko mangwe, ka re gatwe, ga ke itse gore a ke boammaaruri, ke utlwile gotwe Tautona o ne a re melemo mengwe e e fitlhetsweng kwa CMS, e ne e le melemo e e *fake*. Ke ne ke batla go itse gore o le moeteledipele wa lephata le le botlhokwa le, a dikgang tse o a di itse? Le gore a seemo seo o ka se tlhomamisa, kwa dikgaolong tsa rona gongwe dingwe tsa dikokelwana tsa rona di amogetse melemo e e *fake*? Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa mme ke a leboga morwa Pule. Ke supe gore potsa ya ntlha o ne o bua ka gore go maleba gore dikgaolo tse e keteng di kgakala, o ne o o fa dikai ka bo Ramotlabaki gore di fiwe *priority* kana di lebelelwe pele. Ke tsaya ke re ke a dumalana, mme tota boammaaruri ke gore lefelo lengwe le lengwe kwa go nang le motho, kwa e leng gore motho yoo o tlhoka ditlamelo tsa botsogo, a e ka nna melemo le dipilisi, o tshwanetse gore a di neelwe go sa lebelelwe gore yo o kgakala ke ofe, yo o gaufi ke ofe, ka gore bolwetse go gakala ga jone, go ka baka go tlhokafala ga motho, mme ga re a tshwanela gore re re gongwe go tlhokafale ba ba gaufi, ba ba kgakala ba se ka ba tlhokafala. Se se botlhokwa ke gore re netefatse gore melemo e bonwa ke mongwe le mongwe ka tsela e e leng gore o a bo a e tlhoka.

Kana mathata a melemo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *Minister of Health* o a tlhalositse ka bophara, mme le Tautona o a tlhalositse. Ke tsaya ke re fa re tsamayang teng, re setse re a tlhaloganya, *from procurement*, go tlhela ga one jalo le jalo, mme fa re tsamayang teng ke dikgang tsa gore go baakangwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ka fa Tautona a lekodisitseng ka teng, ka fa Tona wa Botsogo a nnang a lekodisa ka teng, nna ke bona gore re setse re tswa mo go inogeng mo mathateng. Ga se selo se e leng gore se ka fela ka ponyo ya leitlho tsatsijeno, mme ke selo se e leng gore ga re eletse gore se nne jalo, mme se ntse se nna le lesedi la tlharabololo gore batho ba bone botsogo jo e leng gore bo siame.

E tota e bile e ne e araba yone ya ARVs. Kana mathata a botsogo ga re ka ke ra a latola. Rona ke sone se re batlang go tsaya nako e ntsi re lebagane le tlharabololo ka gore mathata one a a itsege, re a a bona, re tseye megopolo ya rona re e tsenye mo tlharabololong. Ke seemo se e leng gore jaaka bangwe ba etle ba se bue, ga se tlhoke gore re se loke kana re se tswake ka sepolotiki kana ka sepe fela. Ke mathata a a lebaganeng le Batswana. Di tshwana le tsa Gender-Based Violence (GBV), di tlhoka gore re nne *objective*, re nne *agile* mo go neeleng Batswana.

Ya bofelo o ne o botsa ka ya ga *President* gore o ne a re melemo mengwe kwa CMS e *fake*. Ga ke ise ke e kgabodise. O ka mpha sebaka sa gore ke utlwe gore o ne a bua jalo a lebeletse mabaka afe, jalo le jalo. O ka bo o mmoditse maabane, kana le ne le le mo puisanong e e monate.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mathata ga a nne mo Palamenteng.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, mme o ne a le teng. *Honourable* Mokgware o leka go go senya leina gore o ne o seyo, mme o ne o le teng.

DR DOW: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke botse ke ikaegile ka se ke se itemogetseng kwa dikokelwaneng le kwa dikokelong. Ke botse gore, a ka gore tota ga re nke re itse letsatsi le letsatsi gore sentle mo go tlhaelang ke eng, a ga go ka ke ga thusa kana go kwalwe kwa ntle mo *board* fela mo dipateleng gore mo ga go yo, mo ga go yo? Ke bua jaana ka gore re ne re le kwa sepatela fa Princess Marina maloba, motho o tla sepatela, a bo a bolelelwa gore ga go na POP, ke gone o itseng jaanong o boela kwa *pharmacy* o ya go reka dilo sa semente o bo o boela mo teng.

Bangwe ba mo moleng, ba re bolelela gore kana ga re itse gore a melemo e re e letleng e teng, fa go ne go kwadilwe golo gongwe, re ka bo re itse gore re se ka ra letla kwa *pharmacy* ka gore gongwe ga o yo mo teng. So gongwe fela *daily update* gore motho a itse fa a le mo *line* gore ga a nke a bona melemo eo kana a leke go ya go e reka kana jang. Ke raya gore ka gore gakere tota lethoko, fa gongwe di teng, fa gongwe ga di yo, fa gongwe di a fela letsatsi le ntse le tswetsetse. Ke ne ke re gongwe go ka thusa balwetse. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): *Procedure. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.*

Gongwe o tlaa gabolola, ke gore potso e ka fa ke e lebileng ka teng, le fa ntswa e ne e simolola e botsa ka *clinics* tse di ka fa tlase ga ga Rre Motshegwa, gongwe go itsagale gore mme *clinics* kana di tsaya melemo kwa CMS, mme motho yo o neng e le gore *is better placed* go araba dikgang tsa letlhoko le, ke nna.

Ke nna ke ka arabang sentle botoka, *supplementaries* tse di botswang fa gongwe Motlotlegi Motshegwa *would not have the answers to them*. Ga ke itse gore dipotso tsa teng re ka dira jang *in future, so that matters related to medicines* ka CMS di tle kwa go nna. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Motlotlegi*, before you came in, *Rre Gobotswang* o ne a ema a botsa gore *are you not going to make a statement about remarks from the President*, ka dikgang tsa gore *some medications are fake*. O ne o seyo, *but I guided* ka Standing Order 41.2 gore go *possible* gore o fe *statement* mo Ntlong. *Maybe* ke gone fa o ka e lebang teng, wa bona nako gore o ka se fa leng.

DR S. MODISE: *On a point of procedure*. *Statement* ke sa se ntsha, mme ke raya gore ga go mo go Motlotlegi Gobotswang, gakere tse di fetileng ke ntse ke tla ka tsone. Ke mo tseleng, ga go mo go reng a nkgakolole.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable Modise*, se e beye jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Emang pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke bua ka *something else*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Iketle pele *Honourable Pule*. O ne o bua gore e kare jaanong *supplementaries* di a go tlhakatlhakanyetsa, ke ne ke leka go ntsha fela gore e se ka ya tsaya nako, re itse fela gore go ne ga nna eng. Ga ke batle re isa kwa boleleleng *Honourable Pule*, e ne e le gore se se neng se builwe a seyo, re se mo fetisetse. Standing Order 41.2 jaaka re bua, se a letla gore *Member of the House* o ka kopa gore a o ka se ka wa ntsha *statement*. A sa go baya setlhako mo molaleng, e le fela jaaka mafoko a tlhagelela gore *there are medications* tse di *fake*, a re ka se ka ra neelwa tlhaloso.

Right now ga ke mo go eo. *Honourable Motshegwa*, nako ya dipotso e tshaiile feleletsa *supplementary question* ya ga *Honourable Dow*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *On a point of order*. Kana dilo tse fa re sa di baakanya, di ka tloga tsa re tshwenya *in the future*. Ga gona mo Standing Orders, fa a *member* a ka kopang *Minister* gore ntsha *statement*. *Minister* ene go na le fa go mo letlang gore o ka ntsha *statement*, *member* ene fa gona le sengwe sa *public urgent importance*, ene o ka dira jalo. *So* ke ne ke re re go baakanye, re se ka ra tloga ra dumela gore go ntse jalo, mme go sa nna jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, ema pele ke santse ke bua sengwe le *Clerk*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa gore ke gabolole sengwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Let me rule* mo go ya ga *Honourable Maele*, *Honourable Pule*. *Honourable Maele*, *issue* ke gore *Honourable Member* jaaka *Honourable Gobotswang* a ne a bua, o ka ntsha kopo eo *through question* gore a ka a fa tlhalosa ka *statement*. *I think* rona re ne re sa utlwane gore, o kare go tlaa twe ema o ntshe *statement no, not like that*.

MR PULE: *On a point of procedure*. Ke a gabolola fela mongwame, jaaka mongwe wa Mapalamente a ke tsayang gore ga ke mošha mo Palamenteng. Ke eme ka kgang ya tsala ya me *Honourable Dr Modise*, kgang e a e buang go ya ka nna *Madam Speaker* ga se ya rona. Rona re le Mapalamente re botsa dipotso, *then the ministries themselves will know* gore potso e tlaa ya kwa go mang, re dira jalo. Jaanong ga ke bone gore e ne e le gone gore mo Ntlong e, e bo mo *Minister* yo mongwe a re o tsere e e ka bong e ne e le ya me, ga se ya rona eo.

Sa bobedi *Madam Speaker*, re ne ra bolelelwa mo Ntlong e gore *clinics* di ya kwa *Local Government*. *So* fa ke *construct* potso ke le mmotsi, *I direct it* kwa ke itseng gore *clinics* di kwa teng, ga ke itse gore a go na le phoso golo gongwe kana jang. Ke gabolola fela jalo *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, *mma ke arabe ya ga Rre Pule*; Standing Order 38.1 (m) “a member may ask a question seeking the statement from the Minister.” *Ke tsaya gore* I have ruled, *a re e tswaleng*. *Nako ya dipotso ga e bolo go tshaya*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *I have ruled* bagaetsho, ke kopa gore re lese kgang eo, ke e tswetse.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke ne e bile ke re ke botsa gore fa e le gore ga ke letlelelwe go araba Mma Dow, ke gakololwe gore re ka kopanela kae gore ke tle ke mo arabe teng. Ke a leboga. Tota o ne a a fa bogakolodi gore batho fa ba ya kwa kokelwaneng, e re fa o ntse o le mo moleng (*line*) o bo itse gore melemo e e leng teng le e e seyong ke efe. Ke tsaya ke re ke se se amogeesang, e bile gongwe ka bontsi jwa dikhansele *clinics* tse ba welang mo go tstone o fitlhela ba na le Facebook *pages* le mo gongwe, gongwe le mo maranyaneng go ka tsennngwa. Ke tlaa bua le ba dikhansele gore ba e atolose, ba bue le *Matrons* le ba ba kwa dikokelong *on a daily basis*, gore batho ba kgone *to track* gore fa ke letlile, ke letile eng jalojalo. Ke a leboga.

First Readings

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

The following Bills were read and presented a first time;

TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS (REPEAL) BILL, 2025 (NO. 27 OF 2025)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

Second Reading-Forthwith.

TRADE DISPUTES (REPEAL) BILL, 2025 (NO. 28 OF 2025)

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

Second Reading-Later Today.

RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming, when the House adjourned yesterday, the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko has just concluded his debate, therefore the floor is open. I remember yesterday Honourable Motsamai was to take the floor but *a bo a letlelela Tautona*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, ke batla *procedure* fela e seng sepe. Jaaka *President* maabane a letse a *respond*, kana o letse a *respond* mo dipuong tse di builweng, a o ne a sa tswale *debate* ka gore *he responded?* *Speech* sa gagwe, ke raya ka tsamaiso ke sa reye maikutlo a gago, *President has responded*, go raya gore botlhe ba eme ga go na yo o ka tilholang a bua...

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

MR HIKUAMA: ... *because he has responded*. Ke batla o tilhalose tsamaiso e gore le Standing Orders tse di neng di mo fa gore a *respond* go bo go ya go bua ba bangwe ke dife.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Gobotswang, let me make a ruling. I think yesterday*, ga ke itse gore a o ne o seyo, *I remember the Speaker explained* gore *the President is not responding*, le ene o na le thata ya go tla *to debate*. *Section 58* e a supa gore le ene *as an ex-officio member* o na le thata ya go tla go bua mo a sa tswale.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure*. Ga ke tilhaloganye, ga ke utlwe e bile ga go tilhalosege. Kana *we are making history and we are setting a precedence, we should be clear to the whole nation* gore *what are we doing, what is this. Everybody should know and understand what is happening*, e seng go dirisa maikutlo le go rata bobo Tautona yo o teng gompiano. Mo e leng gore le fa diphoso di diragala le itira e kete ga le di bone. Ga go na Standing Order mo Ntlong e se se letlelelang go tla *to debate statement* sa gagwe. Ga se yo se se mo letlelelang, o ka *debate* jaaka mongwe le mongwe, a *interject* a bitsa *procedures*, e seng go fiwa nako ya bo 50 *minutes*, bo *one hour*, gore a *debate*. *Unless if he is responding but he was not responding*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Members*. Kana mme *Honourable Hikuama*, o ne o le teng maabane *Speaker* a tilhalosa. Ga o a ka wa botsa sepe, *you allowed it to flow* fela jalo jaanong fa re tsamayang teng gompiano, e fetile ya go boa o ya go botsa gore maabane go ne go diragala eng. *You were told it was ruled* le bo le didimala fela, tota bagaetsho, a ko re tswalediseng *business of today*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke kopile gore Rre Ntsima o sianela golo gongwe ke mo fe tshono ya *to debate*.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Ke a

leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Rre Motsamai *for giving me your time*. Go a supafala fela gore ditshwene tse di neng di buiwa di kwa *side* efe...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Ntsima, before fela re simolola go tsena mo business, ke kopile gore a ko gompiano go dirwe tiro fela go tlhwaafetswe le lese dipuo tsa ditshwene. I have never seen ditshwene in this House, ke kopa gore o withdraw lefoko leo o tswelele ka your debate, please.*

MR NTSIMA: Ee, e utlwetse *Madam Speaker*...

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of order. You have ruled gore a withdraw, a a eme a re I withdraw e seng a re go utlwetse...*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Ntsima, ke go file kgang ke kopa gore o tswelele.*

MR NTSIMA: Ga ke ise ke supe dipe ditshwene, ke ne ke gopotse tsa maloba Rre Mosanana a bua ka tsone gore di a tshwenya kwa Kanye. Ga ke itse gore a go na le mongwe yo o belaelang gore o kile a bua gore go na le ditshwene golo gongwe, gongwe ke ene a ipelaetsang jaanong gore ke bo ke bua ka ditshwene tsa gagwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O tlaa mmona fela.

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

MR NTSIMA: *Madam Speaker, ke ne ke re ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya go lebogela Tautona go re baya pego fa pele ga rona. E le pego tota e e nonneng e e sa ikgatlholosang mathata a re nang le one. E e sa ikgatlholosang fa re leng teng re lelefatshe la Botswana. E tota e neng e araba e bile ke tsaya gore fa o lemoga gore go na le go tlhabela tota ka kwa side e nngwe, go supafetse gone fa gore Tautona o tlile ka speech se se neng se tsentse sengwe le sengwe. Ga se a tlogela sepe kwa morago, se tsentse sengwe le sengwe mo teng se Motswana a ka se lebang, mme a lemoga gore golo fa Puso e e tshotse sengwe se se re isang golo gongwe. E bua ka ditiro tota tse Motswana a ntseng a lela ka tsone, e bua ka tsa botsogo, mme ga e ganetse gore go ntse jang mo seemong se re leng mo go sone gompiano. E bua tsone tse di teng, mme gape e bo e tla le dikarabo tsa tse di leng teng mo bogompionong tse re tshwanetseng go di baakanya gore fa re ya kwa pele re di baakanye ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke puo fela tota e Motswana*

mongwe le mongwe a neng a e lebile e bile a e lebogela gore e beilwe fa pele ga gagwe gore le ene a ikanokele, a itebe fa a leng teng, a itemoge gore a mme tse di beilweng fa pele ga gagwe ke tse di ka re isang kwa re eletsang go ya teng re le lefatshe la Botswana.

Ke batla go bua ka tse di gaufi thata le ofisi e ke e adimilweng tse di itebagantseng thata le *Ministry* wa *Trade and Entrepreneurship*. Tautona o gagamaditse kgang e re e beilweng fa pele re le *ministry* tota ya gore jaanong re nne lefatshe le le dirang dithoto mme le rekisetsa mafatshe a sele. Go na le gore e bo e le gore mo bogompionong re emetse gore batho ba dire mme re bo re tabogela kwa mebarakeng re ya go reka go tla go dirisa, e le gore ga re dire dithoto le rona. E bile tota e le gore ga re itshwantshanye le mafatshe a mangwe ra dira bogolo thata tse re ka di kgonang, mme e bile di teng tse re ka di dirisang go itirela dithoto re di rekise kwa mafatshe a mangwe, le rona re dire letseno jaaka mafatshe a mangwe a dira. Tautona o ne a itebagantse thata le National Trade Transformation Strategy bogolo thata ya go ikopantsha le mmara wa Africa o e leng gore *for* lebaka le le telele re ntse re o ikgatlholositse. E se Botswana fela, e le mafatshe ka bophara mo Africa, e bile go supafala gore re le mafatshe a Africa ga re rekelane dithoto. Bontsi jwa dithoto tsa mafatshe a Africa re di reka kwa ntle, e bile ga go na tirisano fa gare ga mafatshe jalo.

Tautona o ne a gagamatsa ntlha e, o e tsentse gone moo go supa gore le dithoto fa re ka di dira, re ka tswela kwa ntle jang, ra ya kae gore re di rekise kwa mafatshe afe, bogolo thata a re santseng re le gaufi le one. O buile thata le bogolo jwa gore kana re beilwe fa gare, re setlhaketlhake fa gare ga mafatshe. Mafatshe a a tshwanetse gore e bo e le gore ke one a re ikaegileng ka one, re beile dimapo tsa rona mo go one gore jaaka re dira ditirelo jaana, ke bone ba ntlha ba re tlaabong re isa dithoto tsa rona kwa go bone. *For* lebaka le le telele re ntse re epa bontsi jwa ditswammung tsa rona re bo re di rekisa e le gore ga di a tlhotlhiwa tsa nna dithoto.

Ministry wa *Trade and Entrepreneurship* le one o itebagantse thata le go fatlholo tsela ya go baakanyetsa gore bagwebi ba nne le tshono, ba nne le tshiamelo ya gore fa e le gore ba batla go tselelela mo go direng dithoto ba di rekise kwa mafatshe a sele, e bo e le gore Goramente o dirile *environment* e e *conducive for them*. Gone moo, go raya gore re tswelutse le rona re lebile *Industrial and Trade Policy* e le yone re akanyang gore ke moalo wa go baakanyetsa dikompone tse di tlaabong di dira dithoto gore di dire di sosologile, e bile di engwa nokeng ke molao gore di ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Re baakanyeditse gape le tse e leng gore bagwebi botlhe ba mo gae le ba ba tswang kwa ntle fa ba ka inaakanya le mananeo a rona a e leng gore a mo re go bitsang re re Special Economic Zones (SEZs), ba fiwe ditshono tsa gore ba nne le tse ba di tikelelwang ke Goromente kana tse ba di fiwang di se ka tsa tshwana le tsa dikompone tse di ikadileng gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Gone moo, go raya gore *having set up within a SEZ*, go go fa *incentives* tse di ka tlhofofatsang go dira kgwebo ga gago. O bo itse gore o nnetse foo gore o thuse lefatsheng la rona gore le ntshetse dithoto kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Sengwe se Tautona a se gateletseng se a tsweleng a se gatelela ke *digitisation*. Le rona kwa lephateng, re lemogile jalo gore *digitisation* e ka tlhofofatsa go dira kgwebo, e ka dira gore dilo di nne motlhofo. Ke sengwe se re se tseetseng kwa godimo gore ditirelo tsa rona tsa *ministry* re di tsenye mo maranyaneng gore go nne motlhofo gore Motswana a ka di akola gone koo. Fa e le gore o batla *licence* kana go kwadisa *business* jaaka re setse re dirile ka tse e leng gore ke *registrations* tsa *business*, o ka tsena mo maranyaneng *and within 24 hours* e bo e le gore leina le dule, le wena o ka tsamaya wa ya go dira. Re batla go dira jalo ka ditirelo tse dingwe tse di santseng di saletse kwa morago, bogolo jang *licences* tse di santseng di tsaya lebakanyana gore go diragale jalo.

Gone moo, go tlhoka gore e bo e le gore maphata otlhe a a amegang, bogolo jang kwa go ntshiwang *licences* teng, ba dikhansela ba e leng bone ba rurifatsang dikago tse go direlwang mo go tsone, le bone ba atumalane. Kana re atumalane le bone, re baakanyetse gore moalo o o tle o tswe sentle mme kwa bofelong e bo e le gore Motswana ke ene a ungwelwang, e bile mme re tlhofofatsa bogolo jang go dira dikgwebo.

Ke tsaya gore le kile la utlwa maloba ke ntse ke tsamaya mo lefatsheng ke bua ka *24-hour economy*, mme bogolo jang e le ka fa go ba bojalwa gore go tlhokana le gore re bule, mme fa re bula jalo, re dire gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe a nne le tshiamelo ya gore Goromente e se ka ya nna ene a mo salang morago gore a tsamaise kgwebo ya gagwe jang. Mogwebi e nne ene a itseelang tshwetso ya gore ke tswala ka senebenebe ka nako ya bokana, ke tlaa bula ka nako ya bokana. Gone moo, go ka dira gore ba e leng gore ba na le keletso kana ba mo kgwebong ba se ka ba ikaega ka gore Goromente ke ene a dirang dilo. Go botlhokwa gore re baakanye mealo, bogolo jang e e dirang gore dikgwebo di dire ka tshosologo, di sa kgorelediwe ke melao. Ke sengwe se re

tlaa tsweleng re se dira kwa lephateng, go baakanyetsa gore ba dikgwebo ga go na sepe se se ba kgoreletsang gore ba dire kgwebo ba sosologile. E bo e le gore le sone se re ba thusang ka sone, ba thusega ka nako. Ga re tseye nako e telele ba emetse gore ba thusiwe.

Ke sone se e rileng Tautona fa a bua ka go oketsa dipalo tsa dikgomo mo Botswana, re bo re tla ka *product* e ntšha kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) e e tsamaelanang le se Tautona a buang ka sone e e bidiwang gotwe A Di Tsale. Ba nang le keletso ya go tseenelela mo mohameng o wa go oketsa dikgomo le ba ba setseng ba ntse ba le mo teng, ba ka ikatumetsa kwa lekalaneng le ba itseela ka tsebe gore ba ka thusega jang gore ba kgone go tsaya karolo, bogolo jang mo go se Tautona a se buile sa go oketsa dikgomo ka gore kwa bofelelong go ungwela lefatsheng le mongwe le mongwe. Jaaka re ne re bua gore dikgomo di ka oketsega go ya kwa go *5 million*, go ka direga. E bile ke selo se re setseng re ntse re tsene mo go sone, re agela mosako mafoko a Tautona a a buile gore re dire jalo re oketse dipalo tsa dikgomo. Gore fa re bua ka *beef* e bo e le gore tlhwaafetse, re itse gore fa e le gore *market* o a bulega, re ka kgona go atolosa go rekisetse mang le mang yo o batlang go rekisediwa, mme e le gore dikgomo kwa bofelong ga di fele.

Kwa Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) re leka go e baakanya gore e tse kwa go reng e nne *funder* ya ba ba nnyennyane fela, mme e kgone gore e thuse le dikgwebo tse di setseng di le teng. Maitemogelo ke gore dikgwebo tsa rona di teng, di a simolola, mme di palelwa ke gore di nnele ruri kana e nne dikgwebo tsa sennelaruri. Gone moo, ke gone fa re tsenyang LEA teng gore e nne *an enterprise builder*, e thuse le ka dikitso tsa gore mme fa kgwebo e setse e emeletse, e itshetlela jang, e tswelela e ya kwa pele jang, mme e gola jang, e tsenya jang letseno le gore e oketse badiri gore kwa bofelong e bo e le gore Goromente o ungwelwa ka gore ditiro di a direga. Ba e leng gore ba bone ditiro mo dikomponeng tseo, le bone ga ba senyegelwe ke ditiro ka gore dikompone di tswelela di ntse di le teng.

Se se botlhokwa mo kgwebong ke tse di tsennngwang mo kgwebong e le dingwe tse re ka di bitsang *expenses* tse di tshwanang le bo motlakase. Re tswelela re ntse re *advocate* gore motlakase, bogolo thata kwa dikgwebong o tlhofofadiwe. *Prices* di ye kwa tlasenyana gore go se ka ga babalela ba ba mo dikgwebong, ka gore ke one o o o babalelang thata ba dikgwebo ka gore mo lefatsheng la rona o a tura, tlhwalhwa ya one e santse e le kwa

godimo. Goromente o dirile maiteko a a siameng thata a go fokoletsa ba ba o dirisang ba le kwa malwapeng. Go botlhokwa gore le ba dikgwebo ba lejwe ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Re ba leba re itse gore ke bone ba ba thusang ba ba kwa malwapeng. Gore kgwebo e tswelole ke gore ditshenyegelo tsa yone di tswelole di fokotsega di ya kwa tlase. Fa di tswelole di ya kwa godimo, go ka dira gore kgwebo e felele e thetheekela mme gongwe kwa bofelong e tloge e tswalwe. Fa e tswalwa, go raya gore e tlaabo e ama matshelo a batho. Ka jalo, go botlhokwa gore motlakase le metsi di ye kwa tlasenyana gore dikgwebo di kgone gore di tswelole di dira.

Go botlhokwa gape gore re le Batswana jaaka ke ntse ke rotloetsa maphata otlhe a ga Goromente gore fa dikompone di dira dithoto mo lefatsheng la Botswana, re se ka ra bona Goromente a reka dithoto tse e leng gore di tshwana le tsone tse re kgonang go di itirela mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Go botlhokwa e bile ke rotloetsa thata gore maphata a ga Goromente a dire jalo, a reke dithoto tse re di itirelang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re na le dikompone tse dintsi fa o leba kwa SPEDU tse e leng gore di dira dilo tse e leng gore Goromente o tswelole a di reka letsatsi le letsatsi mme re santse re na le dikgwebo tse e leng gore di nna fela e le Goromente ga a reke mo go tsone. Ga go thuse fa e le gore Goromente o tlaa ntsha madi ka bo CEDA *funding businesses* mme kwa bofelong a bo a ya go reka go sele gape. Gone moo, ke sengwe se re tshwanetseng gore re se baakanye re le Goromente kana ke rona ba re rekang mo maphateng a ga Goromente. Gope fela fa e leng gore o tlhoka gore o reke sengwe, mme selo seo se le teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a se rekiwe mo bagwebing ba e leng gore ba a se dira jalo mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR MAPULANGA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a go leboga Tona. Ke lebile kgang e, *especially* fa o bua ka tsone tsa bo CEDA, kana re sa tswa go bona mokwalo ole, ga ke itse gore o tlaa o rurifatsa o reng jaanong, *there has been a shift from 6 per cent to 10 per cent.*

Re lebile gore *the lending percentage* e, ba batlang go tsena mo dikgwebong, a ga go ye go felela go diga *take home? The more percentage* e ya kwa godimo, go raya gore go ngotla madi a batho ba tshwanetseng ba a tseye, ba leke go ya go lekanya kgwebo e ba batlang go e dira.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mapulanga ka go tlaelelsa. Ke tsaya gore kgang ya dikadimo, e

tsamaelana le gore lephata le le adimang, a le tswelole le le teng. Re lebeletse fa re tsamayang teng gore Goromente letseno le ile kwa tlase. Gone moo, go raya gore Goromente ga a ka ke a kgona go tswelole a tsenya madi mo Lephatheng le la CEDA. Madi a a beilweng kwa CEDA, *is a revolving fund.* Ba a go neela o ya go dira kgwebo, o a busa, go neelwa yo mongwe. Go tlhokafala gore go tswelole go ntse jalo. Fa go ntse jalo, go na le *expenses* tsa babereki, *rent* le tse dingwe. Fa o lebelela *rates* tse re di beileng fa pele ga lona, tsa bo 10 *per cent*, le fa re ntshitse e le gore go na le *special sectors*, *we would remain at a lower percentage.* Re lebile gore *for sustainability*, go tswelole e le gore dikadimo di teng, lephata le lone le tswelole le tshela. Fa e le gore Goromente ga a ka ke a tsenya madi mo go lone, go raya gore re tlaabo re le bolaela ruri. Go tlhokafala gore re tsamaelane ka go oketsa fa go leng teng. Ba tswelole ba le teng ka *funding* e, ga se botlhe ba ba neelwang madi, ba ba kgonang go a busa.

Businesses tse dingwe mo tseleng *collapse*, mme go tlhoka gore go nne le *balance.* *Charges* tseo le fa di se maswemaswe, di santse di le kwa tlase. Ga go na ope *in the private market*, yo o santseng a ka tshwara *rates* tse. Di tlhamaletse jalo. *Private banks* ba tlaa go raya ba re, *7 per cent but* ba na le *other charges that will accrue and make it even bigger than what we do.* *Charge* ya rona, ke yone eo fela. Re santse re tshwere jalo, e bile re itse maitlamo a rona a gore *this is a Development Bank.* Ga e ise e tswe mo go rona. Ke sone se re santseng re na le *sectors* tse di tshwanang le *agriculture* le tse dingwe. Go santse go sa oketsa koo. Go lebeletse gore tota tse e leng gore ga re di tlhoke gompiono, re di tikelele sengwenyana. Mme tse di tlhokegang, e bile re itse gore di ka fatlhosa *economy* ya lefatsheng la rona, e bo e le gore re di beela kwa *rates* tse di kwa tlase. Ke itumelela potso ya gago rra. Re tlaa tswelole re ntse re e tlhalosa. Ga e maswemaswe jaaka gotwe 10 *per cent.* O akanya fela gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further clarification.

MR NTSIMA: ...4 *per cent*, e bile go ka... Ke a go letlelela Rre Mosanana.

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke go leboga le wena *Minister.* Ke ntse ke utlwa ka fa dikgwebo di letlelelwang gore di phuthologe. *Minister*, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore melao e e dirisiwang mo *council* ya Molepolole, ga e tshwane le e dirisiwang kwa *council* ya Kanye bogolo jang *when it comes to* go letlelela batho gore ba dire *businesses.*

Ke bua se ka gore *Minister*, *businesses* tse dingwe di a tswalwa *just because* batho ba ganelwa ka *licences over minor things*, mo batho ba felelang ba latlhegelwa ke ditiro. Mo gongwe e le letlhoko fela. Ke dumela gore babereki ba ganela batho ka *licence*. Ke a leboga *Minister*.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga ka tlaletso eo Rre Mosanana. Maikaelelo a rona ke go tsamaya re baakanya gore go nne le *alignment*, bogolo thata mo ditsamaisong tsa kgwebo. Go tshwane gongwe le gongwe kwa o yang teng. E bo o bona thuso e e tshwanang le e o ka tswang o e bone kwa khanseleng e sele. Go bothokwa gape go tlhamalatsa gore dilo tse o di bonang mo Gaborone, o di bone kwa Shakawe le gope fela. Bontsi jwa nako, Goromente o mongwefela, ga go a tshwanela gore go nne le dipharologanyo tse di kalo. Lephata le ikemiseditse gore fa go nang le dikgwetlho teng, ke gone fa re eletsang go tsenya tlhogo teng. Re baakanyetse ba ba mo dikgwebong le ba ba eletsang go tsena mo dikgwebong. E le go tlhofofatsa gore go dira kgwebo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go nne motlhofo. Fa go nna motlhofo, go tlaabo go ungwela rona.

Nako ya me ka e setse e tsamaile *Madam Speaker*, mma ke boele morago. Ke leboegele bakaulengwe ba ba tsileng fa pele ga me gore ba buile puo ya ga Tautona ka bokgabane. Ba e tlhalositse fela jaaka a e tlhalositse. Go santse go tlhaela gore ka kwa *side* e nngwe, re bone go tswa *alternative*. Go lebege e le gore *they do not have an economic blue print*. Ba ba ganetsang, mongwe le mongwe wa bone o itlela ka ele, o itlela ka ele. Re setse re le mo dikhwaereng gore yole o tla ka sele, yole o tla ka sele. Go bothokwa gore fa o le mo *opposition*, o nne le *an a credible alternative* bogolo thata re tsile ka NDP 12. Le bone ba tle ka ya bone, ba re bontshe gore fa ba ne ba le mo Pusong, ba ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Go bothokwa gape gore fa o ganetsa ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure Madam Speaker.*

MR NTSIMA: ...o tsamaelana le... Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga se ka fa tsamaisong, NDP ga se ya UDC, ke ya setšhaba, ke ya lefatshe la Botswana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Order!* O biditswe ke mang? Nna fa fatshe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O mpiditse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o a bitswa, *point of order*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A ko o kgalemele Rre Ramogapi.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ke...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: I am given the floor.

MADAM SPEAKER: E utlwetse *honourable*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Bo Tona jwa gago, ga o Tona wa sengwe le sengwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order. *Ga a fiwa* floor. Point of order Madam Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Heela! O a tlhodia tlhe rra! Itshware sentle jaaka Tona.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a tlhodia!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga ke e kope mo go wena, ke kopa kwa go *madam*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Ramogapi, *Honourable* Hikuama o santse a le mo *floor*.

MR HIKUAMA: *I have been given the floor*. O tshwenngwa ke bo Tona, bo go dira sengwe le sengwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Speaker. *Utlwa gore o bua ka nna*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Madam Speaker*, se ke se buang ke gore, ga se ka fa tsamaisong gore a bo a re bone ba na le NDP ya bone. NDP ga se ya ga ope, ke ya setšhaba sa Botswana. Ke e e dirilweng ke mongwe le mongwe. Fa re akgela mo go yone, o ne o re utlwa gore re eletsa gore go tsene mo, go tswe mo. Jaanong mo e ka reng ya bone, ke gore o a ikgagapelela, a bo a e ntsha mo go se e leng sone. Re tsamaisa lefatshe lefe rona? Gotwe re tle ka ya rona, ke go tlhoka kitso, lefifi le le tseneletseng.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ke tsaya gore o ne a ipuela a feta fela, ka o ne a nna fa fatshe. O a itse gore NDP ke ya rona rotlhe.

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

leboga *Madam Speaker*: Mma ke tseye nako e, ke akgele ka fa ke ka akgelang ka teng. Ke simolole *Madam Speaker*, ka go leboga thata thulaganyo ya go tlhopho Rre Tokyo Modise go nna Mopalamente wa Kgalagadi, go tla go nthusa mokgweleo o ke ntseng ke o rwele, wa go buelela dikgaolo tsotlhe, ke tsenya le tse dingwe mo teng. Ke akgole batho ba Tsabong, Bakgalagadi, jaaka ke ne ke kopa gore ba se ka ba ntlhabisa ditlhong. Ga ba a ntlhabisa ditlhong, ba dirile fela jalo. Ba tlhophile ka botswapelo. Ke batla gore gape ke kgaphele mafoko thoko a bangwe ba ba buang gore, “e ne e le gone re tsenang mme re thutse dipalonyana tsa bo 900.” Ka 2014, go ne go na le bangwe *Madam Speaker*, ba eme gone kwa Tsabong, ba na le dipalo tse di kwa tlase, ba bo ba ela ruri. Ga ba a lelekwa ke ope, go fitlhela fela jaaka *by-election* e letse e nna jaana. Ga se boammaaruri gore ba ne ba seyo. Ba ntse ba le teng gongwe e le kgang fela ya go tshwakgafala. Ke tlaa araba dikgang tseo *Madam Speaker*, sebaka fa se letla.

Ke tshwanetse *Madam Speaker*; ke supe ke papametse gore ke mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ya re fa Rre Boko a phatlalelwa ke batho, ba bangwe e le Mapalamente ba ya diphathing, ba rekwa ka maemo, dijo le marotoroto, ka sala ke ropame. Ke re, bogolo ke ka a swa le ene, ke swela dikano. Ga ke a ka ka tlola ka ya ka fa, ka tlola ka ya ka fa. Ka tlhoboga dingongora, le tsietsi e e neng e mo apere. *Madam Speaker*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOTSAMAI: Nnyaa, ikatle pele ke santse ke tsena mo thulaganyong.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Laughter!) ...

MR MOTSAMAI: O se ka wa tshega, ga ke tshege.

Madam Speaker, ke tshwanetse gore ke gagamale thata, ke supe gore ke fa ke leng teng fa, ke gatelela mafoko a ke neng ka a bua le ka nako ele fa batho ba tsamaya, ke supa gore Tautona Boko ke moeteledipele wa motia, yo re mo filweng ke Modimo, yo o meletswang mathe ke mafatshefatshe le makgotlakgotla a boditšhaba, gore bogolo o ka bo a etelela Africa yotlhe, a etelela lobopo lotlhe. Re bua jaana *Madam Speaker*, re sa bue ka bolope, kana go mo lopela, re bua ka se e leng sone, ka kitso, botlhale le tlogamaano e a nang le yone. Jaanong ka seo, ke tshwanetse ke akgole ke bo ke supe gore a e re Modimo o re file sebakanyana se, re kgone gore re mo dikaganyetse, re mo kgontshe go kgona mathata a lefatshe la Botswana, e seng go mo leka gore fa a ka

palelwa, ra tsena, go ka nna jang. E tshwanetse gore Motswana fa a iteka, re kgone go mo thusa go kgona e seng go palelwa.

Madam Speaker, mma ke tswelele ke supe gore re le ba Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), re tshwanetse re supe thata gore maikano le maikemisetso a rona ke one a re tsenyeng mo go one ka State of the Nation Address (SONA)...

MADAM SPEAKER: Sorry Honourable Motsamai.

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Continue with your debate Honourable Motsamai.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, mme ke go dumedise.

Ke tswelele ka go supa gore ke kgato e ntle go bona Tautona Boko a kgona gore a tsolopaganye ka go tswakanya itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Re ntse re ikaegile thata ka diteemane, mme o tla ka mananeo a mantsi thata, a e leng gore yone kgang e ke ntseng ke feta ka yone kgantele e, ke sone se ke se mmokelang, ke sa boke boene fela. Ke kgatelopele e ntle thata gore fa e le gore re ntse re ikaegile ka diteemane, Tautona a bo a bua gore nnyaa, a jaanong re tswakatswakanye, re tle ka *hemp*, re tle ka dikgomo, re tlhabolole temothuo, re tlhabolole se le se. Ke maiteko a mantle thata *Mr Speaker*, ka gore le kwa dikgaolong jaanong, go tlaa tsenya itsholelo mo diatleng tsa batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong.

Mr Speaker, Tautona o bua gore dikgomo di okediwe. Ke selo se e leng gore rona ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di nang le dikgomo, ba re ruileng dikgomo, re bona gore golo mo go botlhokwa mo bathong ba dikgaolo ka gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe tota, ke motho yo e leng gore kgomo ke yone e a itshetsang ka yone. Ka go rialo, fa go okediwa palo ya dikgomo, ke selo se re se itumelelang fa go lekwa gore go rekwe dikgomo go tswa kwa mafatsheng, jaaka e le dikgomo tsa mashi, ke kgatelopele. Ga re ka ke ra nnela ruri go itumelela go reka mashi a a tswang kwa South Africa, go ja *cheese* le go nwa *yoghurt* tse di dirwang kwa South Africa *Mr Speaker*. Re tshwanetse ra tswa ka metlhale ya gore re fetlhe itsholelo le khumo ya lefatshe la rona. Ke sone se Tautona a neng a re lona ka koo lekgang gore le tswa ka metlhale ya go bona gore lefatshe le re ka le isa golo gongwe jang.

Ke tshwanetse ka akgola *improvement* ya dituelo tsa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), mme ke bo ke supa gore ga go a lekana. A go lekwe gore ka bojotlhe baruakgomo le baruapodi, go bonwe *market* go bo go bonwe le ditlhwatlhwa tse di rileng. Batho bao dikgomo tsa bone, dipodi tsa bone; dipodi ke dilo tse di disiwang ke bomme kwa dikgaolong. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ba a di kgona, mme fa ba di kgona jaana, re tshwanetse ra remelela gore re di tlhabolole ba kgone gore ba se ka ba kokonelwa ke itsholelo ya mo malwapeng ka gore ke bone ba ba tlhokomelang malwapa *Mr Speaker*.

Go na le kgang ya mekgatlho e e tlhokomelang tshenyoka borukutlhi jwa dikgomo. Ke tshwanetse ka supa gore ke e eme nokeng, ke a e akgola, mme ga ke e akgole mo go gatakeng ditshwanelo tsa setho ka gore gongwe bangwe ba ba sa nkitseng, ke tswa kgakala ke lwela ditshwanelo tsa setho. Fa batho ba fudusiwa kwa Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), ke ne ke le mongwe wa Makhanselara go tswa ka 1999 go ya go tsena ka bo 2009, ke lwa ke eme ka dinao mo Khanseleng ya Gantsi mabapi le dikgang tsa kgatako ya ditshwanelo tsa setho *Mr Speaker*. Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng ra bona gore ga di ipoeletse, ka gore e re go tshwarwa motho, gotwe gongwe o jele koko kana o jele kgomo ya ga semangmang, a bo a itewa bosetlhogo ke batho a ise a sekisiwe go bona gore mme tsone tse ke tsone.

Ke tshwanetse ka latlhela gape le ka dikgang tsa leruo la batho le le latlhegang, gore *alternatively*, a Goromente a eme ka dinao gore re thibe diphatlha mo melerwaneng, tse leruo le tsamayang le tsena mo mafatsheng a re bapileng le one, ka gore batho ba latlhegelwa ke itsholelo ya bone ya dikgomo le dipodi, ka gore diterata di ole. Re tshwanetse re bone gore re dira jang, le go laola one malwetse.

Mr Speaker, ke batla go supa fela gore re a tlhaloganya gore re na le mathata a melemo le dipilisi mo dipateleng. Re tshwanetse jaanong re tswa ka metlhale ya go bona gore re se ka ra re fa melemo e seyo, ra bo re bopelera re ya dipateleng re ya go gogomosa batho maikutlo a gore fa o ntse jaana, a ruri o tlaa o bona molemo tota, e bile melemo e ga e a siama, ga e nna sentle. Boemong jwa gore ke le Tona, ke le Mopalamente, ke biletse Tona fa thoko, 'ke utlwa gotwe melemo ya gore *have expired*, ke utlwa gotwe melemo ya gore ga e a siama, go boammaaruri go le kae.' Jaanong re tsaya *platforms* tse e leng gore gongwe motho o tlaabo a tla go supa gore gatwe dipilisi tsa gore di ntse jaana le jaana, ga di

a siama. *Mr Speaker*, tsone tse, batho ba rona ba tshela ka tsone.

Mma ke fete, ya dipilisi ke tsaya gore seemo se se tlaa siama, ga go na seemo se se re fetileng. Ke batla gore ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya gore, mme e re ntswa go ntse jalo, re sena melemo mo dikgaolong tsa Charles Hill, re tshwanetse ra rotloetsa baoki le ba ba berekang mo dipateleng gore seemo se se tlaa re siamela, le bone balwetse ra ba rotloetsa gore seemo se se tlaa siama. Ke Mopalamente fela yo o senang boikarabelo, yo e ka reng a fitlhela molwetse yo o gateletsweng ke bolwetse, a bo a re go raya gore o emetse lesa fela, dipilisi kana gatwe ga di na go tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga ke itse gore Ramasedi o go tsaya leng. *Oh!* Tiro ya me ke le Mopalamente ke go hapa, e seng go kgagola *Mr Speaker*. Ga re a tshwanela gore re le Mapalamente, re bo re tsenya batho *terror*, mowa wa kilo mo go Goromente le mo bathong. Batho fa gongwe ba tlaa felela ba tshwara le bone baoki ka diatla le bone baeteledipele ka diatla.

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

MR MOTSAMAI: Batho ba ba tshwanang le bo Rre Modise, ga ke bue ka gore o nkokela diatla, ga re ka ke ra nna le seemo sa gore re bo re latlhegelwa ke batho ba ba nang le boikarabelo le boitseanape jo bo kwa godimo jwa gore ba ka fetola jang matshele a rona ka bongaka le botsogo jwa lefatsheng la Botswana. Re bo latlhegelwa ka batho ba babedi, ba ba tlaa bong ba goagoa, ba bo ba ya go nna fa fatshe ba bo ba re, ke yoo le mmone Rre Boko, o kobile Rre Modise, jaanong seemo se tlhakatlhakane. Ga re a tshwanela go reetsa batho ba ba ntseng jalo, ka gore sa bone fela gompieno ke bo tswa ke tsene *Mr Speaker*.

Batho ba ne ba iphapaanya le seemo sa diphetogo, ba sa itse gore seemo se a goroga, kante seemo se a goroga, ba bo ba hapaana le laki ba ya go wela mo moleteng wa bati. Ke sone se se ba wetseng *Mr Speaker*.

Ga re a tshwanela gore ka dinako tse, re bo re tshaba go lebagana le batho re re bakaulengwe le ne le tsaya tshwetso e e seng yone, le ne la horokiwa ke *luck*, le tswa go wela mo bating e le e ikapesitseng, e ikapoleng ka fa le ka e ikapolang ka teng.

Gatwe, "se tshege di ja mmamotho e tlaa re di ja mmago o lele." Fa Rre Boko a tlhasetswe ka 2019, ga gona ope mo go rona re santse re le mo kganetsong, le fa e le yo o neng a mo tlhatlhama yo o neng a tlhamatlhamisiwa, go ne go tlhamatlhamisiwa ene fela a le nosi motho wa

Modimo. A tselwa dithoto a le nosi, a tsenngwa fa le fa. *Towards* 2019 ke fa re dirisa ditsompelo le dithata tsa gagwe go tsena mo Palamenteng, a tsamaya a hubahuba gongwe le gongwe a re kopela. Fa re se na go tsena, batho ba itse gore jaanong go na le Rre Gobotswang, Rre Lucas, le rre semangmang, ga dira gore ba nne le *platform*, ba bue, batho ba kgone gore e re ka 2024 ba ba busetse *Mr Speaker*. Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng ra di bua, sebaka se letla le se sa letle, e bile re sa tshabe gore re tlaa tlhoiwa ke mang.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ke supe thata gore ke akgola *Minister of Sport*. O bua a sa kgwe matlhe ka gore *stadium* Charles Hill se bo se tsena mo Lenaneong la Ditlogamaano tsa Ditlhabololo, ke selo se ke se mo akgolelang gore le rona batho ba dikgaolo tsa rona, ba bone tlhabologo e e ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker*. Fa ke tswa fa ke ya go tshwara diphuthego, ke ya go batla lefatshe le *stadium* se yang go bewa teng. Ke ya go bolela kwa Charles Hill gore, mo *plan* go na le gore metsi a a tswang kwa Chobe/Zambezi a ye kwa Kgaolong ya Charles Hill. Batho ba Charles Hill go ya go tsena kwa Gantsi, ba ya go bona metsi a a siameng. Tlhabololo e nngwe ke ya metsi a a tswang mo Ncojane a ya kwa dikgaolong tsa Macheng, batsadi ba rona ga ba a bolo go bolawa ke lenyora, ntlha e nngwe go tla thlama ditiro. Ke selo se ke tshwanetseng gore e re ke feta ke bo ke ntse ke se lebogela.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke leboge lenaneo la gago Rre Ramogapi, o eletele ka botswapelo mme o kgalwa letsatsi le letsatsi ka Lenaneo la Bonno. Ba le bitsa mainaina, ba a ne ba re ntlo moswi ga a ka ke a tsena mo go yone re baakanya, re baakantse, ba boa gape ba re le fa le baakantse golo mo ke *scam*. *Mr Speaker* ke papamala fela ke re, ope yo o tlaa mo utlwang a bitsa lenaneo le *scam* e le Mopalamente, ene ka bo ene *has scammed* bathlophi kana ke ene *scam* sa kgaolo ya gagwe. Yo o ikutlwileng fela a re lenaneo la bonno ke *scam*, ene ka bo ene ke ene *scam*.

Lenaneo le re kopa lefatshe sentle mo Magosing le mo *land board*, ga go a utswiwa lefatshe. Lefatshe e ntse ke la ga Goromente se e seng sa ga Goromente ke tlhabologo e *investor* a tlang ka yone. Ba ba nang le matlo, ba ba nang le fa ba robalang teng, ba ba nang le ka fa ba ka bonang madi ka teng ba ikgonang, a ba se ka ba tshela Lenaneo la Bonno dithole, ba lese batho ba inakanye le mananeo a Puso, ba iketshe kwa morago. Go tlhabisa dithong, bangwe ba ne ba ntse ba re batho ba kganela batho go tsaya mananeo a Puso e e fetileng. Gompiano batho ba jele semonogane, ke bone ba ba

dirang tiro e ba neng ba ntse ba re batho ba kganela batho go tsaya mananeo.

A ko o bone fela Goromente a tsena a le mošha, a bo a kgaola ditlhwatlhwa tsa motlakase le metsi, a bo a neela bagodi madi. Batho ba bo ba tla go ema fa ba re, madi a a ne a tshwanetse gore a dire sennanne, go raya gore ke one a a utswilweng, a a neetsweng bagodi. Ba bangwe ba bua jaana, gongwe motho a setse ka ngwaga o le mongwefela a bo a tsaya madi a bagodi *Mr Speaker*, a sa a gane. Ba bangwe ba opa diatla fa batho ba bua jaana, e le bagodi bone ka sebele ba ba tsayang madi a. O bo o ipotsa gore, tota batho ba fa ba bua ba tlhaloganyanya kwa ba go yang *Mr Speaker*.

Ba ditsala tsa me jaaka Motlotlegi Pule, o a tle a ntheye a re tsala ya me ditlhopho tse di tlang ga ke eme, ke setse le itseela mhago fale fa posong. Go tlhabisa ditlhong gore nako e nngwe fa motho e kare a tsaya madi a bagodi, a bo a boa gape a re phathi ya UDC ga e a kgona maitlamo ao. Re fitlheletse dilo di le dintsi *Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: *Point of order. Mr Speaker*, monna yo o a nkgolega, ga ke amogele madi a bagodi. A ko a boele mafoko ao morago.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Motsamai*, a re dingwaga ga di ise di goroge kwa go 65.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kana rona batho senna, re bua dikgang tota re e nwa tee. Jaanong fa motho a go bolelela e le tsala ya gago le nwa tee, o tsaya gore tse dikgang ke tsa mmatota. Fa a go raya a re ke tswa go hula ditau le nwa teng, ke ne ke tsaya gore se a se mpolelelang ke boammaaruri.

MR PULE: *Point of order. Honourable Speaker*, a a boele lefoko leo morago, ga ke ise ke tshware 65. Ga go tlhokafale.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, se dire jalo.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, tlaa ke le boele morago, ka gore o ikoatlhaetse gore o ntheye a re. Le gone go ntse go siame fela.

MR PULE: *Point of order*. Ga a na go bua, fa a ka se ka a boela mafoko a morago. Ga re ise re bue dilo le monna yo kwa teeng, ga se ise re bue ka dingwaga tsa rona. Ga ke itse gore dingwaga tsa gagwe di kae, ga a itse tsa me, o a nkgolega. Batswana ba itse dingwaga tsa me, e seng tse a di buang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Motsamai*, a ko o

baakanye. Ke rile dikgang tsa lona tsa kwa ntle, le se ka la nna le di tlisa ka kwano.

MR MOTSAMAI: Mma ke mo lese *Mr Speaker*, ke boele morago kgang ya teng, le ntswa dingwaga tsa teng di mo tshwanela. Ke boele kgang ya teng morago.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, point of order.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motsamai a ko baakanye.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke di boetse morago *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ke supe gore, Goromente wa UDC o dirile go tlala ka diatla. Gompiano fa o reetsa *radio* go buiwa dipuo tse di farologanyeng le Seburu tota, go supa gore merafe jaanong e a ipela. Mapalamente ba ba reng UDC ga e dire sepe, Batswana ba tshwanetse ba ba *punish*, ba bone gore ga ba na boammaaruri. Ba kgona go ema mo Palamenteng ba re, ga ba re kolote megopolo ya go rarabolola mathata a a wetseng setshaba, ba tlile go batla eng. Go raya gore ke ba sele ga ba a emela batho, ba ba nang le *contract* ba tlaa goroga, jaaka o utlwa ba goa ba re ga ba na *contract* le rona jaana.

Mapalamente ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP), ba palelwa ke go tswa ka metlhale e e ka rarabolang diemo tsa seemo se re leng mo go tsona. Sa bone fela ke go ema ba duduetsa gore, fa gotwe dipilisi ga diyo o kare go tsaya ...*(Inaudible)*... di ntse di seyo. Fa gotwe batho ba tlhokafala, o kare go ka swa *four* e seng *one* jaaka re utlwile. Ke sone se ba se buang.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Mr Speaker, Honourable Member* ga a bue boammaaruri a re ga re tswe ka megopolo, o re kokometsa lekape la motsotsojane. Ga ke itse gore megopolo e e ntseng e tswa ya Botswana Land Management Authority, dipolaseteke tse di seng *digested* di tshwanetse go diragadiwa, go nna le *people centered constitutional review*, e mentsintsi fela e re e ntshitseng ya bo *peace desk*. Wa re o batla *solutions* tsa *problems* dife tota mo go rona? Kante la re le batla eng mo go rona? Fa e le gore ga le na megopolo ke eng le sa tshaise la re neela ra tsamaisa ka gore re na le megopolo? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga se* point of order, you could have clarified *o ne a ka go neela*.

MR MAPULANGA: *Point of order. Tanki Mr Speaker.* Ke dumela gore motlotlegi o ikutlwile fela a re Mapalamente a BCP ba eletsa gore go swe batho, fa

go sa swe *one at least* e nne bo *four*. Ga ke dumele gore *statement* seo se siame gore se bewe fa gotwe re eleletsa batho lesa, ke kopa gore a se ntshe mo Hansard.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai, *kana* you are imputing improper motive *fa o dira jalo*, against Order 57.5 *mme ke a utlwa gore* your argument *ke eng. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a kana o tlhabela mafoko a a siameng*...

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

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ke a itse, ke berekile nae ke a itse gore o ka tlhabela Setswana gore o ka a baya jang. Jaanong mme tota o kare se a le kang go se tlhalosa ke gore lona ba ba ka fa le dira mo gotweng tlhogwana mo imele. ...*(Interruptions)*...*That is his line of argument* gore o kare le ba eleletsa go palelwa gore fa e le gore ba palelwa ka 1 *per cent*, o kare le eletsa gore go ka nna kwa godimo thata. Ke sone se ke reng gongwe o tlhabela mafoko a a ka a dirisang. O ele tlhoko ntlha eo thata *Honourable* Motsamai.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, ga go na motho yo o kareng o go neetse megopolo yo mongwe ka fa a bo a emelela a re ga re le kolote megopolo. Golo ka fa ke thukhwi le mala, go na le tlhakatlhakano e nngwe e e senang boleketso, ga go *coordinated. Honourable* Furniture o ne a bua gore ga ba re kolote megopolo, *Honourable* Gobotswang o ntse a bua fa a re ba ntshitse mengwe megopolo. Le tshwanetse la ithuta go ya go kopana la buisana la dumalana ka se le se ganetsang. Ga go na kganetso ka koo, itlhoboge le phatlalale. Ga le itse se le se ganetsang. Phatlalalang!

MR FURNITURE: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable* Motsamai kana o ne o bua le ene e bile o mo kopa gore a *withdraw* mafoko a *Honourable* Mapulanga a neng a bua ka one, mme jaanong o a re tlhasela gape ga ke itse gore o ntsenyetsa eng mo dikgannyeng tse. Ke ne ke kopa gore o ka bo a digetse fela *debate* ya gagwe a sa ntlhasele, ga ke itse gore o ntlhaselela eng.

MR SPEAKER: Ke mo gakolotse. Nako ya gago e fedile *Honourable* Motsamai...

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

MR SPEAKER: ...o ka leka go baakanya o bo o nna fa fatshe.

MR MOTSAMAI: Nnyaa, *Mr Speaker, Honourable* Furniture o bua boammaaruri fa a re ke lebaganya

mafoko le ene le *Shadow Cabinet* ya gagwe. Ka go reng? Le ene o ntshitse ka molomo a bua jalo a re ga ba re kolote megopolo. O buile golo mo gantsi le mo diphuthegong tsa bone kwa ntle, ke sone ke welang ke re batho ba ga ba na lenaneo lepe le ba ka le fang Batswana ka gore ba re ga ba kolote *anybody alternative solutions* ya mathata a a re apereng. Phatlalalang! Phatlalalang!

MR SPEAKER: E go tshwere *Honourable* Motsamai. *Order! Honourable Members*, ke dumela gore lotlhe le kgonne go akgela. Fa go na le yo o iseng a akgele *before I ask the Leader of the House* gore a re tswalele *debate*...

MR PULE: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse legale o tlaa mpaakanyetsa, ke ne ke re o baakanye sengwe ke se, kana maabane re letse re na le Tautona mo Palamenteng...

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

MR PULE: Iketle pele. Ke bua ga aka. *You said you are a human rights Government... (Interruptions)...* Ke ne ke re re kope sengwe ka boeteledipele jwa gago *Mr Speaker* jo bo nonofileng. Maabane e rile fa o ema wa re bolela gore Tautona o tla *to respond to SONA* mme fa ke reeditse *line of debate* ya gagwe ke ne ke tseela gore o ne a *respond to SONA*. Wa boa wa bua gore e tlaare morago ga moo e le tsamaiso e re e itseng le fa gotwe go ne go dumalanwe re seyo, gore tota motho yo o *respond to SONA* ke *Leader of the House*, Rre Mohwasa. Jaanong gongwe o re baakanyetse gompiano ka gore ke letse ke sa utlwa sentle, e kete wa re Rre Mohwasa o tlaa fiwa gongwe 20 *minutes* gore a *debate*. Ke ne ke re o e baakanye re itse gore a o ya *to respond* a bo a fiwa nako e a tshwanetseng go e fiwa ka fa Standing Orders kana go ya go diragala jang. O e baakanye, ga se gore ke a ganetsa kana ke a reng, ke kopa fela tlhaloso motlotlegi.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, tota o kare jaanong Palamente e *will be abused*, ka boikokobetso. Gompiano fela jaana o ise o goroge kgang e e ne e santse e tshwerwe jaanong ba tsaya *advantage* ya gore yo mongwe o fologile setilo yo mongwe o a tsena gape. Yo mongwe o ne a santse a botsa jalo a bo a arabiwa fela sentle gotwe *Speaker* o letse a buile ka kgang eo maabane. *Deputy Speaker* a bo a boa a *rule* gape a tlhalosa ka botlalo gore Tautona o ne a *debate* jaaka tshwanelo ya gagwe ya *to debate*. *Counsel* a bo a gakolola gore le mo Molaamotheong go

kwadilwe gore ke *ex-officio member* wa Ntlo yone e. Jaanong fela fa o palama yo mongwe a fologa re *abuse procedure* re a botsa gape *Mr Speaker*. A mme re tlaa fetsa?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *gakere ke le boleletse gore dikgato tse dingwe tse re di tsayang re di tseela kwa go reng re ye kwa go tokafatseng. Le fa re tokafatsa fa re tokafatsang teng, kana bukana e yone mme e ntse e teng, ke yone kaedi ya lona. Mma ke le e balele gore le tle le utlwe*, Order 8.2 (v), without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, the duties of the Leader of the House shall include, I will go to (v), responds on behalf of the President to the debate upon State of the Nation Address where instructed to do so by the President and shall be allotted more time than ordinary members. *Jaanong sone se ga le a se emisa, ga le a se amend, se ntse re teng*, it is in force. *Se se neng se diragala maabane*, I explained it and I have said to you that it is a matter that we have ventilated over in the Business Advisory Committee and we deemed it fit and desirable that the President interact with you on the SONA, which is what he did *maabane*. *Jaanong* that did not in any way vitiate or nullify in any way, or suspend 8.2 (v). *Re utlwane gakere?*

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole fela ka go amogela le go leboga setšhaba sa Botswana, batho ba Kgalagadi go bo ba tlhophile mokaulengwe Tokyo Modise ka dipalo tse di tona. Se ke sesupo sa ka fa ba nang le tshepho mo mokgatlhong wa UDC le go supa gore le fa bangwe ba ne ba emetse ditlhopho kwa Kgalagadi, le fa ba ne ba se ka ba kgona go ema mo ditlhophong tse di fetileng ba eme, re lebogile gore ba bone go tshwanela gore le bone ba ka boelela gape ba ya go ema koo.

Selo se ke selo se se ntle, re tshwanetse gore re se amogele ka gore se nonotsha puso ya batho ka batho. Mathata ke fa bakaulengwe ba ne ba kile ba ema kwa Kgalagadi ba bo ba raya batho ba re ke gone fela ba gorogang mo Kgalagadi. Nnyaa, bakaulengwe ba ne ba kile ba ema kwa Kgalagadi, mme mo nakong e e fetileng ba tlhoka yo o ka emang, ba bo ba sa kgone gore ba ka ema. *So*, ga se gore e ne e le lantlha go ema kwa Kgalagadi.

E bile se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke bue ka sone *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhalose gore Tautona e ne e le lantlha re bona mo ditsong tsa lefatshe le a ema a bo a baya pego e e tshwanang le e a neng a e baya maloba fa a ne a

eme fa. E ne e le pego ya maemo a a kwa godimo. Ke tsaya gore le ba bangwe ba ba neng ba batla phatlha, ba ne ba felela ba nna le mathata a go e bona. Ke go supa maikaelelo le go ropama ga Puso ya gagwe go leka go baakanya mathata a lefatshe le ka gore selo se se ne se supa tebelopele le gore go na le maikaelelo a go fetola matshelo a Batswana, mo go dirwang ke boeteledipele jwa nako e.

Ke tshwanetse gore gape ke leboge le Moeteledipele wa Kganetso. Ke ne ke mo reeditse fela thata, e le dikgang tse a di amogelang tse Puso e neng ya tla ka tsone. Le fa gongwe e ne e kete o tla akgola, a amogela, a ikgolola, re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore fa re le batho re le mmogo re leka go aga setšhaba, fa re bona go na le maiteko a a dirwang, re amogele ka go itse gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, le fa o ka ganetsa boammaaruri, boammaaruri ka bojone ga o ka ke wa bo fitlha go ya go ileng.

Gape se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke bue ka sone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke gore Goromente wa gompiano o tsene fa Batswana ba sena go nna ba supa gore ke bone ba batlang gore a etelele pele morago ga ditlhopho tse re neng re di tshwere mo ngwageng o o fetileng. Ditlhopho tse, e ne e le paakanyo mo go se se ntseng se sa diragalele setšhaba se mo dingwageng tse di ka nnang masome a marataro tse di fetileng. E ne e le nako e e leng gore Batswana ba ne ba dumalane botlhe gore ba kgaogana le kgolagano e kgologolo e e leng gore ga e a ba tsisetsa maduo ape a a utlwalang, mme e bile ba bona gore kgolagano e ntšha e ba ka ikamanyang le yone ke ya UDC go eteletse pele Motlotlegi Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana Duma Gideon Boko. Ba ne ba batla Goromente yo o ka kgonang gore a itebaganye le mathata a a ba wetseng, e bile a ka aga setšhaba se sešha.

Ke kopa gore fa o ntetlelela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke nopole mafoko a Tautona wa pele wa lefatshe la America Rre Obama.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tlaa bua ka Sekgoa, a re *“the challenges we face are great, but our capacity to overcome them is greater. So, long as we can summon the will to work together, to unite in common purpose and to see ourselves not as separate factions, but as one people with one shared destiny.”* Ke bua jaana ke itebagantse le bakaulengwe ka kwa motsheo ka kwa. Re tshwanetse gore mathata a re nang le one re le Batswana,

re a kopanele, re nne ngata e nngwefela. Re tshwanetse gore le fa re le fa, se se diragalang kwa sepatela kana kwa sekoleng, se diragalela masika le bana ba bommaarona. So, ga go na ka fa re ka kgonang gore re nne re ntse re sa tshwaragana re le setšhaba se se kananyana se se tshwanang le sa rona sa Botswana.

Mafoko a re tshwanetse gore re a agele mosako mo nakong ya gompiano re le Batswana ka gore fa e sale re tsaya Puso mo ngwageng o o fetileng, ga re a a ka ra tsena mo thulaganyong e re ka reng dilo di ne di tsamaya sentle. Go ne go tshwanelwa ke gore re dire dipaakanyo dingwe ka gore tota go bua nnete, ke mokang dilo di neng di itsamaisa sesole. Re ne re tsena mo Pusong e go neng go na le dikoloto tsa Puso tse di neng di le kwa godimo. Le bodiredi bo ne bo setse le jone bo sa dire dilo ka tlhamalalo. Go ne go na le tshenyetso-setšhaba e e neng e le fa godimonyana.

Fa godimo ga moo, ke tshwanetse gore re tlhalose gape gore *parastatals* di ne di tlhotsa. Fa o re o lebelela le ditlamelo mo lefatsheng la Botswana gompiano, ga di kgatlhe. Fa re bua jaana, re bua ka seemo se e leng gore fa re ya go amogela, fa re ya go tsaya Puso, re ne re bua ka itsholelo e e neng e setse e bile jaanong e boela kwa morago. Re bone gore go nnile le *negative growth* ya 1.7, itsholelo ya Botswana e boela kwa morago.

Re tsena mo seemong se e leng gore lefatshe la Botswana jaaka ke tlhalosa, le ne le le mo tlhakatlhakanong. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore re fitlhetse diemo di sa nna sentle.

Re tlile re na le maikaelelo a re neng re na le one mo re neng re ipapatsa, re ithekisa mo setšhabeng ka mananeo a re dumelang gore re tshwanetse gore re ye go aga sešha. Re ne re bolelela Batswana gore re batla gore rona fa re fiwa sebaka, mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse le re di neelang, re batla go dira gore batho ba duelwe P1800, go se ka ga nna le Motswana yo o amogelang bo P4000 jalojalo. Re ne re bolelela Batswana gore re feng sebaka sa gore re etelele mo dingwageng tse tlhano. Ba re file sebaka mme se ke ka se le bolelelang ke gore dikgang tse, tse re neng re di neela Batswana, e ne e se dikgang tse e leng gore re ne re di baya fela di sena pele le morago.

Se re ganneng go se dira, re ne ra se ka ra itetlelela gore re itlhaganelele gore re diragatse dingwe tse e leng gore motho o ne a ka re re tlaabo re dira ka lepotlapotla. Re ne re lebeletse itsholelo le mo re nang le gone. Dingwe tse re neng ra di dira, ke e fa sekai, re ne ra baakanya

dikgang tsa *system* e e neng e bidiwa gotwe Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS). Go ne go supagala gore fa gotwe GABS e *down*, re ne re palelwa ke go bolelela Batswana gore ga re na madi a go le duela. Jaanong re bo re re “*system e down.*” So, re ne re tshwanelwa ke gore re baakanye tse, mme re bo re ka emisa le *issuance of Purchase Orders* gore re kgone go bona gore itsholelo ya rona e tla mo seemong se e leng gore re leka *to stabilise* e bile re phepatse le dibuka gore re simolole go baakanya itsholelo ya rona.

MR LUCAS: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Kgang e ya gore go ne go diriwa boferefere gotwe GABS ga e a siama, mme go tewa gore madi ke one a seyong, kana le mo Pusong le e tlhaloganya botoka, wa re ke nnete go ne go ntse jalo, Domkrag e ne e raya Batswana e re GABS ga e a siama mme bothata e le go tlhoka madi? Ke batla o e papamatse e itsege gore e tle e re fa re leba Domkrag re e tlhasela re tle re re e itse sentle gore dira dilo mang.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore ga go na yo o sa itseng gore go ne go ntse jalo. Jaaka re tlhalosa le gompiano gore re fitlhela mokoakoa wa dikoloto. Ke tsaya gore le wena motlotlegi o a itse gore go ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Re tsere Puso ka maikaelelo a gore re age sešha e bile re baakanye le *public institutions* Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke akanya gore ke tlhalose gore mme le fa re fitlhela mathata a ntse jaana, re tshwanetse gore re tlhalose gore re ne ra simolola lantlhantlha ra lebelela *Old Age Pension Scheme*. Re fitlhetse e le gore Batswana ba amogela P830, mme re ne re reile Batswana ra re mo thomong e le re e fileng ya gore re tsene dingwaga tse tlhano, re tlaa oketsa gore madi a e nne P1400. Re simolotse seo ka *budget* e e neng e feta.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalose golo mo gape, gompiano fa re le Mapalamente fa, re filwe *term* ya *five years*, Rre Lucas, go tlaabo go sa nna sentle fa batho ba Bobirwa e kare fa ba sena go nna jaaka ba ne ba mo tlhopho maloba, e bo e le gore gompiano ba ka re nnyaa jaanong Rre Lucas o paletswe. Mo *12 months* fela, ke tsaya gore ba tlaabo ba sa dire sentle ka gore ba mo file nako ya *five years*. E tlaa re *after five years*, ba bo ba mmotsa gore Rre Lucas, mo nakong e re neng re go romile mo *five years* o o neng o mo kopile, o dirile eng? Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore rona *in 12 months* re kgonne gore re oketse madi *to* P1,400. Golo mo go supa gore re mo tseleng, re gogela kwa go P1800.

Ke ka tlhalosa gape gore le fa go ntse jalo, kana re tshwanetse gore re tlhaloganye gore ka *manifesto* wa rona wa 2019, re ne re bua ka madi a a kwa tlase ga P1800. Gompiano fa re bua ka P4000 yo re neng re bua gore re batla re oketse madi *to* P4000, re ne re bua ka madi a a ka fa tlase ga P4000.

Fa re ya go tsena kwa go 2029, re tlaabo re bua ka madi a a farologanyeng ka gore dilo tse re di baya di lebagane le dinako. Fa o lebelela madi a a neelwang bana ba *tertiary* e le ba Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), e ne e le P300, fa re bua jaana, ba neelwa P1900. Tautona o ntse a tlhalosa gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore, go se kgakala, re bo re fitlhetse molao wa P2500. Fa o ka lebelela tse, re batla go tsaya madi re a tsenye mo pateng, re fokolotse Batswana mokgweleo.

Re ne ra raya batho ra re, re tlaa fokotsa madi a ba a duelang a motlakase ka *30 per cent* le metsi ka *30 per cent*. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re diretse Batswana se re ba se solofeditseng ka *30 per cent*. Re bo re fitlhela e le gore bontsi jwa bone, ba ne ba le mo dikolotong tse di gakgamatsang. Ra kgaola madi bone ka *50 per cent* mme tse, bakaulengwe ga ba di amogele. Batswana ba a di amogela, jaaka o bona kwa Kgalagadi ba kgonne go dira mo go tshwanetseng.

Re buile gore re tlaa baakanya Molaomotho. Re mo thulaganyong ya go o baakanya. Maloba fa re le fa, ke utlwaletse gore go na le bangwe barongwa ba BCP ka *workshops* tse di neng di rulagantswe ke Palamente. Ba ne ba latola gore ga go a nna le morero. Ke kope ba BCP gore a re nneng e re fa re bitsana, re nneng le boammaaruri. *There is correspondence* e e buang ka kgang e, gore re a go bua ka ga eng. Re ne re kopane kwa Boipuso Hall, re ba bolelela gore re ya *to consult* ka kgang ya *Constitution*. Re ba boleletse gore re ya go simolola pele ka go baakanya *Constitution*, re bo re tsenya *Constitutional Court*. Re bo re kwala mo mekwalong gore re tlaa le fa nako ya gore fa le na le megopolo, le e tsise. Go bo ga nna le mokwalo o o neng o kwadilwe, *unfortunately* ga a yo fa, mongwe yo ke ka se keng ka mmua ka leina. Moeteledipele yo o neng a le koo wa BCP, a kopa gore ba fiwe *extension* ya *to submit* megopolo ya bone. Gompiano fa re bua jaana, ga go na megopolo epe e e tsileng mo go bone. Ga go boammaaruri gore ga re a *consult* ope ka kgang ya *Constitutional Court*.

Fa re lebelela mo dikgannyeng tsa botsogo, ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gape gore Goromente...

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

MR MOHWASA: *That is why* ke ne ke re, ke ne ke utlwa.

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

MR MOHWASA: Yes.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: Se ke ka se buang gape *Mr Speaker*, ke gore... Ke mang yo o neng a re *clarification*?

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification. Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ke a leboga *Leader of the House*. Ke ne ke re kgang e o e buang ya *workshop* e re neng re e bua kwa, o itse gore o ne o seyo teng. O bua *out of context* because se se neng se buiwa kwa, e ne e le kgang ya gore re utlwisisa sentle bomatwetwe ba sena go nna ba re tlhatlhelela sentle. Re bo re dumalana rotlhe ba re neng re le foo gore, fa go simolodisiwa *Constitutional Court* e le *part of the Constitutional Review*, go raya gore Goramente o re siile. *That is what was said after* re sena go nna re utlwisisa, re tlhaloganyana sentle gore gatwe go diragala eng. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Re a leboga. Re a dumalana gore morero o nnile teng kwa *All Party Conference*, o o neng o tlhalosa gore re ikaelela go baakanya Molaomotho. Fa re baakanya, re tlaa simolola ka go baakanya *Constitutional Court*. Fa re sena go baakanya, *Constitution*, e bo e tla e e lebelela. Ke e tlhalositse. Ke tsaya gore re a dumalana gore morero o nnile teng.

Kgang e nngwe e ne e le ya gore re solofeditse Batswana gore re tlaa ba agela matlo a le 100 000 mo dingwageng tse di tlang, *between now and 2029*. Thulaganyo e simologile, ke tsaya gore lotlhe le a itse gore Bonno Housing Scheme e tsamaya fa kae.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se tlhalose gape ke gore, re ne ra bua gore re tlaa tla re le neela *Sovereign Wealth Fund*. Re tsaya gore e tlaa re thusa re le lefatshe la Botswana. Fa ke bua jaana, re setse re simolotse thulaganyo ya teng, e setse e simolotse.

Ga re bolo go bua bogologolo gore re batla go fiwe bana bogolo jang ba ba tlhokang *sanitary pads* mahala. Thulaganyo e, e simolotse, e tswetsetse mo nakong ya gompiano. *You see, issue* e, e ama seriti le botsogo jwa ngwana. Ga se *question* fela ya gore e go diga seriti. Go na le *issues* tse e leng gore mo dingwageng tse di kwa pele, a bo o ka felela o na le mathata a botsogo because of go dirisa methale e e seng yone ya *to pad*.

Se sengwe se ke ka buang ka sone ke kgang ya P4000. Re le Goramente, re digetse kgang ya rona ya P4000 ya *living wage*. Fa re bua le Batswana re rile, re batla gore go se ka ga nna ope yo o amogelang *less than* P4000. Fa re bua jaana, ga go na modirelapuso ope yo o amogelang *less than* P4000. O tle o bone gore, ke Puso e e kgathalang ka batho. Go ntse go na le dikgang tse di ntsintsi tse e leng gore batho ba ikuela gore ga ba a duelwa. *We are going to insource*. Batho ba *security*, ba ba phepafatsang, *gardening services* le ba ba apayang, Goramente o tlaa simolola a ba hira, a ba duela.

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

MR MOHWASA: Madi a, re batla a tsena mo dipateng. Motho o ka botsa gore madi a a kanakana le a tsaya kae; re tlhalositse fa re sale re simolola bogologolo. Kgang e, le ne le e itse lona ba bangwe ba le koo. Re ne re bua gore lehuma le gore lefatshe le tshole sentle, go nne le botshelo jo bo botoka, go simolola ka gore le kgaoganya meamuso ya lefatshe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa le simolola le sa tseye madi le a neela Batswana gore ba itirele bokamoso, go ya go felela go nna le lehuma. Fa o ka lebelela mananeo a re tlang ka one a, o a bona gore ke Puso e e batlang go tokafatsa matshelo a Batswana. P4000 ke madi a re neng re buisana le ba *unions* e le gore a duelwa *from* di 1 tsa ga *April*. Ba duetswe *backpays* ba ba tseneng kwa morago.

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

MR MOHWASA: Madi ao, a a duelwa. Ke kopa le tlhaloganyeng jaana, re ne re dumela gore *and I had to explain to* bakaulengwe gore go se ka ga lebega go na le *confusion*. Re ne re sa dumalane le ba *unions*. Ba ne ba re re duele P4000 e le *minimum wage*, re dumela gore re tshwanetse re dire ka *allowance because* e ne e ya go nna turu go feta fa re neng re le teng. Se re neng re se bua, re ne re re, mo go ka kgontshang gore motho a tshole sentle ke gore, go bo go na le madi a a tsenang mo pateng e le P4000. *That we have delivered forth*. O tsena ka tsela efe, ke kgang e nngwe. *You should also understand the limitations* ka gore *revenue* ya ga Goramente, e ne e ya kwa tlase. Se se teng sa gore, re neele batho P4000, *that we have achieved*. E tlaare fa re ya go buisanya gape, ke tsone dikgang tse re tlaa tlang re bua ka tsone.

Fa re bua jaana *Mr Speaker*, Sekalaka, Sekgalagadi, Senaro, Seyei, Seherero, Sembukushu, Afrikaans le Chikuhane di a buiwa mo Botswana.

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

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ema pele monna wa Motswapong, ke etla kwa go wena. Ga se kgang fela ya *broadcasting* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo ke go lemoga, go fa seriti le go atla merafe e mengwe. Go reela gore morafe mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana, o kgona go utlwa puo ya ga bone, e ba e anyileng. Mma ke tlhalose gore ngwaga o fa re ya *Christmas* jaana, Rre Gobotswang, Setswapong se tlaabo se buiwa mo *radio*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR MOHWASA: Sebirwa se tlaabo se buiwa mo *radio*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)

MR MOHWASA: Rre Hikuama o ntse a lela ka Sebamberu, le sone se tlaabo se buiwa mo *radio*. Re batla gore morafe mongwe le mongwe, o ipelafatse ka letso. Re dira se ka gore ngwaga o o tlang, re gatela kwa ngwageng wa masome a le mararo re tsere Puso. Re batla gore fa re tsena mo ngwageng o o tlang fa re re re batla go ipelela Boipuso jwa masome a mararo, mongwe le mongwe a bo a ka amogela gore ke bontlha bongwe jwa lefattshe le, e re fa re ya go ema re re lefattshe le ke la rona, go bo go ka supega tota gore ke lefattshe la rona.

Re ne ra bua re bolelela batho ka *loans* tsa Chema Chema *Mr Speaker*, e bile ra ya go bua le batho re ba raya re re, heelang, Chema Chema e dirisiwa fela e le dilo tsa go reka ditlhopho, tsamayang le ye go tsaya madi ao, fa re sena go nna re fenya, ka re ne re itse gore re ya go fenya, re ya go emisa Chema Chema. Re dirile jalo, *we have cancelled* Chema Chema. E bile ba e leng gore ba ne ba duetse, thulaganyo ke gore ba tseye madi a bone. Kana ga se gone Rre Ntsima?

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Ke gone.

MR MOHWASA: Ee. Jaanong o batla go nthaya o re Puso e, ga se e e *deliver on its promises*? Le fa itsholelo e boela kwa morago, yone e bona gore jaanong e tobaganye mo go leng teng gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone gore a nne le sengwe.

Jaanong fa o lebelela, puso ya batho ka batho ya lefattshe la Botswana, e simolola go hema gape. E ne e le mo khupelong e e gaggamatsang, e le gore e a nyelela. Mongwe le mongwe o kgona gore a bue, mongwe le mongwe o kgona gore a tle a tsamaye mo mokgwatlheng,

a sa ipelaetse, ga o ka ke wa bona gotwe lepodise kana motho wa DIS, kana mang o tsamaya mo a tshwenya ope, ka gore re Puso e e rotloetsang ditshwanelo tsa batho. Re fa go sireletsa batho, mme e seng gore jaanong re ba didimatse. Dilo tse di ntseng jaana, ke dilo tse e leng gore bakaulengwe, ke a tlhologanya botlhoko jo bakaulengwe ba leng mo go jone, ka gore bo ba tima phefo e ba ka e hemang go leka gore ba tshedise mokgatlho wa bone. *So*, botlhoko jwa teng ga se gore ga re bo tlhologanye. Re a le tlhologanya bakaulengwe ka gore ga go na fa e leng gore le ka hemela teng, ga le na botswelo, ga le na phatlha. Jaaka Rre Motshegwa a etle ka dinyao tsa gagwe a bue gore le iteilwe mo seperuperung.

Ga re ise re fetse ka ditsholofetso tsa rona mo *manifesto*. Ba bangwe ba bua gore re bua fela, ga go na sepe se se diragalang. Jaanong ke a ipotsa gore ao, batho ba bangwe ba tshela kwa lefatsheng lefe. A ga ba nke ba kopana le batho ba bua kana ba bulela *radio* ba utlwa dipuo tse di buiwa, ga ba nke ba utlwa batho ba ba bolelela gore Chema Chema e phimotswe. Ke gore ke a ipotsa gore bakaulengwe ba tshela fa kae, ka gore tse ke tsaya gore ke tse e leng gore le basadibagolo ba a bua gore ba itumetse ka gore gompiano ba kgona gore ba neelwe P1400 kgwedi le kgwedi.

Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore, yone puo ya ga Motlotlegi Tautona, e a tlhalosa ka ditlhaelo tsa lefattshe le, le gore lefattshe le, mo dingwageng tse di kananaka tse, re paletswe ke gore re tswakatswakanye itsholelo ya lefattshe la Botswana. Se re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore re paletswe re le lefattshe la Botswana go tswakanya itsholelo. Ke sone se gompiano re leng mo mathateng a a kanakana, *and* mathata a ke gore le a itse gore *the boom* ya *decade* ya bo 1980 to 1990, re paletswe ke go tsaya madi a gore re tswakanye itsholelo, mme ga re na gore re eme fela, re bo re tlhokomologa re sa dire sepe. Ke sone se o bonang gompiano gape e ntse e le yone Puso e, jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa maloba go buiwa ka National Development Plan NDP 12, gore gompiano go na le Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) e *Cabinet* e dumalaneng gore re ya go tsaya *all the assets* tse di teng mo go Goromente, e bo *pilot project* e simolola ka *State President*, gore re ya go tsaya re bo re dira *company* e e tlileng go tsaya *assets* tse, e bo e di tsaya mo go Goromente e di dirisa, Goromente a hirisa mo teng. Re kgone *to release* madi *and finance activities* tsa ga Goromente, ka gore re Puso e e leng gore re batla go bona lefattshe la Botswana le ya kwa pele.

Tautona o buile gore re tshwanetse go bona gore itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana e a tokafadiwa, mme re tshwanetse re bone gore temothuo e a gola, ka gore temothuo ka boyone re dumela gore ke nngwe ya tse di ka thusang gore itsholelo ya Botswana e gole. *That is why* re bua gore, re batla gore re nne le dikgomo tse *five million* mo ngwageng wa 2029. Bontsi jwa lona, ke tsaya gore ga le ise le dise. Bontsi jwa lona ke tsaya gore gongwe ga le itse gore go na le batho ba e leng gore ba bangwe re ne re golela kwa merakeng, motho fa gongwe fa a reka kgomo e nngwefela kana tse pedi, mme mo nakong e e seng kgakala, motho e bo e le gore o na le moraka fela o o tletseng. Se le tshwanetseng gore le se tlhaloganye ke gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: Mokaulengwe, ke tlaa tla ke le bona *after 10 minutes*, a ko le iketleng pele. Re bua ka dikgomo golo fa, re tlhwaafetse. Fa kgomo gompiano e tsala, a bo o tsaya jaaka mokaulengwe a bua gore re tshwanetse gore re lwele gore kgomo nngwe le nngwe e tshwanetse gore bontsi jwa nako, e bo e le gore jaanong e a dusa, mo go reelang gore mo dingwageng tse pedi, kana ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ga ba itse gore kgomo e tsaya nako e e kae. Mo dingwageng tse tlhano, fa o tsere kgomo e nngwefela, e nngwe kgomo; fa e le *breed* jo bo ngwefela, fa e tsala, e tshwanetse gore e nngwe fa e tsena kwa *18 months*, e bo e le *ready* gore kgomo eo e ka simolola le yone ya latlha namane. Ke gore fa e nngwe e tsala, e nngwefela yone eo, *in five years* gongwe e ka holotsa, gongwe e tsala kgomo, e tlaabo e na le marole a le mararo *in five years*. *I have been very conservative*. Fa e nna le marole a le mararo, e nngwe ele e e *18 months*, e a latlha. Ka gore gompiano re na le tse 1 700. *So* fa e le dikgomo tsa gago o a di disa, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore o ka kgona gore dikgomo tse dingwe tseo...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, Order 58.4. *Le mo itaya tsebe*.

MR MOHWASA: O ka kgona *to achieve that 1.5*. Mathata a lona ke gore, ka gore le setse le itlhobogile gore le ka kgona go tsaya Puso, *which of course is not going to happen in the near future*, ke gore le setse le sa dumele gore sepe se ka diragala. *I am telling you*, le teng foo, re kwano, ka 2029, *head count* ya dikgomo mo lefatsheng la Botswana e tlaabo e fitlhile kwa go *5 million*.

Re buile gompiano gore re batla go tsaya dikgomo tsa mashi, tse di tshwanetseng gore di tle mo lefatsheng la Botswana, di tlaa re thusa *to substitute import* ya mashi. Ke tsaya gore le a itse, e seng bo *Honourable* Furniture, ke tsaya gore gongwe bo *Honourable* Lucas, Rre Kapinga le Rre Gobotswang, ba a itse gore bogologolo kwa merakeng, go ne go na le fa o fitlhelang go na le *scheme* se go neng go na le matlo a maswaananyana, a ne a bitswa di ... (*inaudible*)... mo e neng e le gore go ne go kgona gore go nne le di *cheese* foo, go dirwa tse tsotlhe tse. Dilo tse ke tse e leng gore gompiano fa o ka di bua, *Honourable* Furniture o ka se ke a dumele, ga a sa tlhole a dumela gore sepe se ka diragala, *but these things are possible*. Re dumela gore tse re tlaa di kgona mo ngwageng o o seng kgakala.

Re ka se ke re tlogele le kgang ya gore ga re a boela morago mogopolo wa *hemp*, re santse re le mo teng. Ke tshwanetse gore ke tlhalose bagaetsho gore gompiano re tlhalositse jaaka maabane re ne re saena le ba Omang, gore re batla go tsaya kgang ya *exploration* ka tlhwaafalo, e bile fa godimo ga moo, re batla go tsaya le gore jaanong re dirise metlhale ya segompiano gore re ye go batla ditswammung. Le gompiano Tautona o tlhalositse gore ba e leng gore ba tsere *exploration license*, mme e bile ga ba kgone gore ba di dirise, re tlile go felela re di tsaya mo go bone gore jaanong Batswana ba bone ditiro. Re tlhwaafetse ka *to make sure* gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala, re tlaabo re hirile Batswana, ba kgone gore ba bereke, gore ba kgone gore ba itshetse.

Se sengwe se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore, re batla gore jaanong re oketse le phetlho ya motlakase, re kgone gore re nne le dipalo tse di utlwalang tsa motlakase. Fa re bua gompiano, re batla *data centre*, jaaka maabane go ne go na le *data centre* e e neng e bulwa ya ga mokaulengwe, ka botsone gore di tsene kwano, di batla motlakase o o gaggamatsang. *So*, selo seo ka bo sone se tlile go re baya mo tshiamelong ya gore re bo re ka kgona go fetlha motlakase o re ka kgonang go o *export*.

Se ke ka se le bolelelang ke gore, gompiano thulaganyo ya go baakanya Morupule B e tswetsetse, e e leng gore ga e a bolo go nna lebaka go ntse go pala gore e baakanngwe. E bile re ya go dira mabeelo a lookwane a matona kwa Tshele, mme se se diragala mo nakong e e leng gore re dumela gore itsholelo ya Botswana e tlaa gola, re bo re ka kgona *to create employment for our people*.

Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke bue ka sone ke gore, re batla gore re tswakanye itsholelo *Mr Speaker*. Re ntse

re beile mo diteemaneng fela nako e telele, jaanong re batla gore re tswakanye, e bile re bone madi a a kana ka P200 million a Tautona a tlhalositseng, ke madi a a ya kwa *creatives*. P200 million is a lot of money. Maabane re ne re na le *the creatives* kwa Botswana Television (BTV), re ba biditse botlhe re ba raya re re kana rona ga re itse thata ka *creatives*, madi ke ao, re gakololeng. Re ba beetse go fitlhelela di 1 tsa kgwedi e gore ba bo ba boetse kwa go rona ba re bolelela gore ba batla gore madi a bone a dirwe jang. Seo se sa lekana, re tsere tshwetso gape ya gore fa nako e ntse e tsweletse re nne le a *public broadcaster*, e e kgonang *to sustain itself*. *We are not going to rush go dira BTV a public broadcaster*, re bo re ka felela re tswana le South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) e bo e felela e *depend* mo go Goromente, e tseela Goromente madi. *The model that we have come up with* ke gore, dikgang tsa *advertising* le tse dingwe, re ya go dira *an SPV* e e tlaa lebeleng *the commercial side* gore re *generate* madi, madi ao a tsene mo komponeng eo, a se ka a ya kwa *Consolidated Fund*. A bo a tsewa e nna one a a tlaa re thusang go reka *content*. Ka thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo, *we should be able to raise more than P100 million* ka ngwaga, re bo re ka kgonang go thusa go tsamaisa BTV le Mass Media.

Fa re bua jaana re tse re simolotse *to commercialise and even do print* ya babegadikgang, bone ba le reng ga re ba rate. *We had a meeting* le babegadikgang, ba re bolelela gore ba a sokola ba *print* kwa South Africa, fa ba re ba *print* mono fa gongwe go turu. Goromente ene yo, a nna fa fatshe le bone a dumalana gore jaanong ba bangwe ba tlaa simolola *to print* mono, go fokotsa *costs tsa to travel* le *turnaround time*. Kana fa e le gore o *print* kgakala, *deadline* ya gago e a amega. *This we are doing, because* re Goromente yo o dumelang mo ditshwanelong tsa batho. Fa godimo ga moo ke tlhalose gore, *we have continued to engage* le Media. Fa ke bua jaana *there is a Bill* e re tshwanetseng gore re e tlise mo Palamenteng pele ga ngwaga o fela. *Bill* e e sa dirwang ke rona, re biditse babegadikgang botlhe le makgotla a bone re bo re dumalana gore lona le tshwanetse *to regulate yourselves* le le babegadikgang, dirang *Bill*. Ba bo ba kopana ba dira *Bill*, ba bo ba re e neela e bo e ya kwa Attorney General Chambers (AGC) ba bo ba e lebelela. E tshwanetse gore e tle fa, gore e tle e sekasekiwe le lona Mapalamente le tle le e fetise. Go na le *issues* tse di tshwenyang tse di amang le dikgang tsa babegadikgang, le gompieno batho ba bua gore Tautona o nna a tlhasela babegadikgang.

Fa re kopane le babegadikgang re ne re ba bolelela gore, *one of the things* tse re tshwanetseng gore re di

amogele ke gore babegadikgang ba na le tshwanelo ya go kgala e bile le bone ba na le tshwanelo ya go kgalwa *like* mongwe le mongwe. Babegadikgang *just like* Goromente, ga se ba motho a le mongwefela, ke ba rona rotlhe. *Institutions* tse re di agang, re di aga rotlhe, mme le bone go na le dingwe tse di ba tshwenyang tse di tshwanang le *training and capacity building*, tse le rona re le Puso re leng *prepared to assist* mo go tsone. Ga re ka ke ra thusa re sa ka ke ra raya batho re re, nnyaa fale bagarona ga le dire sentle, jaaka le bone ba na le tshwanelo ya gore ba ka re raya ba re fale ga le dire sentle.

Re ne re bua le bone ke ba raya ke re bagarona, a re amogeleng gore e se ka rra *...(Inaudible)...* babegadikgang, e nne *business* e e leng gore *customer* ga e kgone go ngongorega. E e leng gore fa o ka tsena *in a shop* e tswana ya ga Rre Hikuama, fa e le gore o fitlhela letswai le phatlogile, o didimala fela ga o bue sepe. Re dumalane gore re tshwanetse re tswelele re ntse re buisana. Fa godimo ga moo, ka gore Tautona o a amogela e bile ke motsadi wa bone, ba kopile gore ba kopane le ene *and we have since agreed*. O ya go kopana le bone gore ba tseye dikgang, ba buisane, ba utlwisane gore a reng. Fa gongwe fa dikgang di buiwa ga o tlhaloganye gore yo mongwe o tswa fa kae. *As a leader of this country and responsible one for that matter, he has acceded to the request* ya babegadikgang gore ba kopane. Ba tlaa buisana. *I know* gore ba gangwe ga ba rate gore o ka bo a kopana le babegadikgang, ba rata e ntse e kete go na le dikgang tse di sa nnang sentle fa gare ga babegadikgang le Tautona.

Go tsenya madi a a kana ka P200 million mo *creatives*, ke madi a a tlaa thusang ka gore gompieno *unemployment* ya banana mo lefatsheng la Botswana e tsamaya kwa go 38 *per cent*. Re tshwanetse gore re lwantshe se, mme re a le solofetsa gore fa re ya go ya ditlhophong ka 2029, gakere gompieno re dumela gore *statistics* ke 38 *per cent*, e se ka ya re fa le bona di fokotsegile le bo le re re tswa go di apaya, ka gore fa di sa nna sentle le tlaabo le re ga gona ditiro. Fa re di baakantse re tlhamile ditiro, a re nne re dumalaneng gore e tlaabo e ntse e le tsone tsele tse re neng re di lebeletse. Maikaelelo a rona jaaka ke tlhalosa ka kgang e ke gore, re batla gore bokamoso jwa Botswana bo se ka jwa ikaega fela ka ditswammung.

Creatives and sports are very important. Ke utlwa Rre Hikuama a re o ne a bitswa Teenage fa a tshameka *ball*, mme leina leo o ne a le bitswa ka gore e ne e le *influence* ya go lebelela *television* tsa South Africa. *Media* ka bo one o kgonang gore o rekise le lefatsho, re tshwanetse go

netefatsa gore le rona re aga le *media*. *Most importantly what we have also said* ke gore, *from the side* ya ga Goromente, ga se gore re a itumela ka madi a re a neelang ba *football association* re rekile *rights* tsa BTV. Re batla go bona mo nakong e e seng kgakala re oketsa. Jaaka SPV e re reng re a e dira e, re tlile go netefatsa gore re tsenya madi kwa BTV le mo *radio*, go tlaa re thusa gore re kgone gore re nnele letseno re bo re ka oketsa *rights*.

Ba ba etseng tlhoko, ka gantsi re latela *football* ya South Africa, *rights* fa di santse di le kwa SABC, madi a teng a *football* a ne a se mantsi. Gompiano Premier Super League (PSL) *is probably the biggest league in Africa*, mme e thusitswe ke gore DSTV e ne ya tsenya madi *in the project* ya *football*. Fa e tsenya madi a a kanakana, *anything that had to do with football, because* gone go na le madi *that circulated* mo teng, go bo go ya kwa godimo. *So we want to see league* ya Botswana e ya kwa godimo. *I can assure* gore *in the next five years*, re tlaabo re okeditse madi a re tlaabong re reka *rights* mo Botswana Football Association (BFA), gore *teams* di *afford* le batshameki ba maemo a a kwa godimo.

Se sengwe se ke ka le se bolelelang ke gore, maikaelelo a rona ke go netefatsa gore mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana o nna le botsogo jo bo siameng. Re santse re bua ka kgang ya National Health Insurance (NHI), ga ke itse gore Tona o kae. Le tshwanetse gore le tlhologanye gore, *we are busy* mo go baakanyetseng se...

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

MR MOHWASA: ...ga re bue ka *shadow comrade*, re *busy* ka go baakanya seemo se mo jaanong re ka kgonang gore re tokafatse itsholelo, re bo re ka tokafatsa le botsogo jwa Botswana.

Se ke ka go se bolelelang gape ke gore, re tlile go tokafatsa le *infrastructure* (ditsela). Jaaka le bone NDP 12, batho ba bua gore *it is highly ambitious*. Maloba batho ba ne ba bua gore gompiano dirang *tollgates*, fa o re go siame e e re dira ditsele re tsenya *projects* tse di kanakana gore *private sector* e tle e di dire, ba omana ba re jaanong *we are abdicating*, ra re *private sector* ke yone e dire. Fa o sena madi o dira jang, o lesa bana ba gago ba wela mo isong, o bo o ka se ka wa tsamaya wa ya kwa bankeng kana kwa go yo o nang le madi gore ke tlhabolole ntlo gore bongwanake ba tshele botoka. *That is exactly what you are doing. You are going to see more projects* di tla *being financed by the private*

sector, di hira Botswana. Re na le tsholofelo e e tletseng re le Puso gore, re tlile go felela re tsaya le batho ba mafatshe a sele, gore re kgone gore re kabe diphatlha tse di kanakana.

Fa o ka lebelela gompiano mo kgaolong e e tshwanang ya ga Motlotlegi Lucas, le ya ga Motlotlegi Gobotswang, ke dikgaolo tse di humileng. *The poor status* tsa ditsela mo dikgaolong tseo go utlwise botlhoko le kgaolo ya ga Rre Kapinga. Kana mme dilo tse re di fitlhetse ga re a tla re di rwele, re di fitlhetse di ntse mo seemong seo. Ke seemo se re se baakanyang, mme ke na le tumelo e e tletseng gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala re tlaa bona go nna le pharologanyo. Jaaka gompiano jaana go na le *power station* ya *solar* e e tlaabong e agiwa kwa Maun. *It is going to create employment for* batho ba kwa Maun. Fa o bua gompiano jaana kwa kgaolong e tshwana le ya ga Rre Lucas, ke kgaolo e e humileng thata mo *tourism* le *agriculture*. Ke kgaolo e e leng gore ka boyone *offers* sengwe le sengwe, *it has everything* se e ka se eletsang. Kgaolo e tshwana le ya bo Motlotlegi Maele, ke dikgaolo tse di ka kgonang *to feed*, 43 *per cent* ya *horticulture* ya lefatshe le e tswa kwa Tuli Block. Se ba se batlang ke gore Goromente a ba thuse a *facilitate*, fa o ka lebelela *hotels* tse di agiwang koo ke tsa maemo a a kwa godimo. *A lot of people* ba a tsena *into that area*, *but* kgaolo eo e ntse e le *rejected for a very long time*. Fa o re o lebelela go tswa kwa bo...

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you. Honourable Minister*, o bua sentle mme ke ne ke re ke botse gore mme gone fa o lebeletse seemo se sa *vegetables* tse di lemiwang mono, gompiano fa re bua ka Tuli Block go na le bo 3.4 *tons of onions*, 130 *heads of cabbage*, 18, 000 *tons of potatoes*, gone moo jaaka o ne o bua ka balemi, le le Puso, a ga le bone go tshwanela tota gore le name le emisitse *vegetables* tse di tswang kwa ntle, tse di mo gae di fele pele? E bo e le gone le ka letlelelang ba ba ntshang kwa ntle gore ba rekise *because our people now* ba a *produce*, mme ga go na kwa ba isang teng *because the market is flooded by the foreign stuff*. *Thank you sir*.

MR MOHWASA: Motlotlegi Rre Motaosane, ke tsaya gore o a itse gore thulaganyo e e teng ke gore fa go na le *over production* ya sengwe re tswala *borders*. Ga go na sepe se se ... Mathata ke gore lona e rile fa le tloga le ne le tswala fela le fa go sena sepe. Rona gompiano fa go na le ditapole tse dintsi mo gae re tswalela *borders*. Se ke ka se go tlhalosetsang ke gore fa o bona go ntse jalo, *we cannot have a situation* e go nang le batho ba

ba letlelelwang *to import*, mme go na le *produce* e ntsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *That is the position* ya rona.

Se ke neng ke re ke se go tlhalosetse ke gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana mo nakong ya gompiano fa re lebelela dikgang tsa itshireletso, mo nakong e e ntseng e feta le bone ka dipalo tse dintsi tse e leng gore go ne go na le go tshwara batho ba ba mo borukutlhing. *This we are doing*, ka gore Goromente o tshetse le madi le metlhale e mengwe e a ka e dirisang go lwantsha borukutlhi. Gompiano lephata le re ntseng re bua ka lone, batho ba lela jaaka ke tlhalositse le le tshwanang la DIS, ga go na ope yo o ka ntlhalosetsang gore fa e sale *November last year*, a re DIS e kile ya tla ya *harass* mongwe kana ya dira sengwe se se tsuololang mongwe. Se ke ka se go bolelelang ke gore mo ke thulaganyo e re leng mo go yone ya go tokafatsa le go diragatsa go tlhama ditiro mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga o ka ke wa re o ka oka batho, mme itsholelo e santse e le kwa tlase. Le tlaa bona mo nakong e e seng kgakala re okeditse le *cameras* tse di tlaabong go lwantshiwa borukutlhi mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Maloba le ntse le bona gompiano go okediwa *police stations* tse 28 ke Puso e e neng e tswa, fa re bua jaana re mo thulaganyong ya gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala *as a country*, re nne fa fatshe re tle ka metlhale e mesha ya go fokotsa borukutlhi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re dirisa metlhale e mesha le *technology* e e tlaare letlelelang go lwantsha borukutlhi ka go tsenya *drones* le tse dingwe gore re kgone go emisa borukutlhi. Gompiano go ne go na le bogodu jo re fitlhetseng bo le bontsi kwa Matsiloje, re ne ra ipha nako go bo lwantsha. Se se teng ke gone le bone ba gompiano ba mo borukutlhing, bope fela, *I want to warn* botlhe ba ba tswelletseng ka go tlisa le ditagi *and* mo gotlhe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *We are stepping up our efforts* ya go kganela tse tsotlhe ka gore re batla go somarela matshelo a bana ba Batswana. Jaaka le bone maloba Mapalamente re tlisa molao wa *drug enforcement agency*, *we are going to be doing more* go lwantsha se.

Go bo le iphitlhela mo nakong ya gompiano le le mo seemong se go nang le go tshwara batho mo go kanakana, ga se ka bomo. Go tla ka gore re okeditse ditsompelo tse re di neelang mapodise. Ga di a lekana, mme re tlile go tswelela re di oketsa jaaka o bona maloba re tsere *Special Constables*. Ngwaga o o tlang re tlaabo re tsaya botlhe bo *Special Constables* ba ba neng ba setse re ba isa kwa *training*. Se ke neng ke re ke se le bolelele gape ke gore fa o ka lebelela ka...*(inaudible)*...e re e buang, *it is*

going to allow us gore le *police stations* tse di sa nnang sentle, re di baakanye. *Police stations* tse o fitlhelang re ngongorega re re mapodise le *cells* tsa teng le eng, ga di a nna sentle, *how can you focus* mo *cells* le mo go eng *when you do not even have the basic infrastructure* ya koloi. Maloba mongwe o ne a mpoletela gore mo *police station* e nngwe gompiano go na le koloi e nngwefela. *That is why* gompiano re solofetse gore mo ngwageng o o tlang re tshwanetse gore *police station* ya Broadhurst le Maun, go tlaabo go na le dikompone tse di re neelang dikoloi re bo re *make sure* gore dinako tsotlhe ga go na nako e gotweng ga go na koloi, e senyegile. Fa re sena go dira *survey* re fitlhetse e le gore *at any given time* re *short* ka *about 40 per cent* ya *fleet*, gotwe e ile go baakanngwa. Fa gongwe fa e ile go baakanngwa ga e baakanngwe sentle *one-two, one-two* e bile e setse e boetse gone koo. Maikaelelo a rona ke *to make sure* gore re lwantsha borukutlhi.

Gompiano mokaulengwe Motaosane o a itse gore o ne a tla a itela, re fitlhela mathata a a gagamatsang kwa Thamaga. Re fitlhetse go na le batho ba itiretse ditsela fa o feta mo tseleng ya teng go a duedisiwa, melapo e yotlhe e le gore jaanong batho ba dira *illegal mining*. O a itse ke mosupi gore re lwantsha seemo seo, *and* ga re na go boela kwa morago go lwantsha diemo tse. Re tlaa tswelela re di lwantsha.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mohwasa *for yielding*. Go na le kgang e e botlhokwa e o fetileng ka yone ya go tswakanya itsholelo, gore kana itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana e ntse e ikaegile ka diteemane. O tsholeditse mosepele rraetsho mo Pusong ya gago gore o tlise molao fa wa *hemp*. O tsholeditse mosepele jaaka o buile ka temothuo gore le yone e nne teng, mme gape go na le e ke tsayang gore le yone o fetile ka yone o sa e gatelele, ya lephata la gago. E rile ka *holidays* tse di fetileng wa fokotsa dikotsi fela thata, ga se ka ga nna le fa e le dikotsi dipe ka fa go neng go buiwa ka teng. O rile a dikereke di tsamae go le motshegare, wa tsaya sepodise wa se anamisa mme ke selo se se itumedisang.

E nngwe gape rraetsho ke ya *Judiciary* e e leng gore gone mo Palamenteng ya rona re ne re na le go lela gotwe *Minister* o kgona go ema fela jaana a bo a letsa a raya Moatlhodi mongwe a re tlhatlhela semangmang foo. Dikgang tse ga o ka ke wa di utlwa gompiano rraetsho, ke dikgang tse di itumedisang thata. Puso ya gago rra e tshwanela ke go opelwa diatla. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Se ke ka se buang ke gore re leka go baakanya le go aga lefatshe la Botswana sesha. Ka thulaganyo yone e o e buang ya Operation Pabalesego, re fokoditse dipalo le dikotsi tse di neng tsa nna teng ngogola. Re dumela gore le ngwaga o gape go tlaa nna go ntse jalo ka gore re batla gore re somarele matshelo a Batswana.

Palamente e neng e ntse e feta e, fa e sale *November* go fitlhelela jaaka re tla re tsena mo go ya gompiano le e neng e fela ka *July*, re fetisitse *Bills* di le 26 le *policies* di le *three*. Gompiano jaaka ke bua jaana, re na le mokoa wa *close to 40 Bills* tse di tshwanetseng gore di tsene mo Palamenteng. Tse dingwe di tlaa se ka tsa tsena ngwaga o ka gore nako ga e yo. Golo mo go fitlhela e le gore re batla go baakanya seemo sa ka fa batho ba dirang *business* ka teng le go tokafatsa matshelo a bone. Go a tshwanela gore baakanye melao e. Golo mo go a supa jaaka re tlhalosa gore re batla gore re age lefatshe la rona sešha. Re na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore fa re ka tshwaragana mmogo bakaulengwe rotlhe re ba kganetso, re lebagane le boammaaruri, re lebeletse le bokamoso jwa lefatshe le, re ka kgona gore re nne le phitlhelelo mo lefatsheng la rona.

Se se teng ke gore re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore ba e leng gore ba ne ba busa... ke tlhola ke raya batho ke re le rona ba re neng re ganetsa, re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore gongwe *we are also partly to blame* ka gore re tsaya gore re ne re aga lefatshe le mmogo go bo e le gore re iphitlhetsa mo lefatsheng le. Le ba ba neng ba busa ka ba ne ba eteletse pele thulaganyo e, a le bone ba iphitlhele mo go bone gore ba se ka ba dia nako e ntsi ba ganetsa, go tlhoka go amogela diphoso le go tlhoka go dira sentle mo ba go dirileng. *This is very important for* lefatshe la rona gore re simolole re le age sesha. Fa re sa dirang sentle teng, re tshwanetse gore re amogele e bile ga go molato go raya lefatshe la Botswana gore, “re le batho ba phathi e e neng e busa ya Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), re dirile fa re neng re dirile teng, re lekile fa re neng re ka dira teng fa ne Modimo a ka re kgontsha gore re dire teng, mme ga re a fitlhelela. Se re se sa se dirang sentle, re itshwareleng.” Golo moo ga go molato e bile go supa fa o le motho yo o nang le boikarabelo.

Mo go bagarona ba BCP ba e leng gore tota ka tshwanelo ba ka bo ba le ka kwano mme ba iphitlhetsa ba le ka koo, le tshwanetse gore le amogele gore le ne le tshwanetse gore le le ba BCP, le bo le na le rona mo thulaganyong e. E bile megopolo e mengwe ya rona jaaka ke tlhola ke gakolola, ke yone e le nontshitseng.

Mma ke le bolelele, ba ba sa itseng, *Honourable* Lucas le *Honourable* Gobotswang, *they were part of Policy Forum* ya Botswana National Front (BNF). Ke batho ba ba goletseng mo BNF, ba se ba leng sone gompiano ka BNF. Le mo mading a bone, ba santse ba na le madi a BNF. Se se leng teng ke gore ba tshwanetse gore ba itse gore ga ba kgakala... (*Interruption*)... se re se buang, ke se e leng gore le bone ba a se bua. Jaaka maloba ke ne ke le tlhalosetsa ke le gakolola, fa o ka lebelela mekwalo yotlhe ya bogologolo, e ke reng ba fitlhetsa... *because* go ne go na le sengwe se se neng se le monate se nako eo go neng gotwe “*Bring Back Our Girls*” sa kwa Nigeria, ba bo ba ntsha “*our girls*” ba bo ba tsenya “*our jobs*.”

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

MR MOHWASA: Ga se gore molaetsa wa se ba neng ba se bua e ne e le gone moo, ke molaetsa o e leng gore Rre Lucas o ne a o bua fa go le mo *Policy Forum*.

MR LUCAS: *Point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a itse gore fa gongwe mo polotiking go ka tsenngwa dinyao mme tiragalo e e neng e diragala kwa Nigeria e e neng ya *cause* gore bidiwe *slogan* se, e ne e le botlhoko thata. Ga re eletse gore e re e ne e le botlhoko jalo e bile e ama ngwana wa mosetsana ka nako e re buang ka *violence against women and girls*, e bo e le gore motho o ka dira dinyao ka kgang e e botlhoko ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke re o mo kope gore a nne *sensitive to what happened in Nigeria at the time* ka nako ya Boko Haram. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme *he is not downplaying the enormity or the seriousness of the issue. I think* se a se dirang ke go leka go batla modi wa gore mme kgang e yone tota e tswa kwa kae, go tlile jang gore le felele le bua jalo. Ga ke tseye gore o nyenyafatsa sepe se se ka tswang se diragetse.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mohwasa. Ke rata thata fa o bua gore re le ba diphathi tsa Botswana tsotlhe tse di busang le tse di mo kganetsong, re ka akola go tsamaisiwa sentle ga lefatshe. Fa ke go tlaletsa, ke a tle go bolelele gore kana wena, Rre Motshegwa le Rre Ramogapi, lona le itumeletse maemo le go tsamaya ka difofane le sengwe le sengwe. Batswana botlhe ba ka itumela fa tsamaiso ya lona e isa ditlamelo le ditirelo kwa bathong. Le nna ke ka akola. *So*, ke le eleletsa go atlega gore le rona re tle re kgone go akola ka gore fa le palelwa, mongwe le mongwe o tsile go nna le bothata. Ke sone se e leng gore ga re eletse gore le ka palelwa ka gore fa le palelwa jaaka ke bona le palelwa jaana, re tsile go nna le bothata.

MR MOHWASA: Ga ke itse gore a mokaulengwe o ne a ile China ka dinao. Kwa re yang teng fa re palama difofane, le wena o a tsamaya.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: So, se dire jalo mokaulengwe.

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

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, se se go rothegelang le rona se a re rothegela, jaanong o se ka wa bua jalo.

Se ke ka se buang mokaulengwe ke gore nna ke kopa fela gore...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *a ko le reetseng* Leader of the House *thata*.

MR MOHWASA: Jaaka ke ne ke akgola Rre Saleshando go bo fela a amogetse e bile ene a le gaisitse a ne a akgola, iphitlheleng le le mo seemong se lona le tlaa akgolang fa go diragala sentle. Le lona le na le tshwanelo e bile re tshwanetse gore re le rotloetse. Kana maloba e rile fa le kwa *All Party Conference*, bakaulengwe ke fa ba re nnyaa jaanong le re tima madi, le ne le le ka koo jaanong le re tima madi. Re ba raya re re kana ga go na madi. Gompiano jaana le yone *Cabinet* fa e kopane, le yone *lunch* ya *Cabinet* e emisitswe ka gore ga go na madi. So, *the situation* ga e a nna sentle. Tota go bua nnete, batho ba e leng gore e bile bone ba ka ungwelwa go feta ke rona ka gore dipalo tsa rona di kwa godimo ga lona. So, re ka bona madi a a fa godimonyana.

Se ke ka se go bolelelang ke gore, rona re dumela gore re bopagane re nne tšhaba e nngwefela, go nne le *tolerance*. *I know* gore kwa go lona e ne le *a question* ya *miscalculation* gore le bo le le ka koo. Tota fela go bua nnete, lefelo la lona, kwa le tshwanetseng gore le ka bo le le teng, le mo pelong le a itse. Le fa gompiano le re batho ba itumetse ba a reng, go tlaabo go sa nne sentle gore ke bo ke re ba bangwe ba utlwa botlhoko ka gore ba ka bo ba le ka kwano mme jaanong ba ka koo. Re tshwanetse gore re tlhaloganye fela gore re batho ba le bangwefela mme se se teng ke popagano mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Goromente wa lefatshe le wa UDC o mo maikaelelong a go tshwaraganya lefatshe le le go bona gore go nna le tswelolepele mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR AARON: *Point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, tla ke go leboga *Minister* Mohwasa. Ke supe gore ke lebogela le bo le ntse le tswelotse le kopa

(*copy*) mananeo a bo Accelerated Rainfed Arable Programme (ARAP), Arable Land Development Project (ALDEP) le Lemang Dijo a a tswang, ga a simolole ka lona, a ne a le mo go *two* Thebe fa o gakologelwa.

Ga se puo e ntšha mme mma ke go reye ke re se sengwe se ke neng ke batla go se tlhaloganya ke nako e o neng o bua ka dikgomo gore di tlaa tswa mo go *1 million to 5 million in five years*. Ke re ke a itse gore ga go sepe se se ka palang *Minister* mme boammaaruri ke gore a o kile wa ela tlhoko gore Botswana *consumes* dikgomo di le kae *through* BMC ya Lobatse, Maun, Francistown le *private abattoirs*? A le tlile go dira gore le *suspend* go jewa ga nama mo Botswana *for five years* gore re tle re fitlhelele (*attain*) se ka gore fa o dira jalo, ke gone o ka fitlhelang se o se buang? Ke a leboga.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re selo sa ntlha, letsatsi leno *volume* e ne e le kwa godimo *thata*.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke fetse.

MR FURNITURE: Ke ne ke re kgang e nngwe e o e buileng, e e botlhokwa *thata* ke ya *insourcing*. O ne o bua ka dikoloi, o o fa sekai ka *police station* ya Maun. Ke ne ke re o *clarify* gore go tlwaelesegile *thata*, le lona le a bua le Tautona gore o fitlhela le kolota dikompone. A sone se, ga re na go bona seemo se e leng gore mapodise ba tselwa dikoloi ke kompone ya dikoloi ka gore gongwe Puso ga e a duela?

Sa bobedi, o buile ka kgang ya mananeo a lona a le a dirang, a bo o nna o ntse o bua gore *in five years*, go raya gore BCP e ne e le moprofeti wa *party* ya lona gore dilo tse di ka kgonagala *within five years as opposed to* se le neng le se bua gore ka *November*, P1,800 o tlaabo a tsena.

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, ke simolole ka go gakolola Rre Aaron gore Lemang Dijo o wa 2 Thebe, e ne e le thulaganyo e e neng e le mo mading a 2 Thebe. Fa o ka lebelela le mananeo, gongwe o botse le mokaulengwe Lucas, mokaulengwe Gobotswang le Hikuama, ke tsaya gore o kile gongwe a tlhapogelwa ke sengwenyana. Se se teng ke gore, bogologolo re ne re ntse re bua gore re batla go nne le fa *tractors* di kgobokanang teng, di kopana balemi ba ya koo. Thulaganyo ya go thusa

balemi, ga re e fitlhele. E ne e ntse e le mo *manifesto* wa rona, re bua gore re ka thusa balemi ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile.

E nngwe e o neng o e bua ya ga Rre Furniture ya dikoloi tsa mapodise; madi a ya go tsewa mo mading a lona a le a duelwang jaaka o siana bobbe jaana. Fa o ntse o atilholwa, madi a, ke one a a tlaabong a duela *to maintain* thulaganyo ya go nna jalo. Se ke batlang go se le bolelela ke gore, re lwantsha dikoloto tsa Puso. Re na le tsholofelo ya gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala, re tlaabo re kgonne go baakanya itsholelo, Goromente a bo a duela. Jaaka re bolela, methale e re tlang ka yone ya go leka go oketsa madi a ...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Elucidation. Thank you.* Dikoloto tse rraetsho, ke ne ke re o tlatlamele mo go tsone. O bua ka dikoloto tse e leng gore fa re tsena mo Pusong, re fitlhetse e le gore dilo ga di a duelwa go tswa ka 2022, 2023 le 2024. Melemo ga go a duelwa, tsa temo ga go a duelwa. Ke bua seemo se, e bile re fitlhetse gape le *corruption* e rotoba jaaka tshwene fa gare ga tshimo. *Thank you.*

MR MOHWASA: Fa o ka bona, dilo di a tokafala. Maloba gone fa, le ne le bolelelwa gore fa re tsena... Bogologolo batho ba ne ba tshaba go isa dikgomo kwa BMC. Tautona o ne a le bolelela gore gompiano re mo seemong se e leng gore re duela batho dikgomo *in seven days*. Mathata a mangwe a matona ke gore, bakaulengwe o kare fa gongwe ga ba reetse, e bile ga ba kgone go amogela gore go nna le tokafalo ka fa diemo di ntseng ka teng. Re dumela gore le makalana a a ikemetseng a Puso mo nakong e e seng kgakala, a tlaabo a kgonne gore seemo sa one, se tokafale. Tokafalo ya one e tlaa letlelela Puso gore e duele balemi madi, ba ba neng ba rekisitse kwa Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB), e bo re duela le batho madi a re a kolotang bo raditerekere. Re dumela gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala, *I can tell you* fa motlotlegi a ema a bua ka *Budget, Minister of Finance* ngwaga o o tlang, dikoloto tse, re tlaabo re di kgarameditse. *That is why* re ne ra emisa ka gore go ne go ntshiwa *purchase order* fela *acquiring services* le dilwana mo bathing, mme madi a seyo a go duela. Selo seo re se emitse ka gore re ne re batla *to stabilise* itsholelo. Ke tsaya gore re a fitlhelela.

Ka mafoko a a kalo ke ne ke re Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge batlotlegi ka fa ba neng ba gakolola ka teng, le fa ba ne ba bua gore ga se maikarabelo a go gakolola. Go a tualo gore fa batho ba tlhophilwe ke batho, le fa ba bangwe ba ka nna modumo,

ba bangwe ba tlhoka go didimala le fa ba sa itse gore ba tsose modumo fa go rileng. Re tshologanye gore fa gongwe re tsholwa ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng, re na le bokgoni jo bo farologanyeng. Re bo amogele, e bile re itse gore go na le bangwe ba bana ba lona, ba tlaa nna ba tlhalefa fa ba ntse ba tsweletse. Re se ka ra nna e kete re ba felela pelo. Re ba akgole go bo ba le fano, re reetsane. Se se teng ke re, fa le le fa, le setšhaba sa Botswana.

Keletso ya rona re le ba UDC ke gore, a go nne le tshwaragano le popagano. Re amogele gore Motswana fela wa mo BCP, BDP, UDC, Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF), wa *party* epe, ke lesika le wena, ke ngwana wa ga mmaago. Popagano ya rona e botlhokwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana le gore re tlotlane, ke selo se se tona. Maitseo ke selo se se tona le go dirisa mafoko a a siameng, a a tshwanetseng, a a agang. Ka mafoko a a kalo ka re, a re tsweleng re tshwaragane, re age lefatshe la rona. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of the House. Order!

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: Now we go to Second Reading.

BILL

TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS (REPEAL) BILL, 2025 (NO. 27 OF 2025)

Second Reading

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker and good afternoon. I have not spoken today. Mr Speaker, I tabled the Trade Dispute Repeal Bill (No. 27) of 2025 on the 27th of November, 2025. The intention of the Bill is to repeal the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations Act Cap 48.01. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa. E ga se* First Reading, *ke* Second Reading. *Go raya gore tsena mo ditabeng. Tima* your microphone and take your time.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Mma ke riane* Mr Speaker, *Bill e ya rona e, ya* (No. 27)...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on Honourable Minister, just switch off the microphone and approach the Speaker's bench.

...Silence...

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Let me just assure my colleagues on the other side that I am well arranged upstairs.

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Mr Speaker, ka bokhutshwane fela ke gore Bill e ke e tlisang kwano mo letsatsing le la gompieno, fa o ka gakologelwa, re ne ra tlisa fa the Employment and Labour Relations Bill in July. So mo go yone go ne go na le melao e e leng gore tota re tshwanetse gore re e ntshe, ga e sa tlhole e le mo tirisong, ga e sa tlhole e tlhokafala. Ka gore fa re ka e tlogela jalo, go tlaabo go raya gore the Trade and Dispute Act e tlaabo e sa bereke, kana e tlaabo e kgopakgopana le yone. Fela Mr Speaker, clauses tse re batlang to repeal them gone foo, di tharo fela. Jaanong ke kopa Ntlo e gore e re letlelele gore re tle re leke go di tlisa tsone clauses tse tharo tseo fa e le gore bakaulengwe ba ne ba bala clauses tsa teng sentle, e bile ba di tlhologantse gore e tlaabo e le dife tsone tseo, tsa go dira gore jaanong molao wa rona o, o tle o kgone go wela sentle, o tle o kgone go bereka sentle. Ke sone se ke kopang fa mongwame gore a re ka di dira jalo.*

Clause 1 ke yone e e tlhalosang dintlha kgolo tsa Bill.

Clause 2 ke e e ntshang the exact parts tse e leng gore re batla go di ntsha mo teng ga this Bill. Ke batla go ntsha Part (i), Part (ii), Part (iv), Part (v), Part (vi), Part (vii) and Part (viii), including Section 27 of the Trade and Dispute Act.

Mo go Clause 3 ya yone Bill e, ke kopa to save dingwe, e nngwe ke Transitional Provisions tse di dirang gore jaanong under this particular clause, dilo dingwe kana some subsidiary legislations tse e leng gore re ka di repeal kana ra di ntsha mo teng mo, bogolo di tswelolele di santse di ntse di bereka go fitlhelela provision or approval ya the Employment and Labour Relations Act e okediwa, e kgona go nna teng so that we can stop the inconsistency between the laws. Ke tseela gore bakaulengwe fa ba ka di bala tsotlhe, ba ka tlhaloganya jalo. Fa re ka se ka ra dira jalo, golo mo go tlaabo go dira gore some of the clauses will be unlawful, fa e le gore re ka se ke re di ntshe kana re di repeal tsone tse di under this particular section.

So ka yone nako e Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Trade Disputes (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (No. 28 of 2025) be read the second time.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, before I put the question, you will recall that this is a repeal, *gakere* in terms of Section 86, your core-functions is to legislate, and legislation means making laws, repealing laws, repealing and re-enacting and amending. So, what is before you today as a request from your colleague, is to repeal. As he is saying, he requires that some clauses be in-effect until the law that you made in the last meeting takes effect. So, that is what is before you. I thought I should clarify that.

Now, again before I move the question Honourable Members, those who are leading debates, from parties represented here, would take 20 minutes. We will continue until that is varied by yourselves. You will take 20 minutes, and then the rest will take 10 minutes. Is that okay? Yeah, I put the question.

Honourable Members, the question is that the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (No. 27 of 2025) be read a second time.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): I am not the lead debater Mr Speaker, so you may give me the shorter time.

MR SPEAKER: Your Whip is saying to the contrary.

MR LUCAS: Ke *lead*. Ke ene wa rona.

MR SPEAKER: Normally it is Honourable Kekgonengile, but he is not here.

MR KAPINGA: Okay. I will proceed.

MR SPEAKER: You will proceed under the instruction of the Whip or?

MR HIKUAMA: Sorry Mr Speaker, let him take the 10 minutes, we will find a lead *yo o tlaa tsayang* 20 minutes.

MR KAPINGA: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re ke latlhele mo Molao-kakanyetsong o Minister a o beileng fa pele ga rona.*

Kgang ya me ya ntlha *Mr Speaker* ke gore, re le Palamente, re tlaabo re fetisa molao mo Palamenteng e, o bo o tsamaya, fa o tsamaya jalo, o tsamaetse ruri, re bo re sa tlhole re o bona, go fitlhelela gongwe wena ka bo wena fela o bo o ka nna le kgang e e tlhokafalang gore

o bo o ka leba molao oo. Molao o gotweng re o fetisitse *Mr Speaker*; o sale o feta fa Palamenteng e, le fa o leba *in the Memorandum*, ga e supe gore molao oo o fa kae *as we speak*.

Go bothokwa gore re lebelele ditsamaiso tsa rona tsa Palamente *Mr Speaker*, gore Palamente e se ka ya ipona fela *debating* molao e bo e tlhopha gore nnyaa re fetisa molao, e bo e nna gone jaaka la bofelo ba bone molao gore nnyaa re ne re tshwere molao. *As I speak Mr Speaker*, ba re neng re le mo 12th Parliament, ga go na ope yo o nang le *even one copy of all the statutes* tse re di fetisitseng *as the 12th Parliament*, tse o ka di supang o le Mopalamente gore nnyaa e rile ke le mo 12th Parliament, mengwe ya melao e ke e fetisitseng ke e, jaanong e le mo seemong sa gore *it has been fully enacted. The President has assented and a commencement date has matured*.

One o re reng *we repeal the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations*, ka lebaka la gore re o fetisitse, ga re itse kwa o leng teng. Ga re itse gore o mo seemong se se ntseng jang. Ga re itse gore *has it commenced or not*. Re a fetisa fela gore re a *repeal*, mme re sa itse gore one molao o re o fetisitseng maloba, o fa kae. *It is dangerous on our side Mr Speaker* gore re fetise molao o *repeal* mme re sa itse gore one molao o mosha, a mme o mo tirisong. Fa e le gore ga o ise o tsene mo tirisong, ka tumelo ya me *it is premature* gore *Minister* a ka tlisa a *Repeal Act when the new law has not yet come into operation. I do not get the justification*. Ke gore ga ke utlwe mabaka a gore ke eng fa e le gore ole ga o ise o tsene mo tirisong, ga ke bone lebaka la gore *Minister* a ka...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Honourable Kapinga* o a re tshosa. Jaanong gongwe re ka fiwa *guidance* ke tsamaiso ya gago fa e letla, gore a mme ga go bothokwa gore Tona yo o maleba a tlhalose pele gore mme gone molao one o, tota o fa kae. Selo se se tlisang letshogo le le kanakana, gongwe re ka *repeal* molao o o santseng o ise o tsene le gone mo tirisong. Gongwe a ga go matshwanedi gore re kope Tona gore a tlhalose ka boripana gore mme one molao o fa kae, gore fa re bua, re bue re itse gore re ya kae?

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore a o ne o re o gakolola sengwe *Honourable Maele*?

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Procedure. Yes sir. Mr Speaker, the issue really here* e ya go nna *to assent to the law*. Le fa o *repeal*, you still assent, so go raya gore obviously fa re

fetisa molao o, *whoever is going to assent*, o ka nna a *assent* e le gore *Employment and Labour Relations* e ka fa, *Trade Disputes* e ka fa, a bo a *assent* ka fa le ka fa, go bo go nna le *commencement date*. *It is a very simple and straightforward thing*. Ga e tshwenye. Kgang ke *to assent*, *it is not about passing the law here in Parliament, it is about assenting. Even the repeal is assented*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*:

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, go tlhalosa go feta foo ke gore, gakere le ne le reeditse Honourable Maele sentle, the other issue ke commencement e e leng gore Minister o tlaa gazette commencement gore e tla leng*. So, le se ka la tshwenyega Mapalamente, gore gongwe go ka tswa go na le *anything* se se *unprocedural*. Nnyaa, ga go na sepe se se *unprocedural* jaaka a bua.

As we speak right now, the laws that are in effect *ke tse le di itse* jaaka *one o*. Kwa Business Advisory Committee, *ga ke itse gore a Honourable Hikuama* was there or he was represented, where we also talked about the delay in cleaning up the laws that we passed, so that the Clerk will authenticate and then the President can assent. The latest information I have, the Parliamentary Counsel (PC) will correct me, is that the authentication has been done on the laws. So once the authentication has been done, then what is left is for the President to assent. *Le se ka la tshwenyega, mme legale go matshwanedi, ga go molato gore go ka tlhalosiwa*. Honourable minister, maybe you can shed light.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Let me confirm to this Honourable House that, as I speak now this document is in the President's office*, o ka nna a tswa a setse a e beile monwana. E sale e tsenngwa kwa ofising ya gagwe maabane, phakela ka 8:00 a.m. ke fa ba e tlhola ba nthaya ba re e santse e le fa e leng teng.

Commencement e nna kwa, *it is always better* gore di tle go simolola tsotlhe nako e le nngwefela, e seng jalo e nngwe e ya baka *prolong* mo go e nngwe. *That is why* ke e tlisa mo nakong ya gompieno, gore e re jaaka a e baya monwana le e ke batla gore ke bo ke e tsamaisa, *then authenticated by the Speaker, the Speaker* a bo a e isa kwa Attorney General, Attorney General a bo a *present to the President*. Gore go se ka ga nna ke ketsaetsego, *because after being assented it becomes a law. If we do not repeal this one, somebody might fault us in that and we might find the Government in big trouble*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Ke tsaya gore o e tlhalositse. Jaaka o bua Honourable Mokgware, gakere the idea is to avert what happened with the Societies Act. I am sure some of you are aware that, when Parliament made an amendment there was a lacuna in terms of political parties, such that those who tried to register political parties when there was that lacuna, there was no law to rely or to make reference to registration of political parties. Effectively registration of political parties was prohibited, because there was no law for registration. The 12th Parliament dealt with that lacuna, it in a manner that you did. Reading what the Minister has presented, that is what he is trying to avert.*

MR KAPINGA: *Ke a go utlwa Mr Speaker, Minister ke a mo utlwa le maiteko a ga Honourable Maele a go tlhalosa ke a a utlwa, but I am not persuaded. That lacuna you are talking about Mr Speaker, is exactly what I want us to avoid gore how do we repeal an Act when the law that is supposed to replace it has not even been assented to, that is exactly what I am saying. Why do we want to create a lacuna? We pass this repeal Act, and the President takes two months to assent to that Act e re saleng re e fetisa, there will be a lacuna. That is exactly what I am saying. I would be persuaded fa re ka bo re bolelelwa gore, molao o le neng le o fetisa ole ke molao, President o o beile monwana ka dikana e bile it has become operational, now we have to remove or repeal that one which was in place before you passed this new one. As far as I am concerned there is no new Act, until evidence is presented before Parliament that the Act has been assented to. That is exactly what I am saying Mr Speaker, and is what I am advising gore Parliament should avoid.*

I was raising a point ya gore, Palamente e tshwanetse gore e nne le bosupi jwa gore molao o e o fetisitseng, o fetogile jaanong ke molao tota o o mo tirisong. One of the suggestions I made ke gore, mongwe le mongwe Mopalamente when everything has been done and dusted kwa bofelong a fiwa copy ya gore molao o o tlhophetseng rra ke o. For your own record, gore le wena o nne le bosupi jwa gore mme molao o ke kile ka galaotega ka one mo Palamenteng, o ne wa feta e bile ke na le copy e e leng bosupi jwa me jwa gore molao o, o fetile.

Gompieno jaana we just have the word of the Minister, gore the Act has been sent to the Office of the President, he could have signed by now, ga re na bosupi. There is a vacuum and there is uncertainty ya gore we are

repealing re ikantse eng, ga gona sepe se re se ikantseng Mr Speaker. That is the main reason I rose to speak gore, o kare ga re a sala logic le process morago sentle, we have jumped the gun ka Sekgoa. As a result, ke batla gore matshwenyego a me a tsene mo Hansard, gore ga re a tshwanela go dira jaana re sena bosupi jwa gore molao o re o fetisitseng maloba, a ke nnete it is now a law of the Republic of Botswana. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ga re a tshwanela go tshwenyega ka amendment e, e maleba fela thata. Ke e e bitswang ka semolao sa bo Motlotlegi Kapinga re re consequential amendment e e tlhokafalang, gore Clauses tse dingwe di siame sentle. Fa re dira tsamaiso e, e le gore Clauses tse dingwe di tshwanelwa ke gore di bo di phimotswe di seyo foo, re a patelesega gore re e tlise kwano re baakanye Mr Speaker.*

Se ke se ratileng mo amendment e, go na le some saving Clauses tse di supang gore mme fela gone le fa re baakanya tse dingwe, dikgang tsa mediation kana mediators and arbitrators, di botlhokwa thata, ga re a tshwanela go di kgoma. Dikgang tsa mediation ke tse di ntseng di tshwarwa thata ke ba office tsa Labour mo dikgaolong tse di farologanyeng. Ke tsone tse e leng gore fa Batswana ba lela ba re ga re a tsewa sentle fa, fa gongwe o bo o fitlhele e le gore tota motho o ne a leofetse yo mongwe fela ka lebaka la gore ga a itse molao. Yo mongwe o ne a leofetse yo mongwe fela ka lebaka la gore, ene o ne a sa e bone jalo. Jaanong ba labour office e bo e re fa ba tla ba le tshereganya, e bo jaanong batho ba nna seopo sengwe. Ee, fa gongwe go kgona gore yo mongwe tota e bo e se fela gore ga a itse molao, e le gore ene o na le kakanyo ya go tsietsa yo mongwe, gore mma ke tsietsa motho yo ke se ka ka mo duela madi a. E bo e re fa ba labour office ba tsena, ba bo ba kgona go tshereganya ba bona gore boammaaruri jwa kgang ke jo. Re lebogela gore golo fa gape, fa ba tlaabo ba ntse ba tswela go yeng ka Clause 3 e e supang gore tseo di tlaabo di ntse di tswela.

Go na le mo gotweng arbitration, kana arbitration e siametse gore dikgang tse motho o ne a ka tlhoka madi a go ya kwa court, tse di turang, kana fa o ya kwa court fa re lebelela sentle o fitlhela e le gore gatwe kana go isa kgang kwa arbitration go cheaper, gape ga go lebelelwe molao strictly, gotwe ga o aka wa tlisa kgang e ka fa molaong jaana le jaana.

E tlaabo e le *arbitration* go sekasekwa mabaka fela le le mmogo le ntse foo, mme go tswa foo molemo wa teng *as compared to mediation*, go bo go raya gore e na le *award*. Go raya gore *the arbitrator can award...* (*Interruptions*)...kana dilo tse re a di itse re di badile thata tsa *labour law*. Jaanong fa a *award* jalo, kgang ya teng e a bo e fedile, le fa o kare a sena *to award* wena o bo o re ke a ikuela ke ya kwa pele, gatwe mme kgang ke e rra, *it is awarded*, e fedile. Monate wa teng fa o utlwa ke e le bogela ke gore e re ntswa go na le *mediation*, tota tshimologong ya yone e ne e le go tshereganya fela, jaanong molao o ne wa nonotshiwa gotwe fa e leng gore motho yo o na le gore fa gongwe fa o mmita a se ka a tla ka bomo, jaanong foo lona le le *mediators* le kgona go ba tseela kgato. Ke dilo tse ke tsayang gore di siame e bile di ka thusa Batswana.

Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, ka bokhutshwane fela, ke tsaya gore kgang e e *address problem* ya *lacuna* e e ka nnang teng. Fa o ka gakologelwa mo kgannyeng ele ya *Societies Act*, ke nna yo ke neng ka emelela ka re golo fa go ya go nna le *lacuna*. *By then the Minister of Home Affairs*, mme yole yo ke lebitseng leina la gagwe, a bo a supa gore ga e ka ke ya nna teng. Jaanong gompiano go a supafala gore *this is a consequential amendment* gore fa ole o ise o saenewe jaaka motlotlegi a bua, go bo go baakangwa ka bofefo *and repeal these things* e se ka ya re kamoso mo gongwe go bo gotwe go bereka ka fa mme ka fa go ntse go seyo ka gore ga go a tshwanela go nna teng. Molao o fa o fedile o tlaare thusa mo dikgannyeng tsa *trade dispute resolution* gore di kgone go fefosiwa ka bonako go sena madiadia. *I therefore Honourable Speaker, support Minister* gore o e tshwere sentle, a batlotlegi re fetise molao o. Ke o o direlelwang fela gore *Act* e balege sentle, o se ka wa fitlhela gotwe *Clauses* di phimotswe mme di santse di le teng. E e bo e le gore *Clauses* tse dingwe tseo di ntshitswe gore go lebege sentle. E le mo gotweng *to clean up Act* gore e balege sentle. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *I want to deal with two issues, the first one* ke gore a mme molao o re o *repeal* o tsamaelana jang kana ke tokafatso *in terms of* wa maloba wa *Employment and Labour Relations*. *That is the point that I am going with first. Then the second point that I want to deal with* ke ya gore *process* ya go dira molao *in order to attempt to answer* potso ya ga Motlotlegi Kapinga, yone e ntse jang *so that* ke tle ke alele *the fears that* Members of Parliament (MPs) *may have in terms of what we are trying to do.*

The Employment and Labour Relations e Rre Mokgware a neng a re e neela maloba, *it is an improved version* ya melao ya rona ya *labour*. Tota *it has consolidated all these laws* e bo e di dira *into one thing*, mo e leng gore go ya go nna motlhofo thata gore e re fa o dira le dikgang tsa *labour law*, *you just take one document* yone eo fela, *as opposed to* mo go ntseng go diragala. Re ne re lebelela *Trade Disputes* e le fale re bo re lebelela *Unions and Employer Organisations* fale, re bo re lebelela *Employment Act* fale. *Every time we have had to take at least three statutes* tse di neng o *deal* le tsone. Rre Mokgware *is saying no, I am consolidating them, after consolidating them* go raya gore fa o *deal* le dikgang tsa *labour laws* jaanong o tlaabo o lebile *just the Employment and Labour Relations Bill* e tsentsengwe le sengwe mo teng. Potso ke gore *is that a good move? For me he has done the best that people have always said* se ka dirwa.

One of the issues that I raised fa Rre Mokgware a present molao wa gagwe wa *Labour Relations*, ke ne ka mmotsa gore mo *Trade Disputes* for instance, go na le *section, part (iii)* e e dirang ka *Industrial Court*, *what are you going to do* fa e le gore jaanong re batla *to repeal Trade Disputes because Industrial Court* e mo *Trade Disputes? He said to me, I will save those Clauses, and this is what he is saying today, I am saving some of the Clauses* tse e leng gore fa ke *repeal* go ka tloga ga *create* mathata. So, *he is saving them*, o a tlhalosa mo *memorandum* wa gagwe gore *he is going to save some of them*. Ke ntse ke *check* le gone jaana gore a *some of those Clauses* tse di bothokwa jaaka tsa bo *Industrial Court, have they been saved. Yes, they have been saved, le tsa mediators have been saved. Now the question is what do we do now at this point in time? The process* ya go dira molao ke gore gone jaana re tshwere *Bill, it is not a law, le fa re fetisa jaana ke Bill*. Le ya maloba re e fetisa ya *Employment and Labour Relations* still ke *Bill*. *There are two things* go dira molao, *either Tautona a assent* kana e nna *published* gape in the *Gazette* e bo e simolola e nna molao. A sena go go re bolelela gore *commencement* ke e, *therefore, this is the best way of doing it* because fa e le gore *we are not going to repeal this in anticipation* ya gore gongwe di ka nna tsa tsa saenewa *and assented at the same time, to avoid* gore go nne le *lacuna* jaaka ba bangwe ba bua, *then* re ka tloga ra itirela mathata. Fa e le gore Tautona *assents the Employment and Labour Relations, this one is still alive, the Trade Disputes. What are we saying? Go tlaabo* go raya gore *he assented* *Employment and Labour Relations* e a tshela, fa e sena go tshela, *he has*

not ascended to this one we repeal, go raya gore le yone e a tshela. How are we going to deal with this thing?

For me, this is the best way of doing it, for us to be able to say, Tautona, you have got Bills before you, ya Employment and Labour Relations, e e emetseng to be assented to make it a law, le e re tlang ka yone re re we are repealing. So, he signs this side and this side, so there is no lacuna at all because you are just moving from one law o e latlhela kwa o bo re e nngwe ke e, right there. If we are not going to do that, we are going to have two laws that are not talking to each other. Yet we are saying re batla to improve melao e bue to each other like re ne re dira ka Employment and Labour Relations. I can tell you, fa re sa dire jaaka Rre Mokgware a bua, we are going to have a problem. Kamoso jaaka gotwe e kwa go Tautona, e assented ke molao, but the fact of the matter is that the Trade Disputes is still there, e a tshela. What do we do? Fa o ya kwa court o re o ya go itsheka, which one are we going to use tomorrow? I agree with Honourable Mokgware in terms of the approach that he is taking. These things will go there e le Bills tsotlhe kwa go Tautona mo tafoleng ya gagwe, so he is going to say, I am signing this one, Employment and Labour Relations, it is a law, and then I am signing Bill e e tlang e re e a repeal. Ga go na gap, this is what I am saying, this is what Rre Mokgware is saying and ke gone mo ke reng Motlotlegi Kapinga, I do not think we should have fears tsa gore go ya go nna le that lacuna. E ke yone the best way of doing it. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose jalo ke supe gore melao ya ga Rre Mokgware e siame thata. Ka fa e improve molao o ka teng go siame thata mme le process e a batlang go e tsaya e siame ka gore there is going to be maybe a fraction ya second fa Tautona a saena the Employment and Labour Relations and then a bo a saena ka fa. Ke yone fela lacuna e e ka nnang teng maybe 10 seconds, in terms of to sign fela. If we are not going to do that it may take a week or two weeks or what, for us to have two laws existing mme e le gore tota ga re di tlhoke.

Mr Speaker, ke support ka fa Motlotlegi Mokgware a batlang to proceed ka teng, ke na le ene e bile ke dumela gore that is the way to go. Thank you so much Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, let me now call upon Honourable Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to reply to the debate, Honourable Minister.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mma ke lebogele ka fa Rre Ramogapi le Rre Maele ba e tlhalositseng ka teng, ke se ka ka e latswa boladu thata, e tloga e senyega. Ke re se ba se buang ke sone seo.*

Ke bo ke reye Rre Kapinga ke re mongwame, do not worry, nna e bile ke ne ke tshogile gore o tlike go nkomanya o nthaya o re why did you not bring them at the same time last time, because that was the ideal thing which I should have done. Go raya gore ke ntse ke ikomanya ke tabogile thata. Ka fa o buang ka teng tota gone fela ga se sepe, this is a Bill e re tshwanetseng gore re ise kwa Palamenteng, e a tlhokega.

Ke tshabile gore gompieno jaana there are certain issues tse e leng gore fa Bill ele e ka saeniwa e bo e re mo letsatsing la gompieno e e ise e saeniwe e, e ise e tle, kana go raya gore that Trade and Disputes Bill, that one that deals with the Industrial Court, it is still alive. As you know, lona jaaka le le botlhale le le lawyers jaana, e ka nna ya re kamoso le bo le e tsaya le bo le e dirisa e bo e le gore we lose all the cases kana Batswana bangwe will be disadvantaged.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (No. 27 of 2025) be read a second time. I therefore move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

Committee – Later Today.

TRADE DISPUTES (REPEAL) BILL, 2025 (NO. 28 OF 2025)

Second Reading

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, I shall now call upon the Honourable Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Pius Mokgware to present.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I tabled the Trade Disputes (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (No. 28 of 2025) on the 27th November 2025. The intention of the Bill is to repeal the Trade Unions and Employer's Organisations Act.

Mr Speaker, the Bill is summarised as follows:

Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement.



Clause 2 of the Bill repeals the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisation Act.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o boetse kwa morago.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Rra?

MR SPEAKER: O boetse kwa morago.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke boetse kwa morago ga eng *sir*?

MR SPEAKER: Di a tshwananyana, di ka tsietsa.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, di batlile go tshwana tsone fa o di bala.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, tsaya e e reng *Trade Disputes*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, go raya gore re kopantse.

...Silence...

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Mr Speaker, the objective of the Bill is to repeal certain provisions of the Trade Disputes Act (Cap. 48:02) that have been provided for in the Employment and Labour Relations Act of 2025 and retain certain provisions of the Trade Disputes Act which are not in the Employment and Labour Relations Act and re to be provided for in the proposed Industrial Court Bill.

As a comprehensive scope and in accordance with the international best practices, the Employment and Labour Relations Act was enacted to harmonise the existing pieces of legislation on employment and labour relations. This would therefore result in the enactment of the Employment and Labour Relations Act. Some of the provisions of the Employment and Labour Relations Act which are being repealed are as follows:

Clause 2 of the Bill for the repeal of Part (I), Part (II), Part (IV), Part (V), Part (VI), Part (VII), Part (VIII) and Section 27 of the Trade Disputes Act.

Clause 3 of the Bill provides for savings and transitional provisions. Under Clause 3, amongst other things, mediators and arbitrators shall continue to be responsible for the joint Industrial Council under the Industrial Disputes Act which has been or is performed by any other person shall be transferred to the National Joint Industrial Council established under the Employment and Labour Relations Act.

Then I move that the Trade Disputes (Repeal) Bill, 2025 (No. 28 of 2025) be read for the second time.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, as it is now 6 o'clock, I shall now call upon Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment. *Le tlaa tsoga le e debate kamoso batlotlegi.*

Let us meet tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Honourable Members. *Thuto-se-ka-dipuisanyo ya rona e tlhotse e wetse.*

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):

Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

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

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