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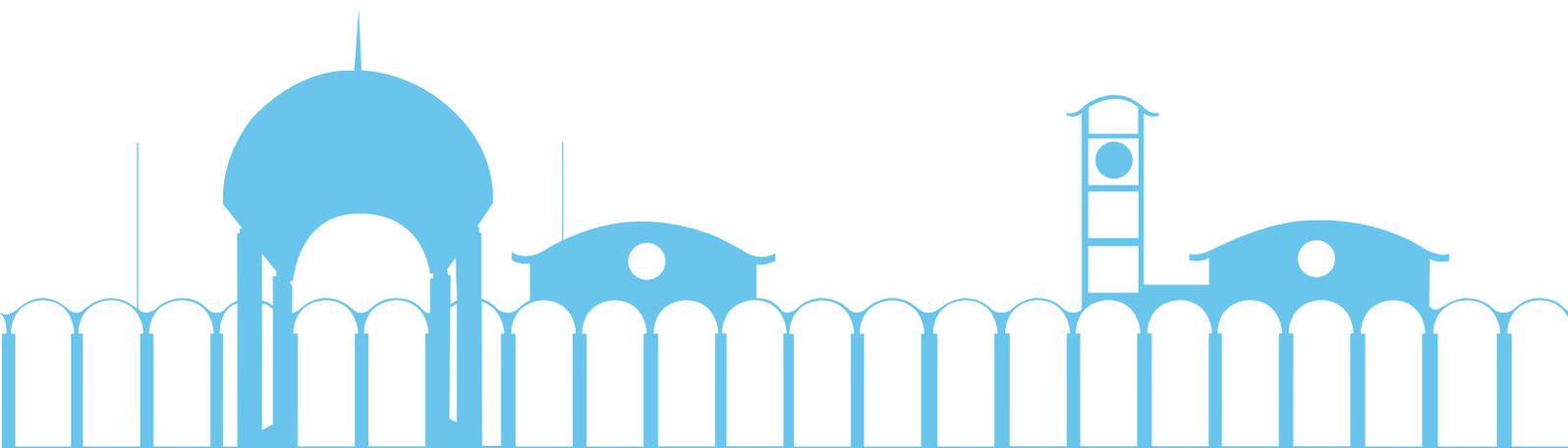
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Thursday 27th February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): *Order! Order! Honourable Members, you are quorated. Good afternoon Honourable Members. Ba bangwe re kopane maphakela mme go lebega e le gore gatwe go nnile le confusion ya clear day gore fa ke re clear day ke raya eng. Go na le ba ke tshwanetseng gore ke ba supe ka monwana; Leader of the Opposition (LOO), Honourable Mmolotsi, Honourable Mokgware, Honourable Lucas, Mother of the House, Honourable Kekgonegile, Honourable Nkawana, ke lona le sa tsenyeng thuto ya gore fa re ntse re re bo clear day re a bo re bua ka ga eng. Honourable Pule le wena o le mo teng as former Deputy Speaker. Fa gotwe clear day bagaetsho ga go tewe gotwe Palamente ga e yo. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a ke tsela nngwe ya treating you, bogologolo kwa sekoleng go ne gotwe go na le to treat gore a ke jaaka le ntse le ba dira jaana. Nanabelelang kwa ditilong tsa lona Honourable Members. Terminology e ya Palamente le tshwanetse le ba e rute, ba e tlhaloganye. Honourable Members, we are quorated so let us start the business of today with questions.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORT PERMITS

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state the number of:

- (i) public road transport permits he has issued;
- (ii) drivers' licenses issued in Selebi Phikwe in the last two years; and
- (iii) applications rejected as well as reasons for rejection; if any.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Assistant Minister a re o na le engagement o kopa later date.

Later Date.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state:

- (i) the total number of young persons who dropped out of the terminal points of Form 3 and Form 5 between 2019 and 2024; and
- (ii) Government interventions in respect of ensuring a secure future for them.

MR SPEAKER: Minister Mmolotsi, a kae Matona a gago?

MR PULE: Procedure. Mr Speaker, decorum ya Ntlo e ga e letlele gore fa o bua le Rre Mmolotsi a bo a go araba a sa tobetsa speaker. O tshaba eng ka gore Hansard e gatisitse gore o boditse, jaanong ga go a gatsiwa karabo ya gagwe.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa o itse tsamaiso Honourable Pule. Fa o bona a gana go tobetsa microphone (mic) o itse mabaka a teng.

DINOKENG FISH FESTIVAL

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware of the Dinokeng Fish Festival which was created to promote fishing and fish farming and aimed to foster local economic empowerment in the river villages; if so, to state:

- (i) whether Government will continue to support this festival and commit to making it return for a third time and beyond; and
- (ii) what plans will be put in place to ensure its successful organisation and to promote local tourism, culture, and economic development in the Kgatleng East Constituency.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Pule, o a bona gore ke teng akere.

Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Let me attempt to answer Question 5. Mr Speaker, be informed that the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture is aware of the Dinokeng Fish Festival. We have already been invited to participate in the preparations for this event by the local authorities who are organising this event. This festival seeks to provide communities with access to economic opportunities associated with fishing and fish farming.



The festival also serves as a platform for showcasing the rich aquatic resources and innovative aquaculture and fishing techniques adopted across the country. It serves as an important community event that unites residents of river villages and surrounding areas.

Mr Speaker, let me assure you that the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture will continue to support the Dinokeng Fish Festival through technical support and facilitation of the occurrence of this important event. I recognise that the festival plays a crucial role in promoting both fishing and fish farming while also fostering local economic empowerment in the Limpopo riverine communities. It aligns with our strategic goal of enhancing food security, diversifying the economy and strengthening community engagement in sustainable aquaculture and fishing practises.

Mr Speaker, the ministry is committed to ensuring the successful organisation of the Dinokeng Fish Festival in the Kgatleng East Constituency and to promoting local tourism, culture and economic development. To achieve this, we intend to undertake the following plan of action:

- (1) To assist local communities who are organising the festival in training local fishers on modern fishing techniques and management and sustainable fishing practises as a way of capacitating them. *Le wena re tlaa go rutuntsha.*
- (2) To conduct on-site demonstrations whereby experienced fishers, fish farmers and technical experts showcase best practices in fish farming and fishing techniques, including proper catch, handling and preservation methods.
- (3) Provide ongoing support through extension officers who can visit fishers' operations to offer hands on guidance and sharing of technical knowledge during and after the festival.
- (4) Facilitate the formation of cooperatives or clusters among local fishers in order to improve market access and promote value addition.
- (5) Lastly; to organise regular consultations with community members and key stakeholders to ensure that the festival meets local needs and continuously improves based on the feedback.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, the Dinokeng Fish Festival represents a strategic initiative that blends cultural celebration with practical capacity building. It aims to promote sustainable fishing, creates awareness on fish

farming and fosters local economic empowerment. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR PULE: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker, ke a go leboga. Ke bo ke leboga Tona. O nkarabile ka botswerere jo ke neng ke bo solofetse. Ke botse gore motlotlegi jaaka o supile gore tota le eme ka dinao go baakanyetsa Fish Festival, a ga re a baya letsatsi la gore e tlaabo e le di kae ka gore Bakgatla kana ba ntse ba e tlwaetse gore e nna ka bo 11th March? E bile e le gore bo fishermen go simolola ka 1st March fa go bulelwa ditlhapi, ba a tsoma ba lebeletse gore festival e tsena ka 11th March. Jaanong ke re gongwe o ka re thusa ka letsatsi gore e tlaa dirwa leng?*

Sa bobedi *Mr Speaker, se ke se botsang ke se botsisiwa ke go utlwa ka fa Honourable Mmolotsi a arabileng ka bokgabane ka teng, ke batla go botsa Tona gore a jaanong ga a bone gore gongwe go botlhokwa thata gore re le Puso re eme ka dinao go bona gore tsela e e tswang mo Malolwane e ya kwa Mmaphashalala e agiwe as soon as possible? Fa e le gore the ministry intends to invest so much on the festival e ke tsayang gore it creates awareness le training e a ntseng a bua gore le nna ke mo go yone, kana go raya gore jaanong the fish farms tse di tlaabong di ntsha ditlhapi gone kwa, ba tlaabo ba na le limited access to the market because of the infrastructure. A Tona ga a bone gore go botlhokwa gore gongwe re buisanye le Rre Salakae ba itlhaganelele go aga tsela e e tswang mo Malolwane go ya go tsena kwa Mmaphashalala gore e tle e kgone gore e thuse the farmers tse di tlaabong di le koo gore ba tsise ditlhapi tsa bone kwa mmarakeng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

MR MMOLOTSI: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Motlotlegi, ke tsaya gore morero wa gore letsatsi le tlaa nna leng o tswelletse, le tlaa tswa morago ga morero o o sena go nna o wela.*

Sa bobedi ka kgang ya tsela, ke a go utlwa motlotlegi gore kana jaaka festival e lebege e tsosolosa le jone bojanala ka tsela e e kana, go tlaa tlhoka ditsela. Go lebege market e tlaabo sengwe se e leng gore re tlaabo re se lebeletse thata gore go iwe kwa go sone, go tlhoka tsela. Ke re yone eo kana o a itse Tona gore re tlaabo re simolola lenaneo la ditlhabololo le le šha. So, ke na le tumelo e tona ya gore o tlaa emela tsela eo ka dinao ka o le moemedi wa kgaolo eo. Motlotlegi Tautona maabane o letse a tlhalosa gore re tlaabo re le mmogo go bona gore tse re tshwanetseng re di dire mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse, re di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re le mmogo re sa dire lefufa mo go ope. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.



CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITAL IN TLOKWENG THROUGH PPP

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of Health if he will consider building a primary hospital in Tlokweng through Public Private Partnerships (PPP); and if so, when.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Right Honourable Speaker. The ministry does not currently have any plans to construct a primary hospital *kwa* Tlokweng through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). *Motlotlegi*, the ministry remains open to exploring collaborations with any interested parties, within the ambit of the existing of the existing partnership model, and under the guidance of Public Private Partnerships policy and implementation framework.

Ka bokhutshwane ke gore the PPP model o motlotlegi a o batlang may be initiated even by the Member of Parliament himself, if he is so minded to seek investment in that regard. We as a ministry can then also handle part of the facilitation that will lead to you having such a hospital in your area. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR SEGOKGO: Supplementary. Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo e ntle eo. Go a itshupa gore Goromente le *ministry* o o tshwere ka matsetseleko mongwame. Tona, gore fa ke ka tla ka babeetsi bao ka re, “babeetsi ke ba Tona, lefatshe ke le kwa Tlokweng, *two hectares* ke yo, mme a re dire sepatela gore banni ba Tlokweng ba se ka ba sokola,” a o ntlhomamisetsa gore ke selo se e leng gore *you can facilitate* ka gore babeetsi ba teng? Lefatshe le lone le teng le e leng gore re ne re setse re le abetse *primary hospital*.

MR SPEAKER: A o a tlhomamisa *Minister Ookeditse?*

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. I think the Right Honourable Member should know gore it is our intention gore re ngoke bojanala jwa botsogo kana medical tourism into the country. So, in order for us to be able to do this, we need to extend the facilities tse re nang le tsone jalojalo. Selo se se raya gore fa motlotlegi a na le bagwebi bangwe, ba e leng gore ba ka beeletsa into this critical sector; tiro ya rona e ka nna to facilitate you gore go kgone go diragala. It is the intention of this Government gore re ntshe any red tape e e ka dirang gore e ka paledisa dilo tsa mofuta o. Jaanong wena fela se o tlhokang go se dira ke go lebelela PPP policy and implementation framework such that se o se batlang is within the framework. Fa go na le challenge e e leng*

teng as a result of the policy, it is our job therefore as this House to look into it so that re ntshe dikgoreletsu re tle re kgone go bona sepatela se se duleng diatla kwa kgaolong ya Tlokweng. Ke a tlhomamisa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga.

ALLOCATION OF LAND TO MOGODITSHANE-THAMAGA RAC

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Administration Centre (RAC) project development has been allocated land.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MMOLOTSI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. The Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Administration Centre (RAC) plot was initially allocated to Kweneng District Council on the 9th of September 1996, measuring 2.5 hectares, being Lot 39 Mogoditshane.*

This has since been developed and has accommodated both the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council and District Administration offices. The plot has since August 2024, been extended at their request and now measures 4.823 hectares. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BARONGWANG: Supplementary. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Tota potso ya me e ne e tlaleletsa mo go e ke neng ke e boditse pele, e ikaelela go supa tiego ya ditlhabololo tse di kwa Mogoditshane. Golo kwa Mogoditshane re itemogela tiego e e tseneletseng ya ditlhabololo, mme bontsi jwa nako go bakwa ke gore Puso gongwe e bo e tsere lebaka go abela some developments lefatshe. Jaanong se ke batlang gore Tona a se tlhalose ke gore a o a itse gore kwa ka a reng go na le this RAC plot teng, go under a temporary arrangement? Jaanong ke ipotsa gore Tona fa sebaka se ka tla sa gore development e nne teng, a le mo seemong sa gore le ka thusa batho ba Mogoditshane mo ditlhabololong? Ke a leboga.*

MR MMOLOTSI: Tota *Mr Speaker*, jaaka re tlhalosa, lefelo le le abilwe e bile la boa la okediwa ka kopo ya bone. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, gongwe se ke ka se tlhalosang fela ke gore *the extended part*, ke yone e e leng gore ba na le *resolution* fela, ga ba ise ba fiwe setlankana se e leng gore re tsaya gore *land board* e tlaa se ntsha mo bogautshwaneng. Ke lefatshe la bone le e



leng gore ba ka tswelala ba tlhabolola mo go lone ka fa ba ka eletsang ka teng. Ke a leboga.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES FACTORY

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state:

- (i) whether the newly established electric vehicles factory is Government owned or a private entity;
- (ii) who was responsible for the procurement of vehicles and/or vehicle parts that are to be assembled;
- (iii) the actual cost of the vehicles and vehicle parts procured as well as their assembly;
- (iv) the number of buses, bakkies and sedans in the fleet;
- (v) if the vehicles will be allocated for use in Government departments, if so, how many have been allocated and where;
- (vi) if the current administration will continue with the electric vehicle's factory;
- (vii) whether the country has started to break-even on the project and how much revenue has been raised thus far;
- (viii) how many Batswana have been employed at the factory; and
- (ix) the salaries of the lowest and highest paid employee respectively.

Later Date.

LACK OF POTABLE WATER IN TATI EAST VILLAGES

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to update this Honourable House on:

- (i) lack of potable water in the following villages; Matsiloje, Patayamatebele, Ditladi and Matshelagabedi; and
- (ii) measures in place to normalise the situation.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, mma ke le dumedise. ke dumedise le mmotsi

wa potso, Motlotlegi Furniture.

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, ke boammaaruri lephata le itse ka tlhalelo ya metsi e e tseneletseng ya metse ya Matsiloje, Patayamatebele, Ditladi le Matshelagabedi. *Mr Speaker*, lephata fa le itse jaana, ga le a nna fela, le siana naga e yotlhe le dira maiteko otlhe a motho a ka a akanyang go leka go ritibatsa seemo sa morafe wa koo. Tlhalelo e ya metsi *Mr Speaker*, e bakwa ke dikgang tsa gore kgaolo nngwe le nngwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana, jaaka o itse gore fa go iwa kwa *population census*, o fitlhela batho ba oketsegile, metse e oketsegile. Phatlalatsa ya mealo ya metsi e tshwanetse ya phatlalala gongwe le gongwe. Ka letlhoko la madi le fa gotwe ke seipato... ga ke itse *Mr Speaker* ka gore... fa e ne e se ka letlhoko la madi, e ka bo e re re bua jaana re bo re re a motse mongwe le mongwe go phaladiwe metsi ka tekatekano.

Go lekiwa maiteko ao *Mr Speaker* gore ka gore mealo e setse e fetilwe ka motse, madi a bonale ka go tsenya *projects* tse tsotlhe mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12 gore batho ba tle ba kgone go nwa metsi a a bonalang.

Mr Speaker, fa ke tswelala, ke tsamaela go fetsa ka ke ne ke batla go soboka, metse ya Ditladi le Patayamatebele jaaka ke ne ke bua, go na le mananeo le dipalo tse di supang gore mananeo a a leng teng gompiano ga a ka ke a kgona metse eo ka lebaka la gore metse eo e setse e godile go feta selekanyo se batho ba motse ba batlang metsi ka sone, jaaka batho ba bewa letsatsi le letsatsi. *Pipes* di felela boleng jwa tsone e le jo bogologolo tse dingwe di le ditsheane tse dingwe ditanka tsa metsi e le tse go rayang gore *capacity* ya teng ke e e kwa tlase go itepatepanya le seemo.

Kgangkgolo e e ka rarabololang dikgang tse *Mr Speaker*, ke gore lenaneo le le tona la Greater Francistown Master Plan ya metsi, *be implemented* le re le kopetseng jaaka gongwe Mopalamente a na le kitso eo, gore le tsenngwe mo NDP 12 *Mr Speaker*. Re solofela gore go tlaa nna jalo, ke tsaya gore ke yone tharabololo e tona, mme tse dingwe tsa bo go thotha metsi ka dijojo go a isetsa batho, di tswelotse di a dirwa le go bona gore fa go tlhalelang teng lephata le ka dira jang. Ke a leboga.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboga Mothusu Tona ka karabo eo. Mothusu Tona, a mme o a lemoga gore maiteko mo



karabong ya bobedi kana mo potsong ya bobedi e ke neng ke e botsa gore mme go dirwa eng mo nakong ya gompiano go bona gore go sielwa batho metsi? Thulaganyo e o e buang ke yone ya *to bowse* batho ba metse eo metsi. A o a lemoga gore lephata la gago go thata gore ba kgone go isetsa batho metsi ka *bowsers*? Metsi a nna teng fela fa go tilwe Mopalamente kana *Minister* o etla. Jaanong gone mo, ke batla go itse gore mo lephateng la gago tota o tlaa dira eng go tokafatsa fa re santse re emetse thulaganyo ya Greater Francistown Master Plan ka gore ke yone e re e thaloseditsweng gore ke yone e e ka rarabololang bothata jwa metsi mo metseng eo? Jaanong e ya go isetsa batho metsi, lephata la gago le dira go le kae go bona gore batho ba sielwa metsi?

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka ke thalositse dikgang di le mmalwanyana. Ke ne ke kopa gore nna le Mopalamente re ye go nna fa fatshe, jaanong ke ye go nna nae mo ofising re buisane gore seemo se tota gore se feduwe sentle fela *konono*, ka e bile e le mong wa kgaolo, re ka se fetsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang nna le ene re thusana. Ke tloga ke akanya sengwe gone fa gore seemo se se ka fediwa jang ke sa mo *involve*, e bo e le gore gongwe ke dirile se sele kana ga ke a kgotsofatsa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MAKALAMABEDI NO.2 QUARANTINE CAMP

MR S. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) when the Makalamabedi No.2 Quarantine Camp fence will be renovated;
- (ii) if it will be upgraded to an electric fence since it is not easily destroyed by elephants; and
- (iii) what arrangements have been made for cattle to be sent for artificial insemination.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

- (i) Ke supe fela gore paakanyo e ya Kwarantane ya bobedi ya Makalamabedi e tlaa simolola ka *April* wa ngwaga ono, go leka go baakanyetsa dikgomo tse di tlaa tsenang kgotsa kgweelo ya 2025/2026. Mo nakong ya gompiano, ditsela di a dirwa tsa go leka go baakanya terata e. Ditsela tsothle tsa go leka go baakanya, di senngwa ke gore kgapetsakgapetsa fa go dirwa jalo, ditlou di e tla di bo di senya terata eo.

(ii) Jaanong ka lebaka leo, *Mr Speaker*, mo e leng gore ke *answer* ya potso ya bobedi, maikaelelo a lephata ke gore go ye go tsenngwa terata ya motlakase e e lehang thata gore e kgone go kganela ditlou go tsena. Go tsenya terata e, *would be prioritised* mo nakong e e tlang, mme tiro ya teng e tlaa simololwa ya *to electrify fence* ka 2025/2026 *financial year*.

(iii) *Mr Speaker*, ka lebaka la gore go onetse gape le ditlou le leuba le le kanakana le le neng le amile kgaolo, ga go a kgonagala gore dikgomo di amogelwe go tla go gweediwa mo ngwageng wa 2024/2025 *breeding season*, mme le fa go ntse jalo, barui ba ne ba rotloedwa gore jaanong ba ka ya go dira kgweediswa kwa *farms* tsa bone mo go bidiwang gotwe *on-farm artificial insemination* le go ka dirisa dipoo tsa bone kwa ba leng teng. Ka mafoko a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore ke arabile potso ya gago.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mma re dumedise batlotlegi le lefatshe ka bophara. Tona re a utlwa ka gore le ikaelela go tsenya motlakase. Jaanong fa o sa weleng sentle teng, ke fa o re re tlaa o tsenya mo nakong e e tlang mo *financial year* ya 2025/2026. Re dumela gore *financial year* e re tsenang mo go yone ke yone ya 2025/2026, mme o bo o re nako e e tlang gongwe o ka *qualify statement* se. Fa motho a reeditse nako e e tlang, gongwe o akanya *financial year* e e ka kwa e seng e go simolola ka *April* jaana, o ka se baakanya.

Le tlaabo le baakanya kwarantane terata yotlhe fela, kana le ya go e baakanya ka diketloketlo, mme fa e le gore le e baakanya ka diketloketlo, le ikaelela go tsaya sekgele se se kae mo *financial year* e, *side efe* mo kgaolong? Tanki.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Mr Speaker*, Tona o ne a... utlwa ka re Tona, kana ke tlwaetse gore bo Tona ba nna *opposite me*...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke raya gore *you will pardon me* gore ke bo ke re le bo Tona, mme ga go molato. *To answer you, the upgrading would be prioritised under the camp maintenance vote. Works will start in the second quarter of 2025/2026 financial year.* Jaanong mo go ya bofelo ya gore re ya go baakanya fa kae, re ya go leka go baakanya kwarantane yotlhe ka yone nako e ke buang ka ga yone e.

TAUTONA LODGE

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister for State President to inform this Honourable House on the status of Tautona Lodge; and in particular:

- (i) to tabulate what exactly was bought when the property was allegedly purchased, that is, the inventory of the Tautona Lodge;
- (ii) what activities takes place there;
- (iii) how many people are employed there and their nature of work; and
- (iv) the exact cost of the property when it was bought.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Mr Speaker, *batlotlegi le Batswana botlhe ka kakaretso, ke a le dumedisa.*

Mr Speaker, “Farm No. 53 Fairy Glen”, commonly known as Tautona Lodge in the Ghanzi District, measuring about 4,299 hectares was bought by Government of Botswana in May 2021. Part of the farm Mr Speaker is developed with a lodge known as Tautona Lodge.

I have been informed that the lodge only occupies about two hectares of the total land acquired and has 38 rooms, eight permanent beds, camping tents, five boreholes out of which two are fully equipped, 200 capacity conference room, all sorts of fixtures and fittings, staff houses comprising of three structures which include a swimming pool, standby generator and a bar.

Mr Speaker, in addition to the Lodge the facility had diverse animal species which were given to Government for free at the time, so we are informed. These include:

Animal	Number
Lions	2
Elands	70
Wildebeest	40
Waterbuck	15
Ostrich	20
Kudu	15
Giraffe	65
Zebras	50
Ant bear	10
Honey badger	6
Warthog	30

Black back jackal	10
Brown hyena	5
Impala	200
Gemsbok - Kukama	25
Red hartebeest – K gama	15
Duiker	15

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the facility offers hospitality services, I am told, which include hotel and catering as well as conferencing, game drive, busk walk and sand dance, restaurant and campsite with boma, among others.
- (iii) The Lodge is said to have a staff complement of 39 staff members. These include senior positions of Operations Manager, Human Resource Manager, Finance Officer and Stores and Supplies Officer. Others are said to be in front desk, house-keeping, maintenance, grounds personnel, driver and kitchen staff.
- (iv) The Lodge was bought to the tune of P58 240,000 that includes Value Added Tax (VAT), as a final settlement amount for procurement of the farm. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: Supplementary. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re ke botse Tona gore kgang ya Tautona Lodge e setse e kile ya buisanwa mo Palamenteng, a o kile wa lebelela gore ba e neng e le Matona pele ga gago ba arabile ba reng ka yone, le gore a karabo ya gago gompieno e tsamaelana le se ba se buileng? E le potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi, re teetswe gatwe...*I am sure* fa e le gore o lebeletse o fitlhetse re teetswe gotwe, jaanong lefelo le le dirisiwa ke ba *Ministry of Agriculture for research.* Jaanong wena o re bolelela gore ke *hotel*, go ntse go a tsenwa foo go diriwa *drives.* *What explains the change, if at all there has been a change?*

The third one ke gore, maloba fa re kopane kwa dithutopuisanyong tsa *budget, Accountant General* o re reetse a re, ga go na sepe se se supang gore *Lodge* e e rekilwe jang. *There is no evidence of any payment. So who paid? Secondly* o ne a re bolelela gore, *it does not appear gope on registers* tsa dithoto tsa Puso. *Where does it appear* kwa re kgonang go bona tsone dilo tseo?

Ya bofelo potso ke gore, diphologolo tse o reng di ne tsa fiwa Goromente o na le bosupi jo o ka bo ntshang jwa gore Goromente o di amogetse, o di isitse kae?



MS MOPHUTING: Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Ke potso e e siameng thata *Leader of the Opposition* gore, *am I aware of* dikarabo tse di neng di filwe ke bo Tona ba e leng gore *they came before us*. Ke ntse fa fatshe le ba *ministry*, *they have given me their assurance that*, dikarabo tse *is the current state of affair* kwa Tautona Lodge. *Previously what took place there*, ga ke a botsa potso eo motlotlegi. Mme ke a go solofetsa gore ke tlaa go batlela karabo eo, *I am going to come and answer it here*.

E nngwe potso, *you also went on to talk about, how there were other questions that were answered previously, and go lebega o kare di farologane le tse dingwe*. E ke ka e arabang *is that there was a previous figure I have been informed today*, ke fela gore *amount e initially gatwe ke P58 million, but it is not 58 million* jaaka le utlwile ke rile P58 240,000. Ba bo ba tlhalosa gore, o kare *numbers are different at this stage because* re ntse re sa bue ya P240, 000. Re ntse re lebala go tsenya ya gore Value Added Tax (VAT) go ne ga tsena P240 000. Ke bo ke amogela gore, ee mme ke a le utlwa, ke a go bolelela Batswana se e leng gore la re le ka tla go...*it is something that you can verify in a court of law*.

Ya bofelo...

MR SALESHANDO: I could remind her quickly. *Diphologolo tseo ...*(inaudible)... *gore di ile kae*, who paid, and where is it registered in the books of Government?

MS MOPHUTING: We did not prepare for that question Honourable LOO. *Ke kopa gore o intshwarele*, I am going to make sure that I get that answer for you as well, *ke bo ke tla go go araba fela sentle mo Ntlong e*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

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MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore a o wetse. O wetse *Honourable Minister?*

MS MOPHUTING: Ee rra, ke wetse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

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HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, I am going to give you supplementaries. Hang on, hang on! Take your seat.

Honourable Minister, just so that we are certain, whether is your assurance given today that you will answer the question in terms of previous answers given and possible discrepancies between those answers that were given and the answer you are giving today?

Secondly on the animals, on who paid and the state of registration, because as Leader of the Opposition asserts, the asset does not appear in the Government registry. *Go itsiwe gore gone go ne go duela mang, a tsaya mo* which vote? What I want to confirm is whether it is your assurance that you will give those answers?

MS MOPHUTING: Thank you Mr Speaker. In terms of the discrepancy, I cannot say *gore ke ya go tla ke...* what may appear as the discrepancy in my answering today I will account for the previous ones. *Se ke tlileng go tla ka sone ke dipotso tse e leng gore* the Leader of Opposition has asked me today, so *fa e le gore* there was discrepancy in relation...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, Honourable Minister, *akere* Leader of the Opposition is saying, have you studied previous answers given on the same question?

MS MOPHUTING: No, I have not studied the previous answers *tse di neng di filwe*. The ones that I did study *fela...*

MR SPEAKER: But do you get the import of the question, why he is asking that question?

MS MOPHUTING: My assumption is that he is asking that because from what I am saying today there seems to be discrepancies from what was answered before, that is my...

MR SPEAKER: But the assurance is that you give the answers.

MS MOPHUTING: Yes, yes absolutely.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Procedure Mr Speaker!

MS MOPHUTING: Yes, absolutely Mr Speaker. LOO *o boditse gore a re na le* agreement before us; what I have right now as an electronic copy LOO, *ke Memorandum of Agreement of Sale*. Can I read Mr Speaker?

MR SPEAKER: Please.

MS MOPHUTING: This is between Horseshoe Ranches (Pty) Ltd Company and the Government of the Republic of Botswana registered in terms of Company's Act Cab: 42:02 of the laws of Botswana. That is what I have now. I can furnish you with that information.

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker, ke ema ka procedure ka gore she kept on using the words, "I am told, I am told." Fa re araba dipotso re le Botona, ga re dirise mafoko ao o kare we do not own karabo. E rile fa a rialo, mo tlhologanyong go bo go mpha gore Minister ga a kgotsofalela karabo e a e filweng. Go bo go nna le kgang e e neng e buiwa ke LOO ya Accountant General yo o neng a tlhalosa gore golo mo does not appear gope mo dipampiring tsa Puso. Go bo go nna le kgang ya dikarabo tse di arabilweng during the previous Government. Ke kope jaana gore gongwe o fe Tona chance ya gore a ye to reconcile all these three things and then a tle ka karabo e a sa reng, "I am told." A bue a le certain gore karabo ke e because all of us want to know gore go diragala eng. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Pule, indeed I do not think that detracted from the complete ownership of the answer by the Minister. *Tota much as a araba, re a itse gore she is informed. Ga ke tseye gore go senya mo go kalokalo mme ke kgakololo fela Honourable Minister, so that you sound indeed owning the answer.*

Mo go ya assurance, the assurance has been given, I do not know whether she will invoke Standing Order 41.2 next time to either give a statement to elucidate on what she has answered.

MR KAIZER: *On a point of procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke santse ke le leForm 1 Mr Speaker, gongwe re etla re tsietsega. Procedure ya me e fa gore go na le dipotso tse Minister a sa di arabang a re o ya go tla ka new information. A re ya go tla re mo letlelela gore a tle go araba dipotso tse gone fa on the floor of Parliament? Last week go nnile le potso e Minister wa Water and Human Settlement a sa kgonang go e nkaraba ka botlalo and I was promised gore ke tlaa tla ke neelwa karabo. O foo ke fano, le gompiano ga ke ise ke bone karabo ya teng. So, what is the procedure Mr Speaker in relation to dipotso tse di sa arabesegang? Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kaizer, Standing Order 41.2 *Tona o ka fa* statement to correct facts given under statement made under paragraph 1;

- (a) "on some public matter for which he or she is responsible;

(b) requested under Standing Order No. 38.1;

- (c) then also to correct an answer to a question asked under Standing Order 40 (Manner of asking and answering questions)."

Ke ka mo letla gore o ka tla mo Ntlong, a bo a fa statement seo se a tlaabong a baakanya karabo e, kana o ka nna a tla ka a fully-fledged statement, comprehensive, about Tautona Lodge kana farm. O ka nna a tlhophla that option which in my view, looking at the interest that this question has generated, gongwe le mo kope a tle a dire statement ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. I do not know if is she is in a position now to give that assurance gore o tlaa fa statement kana o tlaa fa statement in respect of specific questions that are outstanding. But as I say, ke akanya gore a fully comprehensive statement given by the Minister on the subject, will be much more appropriate.

MS MOPHUTING: Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Kaizer, I can assure you that I will come back in this House and I will give a comprehensive statement *mo dikgannyeng tse tsa Tautona Lodge. Ke utlwa gotwe* it is like I am not owning up, Honourable Mabuse, honourable, with all due respect...

MR SPEAKER: I have made a ruling on that point, just leave it.

MS MOPHUTING: Okay. *Ee rra, ke a go solofetsa. Remember Honourable Kaizer, these are supplementary questions, right now ga ke na dikarabo tsa tsone mme ke a go solofetsa motlotlegi gore ke a go boela mo Ntlong e, ke e fa a comprehensive statement mo go tsone dikgang tse that Batswana have got so much interest in. Ke a leboga.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Let me warn you that we have just about less than two minutes before nako ya dipotso e fela, go tlaabo go sala question without notice. Ke bona gore le setse le kgaramaditse dipotso but fa mongwe a ka sutisa gore le feleletse dipotso gongwe le ne le ka di felelela. Otherwise nako e le fa e tshaya, ke emisa nako ya dipotso.*

BUSINESS MOTION

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I wish to move that we extend time until such a time that we have completed all the questions in the Order Paper. Thank you.



MR SPEAKER: Let me just confirm; are you standing in terms of Standing Order 130.1, so that we suspend Standing Order 40.7?

MR MMOLOTSI: Yes Mr Speaker, I stand on that Standing Order.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR LEKAU: *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re gongwe le nna o ntsenye sekole gore fa re re tlaa boela mo Ntlong to give feedback mme re bona kgang e, e le gore it is of public interest. Potso e e neng e buiwa ke LOO, e boditswe ke nna and ka mokgwa o e leng gore ke utlwa botlhoko ka teng, gore ditau tse dingwe ke itse gore di kae. Go batla re fiwa date ya gore gone mme go boelwa leng mo Ntlong to give that full report?*

MR SPEAKER: I do not think it will be fair on the Honourable Minister to say *o tlaa tla ka labokae. Ke tsaya gore fa a le solofetsa, ga e reye dipeba di tsala.* You would recall Honourable Members, that Honourable Minister Mmolotsi, Honourable Minister for State President, just recently gave statements *mo Ntlong mabapi le kgang ya motsamao kwa Chobe le kgang ya disaster.* Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka *le ene* recently gave a statement. Statement *se, se tlaabo se le* in that form *ka fa ke utlwang Tona a bua ka teng.*

Ke tsaya gore le fa a ka se ke a re fe *date* gompiano, mme ke dumela gore e tlaa nna *soon.* O se ka wa fela pelo *Honourable Member;* ke tsaya gore *statement* se tlaa tla, *but I do not think it would be fair* gore re mo reye a re fe *date* ya gore e tlaa re ka labokana ke bo ke le fa.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): It is a valid concern by the Honourable Member of Parliament. Let me commit to say next week Friday *ke tlaa tla go dira* statement if you allow me Mr Speaker. *Kgang e ya Tautona Lodge, ke gore* all across the political divide, *re a dumalana* gore it is of national interest. It is something that was very, very hotly contested, therefore, it must be treated with the seriousness and the urgency that it deserves. If you give me permission next week Friday, I will be in this House *ke tla go araba. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: A ko le mpolelele *Honourable Members,* fa a le raya a re o tlaa tla ka *statement* le bo le santse le re *supplementary,* tota go ka re isa kae?

DR DOW: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re gongwe dipotso tse di ka botswang fa di tlaa mo guide gore where is the interest because o kgona go tla a boa a re ke ne ke sa akanya kgang e le e buang eo. O tlaa tla ka comprehensive, but the questions will actually guide her; tse a sa di kgoneng gompiano di tlaa nna mo statement. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead, I think you wanted to ask a supplementary.

DR DOW: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re ke leboege karabo ya ga Minister. O tlhalosa gore Tautona Lodge is an enterprise. E bile o tlhaloganya gore it is a State Owned Enterprise (SOE) ka gore re e rekile. Procedure le tsamaiso ya mmuso ke gore SOE e na le board. Mo board eo the relevant ministry is represented; kana ke Air Botswana, BAMB, BDC. So ke ne ke batla gore a board yone ya this SOE e e bidiwang Tautona Lodge, how many people are on it, and how many representatives does the ministry have mo teng e bile ke level efe? Gantsi e nna Deputy Permanent Secretary (DPS); a DPS wa kwa go lona sits mo board ya Tautona Lodge, which is a SOE? Thank you.*

MS MOPHUTING: Mma ke go leboege *Mother of the House.* Tlaa ke itsele mofago, ke utlwile sentle dipotso le tsone dikarabo tseo, *I will make sure that they are contained in that report.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, re feditse ka potso eo, fa le na le se le batlang go mo *guide* ka sone, le tlaa mo *approach.* Le tlaa di *channel through the Minister.*

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Procedure. Thank you. I think o e tshwere Mr Speaker; tota ke ne ke re ke kope gore Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe ka gore go lebege kgang e re na le interest mo go yone, Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe yo o ka tswang a batla go itse sengwe ka yone, must feel free go ka neela Tona potso ya teng jaaka le nna ke tlaa isa tse pedi.*

MR SPEAKER: Go na le potso ya ga *Honourable Lucas,* ga ke itse gore a go na le Tona ope yo o e laetsweng, ya *Child Welfare and Basic Education.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga go lebege go na le yo o e laetsweng.

ERADICATION OF DISEASES

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to outline the plan for eradicating diseases such as Foot and Mouth, Tropical Bont Tick (commonly known as Bemobile) to improve agricultural production and the livelihoods of Batswana.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Gongwe pele ga ke araba potso e *Mr Speaker*, ke simolole fela ka go e alela jaana gore bolwetso jo jwa Tlhako le Molomo bo tshelanwa mo go feteletseng, mme e bile ke bolwetsi jwa diphologolo tse di nang le tlhako. Bolwetsi jo bo bakiwa ke megare e ka nna bosupa, A, O, C, South African Territory 1, 2, 3, le Asia 1. E e tumileng thata ka kwano ke wa South African Territory 1, 2 and 3. Megare e *Mr Speaker*, e tsamaisiwa ke phologolo e e bidiwang gotwe nare, or African Cape Buffalo. Ga se gore nare e e a bo e lwala bolwetsi joo, yone ke *reservoir* fela e e bo tsayang e bo isa kwa leruong la rona.

Ka gore lefatshe la rona *Mr Speaker* le na le dinare tse di ntsi, ga go na ka fa re ka nyeletsang dinare tse tsotlhe ka teng. Ka lone lebaka leo, go ne ga lemotshega gore se re ka se dirang ke go leka go dira diterata tse di ka kgaoganyang mafudiso le kwa diphologolo di nnang teng. Go raya gore Goromente *maintained buffalo fence around the Delta* go leka go kgaoganyana mafudiso le kwa diphologolo di nnang teng.

Goromente gape o ne a tswetse ka go kenta dikgomo go leka gore nako le nako di nne di le mo seemong se se botoka thata. *Outbreaks* tsa bolwetse jo di tswa kgakala di le teng, mme le *prevention* ya FMD e tswa kgakala e le teng e leka go dirwa mo dikgaolong tsona tseo.

Jaanong ka gore potso e e telele *Mr Speaker*, gongwe ke leke go e dira ka Sekgoa re tle re nne bofefo.

...Silence...

MR MMOLOTSI: Since 2007 the Okavango and Ngami area have experienced several Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks, the last one in 2020 at Nxamasera, Okavango District. There are several compounding factors resulting in the current unstable FMD situation, and this include inadequate maintenance of the cordon fences, distraction of the cordon fences by growing elephant population, inadequate vaccination coverage, non-compliance with movement controls and animals; traceability requirements.

Mr Speaker, cases of Senkobo disease were first observed in 2015 on the eastern parts of Okavango Delta, shortly after the appearance of the Amblyomma, which is the bont tick, also commonly called bemobile tick which because of the striking similarity – okay, *mo ke kgang fela ya gore e biditswe* bemobile *ka lebaka la gore e tshwana* le colours *tsa* Bemobile.

Initially, the ministry advised farmers to dip livestock which is effective for controlling the tick and preventing the disease. In spite of this, the incidence of the disease increased due to lack of sustained dipping efforts by farmers. By 2020 the disease has spread to other parts of the Delta with severe morbidity and mortality in villages like Tubu, Gumare, Beetsha, and as far as Shorobe on the eastern part of the Delta.

Mr Speaker, the ministry intervened by assisting farmers with free dips and demonstrations by ministry officials on how to apply the dips. The ministry also assisted with free antibiotic treatments for animals already affected by the disease. This was successfully in suppressing the disease though eradication of the tick and disease was not achieved. Therefore, dips were subsequently included in the drought subsidy package, and farmers were encouraged to take advantage of the subsidy to continue the dipping. However, *Mr Speaker*, farmer response has been poor, and there is high risk of resurgence of the disease following the recent heavy rainfall.

Mr Speaker, I now deal with the Honourable Member's question. With respect to Foot and Mouth Disease, the ministry is implementing several initiatives in spite of the daunting challenges. This include but not limited to, Commodity Based Treat (CBT), establishment of protection zone and official control programme.

CBT refers to implementation of specified sanitary measures to render the product, in this case beef safe for trade. This includes; vaccination, quarantining and subjecting beef carcasses to a process that inactivate the virus. CBT has enabled Ngamiland beef to be exported to markets including the Middle East.

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has embarked on a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) official control programme that aims to progressively eradicate FMD from Ngamiland and Okavango District. This project is underpinned by implementation of a robust disease surveillance, animal traceability, risk based vaccination and establishment of FMD free compartments.



Mr Speaker, the World Organisation for Animal Health has endorsed Botswana's FMD official programme which is a huge milestone achieved in spite of the insurmountable challenges. The ministry has also started the process of establishment of a protection zone in the Ngamiland District. The protection zone will contribute to the overall initiative by reducing FMD risk and consequently the number of cattle that need to be vaccinated and eventually establish FMD free compartments.

Mr Speaker, in respect of Senkobo and the bont tick, it is important to be realistic about the prospect of eradication. This is because of the realities such as the ecology of the tick which triggers the disease, the epidemiology of the disease, the complexities and sensitivities around the Okavango Delta. The ministry will continue to work closely with farmers to implement basic controls such as regular dipping of livestock which is effective to control the disease, bearing in mind the risk of development of acaricides resistance, that is resistance to dips. This includes possible partnerships with communities and development partners to establish dip tanks in strategic areas being mindful of the acaricides resistance problem and the sensitivity of the delta. Mr Speaker, I thank you.

MRAARON: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Minister*. Gongwe ke tlhologanye; *Minister*, a o a itse gore bolwetse jo jwa *Foot and Mouth* le diterata tse di tlwaelesegileng ka go bitswa *buffalo fence* jaaka o sa tswa go bua gore bolwetse jo bo tswa mo dinareng, go a tsamaelana? Ke reela gore fa go sena *proper maintenance ya buffalo fence or cordon fence* dinare le dikgomo di kopana, ga gona ka fa bo ka laolesegang ka teng. Ke eng se le se dirang gompiano go bona gore dinare le dikgomo ga di kopane?

Ke bua jaana ke batla go itse gore la bofelofelo *cordon fence or buffalo fence* e baakanngwa ke leng? Re batla gore o re tlhalosetse *Minister*, tsamaiso ya lephata la gago ka *standards tsa cordon fence* le European Union (EU). Ke gore e tshwanetse ya dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ke bua jaana Tona ka gore ke bona kwa go lona kwa *south, cordon fence* e tsamaya e le diterata tse pedi. Kwa go rona fa e neng e le teng ka gore ga e sa tlhole e le teng, gompiano ke fela gore gatwe e kile a bo e le fa, e ne e le *only one line*. Ke eng fa lona kwano e re fa le dira *cordon fence*, le bo le e dira *two lines*, e bo e re kwa le go bitsang *red zone*, kwa Okavango kana Ngami a bo le dira e le *just one line*?

Le gore *Minister* ka gore o setse o supile gore ditloulou di na le seabe mo go senyeng terata, maikaelelo a lona

ke eng gompiano go bona gore barui ba a boelwa mo leruong la bone gore dinare di se ka tsa kopana le dikgomo tsa bone?

Ke batla gape gore Tona, gongwe o re tlhalosetse gore *with regard to* kgofa e re e buang e, e rona e tlwaelesegileng re e bitsa Be Mobile ka ke mmala wa yone, kgato e Goromente a ikaelelang go e dira go thusa barui ke eng? Ke bua jaana Tona ka gore kgofa e e tlhagogile lantlhantlha kwa botlhabatsatsi jwa Gumare, kwa Tubu, mme e ne ya re e kuelwa Goromente a se ka a tsaya kgato epe go fitlhelela kgofa e ya go tlolela boseja jole jwa bo Eretsha, Gudigwa, jalojalo ya anama le lefatshe, ya go boa ya tla ya tsena mo Shorobe. Kgofa e e na le seabe mo *lumpy skin*. Jaanong dilo tse ke batla go itse gore lephata la gago le le itebagantseng le matlhoko a leroo ba dira jang?

Gongwe ke go gakolole gape Tona; ke utlwisiwa botlhoko ke gore le fiwa dikarabo tse di shankudisitsweng, ga di boammaaruri mo go tseneletseng. Ke kope gore mo gongwe e nne e re fa le di fiwa le tseye nako le di sekaseke, ba se ka ba di le fa ba itse gore le tlile *to present* gompiano. Ke buisiwa gape se ke gore *are you aware* gore fa Tlhako le Molomo e tlhaga kwa Ngamiland, ke tlaa e bitsa jalo jaanong ke e bua ka bophara jotlhe go tswa kwa Gudigwa go tla kwa Makalamabedi. Fa *Foot and Mouth* e tlhaga lephata la gago ga le tshikinyege e bile ga le reng, mme fa e ka utlwala golo gongwe kana ke kwa Bobirwa kana kae...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member, you are now debating.

MR AARON: Re kopa gore se re bonang le se dira mo dikgaolong tse dingwe, le mo kgaolong ya Ngami/Okavango re bone se dirwa. Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go supa gore Lephata la Lefatshe le Temothuo, le lone le tshwenyegile ka bolwetse jwa leroo e seng fela kwa Kgaolong ya Ngami kana ya Okavango, gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaaka o tlhalosa ka kgang ya gore *cordon fences* di ntse di sa dirwe *maintenance* sentle, ke selo sengwe se se re tshwentseng le rona re le Goromente yo mosha. Re na le maikaelelo a go leka ka bojotlhe go bona gore go ya kwa pele dikgang tse re ya go di dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaaka ke sa tswa go tlhalosa, phologolo e e tsamaisang bolwetse jo e bong nare e ntsi thata mo kgaolong. Ga re na *choice*, ke gore ga re ka ke ra e bolaya ra e nyeletsatsa. Se re ka se dirang ke go bona gore kgaoganyo e ya mafudiso le kwa

diphologolong re e tokafatse. Ke sone se e leng gore re le Goromente yo mosh'a ke maikaelelo a rona go leka go bona gore se se ntseng se pala re leke go se baakanya mo nakong e re leng mo go yone e. Ke raya gore re tlaabo re simolola go ka sekaseka go bona gore go ntse go pala eng, ka maikaelelo a gore re tle re baakanye go ya kwa pele.

O tlaa simolola go bona pharologanyo jaaka *financial year* e simologa ka fa re tlaabong re leka go dira dilo ka teng ka maikaelelo a go leka go bona gore diphologolo le leroo ga di gotlhogotlhane ka tsela e e ntseng jalo mo go felelang go dira gore setšhaba le sone se gotlhogotlhane le Goromente.

O ne o botsa gore ke eng *fences* tsa kwa ga rona... ga ke itse gore kwa ga rona o raya kwa kae?

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

MR MMOLOTSI: ... (Laughter!)... Jaanong kana nna ke tswa *north*. Potso ya gago ke gore go na le kwa go dirisiwang *single fence* le kwa e leng gore *they are doubled*, go ka tswa go bakiwa ke eng? Ke tlaa leka gore ke ye go batlisisa gore a ke dikgang tsa *standards* kana tsa eng. Ke tlaa boela kwa go wena motlotlegi ka karabo eo. Tota fela jaaka o ne o botsa gore re tlaa dira jang go bona gore barui ba a boelwa? Fa re setse re emetse ka dinao go bona gore *buffalo fence* e a siama, re bone gore le tsone diphologolo tse di ka kgaramediwa kwa morago ka tsela e e ntseng jang, tumelo yame ke gore barui ba tlaa kgona gore ba nne le maduo mo leroo la bone. Gompiano jaana *Honourable* Hikuama dikgomo tsa gagwe di timetse di ka nna bo *nine* mme pelaelo gongwe e ka nna gore di ka tswa di jelwe. Ke sone selo se re lelang gore re se emele ka dinao.

Ke utlwa botlhoko fa o re Goromente kgotsa lephata le ne la diega thata fa *bond tick* e begwa, ba ne ba diega thata go tla go goroga koo. Ke supe fela gore ke maswabi fa le gore go ntse jalo. Go ya kwa pele, ditiego tseo ga di ka ke tsa nna teng, mme e bile ke tsaya gore ka e bile gompiano o teng fano, le ba bangwe ba teng, le dire fela gore fa go nna jalo le leletse Tona gone foo, "gore golo fa go na le mathata, mme o kare go na le tiego." Ke tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore ke tseye kgato ka bofelo go bona gore tiego e e emisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke raya gore o ka botsa *Honourable* Lucas ka gore maloba re ne ra tsaya tshwetso fela ka bofelo a tilhasetswe ke diphologolo kwa, mme ra leka go bona gore re ka mo thusa ka bofelo. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, le wena fa o bona selo sa go nna jalo, fa e le gore kwa diofising ga

ba netle, leletsa *colleagues* tsa gago tsa Matona, "gore bakaulengwe, emang ka dinao le rile le tlaa kgona."

O ne o tlhalosa gore ke eng e re fa *Foot and Mouth* e tlhagogile gongwe e bo e le gore go a itlhaganelwa, mme fa e tlhagogile gongwe e bo e le gore ga go itlhaganelwe. Fa e le gore go ntse go dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go ntse go sa siama gotlhelele. Rona mo Botswana yo mošha, kgaolo nngwe le nngwe ya lefatshe la Botswana e tlaa tsewa ka go lekalekana le e nngwe. Sebetso sengwe le sengwe se se diragalang gongwe le gongwe, se tlaa tsewa e le sebetso, e se gore se diragala kae. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Last supplementary Honourable Kainangura Caterpillar Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke na le *supplementaries* tse pedi. Ke ne ke na le tse tharo mme e nngwe e sule ka gore o rile o tsaya boikarabelo, ga le a itlhoboga. E ne e le gore ke botsa gore a le itlhobogile ka o ne o bua ka gore ditlou di a diga, jaanong go lebege le sa itlhoboga, eo ke tlaa e boela kwa morago. Jaanong ya bobedi ke gore a mme le lemoga gore diterata ka bontsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana tse re di bitsang *cordons fences*, di ole, ga di sa tlhole di le teng? *Even between red zones and green zones.* Kana ke bua ka kgaolo ya Ghanzi e e leng gore Botswana e beile mo goreng *quality beef* e tswa gone koo. A mme o a lemoga gore o gomagomediwa ke *Foot and Mouth* ka gore ga go sa tlhole go na le terata fa gare ga Ghanzi Region and Ngamiland? Terata ya Phefodiakoka-Kuke ga e sa tlhole e le teng. A seemo seo o a se itse? Le ntse le dira fela fa matlhong a batho, *at the gates*. Gotlhe mo go neng go diragala le bo le go tlhokomologa le le Puso. A mme seemo seo o a itse gore se teng sa gore le baakanya *at the gate, 5 kilometres from the gate, from there* go bo go nna fela jalo? Seemo seo a o a se itse e bile o ya go se rarabolola ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

Le *buffer zone* e le kileng la e dira le le Puso e e neng ya tlhama Zone 2E ga e sa tlhole e le teng fa gare ga dipolase le mafudiso a *communal land* a kwa Ngami. A seemo se Tona o a se itse e bile a o na le maikaelelo a go se baakanya? Ke a leboga.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, nngwe ya dilo tse di tona tse e leng gore nna le ba lephata re tlaabo re le mo thulaganyong ya



tsone, ke go emelela go bona gore diterata tse di mo seemong se se ntseng jang. Ga ke ganetsanye gotlhelele le bakaulengwe ba ba reng diterata tse di ole. Jaaka ke tlhalosa *Mr Speaker*, dilo tse di ntse di diragala re seyo, mme maikaelelo ke gore re emele dilo tse ka dinao. Jaaka *Honourable Member of Parliament* a ntse a bua gore go riana *separation* ya Ghanzi *which is green* le kgaolo e e ka kwa e e leng gore *it is red*, ga e sa tlhole e le teng, kana go raya gore go tlisa *risk* mo go yone *beef* ya rona.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo mma ke go solofetse gore go ise go ye kgakala, re tlaabo re etetse *fences* tseo. E se rona ba *Agriculture* fela, le ba Lephata la *Environment and Tourism* ba mo thulaganyong eo ya go etela *buffer zones* go bona gore le tsone di ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Motlotlegi Mopalamente, ke a go solofetsa gore re tlaa dira sengwe mo nakong e khutshwane. Fa go kgonagala e bile fa re ya gone ka koo, re tlaa go laletsa le bakaulengwe ba e leng gore ba ka tswa ba bo ba le mabapi le dikgaolo tseo. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, re feditse ka dipotso tse, re setse fela ka *Question Without Notice*.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT IN FIRST 100 DAYS

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): asked the Minister for State President if President will address Parliament on the performance of his Government in the first one hundred days in office to update legislatures and the nation on;

- (i) key pledges made in the run-up to the elections that have been delivered;
- (ii) pledges promised by the President for delivery within 100 days when delivering the State of the Nation Address; and
- (iii) policy shifts that have been introduced in the first 100 days of the Government and their impact in the lives of Botswana.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.* Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO), *ke potso e e siameng tota, e ntle, e*

e leng gore I know for a fact that as Batswana, we are waiting with bated breath.

Mr Speaker, the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, will undeniably update this Parliament and the nation at large on the performance of his Government in the first 100 days, especially on the promises, policy shift and other national issues of concern.

Mr Speaker, the first 100 days since the State of the Nation Address by Mr President on the 19th of November 2024, actually lapses today, being 27th February 2025. As such Mr Speaker, the President of this Republic will address this Parliament and the nation thereafter. *Ke a leboga.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker,* kana tota gone 100 *days* mo Pusong o simolotse nako e neng Tautona a ikanisiwa. O tlaa gakologelwa gore o ne a re o ikanisiwa kwa dikantorong tsa Moatlhodi Mogolo ka gore o batla go simolola go tsaya ditshwetso dingwe. Go raya gore Puso ya gagwe e simolotse gone foo.

Jaanong fa e le gore re tsaya gore o wela gompiano, le beile letsatsi lefe gore a tle go lekodisa Palamente ka gore ga go ka ke ga nna *open ended*? Kana go raya gore kamoso ke 101 *days*, re dirisa sekale se o kareng ke sone se le batlang go se dirisa. Ga ke na mathata le sone, mme ene jaanong morago ga 101 *days* kamoso, re mo solofele leng go tla go lekodisa Palamente?

MS MOPHUTING: Thank you LOO. *Ke kopa go boela kwa go wena ka exact date, LOO. Ke a go solofetsa gore* I will come back with the answer as a matter of urgency. I thank you sir.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. We are done with questions, let us go to Motions.

MR AARON: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke sebetse se molangwana *with regard to* dipotso *that are pending* le nna. Ke bua jaana ka gore le nna yo o mosh, le fa ke sa itse sentlentle gore go diragala eng ka tsone. Ke na le dipotso tse ke saleng ke solofeditse gore di tlaa arabiwa, sekai *Honourable Minister of Environment*, go na le potso e nngwe e e leng gore o ne a e tsaya mofago, letsatsi le letsatsi ke nna ke lebile gore a o tlaa ntlela ka karabo, ga se potso e ne ke tsaya gore e tlaa tsaya lebaka le le kalo. Gongwe e ne e re fa gotwe dipotso di tlaa arabiwa, re ne re bolelelwa gore mo lebakeng le le kae. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Indeed, that is worth noting. Honourable Member, *ke tsaya gore e utlhwese*, we will work with the Leader of the House and the Clerk to make sure that there are follow ups on those assurances made. This was also raised by Honourable Kaizer earlier on, but it is noted.

MR FURNITURE: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke supe jaana gore kana ka *debate* ya me ka di 18 tsa ga *February*, ke ne ka supa gore Tona wa Madi, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe o omega mo kgannyeng ya Capital Management Botswana (CMB), *pension scandal*, mme ke kopa gore a tlhalosetse setšhaba gore...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Furniture, *re kile ra kopana kwa ofising mabapi le kgang eo.* Jaanong you will recall that *ke ne ke re* you can invoke Standing Order to do a personal explanation, if you chose to do so, if you do, you will have to come to my office I vet the personal explanation then you do it. Did you understand that part?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: So, let us meet in my chambers Honourable Furniture so that you can further appreciate what is available to you. So that I also bring your attention to standing Order 57.6 on the conduct of the members of the Assembly. *Akere re utlwane.*

MR FURNITURE: *Procedure.* Ke ne ke tsaya gore ka gore gongwe Ntlo e, e ne e nkopile gore ke tlise bosupi mabapi le kgang e, le se ke se buileng, jaanong go maleba gore letsatsi la gompieno ke bo ke ka kgona go fa bosupi jo bo amang se ke neng ke bua ka sone.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Furniture, I have not looked at the ruling. I do not think I was presiding on that day. I have to check the ruling, what the ruling was. So, assuming that the ruling was that *o tlise bosupi, bo tsena pele ka ofisi ya ga Speaker, ga bo ka ke jwa tla bo tlhamaletse kwano.* *Akere re utlwane.*

MR FURNITURE: *Mr Speaker, the reason why* gongwe ke bo tsisitse kwano, ke dirile maitoko kana *attempts* ya gore gongwe ke neele *your Deputy Speaker*, mme a bo a supa gore ke bo neele wena, mme o ne o seyo mo ofising ya gago. Kgang e, e ne e buiwa gone fa, ga ke dumele gore go na le bothata jwa gore bosupi jo o bo kopileng gore ke bo tlise ke ka bo tlisa mo Ntlong e, ka gore kgang e, e diragetse e bile e builwe mo Ntlong e.

MR SPEAKER: *O go gakolotse sentle gore bosupi bo tle kwa go nna, a bo tle ke bo bone.* Jaaka ke bua

Honourable Furniture, *re tlaabo re lebile thata le ditsamaiso gore tsa reng*, so, please come to my office *ka bosupi ke tle ke bo bone.* This will be after *ke bona Hansard gore what was the ruling.* *Fa ke go reeditse* Honourable Furniture, *se o eletsang go se bua se thulana le* Standing Order 57.6 on the conduct of the members of the Assembly and other officials *ba ba* mentioned in the Standing Order 57.6 *gore* their conduct cannot be raised except on a substantive Motion which must be supported by not less than a third of the members of the Assembly. *Jaanong ga ke batle re tsena koo pele.* *Ke batla ke ye go bona* Hansard *gore* what was the issue and the ruling and the sort of evidence that you were required to give. So, let us give that process a chance.

MR FURNITURE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Gongwe mma ke amogele gore re e tseye ka *that route* e o e buang. Bosupi bo teng bo *ready* fa ba bo batla ke ka bo *provide.*

MR SPEAKER: A re yeng kwa *Motion.*

EXTENSION OF THE SECOND TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TNDP) BY SEVEN MONTHS FROM 1ST APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025.

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we discussed this Motion both at the Business Advisory Committee and General Assembly. I hope you recall your agreement *ya gore le fa e le gore* it will take the shape and form of a Motion in terms of our Standing Orders. *Le ne le ipuile gore le tlaa go o* debate *ka tsela e e ntseng jang*, especially that you will give priority to leaders of political parties *gore ba tswela bone*, but as I have indicated even at the General Assembly, it shall take that ordinary form *ya Motion.* I shall now call upon the Minister for State President to present the Motion.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga Honourable *Speaker.* Ke lebogela kgakololo eo, mme ke ne re mo General Assembly e re neng re tswa mo go yone, re ne re kopile tlhaloso ka fa semolaong gore a mme fa re tsenelela puisano e, molao *more especially* wa National Planning Commission Section 21 Sub-Section 4 a re e kgotsofaditse? Gore re o *debate*, re gololesegile re itse gore se re se dirang se ka fa molaong. Tumulano mo General Assembly ke gore *our Legal Counsel, before* re simolola ngangisano e, a bo a re neela mo gotweng



ke kutlwisiso ya gagwe ya molao, mme golo mo go santse go ise go diragale ga re itse gore o ne a re tlaa thulathula jang ka gore re tshwanetse go kaediwa ke molao re itse gore se re se dirang se tlhamaletse ga se gatake tsamaiso epe ya lefatshe le go tla go busediwa kwa morago.

MR SPEAKER: Indeed Honourable Hikuama, I have got the legal advice from the Learned Parliamentary Counsel. I can give him a chance to share it with you, but I am satisfied that the Motion is in order.

LEARNED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL (ADVOCATE TLHOWE): Thank you Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, the Transition Development Plan (TDP) is due to lapse on 31st March this year. I will be very quick Honourable Speaker just to say, the provisions of Section 21(2) of the Planning Commission ties and links the planning period to the end or to the lifespan of Parliament or Government. When we look at the section that references... (inaudible)... made to, it provides that the Minister shall not later than 60 days after the commencement of a session of Parliament in terms of Section 90 (3) of the Constitution calls to be prepared and laid before the National Assembly a National Development Plan (NDP). Now if we are to look at what Section 90 (3) states, it is exactly what I had earlier on stated Honourable Speaker, that the lifespan of Parliament should be linked and tied to this provision. I would just quickly like to refer to that section, which states, if you allow me Honourable Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

LEARNED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL: "Subject to the provisions of Subsection (4) of this Section Parliament unless sooner dissolved shall continue for five years from the date of the first sitting of the National Assembly after any dissolution and shall then stand dissolved." The application Honourable Speaker is what is important. What the Honourable Member made reference to is correct in so far as the law is concerned. However if we look at what is prevailing or what are the prevailing circumstances at the present moment we find that this Act has come into effect or it was passed by this House last year in 2024. Furthermore, when this Act was being implemented it was the time when we were approaching the National Elections, the past National Elections. Additionally, as at the time when the new Government assumed office there was in place a Transition National Plan, which implies that as

at the time when the new Government assumed office there was no vacuum in so far as the plan is concerned. If you permit me Honourable Speaker, I wish to repeat that. "There was no vacuum in so far as the plan is concerned," yet when we go to the 2029 elections the moment we get a new Government or Parliament coming in, there shall be a vacuum. Therefore, what this applies is that, as at that stage the Minister must and shall within 60 days come up with a plan. Put differently Honourable Speaker, you may ask, 'is the Transition Plan can it be legally construed as a plan?' My answer with great respect will be in the affirmative. Therefore at the moment there is a plan which it is intended by the Minister now to have it extended for whatever period that he will put before you sir. Therefore briefly I would say, yes if we apply what is before us we would then say, yes there is a plan and there is no vacuum, because when the new Government came in there was that plan which was in place, which was as the name suggests, a transition plan. You would remember that we were moving from the planning period which was midway through, and the intention was for a new Government to bring its own plan. The new Government is saying, I have a Transition Plan before you which I intend to have extended, and therefore that covers that vacuum which would otherwise be in existence. Honourable Speaker, unless if you want, or would like me to have anything clarified, I think I will rest the submission here Sir. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Yeah, I think that is clear Counsel. The long and short of the legal advice is that, Honourable Members we are within the four corners of the law, so if you need anything clarified?

MR KEKGONEGILE: *I do Mr Speaker: Tanki Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Learned Counsel is talking about creation of a vacuum or filling the vacuum, that ga e a tshwanela go nna teng. Jaanong gone fa ke ne ke ipotsa gore...gongwe o ka fetela mo go reng, plan e is extended for seven months, ke go tswa fa go April go ya kwa go October, mo go rayang gore fa e le gore e nna for seven months, legally what will cover us after these seven months from October to April? Given gore plan e e tlaa tshwanelwang ke go nna teng e a go tshwanelwa ke gore e bo e nna functional, 'functional' re raya e diragatswa ka April ngwaga o o tlang. Ga e ka ke ya diragatswa from November to April, ka gore madi that is budgeted will be budgeted for financial year e. So a mme after October go tlaabo go sena vacuum, e o buang ka yone gore, as of now the vacuum will be legally covered? Ke tseela gore o a nkuhlwa. Tanki Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Is the question clear Counsel?

LEARNED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL: It is clear Honourable Speaker. Perhaps what I was really addressing was in relation to the issue of the 60 days in terms of Section 21 of the Act. Obviously as to when the lapse will be, I think that will be for the Minister of Finance. The decision that has to be taken thereafter, I am not privy to any facts to answer in relation to those. Whether they would want to extend by seven months, 12 months or what, but the bottom line is that, he must come to Parliament with a plan, a new plan. I think the facts before me are such that, he would like to have this extended by a short time in order to enable him to come with a plan.

He would like to have the extension, so that he comes with a plan which would address all those issues raised by the Honourable Member. I would be not be privy to what is going on at the Ministry of Finance but what I am certain about is that, there is no lacuna in so far as the law is concerned in relation to this particular extension that is being sought by the Minister of Finance. Thank you sir.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Parliamentary Counsel. You would recall that at the General Assembly, you were also assisted in terms of the plan and the budget and whether there are legal implications. I think this was adequately dealt with. Let me at this point allow the Honourable Minister to present the Motion.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): I thank you Mr Speaker. Good afternoon once again colleagues.

Mr Speaker, as you might be aware, the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 was expected to commence in April of 2025 after the end of the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) in March 2025. However, Government has taken a decision to delay the implementation of NDP 12 by extending the Second TNDP which is currently under implementation, by seven months from April to October 2025.

The extension will provide the new administration an opportunity to engage in extensive, intensive consultations with key stakeholders taking into consideration the aspiration of the new Government. Furthermore, Mr Speaker, the extension will allow the recently established Advisory Council of the National Planning Commission whose role is to provide strategic direction to the preparation of NDPs including NDP 12.

Mr Speaker, the Advisory Council is chaired by the Vice President (VP) and its membership includes; Cabinet Ministers, responsible for Local Government, Finance, Land Management, Trade and Industry as well as not more than 10 members from the private sector with expertise in various strategic development areas. To this end, I tabled the extension before the National Assembly on the 14th of January, 2025 using Standing Order 33.2 (b) of the National Assembly which allows for the tabling of any paper when the Assembly is adjourned *sine die*.

It will be noted that since the extension is of an already approved plan, there will be no debate on the plan as the extension is already on the in the implementation period. A detailed time table for the finalisation and approval process of NDP 12 will be prepared and shared with all relevant stakeholders.

Mr Speaker, I therefore move that the Second TNDP April 2023 to March 2025 be extended by seven months from April 2025 to October 2025. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, before I open the floor, as I have indicated we are dealing with Standing Order 95 on the NDP but we are dealing with a Motion on extension of already existing plan. The floor is open.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke tsaya gore ke tlaabo ke buelela ba bantsi le fa ba ise ba bue gore neelano ya Puso ka fa molao o tsamayang ka teng, ga o neele Puso e ntšha sebaka sa gore e tle ka *plan* ya yone. Mo go rayang gore o tlhophiwa ka *October* a le 30, ka di 1 o a busa. O tlile go fitlhela mananeo a le mo tafoleng. Lengwe la mananeo e tlile go nna *plan*. Ke tsaya gore re ka se ka ra nganga ka bolelele ka kgang e. Tota go a tshwanela gore *plan* e e fa pele ga rona, e atolosiwe. Ke ne ke itheile ka re, le tlile go kopa ngwaga gore e tle e thulane sentle le ngwaga o o tlang wa 2026/2027. *October* le ene o ntse o siame. Ke a belaela gore *October* gongwe le tlile go tla kwano ka gore tota fela *plan*, ke selo se se tsayang lebaka go agiwa. Tsela e ntšha e Puso e ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e reng e a e tsaya e, ga e motlhofo.

Ka bokhutshwane fela ke re, *Mr Speaker*, tota ka bo nna, ke sa *caucus* le ba ga rona, ke dumela gore ba tlile go dumalana le nna. *Plan* e, e tshwanetse e atolosiwe gore *budget* e re e dirang, e bo e le mo mokwatleng wa



plan. Seven months ke dumalana le ene le 12 *months* ke ne ke ntse ke ka dumalana le ene. Ga ke tle *to debate* lebaka le molele. Ke dumalana le Tshutiso ya gore *plan* e atolosiwe gore mmuso o nne le sebaka sa gore o tle ka *plan* ya one.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of elucidation.* Ke ne ke re ke tlatse ka gore ka fa re dumalaneng ka teng, ga ke eletse gore re e *debate* re le bantsi. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, ke *elucidate* mo nakong ya gagwe. Re dumalane gore melao ya lefatshe la Botswana e re tlholang re e bua gore ga e a siama, re tshwanetse ra baakanya *Constitution* ya lefatshe la Botswana, go nna le *transitional period*. E nne mo *Constitution* gore e letlelele batho ba ba tlang ba busa. *We assumed for quite too long* gore party e le nngwefela, e tlaa busa lebaka le lotlhe, jaanong golo moo go fetogile. Go re bontsha botlhokwa jwa gore *transition*, motho a fenyha ditlhopho gompiano kamoso go bo gotwe a buse, go na le bothata. Ke sone se re dumalanang ka pelo e nngwefela gore *Motion* o re o beilweng pele o, o fete o neele ba ba filweng boikarabelo go ithulaganya sentle. Ke ne ke re ke tlatse fela jalo *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: Ke a leboga. Mma ke tswale mafoko a me ke re, ke dumalana le wena *Honourable Hikuama*. Ga ke tseye gore e ka nna ngangisano epe e teleletelele. A *Motion* o fete, a go iwe go baakangwa *plan* e e leng gore tota ke ya UDC, go tle go busiwe sentle ka tsela e ntšha. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Mr Speaker*, ka tota ke kopo ya rona ya gore re atolose, re lebogela bakaulengwe gore re bo re le mmogo mo tumalanong ya gore *extension* e e nne teng. E bile re a leboga thata ka tirisano mmogo ya lona. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke emela go tlatsa kopo ya ga Tona e a kopang gore Palamente eno, e letle Puso go ya go loga Lenaneo le le sha la Ditlhabololo la bo 12. Ke tsaya ke re ke mogopolo o montle fela thata. Ke leboge Ntlo e gore o bo o kare re tshwere ka jokwe e le nngwefela, go sena yo o ganetsang ka ntata ya gore ditlhabololo ke tsa rona rotlhe. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke le dumedise batlotlegi. Le fa ke dumalana *Mr Speaker*, ke dumela gore gongwe re santse re ka gakolola mo kgannyeng e batlotlegi...

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

MR MAPULANGA: Ee rra.

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 58.4; *le se ka la mo kgopakgopetsa* Honourable Members. Honourable Mapulanga, you are protected and do not address side remarks. *O bue se wena o batlang go se bua, se se mo mafatlheng a gago mme se lebagane le kgang e e fa pele ga rona.*

MR MAPULANGA: Ke se lebaganya gone fa, fa o utlwa ke rialo *Mr Speaker*; ke dumela gore re ya go felela gape re boela mo Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) gape. Ke ne ke dumela gore a ngwaga o tsamaelane ka gore re simolola di 1 tsa ga *April* re ya go fetsa ka di 31 tsa ga *March*. *The three months* yo re mo tlogelang, re ka bo re mo tladitse gangwefela ra kopa 12 *months* yo a wela sentle gore fa re ya go simolola *April 1st, 2026* re bo re itse gore re weditse dikgang tsotlhe. Jaanong ke ne ke re fa go ne go kgonagala, ke sutise gore re *complete circle* sentle, gona le gore re ye go felela fa gare ka *October* re bo re simolola gape re boela fa re kopa go oketsa dikgwedi ka gore re ne re baakanyeditse go ema ka *October*. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke tlatse jalo gore re e tlatse fela e wele *to March 2026*.

MR SPEAKER: O wetse, mme ga o a sutisa *amendment*, mme o feditse go bua. *The floor is open*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): Ke a dumedisa *Mr Speaker*. Ka bokhutshwane ke dumalana le kgang e, tota ke go ema *Motion* o nokeng ka gore tota o matshwanedi, e bile go maleba gore re dire dithulaganyo tsa rona re lebile sebaka se Batswana ba re romileng mo go sone.

Ke dumela thata gore thulaganyo e ya go oketsa TNDP ka dikgwedi tse supa e lekanye, e bile e nonofile go dira se tota re ikaelelang gore re le Palamente ya Botswana re se fithelele rotlhe mo matlhakoreng otlhe a Palamente. Tota e bile thulaganyo e e tlaa re thusa thata bogolo jang rona ba Tsholofelo East, Marang, Ledumang, Gaborone North Suburbs, Block 10, Sebele, Airport, ka mathata a matona a e leng gore mo National Development Plans (NDPs) tse di fetileng re ne re sena boemedi mo go tsone. Ke dumela gore ke tlaa dumalana thata go menagane le koketso ya TNDP ka gore e tlaa re fa sebaka re le ba Gaborone North gore re tsene gone foo. Ke a sutisa jalo *Mr Speaker* gore a mogopolo o dumalanwe.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr*

Speaker: Mr Speaker, kana tota boammaaruri ke gore go gorogilwe go fitlhelwa dithulaganyo di setse di dirilwe, mme go sena nako ya gore go ka dirwa tse disha, moalo o mosha. Go raya gone gore moalo o o ntseng o le teng o tswelele go fitlhelela o mosha o nna teng fela jaaka bakaulengwe ba buile.

Kgang ke yone ya *seven months*, *12 months*, gore *as much as* re dumalana gore go tshwanelwa ke go oketsa nako, mme gore go felela fa kae *remains a question mark*, gore fa gare ga ga *October* le *March* go diragala eng, re tlaabo re digaratsa efe *plan*. Fa e le gore re tlaabo re tsweletse ka *projects* tse tsa *transitional*, ke eng jaanong re sa ye go goroga fela gangwefela kwa go di 31 tsa ga *March*, kwa di yang go felela teng, go bo go nna le *budget* e e tlaabong e simolola *plan* ya lona e e ntšha? Kgang e gone foo.

Kana re tshwanelwa ke go lemoga gore golo mo go tshwanelwa ke go re ruta dilo tse di ntsi. Fa o tsaya lefatshe le tshwana le America ka fa le dirang ka teng, bone fa o fenywa dithlopho, o nna dikgwedi tse pedi o ipaakanyetsa gore o tle o tseye Puso o tswelele. Namibia *too*, gone moo fela go raya gore fa motho a tsena, o setse a na le *plan* ya gagwe. Ga go tlhokafale gore o ka *extend plan* ya motho yo mongwe. Rona mo lefatsheng la rona ga go a nna jalo. Le mo Pusong gompiano bakaulengwe, go raya gore dilo tse e nne thuto e e tona e re tshwanelwang ke go baakanyetsa ruri go ya kwa pele. Re se ka ra iphitlhela re le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana gape.

Go tshwana le one maphata a ga Goromente, mo e leng gore yo o tsenang o a fokotsa, le lengwe le leba kwa, le lengwe kwa, fa go tsena yo o a fokotsa, le lengwe le leba kwa, le lengwe le leba kwa. Go batla gore le baakanye ka nako e, go nne *constitutional* gore maphata a ga Goromente a kana e bile ke bo semangmang. Yo o tsenang o wela mo horong ya lephata le le leng teng, ene o tlaa tla ka *plan* ya gagwe le *policies* but lephata e le lone leo. Go fokotsa tshenyetso-setšhaba e e ntsi ya bo *branding*, ya bo eng.

Mr Speaker, ke gore fa re lebile yone TNDP le *projects* tse di mo teng, re tla gape re tshoga gore pina e e ka fa ya ga go na madi mme re lebile *projects* tse gape, di a bo di tlaa diragala tota? Kana e tlaa re di tshwanelwa ke gore di diragale, e bo e nna kang ya ga go na madi, mme fa gongwe kwa dikgaolong tsa lona di diragala. Jaaka re ne re etle re bone go diragala mo dipakeng tse dingwe, Go batla gore dilo tse bakaulengwe fa re tsweletse jaaka re *extend Transitional Development Plan* jaana, re bo re di

tsaya tsia re itse gore lefatshe le lotlhe bangwe le bangwe ba na le tshwanelo ya botshelo le ya dithabololo. E se ka ya nna gore ba bangwe ba othaelwa gore ga ba a tlhopho ba bangwe...

MR NTLHAILE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *honourable*. Ke ne ke re mme o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe, kana ke yone kang e Tautona a letseng a e tlhalosa maabane gore re tswa mo tsamaisong e kgologolo, re tsena mo go e ntšha, e mo go yone go tlaabong go direlwa dilo mo pontsheng. Rona le lona re tlaabo re le mmogo fa *drawing* NDP.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Honourable* Ntlhaile. Ha re go bua le go dira ke dilo tse pedi tse di farologanyeng *Honourable* Ntlhaile. Tsholofelo ke gore le tlaa dira se le se buang, re le eleletsa masego le matlhogonolo. Lefatshe ke la rona, *we would not wish you bad, because if we wish you bad, we will be wishing our country bad*. Ga re ka ke ra dira jalo, mme fela fa le tswang mo tseleng teng, le sa direng teng, re tlaa le bolelela. Go ne go ka siama gore fa re le bolelela, le lona le reetse, le amoge, le bo le baakanya.

Mr Speaker, I hereby move for a Motion of Amendment to this Motion gore o balege o re, ‘*That this Honourable House resolves to approve the extension of the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) by 12 months from 1st April to March 2026.*’ *I so move* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, there is an amendment in accordance with Standing Order 47.1 and the amendment is that instead of seven months, the Motion would read 12 months.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much* Mr Speaker, *thank you very much* Motlotlegi Kekgonegile. Re ne re bua re lebile tse re neng re di lebile, e bile re tlhomamisana gore re tlaabo re feditse ka *October* yo re buang ka ene, re ganana le Tshutiso ya ga motlotlegi.

Ke batla go supa ke re mo Botswana go na le mo gotweng *we are unproductive as the legislature*, e le rona dithlogo. Re ne re le fa maloba, *we took two hours debating the same Motion*, e bile re bua gore go ka direga jang, ga tsamaya jang.

Ra dumalana rotlhe ka bongwefela jwa pelo gore o tle go goroga kwa Ntlong e letsatsi leno ka tsela e. Mogopolo o o neng o buiwa ke Mme Dow le Motlotlegi fa Hikuama fa ba *suggest*, ba bo ba re re itse gore re na le molato.



We know, we discussed it. We agreed it. Jaanong go a bo go mmakatsa letsatsi leno e re re tsena fa re tshwanetse go dumalana, re fetise molao, re supegetse Batswana gore we are productive in this House, re bo re tla ka amendments. That is being dishonest. We are doing a disservice to the nation...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Mr Speaker, tota ke dumela gore Honourable Kekgonengile is in his right e le Mopalamente mo Ntlong e, ka fa a bonang ka teng gore re avoid gongwe go tla go boela kwa Palamenteng kana le creating a vacuum mo tsamaisong ya rona, o bona gore fa re ka atolosa, ra isa fa pele. Ga a nyatse mo a ka manegwang ka mafoko gotwe gongwe o dule mo tseleng, o dishonest, go dirisiwa adjectives tsotlhe fela tse o ka di akanyang. I think ga di a siama. The Honourable Minister is out of procedure le go sa tlotla kgololesego ya ga Honourable Member. A boele fela mo tsamaisong a ganane le ene fela ka lorato le tlotlo e seng go mo rogela batsadi.*

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa mme the latter part ga e a diragala yone. Le ntshe the last part mo Hansard.*

Honourable Hikuama, indeed you are right go ka dumalanwa se se dumalanweng kwa General Assembly mme kana Motion fa o le mo tafoleng jaaka Standing Order 44 e tsamaisa Ditshutiso mo Palamenteng, Standing 47.1 se a letla gore ope who is debating o ka tswa ka Tshutiso ya paakanyo. It is within our procedures General Mokgware, ga se dishonesty. Le gone jaaka Honourable Lucas a a tle a bue, le gone go shandoga go a letlelesega gore Honourable Members fa e le gore le buisantse jaaka le buisantse kwa General Assembly fa Tshutiso e tla fa le e debate jaanong le le mo Ntlong, le na le kgololesego ya to debate ka fa le eletsang ka teng. Jaanong baakanya foo General Mokgware. Ke le tlhagise gore mo amendment e ke tlaa le fa fela two minutes to debate it. Le gone I will just take three.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Ke tsaya kgakololo ya gago. Kana se ke neng ke se bua ke ne ke re re se ka ra nna re itebatsa mongwame, tsamaiso e teng. Nako e nngwe re a ne re tswa mo tseleng, abusing it ka bomo fela because we take refuge under certain rights or privileges tsa gore fa ke le fa ke tshwanetse gore ke bue. I take your advice. Ke ne ke kopa bagaetsho gore fa re dumalane selo kwa jaaka re a bo re se dumalane in the General Assembly, e se ka ya re fa re tla go tsena fa re bo re ganetsana. Ke a itse gore bangwe ba ne ba seyo but we discussed it here. Puso ya batho ka batho ya re kana fa*

o le nosi o ganana mme ba le bantsi bone ba dumalana jaana, kana o ne o seyo, whereby you denied yourself an opportunity to debate at the right time because each and every Member wa rona fa o a gwetlhega gore fa gotwe General Assembly a bo a le teng, kwa ntle fa a ka bo a tla a tshwerwe ke mabaka a a rileng. Fa a tshwaregile o tshwanetse gore ... (Inaudible)... ba bangwe. Jaanong ke kopa gore...

DR DOW: *Procedure. Gongwe e bile ke order Mr Speaker. Ke re gongwe o tsenye mokaulengwe mo tseleng. Boammaaruri ke gore the reason why the General Assembly e sena participation at the public, ke gone kwa e leng gore re ngangisana teng, re bo re bona gore where our areas of agreement or disagreement go felela koo. Fa e le gore o ka tlisa mo Ntlong e ditshwetso le dipuo tse di builweng kwa General Assembly, go tlaa nna tlhakatlhakano. Boammaaruri officers are there to advice; the Legal Counsel, staff tsa maphata, go bo go supa gore tota bontsi bo ya kae, but that is not a decision. Decisions are taken here and you can actually hold a different view that we held kwa General Assembly. So a se ka a re batho, democracy kana tsamaiso. Tsamaiso ke gore debates are here in public. O kgona gore a view you held then, o bo o sa tlhole o na nayo after advice from other officers people or other experts. Tota fela o mo tsenye mo tseleng gore discussions tsa General Assembly di felela koo. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Mother of the House, ke setse ke mo tlhagisitse gore ditshwetso kana di tsewa fa. General Mokgware is an experienced Member of this House, o a itse gore General Assembly go diragala eng, mo House go diragala eng.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Kana nna I am not arguing le bakaulengwe. Ga ke ganetsane le lona. Ke ne ke bua statement sa gore fa re dumalane kwa re tlaabong re dumalane teng, let us know to manage agreements. Leaders manage agreements, they do not renegade on their agreements. Jaanong ke ne ke kopa ka boikokobetso ke re ga ke dumalane le mogopolo wa go oketsa ka three months gore e nne 12 months. Ke a leboga.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Megopolo yotlhe e mentle, mme fela jaaka gongwe Motlotlegi Mokgware a buile, gongwe re felele mo kgannyeng ya gore a re supe ka go ipeela seleka se re tlholang re buisana fa gotwe kana le ya go palelwa ke timelines tsa dilo. Nna le baya timelines gore batho*

ba itse gore lwa re selo se le se fetsa leng. Re beile *timeline* kwa General Assembly. Le fa e le gore General Assembly gongwe re ne re ile fela go tsaya dikgang tse e leng gore ga di re ise gope mo Palamenteng e, ke tsaya gore re le bantsi re ka tla ra felela re e lofa fa e le gore re ya go tsaya dikgang fela.

Besides that Mr Speaker, ke gore golo mo gape go a re gwetlha gore re kgone go bona gore re leleke nako re itse gore re pagametse mo dinakong ya tse re di dumalaneng. E bile gape nako eo fa e ya go fitlha re bona re palelwa, ke gone jaanong re ka hubahubang ra kopa gore re na le mathata a a ntseng jaana. Ga re ise re kopane le mathata ape *Mr Speaker*, go tlaabo go sa wele gore e re re sa kopana le mathata, a bo e kete jaanong re supa gore mathata a teng.

Gongwe jaaka General Mokgware a bua, nako e nngwe re nne re tsaya nako ya gore fa re bidiwa re goroge. Re tlaa nna re sutisa gone jaana, ke sa reye Mma Dow le Rre Hikuama; o rata go ntimela ke ka gore gongwe ga a mo dibukeng tsa me. Ke raya fela *Mr Speaker*. Rre Kekgonegile o ne a seyo, a se molato. O ka bo a ne a reetsa fela gore mme nako e ke neng ke seyo ka yone, tota bontsi jo jwa reng ka gore ke ne ke seyo ke na le mabaka a dirang gore ke bo ke seyo *Mr Speaker*. Ke gone ka moo ke bonang...

MR SPEAKER: E tshaile. *I will take Honourable Hikuama, then ke utlwe gore Tona a reng ka amendment e.*

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): *Honourable Speaker*, kana golo fa se Rre Kekgonegile a se buang ke go leka gore a nonofatse tiro le *process*. Fa e le gore ba ba tshwereng Puso gongwe fa ba bona ba ka se nne le mathata, ga gona se se ka re patikang gore re ka nganga, ra bo ra tswa mangana mo go yone.

E ne e le go tsibosa fela gore mme fa o lebile tsamaiso le *period*, ga se mo re ka ngangang. E ne e le go gakolola. Le a itse gore le kgona go tsaya *view* le sa lemoga sengwe, mme fa yo mongwe a le lemotsha le tshwanetse la se leba le bulegile ditlhaloganyo. E seng gore maabane re dualane jaana, ga re ka ke ra tlhola re reetsa sepe le fa se ka tswa sele botlhale. Moo e tlaabo e se go akanya mo go siameng e bile go le *progressive*. *Progressive people* ba a fetoga ka dikgakololo, ga ba nne fela e kete ba golegetswe mo toronkong ya dikakanyo.

Fa le gakololwa le gana, *there is nothing wrong with that*. Kgakololo e siame, ga se e re ka e omanyetsang motho. Ke ne ke dumalana le yone ke bona gore e tlaa

re dira gore re wetse *cycle* sentle, re simolole ngwaga sentle le *budget* sentle. Fa e le gore ba a e gana, ga ke dumele gore re ka nganga ka yone, e ka re diela nako.

Ka fa ke bonang *spirit* sa bone ka teng, e kete ba mo *spirit* sa gore "re na le dipalo," ke gone kwa ba batlang go tsamela teng. Fa ke bona Rre Mokgware ka fa a buang ka teng o batla go tsamaela mo go reng o batla go nkgopotsa kgang ya gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: There is nothing out of order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order!

MR HIKUAMA: ...o mo dipalong gore, "rona ga re sa tlhola re batla go reetsa ope yo o neng a seyo." *What kind of argument is that?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: ...ya gore, "ga re batle go reetsa motho yo mongwe o ne a seyo, go raya gore ga a ka ke a nna le kakanyo e e ka thusang Ntlo e." Ke go akanya fela mo go feteletseng.

MR SPEAKER: *E go tshwere* Honourable Hikuama. Procedure Honourable Mmolotsi.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, I think Honourable Hikuama is imputing improper motives on us.* Fa go na le sengwe se ke sa dumeleng gore re eletsa gore ka nako epe re nne le kakanyo ya sone, ke sa gore re batla go dirisa dipalo mo dikgannyeng. O a itse fela gore le kwa re tswang teng fa re saleng re simolola teng, le *Motions* tsa lona tse di siameng re ntse re dumalana le tsone. Ga re na maikaelelo ape a go etsa ba ba kileng ba bo ba dirisa dipalo. *So*, re ne re kopa gore o re senye ka se sele fela mme fa go tla mo go e, o itse gore *we are so liberal, we will be looking at issues and not people*. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Hikuama, ba re o ba kokometsa lekape la motsotsojane, ba re ba itshiametse fela. Maikaelelo ke go rera le lona, fa le dumalanang, le dumalane, fa le farologanang, le farologane. Ke tsaya gore *it is for noting*.

As I have indicated, I would like to hear what the Minister is saying about the amendment before I put the question. Honourable Minister.



ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo. Mafoko a Kgotla a mantle otlhe *Honourable Members*. Thank you so much. We are all speaking for the most part in one voice. Extension yone re a dumalana gore re a e tlhoka. Go nnile le *suggestions* tsa gore nnyaa mme *seven months* o kare o mokhutshwane thata, *how about 12 months?*

Ke le utlwile *Honourable Members*. However, I am going to stand on *seven months*. Ke kopa ka boikokobetso gore nnyaa mme *let me allay your fears, all we need is seven months*. Therefore, ke kopa fela gore re e tlogele fela fa go *seven months Honourable Members*. *Honourable Hikuama can I allay your fears ka ya vacuum? Now after October, ga kere go tlaabo go sena vacuum tota because...*

MR SPEAKER: We are debating the amendment, you will reply to the debate.

MS MOPHUTING: Okay, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I will now put the question on the amendment in terms of Standing Order 47.1 (a). The question is that the amendment be agreed to. Just to remind you, the amendment *ke ya 12 months instead of seven months so that the Motion reads, "That this Honourable House resolves to approve the extension of the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) by twelve (12) months from 1st April to March 2026."*

Question put and **negated**.

MR SPEAKER: The floor is still open.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re jaaka bakaulengwe botlhe ba ba buileng pele ga me, ke dumalana le gore TNDP e atolosiwe kana go okediwe sebaka ka gore re le ba Nkange, re na le kgatlhego thata mo go yone ka gore go na le *project* e e leng gore *it is ongoing* le fa kwa kgaolong go ise go dirwe *groundbreaking*. *There is an ongoing project ya Tutume Primary Hospital*. So, ke dumela gore e tlaa tswelela, gongwe e tlaa re *seven months* a ya go fela ba tlaabo ba setse ba tshetse *gravel* kana ba dirile *groundbreaking*. E bile Tona wa Botsogo o fa, o e ise thata, mongwe le mongwe wa Tutume yo a kopanang le ene kana wa Nkange o a mmolelela ka yone. Le nkukuagwe maloba o ne a mmolelela gore ...*(Speaking in Kalanga)*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I would now invoke Standing Order 56.1. I do not know if you are familiar with that Standing Order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: You are?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: "If it appears to the Speaker during the course of a debate, from the debate of Members who have spoken, that there is a sufficient or a substantial consensus among Members, the Speaker may truncate the debate by calling upon Members who hold a contrary view whereafter the Speaker may propose, in the interest of progress, that the question be now put." *A go na le yo o ganang le Tshutiso e? Fa go na le yo o ganang, a itshupe, a eme a bue. Fa a seyo, ke tlaa bitsa Tona gore a tsibogele tse le neng le di bua batlotlegi.*

MS MOPHUTING: Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke ntse ke bua *Mr Speaker*; tota fela ke go leboga all *Honourable Members* for mowa o re o supileng gompiano mo Palamenteng. Re dumalane fela gore *extension* e a tlhokafala, *seven months*. Ke ne re ke feta fela ka ya *vacuum* gore *Honourable Hikuama* a emelele fa tota a kgotsofetse. Ga kere *after October Honourable Hikuama*, go tlaabo go sena *vacuum* ka gore re tlaabo re na le a new NDP 12. *Therefore, the budget for 2025/2026 will still prevail*. Ka jalo, mma ke leboqe fela *and stop there*. Thank you, *Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we have completed all business in our Order Paper today and I shall therefore call upon Leader of the House, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, to a move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ka boikokobetso, ke ne ke re ke sutise gore Ntlo eno e ye boikhutsong jwa letsatsi la gompiano.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Good evening Honourable Members. Honourable Members be reminded that tomorrow we convene in the morning. On Monday *re tlaabo re*



simolola debates *tsa* Committee of Supply. I believe that the schedule will be shared with you once the Leader of the House has looked at it. Good evening Honourable Members. *A re tshaiseng*.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 4:23 p.m. until Friday 28th February, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



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