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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

### PRAYERS

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### SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** *Pray be seated. Order! Honourable Members.* Kana go raya gore orientation ya lona ya mo House ke tshwanetse a bo ke ne ke sa e attend. Bangwe gongwe ke go lebala fela, fa le tsena fa kgorwaneng fale ba le fetelang ka fa le tsamae ditilo ka kwa morago. Ga ke batle go bona ope a feta fa gare ga aisle. Gakere re a utlwana. Ka gore golo fa go na le aisles, go raya gore fa le ntse le tsamaya jaana le tlola aisles. Fa o tsena kwa o ye ka kwa o bo o tsamaya o le ka kwa morago. Ga ke batle go bona ope a tla jaana. Fa go tsamaya the officials and the Clerks.

Honourable Members, this morning I brought to your attention the likelihood of an addendum. So, that addendum should have been circulated. It will contain primarily 2 items, one being a statement by General Mokgware, a very short statement. He wanted to straighten something up. Secondly, it will be the Bills that you discussed in the General Assembly this morning. That is what is in the addendum.

Honourable Members, once again I would like to remind you of the invitation to attend the official launch of Volume 57 of the Botswana Notes and Records Journal, which will be a special issue dedicated to the historic 2024 general elections. As I have indicated your experts in Anthropology, Political Science, History, and Sociology will put together a very, very insightful and interesting piece which will be launched today in collaboration with yourselves as the National Assembly. The event is scheduled for today Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 in the Parliament Gardens, from 6:30 p.m. As I have indicated this is a collaboration with the Botswana Society and Botswana Election Research Network.

Honourable Members, today is Thursday, we have Leader of the House's Question. Let us begin our business with that Leader of the House's Question.

### LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

### THEME: REFORMS (IF ANY) MADE TO THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

Asked the Leader of the House to disclose whether or not Government has since November 2024 undertaken any investigations into the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS) given the numerous complaints against the organisation under the previous Government. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Leader of the House should provide details of:

- (i) Legal and Operational Conduct: The number of court judgments delivered against the DISS since formation, in which the court found that the Directorate had acted outside its legal mandate;
- (ii) Influence on Government Procurement: A list of all tenders awarded by Government departments or agencies that were influenced, directed, reviewed, or terminated as a result of direct or indirect intervention by the DISS or in any way influenced by the DISS;
- (iii) Asset Acquisition and value for money: A schedule of all immovable properties acquired by the DISS since inception for purposes not directly related to its core security operations, including but not limited to the Tautona Lodge and an explanation of the decision-making process for such acquisitions to ensure transparency and value for money;
- (iv) Involvement in Financial Investigations: Clarification on the role played by the DISS, if any, in the investigation or handling of the case involving alleged stolen funds from the Bank of Botswana;
- (v) Financial Accountability and Audit Oversight: An explanation of how public resources allocated to the DISS were accounted for during any periods in which the organisation was not subject to audit by the Auditor General, and a confirmation of whether the DISS will be included in the scope of the ongoing Forensic Audit; and
- (vi) Institutional Reforms: A detailed account of any specific administrative, operational, or oversight reforms that have been implemented or proposed since November 2024 to prevent the recurrence of past abuses of the spy agency and to ensure the DISS operates strictly within its mandate and under the rule of law.

**MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH):** Ke a go leboga *Speaker of the National Assembly*. Gompiano is a themed question to the Leader of the House. Ke tsere tshwetso ya gore ke ye *beyond the theme* go fa dintlhakgolo tsa dikgang tse ke kopang gore a di arabele. Ke tlhatswe gore go sa reye gore tse di welang *under the general theme* mme di se *on the bullet points* tse di ka tswang ka *supplementaries* di ka se ka tsa arabiwa, di ka bo di ka arabiwa jaaka e le tlwaelo. Potso e e botsa *Leader of the House*, gore a re bolelele gore a go tseneng mo Pusong ga bone ka *November 2024*, a ba na le ditlhotlhomiso dingwe tse ba di dirileng mo lekgotleng la Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) fa re lebeletse palo ya dingongorego tse di duleng mo bathong le makgotleng a le mmalwa, re balela le mo phathing ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC). A itebaganye thata le gore a re fe tse di latelang;

- (1) Ditshwetso tsa makgotla tse di ntshitsweng kgatlhanong le DIS. Ka mafoko a mangwe, tse di neng di supa fa DIS e le yone e leng molato mo dikgannyeng tse di neng di le fa pele ga makgotla ao. Le tse segolobogolo di supang fa Lekgotla la DIS le ne le tsere dikgato dingwe tse di seng ka fa molaong wa bone, *acting beyond their mandate*.
- (2) Mo dikgannyeng tsa *tenders* kana tsa theko ya Puso, a re fe *list ya tenders* tse di ntshitsweng ke Goromente kana makgotla a a okametsweng ke Puso tse Lekgotla la DIS le nnileng le seabe mo goreng go neelwa mang *tender* kana ba tsaya tshwetso ya gore e tsewe mo go yo a neng a e filwe, kana ba nnile le seabe sepe fela mo dikgannyeng tsa *tenders* tseo.
- (3) Ke kopa gore a re fe dithoto tsotlhe tse e saleng DIS e tlhamiwa e nnileng le tsone, mme di sa tsamaelane le dikgang tsa itshireletso. Nngwe ya tsone jaaka o ka tswa o itse ke ya Tautona Lodge, e re boleletsweng gore e ne ya rekwa ke DIS mme ba se ka ba e dirisa sepe se se amanang le tsa *security* fa re ya le dikarabo tse di filweng mo Palamenteng e mo nakong e e fetileng.
- (4) A re tlhatswetse gore seabe sa DIS e nnile eng mo dikgannyeng tse di neng di tswa kwa Bank of Botswana di sena boammaaruri jaaka re setse re itse, gore go utswilwe madi a a kana ka P100 *billion* kwa Bank of Botswana. Seabe sa DIS e ne e nnile eng mo kgannyeng eo.

- (5) A re tlhalosetse gore madi a a filweng DIS ka nako e e neng e sa dirwe *auditing* ke *office* epe ya Puso, a ne a arabelwa jang. O re tlhalosetse gape gore mo kgannyeng ya *forensic audit*, a le DIS e a tlhodumelwa.
- (6) Ya bofelo ke gore diphetogo tse le di tlisitseng ke dife, tse le di tlisitseng go tokafatsa go tlhodumela ka fa DIS e dira ka teng le gore a di tsene mo tirisong re sale re tswa kwa go *November 2024* go hema poeletso ya tse di neng di diragala di se ka fa molaong mo nakong e e fetileng. Ke kopa karabo Tona.

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

Mr Speaker, I wish to thank the Honourable Member, Leader of Opposition for the question. Mr Speaker, the Government of Botswana wishes to re-affirm its continuous commitment to accountability, transparency and the rule of law across all institutions including the DIS. Since the establishment of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security, a number of matters involving the Directorate have been adjudicated before the courts. However, comprehensive, centralised records specifically isolating and categorising judgments in which the courts have expressly found that the Directorate acted outside its legal mandate are not maintained in that precise form. Consequently, it is not possible, without undertaking an extensive case-by-case review of all litigation involving the Directorate, to provide a definitive numerical figure at this time.

Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the above, it is acknowledged that in certain instances the courts have made adverse findings regarding the conduct of the Directorate, including determinations relating to the scope of its lawful authority. These matters are treated with due seriousness, and where appropriate, measures are taken to ensure compliance with the law and to prevent recurrence.

Should the Honourable Member require, efforts may be made to compile the requested information, subject to the time and resources necessary to conduct a detailed review of relevant court records.

Mr Speaker, the DIS has no legal authority to award, direct, determine, influence or cancel any procurement decisions. The Directorate rather shares security-related intelligence with procurement authorities such as the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA)

which then makes independent decisions regarding any Government procurement. To this end, any allegations of improper influence by the Directorate can be reported to established oversight authorities such as the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime.

Mr Speaker, asset acquisitions by the DIS are guided by operational requirements and are subject to internal controls and audit where appropriate.

Mr Speaker, the DIS where necessary, provides intelligence to financial investigations if and when such investigations have national security consequence. With regard to a case involving the alleged stolen funds from Bank of Botswana, Members of Parliament will recall that not long ago I informed this Honourable House that a holistic examination of the matter is being undertaken.

Mr Speaker, it is a matter of public record that since its inception in 2008, the DIS operated for a long time without external audit and it was only in 2018 that the DIS opened its doors to the Auditor General for perusal of their books.

Mr Speaker, previously the Directorate relied on oversight bodies including the Parliamentary Accounts Committee to account for public resources at their disposal. Still, there was a challenge relating to effectiveness of such structures as some of them remained inactive owing to various reasons some of which are known to us in this House. I am pleased to inform the House that oversight structures at the Directorate are operational except the Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security and I am hopeful the committee will be in operation soon as consultation have been completed.

Mr Speaker, may I kindly advise that updates relating to administrative, institutional and oversight reforms within the DIS will be tabled before the Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security, which is the body mandated to deal with such matters. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. I wish I could thank the Minister for the answer, but clearly Tona o tsere tshwetso ya gore ga a arabe. Potso ya ntlha e e reng di case; karabo ya gagwe ke gore, “ga a na natso di rulagantswe, o ka tla a tlisa kwa morago.” Potso e ga ya bolo go nna mo Order Paper. Tona, fa o ne o tlhwaafetse o ka bo o itse gore by now cases that involved DIS di kae ka palo, e latlhegetswe ke tse kae, e fentse tse kae. Gore ke boe mo Palamenteng ke tewa gotwe, ga re na natso re ka go di neela kwa bothokong, ga ke go amogele. Ga go supe go tlhwaafalela tiro ga Tona.

Mo go ya bobedi, *influence on Government procurement;* Ke gakgamala gore Tona a bo a re ke *allegations.* E bile ke utlwa Tona yo a bapileng le ene Rre Tshere a dumalana, a itebatsa *statement* se se neng sa ntshiwa ke Leader of the Opposition wa UDC mo Palamenteng e, *which was supported by Rre Tshere* gore DIS e aba *tenders.* Ke na le *statement* sa teng gone fa, mme gompieno UDC e e neng e re DIS e aba *tenders* jaanong e bitsa dikgang tseo *allegations.* I can give you *one example; a decided case* ya kwa Maun, ya kang ya *tenders* tsa go dirwa ga kgopho ya metsi a a leswe, e DIS e neng ya ntsha taelo gore kompone e e filweng *is a threat to national security.* E bo e tselwa *tender* eo e ya go neelwa *a more expensive one.* Puso e bo e sekisiwa *and had to pay over a million Pula.* Wena wa re ke *allegations.* *My apologies, Honourable Moswaane* o a nkgakolola gore P300 million, *your Junior Minister.* Wena o le *Senior Minister* wa re ke *allegations.* Ga go supe go tlhwaafala mo kgannyeng e Tona.

*Asset acquisition;* gore e rekile dithoto dife, re balela le ya Tautona Lodge, Tona ga a ntsha *list* eo. Ke potso e e beilweng fa pele ga gagwe, ga a e araba. Ke gore le ya Tautona Lodge e a itseng gore *it is still pending before the House,* ba kile ba botswa ba se ka ba araba mo go kgotsofatsang o a e itlhokomolosa.

Mo go *number four involvement in financial investigations;* e, a re ditlhotlhomiso di santse di tswelletse. Mme o a itse gore Puso e e setse e tsere ditshwetso tsa gore e ya go duela bangwe gore ba sentswe leina ka kang e. Ba ba neng ba re ba duelwe go senngwa leina, ga le a ba raya le re ditlhotlhomiso di santse di tswelletse kwa ntle kwa, mme mo Palamenteng wa re wena ga o ka ke wa araba ka gore ditlhotlhomiso di santse di tswelletse. Go ntse go supa go tlhoka go tlhwaafala, ka gore fa ditlhotlhomiso di ne di santse di tswelletse, e ka bo Puso e sa ikopa maitshwarelo mo kgannyeng e e ka fa tlase ga ditlhotlhomiso.

*Financial accountability;* mo go yone Tona o re bolelela fela gore *auditing was started* ka 2018. A bo a sa tsene mo go reng a *forensic audit covers DIS.* I thought I was *very clear; it is in black and white,* mme ga a e tlhalosa. E le go supa go tlhoka go tlhwaafala ga ga Tona mo dikgannyeng tse a neng a bua a sa kgale mathe ka tsone pele ga 2019 October.

*Institutional reforms;* a re di tlaa ya kwa komiting. Ga gona sepe se se neng se ba kganela gore mo nakong ya gompieno ba ka bo ba tsere dikgato dingwe, tse dingwe *administrative...* Tota Speaker, ga ke itse gore re ka ya

kwa *supplementary when this substantive question* e sa arabiwa. Ga a araba epe ya dipotso tse di beilweng fa pele ga gagwe. Ke re gongwe *guide us* gore, fa Tona a sa araba a go iwa kwa *supplementary* ka gore *clearly* ga a araba? Kana o ka ntsha taelo ya gore a boele morago a ye go tla ka karabo ya dipotso tse di tlhokafalang. Ke a leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa ga go na *procedure*. O arabile, go raya gore gongwe ga le kgotsofale kana ga le dumalane le karabo. Le ne le ka mmotsa *supplementaries* gore a tokafatse karabo. Jaanong lona ba le nnetseng go ntshupatshupa koo, *Honourable* Pule le *Honourable* Motaosane, le se ka la ntsenya mo dikgannyeng tsa lona, ka gore go diphatsa go ka dira jalo.

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

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Mr Speaker*, ka ke ne ke tsaya gore ga a araba ke tlaa botsa fela; ga o a tlhalosa ka kgang ya *forensic audit* le DIS.

*Number two; tenders* di abilwe ke DIS kana e kganetse ga se *allegations*, jaaka kwa Maun. Le dira eng ka kgang ya ba ba neng ba tsaya ditshwetso tseo?

*Number three; kwa go neng go supiwa ka menwana badirelapuso bangwe on the judgements...* go na le *judgement* e e supileng Director General le Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP) ka monwana, le dira eng ka batho bao?

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga Motlotlegi Saleshando. Mme ke tlhwaafetse motlotlegi. E ka tswa e le gore gongwe ka fa ke neng ke araba ka teng go ne go sa go kgotsofatse, mme ke tsaya gore ke tlhwaafetse jaaka ke tsera matsapa a.

Go bo ke tlhalosa gore *cases* di ka baakanngwa, ga ke reye gore ke tlaabo ke go neela ka fa thoko. Karabo e ke itseng gore *Mr Speaker*; ke ne ke e solofeditse Mopalamente ka fa thoko, e ne e le e e neng e bua ka *procurement*, e re santseng re buisanya ka yone. E ke ka boela kwa go yone fa re sena go tsaya *cases* tse tsotlhe re di phutha, re bo re di kgaoganya. Le gone fa mo karabong ya me, ke a go tlhalosetsa gore go na le fa makgotla a neng a tlhalosa fa e le gore DIS e ne e dira tse di neng di sa tsamaelane le *mandate* wa yone. Golo moo ke a go amogela motlotlegi. Jaanong fa o ne o etse karabo ya me tlhoko, ke tsaya gore o ka bo o sa nkomanye ka fa ke bonang o nkgakaletse ka teng. E bile ke tlhalosa gore dikgetsi tseo, re ka kgona gore re le di neele.

E nngwe o ne o bua ka *procurement*; gongwe ke *question* ya go rulaganya mafoko motlotlegi. Ke ne ke supa ka boikokobetso gore dikgang tse tsa *procurement*, DIS ka bo yone ga e na thata mo dikgannyeng tsa go nna jalo. *Case* e o buang ka yone, ke tsaya gore lotlhe le a e itse fano. O tshwanetse gore o bo o lemoga gape gore dipotso tsa gago di a buisanya. Go na le e e kwa morago e o buang ka gore a mme *forensic* e tlaa ama le ba DIS. Mo nakong ya gompiano, ke tshwanetse gore ke le tlhalosetse bagaetsho gore ga go na fa re tsenang teng mo dikgannyeng tsotlhe tse di amanang le tsa *forensic*. Le gompiano ga go na nako epe e ba tlang ba re fa pego. Pego e solofetswe gore mo kgwedding yone e e tlaabong e ya fifing, ba bo ba tla ba neela Tautona gore ba tsentse dinko fa kae, ba bone eng fa kae, go rileng. Jaanong le tlaa dumalana le nna gore le dingwe tse e neng e le gore gongwe re ka tla ra di tlhotlhomisa, re ne re akanyetsa gore a ba dire tiro e yotlhe ba tsenelele kwa teng gore re tle re kgone gore mo go tsenyeng dinko mo maphateng a ga Goramente, ba tlile ka eng.

Se sengwe se se neng se le teng *in terms of reference* gore fa ba sena go fetsa tiro ya bone, ba tshwanetse gore ba gakolole gore makalana a tswana le bo DCEC, le fela tsamaiso ya Puso e ka tokafatsa jang gore re heme tshenyetso-setšhaba. Ke gone ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Kgang e motlotlegi a e buang ya Tautona Lodge, e o neng o bua ka *asset acquisition and value for money*, ke tlhalositse maloba fa re le fa bakaulengwe, ke le bolelela gore go na le dikgang di le mmalwa tse e leng gore re fa re santse re di lebeletse, e ntse e le tsone tsa bo Bank of Botswana le tse dingwe, le tse makgotla a neng a rile bangwe ba sekisiwe. Ga se dikgang tse di motlhofo, go tshwanetse gore go nne le ba bo DPP ba di lebelele, le ba ba maleba, ba dire ditlhotlhomiso ba bo ba ka re gakolola. Re tshwanetse gore re dumalane re ntse re le fa rotlhe gore Goramente o ka tswa a na le keletso, re le baeteledipele ba sepolitiki gore go diragale eng. Ga re ka ke ra iphitlhela e le gore jaanong re ya go tsaya maemo a ofisi ya DPP. Se se teng ke fa re kgoreletsa tsamaiso ya bone, mme re tshwanetse gore re ba fe *space and room* gore ba bereke tiro ya bone ba sa kgopakgopediwe. Re tsaya gore ba santse ba lebelela tseo, fa ba sena go fetsa, ba tlaa re gakolola kana ba tlaa itsise setšhaba gore go tsamaya jang. Ke tlhalositse mo *Number 4* jaaka ke bua gore ditlhotlhomiso di tswelotse.

O bo o bua ka kgang ya *Financial Accountability* e o neng o botsa ka yone motlotlegi, ke tlhalosa gore mo nakong e e ntseng e feta, go ne ga nna le bothata jwa gore go ne go sena *audit*. Go simolola ka 2018 go ne go

na le *audit* e e neng e dirwa. E bile o tswelera gape o bua ka *oversight*, ke ne ka tlhalosa gore dikomiti tse dingwe di teng, e nngwe ya Palamente, motlotlegi o a itse, go a tlama gore go nne le *consultation with the Speaker of the National Assembly, and consultation with yourself, that has been done*. E bile *we went further* ra re wena o le Moeteledipele wa Kganetso o re tlele ka maina gore batho ba bo ba ka tsena moo. E se ka ya nna Tautona a tlang a tlhopho a bo a tla a go tsholetse maina a tswa mo phathing ya gagwe. *That gesture* e ne e dirwa *in good faith* ka maikaelelo a gore go nne le morero, re dire dilo tse re di tshwaraganetse re le baeteledipele mmogo. Jaanong eo e fedile, ke tsaya gore mo nakong e e seng kgakala, maina ao a tlaa itsisiwe gore ke bomang ba ba mo komiting ya go nna jalo.

E nngwe e bo e nna ya *institutional reforms*; ke tlhalositse motlotlegi gore, tota re tshwanetse gore re amogele, e bile tota fa go ne go kgonagala, rotlhe mo Ntlong e e fano, re ne re ka dumalana gore Palamente mo ngwageng o o fetileng le ngwaga o, tota e ka bo e tsena *from January to December, because* go na le dilo tse di ntsi tse e leng gore di tshwanetse gore di baakanngwe. Gore re kgone dilo tse, kana le itse tsamaiso ya teng, go tshwanetse gore go nne le thulaganyo e e dirwang. Dilo tse di ntsi tse dingwe di saletse kwa morago, mme re tlaa tla re felela. Ga e ka ke ya re letsatsi le le lengwe fela, re bo re dira thulaganyo ya mogotswana ikage, e re fa o emelela fela o bo o re sengwe le sengwe se bo se eme ka dinao. Go na le ka fa dilo di tsamayang ka teng, le nako e tlaa re fa re ntse re tswelotse, re bo re fitlhelela tse dingwe tse. Ga e ka ke ya re gompiano re bo re kgonne gore re fetole sengwe le sengwe fela mo letsatsing le le lengwe fela. Se se teng ke gore *our commitment* jaaka ke ne ke bula mo *statement* sa me, gore Puso ya gompiano e ikaetse go bona gore dilo di direlwa mo pontsheng, e bile ga go na sepe se se dirwang ka boferere le bofitlha.

Go siame go nna re ntse re botsa dipotso tse bakaulengwe, mme ke tsaya gore le nne le amogela gore tota ga re ka ke ra kgona gore re bo re fetotse sengwe le sengwe. E bile fa re ntse re rialo, *there is something that is happening* ka fa thoko se e leng gore fa go na le bofalele, go tlaa tla go supuwa gore nnyaa fa ga go a dirwa sentle. Fela ke gore ga re kgone go fitlhelela le go itse gore ba ba romilweng, ba dira eng mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke a leboga.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker, Honourable Minister*, kana fa o bodiwa dipotso mo Palamenteng jaaka re di botsa jaana, re a bo re sa di

ipoletse, jaanong o batla gore re dumele fela gore wa re ga o itse dikgang tsotlhe le Makgotla a Ditshekelo tse di neng di supa gore golo fa go diragetse botlhaswa jo bo kana ka eng, ba kaiwa gore lekgotla le *is a rogue institution*, dilo tse tsotlhe tse. Wa re ga o itse, o batla gore ga o na thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo? A golo mo ga gago ke go nyatsa Palamente kana ke go nyatsa Batswana?

Sa bobedi ke gore, ka fa re neng re bua ka teng re na le lona ka lekgotla le, ka fa re neng re bua ka fa le re kgokgontshang ka teng, le kgokgontsha le boeteledipele jo jwa lona, ba le *involved* mo dikgokgontshong tse di kanakana, go lelwa le ka ditlhopho tsa 2014, gore ditlhopho tseo ga di a tsamaya sentle, mme DIS e ntse e buiwa mo teng, e bo e le gore *after 12 months* mo ngwageng wa bobedi, DIS e bo e santse e ntse fela jalo, le iketlile le le kwa ga mothakga, *and so forth*. *Honourable Minister*, ke eng o sa bolelele Batswana gore dikgang tsotlhe tse re neng re tlhola re di bua rona le lona, e rile fa le tsena mo Pusong le fitlhetse e le gore ga le na boammaaruri, lekgotla le le siame, ga le na le fa e le mathata? Ke eng o sa bue fela jalo? O se ka wa ema foo fela, a o tlaa kopa maitshwarelo mo Batswaneng fa go sena go nna go diragala jalo?

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Re ne re di bua le lona, wena e bile General o ne o di tlhabeletsa dikgang tsa teng. E bile a re go nale *hit list*, o fitlhela o tsaya megala ya rona e ya go bewa fa re tsena mo *meetings* fa re le 500 metres away, o tsaya gore ke lebetse?

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Re kgokgontshiwa ke batho. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go itse gore wa re le santse le tlhotlhomisa P100 billion; *Honourable Minister* o a itse gore ga o bue boammaaruri. Kana dipotso tsotlhe ka fa o arabang ka teng, ga go na boammaaruri. Ga o tlhotlhomise sepe, o tswa go fitlhela e le gore nnyaa dikgang tse o dumalana le tsone. E seng jalo re ka bo re se mo ngwageng wa bobedi o ise o tlhotlhomise dikgang tse.

*What is the timeline Honourable Minister* ka P100 billion o, gakere wa re o a tlhotlhomisa? *Give us the timeline*, wa re o ya go fetsa leng? Ka gore *forensic* re boleletse gore e tlaa simologa nako e, e ya go ema ka nako e, ditlhotlhomiso tsa gago di ya go fela leng *Honourable Minister*? Hei! Ke tshaba Puso fa e le gore le tlile go dira tsone dilo tse le di dirang tse, aa!

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Nna ke tsaya gore motlotlegi o ne a emelela go kगतlha setšhaba fela ka mafoko a a neng a a bua. O bona fa re le fa re bua, o kgona go bua selo se sengwefela, tse dingwe o bo o bua o supa tlhwaafalo, e nngwe o bo o bua o ikगतlha...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Nnyaa Mr Speaker*, fa o batla re thulana fela, o dire tsone dilo tse o batlang go di dira.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa*, o raya o thulana le mang, le nna?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ga go pale gore ke thulane le wena, ga go pale.

**MR MOHWASA:** Eo e bokete jaanong, mma ke nne fa fatshe.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** O raya gore o ka gana ka *processes tsa procedure and defend batho* ba. O ne o tlhola o lela gone mo Palamenteng, ka dikgang tsone tse.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ga ke a go fa *floor*, o rile *procedure*. Emelela ke utlwe gore wa reng ka *procedure*? Ga ke itse gore o omanela eng *Honourable Gobotswang*.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Procedure*. O ntebadisitse ka go tloga o tsena. A re, ke a ikगतlha. *Mr Speaker*, re bua ka pelo e e botlhoko.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke batla go utlwa *procedure*.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Procedure* ya me ke gore, ga a tshwanela gore e re fa ke bua dikgang tsa me, a bo a re, ke ne ke di buela go ikगतlha. Ke gore a o nyenyafatsa puo e ke neng ke e bua. Re bua ka dikgang tse di *serious*, tse e leng gore maikutlo a rona le fa o kare a ya kwa godimo jaana *Mr Speaker*, ke a itse gore le wena a gago a tshwanetse a bo a le kwa godimo ka dikgang tse. Ga a tshwanela gore a bo a re, ke a ikगतlha, ke batla go kगतlha batho. Ga ke ka ke ka tlela Palamenteng, go tla go kगतlha batho. Se re se batlang mo go ene, ke dikarabo mme fa o mo reeditse, ga a arabe. Ke moka a ganang go araba ka gore tse dingwe o a di latola, tse o tsayang gore *is in the public domain* o ka bo a bua, e bile a tsenela kwa teng ka gore o mo Pusong.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Dr Gobotswang*, o itse gore mathata a fa kae? O bale *concept* e ya *clean hands doctrine*, o ye go bala Hansard, o utlwe gore o ne o mmuisa jang. *Go and check the Hansard*. Ke yone

*response* e o neng o e gwetlha e, ka fa o neng o bua ka teng. Ke sone se batlotlegi, ke e tleng ke le reye ke re, buisanang sentle ka gore fa o sa buise *Honourable Mohwasa* sentle, e tlaare a emelela, a bo a sa go buise sentle. O bo o re, *the Speaker must intervene*. Batlotlegi, *I am appealing to you*, tsweetswee, buisanang sentle. O ye *to check the Hansard* gore o ne o mmuisa o reng.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Fa e sale ke simolola fela ke araba dipotso, ga ke ise ke leke go nyenya ope, ke dira ka tlotlo. Ke motho yo ke nang le tlotlo thata. Mathata ke gore tlotla ya me, ga e ka ke ya ntlelelela gore ke palamiwe fela, ke gologuwe e bo ke re, ka tlotla. Ke tshwanetse gore fa gongwe ke ikarabele.

Rre Gobotswang, o ne o mpotsa gore a ga ke itse dikgang tse di buiwang tse, e bile Batswana ba ntheditse. Ke ne ke re mokaulengwe, fa o ka lebelela, ke tsaya gore o motho yo o utlwisang Sekgoa thata, ke ne ka bua gore *Mr Speaker, if I may read from the answer that I gave later on...*

**MR SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR MOHWASA:** “*Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the above, it is acknowledged that in certain instances, the courts have made adverse findings regarding the conduct of the Directorate, including determinations relating to the scope of its lawful authority.*” Go tsweng foo wa re, re a itatola, mme dikgang tse di mo setšhabeng. Ke bo ke bua gore, “*these matters are treated with due seriousness, and where appropriate, measures are taken to ensure compliance with the law and to prevent recurrence.*” Ke gore fa dikgang di setse di ile kwa *court Mr Speaker*, *it is a matter* e e leng gore ke *public record*. Ga se mo o kareng o ka e fitlha. Ke tlaa phutha dikgang tse bakaulengwe, re bo re tla re di kgaoganya gore golo gongwe go ne ga re mo nakong e e fetileng, DIS ya se ka ya dira dilo sentle.

*We have said* le maloba fa ke bua jalo ka dikarabo tsa DIS. Ke ne ka bua gore gompiano lefelo lele fa o ya Phakalane, le batho ba neng ba setse ba le bitsa Guantánamo Bay, gompiano ba le lebetse. Fa e sale re tsaya Puso go tla go fitlha gompiano, ga go na dipe tse le ka reng di a diragala, tse di neng di diragala mo nakong e e fetileng. Re buile gore re kगतlhanong le DIS. Fa phoso e leng teng, go sa diriwe dilo sentle, re ne re tshwanelwa ke go bua. E bile wa re ke re, maitshwarelo ka gore tse re neng re di bua, di ne di sena boammaaruri.

Kgang ya 100 billion Puso e e tlhalositse, e bile e ikamanya le kgang ya gore madi a, ga a ise a tsewe kwa Bank of Botswana. Ra re, ka gore *the court has ruled* gore dikgang tseo batho ba ye go sekela *perjury*, di setse di le koo. Mo nakong e e seng kgakala, re tlaa tlhalosa. Bangwe ba ne ba le gone fa ba ntse ba re, “le Rre Hubona gatwe o santse a le kwa Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC).” *He is no longer working for the DCEC because of these issues.* Ke gore dilo tse dingwe le tsaya gore le lelela lefatshe le, le tlhaloganya dilo tse kana le batla go baakanya dilo tse, rona ga re batle go baakanya. Fa gongwe ga re tshwane gore re ka baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. A bo le re baya jaaka e kete re batho ba ba bosula. Ga re bosula jaaka le eletsa gore re ka nna bosula. Se ke ka le se bolelelang bagaetsho, ke gore dikgang tsa DIS tse di fetileng, re di tsaya ka tlhwaafalo. Re dira mo go siameng gore le ba e leng gore ga ba a direlwa sentle, *like we acknowledged* mo kgannyeng ya ga Mma Motsepe, re ne re amogela gore ga go a diriwa dilo sentle. *Otherwise*, re ka bo re sekile fa re ne re bona gore sengwe le sengwe se mo tshiamong. *We acknowledged*, se se teng ke gore, *we have to do this in a responsible manner.* Ga re ka ke ra ithaganelela dilo dingwe. Go na le makgotla a a romilweng go dira dikgang tse. Mo nakong e e siameng, re tlaa tla re tsaya dikgato.

Dilo tse, ga e ka ke ya re gompiano fa re tla, a bo re re semangmang o ne a le kwa, a bereka kwa lephateng lele, e bile re mo kobile re dira mo, ga re ka ke ra dira jalo. Re dira jalo ka tsela e e tlhomameng, re setse morago tsamaiso e e siameng bagaetsho. Ke a leboga.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Two short questions; kgantele o rile ga o ka ke wa tsena mo go reng a DIS e mo forensic audit ka gore lona ga le amane le yone go fitlhelela le amogela pego. Tautona fa a le kwa Geneva, addressing Batswana, o ne a bua a re, “tse di tswang kwa forensic audit ke tse di kgolo, tse e leng gore nako e le di bolelelwang, bangwe ba tlaa sia.” O ne a bua a begetswe ke mang ka gore o ne a re ba sie gone foo? Ke yone ya ntlha.*

Ya bobedi, *from the same speech, statement* se se neng se dirwa ke Leader of the Opposition *on behalf of UDC*, ke go balela *paragraph* e le one, “*UDC suggests the following steps...*”

**MR SPEAKER:** Kana ga o a kopa *permission* jaanong.

**MR SALESHANDO:** If I may quote your...

**MR SPEAKER:** Wa re o nopola mo go eng?

**MR SALESHANDO:** Your statement to Parliament.

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

**MR SALESHANDO:** When you were the LOO.

**MR SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR SALESHANDO:** O ne wa re, “*UDC suggests the following steps...*” and *I am just going to read the first one, o mpolelele gore a le santse le le foo. “That the President urgently sets up a Commission of Inquiry chaired by a Judge sitting in public and whose report shall be published to investigate the nature, veracity and extent of allegations of unlawful and unethical conduct of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS) including, but not limited to corruption, economic crimes, mismanagement, overstepping of mandate, meddling in procurement, violation of human rights and other undesirable practices.”* A le santse le le foo? Ke eng le ise le dire *commission* eo mo nakong ya gompiano?

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke a leboga mokaulengwe Saleshando. Re akgole le se Moeteledipele wa Kganetso nako eo, a neng a se bua. Ke selo se se siameng, e bile re ikamanya le sone. Fa seemo se ntse jaana, o ipoleletse gore o tswa fa o ya Sefhare, o bo o fitlhela setlhare se wetse mo tseleng, kana borogo jwa fa o lebile Mosaditshwene bo phatlogile, ga o ka ke wa re, ke tsere tsela e, ke tlaa tsamaya fela ka yone. Fa o e tsaya, o tsile go felela la bofelo o thula batho. Se o se dirang ke gore, diemo di a go laola gore o ntse jang. Re tsere tsothle tse di sa siamang *and forensic audit* e tsile go di baya fa go rona. Fa e sena go di baya fa pele ga rona, re bo re ka tsaya tshwetso gore re dira jang ka tse di tlaabong di bonwe. *You remember*; Motlotlegi Rre Saleshando, o ne o re o batla *approach* ya *Commission of Inquiry and then* le *President* o tlaa go bolelela ka *limitations* tsa yone. Re bo re tsaya kgang ya *forensic audit*. Re ntse re ya golo go le gongwefela, ke gore lona fa re ya kwa Phikwe, le batla re ye go feta ka Molepolole.

E nngwe e neng mokaulengwe o e botsa gape Rre Saleshando, ke gore Tautona o ne a bua ka *forensic audit*, a re tse di tswang mo *forensic audit*, di di kgolo. Se ke ka se go bolelelang ke gore, Tautona o ne a dira tshekatsheko e a lebelelang. *The report* ya *forensic audit* e ya go tla e neela Tautona; Tautona *and the Vice President (VP) do not take part* mo ditlhotlhomisong. Rotlhe re a itse gore pele ga re dira *forensic audit*, go na le sengwe se se neng se re gwetlha go dira jalo. *Therefore*, fa o nna o dira sengwe mme go na le se o belaelang

gore se ka nna teng, o tshwanetse o nne le tsholofelo ya gore se o neng o se belaela se tlaa upololwa mme se tlaa tswa jaaka Tautona a tlhalositse. Ke tsaya gore le wena fa *forensic audit* e ka tla e bo e sa ntshe dilo dingwe, o ka belaela gore a ke yone ka tse re neng re tlhola re di bua mo nakong e e foo. Le wena *you will be correct* gore *forensic audit* e etla mme e ya go tswa ka tse dintsi ka gore fa e ka se ka ya tla ka tsone, e tlaabo e sa dira sone ka gore o itse gore tse ditona di diragetse. Mongwe le mongwe yo o tshelang mo lefatsheng le a itse dilo ka fa di neng di sa dirwe sentle ka teng, o ka nna le tsholofelo eo. Tautona o ne a se *wrong* go nna le tsholofelo ya gore tse dikgolo di etla. Ke a leboga.

**MR MABEO:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, ke a go leboga ka dikarabo tsa gago le pego ya gago le fa gongwe di sa kgotsofatse. *DIS officers are highly unhappy*, segolo jang ka fa go tsamaisiwang ka teng le ka fa *promotions* di dirwang ka teng. Ba supa jalo gore go na le mongwe yo o tlhatlositsweng maemo *from C scale to E scale*, a ba a romelwa kwa mafatsheng a ya go ikoketsa. E bile gape ba tswelela ba supa gape gore mme yoo go leboga e ne e le mokapelo wa ga Director General (DG), mo e bileng a feletse a mo nyetse. Tona, ba botsa gore a mme golo fa go tsamaile sentle? *Did he declare conflict of interest in promoting this officer from C scale to E scale, as well as go mo isa kwa mafatsheng, e re a tswa kwa a ba a feta a mo nyala?* Le wena Tona o bo o ya lenyalong le. Dilo tse di utlwisitse ba...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** E ne e le raditselana.

**MR MABEO:** E ne e le raditselana...(Laughter!)

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

**MR MABEO:** Tona, *it is a serious matter*. Ba bangwe ga ba bereke sentle dipelo tsa bone di botlhoko ka gore dilo tse ga di tsamaye sentle. Tota motho yo DG le santse le mmeetse eng a dira dilo tse di ntseng jaana? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MOHWASA:** Motlotlegi Mabeo...(Laughter!)

**MR SPEAKER:** Hang on Honourable Minister.

Honourable Mabeo, *kana* you are raising a matter that is contrary to Order 57.6 on the conduct of individual public officers. The Standing Order does not expressly prohibit you from raising a matter related to their conduct but provides that you can only do so on a substantive Motion, which must be supported by not less than a third of Members of the Assembly. So, within the context of

your question, the conduct of the DG, I believe you alluded to the DG, it falls outside the four corners of the Rules of Order and Procedure in particular Order 57.6. *Ke yone eo batlotlegi. Ga ke itse gore a go na le sengwe se o neng o batla go se bua* Honourable Leader of the House in response to that. As I say...

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke tsaya gore o e feditse. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go gakolola fela gore fa re le setšhaba sa Botswana, re tshwanetse go itlwaetsa go nna le mowa wa tshwaragano. Re batho re farologane mme re tshwanetse go itse. *If it happens for example;* re na le dintsho, manyalo kana e le eng tsa batho, ga go molato gore re di ye, bogolo jang fa re bereka golo go le gongwefela. E se ka ya nna e kete dilo tsa go nna jaana...

Ke kile ka bona motho nako nngwe *Mr Speaker*, fa o ka ntetlelela gore ke tswe mo tseleng.

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Nnyaa, ka re *Mr Speaker*. Re ne re le golo gongwe re tsere dikgang re na le bangwe ba Phathi ya Domkrag. Mongwe fa re le foo o ne a emelela. E bile fa ke sa fose, nako ya teng o kare *Honourable* Saleshando le *Honourable* Lucas ba ne ba le teng kwa Francistown. Fa re le foo *Mr Speaker*, e bile re ne re re ya go ema ka fa seemelong, motho yo mongwe fa thoko a ba a nthaya a re, re tlhola re le bona le omana, gompiano le kgona go nna fa mmogo le tsaya dikgang. Fa gongwe re dira seemo se batho ba setseng ba tsaya gore fa re farologana ka dipolotiki le ka maikutlo, go reela gore ga re a tshwanela go amana gope. Fa o amana le mongwe o simolola o mmaramara, golo mo ga go re thuse go tlisa popagano mo go rona re le setšhaba. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, go amana ga rona ga go a tshwanela go amana ka ditsasetšhaba. Motho fa a ka go botsa; naare golo kwa DIS, tsamaiso ya teng ya *promotion* ya khiro e farologana le ya sedirelapuso? A motho o kgona gore a tlole *scales* tse dintsi mme morago ga foo ene yo o di tlotseng, a tsamaye a nne le go amana ka ditsela tse di farologaneng le yo o neng a mo tlovisa *scale*? A ke selo se se diragalang mo sedirelapusong kana go diragala fela kwa DIS? Tanki.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ya dikamano ga ke itse gore o raya efe. Fa o ne o tlhalosa gore go na le kamano, o ka amana le motho gongwe le ya go hudisa golo go le gongwefela kana le ya go tlhakanela gongwe lesaka. Ke kamano.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Go e baakanya *Mr Speaker*, ke raya kamano ka nyalano.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ke ne ke sa go fa *floor*.

**MR MOHWASA:** Kana tsamaiso ya kwa sepodiseng le ya sesole di farologana le tsa *civilians*. Ke ka ya go tlhola eo ka gore ga ke itse tsamaiso ya *promotions*. E ka re Botswana Defence Force (BDF) e farologane. Fa gongwe go na le kwa e leng gore makalana a mangwe ga a letlelele gore e kare fa le bereka golo go le gongwefela la ratana. Go na le a mangwe a a letlelelang gore le ka ratana. Ke tsaya gore le wena Rre Kekgonengile o a itse gore go na le batho ba ba neng ba bereka mmogo, fa gongwe e ne e le barutabana, ba bo ba felela ba nyalane. Ga ke reye gore go molato.

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Nnyaa, lesa go tshamekela kwa go Dikoloti...(Laughter!)...

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Ya kwa DIS ga ke *sure* ka yone, ke ka e latedisa.

**MR NKAWANA:** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa go tlhaloganya gore ka gore rotlhe re ne re dumela gore ditiro tse di neng di dirwa ke DIS ga di molemo, e bile lona fa le tsena, le rona fa re ne re tsene, re ya go di emisa. Ke batla go itebaganya le tsa theko ya dithoto tse di neng di rekwa ke DIS re kgala, nngwe ya tsone e le Tautona Lodge. Sa ntlha ke botse gore a mme le a e dirisa le le Puso?

Sa bobedi ke botse gore a mme le bona go siame go dirisa selo se se sa tsenang mo diatleng tsa Puso ka ditsela tse di sokameng? Ke a leboga.

**MR MOHWASA:** Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore *the model* o o dirisitsweng wa kwa Tautona Lodge, *we are on record as* Goromente o, re ne re sa dumalane le one gore ga se one. Golo mo ke *asset* e e setseng e le mo go Goromente. Ga o tsene fela o bo o re, bagaetsho, re a tswala. Go na le sengwe se Goromente a se dirang se ke tsayang gore e tlaare ngwaga o pele ga o ya fifing, le bo le ka se itse, ga ke ka ke ka se tlhalosa mo nakong ya gompiono.

*We have had conversation* le ba DIS, re a dumalana gore sengwe se tshwanetse go dirwa ka gore ga ba a sugiwa go tsamaisa *lodges*. Goromente le ene ga a bone dipoelo tse di maleba ka hotele ya go nna jaana. *So*, re dira sengwe mokaulengwe.

Mathata a a leng teng ke gore rona re tshwere re a baakanya, lona ga le itse tse re di baakanyang, jaanong le tsaya gore ga re baakanye. Nako nngwe fa go ne go ka kgonagala gore o tsene o bone tse re di baakanyang, o ne o ka nna wa felela o *defect* o bona gore batho ba tota ba dira dilo tse di siameng. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, go na le dikgang tsa babereki ba DIS ba ba sekileng le Goromente gore ga ba a duelwa dituelo tsa bone dingwe. Ba ne ba ngongorega gore ga ba a duelwa sentle mme ba *win*. Go lebega Puso e le moriti o tsididi ka go ba duela mme gape ba sa *appeal case* eo. Gongwe ke ka ba boletsa fela ka gore ga ba ka ke ba kgona go ipoletsa gore le ba duela leng *Honourable Minister*?

**MR MOHWASA:** Motlotlegi, o tlaa dumalana le nna gore Puso e e fano ke e e tlotlang boatlhodi e bile re dumela gore fa go tshwanetse gore re neelwe *orders* tsa *court*, re tshwanetse gore re di tshegetse. O tshwanetse gore o amogele gape gore *order* gore o kgone gore o e dire, go tshwanetse gore go bo go na le bokgoni jwa gore o e diragatse. Fa o sa kgone gore o diragatse *order* e dirilwe mme o sena masheleng, ga go na se o ka se dirang. Re tlaa nna re *engage* re bona gore fa e leng gore go na le *orders against us...* tota fela dikoloto, *that is why* gompiono o bona Puso e tsero tshwetso ya gore re eme pele ka *Purchase Orders*. Le ba galona ka koo mme le fa ba ne ba le bogale, kana batho ba wela mo isong. *There is no point* o *claim* gore o na le madi, o raya bana ba gago o re o tshela sentle, o bo o oketsa dikoloto mme o bo o felela o le mo mathateng. *It is for that reason* ya gore o tshwanetse gore o nne Goromente yo o tlotlang *obligation* ya gago ya go duela *that we have decided* gore re *make sure* gore re sege mesese ka diphatsana tsa matsela tse re nang le tsone. Re se ka ra eletsa gore re batla mesese e e leng gore ga re na *material* o re tlaa tlang re o dirisa. Ke gone fa re leng teng foo.

Re tlotla *orders* tseo tsa *court* mme mathata ke gore ga re na bokgoni jwa gore re ka duela. Fa go ne go ka tsewa tshwetso ya gore gongwe go ka duelwa, gongwe le Palamente gompiono e ka bo e sa tsena, madi one a e leng gore re tlaabo re tsentse tiro ya Puso fa ka one, a ile gone ka koo. Ke sone se e leng gore re iphitlhela re le mo go sone.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, *nako ya lona ya dipotso e wetse*. I understand that the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Major General (Rtd) Pius Mokgware has a statement to make.

## STATEMENT

## AMENDMENT OF SOCIETIES ACT

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, in accordance with the powers vested upon me by the Societies Act, I may from time to time review the regulations for implementation of the Act as may be necessary. I wish to share my intention to amend the regulations of the Societies Act with a view to strengthen the control of societies and improve our standings in response to Non-Profit Organisations (NPO) ratings for the coming Financial Action Task Force (FATF) evaluations in January 2027.

It is necessary that I bring this information in a form of statement primarily due to the following reasons:

- (i) The amendments I want to make are in the regulations, the authority to change these lies with the Minister.
- (ii) The item we wish to change has attracted a lot of public attention with a large section of our society desiring the amendment of the regulations as it is considered to be overregulation as well as an impediment to the freedom to associate.
- (iii) Internally, a realisation has been made that requiring a qualification from a spiritual leader in a faith-based organisation itself does not prove any integrity.
- (iv) This envisaged amendment will add weight to our ratings in response to the FATF Recommendation 8 of NPOs.

In 2022, the law was amended to cater for the following in the regulations issued by the Minister pursuant to the Societies Act, 2022:

- (a) Under Regulation 2, amendments were made inserting the following definitions;

“accredited institution” means an institution that has been accredited by the Botswana Qualifications Authority; and “officer” includes an office-bearer, executive officer of a society and spiritual leader of a religious society.”

- (b) Regulation 4 (3) was introduced on requirements for application for registration of a society making provision for-

- (i) proof that the spiritual leader holds a minimum qualification of an accredited certificate in Theology from an accredited institution; and
- (ii) a release letter from a previous religious society if the religious leader was previously a member of such other religious society.”

These amendments were meant to strengthen screening at on boarding phase for religious societies in order to protect the public from exploitation by unscrupulous individuals masquerading as religious leaders (the fit and proper principle).

Unfortunately, these criteria do not add value to compliance and effectiveness requirements of the FATF rating.

It has to be noted that Botswana did submit these measures as justification for compliance with Financial Intelligence Act, specifically Section 49 (1) which requires supervisory authority through its licencing or registration requirement to implement measures to prevent criminals from holding controlling interest, or perform management functions of a society. The above measures were found to be in line with what the Act requires hence FATF and Eastern and Southern Africa Anti Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) approved re-rating of Recommendation 8 (which deals with Non-Profit Organisations) from Non-Compliant (NC) to Largely- Compliant (LC). As Botswana currently, we are referred to be Largely-Compliant. It is our hope that with these proposed amendments, we will move to Fully Compliant (FC) under Recommendation 8 in the third round of mutual evaluation assessment.

As Botswana prepares for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Mutual Evaluation in January 2027, it is necessary to reduce stringent on-boarding requirements that may appear as impediment for societies to register and operate as well as infringing on peoples’ right to associate as enshrined in the Constitution of Botswana.

With this background, it is my intention to implement the following;

- (a) Repealing sub-regulation 3 in its entirety.

4 (3) If the applicant is a religious society, the applicant shall, in addition to the documentation under sub-regulation (2), submit-

- a. proof that the spiritual leader holds a minimum qualification of an accredited certificate in Theology from an accredited institution; and

(b) a release letter from a previous religious society if the religious leader was previously a member of such other religious society.”

(c) Replace the word security clearance with security vetting at Regulation 4 (2) (VI) which currently reads “a security clearance report for office-bearers from any law enforcement agency”

(d) Providing for the security vetting of board members and office bearers.

This will reinforce our resolve to adhering to the requirements of the Financial Intelligence Act Section 49 (1) (a) as well the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendation 8 with the aim of protecting our Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) sector from terrorism financing abuse) as well as to ensure that residents of Botswana are fully protected from any possible abuse within the religious space.

I submit that this requirement will apply to all societies as criminals can abuse any form of society for terrorism financing. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, since it is an important amendment to this Society’s Regulations can I briefly say it in Setswana if you permit me?

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee soboka.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Tshutiso e ke e tlišang fa mo letsatsing la gompiano ke gore tsetlana e e neng e re motho e re a tla go etelela kereke pele a bo a na le *qualifications* tse di rileng, ke a ntsha ke le *Minister* ka dithata tse ke nang le tsone.

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

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** Ke a e ntsha go tswa mo letsatsing la gompiano. Batswana jaaka ba ne ba gakolola maloba le potso e neng e tšile ka motlotlegi wa Shoshong a bua gore batho ba ngongorega ka yone thata, ka utlwa le Mapalamente ba bangwe ba bua jalo, jaanong re a e ntsha. Ga go na ope yo o tlaa kwadisang kereke yo o tlaa batlegang gore a bo a na le *certain qualifications*, but re ya go tšwelela re re *all the office bearers should go through security vetting* gore re bone gore ba nonofile go tšwara matlotlo a setšhaba. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, Standing Order 40.3; “no debate may arise on this statement but the Speaker may, in his or her discretion allow for short questions to be put to the Minister making the statement for the purpose elucidating it.” *Jaanong batlotlegi*, this is a straightforward matter, *e tswa mo go reng Tona a re o tlaa baakanya* regulations. These regulations *kana ke* statutory instruments *tse e leng gore* I have since directed *gore* all statutory instruments *di ye kwa* Committee on Subsidiary Legislation, *akere ke yone* that deals with delegated legislation. *Kana* this is part of delegated legislations. *Ke ne ke ithaya ke re* you will ventilate those at the committee. If you insist *ga ke nke ke tsaya ba ba fetang* four.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, maloba fa re le fa o ratile *gore re bolaya ke bua ka kgang e*, mme fa ba go kgonne re a leboga. Golo fa ka Sekgoa o tšentse ngwaga 2027, mme mo Setswaneng o bo o re go simolola gompiano. 2027 o ne o mo tšenya o tsaya *inspection* e e tlaa tlang ya FATF *kana o ne o raya gore 2027 ke gone o tlaabong go simologa gore o bo o ntsha qualifications* tse? Tanki.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE):** *Thank you*. Ke go akgole rraetsho *Retired* Mokgware. Ka fa o tšereng tšhwetso e ka teng o supile nonofo ya go utlwa lentswe la Modimo fa baruti ba goeletsa *gore re na le spiritual leaders, spiritual healers*, ba ba tswang ka tumelo kwa legodimong ba ba tšhwanang le Jesu yo o iseng a ye kwa sekoleng sepe, mme a nna moruti yo motona a ba a kaiwa ke Dibaebele. Selo se fa o se tšhalogantse jalo e bile o tšititse thokgamo mo borapeding *gore ba rapele Modimo ka fa ba kgonang ka teng le ka fa ba dumelang ka teng*, se botlhokwa.

Ke lebogela ntlha ya *gore o tlaa tšwelela o sireletsa seemo sa gore bape fela ba ba nang le mekgwa e e bosula*, ba se ka ba iphitlha ka bodumedi, mme bone o tlaa ba tšhatlhoba go bona *gore ba ba tlang ba rera lefoko la Modimo*, a mme ruri ga ba na mekgwa epe e sele. Ke go tšhomamisetsa *gore dikereke tsa rona di tlaa go ema nokeng rraetsho*. Dikereke tsa lefoko la Modimo yo o tšhedileng, di tlaa go segofatsa e bile di segofatsa le Puso ya UDC *gore 2029 e bo e galalela*, re tsamaya re nelwa ke pula jaaka re nelwa ke pula gompiano. A pula e go nele motho wa gaetsho. *Thank you*.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Batlotlegi, ke ne ke tšhalositse gore Order 41.3 ya re* no debate may arise on this statement, no debate.

**MR MOALOSI:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Honourable Mokgware*, ke leboge tshwetso e o e tsereng ka gore tota ba dikereke ba ne ba na le go ngongorega ka dikgang tse. Kana dikgang tsa bone di dintsi; go na le tsa go ba bolaisa Know Your Customer (KYC) ngwaga le ngwaga tse e leng gore gatwe *every year* ba tshwanetse *to re-register*. Jaanong dikereke tse dingwe di na le *branches* tse dintsi go bo go raya gore *compliance* ya gore ba kwadise e a pala. Go bo go raya gore *accounts* tsa bone *are blocked* ka mabaka a KYC. Ga o bone gore o tshwanetse go sekaseka *the frequency of submitting for reapplication ya licence?* Gongwe ba dira KYC *in two years instead of* ngwaga gore *at least* ba kgone go nna le nako ya go baakanya dibuka. Ke a leboga.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Nte ke leboge Motlotlegi Mokgware. Kgang e o e tshwere sentle. Gongwe sengwe se ke ka se kopang ke kgang ya go sekaseka dipalo. Kana jaaka o ne o bua ka FATF, ke teng fa dipalo di neng di okelediwa gore baruti ba o fitlhelang ba belaesega bale, ba fokotsege. Jaanong eo ka gore o e baakantse, ke ne ke kopa gore o ye go sekaseka ya dipalo; *20 is quite a small number*. Ke ka tsena mo Palamenteng mo *any day*, ke bo ke itlhophela bagaetsho ke bo ke re a re yeng go dira kereke. Jaanong eo le yone o ye go e sekaseka. Ya baruti rra re a go leboga thata, *be blessed*. Ke a bona gore o a sokologa malatsing a, gongwe ke sefela se ke go se romeletseng mo bosheng jaana. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Kana ke berekile le banna ba lebaka le le telele, jaanong ke e tla ke lebala gore ba bangwe ba mo *frontbench* jaaka *Honourable Moswaane* o ne a sa tshwanela go ema gotlhelele, ga ke itse gore o ne a emetse eng.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa ke rile *four, four* o wetse. Araba re ye *to the Bills*.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** *Thank you very much*. Mma ke le leboge bakaulengwe. Kana jaaka re bua jaana, melao e e dirilwe ka 2022, re ne re o fitlhela. Se ke neng ka se dira fela ka *November* Motlotlegi Motaosane, re tsena ka Palamente ya ntlha re ne re *amend the numbers*, ka di busa *from 150 to 10*. Gompieno fa le le 10 fela le kgona go dira kereke, wa phutha wena le banabana ba gago le bo le dira kereke. Le a kwadisa le bo le phutha batho le obama.

Ya KYC ke a e utlwa mongwame, re santse re e sekaseka go bona gore a KYC re ka re e nne ngwaga kana *two years*.

Tota re dirwa ke gore 2 *years* o kare o motelele gore re bo re ye go bona gore a *society* se santse se le ka fa tirisong kana se tsamaya sentle se tshwere dithoto tsa Puso sentle. Dilo tse re tlaa tla re di sekaseka, mme ke batla go le solofetsa bakaulengwe gore, ke batla go tlisa melao yotlhe e ke dumelang gore e ne e kgokgontsha batho, ya Puso e e fetileng gore re tle go e baakanya fa. Jaanong ke simolotse, ke tlaabo ke ntse fa ke tswelotse jalo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Leader of the House has a Business Motion to move.

## BUSINESS MOTION

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1A a variation to the sitting hours of Parliament for today, that is Thursday 26, March 2026, that Parliament sitting be extended from 1800 hours to 1900 hours to allow for the conclusion of all the prioritised Bills. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

## First Readings

### PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

The following Bill was presented and read a first time:

#### STANDARD CHARTERED BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED (LOAN AUTHORISATION) (NO. 1) BILL, 2026 (NO. 7 OF 2026)

(Minister of Finance)

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

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. Mr Speaker, the reasons for the urgency are that the Standard Chartered Bill has not yet matured as it was published on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2026. The financing facility provided is urgently required to address the backlog of outstanding invoices that the Government needs to settle.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke eme nokeng gore *Bill* e e tswelotse jalo. Jaaka Mapalamente

ba tlhola ba ntse ba bua le maabane e ne e le kgangkgolo, kana go kolotiwa batho ba le bantsi ba e leng lebaka ba tlhoka go duelwa. Dikgwebo tse dingwe di setse di tsamaela go wa, ka lebaka la gore ga gona madi a a ba duelang. Ke ema Mothusa Tautona nokeng mo kgannyeng ya gore re tsewelele ka *certificate of urgency*, re tle re kgone go duela batho.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, *Bill* e e batla e tsena ka bonako, re kolota bo raditerekere ba sale ba pitikolotse, ba lebile fela jaana gore madi a tlaa tsena rra. Re tle re kgone go ba neela ba tle ba ye go ithoma mathata a bone le bone. Ka tsweetswee a ko e tsene jaaka re dumalane kwa General Assembly, ka *speed* sa ga Manyanga le Waere. Ba ka re bolaya bo raditerekere *Mr Speaker*.

**MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Re tsogile mo mosong re tlhalosediswa botlhokwa jwa go kopa madi ka lepotlapotla, ga re na ganetsana le kopo eo. Ke dumalana le gore e tsena ka one mabaka a *urgency*. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading-**Later Today**.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time:

**STANDARD CHARTERED BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED (LOAN AUTHORITY) (NO. 2) BILL, 2026 (NO. 8 OF 2026)**

(Minister of Finance)

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

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. The reasons are the same Mr Speaker, that the Bill has not yet matured as it was published on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and the facility is required urgently.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Ke ema fela jaana *to support* Motlotlegi *Vice President*, e bile e le *Minister of Finance*. Ke bo ke tlhalose ke re, go botlhokwa gore re fetise kopo e ka bofelo gore re tle re kgone go thusa ba bantsi ba ba emetseng. Re na le bo radikonteraka ba dirile ditiro ga ba ise ba duelwe, re tle re bone gore ba a tsewelela, ba tle ba kgone go duela Batswana. Ke a leboga.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE):** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I rise in support that we move in urgency. Indeed, it is urgent that we move quickly. We have our folks out there who are struggling and in need of this assistance in health care, education and agriculture. So, we must move urgently. Thank you.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading-**Later Today**.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

**BOTSWANA LIVESTOCK COMMERCIALISATION PROJECT (INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT) (IFAD) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2026 (NO. 9 OF 2026)**

(Minister of Finance)

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

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. For the same reasons Mr Speaker, that this Bill has not yet matured as it was published on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and is required urgently.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota *Mr Speaker* re dumalane kgantele mo *General Assembly*. Batswana ba letletse lenaneo le tota ka matlho a mahibidu. Barui ba dihutshane le dikoko, ba letile. Re solofela gore *these 50 000 households* ba tle ba bone dithuso tse, botshelo bo tokafale ka bonako jwa *speed* sa Lenyanka le Waere *Mr Speaker*. *I submit*. A re tsene mo go tsona.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading-**Later Today**.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

**BRIDGE FINANCING LOAN (STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2026 (NO. 10 OF 2026)**

(Minister of Finance)



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

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. Again, for the same reasons Mr Speaker, that it is not yet matured as it was published on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and is urgently required.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, the question is that Bridge Financing Loan (Stanbic Bank Botswana Limited) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (No. 10 of 2026) be proceeded with under a certificate of urgency.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker* dikgang tse re di toutile phakeleng ono mo *General Assembly*. Re dumalane re le Ntlo e gore go a pateletsa tota gore *Bills* tse di fete ka bonako re tle re kgone go thusa Batswana ka bonako joo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Second Reading-**Later Today.**

**STOCK, BONDS AND TREASURY  
BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO.  
2 OF 2026)****Second Reading****(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, the debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday the Honourable Minister of Finance His Honour the Vice President has just concluded his response to the debate. I shall now proceed to put the question.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee-**Forthwith.**

**ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE****(Chairperson in the Chair)****STOCK, BONDS AND TREASURY  
BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO.  
2 OF 2026)**

**MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE):** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Please note that the Stock,

Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) has two Clauses. No amendments have been noticed. I shall therefore, call the Clauses at once. *Le tlhaela fela mo go kotsi. A re tseyeng manno a rona re tsweleleng batlotlegi.*

Clauses 1 - 2 **agreed to.**

**STOCK, BONDS AND TREASURY BILLS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 2 OF 2026)**

Bill reported from committee **without amendments.**

Third Reading-**Forthwith.**

**Third Reading****STOCK, BONDS AND TREASURY  
BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO.  
2 OF 2026)**

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE):** Honourable Members, the question is that the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) be read a third time.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I move that the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. In accordance with Standing Order 62. 1(c) I have to order a division, and that division shall be held in a manner prescribed in Standing Order 63. Ring the bell Clerk for two minutes. Sergeant-at-Arms, at the elapse of two minutes, you lock the doors.

Question put and **Division Ordered.**

...**Silence...**

**MR SPEAKER:** Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors. Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I have to put the question again. The question is that the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) be read a third time and do pass. *A re tlhopheng*, I am going to activate. I have activated the machine, you press one to activate yours, or indicate that you are present, two if you are for "aye" or "yes," three for "no" and then four for abstain. *Tlhophang.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Tlhophang ka tidimalo.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, ga le ka ke la emaema, Honourable Members, ke batla le tlhophha fela le ntse fa fatshe. Ke rile o tobetsa one to activate the machine, press two if you are voting “yes” or “aye,” three for “no” and then four abstain.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, General Mokgware ga a ka ke a tsietsega. Gakere o sale a simolola ka 2014 go tlhophha jaana.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Tlhophang, I am going to deactivate.*

...Silence...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Not before I announce the results.

**MR PULE:** Machines *tsa rona* are not working.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, di a bereka.*

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, headcount you are 25 in the House, the “ayes” 23, “noes” zero, abstain one, and one of you did not participate at all. So, the ayes have it.

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

## BILL

### STANDARD CHARTERED BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED (LOAN AUTHORISATION) (NO. 1) BILL, 2026 (NO. 7 OF 2026)

#### Second Reading

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I will now be presenting the Second Reading of the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) (No.1) Bill, 2026 (No. 7 of 2026) which was published in the Government Gazette Extra Ordinary of the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.

Mr Speaker, this facility has been contracted to finance critical budget related expenditure, including eligible infrastructure projects, as well as to support the financing of fiscal deficits arising from approved budgetary allocations.

This means that the resources will go directly towards sustaining the functioning of Government, ensuring that the commitments we have already made to our people are honoured. It is about ensuring that the services upon which our citizens rely on are not disrupted.

Mr Speaker, this facility has been secured specifically to respond to Government’s immediate liquidity challenges. It is expected to disburse swiftly, providing the much-needed resources to sustain the day-to-day operations of Government. It is about ensuring that salaries are paid, services continue, and that businesses and citizens who depend on Government are not left in uncertainty.

Mr Speaker, in my previous addresses to this Honourable House, I have indicated that the Ministry of Finance undertakes cash management on a daily basis. This involves closely monitoring the balances in the Government Investment Account (GIA) and making difficult decisions on which obligations can be met at any given time. It is not a routine administrative exercise, it is a constant balancing act, where priorities must be set under constrained conditions.

It is important to note, Mr Speaker, that Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenues are now the country’s largest source of income, and these are received only on a quarterly basis.

What this means is that, between these inflows, Government obligations continue to accumulate, suppliers must be paid, services must be delivered and commitments must be honoured. However, when the SACU revenues are finally received, they often fall short of the total accumulated obligations. As a result,

Government is once again faced with the difficult task of deciding which payments to prioritise, while others have to wait.

Mr Speaker, this cycle places strain not only on Government operations, but also on businesses and citizens who depend on timely payments. It is precisely this reality that necessitates interventions such as the facility before this House. Mr Speaker, this facility provides the breathing space we urgently need to keep Government functioning while continue working towards restoring fiscal stability and economic recovery.

Mr Speaker, similar to the facility I have just presented, this financing arrangement is also from Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited and amounts to P750 million. The funding has been carefully structured and negotiated. I will now outline its key terms;

- (i) Loan amount: P750 million
- (ii) Interest Rate: fixed rate at 13.7 per cent
- (iii) Tenure: 5 years
- (iv) Grace Period: 2.5 years
- (v) Upfront fee: 1.5 per cent
- (vi) Ratchet: 0.5 per cent

Mr Speaker, the ministry found the terms to be reasonable and aligned with current market conditions. Mr Speaker, you will note that the facility includes a provision known as a ratchet on the interest rate. In simple terms, this means that the cost of the loan is linked to the country's credit rating. Should the country experience a downgrade, the interest rate will increase by 0.5 per cent points. Conversely, if the country's credit rating improves, the interest rate will decrease by 0.5 percentage points. Mr Speaker, this feature creates a directive incentive for maintaining sound economic management, as improvements in our fiscal position and credit rating will translate into lower borrowing costs for Government.

Mr Speaker, once again I wish to emphasise that it has never been Government's intention to continuously rely on borrowing. Our clear and deliberate strategy is to pursue fiscal consolidation, with the objective of reducing the structural budget deficit over time. Mr Speaker, borrowing is not our destination, it is a temporary bridge. Our focus remains on restoring balance to the fiscus, our focus remains on strengthening revenue performance and ensuring that going forward, financing is directed primarily towards productive investments and critical infrastructure projects that drive growth and support economic diversification.

Mr Speaker, this is about moving from survival to sustainability, and ultimately to prosperity.

Mr Speaker, I therefore move that the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (No. 7 of 2026) be read for the second time. I thank you Mr Speaker.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Your Honour the Vice President (VP) and Minister of Finance. Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open and let me just remind you that I had indicated *gore jaaka re ne re buile maphakela* so that... *Honourable* Moalosi member for Nkange.

**MR MOALOSI (NKANGE):** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke lebogela Mothusa Tautona ka *Bill* e a tlang ka yone. Gongwe ke bue gore ga ke ngongorege ka yone. Ke gakolole fela gore kgang e re nna re e bua mo Ntlong e *Mr Speaker*, gore *the Government is not doing enough to collect revenue out there. There are so many gaps tse di teng*. Maloba ke ne ke tsene fa Mogoditshane ke ya go reka seipone sa koloi. Ke ne ke reka mo le bentlele le letona le le rekisang *engines* ka bo P40 000 le P20 000. A bo ke re ke a *swipe* ba bo ba re bone ga ba dire *swiping* ba batla *cash* fela. Ke ne ke reka ka P1 400, a bo a tsaya madi a teng a a tsenya mo pateng. O bo o ipotsa gore *these people, are they paying taxes, are they reporting the revenue that they are generating* gore ba kgone go duela lekgetho le ba tshwanetseng go le duela? *If big shops like that are doing that, what about the so many shops that are there?*

Ke ne ke le kwa Francistown maloba gape ke reka sengwe mo *shop* e nngwe ba rekisa *television* (tv), *fridges, same issue* go duelwa *cash* ga gona *receipt*. *Honourable Speaker*, ke kope Mothusa Tautona gore a Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) e dire tiro e ba tshwanetseng go e dira.

*I was in Ghana, I noticed* gore *shop* nngwe le nngwe le fa e le semausu tota, go na le lekgetho le ba le duelang. *There are also people who go house to house* ba bo ba baya *stamp* sa gore *we were here, checking* gore *are those shops compliant*. Ke kopa gore gongwe re dire jalo Mothusa Tautona gore re kgone *to collect*, ke madi fela a mantsi. *If we talk of Francistown, there is a lot of people* ba ba tswang kwa Zimbabwe ba tla go reka dilo. *Those people* mabentlele a go rekwang mo go one, *they do not bank*. Ke gore fa ba tsena mo bankeng ba *deposit* madi, gone foo ba kwala *transfer*. *The money does not spend even a day* mo Botswana. Ba a *deposit and transfer it* kwa ba a isang teng. *These are the leakages* *Honourable Speaker*, tse e leng gore fa re ka di thiba, di tlaa dira gore re se ka ra nna re adima madi. Re adima madi *because we have deficits that we need to fill because we are not collecting taxes* mo bathong ba, *who benefit from our economy*.

Ke a tle ke neele batho *example* ya gore *economics is very simple, money needs to circulate in the country*, jaanong a rona *Mr Speaker, is not circulating* mo Botswana. *If you take let say tandabala for example*; kwa kgaolong ya me, bontsi jwa basadibagolo ba hirile gongwe moZimbabwe yo o ba thusang mo tshimong, kwa merakeng. Fa ba mo duela o ya kwa Tutume kwa Mokuru, madi a teng a ya kwa Zimbabwe. *Our money is not circulating in our economy*. A re direng gore re baakanye gone foo *Mr Speaker*.

*I understand these are temporary bridges*, Goromente o tla ka *pronouncements* tse dintsi tse di jang madi mme re ntse re na le mathata a madi. Ba bua gore go na le Ipelegeng e e tlang ya P2 500. Potso e ke e ipotsang e tona ke gore *how are they going to fund that? It is not clear* gore ba ya go *fund* jang. Village Development Committee (VDC) fa e le gore e ya go duela P2 500, *how are they going to fund that? Are we making political statements* tse re tshwanelwang ke *to implement* mme *economy* ya rona e sa letle gore re kgone go duela *those programmes*? Ke ipotsa gore a ga re tle go nna mo seemong se e leng gore *in a month or two*, re tlaabo re adima madi a mangwe gape gore re duele Ipelegeng le VDC P2 500. Ke eng re sa emele gore re baakanye *economy* ya rona pele *because we sold a story to* Botswana gore re fitlhetse sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa *and they have agreed. I do not think there is any pressure from* Botswana gore le itsenye mo dikolotong tse e leng gore ga le na go kgona go tla le di duela. Gongwe le tle le lebelebele dikgang tse go ya kwa pele gore, *speak with one voice*, re se ka ra utlwa VP a sa bue sepe ka Ipelegeng ya P2 500, re bo re ya go utlwa *Honourable* Motshegwa a bua gore ke ya go le duela P2 500 ka *April*. Golo moo le ene go mo tsenya mo *pressure* ya gore a bo a ipotsa gore madi a o ya go a tsaya kae.

*Mr Speaker*, re a itse gore Goromente o na le mathata a madi, go na le kgang e nngwe e ke tlaa tlang ke kopa gore ke tle ka *Motion* o o *urgent* mo go yone ka dikatllholo tse disha tsa mapodise. Botswana ba atholwa ma P7 000 gore o tseneletse *robot*. Gongwe *Minister* a tle ka *statement* fa e le gore ga ke ka ke ka tla ka *Motion*, a tlhalosetse Botswana sentle gore *are they new charges*? A dilo tse re di bonang mo Facebook ke tse di buiwang fela e le Artificial Intelligence (AI) kana ke nnete gore Botswana ba duedisiwa madi a a kalo? A kgang eo ke *strategy* sa ga Goromente sa *to raise* madi go leka go thiba diphatlha Botswana ba bo ba lopiwa (*charge*) madi a a kalokalo? *Are we not going to impoverish* Botswana?

Fa go setse go tsentswe *system* e, e e *automatic*, o ya go bona koloi ya gago e setse e le *flagged* o ise o kopane le lepodise gore le go bolelele gore o dirile phoso fa o leke go ipobola. *Are we not going to see* fa re setse re re re ya *to renew vehicle registration* re fitlhela re kolota ma P40,000?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga. *Honourable Member*; o bolelela ruri, Goromente a tšhonne jaaka a tšhonne jaana, ga ke itse gore ke eng a ka akanya gore Botswana bone ga ba a tšhona? Goromente o oketsa *service charges* mo maphateng otlhe; *Transport* le gongwe le gongwe, Botswana bone ba a tsaya kae ka tsela e e ntseng jalo fa e le gore Goromente o tšhonne? Re batho ba e leng gore re tshela *around* Goromente, ba bangwe ke ba *tenders* le *social protection*. So, fa Goromente a tšhonne, ga go na ka fa batho ba ka nngang le madi. Ke a leboga *honourable*, o e tshwere sentle.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Moalosi, o ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 57.1.

**MR MOALOSI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke boele gape mo kopong ya ga Mothusa Tautona, madi a P750 million a mannyennyane. Re tsaya *loan* e e leng gore *within a day* madi a teng a tlaabo a fedile *because of the expenditure* e Goromente a nang le yone. Ga ke itse gore fa e le gore madi a ya go fela *in one or two days* go bo gotwe re ya go a duela *after* lebaka le le kanakana, *does it make a lot of sense*? Fa o na le sekoloto sa P100,000 o bo o tsena fale o re o adima P750 o ye go fokotsa sekoloto se o nang le sone, *does it make sense*? Legale re a bona gore *economy* tota ga e mo seemong se sentle.

Fa re ntse re reeditse, le fa re ne re reeditse *Budget Speech*, ga re utlwe sentle gore *what is the plan* ya ga Goromente gore re tswe mo mathateng a re leng mo go one. A re tlaa nna re adima fela kana *do we have a concrete plan* e e leng gore *in the next two or three years*, re tlaa bona *economy* e fetoga?

Ke wele fela ke re ga re gane go le thusa gore le adime madi a *Honourable Minister*. Gongwe re dumalane fela gore a madi a a ye go dirisetwa se a se adimelwang, go se ka ga nna le metsenelela e mengwe e re feletsang re dirisa madi dilo tse e leng gore ga re a di a kopela. Fa re tsaya Puso ka 2029, re ya go fitlhela dikoloto tse. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Tota ke emelela *to support His Honour the Vice President (VP)* ka *proposal* e a e beileng fa. Ke melao e e tshwanang e e buang ka madi, fa ke buile mo go o le mongwefela jaana, ke gone jaaka ke e eme nokeng yotlhe.

*Mr Speaker*, Tona o bua ka gore *this loan* e ya to support infrastructure and I must also indicate gore kana re mo digitalisation, re tsamaya lebelo le le Mothusa Tautona ka e le Tona wa Madi. Digitalisation e batla madi in the sense ya gore we have to upgrade our core Information Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, migrate and also get to the issues of digital identity and payment systems. Dilo tse di batla madi. Ke rata thata fa Honourable Moalosi a bua jaaka a bua gore we are not collecting enough. Yes, we are not collecting enough and the plan is to enhance collection through digitalisation so that sengwe le sengwe se nne mo pontsheng, se nne motlhofo. That is what we want to achieve and it is part of the things that were planned for mo ngwageng o mme ka ntata ya bothata jwa madi, di nna slow gore di diragale. Ke sone se o bonang ke ema fa ke support Mothusa Tautona gore re adime madi a re tle re thuse lefatshe gore le kgone go tswelela pele, re goroge kwa re batlang go ya teng.

Ke dumalana le Honourable Moalosi fa a re madi a manyenyane. Se se tlang mo tlhaloganyong ya me ke mafoko a a kileng a buiwa mo Baebeleng, ke story se se neng se buiwa mo Baebeleng, Modimo a raya mme a re borrow not a few. Mme yo o ne a itshetsa ka go rekisa mafura mme a fedile, a setse a le kwa tlaselase. O ne a ithlobogile, go ne go batlega school fees tsa bana, uniforms, dijo le sengwe le sengwe. E le story seo gore go batla gore a dire dilo tseo, a lela a le mo mathateng a a tshwanang le a re leng mo go one. E rile fa a nte a lela jalo, Modimo a ba a mo raya a re, tsamaya o ye kwa baagisanyang, masika le ditsala go adima mo o ka tsenyang mafura a mo teng. Taelo ya gagwe e ne e le gore e re fa a ya go adima jalo, a se ka a adima dikgamelo tse di le di nnyenyane. Fa a tla ka tsone a tswa go adima tse a neng a kgona go di adima, go bo go raya gore fa a tshela mafura a a neng a setse, ke fa e le gore a tlala mo dinkgwangeng tse tsotlhe a bo a nna le stock se se ntsi. O ne a felela a se rekisa, a itshetsa ka sone. Le nna ke dumalana le mafoko a gore let us borrow but not a few ka gore re na le National Development Plan (NDP) 12 le moalo wa rona wa Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) o re o setseng morago. Ke one o re tsayang gore fa re ka o diragatsa, lefatshe le le ka turn around ka tsela e e gagamatsang e re e eletsang re le ba UDC. Re iphitlhela re tshwana le mme yo, yo e leng gore mafura a gagwe a fedile e bile go setse a le manyenyane. Kgakololo e e tswang kwa Modimong ya re borrow but not a few, a re batlang gore re adime.

Ke ratile thata maabane fa o bua ka molao o o ntseng o feta o re we need to have attributes tse di tshwanang le gore re nne le melao e e gagametseng ya tiriso ya madi and ke a e bona jaaka re ntse re tsweletse gore His Honour the VP o tla ka melao e e very, very strict in terms of go dirisa madi. E bile re tlhabolole le the oversight ya Palamente gore e bone gore madi a a tlang a dirisiwa sentle. So, re tshwanetse re gagamatse dilo tse. Re tshwanetse re direle dilo mo pontsheng gore fa Batswana ba bona Puso ya UDC, ba bo ba kgona go lemoga gore re ya kae e bile fa re gorogile, go tlaabo go ntse jang, ba go bona re santse re le mo tseleng, re ya teng. This is the predictability of the Government e batho ba batlang go e bona. We have to exercise the highest level of financial discipline and these are all the attributes tse ke di bonang mo Pusong e ya UDC. Ke sone se o bonang ke sa tshabe Your Honour the VP gore a re adimeng mme re se ka ra adima go le go nnyenyane, re adime mo e leng gore go tlaa re dira gore re emelele fa re leng teng gore e re go setse ngwaga le half, re bo re gorogile kwa re eletsang teng re le lefatshe la Botswana, dithulaganyo tse di tlaa dirang madi mo isagong, re di dire. Fa e le gore lefatshe la Botswana le tshwanetse gore le bule moepo, a re o bule. Fa e le gore re tshwanetse re dire tollgates jaaka batho ba bua, a re di direng. Fa e le gore re tshwanetse re dire tsotlhe fela tse e leng gore re tshwanetse re di dire, a re di direng but gongwe go tlhoka madi. Ke sone se ke reng a re lebelele, mme ke itse gore o kelotlhoko thata Your Honour gore madi a dirisiwa sentle.

**MR PULE:** Clarification. Ke a leboga. Ke a go utlwa, o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke utlwa Motlotlegi Moalosi a bua ka fa o buang ka teng gore re se ka ra adima go le go nnyenyane. Ga ke itse gore a o belaela gore gongwe Tona wa Madi ga a a dirisa calculator sentle ka gore gantsinyana kana fa o adima o lebelela gore o ka busa go le kana ka eng? Ga ke itse gore a o a belaela gore e ka re ga a a tobetsa dipalo sentle?

**MR TSHERE:** Nnyaa, o se ka wa ntotlhanya le VP.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, o ele tlhoko quorum before o tsamaya. O e bale pele e bo e le gone o tswang.

**MR TSHERE:** O se ka wa ntlhoboganya le VP. Jaanong o tobetsa calculator, akere re bua dikeletso. Kana dikeletso tsa rona di kana ka dithapo tsa leselo. Jaanong ke sone se e tlaareng fa re bua re bo re re, akere ka ga re itse madi, ga re nke re tobetsa calculator, gore mme fela

gone go batla madi gore re kgone *to turn this situation around*. Nako ele fa Domkrag e santse e le teng, go ne go na le metsosa. Ke tsaya gore ke nako ya motsosa e jaanong. Ole motsosa e ne e le wa matshamekwane.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, o bua ka *stimulus package*. Tswelela *Honourable Minister*.

**MR TSHERE:** Ee, ke *stimulus package*. Ao! E le gore ga o gakologelwe Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP)?

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

**MR TSHERE:** Nnyaa, go ne go na le ESP ka nako ya Puso ya Domkrag. Ke yone e ke buang ka yone, *we need to stimulate the economy* gore e kgone go dira ditiro, e kgone gore e emelele e ye kwa re eletsang teng. Jaanong ke eletsajalo ke le Mopalamente wa Mahalapye gore re ka bona madi a gore le ditlhabololo kwa motseng wa Mahalapye di tle di bonale, tse e leng gore di teng mo NDP 12. Re di lebeletse gore di diragadiwe, di tle di re ungwele kwa motseng wa Mahalapye. *So, I support the Bill.*

**MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke go dumedise mongwame ka ga re ise re dumedisane sentle. Ke bo ke dumedise le batlotlegi. Ke bo ke go leboga mongwame gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa gore le nna ke akgele. *I am not an economist, I am just a mere social worker.* Fa ke ntse ke bala, ke utlwa e le gore go adima ga se selo se se motlhofo. Ke se tsaya fela *from rona as individuals* gore o dire tshwetso ya gore o a adima, tota o a bo o le mo mathateng.

Gantsinyana go adima go tla ka *risks* tse dintsi, jaaka e le gore fa gongwe o ka palelwa ke go duela *interest* ya sekoloto sa gago, o bo o tsena mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *a debt burden*. Ke raya gore ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke neng ke batla gore gongwe ke di fetise fa pele ga ga Tona ka ke a itse gore ke *languages* tse a di itseng. E bile go adima go na le *risk ya inflation*. *Risk ya inflation* ya go adima ke gore jaanong e bo e felela e dira... (*Inaudible*)...Batswana *citizens*, e le gore ba reka ka *prices* tse di kwa godimo.

Go adima go kgona gore bogolo jang kana ka fa dilo di dirwang ka teng, kana kadimo e ke buang ka yone ke raya ya Puso, go na le gore a bo e ka dira mo gotweng

*crowding out private sector*, go bo raya gore *businesses* tse di mo lefatsheng la Botswana gongwe *interests* tse di nna kwa godimo mo e leng gore *businesses* tse re tshelang ka tsone gore di tlhabolole lefatsho, di bo di sa kgone go nna le *access to credit*. Ke raya gore ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore ke ne ke batla gore *before* ke tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa me, ke alele ka tsone gore *much as I do support what the Minister is actually proposing to this Parliament*, ke ne ke re gongwe ke *underline those points*.

Tota fela ke utlwile *points* tsa ga Tona wa *Finance* yo e leng VP, yo e bileng ke mo rata thata, gore o tlhalositse gore ka ke motho yo o tlhalosang ka bophara nako e ntsi, gore kana kadimo e ke e e batlang go leka go baakanya *deficit* e re nang le yone *right now, sustaining services of Government*, a bo a tlhalosa ka kgang ya gore *it is a much-needed resource*. *We need some resources that have to be procured go duela salaries le to protect Batswana ba ba beileng mo Pusong for services.*

Ke tsaya gore o bua ka batho ba ba tshwanang le batlhoki, banalebogole, bana ba ba tsenngwang dikole ke Puso; *all different beneficiaries of social protection funds* tse re nang le tsone mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a go utlwa Tona ka fa o buang ka teng. Se ke neng ke eleditse thata gore ke bue ka sone ke gore e kete le fa re dira jaana, gongwe re kope mongwame ka bokgoni jo o nang le jone gore o re bolelele tota jaaka ke ne ke utlwa *Honourable Tshere* a ne a bua. Ke gone fa ke mo tlatsang teng ntsalake fa a re *everything must be transparent*. *I think we need to know exactly* gore madi a fa a tsena, a ya go dira eng. Ga re batle selo se e leng gore e tlaare kgantele gongwe madi a bo e le gore a somogile a ile golo gongwe, kwa a tlaa felelang a re direla mo gotweng *debt burden* e re buang ka yone ka gore ga re a a isa kwa a tshwanetseng go ya teng. Ga ke reye wena *in particular, because you must have all good intentions* ka gore *you make sure* gore madi a dirisiwa sentle. Ba o nang le bone, ba e leng babereki ba gago, gongwe ba felela ba somotse madi ba a isitse golo gongwe. Mo go rayang gore *we should have proper controls, internal controls* tse di tlaa laolang, mme e bile *guidelines* ka gore *loans* tse di ntseng jaana fa di tswa koo, re di isa mo le mo.

Ga ke itse gore a ke tlaabo ke go kopa mo go feteletseng Tona fa ke go raya ke re golo foo, go tlaa batla gore le wena nako nngwe o dire *statement* mo Palamenteng, gongwe o tle go re bolelela ka *cost saving measures* tse o nang le tsone o le *Ministry* wa *Finance*. O nne

*open. Unlike* se se neng sa diragala re bona fela mo maranyaneng maloba gotwe Government Purchase Orders (GPOs) *are held*, go rileng, gongwe re le Mapalamente re bala fela mo *social media*, mme tota ba sa re *brief* gore go tsamaya jang. Ga ke itse gore a go botlhokwa gore Puso e dire jalo, *but* ke tsaya gore go ya ka nna, a go ka pala gore Puso e dire jalo. Go botlhokwa gore fa re na le wena re le Mapalamente, fa o tla kwa go rona o re kopa se o se re kopang, o nne o re *brief* ka dilo tse di ntseng jaana, *gore these are some of our cost saving measures at Ministry of Finance. So that as an oversight* ya Puso, re latedise (*follow*) go bona gore a mme go diragala ka fa o re supegeditseng ka teng.

Seven Hundred and Fifty Million (P750 000 000), ke na le tshepho ya gore *unlike* ka fa Rre Tshere a buang ka teng le fa a re ke batla go mo lotlhanya le wena, ke ne ke gakgamala gore kana ke tsaya gore *with the experience that we have*, o tsere *calculator* wa *calculate* wa bona gore mo seemong se ke leng mo go sone ke ka adima bokana. Ke tsaya gore go ntse jalo *and* ke dumela gore madi a o a adimang a, go ya ka nna, o tsaya gore a tlaa thusa mo lebakeng le le rileng, a thusa Batswana gore ba kgone gore ba tswelele, ba *sustain* matshelelo a bone. *So*, ke sone se ke reng gongwe ke tshepha gore madi a o a ntshitseng a P750 million, ke a e rileng fa o kopana le *economists* le *accountants* tsa gago, la dumalana gore ke ya kwa Palamenteng, ke ya go kopa bokana. Kana tota se rona se re tshwanetseng go se dira fela ka gore re emetse Batswana. Ga re ka ke ra dumela go bona diemo tse re bonang Batswana ba tshela ka tsone, ka e ne e re kgwedi e fela o bo o utlwa gotwe *Old Age Pensioners* ga ba amogela, gotwe madi ga a yo.

Ke dilo tse e leng gore kwa kgaolong ya me ya Kgatleng, ba a nteletsa, rraetsho jaanong Puso, kana e bile ba bangwe ba dumela gore le nna ke a busa jaaka ba itse ke tshela ke ba bolelele ke re ke a busa, ba dumela gore ke mongwe wa batho ba ba itseng gore ke eng ba sa duelwe ka nako, *because it is very common all over the country* gore *pensioners* fa kgwedi e fela ba tshwanetse ba amogele, go tlaabo gotwe madi ga a ise a tle, mme ga ke ise ke nne *pensioner* jaaka fa monna yo a ne a bua. Ke tsaya gore gongwe batho ba ba tshwanang le bo Rre Gobotswang, *they can actually be privy to this* gore go a diragala gore fa gongwe fa go tshwanetswe gore go amogelwe, madi ga a yo.

Dilo tse fela jaaka o ne o bua Tona, gore tota *you want to protect citizens who depend on Government*, mme e bile jaaka re e tsere jaana, *we should do exactly that,*

*protect citizens who depend on Government.* Ga re batle *crisis* e e tlaareng kamoso re bo re utlwa gotwe *old age pensioners* ga ba a duelwa *because* ga go na madi. *That is why* ke ema ka dinao ke go *support* le fa ke le mo bontlha bongwe jwa Ntlo e.

Ke kgatlhilwe ke mafoko a o a buileng, a nne le nna ke ka a bua fa nne ke le wena. Go adima ga go monate, *but we cannot depend on borrowing* fa o le motho, fela jaaka o ne o bua. *You cannot depend on borrowing*, ke raya le o le Goromente. *Individual, Government cannot depend on borrowing.* O ka se ka wa tshela sentle. Sekoloto kana ga se tshedise sentle *Honourable* Wynter Mmolotsi. O a itse gore fa o kolota motho, *every phone call* e e tsenang o akanya gore o tlaabo a batla sekoloto sa gagwe. Ga o tshele sentle, *therefore it is very important for you Minister with the ability* e o nang le yone, gore o re thuse gore dikoloto tse re kgone go di duela ka nako, mme e bile re berekele go di emisa.

Re a itse gore go tswa kgakala le kwa Pusong e fetileng, re ne re ntse re adima, le dumalana le rona le lona. *Honourable* Mmolotsi e bile ene kana e ne e le mongwe wa ntlha fela go ema ka dinao a bo a re nna mo boemong jwa batho ba Francistown, ke dumalana le lona gore le ka adima, *as long as* le ya go thusa batho ba Francistown ka se le se. Le nna ke rialo *this time around, I am sitting this side saying the same thing* se o neng o se bua nako ya fa re santse re le mo setilong.

Ke tsaya gore kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go wela ka yone ka gore nako ya me e setse e fedile, ke ya gore *Minister, do not leave us in the lurch. Do not leave us with speculations.* Leka gore o tseye sebaka o re bolelele gore *what are some of the cost saving measures that you have put in place as a Minister or ministry.* Re kgone gore re nne le *hope* ya gore e re fa o tla *next time* o re o a adima, re go botse gore a se le se le se, se o neng o re boleletse gore o ya go se dira *to save the costs*, o se dirile. O se ka wa tla mo go rona ka *surprises*, ga le a tshwanela go lebega jaaka Puso ya *surprises*. Fa gongwe ke a tle ke re Botswana Congress Party (BCP) bone ba boleletswe kana rona re maDomkrag, e bile re nna re sotlwa fela gotwe go fitlhetswe matlo a nkga gotweng, gongwe ga re bolelelwe. Wena ke a itse gore ga o ka ke wa dira jalo.

Se ke neng ke se emela Motlotlegi Tona ke gore, ke lebogetse *presentation* ya gago ka fa o o neng o e baya ka teng. Ke a itse gore dilo tse o di buang le maloba fa o bua ka *Budget Speech*, o buile wa re *you will not steal a coin or a note from Government coffers and I believe you.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Go a bonala gore batlotlegi botlhe fela ba dumalana le Tshutiso e, e bile ba tshwenyegile ka seemo sa itsholelo. Batlotlegi botlhe ba bona botlhokwa jwa gore re kopanele tiro e, re eme ka dinao go sa kgalhalesege gore mebala re e apara e ntse jang. Ke ba leboge, ke lebogele mafoko le dikgakololo tsa bone.

Motlotlegi Moalosi o supa fa a dumalana thata, mme o na le dikgakololo. O dumela gore Goromente ka fa a segegileng ka teng mo sebakeng sa gompieno, ga a dire go lekane go kgobokanya madi a lekgetho a a leng mo dikgwebong. Ke mo reye ke re ke boammaaruri, ka fa Goromente mo sebakeng sa gompieno a agegileng ka teng ga re kgobokanye madi a lekgetho mo go lekaneng. Re dumalane go re go na le lenaneo le le šha; bontlha bongwe jwa lenaneo le le fetile e le molao kwa makgetho o o setseng o fetile le melao ya makgetho e e santseng e le mo tseleng, e le bontlha bongwe jwa go simolodisa go ema ka dinao. Go ema ka dinao mo, go akaretsa go dirisa *machines* tse di rileng mo dikgwebong ka bophara tse e leng gore gone foo ba lekgetho ba BURS ba tlaabo ba na le gore ba duedise lekgetho, e bile ba tlaa kgona go tlhodumela gore a madi a a tsena kana ga a tsene mo dikgwebong. Go na le lenaneo gape fa godimo ga leo teng kwa BURS, la go oketsa bodiredi ke balela ba ba bidiwang *Tax Auditors* le *Inspectors*. Ke bone ba ba tsamayang ba ntse ba tlhodumela gore a dikgwebo, ka boammaaruri ba duela makgetho a bone.

O supa gape gore tota re tshwanetse gore..., e bile o tladiwa ke motlotlegi wa *Professor* gore ga re a tshwanela go itebatsa gore fa Goromente a tšhonne le batho ba tšhonne, mme re se ka ra tšhonela mo bathong ka go ba lefisa mo go feteletseng. Ke kgang e re dumalanang rotlhe ka yone, ke lone lebaka la gore Matona a rona ba mo lenaneong la go buisana, ke itse gore Matona a rona a a buisana mo maphateng ka go farologana a e leng gore a lefisa setšhaba ka bophara, go buisana le go utlwa gore setšhaba sa reng.

Se re se dumalaneng gape ke gore, botlhokwa jwa go kgobokanya madi mo setšhabeng, se se tlaa kgontshang tiro ga se mo go oketseng thata, go lefisa. Se se tlaa oketsang e bile se tokafatsa go kgobokanya makgetho, ke tsamaiso e e tsepameng ya segompieno ya maranyane, e Motlotlegi Tshere a e tshwereng ka matseseleko. Ke tsholofelo ya rona gore fa re le mo lenaneong la go tokafatsa maranyane, ke one a tlaa re kgontshang go kgobokanya mo go lekaneng.

Motlotlegi Moalosi o bua gape gore gongwe ga a bone kana ga a utlwe sentle mananeo a a leng teng, a a tlaa re ntshang mo lehuting le re leng mo go lone re le tšhaba ya Botswana. Ke re go gontsi thata mo re go dirang, re tlhalositse mo *Budget Speech* le mo mananeong a a tshwanang le BETP a a itebagantseng le go kabakanya itsholelo. A simolotse go dira jalo e bile go setse go simolotse go itshupa, bogolo jang mo mohameng wa temothuo, ka gore re setse re simolola go tsena mo mebarakeng kwa moseja e re ntseng re se mo go yone. Re tsene mo lenaneong la gore tse re dirang re di dire ka natla le botswerere, di se ka tsa buiwa fela ka molomo le mo dipampiring. Ka mantswe a mangwe, re emetse kgang e ya *execution and implementation* ka dinao. Maduo a go emela ditirelo tsa setšhaba tsa go rulaganya le go lomaganya, a setse a simolotse go itshupa. E le lantlha, beke le beke Tautona le Matona ba bona dipego tsa gore re tsamaya fa kae mo *projects* ka go farologana. Re a itse gore ga re ise re goroge kwa re tshwanetseng go ya teng, *it is not yet uhuru*, mme go a iponatsa gore tema e simolotse.

Re na le mananeo a a simolotseng go ungwa ke balela le dikgwebo tse Goromente a leng mo go tsone kana a kopanetseng mo go tsone. Dingwe tsa tsone di neng di latlhegelwa fela thata mo malobeng, mme di setse di simolotse go itshupa jaaka bo Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), National Development Bank (NDB), re a e godisa, e ya go gola fela thata go feta kwa e leng teng. Go adimisanya madi ka tsela e e botlhale go a gola, le melao ya teng re a e fetola gore e kgona go ikadimela madi kwa ntle ga ga Goromente. Re bona le dikompone di tshwana le Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), re oketsa madirelo a yone gore e dire melemo le go feta, gore e rekise ka bokete mo mafatsheng a mangwe gore e kgone go tsenya letseno le le bonalang. Ke ditiro tse re di simolodisitseng ka mašhetla, mme e le dikompone tsa ga Goromente tse di ntseng di latlhegelwa ke madi fela thata, mme go lebega go sena ope yo o lemogang. Jaanong re di tsentsa leitlho le le ntšhontšho, re hemela mo lelaleng ya tsone, le bone ba a lemoga gore re tshwanetse go fetola ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng.

Le baitseanape re ba kgobokantse ba rona ba ga Goromente, le ba ba tswang go sele ba dibanka di tshwana le bo African Development Bank, gore a re akantshaneng gore re ka tlhabolola jang ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng. Le tlaa bona maduo, a tlaa simolola go itshupa. Se ke se le rurifaletsang ke gone gore, re eme ka dinao rotlhe le bodiredi jwa ga Goromente, go

tokafatsa kwa re ntseng re sa dire sentle re le Goromente wa Botswana. Jaaka ke bua, ga re ise re goroge kwa re eletsang go goroga teng, *it is not yet uhuru*.

Rre Mabuse; ke lebogela mafoko a gago le wena motlotlegi, o bua gore wena ga o eletse go kganela sepe se o dumelang gore se tlaa thusa Batswana. O supa Batswana ba ba tshwanang le bagodi ba ba sa kgoneng go itlhokomela, gore tota ga o eletse gore sepe se ka kgoreletsa gore dithuso di goroge kwa bathong ba go nna jalo. O supa gape gore, wena o eletsa kwa dilo di dirwang mo pontsheng, gore o kare fa gongwe le le Mapalamente le tingwa dikgang, ga le rerisiwe mo go lekaneng. Ke dumalana le wena gore, e ntse go tswa bogologolo re sa rerisane le Mapalamente mo go lekaneng. E setse e le ngwao, mme re dumalane rotlhe gore ngwao e e fetoge, mme kana ngwao ga e fetoge letsatsi le le lengwefela, mme re simolotse. Le ba dikomiti tsa Palamente ke ka go bolelela gore ba gagametse ka fa re ntseng re ba rerisa ka teng. Ba nna fela ba le mo therisong, gompiano ba ne ba le mo teng, maloba ba ne ba le mo teng, beke e e fetileng ba ne ba le mo teng. Maloba re ne re tswa kwa Pitsong ya makgetho, ya thekiso dithoto, ya banana. Ra re ga go ise go lekane, ga re ise re goroge kwa re tshwanetseng go ya teng, mme o tshwanetse go dumalana gore mosepele o simolotse. Ngwao e re tlaa e jwala, re e nosetsa, mme re sa e dire re le nosi, re e dira re le mmogo ka kgothatso ya lona le ntse le tswelela le re goga ka dijase.

O supa gape gore ka mabaka a gore go dira dilo mo pontsheng go bothokwa, o ka rata thata fa o ka nna o bona ke tla fa ke tlhalosa le go feta, jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa. Ke re, eo re a e amogela gore ke tlaa tswelela ke tlhalosa dikgang, ke tlaa di tlhalosa go fitlhelela o nthaya o re, hei! o a re lapisa jaanong...

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

**MR GAOLATHE:** Ke a amogela mafoko a gago a mantle a o a buang ka ga nna, ke re ke a go leboga fela thata, Modimo o go segofatse.

Le wena Motlotlegi Rre Tshere; ke leboegele kgothatso le tshedimosetso ya gago e o tlhalosang gore, re le Goromente wa Botswana yo mosh, ga re ka ke ra ya gope go fitlhela re baakanya tse tsa maranyane. Tsa go dira dilo sesha re dirisa maranyane a masha. Mme o tlaa tlhalosa nako e setse e gorogile tse o setseng o di dirile, mme di le dintsi. Dikgang di dintsi, ga se tse di ka felang. Mme fela tla ke tlhalose ke re, fa bangwe ba ntse ba tlhalosa gore a madi a a dirisiwe sentle, e le dikgang

tse re di amogelang, e bile di le matshwanedi, ke le gakolole jaaka ke le gakolotse maabane gore, re fetisitse kabo ya madi a setšhaba sa Botswana gone fa, re setse re dumalane gore madi a dirisiwa mo go eng. E bile re setse re dumalane gone fa gore letseno la rona le kwa tlase go feta se re se dumalaneng gore re tshwanetse go se dira re le lefatshe la Botswana. Ka gore letseno le kwa tlase go feta se re se dumalaneng, go raya gore pharologanyo e makgoa ba e bitsang *deficit*, re tshwanetse go adima madi, gore tsotlhe tse re di dumalaneng re ya go di direla Batswana, re ya go di dira le Batswana, re di dire go sena ope yo o nang le seipato.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, se re se dirang gone jaanong ke go simolodisa, go rurifatsa, go tsamaisa se re se setseng re se dumalane. Ke gore madi a ga a ye gope kwa re sa dumalanang teng. Fa madi a a ka dirisetswa sepe se re sa se dumalanang, le tlaa bona mo dipampiring, go tlaa itshupa gore ke eng o kare madi a a ile kwa mme re dumalane gore a a ya kwa bagoding, ditseleng, matamong, diporong, barutabaneng, dilo tse re setse re di dumalane. Ga re dire sepe se sesha, re dira se re se dumalaneng. Jaanong nako ya go bua e fetile, ke nako jaaka re simolotse go dira, ga gona sepe se sesha se re se dirang. Ke tshimologo fela ya go dira se re setseng re se dumalane rotlhe.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *I therefore move that the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) (No.1) Bill, 2026 (No. 7 of 2026) be read for the second time.* Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee-**Later Today.**

**STANDARD CHARTERED BANK  
BOTSWANA LIMITED (LOAN  
AUTHORISATION) (NO. 2) BILL, 2026  
(NO. 8 OF 2026)**

**Second Reading**

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present the Second Reading of the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) (No. 2) Bill, 2026 (No. 8 of 2026), which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary of the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.

Mr Speaker, I have stood before this Honourable House on several occasions to speak candidly about the difficult economic situation facing our country. Today, I do so again, not as a matter of routine, but out of necessity.

Government is operating under severe fiscal constraints. Despite the painful austerity measures we have implemented, measures that have required sacrifice from our people, expenditure pressures remain high, while revenues have not recovered as we had hoped for.

Mr Speaker, there have been months where Government has had to confront a very real and uncomfortable question, will we be able to meet our obligations at the end of the month?

This is not a theoretical concern, it is a lived reality. It has meant delays, difficult choices, and at times, it has meant the slowing down of projects that our people depend on. It has affected service delivery, constrained development and has placed pressure on businesses that rely on Government for payments.

Mr Speaker, this is the context within which we must make decisions that are not of convenience, but of responsibility, and in light of these challenges, Government has had to take deliberate and proactive steps to safeguard the stability of our economy and ensure continuity in service delivery.

Accordingly, we have engaged with several commercial banks and other financial institutions to support us in addressing immediate liquidity pressures, as well as provide financing for critical Government projects planned for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Mr Speaker, these arrangements are not taken lightly as they are driven by the need to ensure that Government continues to function, that development does not come to a standstill, and that the aspirations of our people are not delayed any further.

Mr Speaker, one of the key facilities that Government has successfully secured is the EUR400 million facility from Standard Chartered Bank Botswana. This facility is supported by a guarantee from the World Bank Group through the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, commonly known as MIGA. In simple terms, this guarantee acts as an insurance mechanism on the loan.

What this means is that part of the risk associated with this borrowing is absorbed by a highly reputable multilateral institution. As a result, lenders are more confident, and Government is able to access financing at significantly lower interest rates than would otherwise be possible.

Mr Speaker, this is a clear example of Government's commitment to not only securing funding, but doing so in a manner that is responsible, cost-effective and in the best interest of the nation.

Mr Speaker, the proceeds from this facility will be directed towards financing strategic infrastructure projects that are critical to the lives of our people, specifically, three major water projects and one key energy project. These are not just projects on paper, they speak directly to the daily realities of our citizens. We are talking access to reliable water, access to energy and the dignity that comes with both.

These investments are about ensuring that our communities are not left behind, that businesses can operate effectively, and that our economy is supported by the infrastructure it needs to grow.

Mr Speaker, this is how we translate borrowing into tangible impact by investing in projects that improve lives, projects that strengthen resilience and projects that secure the future of our nation. The funds will be used to finance strategic infrastructure projects; three water projects and one on energy.

Mr Speaker, these projects were selected based on their readiness, inclusion in the 2026/2027 financial year and alignment with the policy objectives of our financing partners. Other projects that support economic growth will be financed through alternative sources. The selected projects are as follows:

**(a) Kanye and Moshupa Water Supply Distribution Network Rehabilitation**

The project is for the rehabilitation and reticulation of water distribution network in Kanye and Moshupa. Mr Speaker, this project is estimated at P1 billion and is ready for procurement. The project covers the entire Kanye village, feeder lines, reservoirs, Telemetry & SCADA, and Moshupa village reticulation. The project is ready for procurement and its estimated project duration is 36 months.

**(b) Molepolole Water Supply Network**

Rehabilitation and reticulation of water distribution and Sanitation network in Molepolole. Despite sufficient water supply from the newly completed Gamononyane-Molepolole North South Carrier (NSC) project, there is still inadequate water distribution in the village due to dilapidated existing water pipes, undersized water

pipes and insufficient water supply infrastructure. The estimated project duration is 24 months, and the project is at tender evaluation stage.

**(c) Francistown (Mambo) Waste Water Scheme**

The project broadly entails:

- (i) Rehabilitation of the ponds system, pipelines and pump stations;
- (ii) Refurbishment and Upgrading of the Treatment Plant from 15ML/Day to 30ML/Day;
- (iii) Rehabilitation of all wastewater pump stations within the Francistown/Tonota/Tati Siding sewer network;
- (iv) Remedial works of the wastewater collection system; and
- (v) Installation of telemetry equipment.
- (vi) The estimated project duration is 36 months and the project is ready for procurement.

**(d) The North-West Transmission Grid Connection Phase 2 (NWTG II) Project**

This is a high-impact national infrastructure initiative identified by Government of Botswana as critical to the country's economic transformation, energy security and regional integration agenda. The project is formally included in the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and the Botswana National Energy Compact, underscoring its strong policy alignment and strategic importance. This project is designed to expand power transmission capacity in the northern Botswana and has been divided into two main components: Lot 5 and Lot 6. The project is implementation ready.

Mr Speaker, these projects will be implemented during the 2026/2027 financial year, and are expected to significantly improve service delivery, stimulate economic activity, and support long-term development outcomes for our country.

The terms of the loan are as follows:

- (i) Loan amount:** EUR400 million
- (ii) Interest rate:** Euribor (2.59 per cent plus 1.6 per cent (All in interest rate of 4.19 per cent).
- (iii) Tenure:** 15 years
- (iv) Grace Period:** five years

Mr Speaker, the ministry has engaged extensively with the lenders, and has successfully negotiated this facility on terms that are both favourable and aligned with Government's fiscal objectives.

One of the most important features of this loan is the grace period of five years, which will provide Government with the necessary breathing space to implement critical reforms aimed at restoring fiscal stability.

Mr Speaker, this grace period is not merely a financial provision, it is a strategic window. It allows Government the time to advance its programme of economic recovery, strengthen revenue performance, and accelerate its agenda for economic diversification, without the immediate pressure of debt servicing.

Mr Speaker, this ensures that the facility supports not only our present needs, but also our long-term vision for a more resilient and sustainable economy. This facility is not merely about financing, it is about ensuring that Government remains able to serve its people, honour its obligations, and invest in the future of this nation. It is about acting responsibly in difficult times and making decisions that protect both our economy and our citizens.

Mr Speaker, I therefore move that the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (No. 8 of 2026), be read for the second time. I thank you Mr Speaker.

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

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

**MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker. The Right Honourable Speaker*, jaaka Mothusa Tautona, e bile e le Tona ya Madi a tlhalosa seemo se, gore fa re sa adime, re tloga re tsena mo seemong se se makgwakgwa go ya ka dipuo tsa gagwe tse a tleng a di bue. Ga se gore re tloga re tsena mo seemong se se diphatsa, *we are already in that situation*. Re mo seemong se e leng gore *Government is struggling to meet its obligations*. Ke supa gore ke eng ke re, ga se seemo se re tlaa tsenang mo go sone, ke se re setseng re le mo go sone *already*. Fa e le gore ga re na go adima, go raya gore re tlaa tswelela re le mo isong. Ke gore fela re tlamege, le fa gone go le botlhoko go itumelela sekoloto. Go le botlhoko go bona re le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana. Ka fa re bonang Puso e e teng, e dirisa bonnyennyane jo re nang le jone ka teng, re bona ba tlatatlala dinaga tse tsothle, ba siana ka dilo tse di sa ameng mme batho ba sa amogege.

Gompiano go na le batho ba ba sa amogeleng madi a bone. Go na le batho ba ba kolotiwang ke Puso, ba ba isitseng ditirelo kwa Pusong mme ba sa kgona go duelwa. Re a itse gore batho ba ba isitseng *services* kwa Pusong fa ba sa duelwe, itsholelo ya lefatshe le gongwe le gongwe fela le kwa magaeng, ga e tsamaye. Seemo sa lehuma, se tswelela go ya kwa pele. Madi *to circulate* mo bathong gore ba a amogane a tswe mo semausung se, a ye go reka podi, a tswe mo go se, a ye go reka nku, a tswe mole motho a kgone go ya go reka tee ka one, ga a nne teng. Seemo se, se re tlama gore re felele re dumalana gore a Puso bogolo ka ga e na tsela epe e e ka bonang madi ka one, fa e se gone go adima fela, go batla dikoloto. Go fetlha itsholelo ka tsela e nngwe, go lebega *plan* ya teng e seyo. Go raya gore re tlamega gore re felele re tsamaela kwa dikolotong.

*Mr Speaker*, fa ke bua jaana, go na le barutabana ba e leng gore *marked the exams*, bana ba setse ba bone maduo a bone, bone ga ba a bona dituelo tsa bone. Ke diemo tse di supang gore tota madi ga a yo. Batho ba berekile, ba bangwe ga ba duelwe. Badirelapuso ba tlhela go duelwa ka nako. Badirelapuso le ba dikhansela tse di farologanyeng, ga ba duelwe ka nako. Fa gongwe ba fetisa le beke ba ise ba duelwe, gotwe go setse go kharwakharwa gore go ka bonwa kae. Go supa fela gore one madi ga a yo. Go re tlama gore re go eme nokeng le fa go le botlhoko. Re go eme nokeng go adima, bogolo batho ba se ka ba wela mo isong, go sha go nyelela. Ke sone fela se se tlaa dirang gore re go eme nokeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Fa re boela mo *projects* tse o di buang ka *loan* e, nna go nkutlwa botlhoko. Re ne re le mmogo kwa Tsau *Honourable* VP, o bona batho ba lefelo le o goletseng mo go lone, le le go dirileng se o leng sone, ba bua ka letlhoko la metsi. Ba bua gore ga go na le fa e le se ba se nwang, o le teng ba go lebile. Ba go bolelela ka dipelo tse di botlhoko, batsadi ba ba go godisitseng. Gompiano fa o bua ka *projects* tse o di dirang, ga o ba umake le fa e le gope gore *projects* tse di ya go re ama ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kadimo e, e ya go re ama ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

O a itse gompiano gore go na le *a plant that collapsed*. Fa e le gore Rre Ramogapi le Rre Motsamai ga ba a go bolelela, go na le metse e merataro ya Bodibeng, Bothatogo, Kareng, Sehithwa, Legotlhwana le Toteng *that depend on a plant* ya Semolo e e sa bolong go wa. Dikompone ga di bolo go emisiwa tse di tshwanetseng go dira tiro eo mme ga o umake sepe fela. O bua ka

metsi fela. Re tlhola re utlwa gotwe metsi a mantsi kwa Molepolole le Kanye. Rona ba o itseng gore ga go na le fa e le thothi epe fela ya metsi gone koo...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Hang on Honourable Member; order! Honourable Members, when you debate, le ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 57.1. Le se ele tlhoko thata. Setlhogo se tlhamaletse fela, ga se matswakabele. Le itebaganye le sone.*

...Silence...

#### “EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

**MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG):** Good afternoon Honourable Members. Continue Honourable Hikuama.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga. Mma ke go dumedise *mongwashadi* gore o bo o gorogile, kana ke tloga ke bolawa ke *Honourable* Aaron ka gore le bitswa fela ke ene. Re a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke ne ke e tshwere, ke utlwa botlhoko fa o tsena fa, ke bua ka letlhoko la metsi le fa go buiwa ka sekoloto se se yang go leka go itebaganya le dikgang tsa metsi. Ke supa gore kwa ke tswang teng kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng, e ke romilweng ke batho ba Maun West, go na le *a plant that has collapsed*. Go a itsiwe gore e sule, e bile e ne e filwe konteraka gore e dirwe, go padile e tsamaile. Ga go buiwe sepe sa gore re ya go thusiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go buiwa mafelo a mangwe.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR HIKUAMA:** I yield for honourable.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Elucidation Honourable Monageng.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kana o ne o bua ka gore batho bangwe ba kile ba bua gore metsi a teng kwa Molepolole, mme ga o a e tlhatswa gore ba ne ba sa bue boammaaruri. Metsi ga a yo kwa Molepolole, re ntse re mo lenyoreng, re letetse Goramente wa UDC gore P3.8 *billion* yo o buiwang, e re gongwe *in two years* metsi a bo a le teng. Ke a leboga.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Go utlwa botlhoko Rre Monageng fa e le gore seemo se ntse jalo, mme mo Palamenteng re fiwa *impression*. Le *Honourable* Motsamai o ne a bua gore metsi a teng kwa Molepolole. Fa e le gore go buiwa dikgang tse di senang boammaaruri, go utlwa botlhoko. Gompiano Rre Khan o a lela ka gore go ne

go sa buiwe boammaaruri. Fa e le gore Matona a a re bolelelang mo Palamenteng ga a bue boammaaruri, ke dilo tse di utlwisang botlhoko. Morwaeng o ne a bua jalo, Rre Motsamai o ne a bua jalo mo Palamenteng e ya bo 13. Dikgang tse di ntseng jalo di utlwiwa botlhoko, ga re a tshwanela go tshameka ka maikutlo a batho ba le mo lenyoreng. Ga re a tshwanela gore e re re kgalhiwa ke go busa re itumelela ditilo tsa rona tsa go busa, re bo re e ja batho setshego ba le mo botlhokong. Modimo o tlaa le bona fa le ka tswelala ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Mma ke boele kwa ntlheng ya me ke e feleetse sentle. *Honourable Minister and Your Honour the VP*, batho kwa Maun West ba a swa ba a nyelela ke lenyora mme ga o ba umake. Ga go supagale o tlaa ba umaka gope ka fa ke bonang ka teng. Re jele eng, e bile batho ba ba go godisitse? Re madimabe go le kae gore e re batho ba buiwa gotwe ba ya go direlwa metsi, rona go bo go nna go sena sepe se se umakiwang? Seemo se itsiwe ke mongwe le mongwe, le ene VP o a se itse. Se ga o se itse ka dipampiri le *reports*, o se itse ka go se bona ka o ne wa ya gone koo wa bona batho ba fodile *line* ba foletse *bowser*.

Le gompiano *bowser* eo fa re bua jaana, go na le bothata jwa gore ga e kgone *to service* batho bao. Gompiano bana ba Sekgoma ga ba kgone go apeelwa dijo, dikole di a tswalwa, barutabana ba a tswala go sena gore le yone *toilet* ba ka e tsamaya ka gore ga gona metsi a ba ka a dirisang. Batho ba simolotse go lwela sekgwa le dinoga gore ba ye kwa go sone ka ntata ya metsi. Ga o bue sepe gore seemo se se ntseng jaana sa batho ba ba setseng ba itlhobogile ba dule mo matlong a Sekgoa a a agilweng, ba setse ba inaakantse le naga gore bogolo ba ithuse ka yone ka gore mo matlong ga gona ka fa ba ka dirang ka teng. Ke boammaaruri *Leader of the House*, o ntibile ka pelo e e botlhoko mme go ntse jalo. *I am not exaggerating*. Ke seemo se se ntseng jalo. *Honourable Philemon Aaron* a re go na le go tshutshuma batho ba itumetse ba phatsima, rona re a phatsima gone mo, batho kwa ba mo mathateng. Ga o bue sepe, ke boela mo go yone *Your Honour*. Ga re na metsi, fa sekoloto se se sena go tla, o re akanyetse kana o ye go tsaya se sengwe gape se itebaganye le kgaolo ya rona e e nyelelang ka letlhoko la metsi.

*Madam Speaker*, *difficult circumstances* tse o di buang, *difficult environment* e re e buang, rona ga se e e tlaa re etelang, ke e re setseng re le mo go yone. Fa ke rebola madi, e bile ke batla gore le bone ba ba tlang re emise go nganga gore *loan* e e fete o ye go batla e nngwe gape ka bonako re tle go e dumela gompiano ka gore seemo se se makgwakgwa.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** E go tshwere *Honourable Hikuama*.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

**MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI):** Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Mma le nna ke eme fa ke kgwe dikgaba Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi mo dikopong tse a re di bayang pele mo letsatsing la gompiano. Kana ga gona ope yo o ka ganang fa go kopiwa madi mo seemong se re iphitlhelang re le mo go sone. Ke re gongwe ke latlhele di le pedi, di le tharo ka gore re ya go fitlhela re bua selo se le sengwefela letsatsi lotlhe.

Sa me fela sa ntlha Tona e bile o le Mothusa Tautona, e ne e le go botsa gore ka gore re adima madi mo lefatsheng le la Botswana, ke eng e re re a adima, re bo re adima ka Euros, *especially* e le *such a long term loan* e re yang go fitlhela re tsamaya mo go yone bo 20 years? A ga re ye go fitlhela *currency fluctuation* e re turiseditse madi, a bo re fitlhela re duetse *most probably two or three times more than what we had borrowed?* Re a itse gore *currency* ya rona ya Pula ga e kgone go lepalepana le ya mafatshe a bo Europe le bo mang. O fitlhela ya rona e ntse e wela kwa tlase mo dingwageng tse fa re ntse re lebelela re ithuta go tswa kwa morago. Ya rona e wela kwa tlase nako le nako, ya bone e ntse e gola, e nna bokete *at all times*. Ke ne ke ipotsa gore ke eng e sa re fa re buisanya le dibanka tse di mo gae tse, ra kopa. Ke a itse gore *you are saying that this loan has got the mega guarantee insurance scheme* e e kgonang go e fa *credit worthiness* e ntsi. Ke ne ke tshosiwa fela ke gore madi a Euro kana a kgona gore a ture, o fitlhela a feta a rona.

Tona, mo pegong e o neng o e baya la ntlha, o ne wa tlhalosa gore Southern African Customs Union (SACU) ke yone e re tsenyetsang madi mo nakong ya gompiano mo lefatsheng le la Botswana. Re beile thata mo go yone. Ke re ke botse gore a le kile la lebelela gore, a go ka direga gore re fitlhele SACU le yone e sa kgone go tsenya madi? Ke lebeletse dintwa tse di diragalang mo lefatsheng, re itse gore *our import and our exports* di berekisanya le lefatshe la South Africa, ke lone le le tsenyang madi a mantsi. Ka ntata ya dintwa tse di diragalang mo lefatsheng, o ya go fitlhela e le gore gongwe dikompone tse di kwa South Africa kana Namibia, di felela di tswetse, e bo madi a re neng re ntse re a bona mo SACU a wela kwa tlase. *What are the chances of that*, gore re iphitlhele jaanong re le mo mathateng re sa kgone go duela *loans* tse go ya kwa pele? Ke ne ke re ke botse eo fela ke sedimose.

Kgang e nngwe e e builweng thata *Your Honour* le maabane, ke gore re batla go oketsa *our threshold* ya go adima madi *from 40 per cent to 60 per cent*. Bakaulengwe ba ne ba ntse ba bua gore mafatshe a a bapileng; ke tlaa lebagana gongwe fela le Namibia, le re bapileng le lone. Le lone le tsamaya kwa go 70 bo 80 *per cent*. *In my own view*, ke dumela gore Namibia *can even go to 400 per cent because of the discovery* ya oil. *They have something* se ba tsepileng matlho a bone mo go sone, *which is about to transform that country and economy to the highest level and almost maybe make it the wealthiest country in the region* ka oils tse ba di boneng. Rona jaaka fa o bua mongwame o re re ne re fetisa madi, re ne re bua bo BETP, re ne re bua bo eng. Ga gona *projects* dipe tse re tsepameng mo go tsone *that can transform this country*, ke tse di yang go re tsamaisa *on a day to day basis* di re tshetsa.

Fa o tsaya *loan* e o re e beileng pele e, re a e tlhoka, re a e batla. *Projects* tsa yone ke tsa *development*. *Maybe they will run for two or three years* di bo di fela, ga di na go tlhola di tsenya letseno go tswa *foo to service these loans*. Ke ne ke botsa gore *is it a good plan* gore a bo re tsenya madi *into these developments*? *Yes*, re a di tlhoka, ke dumela gore re tlhoka metsi le *sewerage system* kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng ya Gabane-Mmankgodi. Ke ne ke lebelela gore a mme tsone tse e tla a re phelelong di tlaa re tsenyetsa madi a a rileng?

E nngwe e ke batlang go e latlhela *Your Honour* ke *transparency* e e neng e ntse e buiwa. Le wena o buile gore o tlaa tla go tlhalosa. Maloba Moeteledipele wa Diphathi tsa Kganetso o ne a botsa potso ka *profitability* ya Botswana Railways *but I can tell you that the Minister was not able to give substantive answer* e e ka supang gore *there is a turnaround* mo dikgwebong tse Goromente a di kopanetseng le dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi. Gompiano o ne o bua gore le setse le bona lesedi, le bona *something significant to show* gore *there is a turnaround* mo dikgwebong tse. *It is very important that* gore gongwe e le wena motshwaramadi, o ba neela madi, o ba kope ba tle go tlhalosetsa Palamente go re itsa gore re se ka ra nna le dikakanyo tse di rileng tse e leng gore re nna re akanyetsa kwa pele. Fa dilo di sa buiwe, di sa tlhalosiwe sentle, kgantele re felela re nna le dikakanyo tsa rona.

E nngwe e ke neng ke e bona maabane ke ya banka. Ke ne ke bona mo dipampiring gotwe *an advisor* wa Puso ya gago o filwe *licence* ya banka *in a very dubious way* ka bofefo jo bo rileng. Ke bo ke lebelela gore gompiano *we are also increasing our threshold from 40 to 60 per*

*cent, are we not preparing this bank* gore e bo e simolola gore e re adime madi? E dirisiwa *as a channel* go adima lefatshe la Botswana madi. Ke sone se ke reng dilo fa re di bala kwa o bo o nna o le nosi o kile wa ithuta gore madi a bereka jang, kgantele o nna o nna le dikarabo tsa gago *because* ga go na ope yo o tlang go le tlhalosetsa e bile dilo tsa teng di diragala *simultaneously*, o bona e le gore ka fa go ntshiwa *licence* e bile ka fa re batla gore madi a okediwe. Re ka nna ra nna sebetse se molangwana kana ra simolola go nna le dikakanyo gore a tota golo fa Batswana ga ba na go fitlhela ba jewa ntsoma, ba tsieditswe mo dikganyeng tse di leng teng. Ke yone *transparency* e re neng re tlhokana le yone gore re e itse gore go diragala eng ka dinako tsotlhe. *We must be on top of the game, there must be people who should be able to react and give us information*. Mme fela jaaka ke bua, ga re ka ke ra gana ka gore re mo dipharagobeng. So, ga re ka ke ra gana gore Puso e adime madi.

Gongwe ke fete ka e nngwe ka bofefo, re ne re bona kgang nngwe maloba gape mo dipampiring. Gompiano o tlaabo o tsaya madi a o a isa gone kwa *parastatals*. *Let us say for argument sake*, kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA). Re ne re bona gape maloba gotwe bangwe ba tsaya *loans* le go reka dipolase *through* CEDA. *Imagine* kamoso jaanong re utlwa gotwe le Wynter yo o sa itseng kgomo, tsala ya me, o na le polase. Ke raya gore dilo tse re tshwanetse gore re di lebe. Ke motho wa *hotels* tsala ya me. Fa re ka fitlhela go ntse jaana, go tlaa nna jang re utlwa dikgang tse di ntseng jaana? Go botlhokwa thata gore dilo tse di buiwe, di re tsenya phefo le dikakanyo tse di sa siamang.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** E go tshwere.

**MR MMUSI:** Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH):** Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*, ke tsibogele Tshutiso e re sa tswang go e bewa pele ke Tona ya Madi e bile e le Mothusa Tautona. Ke ema fela jaana ke go ema nokeng Tona. Ke supe gore ke go ema nokeng jang. Go molemo thata go bo o tsere matsapa a gore o bone gore lefatshe le ka bona kae dithebenyana gore re ka tswelala ka ditiro tse re nang le tsone. Ke supe gore *this facility* ya *loans* e ya go re thusa go simolodisa ditiro tsa maloba tse dikgolwanyane tse re neng ra di emisa ka mabaka a gore ga re na le fa e le madi a go tswelala ka tsone. Ke supe gore *projects* tseo tsa metsi le tse dingwe jaaka a sa tswa go di supa di ya go dira ditiro tse di mmalwa, *more especially* jaaka o bona gompiano jaana re le mo

bothateng jwa gore ga go na ditiro mo lefatsheng la rona. *This loan facility is definitely going to facilitate for creation of those jobs.* E tlaabo e se ditiro tsa nako eo ya *during construction*, e ya go nna e ntse e le tsa sennelaruri ka gore *after those projects are done*, go ya go tlhokafala gore a bo go nna le ba ba tlaabong ba ntse ba kgona go tswela ba *operate some of the pump stations* le *projects* tse di latelang.

*Madam Speaker, this loan facility e ya go re thusa gore e eject liquidity in our financial systems.* Gone ka bogone moo, go ya go dira gore babeletsisi ba kgatlhegele lefatsheng la rona, ba nne le *confidence* mo...

**MR AARON:** *Procedure.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke kopa gore o gakolole Rre Phologolo le fa mme ke mo eleletsisa masego le matlhogonolo a *front bench*, ga a tshwanelwa go bonwa a le ka kwa. Ke a leboga.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, ga a kwa *front bench*, ga a molato gore a bo a ile go bua ka kwa, gakere ke ba gabone *honourable*.

**MR PHOLOGOLO:** *On a point of order. Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke kopa o kgalemele *Honourable Aaron*, se ke se dirileng ga *se out of procedure*. Ke kopa gore a itse gore *I belong to that side*. Tanki *honourable*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O utlwile, ke mo kgalemile. O utlwile gakere, ke go kgalemise.

**MR LEKUTLANE:** Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke supa tota gore ke ema nokeng kopo e *Minister* wa rona wa Madi a sa tswang gore e baya fa pele. Ke ne ke supa gore tota *these type of loans* di ya go tsenya *liquidity* mo teng ga *the financial system* ya rona. Gone mo ka bogone, go ya go dira gore babeletsisi ba ba nang le kgatlhego mo lefatsheng le la rona *Honourable Mmusi*, ba ba neng golo gongwe ba kile ba nna le mogopolo o e seng one gore ba ka sia, ba nne le *confidence* gore ba boele mo lefatsheng la rona ba tle *to invest*. Go ya go re direla le madi. E bile tota *this facility Madam Speaker*, go ya go fokotsa fa dingwaga di ntse di tswela ka fa re adimang madi ka teng.

*Madam Speaker*, mma ke beye Palamente fa pele le setshaba ka kakaretso gore kana go na le kgang e e a tleng e nne teng gore *loans* tse re di tsayang tse, golo gongwe ga di dirisiwe sentle kana ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Gompiano re na le *Minister* Gaolathe, e seng yo a neng a tsaya mo go ene, re na le tsholofelo e ntsi thata ya gore tiriso ya madi a, e ya go nna yone e re a

kopetseng. Kana *this loan* e e tswang e, ga se *only for one project*, all those projects tse e tswang mo teng ga *funds* tse dingwe tsa ga Goramente gore di kgone gore madi ao a kgone go dirisiwa. A dirisiwe sentle, jaaka *Honourable Hikuama* a ne a bua gore kana go na le bana ba ba ntse ba lela, barutabana le ba bangwe ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi ba e neng e le *invigilators*, mme gompiano re tshwere bothata re sa kgone go ba duela. *This loan facility will enable the Government to reach that mandate* gore batho ba ba saletseng kwa morago, mathata a a re okameng a go tlhoka madi, re leke go a fokotsa ka mabaka ao.

Go a tlhokafala tota gore *loans* tse di tshwanang le tse, re dumalane le tsone fela re sena mebala, jaaka o bona gompiano re tswana ka mebala ya dithai le Rre Mmusi, go supagala gore golo fa re tsamaela go dumalana le gore Goramente wa UDC o tlaa tlisa diphetogo tse di botoka thata.

Tsamaiso e, le jaaka *Honourable Moalosi* a ne a kile a supa, ke gatelele gore tota, *the Honourable Minister wa Finance* fa madi a sena go goroga, *activities* tsa gore batho ba re *force* go reka ka *cash*, a ko o tswale metswedi e e ntse jalo gore go se ka ga nna le ba re kgonang go reka ka *cash* mo go bone. O kgona go reka *engine* ya sediba ka P40,000 *cash* ka gore batho ba a bo ba re ga ba *swipe*, mme ka gore dikgomo tsa gago di a bo di eme, o bo o itlhoboga o ya go tsaya madi kwa bankeng o tla go reka *engine*. Fa go ne go na le molao o o tletseng, le bana ba gago o ba *deploy* mo mabentleng a a ntse jalo, go ya go re thusa thata Tona.

**MR MOSANANA:** *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke go leboga mokaulengwe. A mme ga o lemoge fa mathata a a kanakana a a re tseisang *loans*, tota re a diretswe ke *the Fours*, ba ba neng ba a ja madi mososompelo ba ntse ba re, *diamonds are forever?* *Thank you.*

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

**MR LEKUTLANE:** *Madam Speaker*, ga ke batle go kgobera metsi re ntse re tsamaya sentle le *Honourable Motaosane* le *Honourable Gare*. Se se fetileng *comrade* a re nne re tswela re ye kwa pele, re se ka ra nna re ntse re leba kwa morago, re tloga re sa tsamaye sentle. Ke go leboga ka kakanyo eo.

*Honourable Minister*, ke go ema nokeng ka dikgang tsa metsi ka gore o a itse thata gore kgaolo ya me ke nngwe ya dikgaolo tse e leng gore tota di na le bothata jwa metsi. E bile ke na le tsholofelo gore fa o tswa

mo go bone ba Molepolole le ba ba ntseng ba tswa go nankolwa, *the next projects* tsa metsi e tlaabo e le tsa dikgaolo tsa Kgalagadi, Okavango le Maun ka gore bo Maun ke metsi fela. Ke kile ka bona LOO a ile teng e bile a ikgatlha mo go one, kana metsi a ga se a a nowang, o santse a batla a a nowang, a ke a mekoro fela. Le bone o ba gakologelwe batho ba Maun *on the next project*. *Without wasting any time*, mme ke boele kwa morago. *I support you*.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ema fela jaana ka bonako ke supa jaaka maabane gore ke dumalana le dikopo tsa ga Mothusa Tautona. E bile ke dumalana le tsone ka ke na le tshepo e ntsi thata mo go ene. Ke na le tsholofelo e ntsi gore se a se adimelang madi ke sone se a yang go se dira ka madi, mme e le sone se a batlang Batswana ka bontsi ba ya koo, a na le keletso ya gore Batswana ba nne le botshelo.

Kana *projects* tsa metsi jaaka gongwe re adima madi jaana, re na le tsholofelo. Mo lephateng la rona, re na le tsholofelo ya gore *projects* tse di tona tsa go tsaya metsi kwa bo Lesotho, re a fetisa a tsena ka bo Ramotswa, a ya go goroga kwa Borolong, a ya go fetelela a ya go tsena kwa Kgalagadi ele ya Tsabong. Ke maikaelelo a matona a e leng gore nako le nako fa o bona ke nna ke tsena moragonyana jaana, re a bo re ntse re kopantse ditlhogo go bona gore tota re tlaa bona kae madi, re tlaa thusiwa ke mang. Ke sone se ke tshwanetseng gore ke se gatelele gore fa go ntse go buiwa ka dikgang tsa madi jaana, ke a ne ke re *oh*, bogolo re tle re rothegelwe ke mowa o o boitshepo le rona re bone thothi ya metsi. Ke tsaya gore dithulaganyo tsa *loans* tse ke gore ga go buiwe ka metsi fela jaaka gongwe bo Motlotlegi Hikuama, e le motho yo o tshabelelwang ke go tsietsega mo go fetang selekanyo, mo ke sa itseng gore go mo simolotse leng, mme legale tlaa ke se ka ka tsena mo go yone. Go buiwa ka metsi le gore *components* tse di dirang gore re le Goromente wa UDC, re kgone go neela batho metsi, mme gape e le metsi a gotweng ke a *quality* kana a a nang le boleng. Go tliwa ka *machines* tse di tona tse di tlhatswang metsi, go neela batho metsi a a nang le boleng. Dikgaolo tse di farologaneng, a o tsena kwa bo Maun, Okavango, Sehithwa, kwa kae, o fitlhela e le gore batho nako e ntsi ba ne ba a nwa metsi, mme e le gore totatota ga a tlhatswiwe pele ga a neelwa batho. Ke maikaelelo a Goromente wa UDC go siela batho *quality water*, re se ka ra leba fela gore ke metsi.

Rre Lekutlane o fetile ka kgang e nngwe e e botlhokwa, mme e tlaa re pele ga ke tsena mo go yone, ke fete ka kgang ya metsi go tswa kwa bo Chobe, Zambezi. E a re fa o mpona ke tsena moragonyana jaana, ke bo ke ntse ke le mo *meetings* tsa teng ke bua, ke beile tsebe ke rapela gore totatota *projects* tsa metsi a kwa bo Chobe, Zambezi, a re a kopanetseng le ba mafatshefatshe a e leng gore gongwe batho ba tshwana le Rre Hikuama, ke mo itsise gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore metsi ao a tle ka bontsi a tle go feta ka bo Francistown, Nata a bo a felele a ya go goroga gape a oketsa sekale sa metsi a bo Molepolole a e leng gore o bua ka dikgang tsa gore ke ne ke re ke maphashaphasha. Go raya gore fa gongwe nako e ntsi motshegare e nna bogosi mo bathong ba bangwe, ka gore ke nna motho yo e leng gore ke ne ke lepalepana le ba Goromente yo o duleng ke ba bolelela ka fa batho ba bolawang ke lenyora ka teng.

Mapalamente ba bangwe e bile e le mongwe wa bone, ba ne ba ikganelela (*confine*) le dikgang tsa dikgaolo tse dingwe fela. Ke ne ke le Mopalamente wa lefatshe lotlhe, le gompieno ke santse ke le wa lefatshe lotlhe, ke ka aka ke a swa, Batswana ba ka mpakela. Kgang eo ke ne ke tsamaya ke bua ka fa batho ba bolawang ke lenyora ka teng.

Ke tshwanetse ke supe gore Mothusa Tautona, re go eme nokeng ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. Kgaolo e e tshwanang le ya Kgalagadi, ke letse ke tswa teng maabane jaana re le mo dintshong le batsadi jalojalo. Batsadi bontsi fa o nna teng mo sengweng, a ke leso kana lenyalo, fa ba na le tshepo mo go wena le go utlwa gore batho ba ne ba bua ba reng mo tirong e e ntseng jalo ga o ka ke wa utlwa. Yole o go gogela fa, ngwanaka re bolawa ke lenyora, baakanya fale. Yole o go gogela fa, ngwanaka re bolawa ke lenyora, o ko o leke go baakanya fale. Batho ba ba falolang gantsi ba ba sa gogagogweng, ke fa gongwe batsadi ba tlhobogile gore yo ga se yo tota a ka baakanyang sepe, ba tlaabo ba go gogagoga, ba go gogela eng *Madam Speaker*.

Jaanong ke gogagogilwe, mme ba mpolelela gore ba neetse Rre Lekutlane dikgang, o mo tseleng. Ba nthaya ba re mo eme nokeng, le ene re ne re ntse re mo gogagoga jaaka re go gogagoga jaana gore re baakanyetse seemo sa metsi re bolawa ke lenyora. *Project* e teng kwa dikgaolong tsele tsa bo Ncojane, metsi a tlaabo a ralala naga a ya go nosa batho ba dikgaolo tsa Macheng, Lehututu, Lokgwabe, Tshane go ya go tsena kwa Hukuntsi.

Ke re se sengwe Mothusa Tautona, jaaka o ikaelela go tsaya *loans* tse go thusa lefatshe, re tshwanetse gore re go lebogele gore ga o ipone tsapa o re go tlaa twe ke adimetse ruri, o nna fa fatshe o tsaya le nako ya gago e ntsintsi, o leba gore o tsepame o bone gore o ka thusa Batswana jang. Ke utlwa botlhoko gore e re le fa o ngakaleitse jaana, e bo e le gore fa o sena go re baya dipego pele, e bo bangwe bone e le ba ba emelelang fela ba go shaota, ba shaota-shaota ba tshela dikgang tse o di buang dithole, kana ba go sekisa dilo tse ka se keng di ise Batswana golo gongwe. Ka bokhutshwane jo bo ntseng jalo, go botlhokwa gore dikgaolo ka bontsi ba nne le metsi a a lekanang, ka gore go a bo go na le badiredi le ditiro tse di farologaneng tse di tlhokang kgang ya go nna jalo.

Ga ke itse gore o ema o ya kae Rre Aaron, o utlwile gotweng. Ke eme le wena o ema fela, e bile o sa eme ka *point* epe. Ke ipotsa gore o nnyatsa eng, mme legale ka o letse o sa bolo go simolola, ke tlaa go bona.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):**

*Elucidation.* Ke go tlatse mokaulengwe. Fa o bua ka Chobe-Zambezi gore metsi a tsewe kwa, ke kgang e e ka bong e sale e wetse. *The Former President* wa Botswana National Front (BNF), *may his soul rest in peace*, Dr Kenneth Koma, o sale a buile ka kgang eo *early 1980s*. Tota e bile ke ka re 1970s, a bua ka metsi gore a re gogeng metsi go tswa kwa. *Since that period of time 1970s*, bona gore o santse o bua ka kgang ya teng. Ke dumalana le wena mokaulengwe, a metsi a gogwe, a goroge, ke yone nako ya gore re dire jalo re le UDC. Ke a go leboga.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ke a go leboga rraetsho. Kgang e ke neng ke ya go wela ka yone e ne e le ya gore, bagaetsho jaaka *loans* go buiwa ka tsone jaana re atlega mo go di tseyeng, re tlaa atlega mo go di tseyeng mo ke senang le fa e le *doubt*. Jaaka le ntse le tswelitse le kgala gore bana ga ba bone ditiro, le bo le itse gore *projects* di a goroga. *Loans* fela jaaka re tlaabo re kgona go di neelwa, *projects* di ya go simolola go goroga, ditiro tse re neng re di solofeditse Batswana di ya go simolola go tlhagoga. Jaanong le itse gore le ipaakanyetse go tla le kgala di sele, jaaka ke bona le kgona *to parade* bana fa le re, lela re le tseye dinepe. Maloba le ne le tsile ka ba bangwe, le tla go ba letsa fa le ba tsaya dinepe. *Projects* di a goroga, go tlaabo go sena nako ya go tla go letsa batho gore ba tsewe dinepe. Go tlaabo go na le nako ya mmereko, batho ba dira madi, ba direla malwapa a bone. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST):** Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*; ke bo ke go dumedise. Ke leboge Mothusa Tautona e bile e le *Vice President* wa lefatshe le, go bo a re beile mogopolo pele, o a eletsang gore a re adimele madi gore a leke go tsosolosa itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Jaanong ke mo supegetse gore nna rra, ke sale ke go ema nokeng. Ke go eme nokeng fela jaaka o bona ke letleletse gore o oketse *ceiling* go tswa mo go 40 go ya kwa go 60. Ke go supa gore ke go eme nokeng.

Jaaka mongwe a ne a bua maabane a re, ga o ka ke wa aga ntlo o bo o robala kwa ntle ga yone, re ne re dira jalo re ntse re itse gore re oketsa *ceiling* eo gore o tle o kgone gore o adime madi. E re fa go ka tlhagoga seemo sengwe se gongwe re sa se ipaakanyetsang, fa go santse go na le *that flexibility or allowance* ya gore e ka go letla gore o adime madi, o adime madi gore o tsosolose itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Jaaka o ne o fa sekai le ka mo lwapeng, ke motsadi a tshwanetseng gore a bone gore bana ba a ja, ba a apara e bile go na le fa ba robalang teng. Seemo se o mo go sone o tshwere sepatšhe sa lefatshe le, ke wena matlho a lefatshe le o tshwanetse gore o bone gore dilo di a diragala gore itsholelo e tsoge. E seng jalo, itsholelo e ka phutlhama fa o ka se ke o adime madi.

Re lebogela gore lefatshe le le bo le le mo *position* e e siameng, e e leng gore fa o ya kwa mafatsheng o kopa go adima, ba santse ba reetsa. Jaanong go mo go rona gore, fa re adimile jalo re tshware ka manontlhotlho, jaaka o supile gore go adima mo kana go tsholetsa *ceiling* e, ga go go tlhose mo go reng e re re tswa kgakala re dira dilo ka bonokopila le botswerere, jaanong re itebatse botswerere jo re ntseng re dira dilo ka jone. Ga se gore go tsholetsa jaaka o ne o kopa maabane, o raya gore jaanong e tlaa re le fa go sa tlhokafaleng teng, o ye go adima madi. Seo ke leboga thata, ke dumalana le wena e bile ke na le tsholofelo ya gore ga o motho yo o ka dirang jalo. Le ka nako e o neng o re baya *budget* pele, fa ke gakologelwa o setse o fetsa, o supa gore le ntebe ke le morwa Gaolathe, ga ke ka ke ka le jela sepe. Ke santse ke dumela gore ke boammaaruri, ga o ka ke wa jela lefatshe le sepe.

Tumelo ya me ke gore ga gona jaaka o ka dira, jaaka o supile gore kana fa gotwe *deficit*, o supa gore go na le tlhaelo mo *budget* e o e beileng pele lefatshe. Ke gore mo metsweding yotlhe e o nang nayo, o ka anapa gongwe le gongwe, mme o ka kgona *to raise* bokana ka makgetho, mme a mangwe a P22 *Billion* ya one, ga gona gore o ka a bona kae, ke tlhaelo. *To finance budget* gore

go tswelwe ka ditlhabololo le tse dingwe, ke gore o ye go adima. Ke a itse gore Goromente o na le maikaelelo a matona a gore mo go adimeng, e se ka ya nna go jela mo ganong. E nne go adima mo re ka dirang *projects* tse di ka tlisang mo gotweng ke *returns*.

Jaanong o tlaa fitlhela lefatshe le le fatlhogang jaaka Botswana fa gongwe le na le kgwetlho, a ke tseye gore Goromente o adima madi o batla go dira tiro jaaka maloba Tautona a re go ya go nna le *dualing* ya tsela e ya A1. Le fa e ka dirwa, keletso ke gore go nne le dipoelo mo tseleng e. Jaanong se se botlhoko o tlaa fitlhela e le gore, fa re sa re itlhaganele gore re tsenye gore dipoelo di nna teng, e senngwa ke diteraka tse ditona tse di fetang di raletse lefatshe le. Ga gona gore re ka di kganela, ka gore le rona diteraka tsa rona di ya kwa mafatsheng a bone, re dira kgwebo le bone, re tshwaraganetse itsholelo le bone, ga re ka ke ra ba kganela gore ba tle go ralala lefatshe la rona. Mathata e nna fa e le gore fa ba ralala, rona ga re je sepe. Ga ke ise ke bone di eme mo *filling station* di tshela, ke di bona e le gore fa gongwe e tla e raletse lefatshe, go lebege di tlatsa ditanka tsa tsone kwa ga tsone. Di bo di feta di ya *where they deliver*, di bo di ya go tlatsa fa di setse di boa kwa.

Le fa di ka bo di robetse fa tlase ga *filling station*, ga e ka ke ya re di tsoga wa bona di tshela, go supa gore ga ba na *contribution* mo mading a *fuel levy* ka gore bone ga ba eme gone fa, ga ba tshela gone fa. Ba dirisa ditsela tsa rona fela go di sabura ba feta ba di tshwara, ba di tlhakatlhakanya. Fa o ka bona fa ditsela di khonang teng, fa di retologang teng, o tlaa bona gore di gaila tsela ka botlhoko jo bo ntseng jang. Di e ngaporolola, di e senya ka bofefo jo bo gakgamatsang. Ke sone se ke reng, fa e le gore keletso e teng ya gore go nne le *returns*, re beye *tollgates* gore e re ba feta, botoka ba fete ba re duela ka gore mo *petrols* ga ba tshela, ba feta fela ka tsela re ba lebile. Ka re le fa ba ka robala mo *filling station* ga ba ka ke ba tshela le fa o kare o botlhale jang.

Se ke se go emelang nokeng ke gore, e bile ke itse e ntse ke kgwetlho gape le gone, jaaka Goromente yo o fatlhogang, o tlaa fitlhela fa o tsaya madi e le gore wa re o ya go aga dikole, ka tsholofelo ya gore e nne *returns from* dikole, go tswa fa e ntse e le wena gape Goromente o ntse o tlamega gore o duelele bana sekole se, *sponsor them*, ka tsholofelo ya gore *loan* e o neng o e tsaya ka leina la gore e tlaa re *in the long term* go nne le *contribution* ya bana ba mo itsholelong ya lefatshe. Mme ga se *immediate returns*, tse di ka tlang ka bonako,

ka gore *loan* ka fa *is timed* gore e nne ka bonako, jaaka e nngwe gotwe *five years*. Beng ba yone ba go e neelela gore *in five years' time* o bo o setse o busitse madi a bone. Jaanong bothata e nna gore, *how do we realise our returns* ka gore *we are a growing economy*, re lefatshe le le santseng le na le *social protection* tse dintsi, *we are still sponsoring* bana ba bantsi? Fa e ne e le gore bana ba duela *school fees, returns* di ne di tlaa tla ka bonako, *but* ga o ka ke wa re ba duele ka re itse itsholelo ya rona kwa malwapeng gore batsadi ga ba na se ba se tshwereng. E seng jalo bana ba bantsi ba ka se ke ba tsene sekole.

Se ke se buang ke gore, a re dire jalo motlotlegi wa me yo ke mo tlotlang ka manontlhotlho. Re lebile gore, one a re a ntshang ao, a dira se se tshwanetseng. Fa e le tsela a e nne tsela e e leng gore ga e ka ke ya re mo bokhutshwaneng o bo o e fitlhela e senyegile gape, e batla *another maintenance*. E nne tsela e e leng gore ba re ba beileng foo e le balebeledi ba ba emetseng Goromente wa Botswana jaaka *engineers*, e bo e le batho ba ba nang le boammaaruri go itse gore ba a itirela, ga ba direle dikeletso tsa bone. Ke sone se ke reng, ke go eme nokeng gore o ye go adima madi, o tsose itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Ditsela di nne teng, go nne le metsi jaaka e le gore kwa dikgaolong tsa rona o tlaa fitlhela go sena metsi. Go nne le metsi mo lefatsheng, lenyora le se ka la bolaya batho.

Ke go eme nokeng ka mabaka a, mme ke re, fa ke go eme nokeng jaana rra, kgang ya me e mo manontlhotlhong. Ke nona sebetse ka gore wa re go bo re tswelutse re tsholeditse *ceiling* ga go reye gore go tlaa re ntsha ka fa lefatshe re ntseng re tswelutse re dira ka teng. Se se bonolo ke gore, fa re go neetse tshwanelo ya gore o adime, go raya gore e tlaa re fa seemo se wela go nne le *that flexibility* ya gore o ka siana wa re anapela kwa o ka bonang teng. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke a go letlelela, ke go eme nokeng rra, gore ka tsweetswee *loan* e... ka gore e bile di tswa kwa komiting ya rona ya *Finance*, ke sale ke dumela ke le gone koo gore, re a letlelela gore o tle go baya Palamente pele, ba go letlelela gore o ye go adima madi a gore re kgone go tsosolosa itsholelo. Jaaka gompiano batho ba sa bereke, fa ditiro di fetlhega ka mabaka a *projects* tse di tlaabong di le teng mo lefatsheng o kgonne go bona madi, batho ba tlaa tswelela ba tsenya matsogo, ba bereka, ba tshetsa malwapa a bone.

Tona ke go tshepha go menagane gore ga o motho yo e ka reng fa o neetswe boikarabelo jo wa se ka wa bo dirisa sentle. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ke nne mokhutshwane, ke eme gone fa.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, let me remind you, you remember *akere gore kwa* General Assembly you agreed *gore le ya go bua* three-three. This is the last one, *re tlaabo re fetisa*.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Di dintsi. *Unless* le batla go oketsa nako gape.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla fela gore, ke ema Tona wa Madi nokeng mo kadimong e, jaaka ke ne ke mo eme nokeng kgantele mo go ele. Ke dumela gore ba rotlhe re a dumalana gore go a tlhokafala gore re letle gore Tona a ye go tsaya dikadimo tse, go leka go tla go dira tseo tse di tlhokang go dirwa.

Gompiano re bua ka dikgang tsa metsi. Re itse gore metsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana a a tlhokafala. E bile re a itse le gone gore, go na le mafelo a a tswang kgakala a se na metsi *and* re le Goromente re tshwanelwa ke go tabogela go bona gore ga gona Motswana ope yo o salelang kwa morago mo dikgannyeng tsa go nna le metsi. Re a itse gore *that is a basic need of life* e Goromente a tshwanelwang ke gore a e neele Motswana mongwe le mongwe. Re a itse gore dikgaolo ka go farologana di tswa kgakala di lela; bo Rre Arafat Khan ba lela, batho ba kwa Maun, Moshupa le Shoshong ba lela. Tota re tshwanelwa ke gore mo nakong ya gompiano re tabogele go bona gore re ka dira jang gore Batswana ba nne le metsi, ka lebaka la gore metsi ke botshelo, ke sengwe le sengwe.

Tota fela dikadimo tse tsotlhe tse e leng gore Mothusa Tautona o a di kopa gompiano maikaelelo a tsone ke go fetola matshelo a batho. Ke go bona gore matshelo a batho a tswa fa a leng teng, a tsamaela kwa pele. Ke sone se le bonang gompiano ke sa emelele thata *to debate* ka gore, ke tsaya fela, e bile ke a bona gore tota fela re leba ka go tshwana rotlhe, gore matshelo a batho a tshwanelwa ke gore a ntshiwe fa a leng teng, a tswelele kwa pele. Ka gore tse tsotlhe ke ditlhabololo tse re di tlhokang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke sone se bagaetsho ke neng ke re, ke mo eme nokeng fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, e bile ke leboge le batlotlegi lotlhe ka gore, rotlhe re mogopolo, e bile re moonoo o le mongwefela mo go reng re ye kwa pele. Ka mafoko a a kalo *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re le nna ke latlhele go se kae.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I now call upon Honourable Minister to reply and move accordingly.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke le leboge lotlhe batlotlegi, e bile ke lemoga fa le dumalana lotlhe. Gongwe ke le kgwe dikgaba ka bokhutshwane ka gore dikgang di setse di builwe.

Motlotlegi Hikuama; o dumalana le sengwe le sengwe, e bile ke lebogela ka fa o dumalanang ka teng. O nkomanyetsa gore o kare ke lebetse batho ba rona ba Tsau, Sehithwa, Dobe, Matsaudi le Makakung, nnyaa rra ga re ka ke ra ba lebala. O gakologelwe gore ga re ka ke ra tsenya metse yotlhe, ga re ka ke ra tsenya mongwe le mongwe mo *loan* e le nngwefela. O se ka wa fuduega thata, e bile ga ke dumele gore o ka re kgaoganya le batsadi ba rona nna le wena.

Rre Mmusi; le wena ke lebogela mafoko a gago, mme le wena o bua gore o tshwenngwa ke dingwe tse o di utlwileng ka Bank of Botswana le CEDA. Ke re kana Palamente e na le dikomiti, go na le komiti ke dumela gore e santse e le teng ya Statutory Bodies *and* State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) tse le nang le dithata tsotlhe le le Mapalamente gore le ka bitsa maphata a la ba botsa. Le ka tsaya le dipampiri mo go bone tse di supang gore ba tsamaya fa kae ga ba tsamae fa kae, ba dirile eng, ga ba a dira eng. Ke tsamaiso, e bile ke tiro ya Palamente gore, fa go na le sepe se se belaetsang gope le bitse makgotla a le ba botse, le ba kope dipampiri. Le se ka la utlwa ka menahune. Ke dumela gore le tlaa dira jalo, Batswana ba beile mo go lona gore le dire jalo.

Gape o ne a supa gore ene ga a tlhaloganye gore ke eng *loans* e sa nne tsa Dipula fela, gore ke eng go na le *loans* tse di tlang ka madi a mafatshe a mangwe. Kana re lebelela dilo di le di ntsi, re lebile gore mo Dipuleng, mo mmarakeng wa rona, a o lekane gore o ka adima madi a a kalokalo. Re lebile gore o tlaa dira gore merokotso e gole ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ba bangwe ba ba kgonang go adima, ba kgone kana ba tlhoke go kgona go adima. Re lebile gore kana ditirelo tse le dilo tse di dirwang, go boa go rekwa dilo kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, go raya gore re fokotsa *foreign reserves*, gape go raya gore *loans* tse dingwe di tshwanetse go tla e le madi a a tswang kwa, e le bontlha bongwe jwa go somarela tsone *foreign reserves*.

Gape re tlhalositse kgantele, e bile re tlaa tswelela re tlhalosa gore le lone Lephata la rona la *Finance* mo dipakeng tse di ntseng jaana, le ikoketsa bodiredi gore

jaaka re adima madi mo dinakong tse di thata jaana, re bo re na le boitseanape jo bo lekaneng, jo e leng gore fa re adima madi go sele, go na le tse re di lebang, tse re di dirang gore di re sireletse fa go ka nna le diphetogo tse di ka nnang ka bonako.

O supa gape gore Namibia e kgona go nna le *debt to GDP ratio* e e kwa godimo, le kwa go 400 e tsene teng ka gore ba na le *oil* e ba e lebileng, e e leng gore e tile go godisa itsholelo ya bone fela thata. Ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo, mme ga go reye gore fa Namibia e kgona go ya kwa mankalakaleng, rona ga go na kwa re ka yang teng. Ke tlhalositse gore seelo se re se ipeetseng, ke se Goramente le itsholelo ya rona di ka kgonang go itshwarelela le fa dipaka e le tse di thata. O supa gape gore kwa Namibia o bona gore go na le *a transformative project ya oil*, mme ga a bone gore mo Botswana mo go sepe sa tse di builweng go na le se a ka akanyang gore ke *a transformative project*. Ke re nnyaa, *transformative projects* di dintsi, *actually*, mo BETP *transformative projects* di ka tshwara 186. Di tlhophetswe gone gore *they are transformative*, mo teng go na le tsone tsa *power generation* tse di tsenang kwa go bo 5.5 *gigawatts*. Eo fela fa e ka tsholetsega, e fetola lewa la itsholelo ya Botswana. Go na le bo *battery manufacturing and processing*, tseo fa di diragala, di fetola lewa la Botswana. Go na le *value chains* tse go buiwang ka tsone go simolola ka moringa *poultry*, e go ntseng go lelwa gotwe *it is a monopoly*. Fa dilo di ka diragala, e fetola lewa la Botswana, ke raya gore di di ntsi, BETP, di 186, *all transformative*. Di tlhophilwe mo *projects* tse di ka tshwarang dikete di le supa, *out of 7, 000* go ne ga tlhotlhiwa, ga gorogiwa kwa go tsone *transformative projects*.

E bile ga go buiwe ka molomo, ke dilo tse e leng gore baitseanape ba ntse fa fatshe ba dira se se bidiwang gotwe *modeling*, gore tse fa di diragala, itsholelo e felela e le fa. Ga di tshwane le *oil*, mme di teng, e bile di kabakanya itsholelo. Se o se buang sa gore *projects* tse dingwe ga o bone di ka busetsa e bile ga o bone di ka thusa gore go duelwe dikoloto, ke boammaaruri, *projects* ka bontsi tsa lefatshe la rona ke *social projects*. Ga se tse di busetsang madi, mme kana re dira re itse gore di le di ntsi ga di busetse madi. Re dira re itse gape gore go na le tse di busetsang madi tse re tlaabong re beile mo go tsone gore di re thuse go busetsa madi ao.

Re tlhalositse gape mananeo a re itebagantseng le one a go kgobokanya madi a lekgetho. Re buile mananeo a go fokotsa ditshenyegelo mo tirisong ya madi, go dira ka bonatla mo tirong. Re dumela gore ga se kgang fela ya

go adima madi, ke kgang ya go adima madi mme re dira tse dingwe tse di tokafatsang tsamaiso ya ga Goramente, di godisa itsholelo ya Botswana, di kgobokanya madi a a ka thusang gore re di duele.

E rile o santse o seyo ka gore ga ke ka ke ka itsapa go tlhalosa, ke ne ke bua gore go na le dikomiti rra, dingongora tse o nang le tsone, a dikomiti di tsene. Le bitse SOEs tseo tse le dumelang gore dilo ga di tsamae sentle.

Motlotlegi Lekutlane, le wena rra re utlwa dikgakololo tsa gago tse o di buang gore re fokotse kwa go dutlang madi teng, le kgotlhatso ya gago. Le wena Motlotlegi Motsamai, re utlwa kgotlhatso le matshwenyego a gago a letlhoko la metsi mo Botswana ka bophara gore re emele kgang e ka dinao. Le wena fela jalo Motlotlegi Rre Kedikilwe, re lebogele kgotlhatso le one matshwenyego a gago. Kana tse re buang ka tsone *loans* tse, ga di tsenye sengwe le sengwe. Ke le gakolola e bile ga ke na ke itsapa go le gakolola gore re dumalane *budget*, re le Palamente ya Botswana, gore re ya go dirisa madi eng. Re dumalane re le Palamente ya Botswana gore letseno la rona ga le a lekana se re se dumalaneng. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re tshwanetse go adima madi, mme a adimelwa go dira se re setseng se re dumalane. Ga go na ope yo o tlaa dirang sepe se re sa se dumalanang gone fa. Ka gore re santse re na le tse di ntsi tse di tlang, ke tswale ka gore ke santse ke tile go dira seboaboane gone fa.

*Madam Speaker, I therefore move that the Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited (Loan Authorisation) (No. 2) Bill, 2026 (No. 8 of 2026) be read for the second time.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee-Later Today.

**BOTSWANA LIVESTOCK  
COMMERCIALISATION PROJECT  
(INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT)  
(IFAD) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL,  
2026 (NO. 9 OF 2026)**

**Second Reading**

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):**  
Thank you Madam Speaker. I have the honour of doing the Second Reading Madam Speaker. The Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) has identified agriculture as a prominently key sector for

achieving the desired economic diversification. To this end, Government of Botswana through the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture (MoLA), collaborated with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to explore financing options for transitioning the small livestock subsector from predominantly subsistence-based production to a high-growth, market-oriented and export-driven industry; and to further enhance the incomes and resilience of rural households through more inclusive, sustainable and technologically driven small livestock value chains. These outcomes Madam Speaker, are the anchor of the Botswana Livestock Commercialization Project (BoLCoP).

Madam Speaker, the agricultural transformation targets, as espoused in the National Development Plan (NDP)12 and BETP, aim to support the sector's diversification drive to increase agriculture's contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 6 per cent by 2028; promoting the sector's climate resilience and securing national food systems; and inclusive job creation particularly for women and youths, and rural economic transformation.

Madam Speaker, the Bill therefore, seeks to request Parliament to authorize the raising of a loan facility amounting to USD31, 520, 000.00 (approximately P384, 000, 000.00), from the IFAD to facilitate the transitioning of the small livestock sector to commercially viable undertakings. This loan facility will be augmented through grant financing totalling USD26.75 million from the Adaptation Fund, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC).

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture comprehensively negotiated the financing terms under the IFAD (2025 to 2027) window. The terms of the facility are as follows;

- (a) Loan Amount: USD31, 520, 000.00 (approximately Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Million Pula (P384, 000, 000.00).
- (b) Interest Rate: 5.4 per cent.
- (c) Repayment period: 20 years, inclusive of a five-year grace period.
- (d) Repayment Terms: principal repayments to be made in biannual instalments on the agreed payment dates, in accordance with the repayment schedule.

Madam Speaker, as per the terms of the Loan Authorisation Act, the proceeds of the loans are to be deposited into the Development Fund, for which a USD denominated account will be opened at the Bank of Botswana (BoB).

Madam Speaker, the Stocks, Bonds, and Treasury Bills Act, 2005 governs Government borrowing and sets a legal borrowing limit of 40 per cent of GDP. Borrowing under this loan facility would raise the debt to levels lower than the limit.

Madam Speaker, the Government of Botswana expresses its deep gratitude to the IFAD and all development partners for their continued support to Botswana's economic and fiscal policy interventions. Their commitment remains instrumental in advancing Botswana's overall development agenda and sustainable growth objectives.

Madam Speaker, I therefore move that the Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project (BoLCoP) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (No. 9 of 2026), be read for the second time. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you Mr Minister. Honourable Members, the floor is open.

**MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Re mo kgannyeng ya dikoloto. Lefatshe le, ga le kgakala le go fetoga leina le bidiwa Radikoloto. Mo ngwageng wa 2008, Botswana o ne a na le *surplus* ya 40 per cent of the GDP. Gompiano ka 2024, 16 years later, Botswana o na le *negative* ya 30 per cent to the GDP. Gone moo fela, go re raya gore sengwe ga se tsamae sentle, sengwe ga se a tsamaya sentle.

Ga re a tshwanela go leba thata kwa morago, *yes, history is the best teacher but* botshelo bo tshelwa ka go ya kwa pele. Potso e nna gore a mme dikoloto tse, a ke tsone tse di tlaa re tshedisang go ya kwa pele? Dikoloto di raya dilo tse di ntsi. Di raya fela gore itsholelo ga e dire sentle jaaka dipalo di supa. Rona re dira eng gore itsholelo e kgone go dira sentle. Go ntse go buiwa thata fa ka *collection* ya makgetho. Ke gore fa o ka ya kwa Block 3, o ya go fitlhela *the shops* di ka tshwara 121, ga go na e e letlelelang *swiping* mo teng. Ke tsa *cash* fela. Go raya gore *tax evasion* e kwa godimo. Re a go utlwa Mothusa Tautona *but on this particular issue, I think you need to come out clear* gore gone mme *what are the target timelines* tse di leng teng gore mabentlele ale otlhe a nne *tax compliant*?

*Honourable Mokgware* o kgona go go raya a re, “nna go simolola gone gompiano jaana, dikereke ke ntshitse *Diploma*.” Re batla go utlwa le wena Mothusa Tautona, o re tumelo ke gore go simolola ka July 1<sup>st</sup>, *the shops* tsele tse di kwa, di tlaabo di le *tax compliant*. *Swiping* e tlaabo e dirwa mo mabentleleng ale otlhe. *Definitely* fa go nna jalo, go raya gore *collection* e ya go nna kwa godimo, letseno le tlaa nna botoka, dikoloto tse re di kolotang tse, di tlaa fokotsega. *Unless and until collection* ya rona e ya fa godimo, re ya go tsewelela re ntse re bua ka sekoloto *every sitting* e re nngang mo go yone mo Palamenteng, *which is not good for the country*.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Elucidation Madam Speaker.* Ke a leboga. Mma ke go leboge Rre Kekgonegile. Go na le kgang e o e buang ya gore re phuthe madi mme ga a tsene sentle kana makgetho ga a tsene sentle. Go metlhale mengwe *Honourable Minister*, e ke dumelang gore legodu go le tshwara, go motlhofo *Honourable Kekgonegile*. Fa e le gore *we are deliberate* gompiano, kana re batla go dira dilo fela ka bomo gore re bone madi *immediately*, ke go fetola *bank note* fela e nngwefela. Re ka tsaya P200 re bo re mo *vanish*, batho botlhe ba ba fitlhileng madi mo malwapeng a bone, ba tlaa tla ba rototse matlho ba goroga. Ba ya go a isa kae; kwa bankeng re bo re ba kgethisa gone foo. Ke tsaya gore o e tshwere sentle. Fa re ka ya fela ka motlhala oo.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Go ntse jalo *Honourable Mapulanga*. Mafatshe a mangwe e rile mo go fetogeng ga Puso fela, ba bo ba fetola *bank notes*, madi a bo a goroga. Ke nngwe ya methale e le ka e dirisang bakaulengwe. Go na le gore jaanong batho ba ba fitlhileng madi, ba bo ba ntse ba le ngathela, lona le bona go siame fela le re bolaisa dikoloto tsa lefatshe mme le itse kwa madi a ka yang go tsewa teng. Golo moo ga se gone.

Lefatshe go tsena mo Government e-Marketplace (GeM) *status* ke selo se se motlhofo thata. *16 years ago we were on 40% surplus, 16 years later we are on 30% deficit. It is in 16 years' time. If we continue this route, we will be on junk status, credit rating gone*, go sena ope yo o tlaabong a re adima. Re tlaabo re dira eng; *bring more money?* Gape *debt sustainability generally* fa re bua ka yone *Minister*, *because you are on record to have said continued slippage could threaten long term sustainability*.

Go botlhokwa thata go leka ka bojotlhe gore itsholelo e gole ka *pace* kana go feta ka fa re kolotang ka teng. Fa go ka diragala, go raya gore *we will go back to the surplus years but issue* ke gore a go a diragala? Fa o

lebile se se diragalang gompiano, tshenyetso-setšhaba e ntsi e, fa o ka utlwa motho a re nna ka fa ke leng *close* ka teng *to the corridors of power*, ke dumela gore *in four years* ke tlaabo ke humile go gaisa Dada. Dada yo o tsereng *50 years* go huma khumo e e kana, motho a bo a re *in four years' time*, a nna mo Central Business District (CBD), a duelelwa ke *tenders* tsa ga Goromente. Gompiano a batla go tsaya ditsha mo CBD tse di ne di le *ear marked for investors*. Tshenyetso-setšhaba e, *if you do not curb it* le e emisa *in the buck*, mo re go buang mo ke dithamakgorwana fela. *You need to fight that. You need to be bold not only the VP but lona comrades as UDC. Your manifesto said that, it gave hope to the people but the action on the ground is not giving hope to the people.* Tanki.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Elucidation.* Ke ne ke re o se ka wa lebala kgang ya gore *why are we here?* Re tsenye jang mo seemong se se ntseng jaana; *spend, spend and spend*. Ke sone se ba se kgonang. O bone turupara ya bone kwa Palapye phakela gore e ne e ntse jang? Ke ne ke ipotsa gore ba bone ba batla eng mo Botswana International University of Science & Technology (BIUST). Ke re ke leba maphata a bone gore a tsenye jang, ba tletse koo. *Spend and spend*. Ke a leboga.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Go ntse jalo. *They think throwing money around is a solution to the country's problems but that is not the situation.*

*Infrastructure, agriculture, picking agriculture to make it a priority* ke selo se se siameng, re se ema nokeng. *Issue* ke gore a mme *what we have identified* gore ke sone se re yang go tsenya madi mo go sone, *is it the right priority within agriculture?* Gompiano temothuo e mo bathong mo masimong le mo merakeng *but* a madi re a isa koo? Ditsela, ditlhaeletsano, metsi, motlakase mo merakeng ga e yo, *so there is no room for growth* fa go senang *infrastructure in agriculture production areas. Our approach is elitist*, re batla gore re fe motho a bo a lema sekgele se setona, a bo a nna le palopalo e ntsi. Ga go ka ke ga kgonagala. Ditokitoki tse batho ba nang le tsone tse, ke tse re tshwanelwang *to be upgraded for more production*. Gone moo ke mo go ka godisang *agriculture rather than neglecting production* e ntsi ya batho ba bantsi, re bo re ganelela kwa bathong ba le babedi, ba le bararo. Dikoloto tse tsa CEDA ga di ka ke tsa godisa *agriculture*, e ka godisiwa fela ke masimo le meraka re e *upgrade*. Re kgothatsa *the young generation to take over from their parents* gore ba tsene mo temothuong.

Ditsela di ka nna le...

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Gone fa o leng teng foo o ise o ye gope, kana phakela ke ne ke botsa gore *loan* e, e ya go thusa jang *a common farmer to upgrade?* A ko o e gatelele sentle, o e tlhatswe gone foo.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Monyenyo wa ga Mothusa Tautona o supa fa a e utlwile, mma ke se ka ka e gatelela thata. *I like that smile* VP.

Ditsela, *impactful infrastructure*; re tlhoka ditsela tse disha tse di ka isang dilo, e seng *to maintain* fela. Tse re di baakanyang tse di supa gore ga di a godisa itsholelo. Ditsela di teng tsa bo Maun, Shorobe, Mababe, Pandamantega, Rakops, Kuke, Ghanzi le tse dingwe tse di ka isang *goods around more profitably to the economy*. Fa motho a ka botsa; naare *loans* tse tsa rona tse, ke efe kompone e e dirang *administration work* ya tsone? *Is it local or foreign? How transparent it is? Was it advertised?* Ke bokae? *We need to know those things*, fa gongwe madi one a a felela gone koo. Tanki.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER, COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke lemoge e bile ke leboge Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona yo o lebaganyeng le tsa Madi gore a beye Ntlo ya Palamente tekodiso mabapi le kadimo ya madi. Mothusa Tautona o setse a boleletse Palamente gore kana madi a, ke one a re yang go tsamaisa *projects* tsa NDP 12 le tsa BETP. *Projects* tse tsotlhe di bua le *manifesto* wa UDC *because they fall under the nine sectors that have been identified through BETP*. Ke batla go leboga Mothusa Tautona gore o tsepame mo *manifesto* wa UDC, NDP 12 le BETP.

*Coming back to the issue ya livestock*, ke batla go supa gore *agriculture ranks at the top in the identified sectors. These six sectors support economic diversification on the economic sector*, di bo di tladiwa ke *three sectors which are social, health and education. These are key sectors tsa development* tse e leng gore *you cannot go anywhere* kana wa godisa, wa dira *diversification on those economic sectors* jaaka bo *mining, agriculture* le tsone o sa di akaretse mo teng.

Ke batla go supa gore Mothusa Tautona jaaka a re beile kope e ya madi a a lebanang le *the livestock sector*, *that sector falls under agriculture*. Maikaelelo a yone ke gore *the agricultural sector* e na le *26 projects identified* by BETP.

Jaanong ke batla gore ke tlhomamisetse Mapalamente, Ntlo e e fano le setšhaba gore Mothusa Tautona o tsepame mo go se se dumalanweng ke Palamente *because it passed NDP 12 and BETP. They are drivers* tse di tsayang mo maitlamong a UDC. *Let us look at the agricultural sector, it...*

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Mopalamente Ntlhaile. Ke utlwile *Honourable Kekgonegile* a bua gore re tlogele go leba kwa morago. A ga o bone BETP le NDP 12 di supa gore re lebile kwa pele, re na le *vision*, re segile tse la ya go fetola itsholelo ya rona? Ke a leboga.

**MR NTLHAILE:** Go ntse jalo motlotlegi. *This administration* ke yone ya ntlha mo dingwageng di le 60 tse di fetileng gore re tle ka *a radical development plan* ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke yone e re batlang gore re e tlhomamise, re supegetse bakaulengwe gore *this is the first attempt* ya lefatshe la Botswana gore le itebaganye le *diversification of the economy by identifying the key sectors* tse di neng tsa feta *through the economic labs* tsa BETP. Ga nna le *tests*, Batswana ba nna teng, ba *experience* gore *indeed projects that have been identified*, ke tsone tse di nonofetseng gore di ka kabakanya kana tsa atolosa itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Re tshwanetse ra leboga Mothusa Tautona ka gore o ne a eteletse kgang e pele. Ke sone se e leng gore gompieno Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona wa Madi o setse lenaneo le morago gore a ye go adima madi gore *projects* tse, tse di tlaa dirang gore jaanong re se ka ra lebagana le gore re bo re lebagane le diteemane fela, re bo re tokafatsa itsholelo.

Ka lone lenaneo le, madi a a tlang a, *one of the projects* le bidiwa gotwe ke NuCarbon Containerized Pyrolysis *under agriculture*. Re ne re ile go simolodisa (*launch*) *this project last week* kwa BIUST. *Project* e e tlaabo e tsamaya e tsena *in different farms*. E nngwe e ka nna ya ya kwa Ghanzi kana Shakawe, go tlaa ya mo goreng bagwebi ba e kgalhegela go le kae.

Ke tshwanetse gore ke supe gore madi a Mothusa Tautona a re a bayang pele, kadimo e, e tlaa thusa. *This is one of the projects* tse Goromente a tlaabong a thusa gore di tokafatse kana di tswakanye (*diversify*) *economy*.

*This NuCarbon Containerized Pyrolysis plant that has been manufactured* mo letsatsing la gompieno, e tlaabo e ntsha (*produce*) *biodiesel* le *methane gas*. *This methane gas* ke yone e e dirisiwang *to power the plant*.

*By so doing, o tlaabo o fokotsa the costs tsa motlakase. The third product e e tlaabong e tswa mo go yone plant ke fertiliser. So, this is how this Government intends to diversify the economy.*

Re a itse gore balemi ba lefatshe la rona gompiano ba lela ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo tsa *fertilisers*. *Project* e, ke nngwe e e leng gore tlaabo e lebagane le gore go ntshiwe a lot of *fertilisers* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go bo raya gore balemi ba lefatshe la Botswana ba ka kgona gore ba e bone.

Ke a itse gore ga se *livestock* but I am simply trying to demonstrate gore *projects* di teng mo *agriculture*. Re a itse gore ke nngwe ya thulaganyo. Go na le *dairy value addition* e e e lebaganang le ka fa leruong. Maikaelelo ke gore go bo go tla go atolosiwa *the dairy sector* mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

**MR MOALOSI:** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Fa Tona a ntse a umaka *projects* tse, ke a tsietsega, ga ke itse gore a mme di wela *under the loan* e e tswang. Ke gore a e tlhalose sentle fela gore a mme ke *projects* tse di teng tse di tlang, a mme di wela *under this loan*?

**MR NTLHAILE:** Ke ne ke supa gore *one of the projects* ke ya *dairy* but all in all, generally ke ne ke supa gore madi *supports the agricultural sector*. Ke yone *point* tota e ke neng ke batla go e dira mokaulengwe.

So, ke ne ke batla gore ke supe gore re ema Mothusa Tautona nokeng gore a adime madi, a tlile go fetola botshelo jwa Batswana. E bile ke a itse gore kwa kgaolong ya me ya Gaborone North go na le balemi ba ba setseng ba eme ka dinao, bangwe ba bone ba mo ditlhopheng tsa moringa gore ba atolose itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. So, ke *support project* e le maiteko a go adima ka kwa ntle. A tlile go fetola matshelo a Batswana le go dira ditiro mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Ke sone se e leng gore bakaulengwe ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba nne le tumelo ya gore madi a ga se gore a adimelwa gore a tle go duela *salaries* fela. *Yes, indeed salaries* di bothlokwa ka gore *projects* tse gore di ye kwa Batswaneng, di isiwa ke badirelapuso le babereki ba ba farologaneng ba ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba engwe nokeng. So, *in that respect*, ke dumela gore madi a fa a tla jaana, a tlile go dira tiro e tona ya go tswakanya itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ka a le kalo, ke boela kwa morago.

**DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH):** Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla gore ke tsene mo kgannyeng e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Hikuama ya gore golo fa ga se gore ra re re santse re tlaa tsena mo mathateng, re mo go one gone jaana. Go ne go sa tlwaelesega gore re ka ya go adimela madi go duela babereki. Go ne go sa tlwaelesega gotilhelele. Gompiano fa o bona re setse re adima madi go duela babereki le ba ba kolotiwang ke Goromente, go raya gore re mo mathateng.

*Honourable VP*, tota fela selo se sengwe ke gore o tshwanetse to put your foot down ka dikgang tsa *spending*. Put your foot down because e seng jalo, kwa bofelong lefatshe le le ya go phutlhamela mo tlhogong ya gago. A ko o mpolelele gore *six Ministers* ba ba neng ba ile kwa Palapye le *officials* phakela, sentlente ba ne ba ile go dira eng? Kutlwisiso ya me ke gore fa re tsamayang teng, re ne re dumalane gore re fokotsa batho ba ba tsamayang le ope, e ka tswa e le Tautona kana *Minister*. Fa e le gore Tautona o santse a kgona go tsamaya le *Ministers* di le *six* a ya go apara purapura fela e bile a sa *graduate*, a e fiwa fela gotwe ke yo o tlaa nna a bidiwa fela gore o na le purapura...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Gobotswang, o lemoge Standing Order 57.1, itebaganye le se o tshwanetseng gore o se dire.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke tlaa se ela tlhoko *Madam Speaker*. Ke bua ka *spending* *Madam Speaker* gore *the Finance Minister, His Honour the Vice President must put his foot down*. O se ka wa nna o tla go re bolelela gore o ntshitse molaetsa gore go dirwe se mme se sa dirwe *Your Honour*.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re kgang e ya *spending*, a ke go utlwa sentle? A o raya gore *Ministers* ba ne ba tsamaya ka dikoloi tsa Puso, bakgweetsi ba ba duelwang *overtime* le dijo tse ba yang go di ja gone koo? A go duela Goromente?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Go ntse jalo mme ga ke dumele gore ba ne ba tsamaya ba le nosi. *Minister* ga a ka ke a tsamaya a le nosi, o tshwanetse a bo a ne a na le *Private Secretary*, gongwe le *other officials* ba *ministry* wa gagwe. *Trooper* e ne e le kwa, ba ne ba le mo dipopelelong tsa go ya kwa Palapye. Golo moo ke tshenyoy ya madi bagaetsho, a re fokotseng mesepele *please!* Tota gatwe re bue le lona jang batho ba Modimo?

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Le batla *sjambok*. *Honourable* Mmolotsi o kile a re bangwe ba batla *sjambok*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Gompiano ke ene a e batlang.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** E nngwe ke ya *tax collection*. O ntshositse *Honourable* Kekgonegile fa o re go na le mabentlele mangwe kwa Block 3 a ka nna 121 a e leng gore *swiping is not allowed*. Tota fa re sa *act Your Honour the VP*, re bua fela, mme go sena *action* ra re re ya kae? Batho ba Modimo, *it is time to act*, mme re batla maduo, golo fa re a tsamaya, re a bona, re a utlwa, maduo ga a yo.

Bagaetsho, fa re tla mo kgannyeng e re e batlelang madi e, e re lekang go tokafatsa *agriculture*. Ke ne ke tsere gore gatwe *priority* ke go batla go oketsa dikgomo gore di ye go nna *five million*. Gompiano re batla madi, jaanong *priority slightly* e fetogile o kare e mo dipoding, ke a bona le dinku, dikoko ga ke di utlwe sentle. Go buiwa ka *clusters*, go tlaabo go na le *cluster* e re itseng gore re na le *abattoir* kwa Tsabong. *Cluster* ya teng e tlaabo e tsenya dikgaolo tsa bo Kanye le Gantsi. A mme gone *practically speaking*, re solofela gore motho a tswe gone kwa Gantsi, a bo a tla go khona mo Sekoma a rwele dipodi a di isa kwa *abattoir* kwa Tsabong, o tlaa boelwa ke sengwe? *Prices* di fa kae, kana o kae *Meat Regulator* e bile ke gakologelwa? A *prices* e tlaabo e le tsone tse batho ba ka boelwang?

Mahalapye ga e na *cluster*; ke rile ke a reetsa gore rona ba Mahalapye gatwe re ya kae. Ga ke kgone go utlwa gore *in terms of abattoir*, re ya go bolaya kwa kae dipodi tsa rona ra thusega, rona ba *area* ya Mahalapye. *Sector* e e leng gore ga e na *abattoirs* ke *poultry industry*. Batswana ba a iteka, ba na le dikoko, bontsi jwa bone ba tlhabela mo malwapeng, mme kana ga go a tshwanela gore go nne jalo. Go ne go tshwanetse gore re ka bo re na le *abattoir* ya dikoko e e *certified* gore re nne *sure* ka *safety* le dilo tse dintsi. Ga re ka ke ra baya mo go reng dikoko di tlhabelwe kwa malwapeng, re ka se ke re *guarantee safety* ya tsone mo dipakeng tsa gompiano.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** *Clarification*. Ka bonako fela ke ne ke re o ne o tla ka mogopolo o o siameng wa gore batho gongwe ba tlaabo ba emelela ka dihutshane sekgala se seleele go ya kwa matlhabelong. Ke botsa gore a go thata gore gongwe o

tswe ka mogopolo gore go nne le *centres* tse e tlaabong e le gore ba matlhabelo ale, ba ka di kgobokanyetswa teng gore ba di tseye foo gore re atumeletse batho madirelo?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Go ntse jalo, gompiano o tlhwaafetse. Go batla jalo *Honourable* Motsamai, fa e le gore ga go nne le *mini abattoirs* kwa bo Gantsi, bogolo go nne le *collection points* tsa mofuta mongwe tse e leng gore dipodi di ka bewa foo, tsa rekisiwa gone foo, ba tla ba reka ba *abattoir* ya Tsabong, ba di tsaya e le tsa bone, batho ba duetswe. Kgang ya *price* e tsile go nna kgang e tona, *the motivation* gore re *upgrade this sector* e tshwanetse e se ka ya nna mananeo, e nne *prices* tse re yang go di bona kwa *abattoirs*.

Se se diragalang kwa Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB), fa o re o tla ka kgetsi ya mabele o sena go nna o lwa le dinonyane le mehero, fa o tsena kwa fa o re o rekisa kgetsi ya mabele, ke moka tota e tsewang mahala. *The motivation* e ne e tshwanetse gore e bo e le *price*. 2015 fa *price* ya lesika la dinawa le ditloo e okeditswe, *we were almost self sufficient that year; it was a clear demonstration* ya gore golo fa mathata ke *prices*. Tsenya *prices, motivation* e se ka ya nna gore Goromente o re phakisa dipeo, o re neela mananeo mahala. *The motivation* e tshwanetse go nna gore o itse gore ke gwethlwa ke gore fa ke rekisitse, ke ya go tswa ka sengwe, ke sone se se botlhokwa thata.

*The emolument of the retail sector* mo *production* bagaetsho, golo mo *distort sectors* tse dingwe mo o tlaa fitlhelang *supermarkets*, ba ba setseng ba lema merogo, gompiano ba ka nna ba felela ba tsene mo dipoding jaaka gotwe ke *commercialisation* jaana. Bagaetsho, dilo tse di ntseng jaana, a re lekeng go di laola gore motho a se ka a laola *production of orders* tse e leng gore o tlaabo a ntsha dijo tsa dipodi, go tsweng foo a bo e bile a rua dipodi, e ntse e le ene gape go tsweng foo, gongwe a bo a nna le *abattoir* ka bone ba na le madi. Re tlaabo re le kae barui ba ba potlana? Ba ba phaketseng ba buiwa gatwe *Honourable* Lucas, ke utlwa leina la gagwe le ntse le tloatlola, ga ke itse gore ba mo sotla fela *honourable* kana ba bolelela ruri.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Clarification*. Ke a dumedisa *Madam Speaker*. Ke a go utlwa, ke dumalana le wena, mme ke sebetse se molangwana gore kana re tshela mo *free market economy*, re ka dira jang gore go se ka ga nna jalo *under this circumstance* ka fa re tshelang ka teng mo Botswana?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Monageng*. *We cannot live in an unregulated free enterprise*. E tshwanetse gore e laolesege, fa o sa e laole yone kana ke *eat or it will be eaten, the law of the jungle*. O tshwanetse go leka go e laola *so that* batho ba bangwe ba tsene *because* fa o sa dire jalo, ba ba mashetla ba tlaa *control the way we value chain*. Fa ba dira jalo, go raya gore jaanong batho ka bontsi ba tsile go ragelwa kwa ntle, fa o ba ragela kwa ntle, lehuma le a tsena, fa lehuma le tsena, go raya gore *social protection budget* e tlaabo e le gore VP re mo tsenya mo mathateng. Jaanong re ba reye re re batho ke ba ba mo lehumeng, ba tshwanetse gore ba tlhokomelwe ke Goromente, ga ke bone gore re ka kgona seemo se se ntseng jalo. Go botoka thata gore re e *regulate* gore bontsi jwa rona, re kgone go tsena mo *value chain* gore re tshela, re se ka ra nna morwalo wa ga Goromente. Ke a leboga *mongwashadi* wa ga Aaron.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I was suggesting we call upon the Minister to respond so, that *re tle re kgone*. *Lebelelang nako*, twenty minutes left to seven. Come up Honourable Minister to respond.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota re a dumalana. Tota kgang kgolo ya gompiano ga se go tsenelela mo mananeong, ke go dumalana ka madi a re a tlhokang gore re suteletse *budget* e re e dumalaneng. Fela gore le se ka la re ga ke a le kgwa dikgaba, re utlwa dikgakololo tsa lona ga se gore ga re di utlwe. Le tshwenyegile thata, ga ke na go ipoeletsa ka go kgobokanya madi a lekgetho bogolo jang, re setse re tlhalositse se se diragalang.

Motlotlegi Kekgonengile, o bua gore o tshwenngwa thata ke sekoloto, mme le ene ke tlhalose gore fa ke le reeditse le bua mathata, fa gongwe e kare le leka go bua gore itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana le kwelotlase, o kare ke kgang e e tlisitsweng ke Goromente kana ke boeteledipele jo bo leng teng. Fa e le gore ga ke le tsenye mafoko mo melomong, kgang eo e kgakala thata le boammaaruri. Fa e le sengwe, fa gongwe re itebatsa dilo tse di dirilweng go dibela lefatshe mo go tseneng ka lemena.

Fa gongwe re itebatsa gore go tserwe dikgato gore ledi la rona la *foreign reserves*, le e leng gore dinako tse lefatshe le ka bo le nyeletse, re ne ra tsaya dikgato go dibela lefatshe la Botswana. Lefatshe la Botswana le santse le totobela go ya go tsoga kwa pele, fa re ne re sa tsaya dikgato tse re di tsereng le ne le ka bo le phutlhamo. Re na le go itebatsa gore madi a ne a dutla

fela mo go feteletseng, le fa e le gore a a dutla gompiano ga a dutle jaaka a ne a ntse a dutla, ka lebaka la gore sepe sa go tokafatsa ga o ka ke wa se kgona letsatsi le le lengwe fela, go tsaya nako. Re se ka ra itebatsa gore, ga go sa tlhole go dutla ka bokete jo go neng go dutla ka jone.

Ka nako e setse e tshaiile nte fela ke re, ke lebogela tumalano ya lona le kgothatso ya lona. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *I therefore move that the Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project (BOLCOP) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2026 (No. 9 of 2026)*, be read for the second time.

Question put and agreed to.

Committee-Later Today.

## BRIDGE FINANCING LOAN (STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED) (LOAN AUTHORITY) BILL, 2026 (NO. 10 OF 2026)

### Second Reading

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Bridge Financing Loan (Stanbic Botswana Limited) (Loan Authority) Bill, 2026 (No. 10 of 2026) be read the second time. I now call upon Honourable Minister to present.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. As I proceed with the Second Reading of the Bridge Financing Loan (Stanbic Bank Botswana Limited) (Loan Authority) Bill, 2026 (No. 10 of 2026).

Madam Speaker, at this juncture, there is no need to further elaborate on the need for this facility. Like the one I presented before, this facility is specifically aimed at addressing Government's immediate liquidity requirements. It is a short-term facility of six months, urgently required to ensure Government is able to meet its obligations and maintain continuity of its operations. This is a practical and necessary intervention, one that allows to bridge pressing liquidity gaps while broader fiscal measures continue to take effect.

Madam Speaker, I think I can now speak to what these facilities mean to the country's fiscal sustainability. Yesterday, I stood before this Honourable House to request an increase in the statutory borrowing limit

from 40 per cent to 60 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Today, I stand before you again, seeking approval for these financing arrangements. Madam Speaker, I am fully aware of the concerns that this may raise, both within this House and across the nation. I understand the weight of the question being asked; Are we borrowing too much?

Madam Speaker, these are valid concerns and they are concerns that Government does not take lightly. Let me assure this House and this nation that, these measures are not a departure from fiscal discipline. They are a response to the reality we face as a nation. They are carefully considered, they are strategically structured and they are aimed at ensuring that Government remains able to meet its obligations of the day, while positioning the economy for recovery tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, the public debt to GDP ratio as of February stands at 34.16 per cent. With the inclusion of facilities I have presented before this Honourable House today, the ratio is projected to rise to approximately 39.42 per cent, which is very close to the statutory limit of 40 per cent that was revised by this House yesterday. Madam Speaker, it is important to emphasise that Botswana has consistently maintained a relatively low debt to GDP ratio and continues to do so when compared to many countries in the region. This has not happened by chance, it is a result of strong legal and institutional frameworks and a disciplined approach to borrowing.

Madam Speaker, borrowing in Botswana is not undertaken lightly. It is done through a structured process that involves consultations with key institutions, including the Attorney General's Chambers and is subject to the oversight of this Honourable House. These safeguards ensure that, even as we navigate current challenges, we continue to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability and prudent debt management.

The repayment of these loans will be honoured in full and on time, as required by the law. These obligations are statutory in nature and therefore take precedence over other recurrent expenditures. This underscores Government's unwavering commitment to maintaining its credibility, meeting its obligations and safeguarding this country's financial reputation.

Madam Speaker, as such I will now present the terms of this particular facility.

**(i) Loan amount:** US\$90 million

**(ii) Interest Rate:** SOFR + 2.5 per cent

**(iii) Tenure:** Six months

Madam Speaker, our firm belief is that we will return to a position where borrowing is directed primarily towards revenue generating and growth enhancing projects, rather than supporting recurrent pressures. Allow me to extend my sincere appreciation to this Honourable House for the critical oversight role it continues to play and for the trust it places in Government as we navigate the challenging times.

Madam Speaker, I therefore move that the Bridge Financing Loan (Stanbic Bank Botswana Limited) (Loan Authority) Bill (No. 10 of 2026), be read for the second time. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, I understand Leader of the House has an announcement to make.

### BUSINESS MOTION

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Madam Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1, variation to the sitting hours of Parliament, that we extend just for today up to the time when we will be done with all the loan Bills.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** Procedure. *Tanki* Madam Speaker. *Re utlwa* Leader of the House, *mme kana* we have another programme that is starting at seven now and we have confirmed. *Bangwe re na le roles tse re yang go di dira teng*, and it was arranged by Parliament *gape*. So, we cannot be running two programmes at the same time. *A re dumalane fela gore ga e a wela, mme re dumela gore kamoso* within 30 minutes or so, *re tlaa wetsa Bills tse. Re ye go tswaledisa mananeo a mangwe.* *Tanki* Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Let me consult.

...Silence...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, the advice is, since we are having another commitment *kwa ntle, gone mme* you are right...can we offer our 30 minutes tomorrow, *ka Friday, re bo re fetsa*, then we move into our business *ya Friday. Ke gore re tshaise*, then tomorrow we get the 30 minutes out of our time, then we move to the business. 30 minutes *wa gore re wetse*.

**MR MOHWASA:** Madam Speaker, *ke ne ke re ke kope gore the 30 minutes... kana ke ne ke tsaya gore...kana re gone fa ba garona ba re tshwereng tiro ele* and it is understandable Honourable Gobotswang. But *kamoso*, the Vice President has another engagement *e a tlaabong a le teng* with the President that starts at 0900 a.m. *Jaanong ke re ke kope your indulgence gore re dire 30 minutes, mme re bo re dumalana*, and I will plead with *ba ba* on our side *gore, gongwe re le lese le akgele*, then *re bo re tla re tswala. Ke a kopa*. You know as we speak *go na le batho ba ba emetseng* payments, that is why we brought this *ka urgency*.

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

**MR MOHWASA:** Kamoso. Nnyaa, *ke bua gore, the Vice President kamoso has an engagement e a tlaabong a le koo that he has confirmed*, ka o ne a itse thulaganyo ya kamoso. *Jaanong ke re, a re beyeng nako e khutshwanyane, 30 minutes*, re bo re kopa ba ga rona gore re fokotse...

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

**MR MOHWASA:** A ko o iketle wena *eish!*

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Madam Speaker*, nna ke re, *you know*, ga gona *to change sepe se se kalo whether ke gompiano kana kamoso. We have been sitting in this Assembly since 10 a.m.* Ke dumalana le gore a re ntshe 30 minutes wa *Private Members* kamoso re simolole ka tsone. *ba tlaa tla ba bona gore ba re fa 30 minutes wa Government Business* fa kae re ntse re tswetse. Fa *Vice President* a seyo, go na le yo o ka mo tshwarelelang, ga go kalokalo. Go boeela gone mo fela Caesar ga go ka ke ga go palela. Fa le na le bothata le ka kopa ra le thusa *to move, but ga go complicated*.

**MR MOHWASA:** Nnyaa, *Madam Speaker*, ke tsaya gore golo fa re leka go tla ka tharabololo. *Jaanong se ke neng ke re ke a se kopa Madam Speaker ke ne ke re, fa e le gore ka Rre Kekgonegile le ene ka mabaka a a buang gore kamoso Vice President o tlaabo a seyo, le ene a re ke motsamaisa tiro kwa, ke re gongwe o ka mo golola a ya go simolola tiro, re bo re ka fetsa. Ka gore nako e re ntseng re bua gone fa, ke yone e e re bolayang, that is why re ne re re ka kwano re ne re rile we will offer nako ya rona gore re se ka ra tswelela*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I think I should put question *ya Motion*.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Madam Speaker, procedure.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** O kare ga re dumalane, *until then* re ya go wela kae?

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Procedure*. Nnyaa, *Madam Speaker*, ga se gore ga re dumalane, tsamaiso e e tlhamaletse fela *Madam Speaker*, mme e bile le wena o na le tshwanelo *ya to protect us re le minority*. Mme fa e le gore o tlaa ya ka dipalo tsa bone jaaka o kare o ya ka dipalo tsa bone jaana...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** *Nnyaa, ke akantse sengwe*. Let me hear the Vice President about his absence tomorrow *gore re ka dira jang*.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):** Thank you Madam Speaker. It is fine, let us do it in the morning.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** We take the first 30 minutes *akere, wa Private Member's Bill*.

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we are at the end of our business today. Leader of the House can you move a Motion of adjournment.

## MOTION

### ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente*. I beg that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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