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Monday 3rd March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Good afternoon Honourable Members. I hope we had a restful weekend. Today we start our Committee of Supply, but before that, let us start the business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

TERMINAL POINTS OF FORM 3 AND FORM 5

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.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): *Ke a dumedisana* Honourable Speaker, *Ntlo e e tlotlegang e.* Mr Speaker, the Honourable Member of Parliament for Bobirwa has asked about the number of young persons who dropped out of the terminal points of Form 3 and Form 5, between 2019 and 2024; and subsequently Government interventions in respect of ensuring a secure future for them.

Mr Speaker, the total number of young people to exit the public school system at Form 3 between 2019 and 2024 is one hundred and nine thousand nine hundred and sixteen (109,916) or 43% of all public school Form 3s over that period. This refers to the number of learners who were not immediately admitted into senior secondary schools. However, it must be noted Mr Speaker, that some of these learners do re-sit for the Junior Certificate Examinations to improve their results. Such children are then absorbed as new entrants into senior secondary school, while some enrol at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions.

Mr Speaker, the total number of young people who exited the Basic Education system at Form 5 between 2019 and 2023 is one hundred and eighty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-one (182,661). Statistics for the 2024 cadre are yet to be released. It is worth noting that Form 5 is the terminal point for Basic Education, consequently this number refers to graduates of the Basic Education system. According to the Tertiary Education Statistics 2022 report published by Statistics Botswana in April 2024, of the total of one hundred and ten thousand, six hundred and ninety-four (110,694) young people who graduated from Form 5 between 2019 and 2021, thirty-three thousand five hundred and six (33,506) or 30.3% were admitted into tertiary institution as first-time entrants. Therefore, seventy-seven thousand, one hundred and eighty-eight (77,188) youth or 69.7% between 2019 and 2021 did not immediately progress into higher education. *Ke gone fa go leng botlhoko teng.*

Mr Speaker, the Government, through its various ministries, has put in place multiple avenues to assist young people that exit Basic Education at Form 3 or Form 5. Form 3 leavers may continue their education through entry into Brigades, the Botswana Open University for open and distance learning programmes or pursue certification of skills through the Construction Industry Trust Fund. Mr Speaker, Form 5 graduates may continue onto tertiary education or pursue employment. Furthermore, all youth have access to support programmes provided by multiple Government funded initiatives such as the National Internship programme, the Youth Development Fund, the Botswana Innovation Fund, the Local Enterprise Authority and other financial and social welfare programmes. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga comrade. Ke re Honourable Kgafela a o tla a dumalana le nna gore, number tse o di buang tse di tsamaelang kwa bo hundred thousand tsa bana that drop out either kwa form 3 or form 5 di a go oketsa lehuma, di a go oketsa letlhoko la ditiro mo tšhabeng ya rona, ke re a o tla a dumalana le nna ka seo? A o tla a dumalana le nna gape gore dinomere tse o di buang tse di tsamaelang bo hundred thousand for form 3s, hundred thousand for form 5s, di ka raya gore di ya go oketsa seemo sa dipharologanyo fa gare ga batho ba ba nang le itsholelo le ba ba senang itsholelo, bogolo thata ka gore bana ba gantsi ke ba ba tswang mo malwapeng a itsholelo e ntseng e le kwa tlase gale? Sa boraro; a o ka dumalana le nna gore seemo se se ka oketsa sa borukutlhi mo lefatsheng la rona?

Ya bofelo ke, e e botlhokwa le go di gaisa... ke gore, tse o di buileng, tse o di nankotseng ke *interventions* kana ke tse di neng di dirwa ke ba *party* e e sa tswang go tswa. A mme lona le ka tswa le na le na le ditsela dipe tse disha tsa go lemoga bodiphatsa jo, jwa bana *that drop out*, tse ka tsone le batlang gore le emise seemo se sa gore bana ba latlhege ka dipalo tse di kanakana? Tota ke batla go utlwa sentle gore, Puso e ntšha e tsholetse eng bana ba rona ba ba boelang mo malwapeng le batsadi ba bone? Ke a leboga.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge *Honourable* Lucas ka dipotso le ditshwaelo tse ke tsayang gore di maleba. Ke boammaaruri rra gore, bana ba ba duleng mo dikoleng kwa go *Form 3* le *Form 5* ka dipalo tse di kana kana tota go oketsa lehuma. E nngwe ke ye o neng o re go oketsa le dipharologanyo tsa itsholelo fa gare ga bone le ba bangwe, ka gore bontsi jwa bone bo tswa mo malwapeng a humanegileng. E nngwe ke gone gore le bone borukutlhi...ka gore tota ngwana fa a na le *an idle mind* a santse a le monnyennyane ga o ka ke wa kgona *to contain them* ka tsela nngwe, ke dumalana le eo rra.

Ke leboge le gone gore o bo o nkopile gore ke nankole methale e re leng Puso e ntšha gore re ka leka go kgama seemo se, ra se tokofatsa jang. Ke re ke maitlamo a Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), pele ga bana ba ka ya...le gone goroga kwa goreng bontsi jwa palo ya bone bo iphitlhela bo le mo seterateng kana bo le kwa ntle bo ka se dire sepe, re tshwanetse re lebelela thuto ya rona. Re lebelele gore e tsamaisiwa jang. Tota fela modimogolo, thitokgolo ya gore e bo e le gore bana ba *are failing* go raya eng, ke go reng, mo ba iphitlhelang e le gore ga ba kgone go tswela jaaka ba bangwe.

Go le gantsi re itemogetse re le Lephata le lešha la *Child Welfare and Basic Education* gore, fa maduo a tswa jaaka a *Form 5*, a sa tswa go tswa, ke tlaa bua ka one kgantele. Pele ke tswela, o ne o re ke bue gore mo ke go kwadileng ke ga rona kana ke ga *status quo* se se fetileng. Nnyaa, ke ga *status quo* e e fetileng, e seng ya rona. Gakere fa o botsa potso re tshwanetse re bue gore re fa kae, mme jaaka o phile tshono ke bue gore ke ya kae. Ke ne ke re nnyaa, kana re fitlhela go kgautlhane le *infrastructure* mo dikoleng, e re tlaa itepatepanyang le gore re leke le fa go le thata gore re dire *child-friendly schools*.

Ke ne ke boela kwa go reng, re itemogetse gore go le gantsi fa maduo a tswa bana ba sa dira sentle, go tlaabo go lebelelwa *ministry, rightfully so. Why, because ministry*

o neelwa *budget*, o hira *people who deliver the service*. Potso ke gore, re netefatsa jang re le *ministry* gore bana mo *classroom* ba a rutwa. Ke maitlamo a matona a lephata le gore, *this time around we are going into the classroom. We want to find out* gore those who are *deployed* go ruta, ba na le boitseanape jo ba nang le jone le *competencies according to how they were employed*, a tota mo *classroom* ba dira se ba tshwanetseng go se dira. Re ka kgona go itse fela fa re ka tla ka metlhale ya gore, re sekaseke ka tsela nngwe gore a ba dira tiro eo.

There has been something that has been clearly lacking, the voice of the child or of the student. Ministry kana ga se *Education* o na le *Child Welfare*, mme Children's Act e tlhamaletse gore bana *must be involved in decisions taken*, kana ka sengwe le sengwe se se dirwang se se ba amang *directly. An instruction, the teaching learning experience affects our students and children directly. Therefore, why can they not be given the opportunity to assess those who deliver service to them. That is where we are going*, ke tsaya gore fa re ka dira jalo rra re ka tlhotlhomisa ra ba ra sala morago gore mo bekeng go dirwa eng, *remedial* e tsamaya jang.

Ga re felele foo, re batla gore re tlise thuto e ntšha, *shifting towards skills of future through introducing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) from early childhood education and primary school*. Ka go dira jalo re simolole fela kwa moding *to promote critical thinking, problem solving and innovation skills, that is building a foundation for education with production*. Bogolo ga tsothle, *to integrate Information Technology (IT) mo thutong, re bua ka digitalization. Then we enhance ka teacher training and development, barutabana ba rona need to be reskilled, ba tsamaye le dinako. We will implement performance management of teachers, by developing a systematic process to evaluate, not just to evaluate because fa o re o a to evaluate barutabana, go na le kakanyo ya gore they are being punished. Now you evaluate by finding gaps and then supporting them.*

Rraetsho, ba ba mo mebileng ba ba tshwanetseng go ya Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) kana *brigades*, ke buile gore *brigade* ga se *dumping site* ya ba ba sa itseng. *We encourage* gore ba tseye le *academic subjects for supplementation*, ba kgone go gola jalo ka *vocational and academic upliftment*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Communications and Innovation whether there are any challenges that impede people from establishing community radio stations and if so, what measures are being taken to address these challenges.

ACTING MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTSIMA): Mr Speaker, for the longest time licensing of all radio broadcasting, including community broadcasting, has been impeded by lack of coordinated and internationally agreed radio frequencies. The process of securing the required frequencies revolves around technical parameters of sharing radio frequency spectrum between neighbouring states to avoid interference during the use of such frequencies. Once negotiations between neighbouring states are complete, the frequencies are then registered with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a United Nations (UN) agency responsible for the coordination and use of radio frequency spectrum globally. The process is therefore involving and takes some time.

Historically, Botswana had limited national frequencies assigned to Radio Botswana since independence and later assigned to RB2 and the commercial radio stations of Duma FM, Gabz FM and Yarona FM. With that background, I am happy to report that the process of coordinating with all our neighbour states of Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe to secure additional frequencies has since been concluded. Hence, Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) has begun the process of licensing more radio stations. The process started with the issuing of campus radio licence to University of Botswana (UB). UB is now live and broadcasts in Gaborone, Francistown and Maun.

Mr Speaker, currently BOCRA has issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) for licensing of community broadcasting. The deadline for the EOI has passed and evaluation of submissions is ongoing to inform the number, nature and form of community broadcasting licences to be issued. Following an assessment of the EOI, BOCRA will issue an Invitation to Apply (ITA) of community radio stations beginning of April 2025, where registered associations will be welcome to submit applications. I can assure the honourable House that Botswana will have community broadcasting licences this year. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MOSHUPA SANITATION PROJECT

MR K. S. GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he is aware that although the Moshupa Water Sanitation Project is complete there are some pending issues that the constructing company is yet to fully address in the village given that:

- (i) four people died but the grieving families and their inquiries have not been fully addressed;
- (ii) many homes have been affected and their queries have not been adequately addressed, in particular;
 - (a) houses are in a near collapse state;
 - (b) some homes flood and the owners cannot access them;
- (iii) most roads were left in bad condition, making it difficult for the users to travel on; and
- (iv) some employees did not receive severance payments after parting ways with the company.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Nte ke simolole ka go leboga Motlotlegi Gare, ka potso e a e tsisitseng mo Palamenteng e e bothlokwa, gape e le masisi e na le ba ba re tlogetseng.

Mr Speaker, mo bathong ba bane ba ba tlhokafetseng, ba le bararo ba duetswe, a le mongwe fela ga a ka a duelwa ka mabaka gore o ne a sa theogela, mme o ne a wela mo lehuting le le neng le sireleditswe ka nako e a neng a sa theogela ka yone. Ba *Labour Office*, jaaka e le bone ba ba laolang dituelo tse gotweng ke tsa phimolodikeledi, ba ne ba tlhotlhomisa ba dira dituelo gore ba bararo ba ka duelwa, mme yo mongwe fela ene ka gore o ne a sa theogela ga a ka ke a duelwa.

E ne ya re pele ga ba Lephata la Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) ba dira dituelo tse, ba ne ba etela batsadi ba ba latlhegetsweng ba ba bolelela kgang, ba dumalana ba ba neela phimolodikeledi. Le morago ga dituelo, ba nna ba itshwaraganya le bone.

Mo potsong ya bobedi e e buang ka mantlo a a amilweng ke morwalela kana dipula tse di neleng, mantlo ka bontsi a go neng ga tlisiwa gore a na le mathata a ne a le 800. Mo go one mantlo a bontsi jwa one a dirilwe go setse mantlo fela a le *eight* a a santseng a emetse ba ba buisanyang le bone, ka gore nako eo ba bangwe ba ne ba seyo, ba tla

kwa morago. Ke gore dikgang tsa teng ke gore, e a re fa ba utlwa gotwe bo semangmang ba duetswe, le bone ba a tla kwa morago ba nna ba tla fela jalo. Jaanong ke ka moo ba bangwe ba diegetsweng gore ba duelwe. Ke buisantse le ba ofisi ya me, re dumalane gore bogolo pele ga Kgweedi ya *August* e fela, ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba bo ba setse ba duetse batho bao *Mr Speaker*.

Mo kgannyeng ya merwalela e e tseneletseng batho mo matlong a bone, *Mr Speaker*, pula ya gompiano tota e ne e le mo gotweng e *beyond normal*, jaaka le itse gore re ne ra amogela dipula tse di ntsi fela thata. Ka jalo, malwapa mangwe go boammaaruri a amegile, a na le merwalela. Merwalela e, go supafala gore ga e a bakiwa ke kago ya *pipeline*. Go supafala gore one ka bo one, kana malwapa ga a nke a nna fa go *level* fela, one ka bo one, a agilwe fa go leng kwa tlasenyana. Go raya gore fa metsi a tla, a tshologela ko mapaleng a a ko tlasenyana. Ka jalo, go bo go raya gore batho ba Modimo ba a amega. *Mr Speaker*, fa e le gore go na le dingwe tse di tseletseng ka gore rakonteraka o santse a le teng mo *site*, ke rotloetsa gore baagi ba Moshupa ba ye kwa go rakonteraka *to attend* dikgang tse.

Mo kgannyeng e nngwe *Mr Speaker*, ke tshwanetse ke supe gore ka gore tiro e ke e gotweng *it is an ongoing effort*, fa e leng gore go na le dibambara teng, go na le fa go sa siamang teng, rakonteraka a re o ntse a thiba mo e leng gore bagarona le bone ba supa jalo gore tiro e tseletse. Fa e leng gore go maswe teng, go ntse go tsenngwa mmu wa teng.

Mo kgannyeng ya gore tsela e tlogetswe mo go sa siamang; jaaka ke buile gore *gravel* e ntse a tshelwa go leka go baakanya fale le fale, mo gongwe e le gore go dirwa ke gore ditsela tsa *gravel* fa go setswe go fetilwe teng, e nna dikhutinyana fela jalo. Mo go e nngwe ya sekonotere, ke supe gore ba ne ba dirisa motlhale o moshwa wa go fetisa *pipe* ka fa tlase ga sekonotere, o o bitswang gotwe ke *jack drill*. Go tsenngwa *drill* ka kwa teng teng, ka fa tlase ga sekonotere gore re ye go tswela ka kwa. Go raya gore sekonotere ga se a amega *Mr Speaker*.

Mo kgannyeng ya gore babereki bangwe ga ba amogela *severance Mr Speaker*, ke supa jaana gore babereki botlhe go ya ka *records* tsa rona, ba amogetse *severance benefit*. Ba duetswe, botlhe fela. Fa e le gore gongwe go ka tswa go na le mongwe yo o sa bonang madi ka phosego, a tlogetswe, a bone borakonteraka ba ba santseng ba le teng mo *site*. Fa e le gore gongwe ga ba ba reetse ka tsela epe fela, ke rotloetsa gore batsadi

bao ba tle ba tlhamaletse fela mo ofising ya ga *Minister* gore ke fano, ga ke a duelwa. Ke sale ke ipegile ka gore dikgang tse o tlaa fitlhela o sa itse. Fa gongwe bana ba Modimo ke tewa gotwe botlhe ba duetswe, mme go na le yo o sa duelwang, kgang ya gagwe e sa rarabololwe. Batho betsho, a a tle a tlhamaletse fela *former Minister* Gare. Ke a go leboga tsala ya me.

MR GARE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga *Minister*. Ke go botse ka gore dikarabo tse re a di kwalelwa *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e e leng teng ke gore, fa nne e le gore dilo di ntse jaaka o ne o di bua *Mr Speaker*; ke ka bo ke sa tlisa potso e. Selo sa ntlha fela se ke batlang o se itse *Honourable Minister* ke gore, le fa o re batho ba ye kwa *site*, ga go kgonagale *because* bo rakonteraka ga ba fe batho nako. Potso e ke batlang go e go botsa ke gore, o lebeletse seemo le bokete le masisi a ditiro tse di diragetseng, a ga o bone go le maleba gore wena le rakonteraka le badiredi ba gago, le ye go kopana le batswasetlhabelo go bona gore mathata a a kanakana a a mo potsong e, a ka rarabologa botoka ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Gare. O supile gore fa gongwe ga go kgonagale go bona borakonteraka, mme ke bua fa pele ga setšhaba se ntheeditse ke re, mabati a me a butswa kwa ofising. Botlhe ba ba ka tswang ba sa duelwa, mme gotwe ba duetswe, a ba tle ba tlhamaletse ba tle kwa go nna. Ba bangwe fa go kgonagala, o tle o ba tshwere ka lebogo *Honourable Member of Parliament* (MP), gore batho ba ba tlhokafaletsweng, go supafala e le gore karabo ya riana mme bone ba riana. Re tlaa e rarabolola ka bofefo jo bo sa fediseng pelo. Ke a leboga *sir*.

DIRECT APPOINTMENT OF 3 IN 1 AGRIC CONSULTANCY

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) if he is aware of the direct appointment of 3 in 1 Agric Consultancy for the supply and delivery of 100 live dairy cattle from Brazil and United States of America (USA) awarded on 6th October, 2024; if so, to state;
- (ii) the value in BWP of the direct contract award; and
- (iii) if such an award of contract still stands in view of the current economic state.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Mma ke go leboge Mr Speaker.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, let me share with this Honourable House that as per my ministry's knowledge and record, there has never been an award of procurement of dairy cattle from Brazil and United States of America (USA). The procurement process went as far as the initial stage of approval of method of direct procurement and it ended there.
- (ii) As explained in the first part of my answer, the ministry did not go beyond the method of procurement. As such, there is no question of contract value or award.
- (iii) There is no award and therefore, no contract to speak of. I thank you.

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re Tona a tlhatswe kgang e Mr Speaker, ka gore *I have it on record* gore ga a re *there was no an award*, mme go nnile le *approval* ka di 6 tsa ga *October of the same*, o raya jang? *The tender in question, I have it on record* gore it was approved on the 6th of October, 2024. Ke batla a e tlhatswe gone foo. Dipotso tse ke neng ke di botsa tse di latelang tseo, di ne di latedisa kgang yone e. *Obviously*, jaaka a arabile kwa godimo gore *there was no award*, jaanong o ne a bolaya tse di kwa tlase, mme *I have it on record that I have shared with him*, gore a e tlhatswetse Motswana gone foo. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

DR DIKOLOTI: Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Potso e e boditsweng ke Honourable Bagaisamang, ke e e tsweledisang e e neng ya botswa ke Motlotlegi Lucas mo Palamenteng e e fetileng. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse di fa tlase ga pelo ya rona thata. Motlotlegi *shared* le nna *information* yotlhe e a e itseng. Dikarabo tse re neng re di tsaya kwa, ke batla go di tshwantshanya go bona gore tota golo fa, gatwe go diragetse eng. Boammaaruri jo ke bo utlwileng, le gompiono ke bua le bodiredi ke gore, *they only went as far as the method of procurement. There was no Invitation To Tender (ITT)*. Ke gore ga go na sepe se se tswelletseng *beyond just that method*.

Ke tsaya gore ka fa ba neng ba e kwadile ka teng, o a bona gore *it was a method of procurement* e e leng gore mo teng, e ne e letlelela gore 3 in 1 e bo e ka nna yone. Ga go a ka ga nna le tswelediso epe *beyond the method*.

Ke tsaya re a tlhaloganya gone foo ka gore ke a itse gore re le bantsi mo Palamenteng e, kgang e, re batla go itse tota boteng jwa yone le boammaaruri jwa yone. Rra, ke go leboge ka go botsa potso eo ka gore le Botswana kwa ntle ba nna ba ntse ba botsa ka yone go ya pele. Ke a leboga.

CONNECTION TO THE NATIONAL POWER GRID

MR R. M. LEKUTLANE (K GALAGADI NORTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state when Inalegolo, Ukhwi and Ncaang villages will be connected to the national power grid in view of their proximity to the national power grid, ranging from 19, 22 and 54 kilometres (kms) respectively.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR M MOLOTSI): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke supe fela gore Lephata la Meepo le Kgotetso, le mo thulaganyong ya go tsenya motlakase mo magaeng a le 112 ka *project* ya *Villages Electrification Project*, e e simolotseng ka ngwaga wa 2024/2025 *financial year*. Tsholofelo ya yone ke gore, thulaganyo e, e tlaa felela mo ngwageng wa madi wa 2026/2027.

Inalegolo ke mongwe wa metse e e masome a mabedi e mesha, e e tswetsweng mo thulaganyong e ya go tsenya motlakase mo magaeng a le 112.

Motse wa kwa Ukhwi o e leng gore ga o 22 kilometres (km) jaaka motlotlegi a ne a tlhalosa, o 63 km go ya kwa *connection point* e e gautshwanyane, e e leng gore e kwa Ncojane, o a sekasekwa le one gore o tsennge motlakase ka thulaganyo ya *Off-Grid Solar Solution Programme*. Programme e e a baakanngwa, e tsamaela go fela, mme e tlaa fela mo ngwageng wa 2025/2026. Metsana e merataro mo lefatsheng la Botswana e maikaelelo e leng gone gore ba gokelwe ka yone *the Off-Grid Programme*.

Go na le motse o mongwe o o botsang ka one wa Ncaang o e leng one o 108 km go tswa kwa *connection point* e e gautshwanyane. One oo, o mo ditshekatshekong tsa gore one o ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E tlaa re ditshekatsheko tse di wela, go tlaa tsewa tshwetso ya gore jaanong one o tlaa dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Metse yotlhe fela e e kgakala le *grid* e a sekasekwa gore e tle e tsene gone mo thulaganyong ya *Off-Grid Solution Programme*. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge Mr Speaker, ke bo ke leboge Minister ka karabo eo. Go molemo Honourable Minister fa go supafala gore o

tsibogetse metse ya me e e leng gore tota e ne ya nna le mathata a gore ba se ka ba nna le tshono fa Goramente a ne a tsenyetsa batho motlakase mahala. Ke lebogetse seo. Ke re ke go baakanyetse fela kgang ya Ncaang; Ncaang o gaufi le Monong, go na le motlakase fa Monong *which is between 15 and 20 km. Honourable Minister, e re o tswa foo o tsamaya ka ya Zutshwa ka gore le yone di tshwana fela, go na le motlakase wa marang a letsatsi. O tsena leng mo motseng ka gore mo sekoleng o teng? Thank you Honourable Minister. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Se se tlhalosiwang fa Motlotlegi Mopalamente ke gone gore, e ka tswa e le gore motse o o bapileng o na le motlakase, mme go na le thulaganyo ya go gokela (*connection point*). So jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa, le fa go ka tswa go ntse jalo, *connection point* e gone kwa mafelong a ke a buang jaaka kwa Ukhwi, e 63 km, *and then* kwa motseng wa bobedi le gone *it is somewhere else* re ntse re itse gore metsana e e gautshwanyane e e na le motlakase. So ke ne ke re ke e tlhatswe fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, mme *the same applies to* Zutshwa le gone ke sone seemo sone seo.

PAY DISPARITY

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture:

- (i) to provide an update on the Botswana Meat Commission's (BMC) current practices regarding the pay disparity between hourly-paid employees and full-time staff;
- (ii) what measures are being taken to ensure that hourly paid workers at BMC receive equitable pay, benefits and job security as compared to their full-time counterparts, particularly in relation to wages, health benefits and career progression;
- (iii) what is being done to address concerns raised regarding the treatment of hourly-paid employees particularly in relation to the provision of separate canteens;
- (iv) what steps are being taken to ensure that all employees, regardless of their employment status, have equal access to facilities, including canteens, in a manner that promotes fairness, equity and inclusivity within the Commission;
- (v) why the welfare officer at BMC Lobatse was promoted to the position of Human Resource Officer and if this is procedural and if the appointment was based on merit or qualifications;

- (vi) why BMC workers are the least paid of all parastatals in the market; and
- (vii) why a lot of condemned meat remains in the BMC chillers and what action will be taken to rectify this persistent problem once and for all as it results in tax payers footing the bill.

Later Date.

HERITAGE TOURISM

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism if he would not consider the ruins in Lobatse (Old Legislative Council buildings) and the Old Radio Botswana house to stimulate heritage tourism.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

(MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism is desirous to promote tourism industry as an engine of growth in this country as the sector has been prioritised the National Transformation Strategy. As echoed in the Tourism Policy of 2021, heritage tourism has been identified as one of the important sectors in achieving the above and ensuring the country attains its aspirations is diversifying the tourism product from wildlife based to culture and tourism based.

To this end Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism through the Department of National Museum and Monument (DNMM) has since declared the Old Legislative Council building and the Old Radio Botswana building as national monuments.

The above notwithstanding Mr Speaker, ownership of such old buildings does not necessarily change automatically to the National Museum. As such, land ownership of the Old Legislative Building and Old Radio Botswana Building belongs to the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services and Department of Broadcasting Services, respectively.

Mr Speaker, kindly be informed that the Ministry of Environment and Tourism through the DNMM has in the recent past done some minimal developments at the two heritage sites to improve the tourism potential of Lobatse Town Council through a project called The 100 Monuments. Such development included;

- (a) Installation of signage at Old Legislative Council; the signage includes both road and information panel that provides a brief history of the Legislative Council;

- (b) Restoration of one of the offices at the legislative council that could be used as a site office, kitchenette and rest rooms. Further development such as installation of services which is water and electricity was delayed by the issue of land ownership.
- (c) Hiring custodians; For many years the DNMM employed a temporary field custodian to manage both the Old Legislative Council and the Old Radio Botswana. The role of the custodian was to clean the two sites but most importantly to provide guiding services to visitors to the area. Currently, the two sites are serviced by employees of the DNMM based at the Samora Machel Museum in Lobatse.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism will engage the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services and the Department of Broadcasting Services as well as Lobatse Town Council to partner in developing the two historic buildings as potential tourist attraction areas. The ministry in partnership with Lobatse Town Council is in the process of developing a programme of restoration of heritage monuments in Lobatse starting with Legislative Council buildings. The ministry will further clear surroundings of the two old buildings as well as to restore old signage at the two sites through the 100 monuments projects in the next financial year 2025/2026.

The above will further facilitates tourism product diversification of Lobatse Town Council. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary.* ke a utlwa Tona, mme a go ne go se botoka gore o ikgolege ka Setswana gore botsadi kwa ntle bo go utlwe gore wa reng ka kgang e ka gore o kare o tšhoma thata le nna o a ntsietsa?

MR SPEAKER: Certainly, that is not a supplementary question.

METSIMOTLHABE CLINIC

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Health if he is aware that Metsimotlhabe Clinic is old and small and does not have all necessary services; in particular:

- (i) the consultation room is small such that dressing, injection and dispensary are done in the same room;

- (ii) that there is ample space for extension of the facility to accommodate waiting rooms, consultation rooms, dressing/injection room, observation room, offices, staffroom, storeroom, ablution block etc.;
- (iii) shortage of furniture (chairs) for patients while queuing, they even queue outside the building in the sun and even during rainy seasons;
- (iv) shortage of toilets (ablution) for both staff and patients;
- (v) the storage space for food rations is too small and it is used as a store shared for other tools;
- (vi) shortage of manpower, as the current number of nurses is not enough to cater for the population of the village, including those on the outskirts e.g. – Diphiring, Monageng, Gamosusu, Mophakane, Dintoro, Gamononyane, Mmamhiko, Ramogobjwa, Ntshuga-Ditsebe and Letswaaneng;
- (vii) there are no desks, chairs, staff rooms and offices at Ramogobjwa, Ntshoga-Ditsebe/Letswaaneng; and
- (viii) the need for a maternity wing, Ante Natal services for expectant mothers and Post Natal Services, midwives and ambulances.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Health, how long is your answer?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): It is a bit long.

MR SPEAKER: Is it possible that you can summarise because basically it is asking about one issue?

MR OOKEDITSE: I think I can just give a quick summary, then I will give the Honourable Member the full answer.

Thank you so much. We realise that indeed Metsimotlhabe Clinic is old and small and does not have a provision for all the necessary services. If you look into a lot of the things that you have asked for, you will realise that originally it was built as a health post and as such, it was not built with adequate spacing, and that has led to a lot of these other shortages.

You also asked about lack of infrastructure particularly at one of the mobile stops which we do note is not adequately provided for. Generally, the principle is that

mobile stops do not usually have adequate furniture and the likes because they are just being turned into mobile stops. These are our intentions to establish a more permanent structure that will then allow for adequate furniture.

In the end, as to what we are going to do with the clinic, we are looking to include it in those that will be expanded during National Development Plan (NDP) 12. That should be one of those that are considered for that. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MS MANYENENG: *Supplementary. Honourable Minister, ke a go utlwa, ke a tlhloganya but ga ke go utlwe o wela. Kana when you talk about ablution o bua ka toilets and ga di yo, e nngwe e ole ka dipula tse especially for patients. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re gongwe o tlaa pitlaganyetsa gore le ka re selesa sengwenyana se se tshwanang le mantlwana a boiteketo, re santse re lebile NDP 12.*

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Mr Speaker. If you talk about ablution blocks and the likes, that is something that we definitely should look into. We will look into that and then we will get in touch with the Honourable Member. Thank you.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLOTS ALLOCATION

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on progress of residential and commercial plots allocation in Selebi Phikwe and to state:

- (i) the number of plots allocated in the past three years and how many plots the Government is intending to allocate in the next five years; and
- (ii) the number of applicants on the waiting list and how long they should wait to be allocated such plots.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there have been delays in the allocation of serviced residential plots in Selebi-Phikwe due to the transition from the State Land Integrated Management System (SLIMS) to the Land Information System (LIS). This challenge has recently been addressed through a process

of registering and approving the general plans which are key to unlocking individual plots for allocations. To that end, my ministry will commence the allocation of 412 residential plots within the Mekoro layout consisting of 416 plots by the end of June 2025. The allottees are first given provisional offers which run for a period of 90 days.

Mr Speaker, the layout under consideration has only four non-residential plots, of which three are open spaces and one is civic and community. My ministry will therefore undertake an inspection in the town starting in April 2025 to determine the availability of any commercial plot applicants who have not fulfilled their development covenants, rendering themselves candidates for forfeiture to the state. Should these plots still be available, they will be disposed through the open public tender.

Therefore Mr Speaker, in terms of allocations; my ministry allocated 75 residential and 11 industrial plots in the last three years. There were no allocations under commercial, civic and community categories in that period.

- (ii) Allocations for the next five years will commence with the 412 residential plots planned to be allocated beginning the first quarter of the financial year 2025/2026. The planned allocation follows the approval and registration of the general plan during the week ending 21st February 2025. The allocation will be through the Land Information System (LIS); in order to issue the secure land titles. For the subsequent years, plots will be allocated depending on their availability.

Mr Speaker, the number of applicants on the waiting list for Selebi Phikwe stands at 19,156, being 15, 689 for state land and 3467 for Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA) applicants as at 21st February, 2025. In terms of the waiting period, I am not in a position to precisely determine the waiting period as that depends on the availability of readily available plots. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Dikoloti ka dikarabo tseo. Minister, ke na le dipotso di ka tshwara pedi; ya ntlha ke gore kana Goromente yo o fetileng o kile a bolotsa letsholo fela le le kwa godimo la go aba plots. O raya gore le lone lenaneo lele rona ba Selebi Phikwe re le utlwaletse fela kwa mafelong a*

mangwe, ga le a feta le fa e le ka rona gotlhelele. Golo gone mo go feletse go dira le gore dipalopalo tse o di buang tse di tsamaelang *close to* bo 19, 000, o bo o bona di le kwa godimo jaana *but* fa o re o lebelela *the population* ya Selebi Phikwe, *around* 42, 000, o ka lemoga gore re mo lenyoreng la *plots*. Jaanong go batla o fefosa *Minister* go ya go re abela *plots* kwa Selebi Phikwe.

Kana go na le Lenaneo la *Youth Development Fund* (YDF) le le tswang kwa *Ministry of Youth*. Re le banana ba Selebi Phikwe o kare re ka fa mosing ka gore ga re na lefatshe. Ke gore le fa re ka fiwa madi a, go ya go pala gore re ya go dira *projects* tsa rona fa kae. Jaanong a mme go ya kwa pele *Minister*, a ga o bone go le botlhokwa thata gore o ye go fefosa, segolobogolo jang ka gore Phikwe *is densely populated* kwa bananeng, o ye go aba *plots* tse dintsi kwa Selebi Phikwe tse di itebagantseng le dikgwebo?

E nngwe ya bofelo *Minister* ke gore kana re Goromente wa ditshwanelo, tshwanelo e tona e tshwanetse go nna yone ya lefatshe. Le le Goromente yo, le bona le ya go dira jang gore monana yo o tshwanang le nna, *I am 37 years* mme ga ke na lefatshe le ke le neetsweng ke Goromente. Le ya go dira jang le le Goromente wa ditshwanelo gore monana fa a tsena mo dingwageng tsa bo 16 o mo neela Omang, a ga le *consider* gore o bo o mo neela le setlankana sa lefatshe? Ke a leboga *Minister*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Tla ke go leboge Motlotlegi Kaizer ka dipotso tse di maleba tse o di boditseng. Ke go reye ke re o beye mogopolo sentle fela, go na le meakanya e mesha. Ke tsaya gore o utlwile Motlotlegi Tautona Rre Boko a bua thata gore re tlile go dirisa boranyane jo bo tseneletseng go fetola ka fa re ntseng re dira dilo ka teng. Ke dumalana le wena gore ga o a tshwanela gore o bo o le mo dingwageng tse o leng mo go tsone o sa neelwa tshwanelo ya gago ya lefatshe. Ke batla gore o dumalane le nna gore kana dipalo tsa batho di a gola, lefatshe ga le gole mme ka fa re tshwanetseng go aba lefatshe ka teng, mme e bile re itse gore *there are lot of competing interests on the use of land*. Re tshwanetse go go dira ka tsela e e faphegileng. Jaanong nna o tlhoile tsebe fela ka gore re fetola go le gontsi, mo gongwe ke tlaa go latlhela fa ke bua mo *Committee of Supply*. Tse dingwe e tlaa nna a *product of extensive consultations*, tse re batlang go di buisanya le lona gore re fetole gotlhelele fela ka fa re ntseng re aba lefatshe ka teng. Re netefatse gore mongwe le mongwe o nna le tshwanelo ya go nna le setsha sa bonno. O ya go fitlhela e le gore ka fa re ntseng

ka teng, sekai fela ke go babisa ditsebe; ba boranyane le ka fa re fetolang ka teng ba itemogetse fela gore tota fa o lebelela *between* Phakalane and Commerce Park *along the railway line, we can easily get* 80, 000 units *within that space*. Golo mo o a bona gore *it is a big opportunity* e e ka thusang go ntsha molala o o ntseng o le teng. Go gontsi mo Motlotlegi Tautona a santseng a go beetse Batswana, o tlaa nna a ntse a ba rokotsa a ba neela ka bonya ka bonya. Ke a go leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *e tshaile ya dipotso*. Let us now go to the Appropriation.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, we are starting the Committee of Supply of the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025) today. Let me therefore remind you Honourable Members that in accordance with Standing Order 51.7 B, the Minister is allocated 20 minutes to present and 30 minutes to respond, that is to reply to your debates. Honourable Members shall speak for 10 minutes in accordance with Standing Order 51.7.

I am in receipt of information that Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, Minister for State President, is Acting President now as we speak.

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

MR SPEAKER: Until the President is back. *Jaanong fa gongwe fa le mmona a seyo, le bo le itse gore o a bo a tshwerwe ke tsa* Office of the President. *Ke le bolelela ruri*. Now Honourable Members, order! *Ke re before ke ya kwa* Committee, I am only in receipt of the opposition list. From the ruling party side, I have been trying to inquire with the Acting Government Whip, but he is also informing me that he has ceased acting today. As he was ceasing the acting, the substantive fell sick. I do not know now if he has reassumed the acting but I am hoping that their list will be here.

Honourable Members, Standing Order 64.1 shall apply as you know that I will leave this seat and the moment I get there, the Assembly shall then be in Committee. For Standing Order 66.1, please remember what I said to you. Only if the Chapter does not attract much interest and we have time that Standing Order 66.1 can be applied. But remember I discouraged you from using it. As I say, if the chapter is not attracting interest and we have time, then we can apply it. *Mma ke se ka ka dia nako ke e bala, le tlaa ipalela*, 66.1. Order! Order!

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you, sir. Maybe before you descend, ke re ke gakolole fela gore fa re le kwa Committee of Supply, re ne re na le dingwe tse re di dumalaneng gore re ya go tsamaisa jang at Committee Stage. Go ne go nnile le kopo e e neng e amogetswe gore Matona ba tlise submissions tsa bone at least a week in advance gore maloko a Palamente a nne familiar le se se yang go buiwa. Jaanong ke bona go sa diragale. Ke re gongwe ga ba a itsjisiwe kwa bothokong.*

Matona, re ne re kopa gore *submissions* tsa lona tse di tlaabong di ngangiwa *this week* le re di neele *by the end of the day today*, Mapalamente a ipaakanye. Re tswemo thulaganyong ya gore o tlaabo o tla Palamenteng o fitlhela mokwalo o beilwe fa pele ga gago gotwe o bale ka bonako a bo e bile o *debate*. Ga go re thuse gone moo go tlhabolola Palamente ya rona. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. E ne e le gakololo fela.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, indeed Honourable Saleshando, that has been discussed *kwa* General Assembly. Let me just appeal to Honourable Ministers to please, please, *le re thuse ka presentations tsa lona go santse go na le nako*. Order! Order!

...Silence...

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

ORGANISATION 0100 – PARLIAMENT

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, the Assembly is now in Committee. *Jaanong le ka mpitsa Modulasetilo*, Chair. I am Chairing this Committee now. *Le ka mpitsa* Chairman *kana* Chairperson, whichever way.

Honourable Members, please note that two hours have been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 1615 hours today and the question shall be put at 1645 hours. I shall now call upon the Minister for State President to present.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Mr Chairperson, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all Honourable Members to the 2nd Meeting of the 1st Session of the 13th Parliament. This

marks the first Committee of Supply Speech under the new Government, ushering in a new era for Botswana.

Mr Chairperson, before I present the 2025/2026 Budget for the National Assembly under ‘Organisation Head 0100’, I wish to address the significance of developments brought about by the 2024 General Elections.

Mr Chairperson, as we deliberate on the Committee of Supply, it is essential to acknowledge the unique context of this budget. The Appropriation Bill before us was formulated under the previous administration. However, the recent general elections have ushered in a new Government with distinct policy priorities and aspirations.

While this budget serves as a legal framework for the next financial year, it may not fully align with the strategic vision of the new Government. It reflects the commitments of the previous administration, and though we are obliged to implement it, we must recognise its limitations in addressing our current mandate and priorities.

Furthermore, this budget pertains to the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP), which will lapse in seven (7) months from the beginning of the financial year 2025/2026. The TNDP was designed to bridge the gap between the end of the National Development Plan (NDP) 11 and the commencement of NDP 12. As we execute the TNDP, we are simultaneously embarking on extensive consultations for NDP 12. These consultations will involve Members of Parliament, staff, and key stakeholders, providing a platform to fully articulate and implement the new Government’s vision and development priorities.

Mr Chairperson, to effectively manage this transition, we have identified 10 strategic pillars to guide our decisions and focus our priorities. These pillars will ensure that Parliament remains resilient, responsive, and inclusive, bringing Botswana closer to the ideals of democracy and sustainable development.

To champion parliamentary independence and operationalise these pillars, we will embark on the reforms guided by a change management process. These reforms include a review of the organisational structure, human resource policies and practices aimed to address staff welfare issues. Some of the proposed initiatives will focus on efficiency, capacity building and resource mobilisation (human, finance, equipment)

to complement the Government budget allocated to Parliament.

Furthermore Mr Chairperson, the long term vision is to realise the establishment of the Parliamentary Services Commission, the establishment of a Budget Office to enhance Parliament's role in the national budgeting process to strengthen research functions and to improve access to information for Members of Parliament, Members of Ntlo ya Dikgosi and the public.

Mr Chairperson, in light of the Delimitation process and future projections, it has increasingly become evident that the Chamber has reached its maximum carrying capacity and public interest in Parliament business has also increased. This means that in the near future, there will be a need to expand or construct a new structure to accommodate more Members of Parliament and the general public.

We are also committed to addressing issues raised by Members of Parliament, such as accommodation at the Parliamentary Village, office furniture and equipment at constituency offices, and ICT resources. These concerns underscore the inadequacy of the inherited budget, and we are determined to resolve them.

Given these circumstances, a supplementary budget will likely be necessary during the 2025/26 financial year. This will enable us to address critical discrepancies and align public expenditure with the new Government's policy objectives.

LEGISLATION

Mr Chairperson, during the year under review, a total of 34 pieces of legislation were passed. 28 of these were passed during the 5th Session of the 12th Parliament (November 2023 to September 2024) while six were passed during the first Meeting of the 13th Parliament (November 2024 to December 2024). The Bills alluded to are as follows;

- (1) Financial Intelligence (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 29 of 2024),
- (2) Virtual Assets Bill, 2024 (No.30 of 2024),
- (3) Societies (Amendment) Bill,2024 (No. 31 of 2024),
- (4) Companies (Amendment)Bill,2024 (No. 32 of 2024),
- (5) Trust Property Control (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No.33 of 2024),
- (6) Public Service (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 34 of 2024),
- (7) Appropriation Bill, 2024 (No. 1 of 2024),
- (8) National Registration (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2024 (No. 25 of 2024),
- (9) Standing Committee on Remuneration (Members of the National Assembly, Councillors, Ntlo ya Dikgosi and Specified Offices) Bill, 2024 (No. 3 of 2024),
- (10) Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 (No. 5 of 2024),
- (11) Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 6 of 2024),
- (12) Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 9 of 2024),
- (13) Judicial Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 10 of 2024),
- (14) Specified Offices (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 11 of 2024),
- (15) Access to Information Bill, 2024 (No. 15 of 2024),
- (16) Political Party Funding Bill, 2024 (No. 16 of 2024),
- (17) Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 17 of 2024),
- (18) Architects' Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 18 of 2024),
- (19) Data Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 19 of 2024),
- (20) High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 21 of 2024),
- (21) Deputy Sheriffs Bill, 2024 (No. 22 of 2024),
- (22) Refugees (Recognition and Management) Bill, 2024 (No. 23 of 2024),
- (23) Births and Deaths Registration Bill, 2024 (No. 24 of 2024),
- (24) Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 26 of 2024),

- (25) National Arts Council of Botswana (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 27 of 2024),
- (26) Criminal Procedure and Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 17 of 2023),
- (27) Anti-Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 18 of 2023),
- (28) Bail Bill, 2023 (No. 19 of 2023),
- (29) Persons with Disability Bill, 2023 (No. 20 of 2023),
- (30) National Planning Commission Bill, 2023 (No. 22 of 2023),
- (31) National Assembly (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 23 of 2023),
- (32) Specified Offices (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 24 of 2023),
- (33) Ntlo ya Dikgosi (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 25 of 2023),
- (34) Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (No. 26 of 2023).

Mr Chairperson, these legislative efforts reflect our commitment to modernising Botswana's legal framework, addressing gaps in existing laws, and aligning with international standards. Other Bills passed were seeking to address the Governing and Regulation of Deputy Sheriffs and the Architectural Profession. Through the Electoral Bill, Parliament sought to introduce the requirement to make a mark on a voter, in a manner to be prescribed, following that voter having satisfied the requirements of section 54 of the Electoral Act. A Bill addressing a public outcry by Batswana regarding the conditions surrounding Bail applications was also passed during this reporting period.

Mr Chairperson, on matters of human rights, during the period under review, Parliament passed the Anti-Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill which is aimed at the elimination of Human Trafficking as espoused in the United Nations Conventions on Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC). This Bill will go a long way in the prevention, suppression and trafficking of persons, especially Women and Children. Many other Bills were passed during the period under review to address gaps in existing laws including the repealing of some of the redundant and outdated pieces of legislation.

The Financial Bills that were passed during the First Meeting of the First Session of the 13th Parliament were mainly to address the identified deficiencies in our laws for purposes of complying with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations.

NTLO YA DIKGOSI

Mr Chairperson, the Ntlo ya Dikgosi is an advisory body to the National Assembly on issues of national and cultural interest as set out in the Constitution of Botswana. In terms of the provision of Section 88.2 of the Constitution of Botswana, the Ntlo ya Dikgosi proceeded to debate the Constitution (Amendment) Bill No.4 of 2024 and made resolutions to Parliament in accordance with their advisory role. The resolutions were considered by Parliament during the Constitution (Amendment) Bill debate.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

Mr Chairperson, the completed refurbishment projects (Speakers Boardroom, Executive Offices and fountains) are currently undergoing the Defects Liability Period (DLP). The elevator to the Main Parliament Chamber has not been working for more than 10 years and has also been replaced with a new unit and is currently undergoing the DLP. The refurbishment of the Parliamentary Flats and Annexe Buildings is ongoing and is at 95 per cent completion. The installation of the access control system which is intended to strengthen security and access within Parliament buildings is at 95 per cent completion.

Mr Chairperson, there is a need to improve the ICT infrastructure and equipment for headquarters and constituency offices. To this end the computerisation project is to continue and cover automation of Parliament services and the digital backup server to make sure that efficiency is increased and risks associated with system failure ...(inaudible)...to business continuity are reduced.

With regards to staff conditions of service, there is an ongoing review of the organisational structure which is expected to be completed in 2026. The new structure is expected to enhance the effectiveness of Parliament and ensure Parliament becomes a model of excellence in Democracy and Good Governance.

CHALLENGES AND MITIGATING STRATEGIES

Mr Chairperson, despite the completed projects, we still experience challenges particularly in ICT infrastructure, organisational structure, procurement and project management. We are addressing these challenges through change management, capacity building, implementation of e-Parliament and the review of the organisational structure.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025/2026 BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, allow me now to present the 2025/2026 budget. The total budget estimate for 2025/2026 Financial Year amounts to Two Hundred and Fourteen Million, Eight Hundred and Six-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula (P214,865,820) which is made up of Two Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula (P200,865,820) for Recurrent Budget and Fourteen Million Pula (P8,000,000) for Development Budget.

2025/2026 RECURRENT BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, I request this Honourable House to approve a total amount of Two Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula (P200,865,820). This represents a decrease of One Hundred and Sixteen Million, Three Hundred and One Thousand, Five Hundred Pula (P116,301,500) or 36.7 per cent below the 2024/2025 Financial Year's Budget. The 2024/2025 Budget is higher due to the increased activities that are related to dissolution of the 12th Parliament and ushering in of the 13th Parliament.

Mr Chairperson, for 2025/2026 Financial Year personal emoluments costs take the larger share amounting to One Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Pula (P142,342,530) which is 71 per cent compared to 2024/2025 Financial Year where the bulk of allocation was operating costs.

Mr Chairperson, the remaining 29 per cent of the budget amounting to Fifty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Seven Pula (P58,523,327) is for operating costs. Mr Chairperson, the larger share of the proposed budget of One Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven, Two Hundred and Ninety Pula (P186,857,290) or 93 per cent is allocated to the National

Assembly while the remaining Fourteen Million, Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Pula (P14,008,530) or 7 per cent is allocated to Ntlo Ya Dikgosi.

2025/2026 DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, the Development Budget request for the National Assembly for Financial Year 2025/2026 is Fourteen Million Pula (P14,000,000). This is more than the 2024/2025 Financial Year's budget of Nine Million, One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Five Pula (P9,119,535) which translates to 54% and it will be distributed as follows:

- (i) A total sum of Two Million Pula (P2,000,000.00) to be used for Computerisation Project covering automation of the library services and the digital backup server.
- (ii) A total sum of Four Million Pula (P4,000,000.00) for the continuation of the refurbishment and restoration of Parliament buildings, covering the main committee room, its associated rooms and Annexe III.
- (iii) A total sum of Two Million Pula (P2,000,000.00) to be used for completion of the Security project.

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2025/2026 Recurrent and Development Budgets for Parliament. I therefore move that, the sum of Two Hundred and Fourteen Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula (P214,865,820.00) for Organisation 0100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule, and the revised Total Estimates costs for sub organisations in Organisation 0100 in the Development Fund Estimates, stand part of those Estimates. I thank you and move accordingly.

MR CHAIRPERSON: The floor is open, Honourable Pule.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise Rraagwe Pule, le batlotlegi botlhe ba ba mo Ntlong e. Ke dumedise thata se segolo ke bo ke akgole *Honourable* Moeti Mohwasa, ke utlwa gore o filwe maemo a go tshegetsa setilo sa bo Tautona. Ke ratile go lemoga jalo, ka gore o phaketse ke utlwa *sirens* di lela thata mo Gaborone, go raya gore tota o ne a siane lepaapaa. Ke a go akgola morwarre, maemo ke ao a go nkgankgela, mme o itlhokomele kgabo, ka gore jaanong ba bangwe ba tloga ba ipotsa gore go diragala eng. Re a go akgola rraetsho.

Modulasetilo, ga ke na dikgang tse dintsi mo Palamenteng, ka gore mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di fetileng ke ne ke le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba bereka mo Palamenteng *for two and half years*. Ke ithutile go le gontsi go direla koo. Ke bona e kare go na le poelo moragonyana e ke sa e tlhaloganyeng. Ke ne ke utlwa Tona *when presenting his statement* Modulasetilo a re, o santse a le sebetse se molangwana, fa ke dirisa mafoko a gagwe a Sekgoa a re, *“they have not full aligned with what he presented today.”* Fa e le gore ke mo utlwile sentle o ne a rialo, gore *as new the Government, probably* o tlisa *statement* fa mme tota ga ba ise ba wele sentle.

Ke ipotsa gore golo moo go raya eng Modulasetilo, fa Tona a rialo. A o raya gore o tsile go fetisa dikgang ka rona tse a ka se keng a itshwarelela ka tsone, e re fa dilo di sa tsamaye sentle kamoso a bo a re nnyaa ke tsaya boikarabelo. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke tlaa kopang gore fa a emelela a araba, a re bolelela gore fa a re *“he is not fully aligned,”* o raya jang, e le Tona e bile ba le mo setilong.

Kgang e nngwe e ke ratang go bua ka yone Modulasetilo, ke ya *Parliamentary independence*. Ke e ratile fa ke utlwa Tona a bua gore, ba mo mosepeleng wa go leka *to promote Parliamentary independence*. Ke tsaya gore e rile fa a rialo Modulasetilo, o ne wa ja monate, wa *jabula* thata. Nako e e fetileng Modulasetilo, o a itse o ne o le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba tlhabeletsa kgang e thata.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable* Pule, ke rile le se ka la ne le ntsenya mo dikgannyeng tsa lona. Ngangang koo, le se ka la ntsenya mo teng.

MR PULE: O tlaa intshwarela mongwame. O ne o le mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba e bua ka bokgabane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a boelela jaanong le wena?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le ene o ka bo a sa ba kgalemele.

MR PULE: Nnyaa, intshwarele mongwame. Jaanong fa o utlwa Tona a bua jaana, e bile a tswa mo Pusong e e tlhalosang gore e itshegeditse thata e bile e ikana ka ditshwanelo tsa setho, ke tsaya gore o tlaa dira jalo. Ke batla gore fa a araba, re bolelele gore mogopolo wa gagwe ke go dira jang gore Palamente e nne *independent from the Executive*, ka gore gompiano jaana Palamente *falls under Ministry for State President*.

E ka bo Modulasetilo o le *Speaker*; e bo o tshotse *full responsibility* ya Palamente, gongwe e bo *secretariat* ya gago ke yone e begang ka dikgang tsa Palamente.

Gompiano jaana re na le mathata *Mr Speaker*; ga re itse gore a re ikuela kwa go wena kana kwa go *Minister* wa *State President*. Ga re ise re kgone go bula diofisi, go na le madiadia a re sa itseng gore a tswa fa kae. Ke mongwe wa batho ba iseng ba bule ofisi, gore go diilwe ke eng ga re kgone go tlhaloganya. Fa ke ntse ke utlwa, e kare le *staff* sa Palamente..., ga ke itse ga ke na bosupi, ke tlaa gakololwa ke Tona gore ba ithulagantse jang. Le fa re hirile *officers*, ga ba ise ba theoge. *They are not considered to be employed, because the office has not started running*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di re buisang ka pelo Modulasetilo, kana ke gore wena o le *Speaker* ga o na taolo, jaanong e tlaa re fa o batla go etela *staff* sa gago o ya go se bona, o ya go se bonela fa kae. Re a go bona rraetsho o setse o tsenoletse o a bereka, le mo dipampiring o a kwala, metseletsele e e kana ya dikgang tse o gakololang gore go tshwanetse go tsamaisiwa jang. O a bonala gore o *Speaker* sa monana rraetsho, se se ikaeletseng go fetola Palamente. Jaanong o tlaa bonela kae babereki ba gago, fa ba ise ba kgone go simolola tiro mo go se sebaka, re setse re na le dikgwedi di le *five* re theogetse. Ke raya gore ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di re buisang ka pelo *Mr Chairperson*.

Ke ratile pego e e neng e buiwa ke Tona fa a bua ka *pieces of legislations* tse di fetileng, ke a itumela rraetsho gore o akgola *12th Parliament*. E berekile Modulasetilo, melao ke eo e fetisitswe e le mentsi, ke solofela gore le Palamente ya gompiano e tlaa lwa. Ke go a kgolelele gore e kare ke wena Tona wa ntlha, gongwe ba bangwe ga ke a ba bona, yo ke kileng ka mmona *lining up* melao e e dirilweng ke Palamente e e fetileng. *You just ran short of* go akgole le Pusong e e fetileng, ga ke itse gore ke eng o ne o sa bue fela o re fa e ne e se Domkrag, gongwe melao e ka bo e sa feta ka dipalo tse di kanakana e bile e le melao e e botlhokwa.

Jaanong Modulasetilo, selo fela se ke bonang e kete Tona o a se ntima, *paragraph* e a buang ka *Constitutional Review* le Ntlo ya Dikgosi, ga a wela. O tlhalosa fela gore Ntlo ya Dikgosi e bone *Constitutional Review*, jaaka *Bill* e ne e buisanngwa mo Palamenteng, le bone ba akgela. Potso e ke neng ke ipotsa ke gore, *what is the way forward, what is the Minister saying*. Ke eng *Minister* a ne a sa tlhalose gone foo gore, Dikgosi jaaka le akgetse jaanong tsela pedi re tsaya e. O a di timana dikgang tse Tona, mme kana re santse re go emetse

le kwa *State President*. Re bolelele gore o a re o dira eng ka go feleletsa *amendment* ya *Constitution*, *what are you doing as the Minister for State President*. Re batla gore Modulasetilo, dikgang tse di ntseng jaana di papamale di bonale, re di utlwe, go nne mo mpaananeng gore go a reng ka *Constitutional Review*, *which was not completed*. Re utlilwe fa Puso e ntšha e tsena ba ne ba buela kwa godimo gore, bone ba ya go netefatsa gore *Constitutional Review* e a anamisiwa, *because they are a participatory Government, they are going to make sure that Batswana participate*. Ga re itse gore a e ya go dirwa sešha, re bolelele rraetsho, o re timela eng dikgang. A le ya go e dira sešha kana le ya go tsaya pampiri eo le e fetisetša gape kwa Batswaneng? A o raya Dikgosi o re o santse o tlaa boela gape kwa go bone o ba neela *draft* ele ba e lebelela gape, tota gatwe o batla go dira eng? Re bolelele, se re time dikgang tse o buile ka bokgabane jo bo kanakana, o akgola Palamente e e fetileng, o bo o tlhalosa jalo gore *Constitutional Review* Dikgosi di e bone. Dikgosi kwa di leng teng ba ipotsa gore naare Rre Mohwasa jaanong a re reng, ka re akgetse. O kare ga gona moswedile wa gore, *way forward* ke eng, re dira jang.

Tota fela kgang e tona e ke batlang go wetsa ka yone Modulasetilo ke gore, Rre Mohwasa a eme ka dinao. Fa o bona a setse a fiwa maemo a matonatona a, ke go supa gore tota gongwe Puso e e mo setilong e na le tshepo mo go ene.

A ko a supe ka go ntsha dikgang, a se ka a di fitlha. Se lokele morero mo pateng. O ntšhe, o re fe rraetsho, re utlwe gore wa reng. O ikaletse go dira eng gore le rona fa re leng teng, re akanye, re go thuse. Ke ne ke utlwa Tautona Boko maloba a bua bontle, a tlhalosa gore o tlile go busa le rona. Re ratile Tautona fa a bua jalo. A re, “re tlile go busa le lona.” Ke gore fa a re o tlile go busa le rona, ga se gore o raya gore re ya go nna mo *Cabinet*. O itse gore rona *we will be providing an oversight* ya *to make sure* gore ga a fapaane le tse a di tshepisitseng Batswana. Ke dilo tse re di batlang. O batla go di bona. Jaanong o kare mafoko a lona a ganelela mo ganong. Naare le a reng le le Puso e ntšha mme mafoko a lona a palelela mo ganong jaana? Ke eng le sa a ntshe fela ra a utlwa. Ke raya ka le tsile tota le na le *energy* e ntsi ya gore le batla go fetola Puso, le ya go tla ka dilo tse di sha. Mafoko a lona a kgalela fela mo leganong. A ko le ntsheng mafoko tlheng re a utlweng bo Rre Mohwasa. Ke ne ke re bagaetsho, a tlhalose gore a re *Constitution* go a go dirwa eng ka yone fa a re Dikgosi di akgetse mo teng, *so what?*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR PULE: Dikgosi di akgetse jaanong go rileng? Go a reng fa go sena go nna go direga jalo?

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

MR PULE: Ke raya wena Mokgware ka ke utlwile wa re a reng, ee, a re bolelele Modulasetilo gore o batla go dira eng. Ke ne ke re Modulasetilo, ga ke batle go nnela ruri. Ga ke mafoko a mantsi, a me a kalonyana fela. Ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e e ntshitsweng ke Tona ka fa a e ntshitseng ka teng. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ema fa go amogela Tshutiso e Tona a sa tswang go re e baya pele, ya go baya pele *proposal* ya Palamente. Ke re nnyaa mme motlhala re a o bona. Ba re neng re bala makwaladikgang ka *weekend*, Batswana ba bone motlhala o e leng gore tsela e simolola go bonala kwa re yang teng, dikgwedi fela di le tharo. Modulasetilo, dikgwedi di le tharo batho ba sa bolo go ema 12 *years* ba palelwa ke go saena tumalano ya De Beers, mme batho ba bo ba tsena *three months* ba bo ba e baya monwana. Nnyaa Batswana ba a bona, e bile ba letsa mogolokwane fela thata gore mo dikgweding di le tharo, batho ba sale ba tsaya *document* 12 *years*, e re *three months* e bo e saeniwa. Motlhala o simolola go bonala tota gore golo fa go na le tsela e e leng gore re leba teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR SEGOKGO: Ba ne ba sa bona, gongwe ba ne ba santse ba diegile ba le kwa Mabalane. Ba sa bona gore go ne go diragala eng. Ke leboge. Ga ke itse gore o siela kae, kana o leba kwa Mmathubudukwane monna yo.

Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo. Re e bone *proposal* ya gago *the Honourable Minister*. Ke re nnyaa mme go leba kwa pele, jaaka sebui se se neng se sa tswa go bua fa, o ne a simolotse a bua sentle fela, o tswa go e senya kwa bofelelong. Ke gone gore re tshwanetse re tsene mo motlhaleng wa gore *Parliament* e nne *fully independent*. Ke solofela gore mo ngwageng o o tlang kana mo dingwageng tse pedi tse di tlang ka fa molao re tlaabong re o baakantse ka teng, re dumela gore e tlaabo e le *Clerk of the National Assembly* yo o tlaabong a tla *to present proposal* e *to* Mapalamente, e sa tle ka *Minister*. Ke sone selo se e leng gore go ya pele, jaaka ke re motlhala re setse re simolotse go o bona, re tlaabo re se lebile.

Modulasetilo, tota Palamente e ya rona e a sokola, le fa o re o leba kwa re neng re kopa teng kwa *the Westminster system*, o a kgona go bona gore Palamente ya rona e a sokola. Tota re ya go dira tiro e ntsi thata go bona gore re baakanye Palamente e, e tle e dire tiro ya yone ya *to play that oversight role* le go kanoka tse di teng tsa Puso.

Mme ya ntlha ke gore, fa o lebelela le kwa *estimates*, go a itshupa gore mo *staff* sa Palamente, *there are so many disparities*. Mo *staff* sa Palamente, yo mongwe o kgona go tsamaya ka *scale* se se kwa godimo, yo o mo latelang a bo a le kwa tlasetlase. Modulasetilo, fa re ka leka go tswala *gap* eo mo bodireding jwa rona, go ka re thusa fela thata. Mme e le *structure* se se itiretsweng ke *National Assembly*. Re sa re re kopa gore kwa Pusong ba dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re e fa Palamente, *office* ya Modulasetilo, *the muscle* ya *to recruit for itself* ba e ba batlang, e sa re e emela Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) kana *redeployment* tse di tswang kwa makalaneng a mangwe a Puso. Palamente e ikemetse ka bonosi, le ka khiro ya yone e ikemetse ka bonosi Modulasetilo.

Sa bobedi ke gore, *we need research assistants as a matter of urgency*. Re tlhoka *research assistants* kwa diofising tsa rona kwa magaeng, dikgaolong tsa rona, le gone fa mo diofising tsa rona tsa Palamente. Re tlhoka bomaitseanape ba tsa itsholelo ba e ka reng fa *budget* e tla jaana, ba bo ba ka tla go re nankolela ka tsa itsholelo. Ba lebagane fela gotwe ke *secretary* wa tsa itsholelo go gakolola Mapalamente.

Modulasetilo, re tlhoka bo *secretary* mo dikomiting tse tsotlhe tsa Palamente. Maabane ke letse ke lebile gore kwa Palamenteng ya ga Mmamosadinyana ba dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Tota ke lebile le *vacancies* gore gongwe motlha mongwe fa ke ka bifelwa ke ditlhopho, ke bo ke itse gore ke ka *apply* gone koo. Ke ne ke lebile *vacancies* gone koo. Go na le *head* ya *portfolio* ya *Government and Assurances*. Ke gore komiti nngwe le nngwe ya Palamente, e na le *head* ya teng *and* e bile ba le *packed* kwa godimodimo. Ba ba amogelang, a le kwa godimodimo, e le bomaitseanape ba maemo a a kwa godimo. Golo mo Modulasetilo, *we must consider* gore komiti nngwe le nngwe ya Palamente, e nne le mokwaledi wa yone, e bile ba duelwa botoka gore ba bereke.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR SEGOKGO: Ga go na ka *elucidation*, go setse *five minutes*.

Modulasetilo, ke a bona gore Batswana ba na le *interest* e tona thata mo go boneng gore Palamente e tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Palamente ke yone Ntlo fela e e leng gore fa re bua ka puso ya batho ka batho, re beile mo go yone. Modulasetilo, o tlhomola pelo. Ke tlhola ke go lebile o le mo *press conferences* o patilwe ke *Clerk* ka fa. Modulasetilo, o tlhoka go nna le Public Relations (PR) *officer* mo ofising ya gago. Mo godimo ga moo gape, re tlhoka *Parliamentary Press Office*. E nne *office* e e mashetla, e na le *personnel* ba le *eight*, 10, ba e leng gore fa re tsamaya re ya go gasa dikgang tsa rona, di tlaa gasama sentle. Ke eletsa gore gongwe fa go ka pala ka gore gatwe go tlaa tla *supplementary*, re leke go e tsenya mo teng gore go nne le PR yo e leng *head* ya *office* eo. A bo a nna le bomonnawe ba ka nna supa ba ba tlaabong ba bereka le ene.

Modulasetilo, *Speaker* se tlhoka *Private Secretary*. *We need Private Secretary to the Speaker. We need Deputy Private Secretary to the Speaker*, e bile ba le *packed*. *In proper democratic dispensation, you are in the same level as the head of Executive and head of the Judiciary*. Ke gore ka mantswe a mangwe, re ka re o lekana le Tautona, e bile gape o lekana le *Chief Justice*. Fa ba hirelwa bo *Private Secretary*, a ba hiriwe *being packed at F2*. *They are packed at F2* kana *F1*? *They must be packed at F2* Modulasetilo *as a matter of urgency*. Ba bo ba nna le bo *deputy* ba bone ba le babedi gore le wena o tle o nne le mashetla sentle mo tironng e ya gago.

Ke a leboga gore Tona a bo a tlhalosa gore tota Palamente e ya rona, re tshwanetse go bona gore *either* fa gongwe re a fuduga kana re bona gore re ka e godisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Modulasetilo, *we need a proper museum* ya Palamente ya rona ya Botswana. E e ka supang ditso gore *from* 1958 fa re simolola *transition* e ya rona ya Mmamosadinyana, go ne go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E bile go ka thusa le ene Mopalamente Kamal Jacobs. Go ka isa bajanala kwa *old legislature* e e kwa Lobatse. *Transition* ya teng e tshwanetse e supagale gore fa go fudugiwa kwa Lobatse, go ne go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *We need a proper museum. Mature democracies, I understand we are still an infant democracy*, mme *in proper democracies* fa o tsena fela mo Palamenteng, go na le *museum* o o supang gore Mapalamente ba tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go ne go diragala jang. E re Pule nako nngwe a jelwe ke ditlhopho, ba gosomanetse mo go ene, a tsene kwa *museum* bana ba ba tswang kwa tlase ba gakologelwe

gore go kile ga bo go na le monna mongwe a bidiwa Mabuse Pule. Jaanong batho ba dinoka ba gosomanela mo go ene ka dipalo ba mo ntsha mo Palamenteng. *We need a proper museum* mo Palamenteng ya rona. ...*(Laughter!)*...

Sa bofelo Modulasetilo, ke a itse gore Modulasetilo o rile re se ka ra tlhola re bua ka wena, fa re santse re le kwa Mmadikole, go ne go tlhola go tla borre ba masole, re tsena le bone mo *classroom* fa o gakologelwa sentle Modulasetilo, gotwe ba tswa kwa *Military School* ba tsile go rutuntshiwa ka *courses* tsa kwa Mmadikole. *I think* ba ne ba dira bo *Introduction to Political Science* le *Public Policy Analysis*. *I think about four courses*, le *Military Strategies*, e e neng e rutiwa ke Major General Mokgware. Fa o sa itse *Honourable* Mabuse Pule, e ne e le *lecturer* monna yo kwa Mmadikole. Major General, ke monna yo motona thata.

Modulasetilo tlhe bogolo a re tsenyetsweng *courses* tsa bo *Introduction to Law*, *Introduction to Public Policy*, re direlwe *short courses* tsone tseo gongwe fa Mmadikole kana fa IDM. Bo *Introduction to Elementary Economics*, ke gore tsone tse tsa ma *first year* tseo, fa re ka re gongwe Mapalamente fa re tsena, gongwe re bewa fa Mmadikole, *at least four months, just a semester*; re nne re tsamae maitseboa fa re tswa, re rutuntshiwe dikgang tsone tseo. Ke buelelela wena *Honourable* Gare golo fa, nna ke setse ke di dirile *courses* tseo. Ke fetile ka tsone, Modulasetilo o di nthutile. Ke buelelela wena wa *Accounts* ka gore ga o a feta ka tsone. Re kgone gore re tle re kgone gore re di dire, re nonotshiwe sentle mo Palamenteng. Fa e le gore go ka pala ka *Supplementary Budget*, gongwe e e tlang, re leke *to be trained on those courses*.

Ka go rialo ka re, ke a e amogela *budget* yone e Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):

Ntle ke tseye sebaka se ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson*. O tlaa tsamaya o ntse o mpontsha tsela ka gore fela jaaka *Honourable* Moalosi a etle a bue, a re o mosha ke le *Form 1*, ga ke le *Form 1* mme ke a ithuta. Ke mo seemong sa *to respond yo budget* ya Palamente, e bile e le nna ke bulang ka kwano. Ke eletsa gore gongwe ke dire se e leng gore ba Mogoditshane ba se solofetse.

Mr Chairperson, nte ke eme jaana ke supe la ntlha fela gore ke ema nokeng *budget* e ya Palamente, ya madi one a a supilweng ke *Honourable* Mohwasa. Ke supe gore selo se se dirang gore ke itumele thata

ke selebego sa yone. Fa o e bala, e leka ka bojotlhe go supa dikeletso tsa Palamente ya rona ya bo 13, e bile se di baya kwa pele. Keletso ya Palamente ya bo 13 ke gore re nne le *an efficient and effective Parliament*. Fa o lebelela ka fa *Honourable* Mohwasa a kgaogantseng madi ka teng, o lekile ka bojotlhe gore *an element of efficiency and effectiveness, it is taken care of* ka go tsenya *computerisation* le ICT. Ke dumela ke re jaaka a supile gore o *introduce* dibalamakgolo kana botegeniki jwa *computers*, go tlaa fefosa ka fa re dirang tiro ka teng, *especially* mo kgannyeng e ya *to receive* Order Paper gone ka letsatsi la *debate*. Gongwe fa re ka tla ra *improve* gone foo, ka thuso yone ya *computers*, re ka kgona *to debate effectively and efficiently*.

Se sengwe ke a lemoga gore *budget* ya ga *Honourable* Mohwasa e tswela ka *to maintain a good standard of the staff*. E leka ka bojotlhe *to cater for the welfare* ya Mapalamente. Ka go supa seo, e lekile go feleletsa *project flats* di tsa Mapalamente. Le fa di na le seemo *Honourable Chairperson*, di na le seemo fela se e leng gore di batla *attention*. O kae *Honourable* Motaosane? *Flats* kwa Mapalamente ba nnang teng ba ditilo tse di kwa morago, ga di mo seemong se se nametsang. Ke a go tshepha, le tlaa netefatsa gore di tlaa tsena mo seemong.

Se sengwe gape se ke se lemogang ka *budget* e, *it is very responsive*, e leka ka bojotlhe go tsibogela *issues raised, especially when it comes to development or progressive development, and these functions are very important on delivering* se Palamente e se ikaeletseng.

Mosola wa gore *budget* e bo e le *responsive, efficient, and maintaining the good standard* ke gore e leke go ikemelelana le seemo sengwe le sengwe sa nako eo. Ke dumela ke re ka fa *budget* e *structured* ka teng, e tlaa leka ka bojotlhe go netefatsa gore e emelelana le diemo tsa gompiano le tsa kamoso. Ke sone se a lelang ka bojotlhe *to address issues* tse re di fitlhetseng tsa bo *Honourable* Mabuse Pule tsa di *flat*, le *project* tse di sa felelang, le *to improve* gone mo Ntlong yone e le diofisi tsa gago.

Re tlaa gakologelwa gape gore Palamente *is an enhancer of democratic processes or systems*. Fa e le gore *budget* ya ga *Honourable* Mohwasa e eme ka seemo sone se ke se e lemogelang se se kwa godimo, e tlaa netefatsa gore *the democratic principles are enhanced, and* le rona se re tshwanelwang ke gore re se dire re le Mapalamente, re tlaa kgona go se dira ka bonokopila. Re tlaa gakologelwa gore gape Palamente kana ke

yone e e dirang melao. Ka tsela nngwe e tsholetsa *the public confidence outside. A well-structured budget will ensure that the democratic principles are upheld, and thus improving public confidence to avoid some riots or unrest in the public.*

Ke le *Honourable Barongwang*, ke ne ke eleditse go bona legato lantlha mo Palamenteng e re ya *towards an independent Parliament*. Ke a itse gore re e dirile mo lepotlapotleng re fetola Goromente, gongwe re tseeletsa mo Goromenteng yo o neng a le mo teng. Ke dumela ke re nako ga e a tshaya, ke utlwa go setse go na le *provision of supplementary budget*, e leng golo mo ke sa go rotloetseng tota, mme fela fa *chance* ya teng e ka nna teng, ke eletsa ke re *Mr Chairperson*, le lebelele dilo tse e leng gore di tlaa supa legato le le yang kwa *an independent Parliament*.

Mo gongwe gape mo ke batlang go feta ka gone ke gore, re leke gore Palamente ya rona e nne *inclusive*. Ke tlaa bua ka kgang e e le *suggestion*, gongwe le e tseye mofago *Mr Chairperson. Department* e re e bitsa *Parliament, organisation* e e bidiwang *Parliament*, mme kana *it involves* le Ntlo ya Dikgosi. Ke ipotsa gore Ntlo ya Dikgosi molato wa yone ke eng fa *vote* e e ka bidiwa fela gotwe *Parliament and Ntlo* ya Dikgosi, e se ka ya nna Palamente fela, ka gore jaanong e nna o kare nnyaa *budget* e ke ya Palamente fela e le nosi, mme tota kana e tsenya le Ntlo ya Dikgosi. Gongwe *this vote* ya Number 100, e ka nna *Parliament and Ntlo* ya Dikgosi. Ke a itse gore *they are allocated about 7 per cent, which is very, very small to this budget. They form a key important role* mo go ageng *our democracy, even our society outside there. So* ke kopa ke re a re *recognise* Ntlo ya Dikgosi.

Tlaa ke tabogele kwa dipalopalong *Mr Chairperson*, mme ke ganelele thata mo *Development Budget. Development Budget* ya rona ya P14 Million ke a e kgotsofalela, *about 43 per cent of it* e ya kwa go feleletseng ditiro tse di neng di dirwa mo Palamenteng e e fetileng. Le fa re lemoga *about 54 per cent increase from the previous budget*, re tshwanelwa ke *to note* gore *about 43 per cent of that 54 per cent* e isiwa kwa go feleletseng *projects* tsa Palamente ya bo 12. *These are the completion of the flats* le diofisi ka kwano.

Gape ke itumelele gore *about P8 million of the P14 million* wa *Development Budget* o ya *towards new projects*. Selo seo se molemo fela thata. Ke nngwe ya mabaka a gore ke bo ke e ema nokeng ka gore bokete jwa madi a ya kwa *projects* tse disha, *being capacity*

building and resource mobilisation ya *computers* le *automation of the library. In a nutshell, just to improve the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure in Parliament.*

Ke santse ke dumela gore *there are some grey areas Mr Chairperson*, ke a itse gore gore o na le keletso ya go dira pharologanyo mme ke kile ka utlwa golo gongwe o bua ka Palamente e nna le *television station* le *radio*. Golo moo re go tsweledise, re leke go go diragatsa *especially* fa go ka tla *supplementary* e ke utlwa *Honourable Minister* a re o a e eletsa.

Ke ema jaana ke le leleko la *Finance and Estimates Committee*. Ke eletsa gore mo nakonyaneng e e santseng e le teng e re leke go rerisana mo go feteletseng go netefatsa gore *chances of supplementary budget is limited*. Ke dumela gore *we have been doing this thing for some time, we should be able to perfect it by now*. Kgang e ya *supplementary* o tlaa fitlhela o kare jaanong ga re tlhaloganye se re se dirang re le mo Palamenteng. Gape e nkgatlha ka gore e leka ka bojitlhe go godisa *democracy and good governance*.

Nte ke tswale ka ya *Recurrent Budget. Recurrent Budget* ya rona le yone e supa *about 36.7 per cent*, e le kwa tlase ga e e fetileng. Kana ke gone gore mo *budget* e e fetileng *it was catered for* Mapalamente a masha a goroga, a magologolo a a tsamaya. Ka a le kalo ke ema nokeng *budget* e ka bongwefela jwa pelo. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mme ke go dumedise, ke dumedise le bagarona ba kwa Maun West. Ke leboqe Tona yo o re beileng kopo ya gagwe pele gore gompieno o nnile boammaaruri thata, *honesty* e bothokwa.

Maloba fa ke akgela ke ne ka supa gore *budget* e ga e supe sepe se sesha, ga e supe fa e kgaogana le e e neng e dirwa ya Puso e e fetileng ya Domkrag. Gompieno o ntlhatswitse pelo ka gore o supile sone se, a bo a amogela gore ke *continuation* ya *budget* ya Domkrag e e neng e ntse e dirwa bogologolo e bile e dirilwe ke yone *regime* eo. Ke itumelela gore ba ba neng ba ikgagolaka fa ke bua gore *this is cut and paste budget*, ba ne ba utlwa bothoko ba re gongwe ke ipuela fela mme gompieno *Minister* o supile seo. Ke lebogela gore boammaaruri jone joo bo tlaa re golola, go tlaa dira *to depart from this culture and budget* ya bogologolo le *regime* e kgololo, re dire eng gore re tle ka meakanya ya rona ya Puso e ntsha. *I think* o simolotse sentle *Honourable Mohwasa* *to acknowledge* seo.

Tona, go na le bothata kwa diofising tsa Mapalamente kwa dikgaolong. Kgang e o tshwanetse wa e ela tlhoko ka gore re tlaabo re rebola madi gore dilo di tle di diragadiwe. Gompiano go na le *delayed employment of the officers*. Batho ga ba bolo *to recommend* batho ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba hirwe, ga ke itse gore se se diang ke eng mo mabakeng a mangwe. Diofisi tse dingwe *have long been identified but your staff, delayed batho go tsena into our offices and operate. This delayed employment of officers* ba kwa dikgaolong e dirile gore le ditiro tsa rona kwa dikgaolong di diege. Nna *for example, we went as far as January*, ke gone re neng re hira bodiredi jwa rona rotlhe mme re sa bolo go isa maina *before* Palamente a tswalwa ka *December*. Bonya mo tirong *Honourable Minister*, o tshwanetse gore o bo tsenye leitlho, o netefatse gore go a diragala *because there is nothing we can achieve if we are not efficient and efficiency is doing more within a short space of time*. Jaanong fa o iketla fela o re ke mo Pusong e ntšha, mo dikgweding tse pedi ke ka dira eng, re tlaa diega *and we will not be efficient* mo tsamaisong ya rona mme ofisi ya gago ya Palamente e rwele matshelo a batho.

Se sengwe kwa diofising tse bodiredi bo a tlaela. Ke dumela gore *it is high time* re nne le motho fela yo o tlhokometseng dithoto. *It is not enough* gore fa o batla *toilet paper* e romelwa *from* Gaborone. Le melora e rekwa mono, e romelwa kwa. *I think* ke tsamaiso fela e e siilweng ke nako. Go tshwanetse ga nna le *officer* mo ofising eo, yo o tlaabong a tlhokometse dithoto tsa Puso a kgona go reka ka tsamaiso e go rekwang ka yone ya Puso. A le gaufi, a itse gore gompiano molora o fedile, windolene e fedile, se se fedile, a kgone *to order* a reka. Ke gone re ka tokafatsang *efficiency* mo ofising e ya gago.

Honourable Minister, ke dumela gore *constituency office* e na le babereki mme ga ba na le fa e le koloi. Ga ba na *access to transport and* ba bangwe ba kgakala le tsone diposo. *How do you expect* gore ba ka ya go tsaya dikwalo ba di isa ka nako gotwe o bereka mo ofising e Tona ya Mopalamente, ya seriti se se kanakana mme a tlhola a huhutse a tswa *from the office to the post office* a tsamaya ka dinao? Dilo tse re tshwanetse re di akanyetse, re bone gore re ka tokafatsa jang *Honourable Minister*. *This thing is pathetic*, ga ke itse gore le wena fa o ka iphitlhela o le mo seemong seo o hirilwe o le *messenger* kwa ofising eo gotwe tsamaya o ye go tsaya poso, e bile isa makwalo. *For example*; kana ofisi ya me e kwa Sehithwa mme dikgaolo *that I service* tse dingwe ke kwa Tsau *up to* Kareng, Maun; o isa jang lekwalo a sena le fa e le *transport*? *I think these are some of the issues that we seriously need to consider* fa re bua ka ofisi e.

MR MAPULANGA: *On a point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Tla ke go leboge *Honourable Hikuama*. Mo kgannyeng e o e tshwereng eo, go na le dikgang tsa gore kana *our officers* le fa tse dingwe di bereka, ba bidiwa *research officers* mme o fitlhela e le gore go ya go *attend* Dikgotla, *invitations* e le gone fela gore ba ye kwa mafelong a ba tshwanetseng go ya go tsaya *information* teng go a ba ketefalela ntateng ya kgang ya go tlhoka dikoloi. A ga o bone gore e ne e ka nna bofefo thata gore gongwe mo *term* e re tsenang mo go yone, dikoloi tseo di bo di setse di gorogile fa go ne go kgonagala mo *budget*?

MR HIKUAMA: Ke sone se ke se buang *Honourable Mapulanga* gore kana bothata ofisi e rwele bokete *and* le batho *they expect a lot from it*, le go thusa fela. Kana gompiano fa ke seyo kwa kgaolong go raya gore *senior officer* ga a ye gope ka gore o emetse koloi ya me gore a tle a kgone go tsamaya. Ga gona se a se dirisang. *I think we need to address this anomaly urgently*.

Gape re tlhoka dikoloi re le Mapalamente gone kwa dikgaolong. Ke itse gore ba ba nnang mo Gaborone le mo tikologong ba bona go se botlhokwa, rona ba re tswang kgakala kwa dikgaolong, *we need access to official transport* gore re kgone *to service* batho ba rona sentle. *We have to be facilitated*, Members of Parliament (MPs) *should be facilitated to provide their services to the people*. Fa o sa ba *facilitate*, kgantele tiro e nna bokete. *Imagine* ke tsamaya ke bo ke siiwa le ke ene Council Secretary (CS) le *Council Chairman*, koloi ya me e le yone e re e dirisitseng mo ditlhophong e kgautlhane, go sena le fa e le sepe, yo mongwe a tsamaya ka koloi ya folaga.

Wena o le Mopalamente gotwe ke wena mong wa phuthego mme o setse kwa morago, leotwana le na le *puncture and* o santse o le kuka pele o le *fix*. *These are some of the things that we need to fix* re bone gore go na le Puso e e ntšha e e tsayang Mapalamente le tiro ya bone ka tlhoafalo. *You have to show*, e seng go supa fela gore le Puso ya ditshwanelo mme go sa supafale ka fa le dirang ka teng.

Accommodation ya Mapalamente; *it is pathetic Honourable Minister*. Fa dipula di na re lala re eme ka dinao. Gompiano e bile ke batlile go robiwa ke setilo, mme fa ke tsene ke supile gore setilo se ga se a siama, *no reaction, nothing*. Fa ke ntse fela e bile ke se namalala. Seemo se, re tshwanetse go se ela tlhoko, re tseye Mapalamente ka tlhoafalo le bone go tsenya serodumo mo go bone.

Mma mo motsotsong o o setseng ke bue ka Ntlo ya Dikgosi. Ntlo ya Dikgosi *has played its role, now* re tlhoka go e *elevate*, re e ise kwa godimo, re e neele seriti. E nne le *the power to initiate laws*, bogolo jang tse di tsamaelanang le *our heritage*. *We have to elevate this House of Chiefs* gore e nne le boleng, e nne selo se se nang le seriti. Wena *Honourable Mohwasa*, o a itse kwa re tswang teng, re ne re dumela gore *we have to elevate it to the House of Representatives*. *That is where we have to go*, le *other sections of the society* di tle di kgone go nna le kemedi mo go yone. E tshwanetse go nna jalo, le se ka la fekeetswa ke batho ba, le dire gore Dikgosi di nne le seriti, di nne le seabe mo go direng melao. Kana gompiano *our Chiefs do not have a formal role in the legislative process*. *They should have a role in this legislative process* gore ba tle ba kgone go sireletsa boleng jwa ditso tsa bone, jwa dingwao tsa bone, jwa *traditional values and customs*, ka melao e ba tlang ka yone.

Kana gompiano ke go fetisa fela, ke moka o re ‘bala Kgosi,’ ‘ke badile ka re,’ a o buile se se nang le tlhaloganyo kana se senang tlhaloganyo, ga go reye sepe fela mo thulaganyong ya melao ya Botswana. *We have to make them* gore ba nne *relevant*, ba supe gore le bone *they are an important section of the society, important and valuable sector...*

MR CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere* Honourable Hikuama, Opposition Whip!

MR HIKUAMA: Dilo tse ke tsone di ka tokafatsang *democracy* ya rona, re bo re nna le *a lower House of Parliament*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): *Thank you* Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member of Molepolole North*. Ke ne ke re le nna ke supe dikgang dingwe tse re ntseng re di reeditse di buiwa ke Tona mabapi le Palamente ya rona. Tota fela madi a a buiwang a ke lemme fela le le kwa tlaselase, re lebile gore re eletsa gore Palamente ya rona e gole. Palamente ya rona go bogologolo tota e le mo selebegong se. Re bona fa re na le meletlo mo Palamenteng, re lwantshiwa ke Batswana tota ba eletsa go tla go tsena mo teng ga Palamente ba itheeletsa, ba lebeletse, ba ikutlwela ka gore o ka floga wa re fa ba ntse kwa ntle o kare ga ba tsewe sentle ka gore tota gatwe mafoko a matlhong. Tona, *it is long overdue* gore re ka bo re setse re okeditse Palamente, kana re ka bo re setse re fudugetse golo gongwe go ya go atolosiwa Palamente ya lebega ka selebego sa segompiano, ra tswa kwa go

1966. Ke belaela gore fa ke santse ke tswa kwa Ben Thema, re ne re tlhola re tla fa re tla go latlhela madi mo metsing a a fa ntle fale, go ntse go ntse fela jalo, ga gona le fa e le sepe se se fetogileng.

Ke ne gape ke re, ka gore re eletsa gore go nne le *Constitutional review*, gongwe ka ke keletso ya gore re itumedise Batswana, gongwe re ya go batla le Palamente e nngwe ya bobedi gongwe kwa Francistown. Tota *this thing* ya go tlhola nako le nako Gaborone, Gaborone, o kare Batswana ba bangwe kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe ga ba tsewe tsia. Le lebelele gore re santse re batla go oketsa e, mme go ya go nna le nako e re batlang gore *another city of Botswana* le yone e nne le Palamente ka gore e tlaa batla go oketsa le one Mapalamente, ka gore lefatshe le bagaetsho le letona. *Imagine* fela motho a na le dikgaolwana di le 21 mme e le Mopalamente a le *one*, go timiwa gore dikgaolo di ka bo di kgaogantswe sentle. Kana go raya gore o na le *constituencies* di le *three* fa o re o leba 21 *wards*.

Ke tswelela gape ke re mo Palamenteng fa o ka lebelela babereki ba rona thata, *they are seconded*. Go pala eng gore *budget* ya rona fela e bulwe re iphirele batho *because secondment* kana le ene motho wa teng ga a nke a wela sentle, o nna fela a tsentse setlhako se le sengwefela, se sengwe se setse kwa ntle ka gore o a itse gore golo fa ga se fa ga bone. Ke rotloetse gore a re tsweng mo *secondment* re le Palamente go supa gore re ikemetse ka nosi. A re se ka ra adima babereki re iphirele.

Kgang ya dikoloi tsa dikgaolwana, ba setse ba e amile bakaulengwe, ke se ka ka senya nako mo go yone. Mokaulengwe, ga se gore go nna gaufi le Gaborone ga re tlhoke dikoloi tse. Re a di tlhoka ka gore kgaolo yone e tlhoka go berekwa fale le fale, a pula e a na kana go letsatsi. Re ya go tlhoka dikoloi tseo gore babereki fa re le kwano ba kgone go tsamaya ba sa kgaoga maoto.

Modulasetilo, e nngwe ke gore ga o ka lebelela teng mo bodireding jwa Palamente, *managers that lead* Mapalamente *are so overwhelmed*. Ba kgobokanetswe ke ditiro ka gore re palelwa ke go hira, ke gore motho o bereka tiro ya bo *manager* ba le *four* ene a le *one*. Motho wa Modimo re tlaabo re mo gogagoga, “ke sale ke go neetse *sir*, ke ne ke rile se.” Le bua le motho a le mongwefela, *whereas* re ka bo re hirile fela *same level* ya bo *director* ba le *four*. Ke ne ke re Modulasetilo, le nne le re akanyetse gore golo ka kwano re eletsa gore Palamente e fetole selebego mme re phutholole le bobereki.

Kgang e ya gore re tlhoka ofisi e e tlhamaletseng, ke a itse gore re na le *Public Relations Office* mo Palamenteng mme e potlana ka gore e felela golo gongwe. Re tlhoka motho yo o ka bong fela jaaka mongwe a tlhalosa... ga ke itse gore e bidiwa gotweng mme a *lead Public Relations Office*, yo e leng gore dikgang tsa Palamente di tlhotlwa di bo di ntshiwa ke ene. Go se ka ga nna gore dipampiri tsa dikgang di ntsha dikgang tse di sa tlhotlhiwang. Re tlhoka motho fela yo o tseneletseng yo o rutetsweng dikgang tseo.

Se sengwe ke lebile kgang ya botsogo bagaetsho ya Mapalamente, ga re na tlhokomelo ya Mapalamente ka fa *side* ya botsogo. Palamente e ne e tshwanetse go nna le *clinic* e e nang le sengwe le sengwe mo teng, e na le dingaka tse pedi le *paramedics fulltime* ba theogela. Batho ba tlhola mo Palamenteng, ba tlhola ba le *stressed*, re ne re tsamaya re le mo letsatsing, batho ba a lwala, ke gore go tsaya nako gore o kgone go bitsa *ambulance from outside*. Ke ne ke kopa Modulasetilo gore a re akanyetseng gore re dire *clinic* fela ya Palamente e e duleng diatla, e e neelwang le babereki bone bao fela ba ba nnang ba le teng, le yone *ambulance* ya rona e le teng, re sa adime. Tota bagaetsho Palamente e jela kwa tlase thata mo e leng gore kgantele fa go ntse gotwe Botswana o na le *three legs of Puso*, ga se nnete. Ke tlaa belaela gore gotwe *two* ka gore Palamente yone ga e a ikemela.

E nngwe kgang ke gore tota fela fa gotwe batho ba ile go ikhutsa, ke bua ka *recreational facilities*, le tlaa mpaakanyetsa ba re le fitlhelang fa gore go na le kwa bagolo ba kgonang go ya go itisa teng ba a nwa matute a segompieno, mme jaanong o kare ke ya setšhaba, ya *public*, go a tlhakatlhakana le batho.

O a ne o bona mosimane yo a berekang kwa ga semangmang a le foo. Ke gore gongwe ga ke tlhaloganye gore tota e direletswe eng. *If we feel* gore re batla go tlhakana le batho ba rona, gongwe go nne *secluded* gore ka kwa go nna bagolo fela, ba bangwe ba bo ba wela fa. Ka gore fa gongwe re batla go tsaya dikgang tse re sa di fetsang mo Palamenteng, re batla go nna *open to each other*, re tlotla. Fa batho bao ba le teng re a tshaba go bua, jaanong re a ngunanguna. Ke gore o kare re mo toronkong, mme re ne re tshwanetse gore gongwe e nne gone kwa re phuthulogang teng Modulasetilo.

Tota fela gape re na le mathata a boroko, bogolo jang mo bodireding jo; ke tlaa bua ke nankola gore Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente o palelwa ke gore gompieno a bo a na le boroko jwa gagwe fela jo bo tlhamaletseng,

gore fa a tsena mo Palamenteng jaaka a tlaabo a simolola a tsengwa mo setilong, a bo go tlhamalalwa gotwe boroko jwa gago ke jo. Re utlwalela gore matlo a kile a bo a le teng, a abilwe ke ba garona ba ba fetileng ka go raya gore ba ne ba sa a tlhoke. Jaanong batho ba ba a ba neetseng ga go na gore o ka a tsaya jang? Jaanong kakanyo e ne e le gore, ga se gore bo Leader of the Opposition (LOO), *Speaker*, *Deputy Speaker* le Clerk of National Assembly go batliwe *plot* bagaetsho, *it is high time* fela jaanong Palamente e nne le *plot* ya yone ba bo ba aga matlo a sennelaruri. Mongwe le mongwe yo o tsenang foo fela a bo go itsiwe gotwe o tlhamalela kwa. Go se ka ga nna go tabogilwe mo gotwe go senkiwa matlo. Ga re na matlo go riana fa re sale re tsena ka Labone. Re santse re ntse re nna kwa re neng re nna teng, kwa o saleng o tsogile ka 5 a.m. o raya gore o tle go goroga. Batho fa ba go leba o utlwa go ntse gotwe, nnyaa ba na le matlo. Ke re bagaetsho, Palamente mo matlhong a batho ba tsaya gore go monate, re a itaola. Ga re itaole. Gompieno jaana Modulasetilo sale gotwe re rekelwe *laptops*. Fa re goroga re ne re teilwe gatwe *in two weeks' time* re tlaabo re di tshotse, *but because* ga se rona re rekang, re a kopa, *we apply* pele to Office of the President (OP) gore e re rekele. Golo ga teng ga go a siama, e bile ga go re jese diwelang, ka ga go supe gore a re tlhoafetse. O ka nna mo Palamenteng... dibuka di tletse fa le dipampiri, mme re ne re re re tsamaela to *paperless*. *Paperless* e ne e supa gore golo fa go bo go tletse maranyane, re tsentse dilo tse mo ditsebeng jaaka le tlhola le bona kwa Dipalamenteng tse dingwe, ke gore go supa gore re ntse re ya kwa pele. Jaanong re re batho ba Modimo re utlweleng botlhoko bogolo le re neele *buying office*, fa re batla go reka dingwe re di reke. Jaaka o ntse o utlwa motho, gore le go reka *toilet paper* fela o kwalela kwa Gaborone, a bo go simolola gotwe go ya go rekiwa. Go na le gore Palamente e ka bo e neetswe *buying office*. Le *trips* fa motho a tshwanetse gore a ye Zambia a ye go tsena sengwe, ke gore *trip* e ya gagwe e simolola *being applied* kwa OP gore motho o batla go ya Zambia o ya Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) *for four days*, motho wa teng o ya go bona *response* a le kwa Zambia, e bile a kwadile a re o adima madi, go sa fetswa, go sa diriwa sepe.

Re a kopa batho ba Modimo, re utlweleng botlhoko, le itse gore...fa gotwe o Mopalamente batho ba akanya gore fa o gadima fela jaana kwa Palamenteng, nnyaa go nna setshego fela. Ga ba itse gore *it is depressing* golo kwano. Ke sone se le tsone *psychologists* re di batlang gore di bo di le mo *clinic* e e tlaabong e le kwano, ka gore mo gongwe fa o tswa fa fa o tsena kwa lelwapeng o loma bana ka meno o sa itire.

MR CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Madam Speaker*.

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

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge Tona ka pego e a re e beileng pele. Gongwe ga ke kitla ke tselela thata mo dipalong tsa madi. *I will deal with the principles*, ka kutlwisiso ya gore kana gone re bua dikgang tse ka nako e e leng gore ke *budget* ya ntlha ya Puso, e re e buang ka nako e go supagetseng gore go na le dikgwetlho tsa itsholelo. Itsholelo e ne ya koafala kana ya phutlhamo fela thata. Mo go rayang gore boikarabelo jo botona jwa Puso jwa dingwaga tse tlhano ke gone go aga itsholelo ka go e tswakatswakanya, ka go e tsenya mo diatleng tsa Batswana go dira ditiro, jalo le jalo. Ke gone mo gongwe go ka dirang gore fa re tla ka dikgang tsa madi go di farantlholola, e bo e kete go na le tlhaelo. Gone go boammaaruri gore maphata otlhe fela a Puso re tlaa itemogela gore go na le tlhaelo e tona. Ka fa madi a abiwang ka teng ga a wele mo go sone se e leng dikgwetlho. Fa re tsaya Palamente, dikgang tsa Palamente re di bue ka kutlwisiso ya go itse gore ke yone thabafatshe kana konokono fa go tla mo go direng melao ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke gone mo motho a kareng ke yone *the powerhouse of our democracy*. Go ya pele jaaka ba bangwe ba setse ba tlhalositse, re tshwanetse ra kgarathela *the independence of Parliament*. Fa re dirile jalo re tlaabo re nosetsa Puso e e buang gore *separation of powers* e e neng ya tlhalosiwa ke Montesquieu a bua ka *the separation of powers*, e raya gore makgotla a puso ya batho ka batho; *Parliament, Executive and Judiciary* a ikemele ka nosi, *not only in terms of human resources, but also even in terms of financial resourcing*.

Jaanong Palamente e bile re tshwanetse ra e tsaya e le kokoano ya batho ka gore Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe yo o tlang kwano ke ene matlho, molomo le ditsebe tsa setšhaba. Mapalamente jaaka ba tletse jaana ke yone kokoano ya setšhaba. Ka jalo e tshwanetse ya nna letshego la Puso le re le tseelang kwa godimo. Mafatshe ka bophara ba supa gore *strong Parliaments are cornerstones of democracy*. Ka jalo go botlhokwa gore, gore Palamente e nne le seabe mo tsamaisong ya puso ya batho ka batho le ditlhabololo ke gore e bo e nonofile. Pele ke tla ke wela ka *principle* tseo, re lebelele seemo se se leng teng gore, Palamente ya rona gompiano *is under resourced*. O tlaa lemoga gore *the Speaker of the National Assembly* ga a na *Senior Private Secretary*. O tlaa lemoga gore *the Deputy Speaker* le *the Leader of the Opposition* ga ba na *Private Secretaries*. Gone moo go re lemotsha gore fa re ntse re ananya madi

a a Palamente go botlhokwa gore re tsibogele dilo tse, gore *office* ya *the Leader of the Opposition* le ya *the Speakership* e bo e le gore e na le *effective administration* go thusa ba ke ba tlhalositseng. Go na le mmopano fela o motona fa go tla mo *the administration and facilitation* ya *the Speakership office*. Kana o eteletse letshego la Puso e. O tlaa gakologelwa gore Palamente ya rona gape, tumelo ya me fa ke sekaseka *in comparative terms* le Dipalamente tsa bo Lesotho le tse dingwe fela, ke belaela gore Palamente ya rona ka dipalo e nyenyane. Gompiano re tsamaya fa e leng gore re 61 *elected and six Specially Elected*, mme fa o lebelela dikgaolo tse dingwe di tshwana ya ga *Honourable* Motsamai di bophara fela thata, le tse dingwe, ke belaela gore le tsa kwa North West. Gone moo go raya gore re ne re ka fokotsa bophara jo bo kalo ka *to create constituency* tse dingwe, gore *constituency* di nne *manageable*. Ka jalo ke dumalana le *Honourable* Hikuama fa go tla mo kgannyeng ya *resourcing* ya *constituency offices*. Kana gore re solofele maduo mo go tsone ke gore *they must be resourced in terms of transport* le tse dingwe fela jalo le jalo.

Go ne go builwe gape le ka kgang ya Ntlo ya Dikgosi. Kwa *Local Government* ba dira *review* ya Bogosi Act, Customary Court Act, maikaelelo e le go fa mo re reng *the potency and prominence to the role of Bogosi in national affairs*. Jaanong go senka gore le *budget* e bo e yela gone koo. E seng jalo re tlaa iphitlhelana gongwe ditoro tse tsa rona di sa fitlhelana. Jaanong *there must be financing* ya *the vision and direction* ya go fa Dikgosi dithata le serodumo le boikarabelo mo pusong ya batho ka batho.

Gammogo le gone gore *constituency offices*... le Palamente le *human resource*, ke tsaya gore *Honourable Deputy Speaker* o tlhalositse gore go tlhokana le batho ba ba ka dirang *research*. Fa o lebelela *other arms of Government* jaaka *Judiciary* le *Executive*, *I think*, le fa go sa wela *they are resourced enough better than Parliament*. *I do not think it will be appropriate for democracy*, gore fa re na le matshego a Puso a le mararo a mangwe a bo e kete a tsamaetse fa pele. *There must be almost parity* mo matshegong a puso a batho ka batho. E seng jalo e tlaabo e nna e kete *the other arm of Government is inferior*; mme e se gone, ka gore le ke lone le kana le tlhophiwang ke batho *direct*, ke le le nang le tomagano. Go nonotsha Palamente ke go nonotsha batho. Go neela Palamente dithata ke go neela batho dithata. Go neela Palamente ditsompelo ke go dira gore Palamente e kgone go akaretsa megopolo ya batho.

Ga ke tseye gore go na le yo o gananang gone fa gore Palamente e neelwe dithata. Ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ba bua jalo. Goromente yo o bua jalo, o ne a bua jalo a santse a le *opposition*.

Nna ke tsaya gore le ba Domkrag kutlobotlhoko ya bone ya go tswa, e dira gore ba bue jalo. Ke tsaya gore ba rotlhe re na le *consensus* ya gore *we need to empower Parliament and empower the people. We then need to employ ourselves* gore re dire *the implementation* ya gore re nne le *a true Parliament that is independently empowered*. So, re tlaabo re reeditse thata *Speaker* le Tona yo o maleba gore jaanong re ngaporolola jang Palamente mo seemong sone se gore e tle e ikemele ka nosi. Ga ke tseye gore go feleletsa nako yotlhe, e a bo e le gone go tswerefala...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister Hunyepa.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Tona Rre Motshegwa. Ke re fa o ntse o bua ka ya Bogosi, a mme o itse seemo sa *Headmen of Arbitration* gore ga ba na *pension, salary*, ga ba na gore ba bereka dingwaga tse kae jalojalo? A mme go na le sengwe se o ka se dirang ka seemo seo?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ee rra, ke na le maitemogelo a seemo sone seo, ke ne ka araba potso gone fa Mopalamente gore kgang e ya *review* ya Bogosi Act, Customary Court Act le *review* ya *structure* sa Dikgosi le *Tribal Administration*, re tsamaela kwa go gone go tokafatsa gone jalo. Ke sone se ke neng ke dirisa mafoko ale a Sekgoa ke re *potent and prominence to the role of* Bogosi, re tsamaela gone koo.

Ke wetsa ka gore kgang e ya boroko kana bonno jwa Mapalamente, ke tsaya ke re ga go a tshwanela go nna le dipharologanyo fa go tla kwa bonnong jwa Mapalamente le Matona, le ba *Judiciary* ka gore *all of them are three arms Government*, go tshwanetse go nne le *parity* le *equality*. Le tsone ditsompelo tsa Mapalamente, Batswana ba na le gore fa gongwe fa go buiwa ka boeteledipele, ba bo ba re ba duelwa thata, ba tshela sentle, mme kana *it comes with responsibility*. *The corporate governance* fa o ya kwa King Code e bua ka *Boards*, but it also applies to leadership. Ya re, “*you must take care of the Board Leadership, so that they pay attention to their mandate.*” E seng jalo ba tlaa neela tshwene marapo. Bogolo re se ka ra re fa re

bona bangwe ba baeteledipele kana kae fela e le gore ba ka tswa mabaka a bone a tokafaditswe, gongwe re ngongoregela a rona, re bo re tsaya gore tharabololo ke fa go ka fokodiwa tsa ba bangwe. Ke gore re lwele gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe a duelwe sentle, a tshela sentle, mongwe le mongwe a nne jalo. Go dira jalo go tlaa dira gore Palamente le Khansele, re buelela le Makhanselara, *to attract people of high caliber and quality* ba ba tlaa tlang *in our democracy*. Ke batla go ema ka gore go feleletsa nako ga se gone go tswerefala mo go bueng, ke eme gone fa. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, *fa ke ka re ke bitsa mongwe, go raya gore o tlaabo a setse* ka about 30 seconds. So, there is no point, I shall now call upon the Minister for State President, Acting President, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa to reply to the debate.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson*. Gongwe ke simolole ka go tshwaela mo dikakgelong. Ke tsaya ya bofelo ya ga Rre Motshegwa, o kare o ne a dupelela gore fa a tlaa supywa, ke ene a tlaabong a garela mafoko le matshwenyego a ba ba neng ba bua pele ga gagwe. Ke tsaya gore gongwe ga a phoso *to claim* boporofiti...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: Mme ke belaela e tshwanetse e bo e re fa a thulana le diemo, a bo a re ke moporofiti, ga ke tseye gore ke moporofiti tota.

Modulasetilo, kgang e ya Palamente, gongwe Rre Pule o ne a sa tlhaloganya. Ke tsaya gore Rre Pule ga a bolo go nna e le modirelapuso bogologolo fela a simolola kwa bo Middlepits, go tla go feta gompiano a bo a tla a nna Mopalamente. O a itse gore kgang ya go bopa kana go aga *budget*, go simolola jang, jaaka re itse gore ka bo *July* jaana, go tlaabo go simolola go tlhotlhiwa *budget* ya ngwaga o o tlang. Se se neng se diragala la bofelo, e ne e le gore jaanong jaaka fa puo e bua, ke go leka gore e tsamaelane le *priorities* tsa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC). Fa godimo ga moo, re bo re fitlhela go na le *projects* tse di ntseng di simologile, tse re ka se kang ra di phuaganya ka gore re tsene mo Pusong, jaanong re bo re tshwanelwa ke gore *projects* tsa go nna jalo Rre Pule, re di fetse. Ga go reye gore jaanong ke *cut and paste*, wena o batla go gogela kwa go ya gago ya *cut and paste*, mme ga se yone motlotlegi.

Se ke ka se buang gape ke gore, kgang ya gore go na le batho ba ba iseng ba hirwe mo dikgaolong tsa Bopalamente, ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e tshwanelang ke gore e salwe morago thata. Ga go a tshwanela gore e bo e re mo nakong ya *March*, go na le dikgwedi tse di kanakana batho ba theogetse, e bo batho ba ise ba theoge, diofisi di sa bereke. Ke se se tshwanetseng gore se baakangwe, mme ke tsaya gore bodiredi bo tlaa se baakanya ka gore eo ga ke tseye gore ke ya ga *Minister*; ke kgang e e *administrative*, e tshwanetse e salwe morago.

E nngwe ke kgang ya Ntlo ya Dikgosi, o bo o bua ka go sekaseka Molaomotheo. Ke tsaya gore o a gakologelwa rraetsho gore mo Pusong ya UDC, fa ke ka nopola Modulasetilo...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please do. *Le mo reetse*, I feel *gore le mo itaya tsebe Mapalamente*.

MR MOHWASA: Mo *Pillar No. 2* ya *Manifesto* wa UDC e e buang ka *democracy, governance and security*, e bua ka *objectives* tse e leng gore ya re, *“the objective is to revise the Constitution, revise the electoral system and power and reform Parliament, the Judiciary and other Government institutions to establish a truly democratic free and secure nation for all to participate and fully enjoy their rights and freedoms.”* Ke araba le dikgang tse dingwe, jaanong ga ke tseye gore *Constitution* e batho ba neng ba ntse ba e dira ba le neng le ba romile, e ne e tsamaelana le se. Ke sone se e tlaa reng mo bogautshwaneng rraetsho, re bo re le fano, go simolodisa thulaganyo ya gore re baakanye *Constitution* ya lefatshe la Botswana. Re batla *Constitution* e e tlaabong e lebile matshwenyego a Batswana. E nngwe jaaka o ka lebelela gompiano, re batla gore Makgotla a a tshwanang le bo *Ombudsman*, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), *Auditor General*, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) fela jalojalo, ka boammaaruri a ikemele ka dinao. Jaanong ga re tseye gore mo nakong ya gompiano, le *Constitution* e re neng re e akantse, e ne e batla go nna jalo. *So*, re ne re ka se ka ra tlogela *Constitution* e e sa welang mo maitlamong a rona gore e bo e ka tswela.

Rre Segokgo o bua fa a ema nokeng kabo madi e, mme e bile a bua ka gore dikomiti tsa Palamente di tshwanetse di nonotshiwe. Se o se buang ke boammaaruri, kana fa re bua ka go baakanya *Constitution*, re ne re bua gore dikomiti tsa Palamente, ke tsone tse di tlaa tshwanelwang ke gore fa gongwe e bo e nna tsone tse e leng gore *they interview* di bo di ya go tlhophatho

ba ba tlaa tsayang maemo a a tshwanang le bo DCEC le a mangwe a *Director Generals*. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa dumalana rotlhe bagaetsho gore le fa Tona a ne a bua maloba gore lefatshe la Botswana le na le mathata a madi, go na le dingwe tse le di itseng tse re di eletsang, tse di tshwanetseng di diragale. Mme fa gongwe o tlaa tshwanelwa ke go itse gore ga di ka ke tsa kgonega gore di diragale ka gore madi one ga a yo mo nakong ya gompiano. Se se teng ke gore fa madi a le teng, ke tsaya gore tseo di tlaa diragala ka gore e bile di tsamaelana le se e leng maitlamo a Pusong ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Fa o lebelela gompiano ka gore go nne le a *strong Secretariat* e e fa godimonyana ya dikomiti, *Private Secretary to the Speaker*, *Museum* wa Palamente, le tse dingwe tsa *training* ya Mapalamente, tsone fela di ya go batla madi a mantsi. *In principle*, ke tsaya gore ke dikgang tse e leng gore ga go na yo o ka gananang le tsone, jaaka fela ke bua gore *Constitution* e re batlang go e baakanya, e bua gore re tiise makalana a a Pusong.

Rre Barongwang o bua ka dikgang tsa boroko jwa Mapalamente. Boroko jwa Mapalamente bagaetsho, bo tsenya dingalo. Ke gore fa e sale bogologolo go ntse go na le mathata a boroko, mo e leng gore bo ne jwa dira le borre ba ba kwa go re tlogela, e le boroko jwa Mapalamente.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ke mathata a matona boroko jwa Mapalamente. Ke tsaya gore ke dikgang tse e leng gore bagaetsho, di tlaa tswela di nna teng. Fela fa re ntse re bua nnete, re tshwanetse re nne le boammaaruri, re sekaseke bagaetsho gore nako e gorogile ya gore gongwe batho ba fiwe *allowance*. Ke raya e le mogopolo, gona le gore go tlhole go sianwe gotwe go batlelwa batho boroko.

Motho fa a tla mono, o a batla, ga a itse kwa a a nngang teng. Fa a sena gotwe o baakanyeditswe ntlo ka madi a mantsintsi, ntlo e a na. Fa o lebelela dinepe, o fitlhela go beilwe diemere, batho ba re matlo a a na. Seemo seo ga se se se siameng. Se se teng ke gore, ngwaga nngwe le nngwe fa ditlhopho di tloga di goroga, Mapalamente ba ntshiwa mo matlong, a bo ba duelwa madi ao ba sa nne mo go one. Morago ga ditlhopho gape ba a tla go nna dikgwedi ba ntse ba ise ba nne mo matlong. Ga go a nna sentle.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification*. Nnyaa, o e bua sentle ka matsetseleko jaaka motho yo o filweng boikarabelo jo bo kalo jwa bo *President*. Ke gore fa o lebile ka fa

ditshenyegelo tse di dirwang mo go lekeng go baakanya flats, ngwaga le ngwaga, mme go sa tokafale, a ga o bone gore se o se buang e ka nna tharabololo e e botoka, and to save Government money a a tsewang mme go sena sepe se se tswang tema.?

MR MOHWASA: O bolelela ruri. Se se teng gompiano ke gore, fa o ka lebelela le madi a ga Goramente, a a senyegang mo dikololing tsa bo Minister, Mopalamente. Go baakanya koloi e o ka e ipaakanyetsang ka P5, 000.00, mo go Goramente o tlaa fitlhela e ka nna P50, 000.00. Dilo tse ke dingwe tse di sa nnang sentle. Ga re ka ke ra tsewelela fela re re nnyaa go siame fela, ga go a nna sentle. Go baakanya matlo a Mapalamente jaaka a ntse jaana le go a penta, go dirang, ditshenyegelo tsa teng o fitlhela di le kwa godimo fela thata. *We cannot continue* ka seemo se mme re ntse ka fa re bua gore ga go na madi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ba bangwe Mapalamente le a ngongorega, ke gakgamala le sa bua ka gone gore la re fa le nnang teng, e setse e kete ga go na sephiri. Go kgobokane fela ga go a nna sentle. *Environment* ya teng ga e a nna sentle. Ke tsaya gore dilo tse re tshwanetse re di lebe, re di sekaseke. Ke sone se e rileng bangwe fa ba sena go bua, ra kopa phuthego le ba komiti e e eteletsweng pele ke Moatlhodi wa pele Rre Gaongalelwe. Go na le *recommendations* tse ba neng ba di dirile. *Recommendations* tse bagaetsho tse di neng tsa ganwa, ke tse di neng di bua gore Mapalamente mo mading a P10, 000 000.00 a *constituency*, ba neelwe dikoloi, mme e ne ya ganwa. Fa o leba mo nakong ya gompiano bagaetsho, dikhansela tse dingwe di tsaya madi a maP10, 000 000.00, a Mapalamente a dikgaolo tsa bone, a bo ba reka dikoloi. A bo di ya go bereka ditiro tsa *council* fa di sena go fetsa *projects* tse. Diofisi tsa Mapalamente di sena dikoloi. Re tshwanetse re nne le boammaaruri. Fa go ne go tsewa mo mading a, go bo go ya go rekiwa koloi ya Mopalamente mo ofising ya ga Mopalamente, mongwe wa babereki ba ofisi ba bo ba ka tsaya Central Transport Organisation (CTO) *licence* go raya gore koloi eo, ene e ka dira ditiro tsa ofisi ya kwa Palamenteng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Applause!)

MR MOHWASA: Se sengwe se re se buang bagaetsho ke gore, le ene Rre Hikuama le fa a batla go supa botlhokwa jwa gore go nne le dikoloi, a tla a e senya ka gore o ne a nna le *puncture*, a fetwa ke Makhanselara ka difolaga le *Council Chairman*.

Se ke se buang bagaetsho ke gore, re a dumalana le Rre Barongwang gore go botoka gore Palamente e fiwe seriti ka gore ke gone kwa dilelo tsa batho di ya teng. O bua gore go ka thusa go hema ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOHWASA: O bo o bua sengwe se se tlhwaafetseng.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Tautona, *congratulations.* Potso ya me e ne e re o bua sengwe se se botlhokwa thata ka dikoloi. Ke ne ke re ka gore o Tautona, a ga o kgone go ntsha *directive* e bo re rekelwa dikoloi?

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

MR MOHWASA: Bona jaanong ke tlelwa ke boporofiti jwa ga Motshegwa. Ke sale ka bua fela gore o bo o bua sengwe se se tlhwaafetseng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: Bagaetsho, ke tsaya gore ba komiti ya ga Rre Dibotelo ba tlaa tla ba kopana le Mapalamente go tla go buisanya ka *conditions* tsa bone.

Sa ntlhantlha ke tlhalose gore mo Pusong e, le gone gompiano jaana, *the reason why* re kopana le babereki, keletso ke gore mongwe le mongwe, a o Mopalamente, modirelapuso, a o mang, diemo tse o berekang mo go tsone, e tshwanetse e nne tse di botoka. Ga ke na pelaelo ya gore lotlhe from the *opposition and the ruling party*, fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa babereki, ga go na ope yo o batlang go gaiswa ke yo mongwe go buelela gore go tokafatswe diemo tsa babereki. Ga ke tseye gore fa le bua jaana, motho o tloga a re o a ipuelela. *Conditions* tse di tokafalang tse, di nna botoka le tsa Palamente, ga se gore le tsile go nnela Mapalamente ruri.

What we are saying is let us strengthen this House gore e kgone *to play its role properly.* Batho ba ba mo teng le bone ba bereke sentle. Babereki ba kwa Palamenteng le bone ba bereke sentle. Ke tsaya gore *very soon, we are going to have* ba DPSM ba tla to *address* mo *General Assembly* ka dikgang tse re leakang go tokafatsa ka fa bodiredi bo ka dirang ka teng. Re tsholetsa maduo le gore le badirelapuso ba itumele mo tirong ya bone.

Mongwe o ne a bua ka *the House of Chiefs* le role ya yone. Jaaka re bua gore re batla go baakanya *Constitution*, ke tsaya gore le yone e tlaa tla e bewa fa e tshwanetseng e nne teng. O bua ka gore re batla go busa serodumo sa Dikgosi.

Mma Manyeneng o ne a bua gore re tshwanetse re nne le Palamente e tona. Fa le gakologelwa, *mo Constitution* re bua ka *hybrid system.* *Hybrid system* e raya gore fa

o na le 61 yo, e raya gore dipalo di ya go oketsega. Re tshwanetse re nne le boammaaruri bagaetsho. Fa go tla a oketswa to 57 kana ke 20 mang, *after census* ya 2010, re ne ra oketsa dipalo *from 40 to 17*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, the census ya 2001, so, the Motion was in 2002.

MR MOHWASA: *What I am saying* ke gore, go ne ga oketswa *from 40* e bo e ya kwa go 57. Fa e tswa kwa go 57, lebelela dingwaga tseo go tla go fitlha gompiano a bo go oketsega ka *four*. Rona ba kganetso re ntse re omana gape re re, re batla gore re nne le *hybrid*. Gakere re ne re bua jalo. Ke sone se re ntseng re se bua, se teng mo *manifesto* wa rona. Rona re *deliver* mo *manifesto that is why* o bona *in four months*, re kgona go dira dilo tse dingwe. Bo Chema Chema re phimola, ka gore re *committed to manifesto* wa rona.

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

MR MOHWASA: Jaanong se ke ka se buang fela ke gore, palo e...

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

MR MOHWASA: Go tlhalositswe ka Chema Chema, mo go rayang gore mokaulengwe o ne wa diega.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister, address the Chair* ba tlaa go gogela mo thaelong.

MR MOHWASA: Se ke se buang ke gore, palo e a supa gore Ntlo e re leng mo go yone e, fa re dira diphetogo tse go ya go nna le bothata gore e kgone to *accommodate* dipaakanyo tse re batlang go di dira mo Pusong e.

Sa ntlha *responsibility* ya Mopalamente ya gompiano ga e tshwane le e e neng e le teng ya nako eo e ne batho ba le 40. Ene le dikgaolo tse dingwe re a tlhaloganyana, re a itse gore go na le Mapalamente ba bangwe ba ba nang le *wards* di ka nna kae. Ba bangwe ba na le *six*, ba bangwe ba na le 20, ba bangwe ba na le bokae. Go na le *imbalance*. Go ne go na le *considerations* tse rotlhe re di itseng gore di ne di dira gore go bo go nna jalo. Fa re re a baakanya, le tsone re tshwanetse re di baakanye. Mo go reelang gore le dipalo tsa Mapalamente di ya go tshwanelwa ke gore di fetoge. Mme se, jaaka re bua, re tsile go se kgona fa re se kopanetse mmogo, rona le ba le ka kwano. Ga se molato bagaetsho gore a bo le iphitlhela le le kwa BCP. Se se teng, e ne e le tshwetso ya lona. Se se teng ke gore megopolo ya rona, ke tsaya fa e dumalana le ya lona. Le se ka lwa lwela gore le re le

batla go re ganetsa, re batho ba le bangwefela. Ditumelo tsa rona di dingwefela. Ke tsaya gore se re tlaa se kgona ka gore re batla re nne le Palamente e e leng gore e na le *system ya hybrid*. Ke tsaya gore ke yone e re e buang mme e tlaa dira gore dipalo tsa rona di oketsege.

Kene ke re gompiano fa ke lebelela, Mothusa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente fa a bua gore re nne le *clinic*, *I just want to warn and hazard* Mapalamente gore *it is good* gore re batle gore go siame *but let us be careful about* go dira gore re phatlalatsa meamuso jang. Re se ka ra tloga ra iphitlhela mo Palamenteng re beile *resources*, mme batho ba bangwe ba rona kwa tlase kwa ba shotla ditlamelo tse di kgobokaneng mo go rona re le Mapalamente, re le baeteledipele.

Jaanong e nngwe e ke neng ke re...

MS MANYENENG: *Clarification. Thank you* Modulasetilo. Ga ke go utlwe sentle, wa re fa re ka batla sepatela kana *clinic* ra e itirela mo Palamenteng, go tlaabo go raya gore re tima batlhophi wa rona meamuso *Minister?*

MR MOHWASA: Se ke se buang ke gore, nako e e leng gore seemo se a letla, ke gore re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore gompiano rona re mo *island* kana mo setlhaketlhakeng se e leng gore mo go rona re mo letlepong batho ba rona bone ba tlhalelwa. Ke gore rona re le kana re le 61 *plus Specially Elected*, kana re le *less than 70* re lebaganwe ke dingaka tse pedi le bo *nurse* le *paramedics* batho ba rona kwa tlase ba le *thousands* ba sena dingaka. *That is all that I am saying*. Re bo re *make sure* gore ka fa re abang le madi ka teng, *let us be careful not to concentrate too many resources* mo Palamenteng kwa ntle batho ba rona ba sokola. *That is the one I am raising*.

E nngwe e e tshwanang ya *accommodation*, *those are the issues* tse ke tsayang gore lona le tlaa bua le komiti e e e lebaganeng le dikgang tse di tsamaelanang le *welfare* ya rona ya Mapalamente, Makhanselara le bagolwane ba bangwe ba Puso.

Kgang e e tshwenyang gape go bua nnete, ke tsaya gore e e tshwanetse gore e sekasekwe ya gore *why* go tshwanetse gore go tsewe *toilet paper* mo Gaborone mme badirisi ba yone ba le kwa dikgaolong. Ke re golo moo le gone go reela gore *it disempowers* batho ba ba kwa. Ke jone bothata jo re nang le jone *over the years* gore batho ba ba ntsi, re dira gore jaanong batho ba ba ntsi ba kgobokane mo Gaborone ka gore sengwe le

sengwe se felela se direlwa mo Gaborone. A re direng gore le motho yo o kgakala yo o kae, le bone ba nne koo, ba kgone gore le bone ba bone letseno, ba bo ba ka bona tiro kwa diofising tsa Mapalamente. Fa e le gore *we will be centralising*, ke tsaya gore go tlaabo go ...

MR LESEDI: *Clarification.* Mma ke go leboge *Chairperson*. Nnyaa, mme ke a leboga Motlotlegi Tautona. O ne o buile nngwe ntlha e e botlhokwa thata ya gore mo mogopolong wa gago fa go ne go ka kgonega gore go rekwe koloi ya *constituency* mo P10 million, ke ne ke sa go utlwe sentle, le fa e ne e le dingwe tsa tse o neng o di akanyetsa gore wa re mongwe wa babereki a ka tsaya CTO licence. Ke ne ke akanya gore a gongwe go ne go ka bo go se botlhokwa gore go bo go ka hirwa motho yo o kgweetsang gore maphakela a tle go ntsaya kwa lwapeng, ke bonwe ke tla kwa phuthegong ke tla ke kgweediwa? Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: Motlotlegi Rre Lesedi ke tsaya gore ke Mopalamente yo o nang le *experience* fela e tona thata. *Currently* Motlotlegi Rre Lesedi ga go na *budget* ya go hira mokgweetsi, *but we cannot wait* gore go tle go hirwe mokgweetsi, nna ke tsaya gore go a tlhokafala mo nakong ya gompiano gore jaaka re bo re ka ntsha madi fa go dumalanwe. Kana kgang ke morero gore koloi e tswe, mme jaanong mathata ke gore koloi e bo e tswa e bo e nna koloi fela e e nngang kwa ofising go sena motho yo a e dirisang. Ke ne ke bua ka mabaka ao, go fitlhelela go na le *budget* e e letlelelang gore go bo go ka hirwa mokgweetsi yo o ka tlang a kgweetsa koloi ya Palamente.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *sir*. Ke ne ke re o mphitise fa motlotlegi, o papamale fela mo kgannyeng e o ntseng o e bua. Ke e ratile thata, kgang ya ditsompelo tsa diofisi e e tsewang mo bo Gaborone. Re na le banana ke ba ba mo dikgaolong le bomme ba ba itekang ka go dira *toilet paper*, go rekisa, le bone banana ba rekisa ba bula *bookshops*, dilo tse di ka dirwang mo diofising le kwa dikgaolong, mme dilo tseo tsotlhe fela di latelwa kwano. A o raya one mabaka a gore ke one a o batlang gore o a rarabolole? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ee rra, ke one mabaka a ke a batlang. Ke gore tlaa ke go fe sekai, o kae Motlotlegi Rre Kaizer le Motlotlegi Rre Nkawana, gompiano fa re bua jaana, ke gore go na le mananeo a e leng gore Goromente o a

diragaditse, le ene o a neng a feta, ke gore re tshwanetse gore re se ka ra dira phoso e ke bonang bo Motlotlegi Rre Pule ba e dira, ya go dumela gore sengwe le sengwe fela se e leng gore ba se dirile se ne se le bosula, go na le dingwe tse le di dirileng tse di siameng. Le fa motho gotwe o bosula jang bagaetsho, ga a ke a tlhobosiwa gotlhelele. Tla ke eme gone foo ke se ka ka tloga ka bua mo go ntsi, fa gongwe ke palelwa le ke *language* ya Palamente.

Se ke ka se buang ke gore, dingwe tse ba neng ba di beile e ne e le gore go tshwanetse gore go lekwe gore go rotloetswe dikgwebo tse di gautshwanyane le fa ditirelo tsa Puso di leng teng. Fa o lebelela gompiano mo kgaolong ya Selebi Phikwe, Goromente o ne a buile ka 30 *per cent* o o tshwanetseng gore go tsewe mo dikomponeng tse di direlang koo go leka go tokafatsa toropo ya Selebi Phikwe, batho ba bo ba tsaya madi kwa bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), kwa Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) ba dira *projections and built* dilo tse mo teng, Goromente a bo a sa reke mo go bone, *companies then collapsed*. Motho gompiano fa go bulwa *office* ya Mopalamente, o solofela gore nnyaa go na le *office* ya Puso e e tlaabong e le mo Sehithwa, jaanong o solofela gore o tlaa tla a rekisa kwa ofising ya Mopalamente. *Office* ya Mopalamente ga e kgone go reka ka gore e reka mo Gaborone. Se e se dirang ke gore jaanong batho ba simolola ba fuduga koo ba kgobokana mo Gaborone ka gore ga se fela ba ba mo ofising ya Mopalamente, dilo ka bontsi di tsewa mo Gaborone *and supply* batho ba ba kwa ntle. Selo seo re tshwanetse gore re se emise, re se kgale, e nne selo sa bogologolo ka gore batho ba ba koo le bone ba na le tshwanelo ya gore ba nne ba boelwe mo dithekong tsa Puso. Jaanong ke tsaya gore ba a utlwa ba ba maleba, ba tlaa leka go baakanya seemo se se ntseng jalo.

Thulaganyo e kgonwa go dirwa ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng, batho ba ka romela *quotations* gore nnyaa re bone *quotation* kwa boketekete, gona le gore koloi e bo e bitswa dilwana di rwalwa fa di isiwa kgakala. *Quotations* di ka tlisiwa go bo gotwe nnyaa go siame tsamayang le ye go tsaya kwa boketekete batho ba ba bo ba *deliver*. Ke dikgang tse dingwe tse di ka dirwang.

Fela ke ne ke re re a buile bagaetsho a Palamente, a utlwetse, mme fela se se teng ke gore lotlhe le a dumalana gore re tlatse kana re dumalane le Tshutiso e. Ke ne ke re ke tseye sebaka se Modulasetilo *to move* gore re fetise kabo madi a Palamente.

Modulasetilo, fa ke fetsa, ke sutisa gore madi a a kana ka *Two Hundred and Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula* (P208,865,820.00) at *Organisation Number 0100 mo Schedule* sa rona, and the *Total Estimates in the Organisation Number 0100 in the Development Fund* kana madi a ditlhabololo a dikakanyetso tse, ke kopa gore Palamente e rebole gore a fete a ntse jalo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the sum of Two Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula (P200,865,820.00) for Organisation 0100 in the Schedule stand part of the Schedule and the revised Total Estimated Cost for the sub-organisations in Organisation 0100 in the Development Fund estimate stand part of those estimates.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members, nte ke gakololeng jaana, ba ba ka fa letsogong la me la moja, le tlhomamisa lists tsa lona ka gore le tla le di amend, jaanong di a re tsietsa, le di baakanye.*

ORGANISATION 0200 - MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order Honourable Members. Honourable Members, please note that three hours have been allocated to this Organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 09:15 tomorrow morning and the question shall be put at 09:45 tomorrow. I am sure you are aware in light of the realignment of ministries, why this is the case. So I shall now call upon the Acting President, also Minister for State President to present.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke solofela gore Mapalamente a tlaa tswelela a ntse a dira ka tomagano eo jaaka re tlaabo re tsena mo go e, re bo re fetsa kamoso go na le kagiso e e ntseng e tswelitse.*

Mr Chairperson, Honourable Members of Parliament, I am honoured to present the Recurrent and Development Budgets for the Ministry for State President for the 2025/2026. I request an amount of Twelve Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand and Ten Pula (P12 547 724 010), and Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Pula (P3 715 842 320) for

the Recurrent and the Development Budget respectively.

Mr Chairperson, I wish to begin by highlighting the performance of the ministry's policies and programmes in the 2024/2025 financial year. The departments covered in this speech include the following: State House, Office of the President, Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM), National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), Office of the Former President Mogae, Department of Information Services, Department of Broadcasting Services, Government Printing and Publishing Services (GPPS), Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), Office of the Former President Khama, Headquarters (MSP), National Planning Commission (NPC), Office of the Former President Masisi, Botswana Defence Force (BDF), Botswana Police Services (BPS), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Weapons Management Authority (CBRNWMA).

Mr Chairperson, I wish to start my presentation by highlighting that a change of Government was experienced in 2024, which signifies the expectations that the nation has on the new Government. Batswana want to see a comprehensive package of reforms based on a firm commitment to meritocracy, accountability and innovation. This is a call to restore trust and good governance, revitalise the economy and attract investment, as well as promoting equity through provision of social infrastructure. These pillars were echoed by Mr President in his maiden speech where he outlined the priorities for the first 100 days in office. As the Leader of the House, I wish to remind the House and in particular fellow Ministers to ensure that these serve as a barometer to guide our performance in order to deliver on this important mandate that Batswana have bestowed on the UDC Government.

In line with these sentiments, the recent rationalisation of Government portfolio ministries following the general elections highlights the commitment of the new Government to build a strong, efficient public sector for the effective delivery of services to our people, to make our processes more efficient, transparent and responsive to the needs of Batswana. As a ministry, we commit to a continuous review and realignment of our functions to ensure commitment to this noble course. As this Honourable House may be aware, the BDF, Botswana

Police Service, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Weapons Management Authority, as well as the Drug Enforcement Agency are now part of the Office of the President (OP).

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS/NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Mr Chairperson, under this focal area, I wish to highlight that the drafting of the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 has been extended to July 2025. This is to allow our new Government to ensure that there is alignment with our strategic focus to develop this nation. The NDP12 is the single most important strategy document for development planning and as such it presents an opportunity for the plan to reflect the commitment and demonstrate our willingness to deliver on promises of the new Government.

PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Mr Chairperson, during the 2024/2025 financial year, Government successfully implemented the Collective Labour Agreement of 2022, which was designed to adjust salaries for public service employees over three consecutive years. The Government through DPSM and the recognised trade unions has fully implemented this agreement. Additionally, the review of the Public Service Act is progressing with the draft Bill having been presented before Parliament in December 2024, following approval of the labour laws review through Presidential Directive Cab 14/2023. DPSM is also working on the resuscitation of the Public Service Bargaining Council (PSBC).

The restructuring of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) is another ongoing initiative, which started in 2022 and is continuing. The rationalisation has led to the merging of some ministries and the creation of new ones with a view to improve service delivery in particular. In addition, the rationalisation of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and the reorganisation of independent departments are ongoing.

Mr Chairperson, in order to foster a high-performance culture within the public service, Government has developed the Public Service Leadership Transformation Programme. The programme emphasises key areas such as project delivery, productivity, service delivery and employee engagement. It aims to equip senior leaders

with the necessary competencies to handle leadership challenges within the public service. In line with this, Government has established the Public Service Assessment Centre to facilitate merit-based recruitment and promotion of officers in the executive, senior and middle management positions within the public service.

Following the 2018 negotiations on salary and conditions of service, the Government and recognised trade unions agreed to review the current salary structure and adopt a new overlapping salary structure known as the Fan-shaped structure. The development of this salary structure is at its final stages, with the implementation of the new structure planned for April 2025. This new structure will come with significant financial implications. The cost of implementing the Fan-shaped salary structure including arrears for employees in grades A-D from April 2023 is estimated at an additional P220 million to the current wage bill of over P37 billion.

The overall goal of these initiatives is to improve organisational effectiveness, streamline processes, enhance employee empowerment and customer satisfaction, and increase the transparency and accessibility of Government services in line with the national vision for high productivity, innovation and competitiveness.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Mr Chairperson, Parliament passed and approved the Persons with Disability Act of 2024 which promotes the equal rights of persons with disability in its entirety. The Act also talks to removal of barriers to access in premises, clubs, associations, sports, etcetera.

It also addresses issues around the provision of goods, services and land. Critical in this regard is the need to carry out the necessary adjustments and modifications to our regulatory framework to promote and ensure accessibility and inclusion. Accordingly, I wish to make a special appeal to the different sectors to intensify preparations to make the obligations spelt-out in the Act.

Mr Chairperson, to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Act, the National Disability Council has been established. As an immediate step, sectors are required to develop and implement inclusive policies and programmes in line with the Act's objectives. I therefore implore all organisations within Government, the private sector as well as the public at large to be acquainted with the precepts of this Act in order to comply in upholding the dignity of our fellow citizens.

Corruption Prevention

Mr Chairperson, Botswana's performance in corruption perception remains relatively good, though it experienced a drop in the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index, ranking 39th globally and 3rd in Africa. The Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) focuses on public education, prevention and investigation to promote a corruption-free society. Efforts include fostering an anticorruption culture and ensuring integrity in both the public and private sectors.

In spite of these efforts, there are growing concerns over the effectiveness of DCEC on dealing with corruption in the country, as well as delays in dispensing of cases. On the other hand, the DCEC itself has pointed out that one area that compromises its effectiveness is the enforceability of audit recommendations as well as the fact that prosecution of cases is not within its mandate.

In the light of the above, we are in the process of reviewing the Corruption and Economic Crime Act (CECA) to address deficiencies and propose amendments to strengthen its effectiveness. In collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as well as the Draft National Anti-Corruption Policy...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, let me just advise you. Looking at the time that is remaining, I think it is best you go to the figures, Page 17 because otherwise *nako ya teng e tlile go go tshwara*.

MR MOHWASA: How much more time do I have Mr Chairperson, eight and a half minutes?

MR CHAIRPERSON: In that eight minutes, if you look at Page 17...

MR MOHWASA: Okay, what I would probably do Mr Chairperson, is to go through certain departments and just go through the salient...

MR CHAIRPERSON: But my advice as I say is that go to the figures from Page 17 because your figures are too many, they will take almost more than eight minutes, all the way to Page 23 from Page 17.

MR MOHWASA: Let me start with number 16 Mr Chairperson.

PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025/2026 BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, allow me to now present details of the Ministry for State President's 2025/26 Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for consideration by this Honourable Committee. Mr Chairperson, I request

a total of Twelve Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand and Ten Pula (P12, 547, 774, 010) for the Recurrent Budget as well as an amount of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Two Pula (P3,715,842,302) for the Development Budget.

Recurrent Budget

Mr Chairperson, I request a total of Twelve Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, and Ten Pula (P12 547 724 010) for the Recurrent Budget, which represents an increase of Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and One Million, Three Hundred and Eight Thousand, and Ten Pula (P9, 901, 308, 010) or 358.14 per cent over the previous year's allocation.

This significant increase is primarily due to the rationalisation exercise, which transferred four departments from the former Ministry of Defence and Security to the Ministry for State President (MSP). These departments and their respective allocations are as follows:

- (i) Botswana Defence Force: Six Billion, One Hundred and Ninety Five Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Three Hundred Pula (P6, 195, 450, 300), accounting for 49.4 per cent of the budget of MSP.
- (ii) Botswana Police Service: Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty Pula (P3 496 985 630), representing 27.9 per cent.
- (iii) Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA): Sixty Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P60 825 420) or 0.5 per cent.
- (iv) Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiation Protection Management Authority (CBNR): Thirty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Pula (P39 369 690), or 0.3 per cent.

A provision for Termination Allowances amounting to Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Pula (P325, 660, 550) is requested under the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM).

An amount of Five Million Pula (P5, 000, 000) is requested for Motlamedi Disaster Emergency fund under MSP Headquarters. The fund was established for the purpose of responding to mass casualty victims by providing financial assistance and benefits in kind to affected citizens.

Mr Chairperson, an amount of Twenty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Pula (P24, 339, 450) is requested under the Department of National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA). This is to cater for the District AIDS Coordinators and the activities of District Multi-Sectoral AIDS Committees (DMSACs) which were previously implemented by the Ministry of Local Government.

Additionally, two new departments have been established under the Ministry, these are;

- (i) Office of the Former President M. E. K. Masisi: Five Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Pula (P5, 452, 350).
- (ii) Government Communications: Fifty-Two Million, One Hundred and Nine Thousand, Thirty Pula (P52, 109, 030).

The remaining budget allocation of Two Billion, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula (P2, 342, 531, 590) will cater for the rest of departments under the Ministry for State President.

Development Budget

Mr Chairperson, I request for a total amount of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Pula (P3, 715, 842, 320). This represents an increase of 178 per cent of the 2024/2025 revised allocation of One Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Pula (P1, 332, 556 173). The increase is largely attributed to the transfer of some of the departments which belonged to the former Ministry of Defence and Security. The budget will fund various programmes and projects under the Ministry, I will just highlight the main components which have not been allocated the largest share:

Strengthening of Botswana Defence Force (BDF)

Mr Chairperson, a total of Two Billion, Three Hundred and Thirteen Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand Pula (P2, 313, 562,000) or 62 per cent of the MSP Development Budget is being requested. Of this, Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Pula (P478, 774, 420) is earmarked for various infrastructure projects, including accommodation facilities as well as construction and maintenance of other infrastructure. One Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Seven Pula (P1, 153, 764, 677) is being requested for enhancing air capability and maintaining the existing fleet of aircrafts. The remaining Six Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Three Pula (P681, 661 903) will be allocated to vehicles, defence, and communications equipment projects.

Strengthening of Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DISS)

Mr Chairperson, for DISS, I request an amount of Five Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P530, 000, 000) or 14 per cent for the implementation of various development projects during the 2025/2026 financial year.

These projects include Geospatial, Security and Communication related projects, procurement of vehicles, acquisition of equipment and new installations to strengthen security interventions...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of correction.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Hang on Deputy Speaker. *Tswelala* Minister.

MR MOHWASA: Ne ke tsaya gore ba tla nna le nako ya bone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mme ga o a bitsa dipalo sentle* sir. People who are writing are going to write wrong figures.

MR MOHWASA: Mr Chairperson, *ke bona eketenako ntshiile*. Let me just rush to conclusion. Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2025/26 Recurrent Budget and the Development Budget for my ministry. I therefore, move that this Honourable Committee approves the sum of Twelve Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Four

Thousand, and Ten Pula (P12,547,724,010) for the Recurrent Budget, and a further sum of Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Two Pula (P3,715,842,302) for the Development Estimates, that these stand as part of the schedule of the Appropriation Bill 2025/26. I move accordingly Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Hang on, we just need to confirm those figures, especially the Development Budget, page 23 at the conclusion, where you say, “and a further sum of Three Billion...”

MR MOHWASA: Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Two Pula (P3,715,842,302) for the Development Estimates.

MR CHAIRPERSON: That is not the figure we have in the...

MR MOHWASA: I have to apologise Mr Speaker, there was a mistake, *go dirilwe* correction after this was... there were issues because there were adjustments made to the budgets. Not only to this one, even the others *tsa Palamente*. I will avail copies *tsa* the updated figures, I guess that is why most of the Members of Parliament *ba ne ba kopa* correction. You will be given the copies which reflect the proper figures.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much* Motlotlegi Modulasetilo. Ke simolole pele ke dumedise *the Acting President*, ke bo ke mo lebogele pego ya gagwe e a e beileng Ntlo e pele. Ke batla gore, jaaka ne ke ke utlwa ke e bala fa, maphata a otlhe a ke bonang a le kwa tlase ga *State President* ke a dirang le itshireletso ya rona re le Botswana. E bile gape a bo a tsenya itshireletso yotlhe fela ka go farologana ga yone. Ke batla go gakolola ka botlhokwa jo botona, gope fela mo botshelong ke re, itshireletso ya lefatsho lepe fela e tshwanetse go tla pele. Re tshwanetse gore rotlhe re itse gore *is Botswana secure*. A Botswana wa rona o siame. Go nna jalo go raya gore Goromente a reke tse di maleba tse di tlaabong di tlisa itshireletso e, jaaka *equipment*, gore *are we procuring the right equipment*. E e reng fa o ka lebelela gongwe e dirisiwa ke ba sepodise, ba e ka reng ba tlhotlhomisa ba kgona go tselelela kwa teng mo dikgannyeng tse di rileng.

Equipment e gongwe e dirisiwang ke ba Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) e ba reng ba tlhotlhomisa ba kgona go sala dilo morago, ba bo ba kgona go bona tse ba di batlang. *Equipment* e e tlaabong fa e le maleba e tshwana e dirisiwa ke batho ba DIS gore ba kgone go bona tse ba di bonang tse re di tlhokang. Se sengwe se se botlhokwa ke gore, *do we use the latest techniques*, ke gore tsamaiso, ka fa re tlhotlhomisang dilo tsa rona ka teng kana *the way we provide security* sa rona *is it the appropriate way of doing things*. A ke gone ka fa go siameng ka teng, mme e bile re ka bona tse di tlaabong di siame.

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se dira ke gone go bona gore, a mme batho ba ba rutilwe sentle, *training* ya bone a e maleba. E tsamaelana le dikgwetlho tse re nang le tsone mo nakong ya gompieno. Dilo tse di botlhokwa bagaetsho ka gore, fa o ka lebelela jaaka maloba go ne go tlisiwa *Budget Speech* fa, re ntse re bua ka tshenyetso-setšhaba re bona e tseletse mo teng. Re tshwanetse go itse gore e batla batho ba ba ntseng jang, e batla *equipment* e e ntseng jang. Batswana botlhe kwa ba teng ba lela ka bogodu ja leruo. Ditlhotlhomiso tsa rona tse di nnang teng re bone gore bogodu jwa leruo re bo emisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Crime* fela ka boyone ka go e phatlalatsa gape, gompieno jaana re tshwenngwa ke batho ba ba nyelelang, a re na le lephata le le maleba le le rutetsweng go tlhotlhomisa batho ba ba nyelelang? A re na le lephata le le maleba le le tlhotlhomisang bo raboko ba ba bolayang batho ba? Ke fa gompieno re a bona mo Botswana ga gona ope raboko yo re kileng ra utlwa gotwe o tshwerwe, o bonwe. A re na le makgotla a a nonofileng go tlhotlhomisa ditagi tse re bonang di tletse mo dikoleng tsa bana ba rona di ba senyetsa *future*? Dilo tse re tshwanetse go di ela tlhoko re leke go bona gore maphata a otlhe re a nonotsha, re a godisa.

Se sengwe sa botlhokwa se re ka se dirang ke gore, kwa ntle ga go ba rekela sepe sa tse ba di dirisang tse di tlaabong di siame, a mme bone re ba tsaya sentle, *welfare* ya bone e ntse jang? Kana *welfare* e tsamaelana le *the conditions of service*, go botlhoko gore o bo o ka fitlhela kwa maphateng a mangwe motho e le lepodise a sala a berekile 30 years, a bo a ya go tswa e le Sergeant. Go raya gore mo botshelong ja gagwe a bereka, *he was promoted* gangwefela. Dilo tse ga re a tshwanela go di didimalela *Acting President*. Ke gore a ko o ye go tsena mo *conditions of service* tsa batho ba. Fa re ka dira phoso ra se ka ra ba neela *the right conditions of service*, go raya gore ga ba na go ya go dira tiro e e maleba, e e siameng. E tlaare re ntse mo Ntlong e re

re re sireletsegile, bone kwa ba bo ba tshaisitse ba dira di sele ka gore ga ba a itumela. E bile ke rona gape re ba kganelang gore ba ka nna le *unions* tse di ka ba buelolang. *As long as* re ka emisa re sena go itse gore ga ba na *unions*, mme rona re ba emele ka dinao re bone gore a batho ba *conditions of service* tsa bone di nna teng.

Masole le bone ba tshwana fela le mapodise, ba kgona go nna dingwaga tse dintsi mo *rank* e le nngwefela. Golo moo *demoralises*, go diga batho seriti, go dira gore batho matshele a bone a se ka a tokafala. Fa re bua jaaka gompiano jaana o bo o lebelela gore *cases* tsa ma DIS tse di kwa makgotlatshekelo ba sa duelwa, o sa itse gore ke eng ba sa duelwe, e le gore ba tswa kgakala ka *cases* tsa bone. Dipereko tsa bone di sa siama, bogolo jang *those that changed from security* ba *join* DIS, *cases* tsa bone di sale di ntse dingwagangwaga. A re baakanyeng seemo se, e seng jalo re tlaa itshwara melomo nako nngwe. Batho ba *are demoralised*, ga ba a itumela. Masole ba ba neng ba berekile dingwaga tse di kanakana ga ba ise ba duelwe *pensions* tsa bone, ba kwa makgotlatshekelo. A re direng gore jaaka kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, ga o ka ke wa bona batho ba itshireletso ba isitse Goromente kwa makgotlatshekelo. Golo mo re bona go diragala fela mo ga rona, go tlopetsetse, go go ntsi fela thata. *Let us avoid cases* tse di ntseng jaana, *let us deal* le batho ba mo ntleng re bue le bone, re leke go ba duela sentle ka fa go ntseng ka teng. Ga se bone fela, DIS e kwa makgotlatshekelo, madi a mantsi, masole ba kwa makgotlatshekelo, madi a mantsi, mapodise, fela jalojalo. Jaanong ke kopa gore Motshwarelela Tautona a dikgang tse bogolo jang ya *welfare*, re e potlakele, re bone batho ba ba duelwa.

Ga go a siama, le gone le rona ba re reng re ba eteletse pele golo mo go tlaa dira gore jaanong batho ba ba nyeme moko e bile ba se ka ba dira tiro ya bone ka fa ba tshwanetseng gore ba e dire ka teng.

Re na le *cyber security, information warfare*. A re emeng ka dinao mo go yone, a re boneng gore re itse gore *misinformation* fa e ka tlatlala le lefatsheng le *and not be managed properly*, re tlogela jaaka batho ba kgona go ipitsa maina, ba bo ba gasa mo teng ga maranyane jaana, go tliša tlhakatlhakano mo lefatsheng. Ke tlaa kopa gore re e emele ka dinao mo go maleba, re leke go bona gore *we prioritise artificial intelligence*. Ke sengwe sa botlhokwa se mafatshe a setseng a tsamaya kgakala. Mafatshe a mangwe jaanong ba setse ba na le

a serious department fela, e le ya Artificial Intelligence (AI). Rona re santse re le kwa morago re e dirile re santse re e tsaya *part time*.

Ya bofelo e ke batlang go bua ka yone ke *disaster management*. Ga re dire sentle mo go yone kgang e, ka gore *we are not well prepared for any other disaster*. Re ne re bona maabane jaana, fa o ka tsamaya o sekaseka ka fa re neng re leka go dira ka teng, re wetswe ke seru sa merwalela se. *We have to put more money into disaster management*. Re nne le *equipment* e e maleba e e rileng, e e ka reng fa re tlelwa ke diemo tse ra bona gore re ka thusa Batswana jang. Sa bobedi ke gore re nne le *the appropriate structure*, se e reng fa go nna le seemo se se ntseng jaana se sa *disaster* e bo e le bone batho ba ba ka lebagang le se. Golo mo ga go nna re tsaya Balaodi re ba ntsha mo ditirong tsa bone re bo re ba tsenya teng koo, *they are not trained on Disaster Management*. Kana *Disaster Management* ke *course* ka boyone, o a rututshiwa fela go simolola kwa ntlheng, o ya go o rutwa gore o e tsamaisa jang, fa go ntse jaana o dira jaana. Re bo re batla *all the equipment* e re e tlhokang; a ke *disaster* ya metsi, a ke ya molelo kana ke ya eng, re kgone go e laola. *Fund* ya yone e tshwanetse gore e nne e ntse e na le madi, re na le batho ba ba kgonang go re bolelela e le *early warning*, re tshwanetse re nne le *the appropriate early warning system* e e ka re itsiseng nako e santse e le kgakala gore solofelang gore go tlaa tla *disaster* e e ntseng jaana. Re a bona gore le gompiano jaana le melelo e e tlholang e e šha mo dinageng mo e a re palela, re o lebelela fela go fitlhela o bo o itima ka bo one. Kana mme nako nngwe o tlaa goroga kwa motseng, o tlaa goroga kwa batho ba nnang teng.

Dilo tse ke kopa gore mongwame re di ele tlhoko, re tsenye madi mo go tsone, go nne le lephata le le ikemetseng ka nosi fela la *disaster management* le le tlaabong le na le bo maitsaanape ba ba rileng. Re batle *equipment* e e rileng gore fa go ntse jaana re bo re sa simolole re adima kwa le kwa, re tsaya ka kwa maphateng a mangwe. Le bone o fitlhela ba sena sepe fela jalo. Jaaka o bona gompiano gore fa ke tshwenyega ke re *lack of training*, o tlaa bona Batswana metsi a feta ka fa tlase ga borogo, ba le fa godimo ga jone ba tsaya dinepe, lepodise le eme fa, *because they are not trained in disaster management*.

Jaanong dilo tse di ntseng jaana, *create awareness*, gore fa go nna jaana yo o dira se. Motswana le ene fa a le kwa gae, ke gore *information* e goroge kgapetsakgapetsa kwa Batswaneng. Jaaka re na le diromamowa le maranyane jaana, ba tewe gotwe tsela ya gore ya gore

ga e a siama jaana le jaana. *Information is power*. O tlaa bona go sa nne le ketsaeketsego, batho ba re nnyaa go na le morwalela ka kwa Molapo, ba bo ba tsamaya ba ya go ema teng fale ba itsaya dinepe fale. Metsi ke selo se se *dangerous*, a kgona gore e re ke eme 200 metres o itse gore a feta ka fa tlase, lefatshe le tlaabo le wela gone foo. Jaanong ke kopa gore re leke go okeletsa lephata le madi, le le kgone go ka fitlhelela ditshwetso tse re di tlhokang. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: According to the ruling party's list, go *tsena* Honourable Ketlhalefile Motshegwa.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Modulasetilo, fa o ka ntetla. *Let me start by apologising ka figures*. Go ne ga nna le go baakanya dipalo ka Labotlhano le mo bošheng. Jaanong ke kopa go fa dipalo tse di *correct Mr Chairperson, if you may allow me*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Gakere* you are still going to move, so when you move at the end of the debate...

MR MOHWASA: I was hoping *gore ke ba di neele, gakere go raya gore* they will need to discuss the figures. They need to appreciate *gore* the extent ya Budget *e ntse jang*, because they are going to debate those figures. So that if somebody *a ka batla* to vary the figures, *a bo a na* le the benefit of the true figures.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ke bua le *Speaker*, ke kopa gore o kgalemele *imitation tsa Speakers*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Ke go utlwile*, just hang on.

...Silence...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, let me just confirm, *gakere o baakanya figures tse di mo conclusion*.

MR MOHWASA: Yes.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Yes, please.

MR MOHWASA: May I.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please, go ahead.

MR MOHWASA: Okay. *Ke ne ke re* Recurrent Budget Honourable Members of Parliament *ke* Three Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen Pula (P3, 330, 626, 214.00). *Ke a leboga Modulasetilo*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: That is fine, actually that is the figure that we have in your speech, in the corrigendum as well as the Estimates.

MR MOHWASA: Let me humbly apologise to the House for that mix up.

MR CHAIRPERSON: That is fine. Thank you.

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

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke tseye sebaka se ke lemoge pego ya ga Tona, mafoko a me e tlaabo e le a a tsamaelang go tla ke e ema nokeng. Ke gatelele gore, mo *budget* e go tle go nne bofefo gore jaaka re itlamile re dire *a transformative Constitution*, e e tlaabong e lebaganeng le *the reconfiguration of the state*. *This transformative Constitution* e setse morago tsamaiso ya gore *the procedure and the substantive part* ya *the comprehensive review*, e bo e le yone sentle e bile Palamente e na le taolo, e simolole mo Palamenteng *by way of an Act of Parliament* e e tlaabong e *guide* tsamaiso e. E neela Batswana sebaka sa gore ba tle ba bue, *so that the end product* e bo e supa *the aspiration of the people* tebang le Molaomtheo, gore bone ba batla o o ntseng jang, gona le se re boneng se diragala fa go ne go supafala jaanong Molaomtheo ole e le wa maikutlo a ga Tautona wa lefatshe fela. Ke tsaya ke re, *we will do a better job*.

E e latelang ke ya *the part in the public service*. Motho o solofela gore *budget* e le fa e ngotegile, mme re kgone re fitlhelele *the public sector reforms in an endeavour to attain a high performance Government*. *The reforms* di akaretsa gore re tshwanetse ra nna le ngwao fela ya tsamaiso mo *the public service* kana ke *organisational culture*, gore re solofela gore dilo di bo di ka tsamaisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Moo go tlaa thusa le ka dikgang tsa *quality public services*, gore Motswana fa a tsena ka diofisi tsa Puso a ikutlwe a amogelesegile, fa a tswa ka diofisi tsa Puso a ikutlwe a thusegile. *This organisational culture should also speak to the process tsa recruitment and promotion*, gore di tshwanetse tsa bo di itebagantse le go dira ka botswapelo. *They must be based on meritocracy and competence*, moo go tlaa thusa gore ba ba berekang ka bonatla le botswerere ba se ka ba kgobega marapo ba re gongwe go *promotion* kana go hirwa batho ka tsela e e leng gore ga se yone.

Go hira le go tlhatlosa batho *by merit and competence*, go tlaa tsa *the integrity and reputation in the public service and by extension trigger quality public services*.

Organisational culture e gape re tshwanetse mo teng, ra tlotlomatsa go tsaya tsia ditshwanelo tsa babereki le mabaka a bone a pereko. Re se ka ra iphitlhela re le mohiri o o kgalthegelegang fela *result and productivity*. *We must also invest* mo *staff morale, staff motivation* gore e tle e re kwa morago, ba tle ba ntshe maduo sentle. Ke gore, *there must be a judicial balance between...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ee, *quick, quick*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of elucidation*. Ee rra, ke tlaa dira ka boripana rraetsho. Go go tlatsa, se tota re tshwanetseng re itebaganye le sone, re fedise mowa ole wa bogologolo o e leng gore motho e ne e re a sa dire sentle e le mmereki, a bo a otlhaiwa ka go isiwa kwa Ngamiland. A bo a otlhaiwa ka go isiwa kwa Okavango. A bo a otlhaiwa ka go isiwa kwa Kgalagadi.

Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re di lebelele le go tsibogela dikgang tsa babereki ka bonako jaaka go na le dikgang tsa banyalani. Yo mongwe a isiwa kwa Tsabong, yo mongwe a bo a isiwa kwa Themashanga. Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re di lebelele thata. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ee rra, ke a leboga. Ke dumalana le tsone. Ke ne ke tsamaya fa goreng *in the public service, there is a culture* e e leng gore *we democratise the work place*. Re dira gore babereki ba gololesege, go se ka ga nna le kgokgontsho. Re letlelele gore batho ba nne le *innovation* le *creativity* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Mo go ya *corruption*; ke dumela gore *budget* e tshwanetse ya itebaganya thata le go lwantsha *corruption* ka boammaaruri. *We must strengthen democratic institutions* tse di lebagangeng le *corruption*, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) le *Ombudsman* ka ditsompelo tse di maleba le ka batho ba ba ka dirang tiro ka manontlotlho. Ke a belaela gore ba ba santseng ba le teng gompieno le tlhalelo ya ditsompelo, gongwe ga re ka ke ra tla ra fitlhelela maikaelelo a rona. Maikaelelo ke one a a molemo mme re tshwanetse ra a pata ka gore ditsompelo tse, di ye go goroga gone mo tseleng e e ntseng jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Mma ke fetse nako e setse e tšhaile. Ya Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS); ke buile ka *corruption*. Pego e e supa gore go

tlaa thatafadiwa DIS. Ke dumela *beyond that*, go tshwanetse ga nna le *reconfiguration* ya DIS, gongwe ya tlhatlhamololwa ya agiwa sesha ya lebagana le gore ditsompelo tse re di tsenyang mo go yone tse, di bo di lebagana le *the real intelligence...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke ne ke rile nako e tšhaile, o tlaa tla o tsena. Ke sone se re tshwanetseng ra lebagana le sone fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa *intelligence*. E bo e itebaganya thata mo dikgannyeng tsa *economic intelligence*. Merwalela yone e re neng re ntse re e bona e diragala *from a meteorological point of view and related*, re ka bo re sale re nnile le *fore warning* ka ba *intelligence* le ba bangwe gore re dire ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *We need to revamp this organisation and give it a good reputation and integrity. Unlike in the past* fa e ne e fetogile a *rogue institution...*

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa mme go raya gore o fela pelo, fa ngwana jaaka UDC a na le dikgwedi di le tharo, ga o ka ke wa solofela gore a bo a setse a abula, e bile a tsamaya.

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ya bofelo ke ya *broadcasting*. Ke a utlwa Tona gore o tlhoka ditsompelo tsa gore re ye go baakanya *broadcasting*. Ke dumela gore...

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Rre Hikuama, *responsible opposition* ke gore o reetse.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Le se ka la mo itaya tsebe *Honourable Members*.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke dumela gore mo *broadcasting, budget* e re ye go e dirisa *in a manner* e e leng gore *we are going to have a real public broadcaster*. Gakere *we are in Government*, ga go na sepe se se tshwanetseng go re kganela dilo tse di molemo. Re tsamaele gone koo, gore *budget* e, e lebege e nosetsa puso ya batho ka batho. *Budget* e, e lebege e nonotsha *institutions...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Monna yole o gaketse thata, mma re mo neele, o floga a lala a sa robala sentle.

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

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Point of elucidation.* Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mma ke go leboge Tona. Go na le ntlha nngwe fa o bua ka *staff morale*, gore a wa re go na le *incidents where people are subjected to multiple interviews for the job they were interviewed for* mme ba e kgonne, *the position* e bo e sa tle? Go go bo raya gore *they are interviewed again*. Se sengwe mongwame ka *morale*, babereki ba batla gore ba rurifalediwe gore *the P1, 500 wa local per diem*, Puso e ga e na go mo tshwara, e mo tsaya mo go bone.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke dumalana le wena gore go na le makgetho a mantsi, sekai; go na le babereki ba ba ikuelang ka makwalo a bone, *grievances and disputes*, ga a fetolwe. Go na le dikgang tsa go tlhoka *transparency* mo goreng go hirwa jang, go tthatlosiwa maemo jang, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo le *lack of parity* fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa *local per diem* gore ba bangwe ba a e neelwa, ba bangwe ga ba e neelwe. *We need to harmonise recruitment processes* le ditsamaiso fela tse dingwe jalo.

Babereki ga se gore ba beile fela mo mading, *they want a conducive work place environment where they can look forward to get to work*. Re tshwanetse ra dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *Bargaining Council* ya bereka. Ra dira gore *labour laws and policies* di nne *worker friendly*. Jaaka Tona a ne a tlhalosa ka *the process* ya *the collective labour agreement*, e e tsisang *the salary structure* e e tokafaditsweng. Ke dumela gore fa re dirile jalo, *employee morale, motivation* o tlaa thusa gore go nne le *productivity*. Di tlaa thusa gore go nne le *quality service delivery to the people, this value chain*. Ke re gongwe ke eme gone foo. Yo o santseng a na le *clarification* le sengwe, re thusanye mo motsotsong o o setseng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, ke ne ke utlwa ba bangwe ba ntse ba... Gape ke ne ke le mo moweng, ke raya gore ke goroge sentle.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Thank you Mr Chairperson, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the debate on this chapter. Mr Chairperson, this ministry sits at the pinnacle of this Government, so the culture it creates, the culture it espouses must radiate to the rest of the ministries. Therefore, if you allow me Mr Chairperson, let me just say *gore* I note at paragraph two what the Minister, the Acting President today says is the culture that they wish to establish. May I quote Mr Chairperson...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please do.

DR DOW: At page two the Minister says this, “Batswana want to see a comprehensive package of the reforms based on a firm commitment to meritocracy, accountability and innovation. This is a call to restore trust and good governance, revitalise the economy and attract investment as well as promoting equity through the provision of social infrastructure.” Mr Chairperson, those are lofty ideals, but they are attainable. The only question is whether or not, these beautiful words are supported by the actual budget itself. It is important to accept that what brought us here, what brought this country to this point, is not going to take us further unless we change and make a clear break from the past. We know that for many years our economy was growing. We also know that now for many years we have been sliding down. What will pick us up? I want to suggest Mr Chairperson, that it will be important for all of us to read what experts say about this economy. I want to suggest that we all read the Middle-income Trap Overview which is the report produced by the World Bank in 2024. It will begin to tell us, that what brought us here will not take us forward, and that it is at the seat at this ministry, that we must begin to change.

I also want to suggest Mr Chairperson, that we also read another report by World Bank. It says, Botswana Country Economic Memorandum in Search of New Drivers of Inclusive Growth.

I must also to say the drivers that they identified, exactly the drivers that the Minister talks about at page two, that we need innovation, we want to promote equity because when the society is unequal, we have problems. We want to promote infrastructure; that is actually the core of development. The question is, does this budget do that?

I want to suggest that it can, but I really want to say to the Minister, be brave, be courageous, break from the past. It was tough for Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) to break away from the past because it is always tough to get away from your old road, but cut your own road. For example, shock us and tell us for example, I am cancelling ISPAAD, and instead, if you want to be a farmer as an enterprise, come and get a loan. Instead I am drilling boreholes, I am allowing to drill boreholes around this country, because if you want to be a small farmer, you can farm in your own yard *kwa Mochudi, Kgomodiatshaba, Dikgonnye, Kanye le kwa Takatokwane*. I am not giving you any more money, so

you can go and sow into the fields and then come back to Mochudi because you did not pay for that. Be brave and tell us that, we would not like it, but you have to say that no, I must cut down on those kinds of spending that does not grow the economy.

Shock us and say to us, Oodi, I do not have the money but I would like to make the internal roads, but I am taking that money and I am building a road to Kgomodiatshaba-Dikgonnye because that road will actually promote economic development, but yours, you are going to suffer. I want another internal road in Mochudi, but if you tell me a choice between connecting Mochudi and Modipane, connecting A1 and Dikgonnye-Kgomodiatshaba, I would choose that because it will actually create jobs. I am going to go home tonight whether that road *e ntse jang kante e ntse jang*, but Dikgonnye-Kgomodiatshaba is not going to grow unless we build the road there. Where are we cutting? We must cut in areas where even if we are going to suffer, but we can live with that suffering.

You must tell us Mr Chairperson, that I am not going to be running an airline anymore, I am not running Air Botswana, I am selling it because why do I have it? Maybe it is liable Air Botswana, maybe I want to use it as a promotional thing, maybe for tourism, that is fine. Sell it to Ethiopian airline, they will buy it, they will be your airline, you can still insist that they fly your flag. If you look at these essential for example, I think 80 per cent is owned by Emirates, only 20 per cent is owned by the country. It still sells essentials.

You must say I would not be selling beans anymore, therefore, I am closing Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB). You want to buy beans, go to your shop, as a Government, I am not running shops anymore. I am not running Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) anymore, I am selling it. You want to sell a cow; I will regulate how you will sell your cow, to make sure that you can actually still sell to the European market and whatever market available. I am going to be in charge of licensing and regulation, but I am moving away from trading and competing with Batswana. We would not like it at first, but you have to ask yourself what would bring us forward.

Say to University of Botswana (UB), tertiary institutions from example, where is the connection between academia, commerce and economy? There is not any. How can you have innovation when you have a standalone institution that have not registered at all

to the economy? You must say and ask evenly to the Department of Law at UB, and say how come I have never seen Unity Dow lecturing just one hour? How come I have never seen Kapinga at the Law economics? So, where is the connection between what they teach and real life? Where is the practicals that people can bring to those institutions? Also, people graduate at 22 but have never worked; that is another thing.

I am saying the culture of your organisation, your ministry must inform all other ministries. I think, I may be wrong, that the agreement with Ministry of Education for example, for scholarship, says that we can not work, I may be wrong, maybe it is changed, but it used to say that. How can you actually say to young people, 'do not work, work off the camera at 22, and certainly, you are going to learn how to work. How can that be? Anywhere in the world you are encouraged to study and work, only in our country it says, in fact, you are forbidden from working. We need to change that.

You must also say Unity Dow, I am not sponsoring your child at UB, you can afford it, you have already benefited from the diamond industry, it took you to school, it gave you a good job, and now you are being a Member of Parliament, why should I be paying the school fees for your child? I want to support someone from Kgalagadi whose parents have not benefited in terms of the section of the area. I want to make sure that one day there is equality between the people of Chobe and the people of Mochudi, the people of Kgalagadi. The target is geographical, not just about an individual because at the end of the day, we are told that poverty reduction in this country has gone down while equality has even become...(inaudible)...

So, in short Mr Chairperson, you have to shock us. We cannot do things the way we did with the BDP, if we do not start now, we are going to get used to what is happening, and we will resist when we now want to come up with new programmes. We will become comfortable, and we are going to like these things. For example, there is no reason why Government should own cars anymore. Maybe your car, maybe the Speaker's car, maybe a few cars, maybe the President's cars of course, but not for example, council cars. Move away from that, let the private sector offer that. Give councils money for transport, we need transport services of private cars, or even a taxi. New member of the community on education, if you are going to issue a license or the

license officer, take the taxi, at the end of the month, or at the end of the year that money will be credited to you. Make sure that you can travel, and you do not need a council car, you do not need a BX car to do that.

So, in short let us do some differently, you can do it because you are starting on a clean slate, you are not bound by the culture of the past. In fact, your manifesto says so, your statement here says that you are going to do some things differently. Let us do it differently even if it hurts a little bit, and decide where are you going to cut; you must cut from those who have already benefited before.

People say the A1 when it was built, it was a major opening of the economy. Where else are the opening of the new economies? Small roads that have to go to other villages that actually could and...(interruption)...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *E go tshwere* Mother of the House.

DR DOW: I thank you Mr Chairperson with that.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Chairperson. Let me also thank the Acting President Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa for his presentation. In my presentation, I just want to start with a few things *tse e leng gore* they have got to do with Disaster Management.

It is my hope Acting President that as we are appropriating these funds for your ministry, one of the key things we are looking into is disaster management planning, especially prevention, looking into areas such as Gweta, Tsokatshaa and Zoroga. These are areas that periodically flood. *Ke gore* where you are sitting today, you know every six, seven or so years, you will have flooding that just comes in and it keeps coming. This flooding is not small in the sense that if you look into 2018, over 845 households were affected; that is over 4,000 people *ba e leng gore* their houses and other goods were submerged in water. Amongst this is like half of the Gweta hospital, and part of this *ke* sewage ponds *tsa yone tse e leng gore* when that happens, there is a high risk *ya gore* the boreholes that then water the village, are also going to be contaminated, and as such we may be faced with very serious health crisis which should have not been.

In the case of Gweta in those places, I have a strong belief and a feeling that it is not a natural disaster, it is actually a case of neglect. So, over the past years, the

administration has been neglecting that area so must that it does not matter what happened. It is my belief that with your budget, you are going to look at that area with the higher level of seriousness Mr Chairperson, than has not been previously the case. All that it may take would be to just channel the water that comes to the Makgadikgadi Pans, it takes a bit of commitment to have a major trench that just take the water away from these people. So, I hope it is something that is going to happen.

And then the next thing that I want to speak to, the location of the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA). I tried to look into any logical reason as to why it was brought to the Presidency, and to this date, I do not quite think there is much reason to not have it domicile with the Ministry of Health, where a lot of healthcare interventions in the country are. To this action, then you may have a duplicate of mandates that may lead to from time to time unnecessary conflict and even not very wise utilisation of resources. Having said that Mr President, since you are Acting President, the key question that I think you should ask yourself today *ke gore* what constitutes national security in the context of Botswana? I will go into that.

So let me just very quickly have two or three points as first, back to my constituency. The policy, you need to find a way to establish quickly a proper police station within the Nata-Gweta Constituency. You are speaking of a population of just about 35,000 people or more without a proper police station. *Kwa* Sowa you have 54 police officers who are using a three bed roomed house as an office and yet you expect these people to perform. I think it is just something that may lead to a lot of failure to perform and low morale. *Jaaka* Honourable Motsamai *a ne a bua*, it may be as well that people think if you transfer them to this place it is as if you are punishing them. I think we need to consider dealing with this.

The same applies to Nata-Gweta and Dukwi, your police stations in there are poorly maintained, *mo e leng gore le dipente di a wa mo mabotaneng*. So in your maintenance budget, you really need to go and attend to these ones because I have seen that we are really not doing enough.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le Tutume.

MR OOKEDITSE: Ga ke Mopalamente wa Tutume *comrade*, o tlaa tla o buelela Tutume.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR OOKEDITSE: Acting Mr President, back to the question; what constitutes national security? Everybody has been speaking about a new culture; this and that. I think your biggest problem right now is Botswana does not quite have a clearly defined national security strategy. So the starting point with this budget would be for you to proceed to put into place a national security strategy which will very clearly map your national interest, and it will also map up for you what constitutes the delivery *ya security mo Botswana*. It will also then help you *ka oversight gore* when we say we are providing security *mo Botswana, re raya re provide security jang e bile ga re a tshwanela go se provide jang*. A lot of the problems that we encounter with the DIS and their issues largely of strategy to deal with them, you need to redefine the strategic outlook of the provision of security in the country. And if you look into it, you would realise then that the money that you are asking for you need. I know Botswana *ba re madi a mantsi a isiwa kwa ditlhobolong le kwa go eng le kwa go eng*, but I want to indicate my support for your proposals. I support your proposals because like I have said, you need to go and ignite the national security strategy *se e leng gore* it costs money, and it will also mean *gore* you reallocate resources *ka tsela e e leng gore gongwe* has been unconventional. In most instances *fa re bua ka security*, Botswana *ba na le go bua ka security* from the absence *ya physical threats gore ga gona ntwana* so we do not need this. I think we need to realign what we are doing and start to demonstrate to our people *gore* the provision of security has been redefined away from the traditional centric approach *e e neng e bua ka security* and the absence of physical violence as like guns having been silenced. To an extent where now when you speak about the provision of security, you are also speaking about softer targets in terms of the wellbeing of our people. If you do a proper redrawing of your national security strategy, you then realise that your military, police service, your intelligence actually have a very important role to play in the delivery of the softer target for security and not necessarily *tsa ditlhobolo*. One of the things that have happened recently *ke gore e rile fa re nna le* these disasters *tse di ntseng di le teng*, you could see *gore* we desperately needed a properly equipped Botswana Defence Force (BDF) and Botswana Police Service *tse di ka tlang tsa thusa* Botswana during such times. So you need to redefine your approach to national security such that Botswana and others *ga ba bone* the BDF or the police as institutions *tse di nang le* the monopoly over

the use of force necessarily but *ba di bona* as institutions that actually can play a bigger role even when we are not at war. Be that as it maybe, what is happening in the world, if you watch events in Washington two days ago with the Ukraine and the United States of America (USA), a key lesson that came out *ke gore* every nation needs to be in a position where it can provide for its own security. You do not know what is going to happen when and you never know if you can depend on others at all times. So I support that you would be given the appropriations that you seek, with the hope and the trust that you will then put into place a very clear national security strategy. I keep repeating this because I think it is what is going to help you in terms of aligning our resources and everything else and in terms of also showing Botswana *gore* you need this money.

Acting President, in the absence of a clear national security strategy or policy, one of the key things that is going to happen is you are going to have the Botswana Police, the DIS, the BDF and all other institutions buy security contractors, everybody else doing something in the space *sa* to provide security. Then the synergies that are necessary will not quite be as clear as they should be, you will end up having DIS *e setse e tshwara batho e sa tshwanela go ba tshwara ka gore ga go na* very clear lines of synergy *tse di neng di tlhokafala*. Those things are lacking because the Government of Mabuse Pule was not very smart at putting a strategy into place, and I hope you are going to do better in terms of that.

Chairperson, thank you so much. I do support the proposals from the Honourable Minister. Thank you.

MR BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Mma le nna ke lemoge *Acting President Minister Honourable Rre Mohwasa*, mme ke tle ke itebaganye le pego e a re e beileng ya lephata la gagwe la *State President*. Ke a go nopola dintlha gongwe di ka nna pedi, di ka nna tharo tse ke tlaabong ke bua ka tsone.

Ya ntlha ke e e buang ka *public service*. Modulasetilo, mma ke supe gore re amogele maiteko a Puso a la ntlha a ka go tsosolosa Bargaining Council, le ka fa ba ikaelelang go tla go dirisana le makgotla a badirelapuso. Maikaelelo ke gore ka *April 2025*, ditumalano tse go supagalang di le mogogamoleele di bo di setse di ka tsenngwa mo tirisong gore *the Fan-Shaped Salary Structure* e tle e simolole *to take off*. Ke supe gore ke sebetse se molangwana, ke tlaabo ke emetse gore golo mo go diragale Modulasetilo, ka gore ka 2018 kang

e e simolotswe golo gongwe gone foo. Ke ne ke santse ke le mongwe wa batho ba ke ka bong ke rile ke tlogela Puso, golo mo go bo go le mo tirisong mme kamoso go tlolewa go bitswa Ntlole. Jaanong re se ka ra iphitlhela re le Goromente o mosha le rona re tloga re iphitlhela re gorogile gone foo. Ke kope Tona gore a tlhomamise gore *there is the Fan-shaped Salary Structure* e e sa bolong go nna go buiwa ka yone, kamoso gotwe go ntshitswe motho kwa Australia ba tsile go reng, ba tsile go reng, e bo e le gore ga e tsennngwe mo tirisong Modulasetilo. Ke kopa Tona gore a tsibogele ntlha eo. *We understand* e tlaa tla ka *an increased wage bill on the part of Government*, mme ke tumalano e re tsentsweng mo go yone ke gore re bo re fetotse Puso. Go tlaa re re bone gore *it takes off* gore badirelapuso ba tle ba bereke ba tiile moko ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ke ya go tsena mo go ya *persons with disabilities* jaaka le e kwadile Modulasetilo. Re leboege maiteko a Puso go itebaganya le banalebogole. Ke tlise e le kopo gore jaaka Tona o ne o supa gore e tlaa re mo Palamenteng e e tlang ya mariga le bo le tla ka Melao-kakanyetso e e baakanyang, *to overhaul* ka fa re tsayang banalebogole ka teng kana ka fa melao ya selebego sa gompiano, re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore banalebogole ba rona fa o tsamaya mo motseng mo, ke gore le yo o mmonang fela yo o sa tlhokeng gore e bo e le gore o moitseanape o mmona gore ke monalebogole, molao one fa o tla o mo leba o bo o tla o re yo ga a ntse jaana ga se monalebogole, mo e leng gore ba setse ba dumela gore *they are not recognised* mo *society* ya rona. Ke leboegele maiteko a gore Puso ya letsatsi la gompiano e supa fa e tlaabo e tlhwaafaletse dikgang tseo.

Independence of the DCEC; ke lebogela gore mafoko a a builweng ke Tautona *in his State of the Nation Address (SONA)*, le wena o a a supa e bile o a a gatelela gore re bua puo e le nngwefela jaaka re ne re tsamaya re ipapatsa gore *we are going to ensure that DCEC becomes independent. Totally independent body* e e ka kgonang gore e bo e dira ditiro tsa yone go sena *influence* ya *another arm of Government, which is the Executive*. Ke leboege e bile ke supe gore re emetse thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo Modulasetilo gore DCEC e nne *independent* mme e fiwe dithata tsotlhe le ditlamelo tse e ka kgonang gore e dire ditiro tsa yone, e bo e nne le meno a gore e ka sekisa, ya dira sengwe le sengwe ka fa e batlang go dira ka teng Modulasetilo.

Disaster jaaka fa bakaulengwe ba ntse ba bua, ke supe gore *the recent floods* tse di ntseng di diragala mo lefatsheng la Botswana, di supile fa e le gore ga re na

a disaster response team. Ke lebogela gore dipetso tsa ntlha tsa tlhologo di ile tsa diragala kwa kgaolong ya me, mme o ne wa tsaya matsapa *Acting President* go bona seemo. Ke kope, gongwe ke tlise e le kgakololo gore go a itshupa gore ka fa re ntseng re dira dilo ka teng, re ne re sa akofele diemo ka fa di ntseng ka teng. Gongwe ke tlise e le mogopolo kwa go wena Tona wa lephata gore a dikgaolo dingwe go nne le *disaster response team*. Ke gakologelwa gore ke ne ka nna le ngwana yo o neng a nwela mo metsing kwa kgaolong kwa o neng wa ya go gata teng *Acting President*, mme re tsere letsatsi lotlhe e le gore go santse go emetswe batho ba ba thumang gore ba tswe kwa Selebi Phikwe, ba bangwe ba tswa ka fa, go supa gore go na le *a deficiency that needs* go baakanngwa.

A go nne le *disaster response teams* kwa dikgaolong, batho ba teng ba ba tlogetseng tiro bogologolo ba ba tshwanang le bo Brigadier Mokgwathi, ba ba itseng ditiro tse ba le teng kwa dikgaolong. *They are underutilised*. A re boneng gore re dira *structures* tse di ntseng jaana, batho ba ba teng kwa dikgaolong, *we can easily find them*, e bo e re fa go nna le bothata jo bo ntseng jaana re bo re sa emele batho fela ba ba thumang gore ba tle go bona gore motho o fa kae, mme batho ba le teng foo ka gore ga ba na *authority*, ga ba a fiwa tetla ya gore ba dire ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke dumela gore diemo tse fa re ne re ka nna le thulaganyo e e ntseng jaana Modulasetilo, go ne go ka nna motlhofo gore re bone gore re a di akofela.

Ke ya go bua ka ya BDF. Ke leboegele madi a le a kopang gore lephata le la ba sesole le ye go thusiwa ka one. Ke na le dikampa tse pedi kwa kgaolong ya me. Ke utlwa botlhoko thata ka gore o kare ke batho ba ba lebetsweng. Ke na le dikampa tse ditona, kampa ya Taukgolo, Ranges kwa kgaolong ya me le e nngwe fa Ikongwe Base Camp, mme go nna bana ba batho gone koo ba e leng gore ba a thusa. Nna ke ba itemogetse fela malatsi a ntlha ke tsena mo ofising, diemo tse bontsi jwa tsone ke bone ba e leng gore ba a nthusa, mme ba a leka gore ba thusa, mme *they are running short of resources*. Dikampa tse di lemogeng, go nna batho gone kwa, ga ba ye kwa ba feta ba tswa Paje kana Pandamatenga, ba nna kwa.

Ke kopa gore mo *budget* ya gago Tona o bone gore le ba batlela boroko, le ba thusa thata, e tle e re re ntse re ba tsosa jaana, e bo e le gore mme fa ba nnang teng go *habitable*, ka gore nna tota ba a nthusa. Le gone jaaka o ne o supa le bone gore le a ba *facilitate* ka *resources*,

segolo jang dikoloi. Le maabanyane jaana ke bone ba ntseng ba thusa. Batho ba ba ntseng ba kaletse mo nageng ka kwa kgaolong ka fale, ke bone ba ntseng ba ba thusa, mme ke leboge ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ke tlaa tsena mo go tsa...

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

Elucidation. Mokaulengwe, ke tseela gore o e tshwere sentle. Jaanong ke ne ke batla gore o mphetise gore a o ka se ka wa dumalana le nna ka fa ke utlwang o bua ka teng, gore go ya go tlhokafala gore *culture* e e teng mo bodirelapusong, e bo e le gore re *focus* thata mo go ntsheng maduo, ka gore dikgang o fitlhela di diega thata? Fa o bua ka *resources*, o fitlhela e le gore dikgang tse di teng, batho ba ba tshwanang le ba bo BDF, ba a ngongorega, ga ba kgone go bona dilo tsa bone ka nako. Tota le bone ba e leng gore ba ne ba tlogetse tiro e le masole, ba santse ba ntse ba lela go supa gore ga ba a duelwa. Tota *in this new Government*, go ne go batla gore re nne le mo gotweng *speed of execution*. Dilo tse a e se ka ya nna go bua fela, go nne le *start and finish*, tse di ntsi o fitlhela e le gore re na le lebaka re di bua bo *disaster management*, mme ga gona *finish*. *Thank you mokaulengwe.*

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga *Assistant Minister Rre Nyatanga*. Tota o e bua fela tota jaaka e ntse. Bontsi jwa nako *with my little experience, we spend a lot of time talking*, re bua, re bua, re bua *and when it comes to execution*, go a pala, re lala nageng. Gompiano jaana *Honourable Minister* jaaka o bua, o tlaa dumela gore gompiano *we have inherited burden* ya masole ba e leng gore ba a kolotiwa. Ke tswa kwa kgaolong jaaka Rre Mabuse Pule a ne a supa, ke ne ke na le bokopano le bone, ba re, “ya go re tlholela kwa go *Minister* gore rona gatwe re beilwe fa kae?” Jaanong go botlhokwa thata gore dikgang tse jaaka di builwe jaana di a tsibogelwa.

Jaaka o ne o supa go nonotsha Botswana Police Service (BPS), rra, ke na le *police station* e nngwe e tona e teng fa, *a state-of-the-art police station*. Ke ne ke bona o supa golo gongwe mo *Page 21* gore *this budget will also fund the maintenance of existing police stations*. Ke na le *police station* kwa Shoshong, e e leng yone e *service* kgaoloya me. Re na le *police station* fa Dibete fale, le e lebe, bana ba teng ga ba nne sentle, ga ba na boroko, ga ba na le ditlamelo, mme ba mo A1, ba e leng gore ba theogetse gore ba re thuse bosigo le motshegare. Ke a leboga ka a le kalo ka re a *budget* e e fete Ntlo e e amogege.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Thank you very much Mr Chairperson.* Ke boile *Mr Chairperson* kwa ke neng ke ile go fitlha teng. Ke batla go simolola fela ka kgang e e builweng ke *Retired Major General Pius Mokgware* ya gore *security for any country is number 1*. Ke batla go bua gore ga ke dumalane le kgang eo gotlhelele. Selo sa ntlha *Mr Chairperson*, *is the economy of the country*. Fa o re *security is number 1, economy* ya lefatshe e kgautlhane, o ya to *secure* eng? *You are going to secure a shell* gore o *secure* lefatshe go sena *economy*, go sena eng.

One of the reasons why our security structures collapse or fail is because of the poverty, poor state of our economy. We have regional structures tsa bo Southern African Development Community (SADC) *standby force*. Re na le *continental structures* tsa African Union (AU), tse e leng gore ga ba kopane kwa diphutheng tsa bone bo Tautona ba maAfrica, ba a ikgantsha, ba bua bo African *solutions for African problems*, but ga go diragale sepe, ga go kgonagale ka gore ga re na se re nang le sone. Re tlaabo re bua re re African *solutions for African problems*, go tswa foo re ya go kopa difofane from Americans and French le Land Rovers from the British. So, *I want us to disabuse ourselves of this notion* ya gore *security comes first, it does not. What comes first is the economy, that is what we should focus our attention on fully* gore re tsholetse *economy* ya rona so that we are in a position to fund our security services.

There is no need ya gore re bo re tsaya *security agencies* tsa rona re di tsholeletsa kwa godimo mme re sa kgone go ba rekela le *uniform*. Bo Shangwari ditsala tsa me kafa, masole a bone a tsamaya ka makgasa, *because the economy has collapsed*. Ke batla go bua le wena *Honourable Acting President* gore, se se tlang pele ke itsholelo rraetsho, *because* fa o na le itsholelo ke gone o tlaa nnang le *security* se se itshetletseng. *Otherwise* o tlaabo a bua ka a *ragtag army*.

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

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

MR KAPINGA: Ae, *it is a question of priorities, what is it that you prioritise. You especially as a new Government* ga ke batle gore le tsweledise *the mind-set* e e neng e setse e agile mo bangweng ya gore gongwe *security* se tla pele. Re na le lefatshe le tshwana le Mauritius *they do not have an army, they have a very strong economy and they have the liniest paramilitary you can ever imagine, and they do not feel insecure. So*

rona re dira phoso ya gore re tshwanetse gore re nne le sesole se se tonatona, re tshlele madi mo go sone mme re se na one. *Unless you are in denial or not being honest in telling the nation* gore lefatshe le ga le na madi. Fa e le gore le mo boammaaruring gore lefatshe ga le na madi, *then you must take a decision* gore you should spend lesser and lesser on our security agencies.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): On a point of elucidation. Thank you Honourable Kapinga. I respect your much decorated security record, but I think we should put things in context, ke gore *fa o tsaya lefatshe* like Mauritius, it is just an island there, *e e leng* gore its issues and politics *ga di tshwane gongwe le tsa gago*. They have not quite had a border dispute *le ope*, have not been situated in the heart of Southern Africa, *ka nako ya ntw*a. So I think as an example it works, *mme* we must balance the economy and security.

MR KAPINGA: It is up to you, if you want to fail in your job as a new Government, go on and tell yourself *gore* security comes first, you are bound to fail, I tell you honestly. *Ke le bolelela* very honestly.

Sa bobedi se ke batlang go se bua; one of the things that I wanted to hum on *di builwe* ke Honourable Ookeditse, the national security strategy. Before I go there, I want to say to you Honourable Minister, you made a very big mistake as a Government and I hope you will not be too shy to reverse that erroneous decision *e le e dirileng* ya go *bolaya* Ministry wa Defence and Security, *le ya go o pega fa godimo ga maphata a a seng kana ka sepe, a a setseng a imela* Minister wa State President. *E rile ke bua e santse e le* your predecessor Honourable Kabo Morwaeng, I described the ministry as being monolithic, *go se na masole le mapodise fa godimo ga one. Jaanong lona le tswa go tsaya sesole le sepodise le tla go baya fa godimo ga* State Presidency. *Ga keitse gore la re le tlaa kgona eng?* You are going to fail Honourable Minister, I am saying this with utmost sincerity to you. You are going to fail as a Minister if you are going to carry the load *e ke e bonang e beilwe mo* ministry wa *gago, ga se matshamekwane*. These are big departments, heavy responsibilities, and *fa di bewa mo mothong a le mongwefela fela tsala ya me* Caesar Mohwasa... *kana ke na ke na le ngwana o bidiwa* Julius from Julius Caesar, that is why maybe I have a soft spot for you, so *fa di bewa fela mo mothong wa nama le madi*

jaaka wena, ke bona go ya go pala kwa pele Honourable Minister. You should just take a decision and reverse, *go nne le* ministry *fela o o itebagantseng le* Defence and Security. *O bo o lebagana le tse dingwe tsa tsamaiso ya Puso.*

Sa bobedi se ke batlang go bua ka sone, fa le ka bo le dirile National Security Sector Strategy *kana* that is high level policy *ya ga Goromente yo mosh*a. *Jaaka ke ne ke gatelela maloba le basha, le Goromente yo mosh*a, *le tshwanetse go bolelela setshaba* gore, what Themba Joina described as instruments of oppression, *lona le ya go di dirisa jang*. If you do that, it will compel you *gore le phatlalitse* DIS and restructure it *jaaka* Honourable Ookeditse *a ne a bua*. You cannot continue *ka* DIS *e ntse jaaka e ntse jaana, le bo le bua* *gore* you are strengthening it. How do you strengthen a rouge department? You want to make it a worse, a stronger rouge, you cannot do that. *Le ka bo le re bolelela* *gore*, you are increasing the budget to cater for reformation process *ya* DIS, not strengthening it. You could be speaking of reformation, transformation, not strengthening of DIS, *foo ga le direle setshaba sentle*. You have to rethink what you want to do with the DIS.

I am informed that governance in that organisation is very poor. *Go na le selo gatwe* Operational Funds Mr Chairperson. I am told they are given about P18 million at the beginning of the financial year and within four months that money is exhausted, and a budget that is supposed to cater for 12 months operation. *Ke ne ke le Mothusa Ramapodise*, I was responsible for the Operational Funds *tsa sepodise, tsa* Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Half a million pula (P500 000) *re ne re mo dirisa ngwaga o bo o ya go fela, mme re ntsha* rewards for information *ya di* murder, armed robberies, *ya eng*. To exhaust P18 million in four months is a reflection of utmost irresponsibility and unprofessionalism. As the new Government you have to show us *gore* you have the intention, commitment, the political will to turn things around. It cannot be business as usual. You have to change these things, otherwise there is no justification for having a new Government.

Ke batla go le raya ke re, bagaetsho budget *ya lona e ka bo a supa koketsego ya madi a a neelwang* DCEC *gore, setshaba se kgone go bona* *gore Goromente yo mosh*a *ka nnete o na le maikaelelo a go lwantsha tshenyetso-setshaba*. Honourable Minister, take your time, look at the budget *ya* DCEC, *e tshwantshanye le* DIS and tell me *gore* priorities *tsa lona di kae. Ga di le supe sentle. Ke a leboga* Mr Chairperson.

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

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Ke itewa tsebe ke monna yo a neng a tshwere maemo ka bokhutshwanenyana maloba. Ke kopa go simolola jaana Modulasetilo ke supe gore, ke batla go go akgola Motshwarelela Tautona gore o dirile se nna ke neng ke se solofetse. O re supegeditse gore Puso e batla go baakanya dilo tse re fitlhetseng di phesekane, di sa nna sentle. Selo sa ntlha se ke batlang go se lebogela, se se supang gore ga re beye sebete tshenyetso-setšhaba, o bua ka gore o sekaseka Corruption and Economic Crime Act. Ke mongwe wa batho ba e leng gore mo mabakeng a le mantsi le mo Palamenteng ya bo Lesome le Bongwe e ke neng ke le mo go yone, ke ne ke supa gore selo sa ntlha se re tshwanetseng go se dira fa re tlhoafaletse go Iwantsha tshenyetso-setšhaba ke go netefatsa gore DCEC e a ikemela. Ke a bona gore o ya gone koo, mme re tshwanetse ra tsholetsa dinao, ra netefatsa gore seo re se diragatsa ka bofelo.

E ntse e le kgang e ya go fetola dilo kana *the transformation agenda* e ke dumelang e bile ke itse gore re e tshwere, o a supa gape gore le ka fa re tsamaisang ka teng bodirelapuso, o fetola e bile o sekaseka molao wa Public Service Act. Ke dumela gore dilo tse di bothokwa, ga re ka ke ra emelela fela re itlhaganelela go tsaya dikgato, tse gongwe di ka re busetsang kwa morago e bile tsa re senyetsa kwa re yang teng. Re tshwanetse re dire mo gotweng *evidence based reform*, e re fa re ya go tsaya kgato re bo re itse gore re lebile kae, e bile e ya go thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ga ke batle go boelela mafoko a a ntseng a buiwa, a go go galaletsa mo kgannyeng ya Public Bargaining Council. Mo puong ya gago o tshalosa gore, o dira dilo tse tsotlhe go leka go tokafatsa *project delivery, productivity and service delivery*. Dilo tse di re tshwentse, e bile ke tsone tse gantsi di amang go ntshiwa ga maduo. Dikgaolo tse re di emetseng, batho fa ba akanya go ya kwa diofising tsa Puso ba a tshwenyega, e bile ba a ipotsa gore a mme ba tshwanetse go itshwenya ka go ya koo, ka gore maduo a ne a seyo. Dilo tse tsotlhe o di leba gape o bo o di tshwantshanya le kgang ya *staff morale* e e ntseng e buiwa ke bakaulengwe fa. Maemo a pereko a badirelapuso ga se one, e bile ke ne ke bona fa o ntse o bua fa ka fa o yang go tokafatsa ba sepoedise ka teng, ke bona go buiwa *police stations* tse di yang go agiwa le matlo. Ke utlwa bothoko, ga ke bone o kwadile gore batho ba Special Support Group (SSG) ba

ba kwa Maruapula, ba nna le wena re ba boneng ke na le Tautona, e bile wa rata go rothisa keledi o fitlhela ba nna mo ditanteng. Kana fa gongwe fa re bua batho ba re *we are exaggerating*, bana ba re solofetseng gore ba re sireletse, ba nna mo teng ga tante *365 days a year*...

MR MAPULANGA: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, tlaa ke go leboge motlotlegi. Mo kgannyeng e o e tshwereng eo, ke dumela gore jaaka re bua ka *bargaining council*, a mme ga re a goroga mo nakong ya gore Tona re letlelele gore le *security agents* tse di nne le *unions* tsa bone gore dikgang tsa bone di goroge ka nako, re kgone go di reetsa nako e le teng?

DR BUTALE: Ke dumela gore fa re ntse re sekaseka, ke yone megopolo e ke tsayang gore re tshwanetse go e leba. Gore a *to unionize* ga *discipline forces* ke selo se re se eletsang, se se ka diragalang.

Ke ne ke bua ka boroko jwa SSG jo e leng seemo se se ngomolang pelo. Re ne re tsena mo ditanteng tsele, ba mpoelelela gore fa maru fela a rwalelela ba le kwa ba leng teng, ba tabogela kwa SSG, gore mongwe le mongwe a ye go ema ka *corner* ya gagwe ya tante gore bogolo dilwana tsa bone di se ka tsa tsewa ke metsi, ke dipula tse di ntseng jaana. Tona, ke bua jaana ke khubame e bile ga ke itse gore ke dire jang, mo mading a *development* a o a kwadileng fa a re yeng go baakanya seemo sa kwa SSG. Kgang e e bothokwa thata ka gore seemo sa boroko sa badirelapuso ga se sone.

Maloba re bone, ke itse gore e tlaa tla e tsena mo *chapter* ya yone ya *Prisons*, re bone e le gore morwalela fela fa o tsena matlo otlhe a *Prisons* a ne a le mo metsing, e le mathata a a seng kana ka sepe. E ntsenya mo kgannyeng e ke batlang go bua ka yone ya *disaster preparedness*. Batho ba Modimo, re tshwanetse re *invest in proactive measures* tsa go itse gore fa re ya go nna le dibetso tsa tlhologo, re ya go di tsibogela ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke bone e le gore re lekile fa re lekileng teng, mme fela go ne go supafala gore go na le diphatlha tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ke bone kwa Maruapula, ke leboge lekawana le e rileng ngwana a tsewa ke metsi go sena ope wa bodiredi yo o neng a le foo, lekawana le la tlolela mo metsing ka o ne a itse go thuma a gaisa *Honourable* Moalosi, a bo a ya go tsaya ngwana yoo a mo ntsha mo metsing. Re mo leboge fela thata. Fela golo mo *has exposed us in terms of our lack of preparedness*, ke dumela gore re tshwanetse go baakanya.

Go na le dikgang tse di yang go tla Tona, tse ba neng ba mpoletela ba mpotsa badirelapuso ba ba senyegetsweng ke dilwana. Ba mpotsa gore jaanong re ya go dira jang re senyegetswe ke dilwana, ka gore fa e ne e le kwa ke ipeileng teng, gongwe ke ne ke ka amogela gore ke jelwe ke jelwe. Jaanong ka gore e ke kampa ya lona, e le tshwanetseng gore le ka bo le dirile *survey* la bona gore a ke fa go ka nngang batho, jaanong ke senyegetswe le ya go nthusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng go di leba. E ya *disaster preparedness*, e amana le gore *generally* re ya go tshwanela ke go sekaseka le fa e sa go ame, mo gotweng *storm water drainage* ya Gaborone. Ke mathata a a gakgamatsang.

Ke kopa go feta ka bofetshwana ka kgang ya banalebogole. Ke dumela thata gore e re mo tshekatshekong ya Disability Act of 2024 re leke thata, le *the establishment* ya *the National Disability Council*, ke a e lebogele. Re leke go lebelela dithuso tse re di fang banalebogole, go na le batho ba ba sa kgoneng go bereka ka gore ke batlhokomedi ba banalebogole. Jaanong motho yoo ga a kgone go bereka, ga a kgone go itirela sepe, mme fa a tla a sekasekwa gatwe o siame tsamaya o ye go bereka. *These things, we must look at and change.*

Ke batla go feta gape ka bofetshwana ka kgang e bakaulengwe ba ntseng ba bua ka yone fa. Ke batla go lebogela *the forensic lab* Tona, e o e dirang kwa Village. Golo moo ke dilo tse re di lebogelang, fa le ntse le dira jaana go ka re thusa mo dipatlisisong tse di tseneletseng tsa tshenyo e e tseneletseng e e batlang botsipa jo bo kwa godimo. Ke akanya gape gore fa re ntse re dira *reforms* tse mo bodirelapusong, re supe Motshwarelela Tautona gore go botlhokwa re nne le *timelines* tse re di ipeetseng tsa go netefatsa gore bodirelapuso bo a fetoga, bo ntsha maduo.

Kgang e ke neng ke e lebala ke ya *creative industry sector*, Tona *the creative industry is a multibillion dollar industry*. A re tswang mo go e lebeleleng *as entertainment*, re dire *creative industry policy* e e ka re thusang go tokafatsa, re netefatse gore e tlisa madi le ditiro tse e di tlisang mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF SPORTS AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Tanki Modulasetilo wa letsatsi la gompiano. Le nna ke tle ke kgwe Tona kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona gape e le ene Tautona Rre Caesar Mohwasa. Ke mo lebogele *budget* e a neng a tla ka yone, e e buang ka lephata la gagwe. Bagaetsho, ke tlaa simolola ka ya

banalebogole, e e buang ka *Act* e e gorogileng. Kana la bofelo fa re nna le *Act* e e buang ka banalebogole ke ya 1996, e bua ka *policy on care for people with disability*. Go a itumedisa gore re ne ra bona gore morago ga dingwaga tse dintsi banalebogole ba le *vulnerable*, ba sena se se ba sireletsang se se supang gore ke batho bangwe ba ba ka lemogiwang.

Re bo re ba lemoga re le Puso gore ba sirelediwe. Mo kgaolong ya me fa ke ntse ke e tlhola, mo Takatokwane banalebogole ke batho ba ba ka fa mosing thata. Bontsi jwa bone ga ba tsene sekole gotlhelele. Bontsi jwa bone ga ba na se ba se bonang. Dikgang tsa bo mmaboipelego ga di ba akaretse. Bangwe ba bone ga ba thusiwe ka sepe gotlhelele. Golo moo go bo go raya gore go ba baya mo diphatseng tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ke itumelela gore go na le *Act* e e lemogang *rights* tsa bone, gore ba tlhokana le gore ba nne le dithuto le bone, le gore ba tlamelwe.

Ka 2012 fa ke le Student Representative Council (SRC) *President* kwa University of Botswana (UB), ke kile ka dira *benchmarking* ya baithuti ba banalebogole. Ka ya go ithuta dilo di le di ntsi kwa Aferika Borwa. Bone ba na le White Paper 6, ke gore e le *policy* ya banalebogole e e itebagantseng le thuto. E bua ka monalebogole fa a simologa a le monnyennyane, go na le *specialists* tse di mo lemogang go tswa kwa bonnyeng jwa gagwe, go fitlhelela a nna mo seemong se a ka kgonang gore *rights* tsa gagwe a tlamelwe ka tsela e e mo siametseng. E bile o ya go fitlhela e le gore go na le ditalente tse di ntsi.

Maloba ke le kwa Kaudwane ka *December* fa ke ntse ke lekola kgaolo, go na le ngwana yo mongwe wa monalebogole, ga a utlwe mme o na le talente e nngwe e e gakgamatsang. O supa gore kwa sekoleng se a leng kwa go sone kwa Ramotswa, o a *performer*. Bontsi jwa ba bangwe ba ba tshwanang le ene, ga ba na tshono ka gore ga ba ise ba kgone go bonwa gore ba tle ba sirelediwe.

Gone kwa *Sport* kwa ke leng teng le mo *Arts*, banalebogole ka bontsi ba kwa morago. Fa o lebelela kwa *Arts Council*, o fitlhela e le gore ke lephata le le nnyennyane, ga le ba fe tshwanelo e e ba tshwanetseng. Fa re re, re ya kwa *Special Olympics*, ga re na *representation* e ntsi ka gore ga go na ope yo o ba lemogang fa ba leng teng. Ke itumela thata fa e le gore go tlaa nna le *the regulatory framework that will promote* gore ba nne le *accessibility* ya *resources* le dithuso ke Puso. Ke kgang e e leng gore ke a e amogela Tona.

Kgang ya Public Service Act kana *Public Service Management* e e leng gore Goromente o lemoga gore a kgone *to successfully implement the collective labour agreement of 2022*. To review Public Service Act ka bogone, *to recognise Bargaining Council*, go raya gore Goromente wa gompiano o a supafala sentle gore o lemoga botlhokwa jwa badirelapuso. O lemoga botlhokwa jwa *Bargaining Council* gore e tle e buelele ditshwanelo tsa babereki mo lefatsheng la rona.

Ke ratile kgang Tona e o neng o bua ka *Public Service Leadership Transformation Programme*, e e buang ka *employee engagement, service delivery, productivity* bogolo jang e lebagane le badirelapuso. Go raya gore *programme* e, ke a dumela thata Tona gore e tlaa fetola seemo se re nang le sone mo bodirelapusong. Se e leng gore fa gongwe o fitlhela e le gore kwa maphateng a mangwe, ga go na sepe se se diragalang. Go na le botshwakga jo bontsi, ga go na *morale*, ga go na thotloetso e e dirang gore badirelapuso ba ipone le bone ba ntsha maduo mo dikgannyeng tse ba di neelwang.

Ke ratile kgang e e leng gore *unions* di ne tsa dumela tota gore go sekasekwe *structure* se go dirisiwa *the fan-shaped salary structure*. Go raya gore ke *structure* se o kgonang gore o le mo C1, o kgone *to progress* le *salary* ya gago e lekane le motho yo o kwa D, mme o ntse o le foo. Go raya gore go lemogiwa gore le fa o le foo ka *salary*, mme gone re lemoga *experience* ya gago, *delivery* ya gago le botlhokwa jwa gago. O kgone go gola o ntse o le mo *scale* seo. Selo seo re a se amogela. Ke sone se se sa bolong go batliwa ke badirelapuso dingwaga tse tsotlhe. Ba batla gore ba lemogiwe fa ba dirang teng mo go Goromente. Ke dikgang tse ke di amogelang Tona.

O buile ka *creative sector*; e ke leng Tona wa Metshameko le Bodiragatsi. Le buile ka tsone, Mothusa Tautona le ene o buile ka yone mo *Budget Speech* gore o lemoga bodiragatsi. Se ke se batlang tota Tona se ke dumelang gore re tlaa golagana thata, re tshwanetse ra nna gaufi fa re bua ka *creative sector*. Re lemoga gore lephata la gago le a leka. Le dira maiteko a go godisa, re bo re le gaufi le wena Tona. Fa re ka nna gaufi le wena, re tlaa go thusa thata ka *implementation, monitoring and evaluation* go bona tse di tlaa ntshiwang ke *the creative sector*.

Fa re bua ka *National Fund of Funds* tse di setseng di builwe ke Tona wa tsa Madi, di raya gore re tshwanetse ra lebelela *the uniqueness* ya *the creative sector*. E *unique* go le kae mme e ka thusiwa jang go e godisa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a e amogela Tona.

Ke ne ke re dikgang tsa bo Steve Harvey, jaaka o setse o itse gore re na le dikgang tse di fa pele ga rona tse di buiwang ke bana ba rona mo lefatsheng la rona, gore a go *benefit* ga bone go lekane kana go kwa tlase. Re tshwanetse re nne fa fatshe, re di lebe. Re bone gore re a godisa le go feta fa re bua ka ditiro tse. Re ka dira jang gore bana ba Batswana e nne bone ba ba boelwang go feta ba bangwe.

Ke amogetse thata le yone eo ya gore jaaka re setse re buile gore re batla go nna le mo go bidiwang gotwe *state theatre*. E tlaabo e le gone kwa badiragatsi ba itseng gore kwa ba batlang go diragatsa ditiro tsa bone teng, ba ka ya teng e le *facility* e e dirilweng ke Goromente, e sa bolo go reriwa dingwagangwaga. Ke a itumela gore *finally*, re tlaa bona Goromente wa gompiano yo mosha a kgona *to implement* dilo tsa go tshwana le tseo.

Re bua ka *defence* Modulasetilo. Go raya gore fa re lebelela ba *defence*, re a lemoga sentle gore *initiative* ya *to develop defence* gore le ba thuse go itirela *ammunition* kana *equipment, protective ware clothing*, e kgone go dirwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Golo moo go ka thusa thata ka gore go ka *boost* itsholelo ya rona. Le a itse gore maSouth Africa ba na le *the Atlas Cheetah* e e dirwang kwa South Africa. Ga go pale sepe gore re le Botswana, re ipone re lora le rona re kgona go itirela *fighter jets* go boloka madi a re a dirisang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe.

Issue ya *Research and Development* e botlhokwa thata Tona. Re dire thata go tseneletse go bona gore re ka dira jang go tokafatsa mohama o wa *security* sa rona. Ba a lela badirelapuso bogolo jang mapodise le masole ka dikgang tsa boroko. Kwa Takatokwane ke selelo sa khuranyo ya meno mme e le gore ba letswa ke gore ba na le *serviced land*. E bile ba bua gore re ka thusa le bodirelapuso jo bongwe *to accommodate them* ka gore lefatshe la rona le *serviced*. Se se tlhokafalang fela ke go tsenya dikago gore re nne le tsone.

Re na le mathata a *stock theft* kwa kgaolong ya me *Mr Chairperson*. Ba dirwa ke gore, ga ba *capacitated enough*. Gone mo kgaolong, *cases* di a palamelela di le di ntsintsi. Go na le batho ba ba utswileng dikgomo di feta 10 mme *cases* tsa teng *have not been attended* go fitlha gompiano. Dilo tseo di dirwa ke gore, ba sepodise ga ba na *capacity* e e rileng. Ba ngongorega gore ba batla go tswa mo Dikgotleng ka gore *confidentiality* ya bone *is being tampered with* gore ba se ka ba *attend cases* tsa bone sentle. Ba kopa gore ba agelwe *offices* kwa ntle ga Dikgotla. A se ka a re a le kafa, Kgosi a bo e le kafa e le

gore ga a kgone go tsaya dikgang tsa gagwe sentle. Go raya gore mosekisi o kafa mme o a bega kafa, go bo go sa nne sentle. Ke dikgang tse ke emang jaana, ke ema nokeng *budget* ya gago Tona. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. *Mr Chairperson*, mma ke ipoeletse gape ke ntse ke le kwa *State President*, ke akgele mo Tshutisong e e ntshitsweng ke Tona Caesar Mohwasa. Ke ema fa le nna ke mo ema nokeng ka fa a begileng ka teng gore madi a gagwe a fetisiwe.

Ke na le dikakgelo di sekaenyana tse ke neng ke re ke di bue *before* ke tsena mo *debate* ya me. Go na le bothata Tona jo bo seng kana ka sepe, go lebega letamo la Bokaa le tletse gape le tshololela metsi kwa Kgatleng. Ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse ke ntseng ke di amogela ka ofising ya ga Molaodi.

Fa ke fetela kwa *budget* Modulasetilo, mafoko a me a tshwana le a ga Rre Kapinga. Ke ne ke lebeletse maphata a a welang ka fa tlase ga Office of the President (OP), a 16 fa e le gore ke badile sentle, *that is an overload*. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore gone mme ke eng se se gwetlhileng *Ministry for State President to adopt BDF le Police* ba ntse ba rwele bokete jo bo kanakana. E bile re a itse mo Pusong e e fetileng gore Goromente yo o mo setilong gompiano jaana, ke kgang e ba neng ba e buela ruri gore o kare Ofisi ya ga Tautona e tsere mokgweleo otlhe. Jaanong rona e bile re a tshoga *Mr Chairperson* gore jaanong fa *State President* e tsaya sesole le sepodise jaana, a e seng gore jaanong gongwe e tlaa ganelela mo Pusong re tshwanetse re ye ditlhophong ka 2029 ka gore ba tlaabo ba sireleditswe ke sesole le sepodise.

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

MR PULE: Re simolola re tshoga re re *what has actually urged the ministry* gore o tsenye sesole le sepodise mo tlase ga OP ka ke itse gore ke nngwe ya megopolo e boRre Motshegwa ba neng ba e kgala ba sa kgale mathe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order*. Nnyaa *Mr Chairperson*, ga re ka ke ra tlogela fela puo e e ntseng jaana, e e tlaa tsenyang Batswana mo tsietsing. Ya gore fa maphata a le ka fa tlase ga OP, a e seng gore jaanong e tlaa re ka 2029 re ganelele mo setilong. Ke re ke beye Rraetsho Pule kgang pele ya gore ga re ise re nne le maikaelelo ape a go tsaya Puso

ka dikgoka, kana a gore fa re tsena re ka ganelela mo Pusong. Fa re ne re na le maikaelelo a go rukutlha, re ne re ka rukutlha ka go tsaya Puso ka dikgoka, jaanong ga re na le fa e le ape maikaelelo a go nna jalo.

Gape o supa...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *I have noted your point Honourable Motsamai*, ke tsaya gore o mo ngangisanyong fela. O a itse gakere gore *even under the previous Government*, there have been instances where *Defence and Police* were in the Office of the President.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a go utlwa *Mr Chairperson* with *humble respect*, mme...

MR CHAIRPERSON: I have made a ruling...

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke kopa o ele maBCP tlhoko *Mr Chairperson*, e nna o kare ba go bolelela *how to make a ruling*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Motsamai, take your seat.

MR MOTSAMAI: *I am taking it*, o ba ele tlhoko.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, this debate is timed, and these points will waste a lot of our time, *go tlaabo go lela lona gore ga le a debate*. Honourable Pule.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga mongwame. Nnyaa, yo ke yo re fetang fela ka ene, ga a re sepe, le fa a buile jalo, ga se gore re mo utlwile *Mr Chairperson*, ga go na gope fa ke leng *out of order* teng...

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Pule*, se kgotlhe motshitshi.

MR PULE: Intshwarele mongwame. Modulasetilo, ke batla gore ke akgole Rre Mohwasa, mo *paragraph 3* o *clear* gore o gakolola Puso e a leng mo go yone gore bo *Minister* ba eme ka dinao. Ke dumalana le wena rraetsho, ka e bile ke etse tlhoko gore bo *Minister* ba gago rra ga ba tsene Palamente, jaaka o bona gompiano ba seyo jaana, o le fa o le *Acting President* ba sa go farafara. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse o tshwanetseng o di kgaleme gore ba eme ka dinao gore e re fa re lebagana le tiro e e tshwanang le e, fa e le gore *we really want to touch the ground running*, they should be actively involved in the governance e re leng mo go yone right now. Ke raya gore ke go akgolela mafoko a fela thata rraetsho...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Ga go na point of order, gakerere o a bona gore the front bench there is only two Ministers, that is what he is talking about.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba mo tirong.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Switch off that microphone. Honourable Pule.

MR PULE: Batho ba ba tshwanang le ba *Mr Chairperson* o nne o ba koba ba re jela nako.

Jaanong selo se sengwe se ke neng ke batla gore ke bue ka sone *Mr Chairperson*, ke akgola Tona gape mo kgannyeng e a neng a bua ka yone ya go akgola Puso e e fetileng gore e bo e dirile mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *collective labour agreement* ka 2022. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re neng re di batla. Se se leng teng, re batla gore dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse, di diragadiwe *Mr Chairperson*, ka gore tota tsela e setse e tlhagotswe, se Tona a tlaabong a se dira fela *is to make sure* gore *there is proper and timely execution* ya tse a tlaabong a batla go di dira gale.

I am worried about DCEC gore e bo e le kwa OP, tota ke yone fela e e ntshwenyang thata. Ke ne ke tsere gore e tlaa re fa Puso e ntšha e tsena, e netefatse gore DCEC e nna *very, very independent*. Ga ke gane gore go ka tswa go buiwa ka bo DIS le bo mang, *but* DCEC tota go bua nnete ga e a tshwanela gotlhelele e ka bo e le kwa OP. Ke re *Minister* a akanye sengwe se se botoka gore mo nakong e e gaufi, ba bo ba netefaditse gore *they make it independent from OP* ka gore re a itse gore fa go nna jalo, jaaka re ne re ntse re bua le dinako tse di fetileng, ba felela ba tsaya ditshwetso tse e leng gore *they will be under the influence* ya ba ba tlaabong ba le mo setilong. Jaanong a ko re leke ka bonako jo bo sa fediseng pelo bagaetsho.

Ke dumalana le Rre Lawrence Ookeditse fa a re *office* ya HIV/AIDS gongwe e tswe fa e leng teng e ye kwa *Ministry of Health*. *It is very, very important* gore go nne jalo ka gore fa e dirile jalo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR PULE: I yield Mr Chairperson.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of elucidation*. Ke re raboipelego yo ke mo tlotlang, ke go tlhomamisetse gore

under the UDC, letshwenyego la gago le *temporary*. Ke go reye ke re o bua sentle gore maphata a mangwe a tshwanetse go tswa ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga Tautona, mme ke go tlhomamisetse gore selo seo, o se sekaseke mo mekwalong, o tlaa se fitlhela, sa gore a a tswa. *It is a temporary arrangement* jaaka o itse gore re baakanya melao gore Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) le yone e ikemele e ye fale, DCEC e ikemele fale le yone. Ke tsaya gore dilo tse tsotlhe di tlaa nna molemo morwarre, ke a go tshepha ke a itse gore o raboipelego yo o tlotlegang.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, ke a leboga sware sa me. Kgang e ke neng ke batla go bua ka yone Modulasetilo ke ya *disaster management*. Ke bua fela jaaka ba ba setseng ba fetile Tona, ke re kgang e ya *disaster* e batla go emelwa ka dinao. Ke bone *experience* e re nnileng le yone kwa Kgatlang e e leng gore le gompiano re santse re na le yone. Thatathata Tona, ke a go rapela, ke kopela batho ba Kgatlang East Ofisi ya ga Molaodi kwa *sub-district* ya rona e e kwa Mmathubudukwane. Re nne le a *fully-fledged office* e e tlaa lebanang le dikgang tse di tshwanang le tseo ele tsa kgaolo ya Kgatlang East.

Ke a e kopa *as soon as possible*, ke dingwaga go ntse gotwe go tlaa tlhomiwa Mothusa Molaodi kwa Mmathubudukwane, mme ga go diragale, ga re itse gore gatwe go diiwa ke eng.

Mr Chairperson, go na le kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go e gatelela ka gore le nna fa ke tsamaya mo kgaolong, masole ba pele ba ba kolotiwang ke Puso, ba a mpotsa gore rra, ka jaanong Puso ke e e ntšha lona le le maDomkrag ga le a kgona, re duelwa leng? Fa o bona Rre Mokgware a ne a eme ka maoto jaana, o a itsheka, le ene o a a batla...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR PULE: O a a batla madi a ka pelo e e botlhoko. Jaanong ke re gongwe kgang e a re e emeleng ka dinao *because* go bua nnete, *I am sure* o na le *experience* ya kwa America mo o fitlhelang *the veterans* tsa masole fa gongwe *they turn themselves into cartels* kana digongwana tsa borukutlhi. Dilo tse di dirwa ke gone gore batho e bo e le gore se Puso e tshwanetseng go se ba neela, ga e se ba neele ka nako, e bo e re *in the meantime* e nna bone ba thukuthang dibanka *because* ba a itse gore go motlhofo fa kae, ga go motlhofo fa kae.

Fa ke wela *Mr Chairperson*, ke batla gore ke bue ka sepodise. Ke akgola sepodise sa Botswana ka kakaretso, ke bo ke akgola le sepodise sa kgaolo ya rona ya ka kwa Kgatleng East gore se a bereka. Jaaka batho botlhe ba bua, ke lemogile gore mo ngwageng o o neng o fela, mapodise ba ne ba rekelwa dikoloi fela ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. *That is not enough*. Jaaka go ne go buiwa, *we need more equipment* e e dirisiwang ke mapodise *especially* fa ba dirile *roadblocks because these people have got challenges*. Kgomokhumo *for instance, it needs more officers, because* bogodu jwa leruo kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Kgatleng bo kwa godimo fela thata.

I was surprised maloba ke utlwa gotwe bangwe ba mapodise a Kgomokhumo jaanong le bone ba bonwe melato mengwe e gongwe ba neng ba berekisana le magodu a dikgomo e bile ba seegetswe fa thoko. Tona, ke kopa gore mapodise a Kgomokhumo a ko ba fiwe *a thorough training le discipline* ya go itse gore tiro e ba e tshotseng, ba tshwanetse gore ba e dire ka matsetseleko le manontlhotlho. Jaanong ke ne ke re kgang e fa re ka e emela ka dinao Tona re ka itumela thata.

Modulasetilo, ke wetsa gape ke re ke santse ke kopela batho ba motse wa Dikwididi *police station* e ba e solofeditsweng gore e agiwe. Ke utlwile maloba go ne go buiwa gotwe ga gona madi e tlaa tsena mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Ke kopa gore fa e le gore e tlaabo e tsena kwa NDP 12, *let it be prioritised* ka gore *very soon* fa tsela ya Modipane-Mabalane e wela, motse wa Dikwididi o tsile go nna a *peri-urban centre*. E tlaabo e raya gore le melato ya teng e a oketsega, borukutlhi bo nna kwa godimo jaanong ga re a tshwanelwa gore re welwe, re tshwanetse re ipaakanye nako e santse e le teng. Ka mafoko a a kalo Modulasetilo, ke ema Tshutiso ya ga Tona Mohwasa. Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo wa Ntlo ya letsatsi la gompiano. Le nna ke leboege Tona tse a re di beileng fa pele, bogolo jang fa a buang ka maikaelelo a go dira ka bonako batho ba batla go bona diphetogo. Ke dumalana le wena. Le fa o bua ka *meritocracy*, ke tsaya gore ke sengwe se Tautona a se buileng.

Ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke le gakolola tse dingwe bo *comrade*, tse le neng le di bua le santse le le ka kwano. Gakere le a itse gore fa go nna go tlhophiwa maemo re ne re sa dumalana le gore go tsenngwe ka sepolitiki re re a batho ba iteke ba tsene ka bokgoni. Ra kgala thata fa Domkrag e tsisa *Chief-of-Staff* le re tiro eo e ka dirwa ke Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP). Jaanong re

boleleleng gore botlhale jo le bo boneng mo Pusong bo le reetse jwa reng gore Domkrag e ne e dira sentle, le ne le sa bone sentle mo kgannyeng e? A re ya go tsamaisa ka *Chief-of-Staff* le PSP go ya go ileng kana ke jaaka le bua le santse le tsena mo Pusong le itshekatsheka? *I think you need to come outcome out, come out clear*.

Sengwe se Rre Mohwasa se o kareng o lebelela *budget* wa itse gore a e ke ya Domkrag, Domkrag o ne o itse gore nako le nako fa e dira *budget* sesole se tshwanetse go bona madi a a kwa godimo thata go feta sepodise. Ba tsile ba le bantsi Mapalamente a Botswana National Front (BNF), nna ke ne ke tshela ke tla go reetsa gone fa. E le kgang ya bone e tona, golo ba go robetseng ba a ipotsa gore a ke yone jaanong Front e e tswedisitseng thulaganyo ele. *In difficult economic times* go botlhokwa gore o bone gore madi kwa o a isang teng, ke kwa a yang go godisa itsholelo. Ga ke gane gore sesole se na le tse se di tlhokang mme go botlhokwa gore mo nakong ya gompiano e bo re itse gore *every Pula that we pass here, we prioritise* kwa go yang go gweltha itsholelo gore e gole. *A lot of time budget* ya sesole ga e gwelthe itsholelo *but* fa o lebelela gompiano ka fa wena o abileng ka teng, ke gore P12 *billion* wa *recurrent, almost half; P6 billion* o ya kwa BDF.

Fa re ya kwa *Development Budget* o tshotse *just about* a P3.6 *billion*. *Of the P3.6 billion, P2.3 billion goes to the BDF*. Mo go P2.3 *billion* yo, P1.2 *billion* o ya kwa difofaneng tsa *fighter jets* tse re kileng a bo re di kgala thata re santse re le mmogo. *Get me right*, ga ke re ga ke batle sesole se nna teng kana se bona madi, *but the timing*, re tsamaisa *budget deficit*, tlhalelo ya madi.

Mme Mma Dow ke batla go adima ka fa a neng a tlhalosa gore *deficit* go tewa eng. Go tewa o le mo shpong o kgarametsa mmanki o rwele dilwana tsa P200.00 mme mo kgetsing o na le P100.00. O rapela gore e ka re ke ntse ke dikologa jaana ka bona mongwe a ntlaletsa. Rona re a tlhalelwa re batla go ya kwa sesoleng.

The DIS; tota *Honourable* Mohwasa gore e bo e le gore le *police* e bona mo go kwa tlase ga DIS, o raya gore re ne re ka se ke ra tsaya tshwetso ya gore *while* le santse le sekaseka... Kana DIS *essentially* e ntse e le serukutlhi mo teng ga Puso, madi a nyelela koo, ga go dupiwe dibuka. Ke bone dipampiri dingwe tse di supang gore motho o kgona go beelwa monwana *over Five Million Pula* gotwe re a mo mo neela ke yo, o ne a romilwe sengwe se se botlhokwa se sa tlhatlosiwe.

So gompiano re tsaya *Five Hundred and Thirty Million* Pula ra re ke *Development Budget*. Please, reflect tonight Honourable Mohwasa gore a mme o ka se ka wa emisa *all new development projects* tsa DIS go fitlhelela re itse gore gatwe go diragala eng? Se latlhele madi mo mosimeng o re ntseng re o itse gore ke one fa go senyetswang teng ke Puso fa e le ka fa tlase ga tsamaiso ya DIS.

Go bo gape le bogogi jwa DIS bo e leng gore tshenyo e yotlhe e ntse e diragala ka fa tlase ga jone, jaanong ga le kgaogane le bone le batla go tsamaisa le bone. Go a re belaetsa ka fa le batlang go dira ka teng.

My two final points under BDF should have been this; these huge budgets tsa BDF re na le history e telele ya gore procurement kwa BDF e na le mathata. Re na le dipotso tse di boditsweng ke bangwe ba santse ba le ka kwano, ba ka koo gompiano; ba batla investigations gore go ye go tlhotlhomisiwa ka fa dilo dingwe di neng di rekwa ka teng. Ga ke itse gore a le santse le le foo, mme go le gantsi se ke se itseng ke gore procurement BDF le bone bo DIS fa o re o a botsa, o utlwa gotwe national security. We cannot explain, ga re ka ke ra bua gore ke eng re dira jaaka re dira jaana ka gore we compromise national security.

The last one under BDF ke yone ya gore a re fokotseng ceremonial functions, we are in difficult times, dipaka di thata. I am sure gore go na le budget fela kwa BDF e e leng gore ke ya go nna go folwa kwa airport fa Tautona a emelela. Mafatshe a le mantsi a tlogetse golo moo. Le Puso e ntšha, re a itse gore Tautona ke ene Ramasole but gore nako le nako e bo e le gore go metsaletsele go ya go folwa kwa ka gore Tautona o a emelela, we can do without these things. You see these small things add up to a lot, nna e bile I will go further and say fa e santse seemo se ntse jaaka se ntse jaana, le dilo tse di tshwanang le bo BDF Day re name re di emisitse because re a tlhalelwa.

Retired Presidents; go na le debate e e tswelentseng kwa America ka the costs of retired Presidents. There is a whole lot of literature e e buang ka the cost ya retired Presidents.

Maloba pampiri nngwe e supile gore Puso e rekile Ntlo ka P17, 000 000.00 for Former President Mokgweetsi Masisi. Ke kopa gore o tswe molomo mo kgannyeng e fa o fetola, gakere ga a na tshwanelo, o na le tshwanelo mme bagaetsho a re ne re itse gore P17, 000 000.00 to accommodate one family mo pakeng ya itsholelo e re leng mo go yone ga se gone. Go na le matlo a le mantsi a Puso a a neng a ka dirisiwa gore a fetolwe go nna bonno jwa ga Tautona.

Ka fa tlase ga Puso ya ga Tautona Masisi, go ne ga rekwa *building behind State House, I think nne gotwe the former Sweden House*. E sa le e rekwa over P10, 000 000.00, e bo e tlogelwa fela foo ba e itebatsa. O raya gore yone eo e ne e ka se ka ya baakanngwa gore a Tautona a ka se ka a tla go nna mo go yone, a bo re ya go reka Ntlo ka P17, 000 000.00? Ke tlaabo ke go emetse go utlwa gore wa reng ka kgang e.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa *clarification*.

MR SALESHANDO: Kgabo, a re e tseye ka bonako.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga tsala ya me LOO. Ke ne ke re ke botse mo kgannyeng e ya Ntlo ya ga Tautona gore kana ke itse gore mo nakong e e fetileng go ne gotwe o reketswe *caravan* e ntletle e e kana ka kago e re leng mo go yone e. A o ne a ka se ka a nnanna mo go yone?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR SALESHANDO: Kgang ya *drug abuse, you know* re mo mathateng, *I am not convinced* gore ka fa *drug abuse* e anameng ka teng, Puso e dira mo go lekaneng. Ke gore ga ke kgone go tlhaloganya gore *in a population of just about three million people*, ditagi di ka tsena ka bokete jo bo kana *with all the agencies we have* tse di ka bong di kganela, ga go na se re ka se dirang? Go tshwara ba e leng gore ba a di dirisa, ga go re thuse, o tshwanetse o tshware ba ba di tlišang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *If you do not arrest* bone ba e leng gore ke bone ba ba di tlišang, ga go na gope kwa re yang teng, ba bangwe ba tlaa tswelela ba ntse ba di dirisa.

Ya bofelo, gore o lwantshe *corruption*, selo se se tona ke gore o tlise le *culture ya transparency* gore dilo di nne motlhofo go di bona. Fa o botsa o ka bona karabo ka bonako. *In some countries, I think one of the Scandinavian countries, diary ya President, weekly diary, it is a public thing*. O a itse gore fa go le *Tuesday*, Tautona gatwe o na le *meeting* kae, o dira eng, *Wednesday* o dira eng. Rona ka *Christmas* batho ba ne ba re botsa gore Tautona o kae? Go ne go sena yo o itseng, go fitlhelela mongwe a re raya a re o kare gatwe o kwa Cape Town. Gompiano bangwe ba a re botsa gore fa Motlotlegi Rre Mohwasa a latswitswe ke tlhware *in the language of Domkrag*, Mothusi wa ga Tautona o kae, rotlhe ga re itse re nna re ntse re botsana re sebaseba re re ga re itse gore o kae. *Let us introduce a culture of transparency*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Pheny Segokgo.

MR SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): Modulasetilo, tota *I think it is high time we address an elephant in the room, the political-administrative dichotomy* e nngeng Woodrow Wilson a bua ka yone ka 1887 gore tota mapolotiki *in the Executive arm of Government* ba felela fa kae le gore *technocrats* ba felela fa kae. Ke ne ke ka dumalana le Tona fa a ne a ka re o ka tsaya P5 million a mmeela fa thoko *so that* re tle re kgone go dira *the study and the assessment* ya *the public service* ya rona gore *how can we restructure it* gore go tle go kgone gore go lebagane. *This thing has been going on for the past three decades.*

If o gakologelwa *the conundrum* e e nngeng *the former President* Mogae a na le yone le *the former Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP)* ka nako eo, Molosiwa Selepeng, e ne e le ka tsone *issues* tse. *The former President* Dr Ian Khama le ene o feletse a nna le *the same conundrum*, a felela e bile a tsaya PSP wa gagwe a mo tsisa mo sepolotiking e le gore o leka jalo gore gongwe o ka leka gore a mo fokotse *muscles*, ke raya rona *the political analysts* fa re e lebelela re le kwa ntle re e bona ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *The immediate former President*, le ene *the same thing*, re itse gore go diragetse eng maloba fa a tswa. So, tota *this dichotomy* e tshwanetse gore e tle e kgone gore e rarabololwe jaaka nne Woodrow Wilson fela fa a bua ka *the normative relationship between politics and the administrative arm of Government* gore totatota ke bomang ba e leng gore ba na le *powers* mo tsamaisong ya Puso. *Do we have Permanent Secretaries* ba e leng gore *they are over powerful? Are they usurping their powers the Minister* kana go ka diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang? *I think that is the elephant in the room* gore re tle re itse gore tota ke mang yo e leng gore o *in control*. Fa re *inherit the Westminster System*, re ne re e *inherit* ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Segokgo, *ba* Recording *ba re o atumetse* mic, like that, yes.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke ne ke utlwa maloba o re omanyana *Mr Chairperson* gore o kare re tlaa o metsa mic o.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SEGOKGO: So, *I think* ke yone *issue* e re tshwanetseng gore re e *address*. *We understand* gore Max Weber o buile ka yone, Frederick Taylor le ene o buile ka *this political-administrative dichotomy*.

Fa re sa e *address* gompiano, re ya go nna le *a public service* e e *polarised*, e e leng gore *we may have* motho yo o nang le *similar qualification* a amogela P80,000 kwa CEDA, yo e leng gore o ne a mo *recommend* kwa

Ministry wa Trade ene a amogela P30,000. So, *we should address an elephant in the room* gore re itse gore totatota gatwe ke mang yo e leng gore o *in control* mo tsamaisong ya Puso. *That is number one* Modulasetilo.

Sa bobedi, *the reason why* ke rialo ke gore gone jaana *the Minister of Local Government* o tsamaya lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, *he is doing a wonderful job* a bua ka *the devolution of power, Decentralisation Policy* gore e tla ka *the 1st April*. Mme o bo o ipotsa gore fa e le gore ke *decentralisation* ya *structures* tsa *Local Authorities*, re ya go dira jang ka *structures* tse e leng gore ke tsa *Central Government*? *For example*, Tlokweng e sale e nna *a fully-fledged district* go simolola ka 2023 *but as we speak*, re santse re na le *officers* ba ba santseng ba *report* kwa Ramotswa kwa e leng gore re ne re kgaogana le ba teng. *We still have a District Officer, Development* yo e leng gore *is packed at D3* mme go ntse gotwe *we are a full district*. Re na le *a population of 57,000*, mme *office* ya rona ya Omang *is a satellite office*, ga re na le yone *Office ya labour*. So, fa o utlwa ke re *the devolution of power* e re e buang, fa nne gongwe *the Minister for State President* a ka tsamaya *in concordance* le *the Minister of Local Government* gore re se ka ra bona *a certain sect of the Government* yone e le gore *it is fully devolved or fully decentralised* e nngwe yone e le gore *it is not decentralised*. Gape *it is high time* le tsone diofisi tsa bo *District Commissioner* gone kwa dikgaolong di nna le *Records Officers* ka gore re ya go felela e le gore re nna mo *crisis* e tona thata e le gore gatwe *we are a fully-fledged district* mme go sena *Records Officers* gone mo diofising tseo. Professor George Shambaugh fa a bua ka *the economic warfare*, ka nako e e leng gore e ya go tla *in two or three decades* ka *cold war*, o ne a bua ka nako ya gompiano gore go ya go felela e le gore go diragala tse re di bonang.

The economic strive se re se bonang gompiano, *we are going to have a threat* e e leng gore *it is an internal threat than threat* e e leng gore gongwe re akanya gore re ka tlhaselwa ke bo Namibia kana South Africa. *The threat* e e leng gore re na le yone gompiano thatathata e e leng gore e tshwanetse gore *resources* tsa rona tse tsotlhe re di lebise teng, ke *the internal threat* ya banana ba e leng gore ga ba na ditiro. Ke yone e e leng gore *eventually* e tlele go felela e le gore e ya go re direla mathata, ke yone *the major security threat* e e leng gore Professor George o ne a bua ka yone gore re tlele go e bona mo nakong e e tlang, re tlaabo re na le *internal strive*, e le gore mafatshe a re bapileng le one ga a ka ke a felela e le gore a re *threaten* ka bokete.

Jaanong tota ke dumela gore a *lot of resources* tse re nang le tsone, re tshwanetse gore re di *channel* gone koo mo *issues* tse. Ga ke kgone gore ke wele sentle ka gore ke lebile nako Modulasetilo gore e tshwanetse gore fa e re 7 o'clock ke bo ke wetsa. Mme gone ke ne ke di pakile sentle, ke tlaa paka yone *three minutes*-nyana ene o gore kamoso ke tle ke tsoge ke di feleletse sentle fa ke tlaabo jaanong ke di wetsa sentle Modulasetilo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members, may I go back to the Assembly.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Honourable Members, as it is now 7 o'clock, I shall now call upon Leader of the House, Acting President, to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):
Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:01 p.m. until Tuesday 4th March, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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