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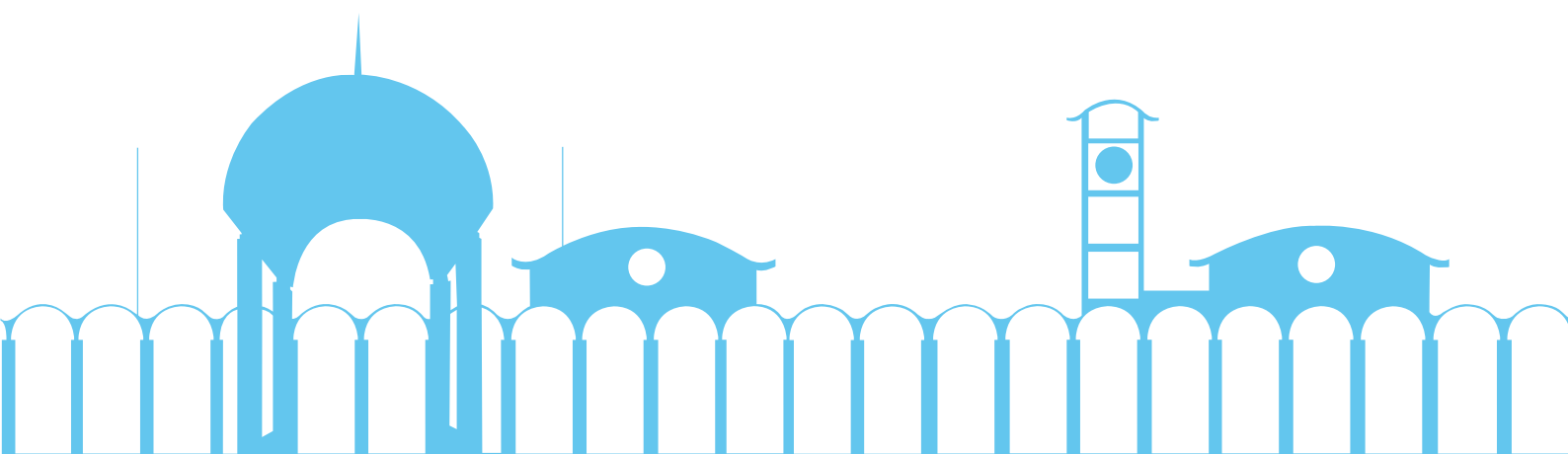
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Monday 31st March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, good afternoon.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Afternoon Honourable Members, I hope you had a restful weekend. Honourable Members, I have few announcements, the first; I do not see the letter here but I am in receipt of a letter that Honourable Dr Butale is Acting Leader of the House in the absence of Honourable Mohwasa. The second one is just to draw your attention to the addenda, there is addendum on the statement by the Minister of Minerals and Energy. There is also an addendum on the Bill that you discussed in the General Assembly *ya* Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Amendment Bill. *Ke yone ele ya* Smirnoff...

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

MR SPEAKER: So, I was just drawing your attention to those, so that *fa e le gore ga le ise le di bone, le di bone le tle le di ipakanyetse*. The last announcement is that I do not know if I will chair the first part of the sitting tomorrow or not, but I will be away with other Members of Parliament (MPs) for the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), myself and Leader of the Opposition (LOO). We will be departing tomorrow. The first delegation in the morning, the second one in the evening, so those are the announcements. Having said that, let us start the business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

WATER RETICULATION IN TLOKWENG

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement:

- (i) if he is aware of the water reticulation problem at Maratanang, Letlapeng and Maratadiba wards; and

- (ii) if it is possible for his ministry to facilitate those who are willing to go an extra mile to connect their homes to the water reticulation system using the syndicate model.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Dumelang *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise ka boikokobetso rraetsho. Ke tsaya ke re ke potso ya Mopalamente wa Tlokweng, morena Segokgo.

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, lephata le a itse ka seemo se se sa wetseng dibete sa phatlalatso ya metsi mo motsaneng o Mopalamente a buang ka one wa Marataditaba...

MR SPEAKER: Maratanang...

MR MOTSAMAI: Maratadiba...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai...

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

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motsamai, potso e botsa ka motse wa Tlokweng le dikgaolwana tsa Maratanang, Letlapeng le Maratadiba, ga se metsana.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ee rra, lephata le itse ka seemo seo *Mr Speaker*. Seemo se se bakileng gore gongwe go bo go na le tshalelo morago ya phatlalatso ya metsi ke gore peo ya metse e, e beilwe morago, jaanong go santse go le mo tlhomamisong ya gore go tle go itshetlelwe go phatlalatsa metsi mo motseng o...(Interruptions)... Kana fa gongwe re araba ka go farologana ka gore rona ka segarona fa o fitlhela batho bale foo wa re ke motse, fa batho ba nnang teng. Yo mongwe a re ke motsana, yo mongwe a re ke motlaagana. Ke raya gore e re ke ntse ke araba *Mr Speaker*, go bo go tsamaelana.

- (ii) *Mr Speaker*, Dikgotlana tse dingwe tsa bo Maratanang, re itse ka seemo sa teng, mme e bile go itse ga rona go supa seemo sa metsi mo motsaneng eo, e le seemo se se siameng, ka le ba malwapa ba gokeletswe metsi mo malwapeng a bone. E ka tswa e le tlhalelo fela e e ka diragalang kana e e diragalang gongwe le gongwe jaaka le itse gore go a ne go kgaoga motlakase, go a ne nako e nngwe metsi a sa welelele sentle, mme a bo e le yone tlhalelo e gongwe go buiwang ka yone.

Gongwe go oketsa se *Mr Speaker*, go nnile le gore lephata le tsiboge ka go aga *standpipes* di ka tshwara bosupa go leka gore baagi ba se ka ba nna le bothata jo bo feteletseng. Go na le kgang e nngwe e e supang dikgang tsa Maratadiba tse gongwe Mopalamente o ne a batla gore go tlhalosiwe ka dingongora tsa gagwe tsa tlhalelo ya metsi. Kgaolo ya Maratadiba e kwa morago ka lebaka la go phatlaleliwa metsi kana go isediwa metsi ka *standpipes*. Kgang e tona ke gore go santse go le mo dipuisanyong le morafe gore morafe, Kgosi le Village Development Committee (VDC), *prepaid standpipes* di ka bewa fa kae gore di nne mo tlhokomeleseong di bo di dirisiwa sentle. *In a nutshell*, lephata le na le kutlwisiso e e tletseng ya gore gongwe le gongwe fa batho ba leng teng, go bo go ka bonwa gore ba isediwa metsi, bogolo jang motse o tshwana le wa Tlokweng, go tlharamololwe *pipes* tsa metsi, go agiwe sesha, batho ba bone metsi ka phuthologo. Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. O a e tlhaloganya tota kgaolo e Tona, ka gore ke a itse gore ke kgaolo e e gaufi le pelo ya gago thata. Le wena o na le motlaagana gone kwa kgaolong eo. Le fa ke sa ntshe sephiri, *you will declare* fela sentle... (*Interruptions*)... Tona se ke se botsang potso ya ntlha o arabile sentle jaaka ke re o a e tlhaloganya.

Se ke neng ke batla go se bua ke gore e kile ya re mo dingwaganyaneng tse di kwa morago, banni ba dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa bo ... (*Inaudible*)... tsa bo Metlhabeng, go ne go na le tlhalelo ya metsi, le dikgaolwana tsa Maratanang kwa tshimologong, fa Maratanang a simologang teng. Banni ba motse one o ba leka go iphutha gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba kope metsi ka *syndicates* gore ba gokelelewe ba ikopantse. Ba re ba thuse Puso ba ntshe madi mo pateng ba bo ba iphutha gore metsi a tle a kgone gore a goroge kwa dijarateng tsa bone ka gore kwa *standpipes* ke ntwala fela e e matlho mahibidu. Ke raya gore motse o motona o o tlhabologileng o o mo toropong jaaka wa Tlokweng, go santse go kgona gore go lwelwe metsi e bile agiwa ka dioura; agiwa bosigo fela fa gongwe motshegare a sa kgone go tswa. Jaanong ke a itse gore Matona ba le bantsi ba nna gone koo. Le ene yo o bapileng le ene Tona Atamelang o na le motlagaana le ene gone koo. Jaanong Tona ke ne ke botsa e le *supplementary* gore a ba ka se ke ba iphutha ba kgone gore ba go thuse, o tle o kgone gore o ba gokelele metsi? Ke yone thomo ya bone. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. *Mr Speaker*, ke ka se ke re lephata le ka tsaya boikarabelo joo ka gore mananeo le *policies* tsa ga Goramente di tsamaisiwa fela ka fa di ka simololwang ka teng ka VDCs le Mapalamente le Dikgosi ba dira *consultation* ya go iphutha le go phuthana, mme e re ba sekaseka *plans*, ba bone gore bone le badirelapuso ba bone gore fa batho ba tla ka moonono o o ntseng jaana, ba ka sukunyediwa fa kae *Mr Speaker*. So, lephata ga le na maikarabelo a gore ke reye Tona ke re ba reye ba tsamaya ba ye go iphutha kana ba se ka ba iphutha *Mr Speaker*. Ba ka ya go tswelela ka fa ba ka tswelelang ka teng, rona re tlaabo re emetse go ba thusa *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

IPELEGENG PROGRAMME COORDINATORS

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to update this Honourable House:

- (i) if his Ministry has plans to hire Ipelegeng Programme Coordinators (district, regional and national) as permanent and pensionable employees as opposed to appointing them on a secondment basis as is currently the case;
- (ii) whether he is aware that Ipelegeng Coordinators are barred from competing for posts higher than their secondment positions even though they possess the required length of experience for the posts being applied for, let alone for positions equivalent to the secondment scale, for example; a Social Welfare Officer in C1 and seconded to Ipelegeng as Coordinator (D3) cannot apply for D3 posts in their parent department; and
- (iii) whether there are plans to make the new Ipelegeng programme a fully-fledged Department with its own Head of Department and support staff for smooth running of the programme; and if so, what is the intention with those who are currently holding the fort.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, how long is that answer?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): Aah! e khutshwane morena.

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead Honourable Minister.

MR MOSWAANE: Rraetsho, jaaka re kile ra itlama mo Ntlong eno e e boitshepo, e e tlotlegang e, ke rata go tlhalosa gape gore *ministry* wa rona o mo thulaganyong e e seng kana ka sepe ya go rulaganya sešha Lenaneo le la Ipelegeng. Maikaelelo a matona a go dira jalo ke go e tsisa mo seemong se se itumedisang sa go tsholetsa serodumo le boleng jwa yone tiro e ya Ipelegeng.

Mo thulaganyong e, re tlaa lebelela dilo di le dintsi di tshwana le melao e e leng teng mo nakong ya gompiano le dithulaganyo tsa bodiredi gore di ka tlhomaganngwa jang. Ke rata gore mo nakong ya gompiano, ke se ka ka nama ke arabile ka “ee” kana “nnyaa,” go tlhomamisa gore a batho ba ba Ipelegeng *Coordinators* ba tlaa hirwa jaaka potso e batla ka mabaka a gore re mo thulaganyong ya kago sešha ya lenaneo le.

Ke rata go supa gore badiredi ba Ipelegeng ba *Coordinators*, ka bobone fela ke badirelapuso, ka jalo, ga ba kganelwe gope fela go ka gaisanela diemo kana maemo ape a a kwa godimo a ba ka a eletsang mo thulaganyong ba santse ba le *Coordinators*. Se se tona ke gore go tlaa lejwa fela gore ke motho yo o lebaka le le kae mo tirong, boitseanape bo le kana ka eng, mme a kanokiwe fela jaaka yo mongwe go lebeletsewe dikitsi le bokgoni jwa gagwe.

Ka jalo *Mr Speaker*, thulaganyo ke gore ba tlaa tswelela ba dira fela jaaka ba laetswe mo nakong ya gompiano go fitlhelela Ipelegeng e dirwa sešha e bo e ema mo seemong sone seo.

Mme jaaka fela ke kile ka araba, mma ke tlhomamisetse Ntlo e gore thulaganyo ya go aga sešha Ipelegeng e tlaa dirwa mo nakong e khutshwane. Re solofela thulaganyo e e tlaa wediwa mo kgwedding ya Seetebosigo 2025. Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Eish! Karabo ya gago ga e ntlhatswe pelo, ga o a e araba *at all*, ga ke itse gore gongwe o e buseletse labobedi. Ke supe gore kana *Manifesto* wa lona o supa gore le ne le tlhalosa gore le ya go duela batho ba Ipelegeng madi a P2,500, le bokgakala bo kae? Ga ke itse gore a ka Seetebosigo o tlhomamisa gore le tlaabo le *turn Ipelegeng into public works* jaaka le tlhalositse? A ke sone se o neng o se re tshephisa? Ke tlaa ema gone foo ka tsone tse pedi tseo. *Thank you.*

MR MOSWAANE: Ke ne ke solofetse gore fa o re ga ke a araba o tlaa tlhalosa gore jang, ka gore karabo e ke go e file ka leleme la Setswana go supa gore totatota Puso e ikaeletse gore e ka fetola seemo sa Ipelegeng. Ke go tlhaloseditse gape gore badiredi ba, ga ke ka ke ka re ee kana nnyaa ka gore go santse go le mo thulaganyong ya go aga sešha thulaganyo e, e tlaa re fa go feditsewe, dikarabo le maduo a o a batlang o tlaa di fiwa di le mo mpaananeng.

Ya gore ka *June* batho ba tlaabo ba setse ba ka duelwa madi a P2,500, e ntšha mokaulengwe, Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e itlamile gore e tlaa fetola seemo sa Ipelegeng. Fa go weditsewe dithulaganyo, ke tsaya gore sengwe le sengwe se se tlaa dirwang mo nakong ya gompiano se tlaabo se lebagantswe le *budget* ya gompiano mme fa go fediwa ka *June*, ke tsaya gore re tlaabo re lebile mo ngwageng o o latelang go bona gore jaanong *funding* ya thulaganyo e ntšha e nna jang. Ga re ka ke ya re mo nakong ya gompiano o sa e bone mo *budget* e bile o sa e *approve* mo *budget*, e bo ke re go tlaa nna jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke supe gore *Minister*, fa Rre Disho a ne a gatelela kgang ya gore ga o a araba potso, ke ka gore o e baya o re o ka se tlhomamisa, gongwe re tlhaloganye gore a o tlhomamisetse Ntlo e gore ka o supa o tsile o sena karabo gompiano, a o tlaa boela mo Ntlong e ka karabo e e tlhomameng? Ke a leboga.

MR MOSWAANE: Nnyaa, ke ne ke go raya ke re ga ke batle *to preempt* seemo sa thulaganyo e e santseng re e kanoka. Ke sone se ke lekang go se tlhaloganya. Ka jalo, ga ke ka ke ka go raya ka re go siame batho ba ba Ipelegeng *Coordinators* go tlaa hirwa ba bašha ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi ba tsena mo *positions* tsa bone ka gore thulaganyo e e santse e kanokwa sešha. Ke yone karabo, ga ke a re ga ke a tla ke tshotse karabo mokaulengwe, karabo ke yone e ke go e neelang gore o ne o lopa jaana mme mo nakong ya gompiano ga ke ka ke ka go raya ka re go ya go tlhomamisiwa gore ba tlaa nna jang. Thulaganyo e e tshwerweng ke gore re tlaa go neela karabo ka *June* re feditse ka *programme*. *Thank you.*

SHORTAGES OF CLASSES AND TEACHERS' ACCOMMODATION

MRT. FURNITURE (TATIEAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education if she is aware of shortages of classes and teachers' accommodation at Matsiloje Junior Secondary School; if so, what is she doing to solve the problem.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke go leboge* Honourable Furniture.

Mr Speaker, the ministry is aware of the shortage of classrooms and teachers' houses at Matsiloje Community Junior Secondary School. Initially, this school was nine stream for 300 students with seven classrooms. Now the school is running at 15 streams with 600 students with the same original infrastructure. Due to this high student enrolment, two outdoors are now being used as classrooms, two laboratories as baserooms and the unpartitioned school hall houses three classes. That shows the seriousness of the shortage of classrooms.

Mr Speaker, we generally have a huge shortage of classrooms and teachers' accommodation across the country. In 2022/2023 financial year, the previous Government put up a project to expand Matsiloje Junior Secondary School through construction of two prefabricated block of classrooms. Unfortunately, the contractor withdrew from the contract after only building a slab. He cited that he could not bear the contract costs. Thereafter, no further contractor was engaged to complete the project.

Mr Speaker, we are working on modalities of picking up these abandoned projects by either continuing with them or building other structures. As previously stated here in Parliament by Ministry of Higher Education, brigades and Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF) students in collaboration with experienced local and qualified contractors will be seriously considered to complete these projects that have affected about seven secondary schools so far.

On accommodation issue at Matsiloje Community Junior Secondary School Mr Speaker, there are 13 two-bedroom houses and are on shared basis, including married couples. There are also three-bedroom houses all being shared. All these houses are for 49 teachers, with a

serious shortfall. This is the sad reality in all our schools in Botswana. We are however also exploring other sustainable ways of addressing teachers' accommodation challenges across the country since it is a problem that is prevalent across all schools in Botswana. Schools have grown bigger in terms of student enrolments and thus number of teachers, and this calls for a robust solution to address their accommodation needs. We will spend sleepless nights Mr Speaker to resolve this. I thank you.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona, ke lebogela karabo. Ke na le dipotsonyana tse pedi tsa motlaleletsa. Ya ntlha ke ya gore...ga ke ise ke utlwe sentle fa o bua ka seemo mo lefatsheng la Botswana lotlhe, ka gore gone seemo se se lebega e le se se amang dikole ka bontsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana, e seng tsa Matsiloje fela. A ga le a dira tshekatsheko ya gore le ka dira jang gore le kgone to address dikole tsotlhe tsa lefatshe la Botswana ka di tshwana fela? Ke gore fa re ka tsenya dipotso, Honourable Motsamai a ka tsenya potso ya kwa a tswang teng, yole a tsenya potso kwa a tswang teng, ka seemo se tshwana fela...A ga le bone gore go ka nna botoka go nna le lenaneo le le tlaa dirang the audit and prioritize dikole tsa rona gore, ka dikole di dintsi, gongwe re ka dira lenaneo le e leng gore re simolola ka tse, re fetsa, re bo re simolola ka tse re fetsa, ngwaga le ngwaga, gore at least le kgone go baakanya seemo se ka ke lefatshe lotlhe, ga se lefelo kana motse o one? Ke potso ya ntlha. A ga le bone go tshwanela gore le dire jalo, le nne le thulaganyo fela, a nation wide programme which will address all the deficiencies in the schools across the country?

Ya bobedi, ya boroko jwa barutabana, a ga le bone gore re tshwanetse ra tla ka motlhale o sele wa go leka to address kgang ya boroko jwa barutabana ka gore seemo sa to provide matlo go lebega se le bokete, bogolo jang mo dikgaolong tse go senang matlo a bo Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC), bo eng? Bogolo ga le akanye gore le ka neela barutabana a housing allowance at the market rate, e gongwe e ka fiwang barutabana go itsa kgang ya go tlhola re bua ka go batlela barutabana boroko? Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker.

MR HUNYEPA: Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Hikuama with that supplementary question. I thought you had picked my response, fa ke ne ke

tlhalosa gore, Mr Speaker, generally we have a huge shortage of classrooms and teachers' accommodation across the country. That is what I have said. So I take that maybe your question was just an emphasis but I had responded that way. We are going to make an audit, a further audit. We are all aware of the challenges that we have. We are all aware of these problems, they have been raised here many times, about the conditions. We are talking of the welfare of teachers across the country. It is there, it is also captured in the Revised National Policy on Education, Recommendation Number 12, if my memory serves me well, where it talks of a package of incentives for teachers. Therefore, you are saying that, we have to revisit those policies and come up with packages for the teachers and to motivate them, so that they do not work in the conditions they are right now.

Mr Speaker, so this is the way that we want to come up with solutions, we will dust all the documents that are there, that were supposed to further the teachers. The results that we have today that are bad is partly a result of the bad conditions that the teachers are working on. So as the new Government, we will spend sleepless nights to come up with solutions, and we will also engage our colleagues from the other aisle. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR FURNITURE: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona, ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke re Tona mo go e ya boroko kwa sekoleng sa Matsiloje, go na le seemo sa tlhalelo ya *mattress* kwa *hostels* tsa bana. Kana jaanong re tsena mo marigeng. A ga se gore gongwe lephata la gago le leke go tsibogela e ka gore fa gongwe tse dingwe tse di a go tlhoka *process* e telele? Bogolo gongwe fa nne le ka re thusa ka gore le batle *mattress* a le 300, bana ba se ka ba robala fa fatshe?

MR HUNYEP: Thank you Mr Speaker. The issue of mattresses Honourable Furniture is very serious, I completely agree with you. It is not only a shortage, even though the mattresses themselves, let me say these frames some are broken, some students are sleeping on the floor, it is a very bad state. I may ask you as well that maybe from your vote *ya* Constituency Community Project (CCP) you can help, maybe secure those 300 mattresses, they can really help relieve the school. The school is in a bad state.

As we speak right now, there is even serious shortage of water in Matsiloje and it is so-so bad. The vehicle

that is supposed to be bowing water is broken down. I understand the pain you are in Honourable Furniture. So as it is the issue of mattresses across the country, I went to other junior secondary schools, even in my constituency, Batanani is so bad, they do not have mattresses, Zwenshambe there is nothing, the whole country. I think it is something that we will also have to find ways of debating it here in Parliament, and come up with a sustainable solution for all of us. Thank you Mr Speaker.

BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give an update on the situation at Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) particularly in terms of:

- (i) BMC employee beneficiation schemes for abattoir risk, health and proper compensation structures to improve the lives of all BMC employees and their welfare, i.e. Band 1 to Band 4; and
- (ii) unpaid accrued cash for long service awards, as per (Annexure 5) of BMC Guidelines as promised and communicated to concerned long service employees and potential beneficiaries.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga* Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) implements a robust Safety, Health, Environmental (SHE) framework which ensures high level of protection of staff against occupational hazards such as heat, noise, chemical or physical injury, and exposure to environmental conditions. These include implementation of strict work safety culture and procedures and mandatory provision of protective clothing, including helmets, work suits, gloves, boots, work evaporative coolers, ear plugs and earmuffs.

Further, BMC has an on-site health clinic and a good relationship with external medical service providers which ensure rapid health service turnaround for the employees.

Mr Speaker, BMC is at an advanced stage of accreditation for the requirements of ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 relating to occupational health

and safety management and environmental management, respectively.

Mr Speaker, BMC has in place Workman's Compensation and 24-Hour Group Personal Accident covers as required by the relevant Acts. This is to ensure that employees are adequately covered for any eventuality that could arise during and outside working hours.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, BMC has not been paying long service awards to employees on account of financial challenges. In terms of the conditions of service, long-service award is not a mandatory provision, but may be granted subject to favourable financial position of the Commission. Therefore, this allowance is not accrued cumulatively and there are no unpaid accrued cash for long service.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR JACOBS: Supplementary Mr Speaker. *Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo ya gago. Mme Tona ke ne ke re* since BMC has not been paying for long service awards, what do you intend to do to rectify this issue? *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga thata Motlotlegi Kamal, Mopalamente wa Lobatse, ke a itse gore potso e o e botsa e tswa mo botennye jwa pelo ya gago, o romilwe ke banni le badiri ba kallistori (*cold storage*). Mme rra nna le wena re na le boammaaruri jwa gore kallistori ga e dire madi. Mo go tlhokeng go dira madi ga yone, go nna bokete gore e kgone go dira tsotlhe tse e neng e ntse e kgona go di dira pele. Mme re le lephata rra re tsibogile thata go netefatsa gore re tsosa boleng jwa kallistori go dira gore e boele kwa e neng e ntse e le teng pelepele. Golo moo go tla ka matlhatlola a a farologaneng, re tlaa baakanya *board* gore e kgone *to execute its function* sentle. Fa go tla go tsena mo go reng re bone gore dikgomo di ya kwa kallistori ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, re tlaa dira jalo. Re na le *the value addition plant* e e tlaa thusang gore letseno le nne botoka mo kallistori, e ke itseng gore o e eteletse pele thata. O ne o ntse o nkgakolola kgapetsa-kgapetsa gore, kana le bone barui ke batho ba ba kileng ba ne ba kgona go bona madi a moswang. Ke dilo tse o eletsang go di bona di diragala kwa toropong ya Lobatse rra, mme ke ka go tshephisa le ba ba re reeditseng, barui le badiri ba kwa

cold storage gore Puso e e tseetse kgang e kwa godimo e. Re tlaa netefatsa gore mo gotlhe mo go lebaneng go tsosolosa *cold storage* rra, go a diragala.

Re ba lomagantse thata le ba National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI), go netefatsa gore *there is proper* Research and Development (R&D) gore dikgomo tse di yang kwa ke tse di ka gatang sekale kwa ntle. Go na le mananeo a a tlang a dikgomo a go ntsifatsa. *We will also be dealing with issues of ranch management, to make sure that there is proper throughput to BMC* gore re *revive* botshelo jwa yone. Babereki ba tle ba kgone go itumela, ba kgone go bona tsotlhe tse di ba tshwanetseng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

TRANSITION OF BARCLAYS BANK TO ABSA BANK

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the transition of Barclays Bank to ABSA Bank did not attract any severance benefits or remuneration packages for former Barclays Bank employees; if so, to state:

- (i) what were the reasons for the non-payment of terminal benefits; and
- (ii) why the transition shift did not attract monetary benefits.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Member of Parliament, Honourable Bogatsu.

Mr Speaker, I am aware that the transition of Barclays Bank to ABSA Bank did not attract any severance benefits or remuneration packages for former Barclays Bank employees.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Barclays Plc reduced its shareholding in Barclays Africa Group Limited, and ultimately fully divested it from Barclays Africa Group Limited. The transaction was effective by way of an acquisition of Barclays Africa Group Limited (BAGL) by ABSA Group Limited (AGL). ABSA Group Limited acquired 100 per cent of BAGL shares in issue. The transaction resulted in a change of shareholding of the underlying banking operations at BAGL level, including Botswana.

When Barclays Plc divested its shareholding in BAGL and exited Africa, rebranding to ABSA Group Limited was effected, the change in shareholding at a group level did not affect employment of staff in the underlying banking operations as AGL moved with all its employees. Even in Botswana, all employees of Barclays Bank Botswana Limited were absorbed by ABSA Bank Botswana Limited after rebranding.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, ABSA Bank Botswana Limited absorbed all employees during the transition period, hence there were no severance or terminal payments arising from this acquisition. It may be worth sharing as well that, in a bid to rationalise the banks operations to achieve business efficiency in 2023, ABSA separated with 79 staff members all of whom were paid severance or terminal benefits in full.

MOTOR VEHICLES AT CID HEADQUARTERS

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister for State President:

- (i) to state what his ministry is doing with all the old, long parked vehicles at Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Headquarters; and
- (ii) if he does not consider disposing of these vehicles through public auction sale since the parking space is overcrowded and full to the maximum.

ACTING MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (DR BUTALE): Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Member for the question.

- (i) The ministry is aware of motor vehicles that have been long parked at the CID. A total of 142 motor vehicles impounded at the Criminal Investigation Department, that is the old Serious Crime Squad Office, that is the total number of the vehicles that are parked there. These motor vehicles have been seized as exhibits by the Investigations Unit of CID headquarters, being Serious Crime Squad, Narcotics, Fauna and Flora Investigations and Anti-money Laundering and Counterfeit Terrorism Unit. These vehicles are impounded for various reasons, and the reasons are as follows;

- A total of 42 motor vehicles have their cases registered before the courts.
- A total of 23 motor vehicles have their cases referred to the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for prosecution.
- A total of 20 motor vehicles are awaiting repatriation to South Africa. The ministry and its departments are in constant communication with South African Authorities to arrange for the repatriation of the said vehicles.
- A total of 17 motor vehicles are awaiting identification by the owners from South Africa. The delay is caused by motor vehicle owners who are reluctant to come and identify them, because in most cases they have already been paid by the insurance companies, whilst some have applied for passports to come over to Botswana to identify their motor vehicles.

However, reminder messages are always sent to South Africa through Interpol to expedite this process. It is worth noting that these vehicles were stolen in South Africa, and intercepted by our officers at entry or exit ports and other strategic roadblocks across our country. A total of 24 motor vehicles are still under investigation by the above noted units.

- (ii) The unclaimed motor vehicles and those forfeited to the state are sold by public action. The last auction was in 2019, whereby a total of 24 motor vehicles were sold. A total of 16 unclaimed vehicles have been submitted for auction and are awaiting the authority from the Commissioner of Police.

Ke tlaleletse fela gore batlotlegi kana mmotsi wa potso, o ka itse gore these impounded motor vehicles tse dingwe are there across the country. The figure across the country will be around 186 countrywide, mme ka gore potso e ne e itebagantse le CID, ke arabile jalo ke itebagantse le CID. The ministry as I have stated, continuously disposes vehicles for which cases have been completed through either a court order or in terms of the Motor Vehicle Theft Act. I thank you.

MS MANYENENG: *Supplementary. Thank you Tona. Ke re re beye nako ya gore fa re emetse tse di iseng di nne claimed, re bo re itse gore re tsamaya jang le bone ka nako, because ke tsaya gore fa e le gore tiro ya bogodu e diragetse kwa South Africa go bo go tshwarwa dikoloi kwano di bo di nna fela, o kare re kgalhiwa ke gore re tshware dilo tsa bogodu. Ga se gore gongwe jaanong di beelwe nako, jaaka le re le nna le romela reminding messages. Fa e le gore batho bao ga ba respond e le beng ba dikoloi, ba ka bo ba setse ba di latetse. Ke akanya gore o kare ga re prompt, go supa gore ga re encourage bogodu. Re ne re tshwanetse gore re ka bo re setse re disposed of dikoloi tseo. Tse dingwe di dikgologolo tota, ke a di itse ke goitsetse fale. Ke nna fela ke di bona, e bile di ntse ka dimpa mo go nang le dikgang tsa gore le bangwe ba ithusa ka parts gone fale.*

DR BUTALE: Ke a go leboga Mothusa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e bile o le Mopalamente wa Mmopane. Ke dumalana le wena gore gongwe ke nako ya gore, fa e le gore ke tse di neng di utswilwe jaaka ke tlhalositse kwa Afrika Borwa, mme beng ba tsone ba tsaya nako, go tlaa re re lebelele ditsamaiso tsa rona le dipuisanyo le ba Interpol ka re kopana le ba Afrika Borwa mo go tsone, go bona gore re ka fefosa jang lenaneo la gore ba tle go di tsaya.

Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, kana tse dingwe di a bo di emetse ditsheko. Fa di emetse ditsheko, go raya gore ga gona jaaka di ka rekisiwa ka auction kana tsa tloisiwa e le tse di tlaabong di ya go dirisiwa mo bosuping. Ke dumalana le wena gore gongwe fa go kgonagalang teng, re fefose maoto, re tokafatse ka gore kana fa di ntse jalo di tsere space mo police stations tsa rona.

Gape ke tlhalose gore fa gongwe dikgang tse, di tsaya lebaka ka gore di ama tirisanyo ya mafatshe le gone go neelana information ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke dumela gore re tlaa e sekaseka tsamaiso e, re bone gore re a tokafatsa, e bile re nna le nako e khutshwane jang.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Reuben Kaizer, Member for Selebi Phikwe West.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke tseye sebaka se, ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong e, le bagaetsho ba kwa Phikwe. Mr Speaker, re wetswe ke seru kwa Selebi Phikwe mo bekeng e e fetileng e. Go belaelega fa ngwana yo o dingwaga di kwa tlase ga 10,

a dirisitse bana ba bangwe botlhaswa ba ka tshwara 22, mme ke kgang e e fa pele ga ba sepodise. Ke re, Ntlo e, e re beye mo merapelong. Gape ke kope Minister gore kgang e, a e tsibogele ka bonako jo bo ka kgonagalang, le fa e le kamoso re ka emelela Honourable Minister.

TRAIN ACCIDENTS

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the report of train accidents at Bonwapitse and Phakalane; he should further state:

- (i) when the report of the two accidents will be released;
- (ii) when last the Railways Signaling System was maintained and if it is currently operational; and if not,
- (iii) what mitigation strategies are in place to arrest the situation.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga honourable. Mr Speaker, the report on the passenger train fatal accident that happened at Palla Road, mo potsong go ne gotwe Bonwapitse gape mmotsi wa potso o ne a sa bua gore date ke leng. Ke tsaya ke re, o ne a raya Bonwapitse according to our records, on Tuesday 10th December, 2019. It was the subject of a public inquiry as per the Railway Accident Act. The report by the Board of Enquiry was submitted to the then Minister of Transport and Communications in May 2020 and was subsequently submitted to Cabinet and the National Assembly. A decision was made that the report be released to the public in December 2021.

Mr Speaker, in the case of the Phakalane incident, which happened on the 15th of November, 2022, at around 1530 hours, train number 0315 from Gaborone to Palapye comprising of locomotive BD-337 and eight wagons loaded with cement collided with a horse and trailer truck at Phakalane level crossing. This incident resulted in a derailment of the train and consequently fatal injuries to three crew members. The level crossing accident occurred because the truck had occupied the level crossing and did not move at the right speed and subsequently they collided.

Mr Speaker, as indicated, the Palla Road accident report was made public in December 2021. The Phakalane level crossing accident did not result in a public enquiry. Hence, there is no report that can be shared with the public. However, the accident was reported to the police. It was treated as a police case and had to be processed through courts for closure. The truck owners were subsequently charged accordingly for negligence resulting in loss of lives and damage to property.

Mr Speaker, Botswana Railways Signalling System was installed and commissioned by Ansaldo Signalling (ASTS) in 2008. The same contractor was contracted to maintain the system for a period of eight years until 2016. The maintenance of the system was then handed over to Botswana Railways for management and maintenance.

The Botswana Railways for purposes of continued operational efficiency and maintenance, absorbed all the technical local employees who were initially employed by the contractor to maintain the said signalling system.

Mr Speaker, the maintenance and the signalling system is a routine ongoing activity to ensure its efficiency and functionality. Hence, maintenance is continuously being done in-house by Botswana Railways personnel.

The challenge with the signalling system *ke gore*, it is obsolete. Some of the subsystems' components are very difficult to readily source. At the current moment, the system is not fully functional.

Mr Speaker, although the solution lies in the upgrade of the entire system, which requires substantial capital injection, Botswana Railways continues to explore different ways to keep the system working. These include modifications to the power supply systems and creating virtual versions of our physical resources (virtualisation) especially in Information Technology (IT)-related areas. Botswana Railways is also exploring partnerships with other institutions like Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) to come up with innovative ways to enhance the signalling system performance. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Ke na le dipotsonyana tsa motlaleletsa di ka nna pedi.

Ya ntlha ke ya go tlhoka go sa bereka ga *the railway signalling system*. O papamatsa gore ga e bereke mme *you have absorbed* babereki. *Currently* go diragala eng ka babereki ba ba ka bong ba *maintain that system*? A ba ntse ba *mo pay roll*, o a ba duela? Ba duelelwa eng?

E nngwe ke gore *system* e, re solofele gore e ya go simolola go bereka leng? Fa o ka feta fa Ledumang kana Phakalane segolo jang fa go le maitseboa, fa gongwe le terena o ka se ke o e bone e feta ka gore *system* eo ga e bereke. O re papamaletse gore e ya go simolola go bereka leng?

Ya bofelo ka kgang ya Bonwapitse kwa Palla Road ke gore, *the inspectors* ba ba neng ba lebeletse seporo sele, go ne go supafala gore ba dirile ditlhotlhomiso mme ba dumela gore *the rail* e siame. Fa re *capture* mantswa a *the then* Chief Executive Officer (CEO), o ne a bua gore *they were concerned about the state of* Bonwapitse River ka gore dipula di ne di ntse di na beke ya teng fa o gakologelwa. Jaanong gone mo, a ga go supe gore go na le sengwe se se sa tsamayang sentle gone fa? *There was an omission* gore go dirilwe *due diligence* mme ka fa CEO o ne a le sebete se molangwana ka mosepele oo. Ke a leboga.

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso ya gago ya ntlha, *they were absorbed by* Botswana Railways. *Maintenance is done routinely.* Challenge ke gore, *the system is obsolete.* *Parts* tsa teng go dingalo gore di bonale ka nako, *hence the inefficiency* e e leng teng.

Ya bobedi ya gore *the findings* tsa CEO le tsa *inspectors* ga di tshwane, go na le *that bit of inconsistency*, ke gone jaanong fa go tseneng *administration* e ntšha, nna le Rre Salakae. *We are in a race really to see* gore *all our infrastructure* e nna mo seemong se se nametsang. *We want to be a logistics hub.* Re ya go netefatsa gore *all the assessment* e re tsweletseng re e dira, e tlaa dira diporo tsa rona *to be designed*, di bo di agiwa ka *best international standards*. Ke tsaya ke re, *moving forward, rest assured* gore *we are going for high class infrastructure.* *It is true, railway line* ya rona e tshabelelwa ke *issues* tsone tsa dipula di na, le gore fela dilo tsa teng di dikgologolo. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Members,* nako ya dipotso e fedile, tse di setseng di tlaa tsena kamoso.

TABLING OF A PAPER

The following paper was tabled:

POLICY ON THE LICIT USE OF
CANNABIS IN BOTSWANA

(Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I understand the Minister of Minerals and Energy, Honourable Kenewendo has a statement to make.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. Kana addendums di pedi, ga ke itse gore e nngwe e ya presentation of Government Bill e santse e le teng. Fa e le gore e teng, a ga se tsamaiso gore go tsene Bills before the statement, ka gore normally statements e nna tsone tsa bofelo?*

MR SPEAKER: What will come will be the Public Officers Pension Fund. In terms of the arrangement, after the statement, it is the BPOPF Bill, then it will be followed by the Wildlife Conservation Bill, in that order.

STATEMENT

POWER SUPPLY CHALLENGES AND
MEASURES TO IMPROVE SECURITY
OF SUPPLY

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, as promised, I am here to deliver the status of power generation, demand and supply in Botswana.

I wish to start off by thanking you Mr Speaker for this opportunity to update the House and the nation on the prevailing power supply situation and the performance of our power stations, and the mitigating actions that the Ministry of Minerals and Energy will be taking. As I stated during our Committee of Supply for Organisation 1000, also known as the Ministry of Minerals and Energy last week, the country is suffering through a power crisis. We are in this current state Mr Speaker, due to four factors;

- (1) the low internal generation precipitated by the cascaded failure of Morupule B Unit 2 that happened on February 14th 2025 and Unit 4 that happened on 22nd March 2025 while Unit 3 is in a long term planned

outage for defects remediation. This currently only leaves us with one unit in service; Unit 1 which is operating at a reduced load of 105 megawatts due to the defects which require an outage to remedy. As we can tell Mr Speaker, at the moment, we really do not have good internal generation as Morupule B is ailing.

During the three-year period, 2020 to 2022, the average efficiency of Morupule B has been 33 per cent. The energy availability factor was 33 per cent, the plant performance was low due to two factors, namely; the construction and equipment defects and the O&M challenges experienced by BPC, hence an O&M intervention that has led in part, over variant times to 57 per cent EAF. This was predominantly...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, hang on, sorry to disturb your floor, I have here the statement that you are supposedly should be presenting. I do not know whether you are presenting a summary of the statement?

MS KENEWENDO: Ee rra.

MR SPEAKER: You are presenting the summary?

MS KENEWENDO: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you, go ahead.

MS KENEWENDO: As always Mr Speaker, we tried to ensure that we give this House a comprehensive breakdown of the situation. What you have on your desks is a very comprehensive address to this matter, and I am presenting a summary for time purposes. Mr Speaker, as you note, I think we are sitting at about 30 pages of something of what I gave you, but we will make it very short.

Mr Speaker, as I was stating, over the years, BPC has worked on O&M intervention which increased availability factor to 57 per cent and this has been varying through 2023 and expected 2025.

- (1) There is a shortage of power in the region, and availability electricity in the market especially during peak periods and it is predominantly supplied from emergency or diesel plants which comes at really prohibitive rates.
- (2) Still relating to rates, we have seen an increase of the cost of importing electricity from South Africa,

especially during peak periods. We have seen an increase by a 166 per cent from 85 thebe to 226 thebe and most recently, increased to 555 thebe. You can see Mr Speaker, that the exorbitant rates of imports are also a financial hindrance to BPC.

- (3) The stretched financial position of BPC, and its inability to meet its liabilities, and the supply shortfall has forced BPC to institute subsequently the rotational cyclic load shedding since Saturday 22nd March 2025 to match supply and demand to avert a total system collapse.

Mr Speaker, as you may be aware, we have two power plants that should be meeting our domestic demand fully. We have installed capacity of 750 megawatts at both Morupule A and Morupule B with a domestic demand during off-peak of 440 megawatts, while at peak of 670 megawatts. Ordinarily, we should be able to meet our demand. However, it should be noted that Morupule A is very old, it was commissioned in 1986 and it was expected to only have a lifespan of 25 to 30 years. In 2012, 26 years after its commission, the plant availability had deteriorated to only 38 per cent of its structure, and that plant had to be shut down and rehabilitation had to be done.

A comprehensive plant refurbishment was undertaken and a study with JICA in 2011 leading to the subsequent plant refurbishment for an increase or extended lifespan of seven years. The project was carried out as a turnkey engineering procurement and construction, contract at a cost of 204 million, equivalent to P2.7 billion, and this was funded by the Government. Post refurbishment, Morupule A Power Station (MAPS) incurred direct costs of BWP720 million, inclusive of operations and maintenance costs. The refurbishment project commenced in 2016 and was completed in 2020. All the four units worth 33 megawatts each were fully operational and returned to service. Currently, Morupule A only contributes 10 per cent of the country's electricity demand.

When we were thinking about Morupule B, the second plant, in 2004 a feasibility study on generation expansion was carried out and updated in 2006 and this led to a new power plant with an installed capacity of 600MW (4 units X 150MW). Morupule B Project was procured by Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) through a

competitive open tender process, compliant with the BPC tender regulations and applicable then.

In 2008, BPC and China National Electric Engineering Co. Limited and Shenyang Blower Works Electro-Mechanics Import and Export Co. Limited (CNEEC SBW) here after referred to as CNEEC concluded an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract to design, develop, construct, supply, install, and commission the Morupule B Power Station (MBPS).

The project was funded through a loan facility amounting to USD 825 million (equivalent to BWP 10.5 billion) provided to BPC by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) which was disbursed in the year 2010. The ICBC loan has an outstanding balance at the moment of BWP3 billion, as at March 2025. The loan will be fully amortised in March 2030.

As I mentioned, MBPS consists 4 X 150MW units on the Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) boiler technology. This is the technology that was expected to be used in accordance with the American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards. The boiler conceptual design is adequate for a baseload coal fired power station. However, the detailed design, as well as the construction of the power plant by CNEEC have significant deviations from the basic design which was not complied with, hence the challenges that we are experiencing today.

The performance of Morupule B 600MW coal fired power station (MBPS) has been erratic since commissioning in 2012/2013 due to substandard construction with significant noncompliance to specifications, poor workmanship and equipment/material defects. Given the construction and equipment defects, the plant experiences frequent failures notably on boiler pressure parts, thus affecting power generation from time to time and averages operational efficiency between 35 to 65 per cent. It should be noted that the global standard is 85 per cent.

Direct costs (in addition to construction costs) for MBPS (since its inception) amount to BWP5.4 billion, inclusive of operations and maintenance costs. As the plant experienced reliability and availability challenges from the on-set, the project has incurred indirect costs of BWP18.9 billion in power imports and owner's

engineer services. Of the BWP18.9 billion, power imports account for BWP18.1 billion in the last 13 years since the plant's existence.

Mr Speaker, due to construction and equipment defects from implementation of the Morupule B project, the operations and maintenance of the plant is problematic and hence the need for support to BPC and they have since engaged several companies to help with O&M.

The current state of remedial works at Morupule B are aimed at improving plant Reliability, Availability and Maintenance (RAM). This project was started in 2022 but has experienced significant delays due to challenges encountered which include technical challenges experienced with a replacement design of one of the boiler components (the Fluidized Bed Heat Exchanger (FBHE) and the COVID-19.

Remedial works on the first unit (Unit 4) to be remedied have since been completed. However, the unit still experiences failures on the replaced FBHE. A root-cause-analysis is still being undertaken to determine the cause of failure. Given the fact that the replacement design which was expected to address failures on the original FBHE design, has not addressed the defect, this design will not be replicated on the other units (Units 1, 2 and 3) which are still to be remedied. Instead, the original FBHE design will be maintained with some enhancements as opposed to a total replacement with a new design.

The second unit (Unit 3) to undergo remedial works was shut down in November 2024. Currently, remedial works on this unit are in progress and are 60 per cent complete. The unit is expected to be back in service in November 2025. The remaining units, Unit 1 and Unit 2 are scheduled to be remedied in 2026 and 2027.

Once again, we are in a power crisis. It is hoped that at the end of the remedial works project by the end of 2027, MBPS will be operating reliably with a plant availability factor of around 80 per cent, which is close to industry standard. I will touch back on this particular matter. As I have noted earlier, we have had significant challenges with the performance of Morupule B. Because of this, we have had to significantly import and rely on imports from South Africa. The cost has increased quite significantly, first by 166 per cent to P2.26 and as of last

week to P5.55. This has really caused a serious financial strain on BPC. This scenario will continue to prevail until the completion of Morupule B defects remediation project. We have engaged South Africa, the Ministry of Electricity to renegotiate the agreement on power supply. I will touch on this a little bit later.

Where we stand, the situation has been exacerbated by the non-cost reflective tariffs which have not been adjusted in the last three years. It should be noted that BPC's tariffs are currently at P1.27 per kilowatt-hour and are significantly low compared to neighbouring countries such as South Africa and Namibia, whose tariffs are currently at P2.78 per kilowatt-hour and P2.06 per kilowatt-hour respectively. Between the financial year 2020/2021 and 2024/2025, tariff adjustments were only granted twice, meaning that there was no revenue growth for three consecutive financial years, yet there were annual increases in all categories across the economy, including those that supply BPC.

The non-tariffs adjustment in the three consecutive years exacerbated the already non cost-reflective tariffs leading to a huge disparity between operating costs or imports which we have noted to be over P2.60 and the revenue which is sitting at P1.27 per kilowatt hour. Despite these challenges, the corporation had not undertaken load shedding, until recently in order to mitigate the unsustainable financial losses. It should be noted that at this very moment, BPC's creditors in particularly for imports, we are sitting at a creditor balance of around P2.6 billion and this is a balance as at 31st January 2025, and *sekoloto sa BPC segolo jang se re tsayang motlakase kwa ntle kwa South Africa, ke P2.6 billion fa January a fela, mme fa le ka e lebelela, go raya gore* while importing February *le March, sekoloto se se oketsegile, se fetile P2.6 billion*. BPC's electricity sales revenues are P430 million, against monthly cash expenditure of P650 million.

In addition to these cash challenges, I wish to remind this House *le Batswana* that BPC also must maintain and service the loan from the ICBC, which requires USD56 million (approximately P700 million) in cash per year for their instalments and another loan from the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) where payments for interest are P140 million per year. The corporation has designated the Tariff Subsidy to

fund the ICBC loan instalments, and partially paying for power imports, whilst the BPOPF loan interest is serviced from revenue collections. This is the true face and reflection of the financial state of BPC.

There are several management interventions Mr Speaker that we have outlined. I wish to just skim through those hoping that Members will engage themselves in our routine submission. I can guarantee that management has started working with Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) to look at submitting tariff adjustments that are needed in order to meet the financial need of BPC.

Spacing out delivery of major capital expenditure items to minimise the impact on the already strained cash flow position.

Implementation of an O&M strategy to improve Morupule B Plant availability from 33 per cent to an average of at least 57 per cent in three years.

In restructuring the Current Liabilities of the time, by taking a loan of P1.7 billion, in 2023/2024, the P1.7 billion loan was not additional money for BPC, but rather, to alleviate some of the creditor balances that they had in that particular year.

Mr Speaker, I wish to address what we intend to do in the medium to long term. Unfortunately, we are unable to generate electricity today, but Government is making significant progress at developing projects that will ensure local supply. I mentioned this during the Committee of Supply that we are working with a proprietor towards a 650 megawatt (MW) brown field coal powered plant which we expect to be done in less than 24 months. Similarly, a 600MW tender was given to Jindal for a coal fired power plant in Mmamabula and this has commenced and is expected to be delivered in 2027. We are upgrading the yield for renewable capacity to 1.5 GW of solar and the IFP will be gazetted this Friday and this is distributed solar, not just in one area.

In the short-term, BPC will continue to operate two diesel generation plants, namely; Orapa 90MW, Turbine Power Plant and Matshelegabedi 70 MW diesel plant. These are very high cost generation facilities only dispatched under grid emergencies to avoid grid failure. However, it should be noted that there is an opportunity

to convert the Orapa 90 MW turbine to gas as it is built for dual fuel.

CONCLUSION

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, once again we have a situation, we have a crisis reflecting on the various unsustainable decisions at both production and utility. To address this precarious situation that we find ourselves in, and the supply situation, BPC is in the process of recovering Unit 2 and 4 at Morupule Power Stations. I believe that as I was standing to the podium, I was receiving a text showing that Unit 4 should be back online this evening. We hope Mr Speaker that with our deliberations with the Minister of Electricity starting on Thursday to renegotiate new power purchase agreement between Botswana and South Africa, we would achieve reduced rates that will assist us in managing costs. Most importantly that we engage on a constant and stable supply from imports during this short to medium term. However, it should be noted that while we are working on remedial effects at Morupule B, the security of supply will only be at the desired level post 2027. When the new coal fired base load generations that we are working on will be on the grid. We hope that our renewal projects will start coming online towards the end of the year and start helping us with some of the demand. In the meantime, Government endeavors to expedite securing the new coal fired base load generation to address the prevailing Morupule B plant challenges and we hope to continue supporting and providing resources to secure power imports and alleviate the prevailing power shortages while new generation projects are being implemented.

As it pertains to the financial position of BPC, we are putting together a rescue plan and debt restructuring. This plan, what is key to? It is the adjustment of tariffs in the short to medium term, renegotiating a better price and stable guaranteed supply from Eskom, the unbundling of BPC and a diplomatic engagement with our creditors from Morupule B.

Mr Speaker, we remain committed to providing affordable or access electricity by 2030. We remain committed to energy security and export by 2030. We remain committed to an energy mix of 50/50 with renewables by 2030. We are in the phase of a crisis but we are not cowering to the challenge, instead we

have deployed strategies that will ensure that we are fast-tracking local production, we are working on infrastructure upgrading, maintenance and grid stabilisation and importation to secure any of the demand that is needed in the country. Mr Speaker, I wish to thank you once again for the audience that you have granted.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, in terms of Standing Order 41.3, there will be no debate on the statement, however, I may allow for short questions for purposes of elucidation. Since it is a matter that I know most, *ke ne ke le lebeletse o kare le latolelwa leso ka fa le ntseng ka teng*. I know you may wish to ask short questions for purpose of elucidation.

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of order.* Mma ke go dumedise, *you will guide me Mr Speaker. I rise on Order 15 ya language if I am right, considering the importance of the statement se Honourable Minister a sa tswang go se fa, le fa Standing Orders di bua gore o ka dirisa Sekgoa le Setswana, mme ke ne ke kopa mo go wena le Ntlo e Mr Speaker, gore fa re lebeletse the sensitivity and the...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le wena bua ka Setswana.

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

MR BARONGWANG: Ee rra, fa re lebeletse kgang e re e nnetseng fa gompiano le ka fa e leng mosola ka teng *le the targeted audience* gore molaetsa o fitlhelele kwa go yone, ke ne ke kopa mo go wena gore o kope gore *statement* se, se dirwe gape le ka Setswana.

Gape mo godimo ga moo *Mr Speaker*, ke kopela Ntlo e gore re fe *the response to this statement slightly more time because* ke ntse ke seyo mme ba ntse ba nteletsa ke le kwa Seychelles ba re, “ga o yo kwano, motlakase le one ga o yo.” Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ke tlaa ipoeletsa ke le reye ke re, fa *Minister* a araba potso mo Ntlong e, *she is mostly targeting you as Members of Parliament. Your proceedings are beamed live on Botswana Television (BTV) and social media platforms but se se diragalang fa, it is not influenced* ke sepe se se tswang kwa ntle. *Minister addresses* Mapalamente, lona, fa a

address setšhaba, o ya kwa BTV kana Radio Botswana 1 (RB1), ke gone kwa a yang go bua le setšhaba teng. Fa e le gore go na le tshono ya gore ba mmothelele dipotso, ke gone koo, fa o a bo a bua le lona Mapalamente. *So, if she has chosen to give the statement* ka Sekgoa, gongwe e re fa a araba dipotso tse di tlaabong di latela, a di arabe ka Setswana. Jaanong gongwe o mo kope gone foo gore dipotso a tle a di arabe ka Setswana. Ke tsaya gore o go reeditse, ke bona a tshikinya tlhogo, *she is nodding in agreement I hope*.

Tota ke yone karabo ka bokhutshwane. Standing Order 15 *is very clear* gore go ka dirisiwa Setswana kana Sekgoa. Jaanong ka gore *matters* tse dingwe di ne di le *technical*, ke tsaya gore e tla a re a ntse a tswetse a bo a leka gore a arabe ka Setswana mme gone mo, ga go itse gore e ka re fa a tswa fa, a tlhamalale kwa seromamoweng, *television* kana kae fela kwa e leng gore e ka re a le koo, a dirise Setswana jaanong a bua le setšhaba. *Honourable Minister*, o tlaa kopa go tsaya dipotso di le kae o bo o ka *respond*, re bo re ka tsaya *round* e nngwe ya dipotso?

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

MR SPEAKER: Four? Okay.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker!

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, le emelela fela ka dinao, ke tlaa le gadima.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Nako e ile.* Honourable Phologolo, what is your point of procedure?

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re *despite your ruling if ever there was one*, ke tsaya gore kgang e *even for the benefit ya the Parliamentarians*, e ka re o ne a ka fa *summary* ya gagwe ka Setswana. O supile gore kgang e e ne o kare re sisibetse, re akabetse, ke dumela gore re le bantsi re ne re santse re ipotsa le mafoko a mangwe a a neng a a bua. Ke kopa ka tsweetswee gore a fiwe sebaka sa gore a soboke ka Setswana gore rotlhe re mo tseye ka tlhamalalo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: I have made a ruling and you have just wasted our time.

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

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke lebogetse Tona pego e a re e beileng pele le ntswa re ne re eletsa rotlhe gore gongwe re ka bo re e bone ka Setswana. Ke na le dipotso fela tse di khutshwane *Mr Speaker*. Ya ntlha ke e ke tshelang ke gakolola Matona. Ke dumela gore o a itse gore go na le komiti ya Palamente e e itebagantseng le dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse o di beileng pele, a o ne o sa bone go tlhokafala gore o ka bo o tshwaragane le komiti ya Palamente go tsibogela kgang e? Ke a itse gore ga se lantlha ke go kopa gore o ye kwa dikomiting tsa Palamente, le ka kgang ya diteemane re kile ra kopa jalo mme ga go nko e e tswang lemina. A komiti e e lebaganeng le tse di amanang lephata la gago e amogele gore e tlaabo e go utlwa fela mo Palamenteng? Ke potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi, rotlhe re itse mathata a Morupule B, a tswa kgakala, ga se selo se sešha. Rotlhe fa re tsene mo Palamenteng re itse ka mathata a teng. *Position* ya BPC ya go imelwa ke dikoloto, rotlhe re a e itse ka gore *accounts* tsa teng di ntshiwa ngwaga le ngwaga. Gore motlakase mo Botswana o rekisiwa ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa tlase, rotlhe re a itse ka gore dipego di ntse di tshela di tswa le gore o re o tsayang kwa ntle o a re turela. Jaanong potso e ke kopang gore o e arabe Tona ke gore a gompiano o ikutlwa o nonofile go ka lebagana le Botswana go ba bolelela gore ya 30 per cent e ba neng ba e solofeditse ke UDC, *given* tsotlhe tse re neng re di itse ka motlakase gore ga se e e ka kgonagalang? Tota e bile wena fa o bua ka *tariff review*, o bua ka go oketsa mme Botswana ba solofeditse go fokolediwa. Jaanong ke eng o sa bolelele Botswana gore tsotlhe tse re neng re di itse pele ga ditlhopho di a re pateletsa gore re oketse, e seng go fokotsa? Go botlhokwa go bolelela Botswana boammaaruri ka kgang e gore le tlaa oketsa.

The third question ke ya gore mo mosong wa gompiano, Tautona o ne a buisa phuthago ya Kgotla...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *reetsang* Leader of the Opposition.

MR SALESHANDO: Tautona o ne a buisa phuthago ya Kgotla, *I think* mo ga motlakase re amogele gore *it is*

a national crisis and fa e le *a national crisis*, re bolelele Botswana dikgang tse di tshwanang. Ga ke itse gore a go boammaaruri se metswedi ya dikgang e se buang ka phuthago ya ga Tautona gompiano gore mo bontlheng bongwe jwa go lekodisa ka motlakase, o reetse ba ba neng ba mo reeditse a re mathata ke Puso e e neng e tswa ya ga Rre Masisi gore gona le gore e baakanye, e ne e reka motlakase. Rre Masisi o tsene mo Pusong ka 2018, Morupule B e tswa kwa go 2012, Rre Masisi a ise a nne Mopalamente. Fa e le gore re batla go kgarametse sengwe le sengwe kwa go ene, re itse gore tse dingwe ditshwetso ke tse di tserweng ka bo 2010/2011. Nna ke bua gore gatwe a re Rre Masisi o ne a tsaya tshwetso ya go sa baakanya.

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

MR SALESHANDO: Fa e le gore o tsere tshwetso ya go sa baakanya, ke kopa gore le re bolelele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A o a ganetsa?

MR SALESHANDO: Ke kopa gore le re bolelele.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, order!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rre Mokgware!

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Mokgware,* ke go utlwa fela ke le gone fa. *Stop heckling the Leader of the Opposition,* mma a botse potso ya gagwe.

MR SALESHANDO: Potso ya me ke gore *from 2019 to 2024*, re dirisitse bokae mo *maintenance*? Go ya go raya Botswana o re 2019 to 2024 ba ba neng ba le teng ba ne ba tsaya tshwetso ya gore ga go baakanngwe, rona ba re leng mo Palamenteng, re a itse gore ga le bue boammaaruri. Re bolelele gore *from 2019 to 2024*, go dirisitswe bokae mo *maintenance*? Fa le ka re raya lwa re ga go a dirisiwa sepe go ne go rekwa fela, *then the President will have been correct*. Fa e le gore *in the last five years* go ntse go duelwa *maintenance*, please Honourable Members, a re itlwaetseng boammaaruri gore re tswe mo mathateng a re leng mo go one.

My last one to you is this, it was a long statement and I am trying to make the questions short, fa e ne e se gore le tla le nkgoelela, ke ka bo ke feditse nako ya gompiano. Ya bofelo ke e...

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

MR SALESHANDO: Ga ke a tshwara dipalo sentle...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke yo o tlhogo e thata yo.

MR SALESHANDO: ... tsa *costs* tsa go aga *this station versus total direct and indirect costs* tsa *maintenance*. Ke a itse gore o kare re dirisitse P15 *billion* go aga mme re simolotse re re e tlaa nna P10 *billion*. Fa gotwe re fe palo fela gompiano ya gore mme go re turela go baakanya e sale re simolola le *station* se, re tsamaya fa go bokae, *just one figure*. Gongwe go ka re thusa gore e re kwa bothokong re dumalane gore gongwe golo mo re go buang, ga se mo go ka tlholang go baakanyega, fa e le gore *the cost* ya go baakanya e setse gongwe e lekana kana e feta ya go aga. Ke tlaa kopa gore o re fe palo eo. Ke a leboga.

MR MONAGENG: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Re re, kana tota jaaka o ne o bona e ka re re gamaregile ke gore motlakase o ratile go tshwana le metsi mo... ka fa go tlhokafalang ka teng. Jaanong ke re jaaka malatsing ano re bona dipatela di amega ka ntata ya gore motlakase ga o yo, a *Minister* ga o leke gore kwa magaeng bogolo jang go nne le *announcements* fale le fale tsa gore motlakase o tlaa nna teng leng, o tlaa se ke o nne teng leng? Maabane jaana e letse mongwe a tsene mo maranyaneng kwa Molepolole a ntsha *statement* se se sa mpeyeng sentle, *very scandalous*, gore nna ke iketlile fela mo Gaborone, ke kwa ga tlebebe, Sepatela sa Scottish Livingstone batho ba fodile, ga go na motlakase, jang-jang. Ke re ba Molepolole ba itse gore jaaka ke le kwano kana re le kwano jaana, re leka go rarabolola mathata ao. Ga se gore re kwano go nnela go tshameka kana go nnela *Jazz*, re mo Palamenteng, re leka go rarabolola.

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

MR MONAGENG: Nnyaa, ke mo kgalemetse thata Motlotlegi Furniture. Sa bofelo ke gore, kana mme BPC *announced on the 26th July 2022* gore, *the Maduo 26 Strategy has improved* motlakase kana *local power generation capacity*. Jaanong re ipotsa gore go diragala eng *all of a sudden*?

Sa bofelofelo, jaaka *Minister* a ne a bua gore BPC e kolota kwa le kwa, a ga e kolote Morupule ka boyone, fa e le gore e a e kolota, gongwe *roughly* bokae? *Thank*

you Mr Speaker.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Letsatsi leno Tona ke leboga gore ba go file *information* yotlhe ka botlalo, ka gore re ntse re botsa dipotso fa gongwe o re tseo ga di mo potsong. Mme ke utlwa gore letsatsi leno o tsamaela go re bolelela nnete. Potso ya ntlha ke gore... Puso e ntšha e na le *very ambitious economic programme*. E na le thulaganyo ya gore e leke go tsosolosa itsholelo, gore e kgone go dira ditiro. Motlakase o botlhokwa thata mo tsosolosong ya itsholelo, e bile o botlhokwa thata mo tsamaisong ya itsholelo. Ke botse Tona gore, ka fa o bonang ka teng le *picture* e o e re e neetseng, a mme *the ambitious economic programme* ya *the new Government* e tlaa kgonagala re na le mathata a a kanakana a a re apereng mabapi le motlakase? Ke potso ya ntlha. Ke gore ke lebile dikgang tse di tshwanang tsa bo go dira ditiro di ka tshwara 400,000 le go bitsa *investors*. A mme dilo tse di tlaa kgonagala, a go na le *investor* e e tlhwaafetseng e e tlaa reng e utlwa gotwe motlakase o na le mathata kwa e bo e tla e tabogetse kwano? Ke potso ya me ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi potso ke e e amang badirisi ba motlakase ba ba kwa magaeng, ba ba *tabolang* motlakase. A mme o ka tlhamaleletsa ba ba *tabolang* motlakase wa malwapa gore ditlhwatlhwa tsa one di tla oketsega mo nakong e khutshwane, a o ka ba papamaletsa? Kana o ntse o bua Sekgoa, fa gongwe fa o re *tariff adjustment*, le nna o fitlhela ke se *sure* ke le rraboipelego gore *tariff adjustment* go tewa go fokotsa kana go oketsa. Ke re a o ka ba papamaletsa gore, tota go raya gore jaanong le tlaa okelediwa dituelo tsa motlakase? A o a bona gore fa e le gore dituelo tseo di tlaa okediwa, di dirwa ke mathata a Morupule B le *the mismanagement of project* e *over the years*? Ke raya gore o tlhamalale, re go utlwe mo kgannyeng e.

Ya boraro ke e; fa o bua ka kgang ya *load shedding* o e bua o kare *September* go tlaabo go na le sengwe, mme mafoko a bontsi a wela kwa go 2027. *Minister*, a o ka papamala wa supa gore *load shedding* e e tlaabo e tshela le rona go fitlhelela 2027, ke raya o papametse jaanong, o sa re, "nnyaa, mme kana golo fale *September*, golo fale 2027?" A mme o ka papamala gore batho ba nne ka kitso ya gore, fa ba reka *candles*, mabone a *solar* kana eng, ba reke ba tlhoafetse, ba itse gore seemo se ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

Labofelo e le ya bone potso, *on this budget* e e neng e ntshiwa ke Vice President (VP), nna ke rata go mmita Nkosinathi thata, Vice President Nkosinathi Gaolathe, a madi a gotweng re a duela a *to order* motlakase, a mme a teng *on this budget* e re leng mo go yone mo bogompionong? Kana fa a seyo, go raya gore golo gongwe jaanong e tlaabo e sa tlhole e nna *load shedding*, e tlaabo e le go tima fela, gongwe re dirise *paraffin* ka ke yone re e dirisang thata kwa Bobonong. Ke a leboga.

MR BOGATSU: Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Hei! e a utlwala. Ke re ke botse jaana Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente...e kile ya re nako nngwe ke etetswe ke ba Minergy ba mpolelela gore go ne go na le *company*, kana e bidiwa gotwe ke Jarcon e e neng e le yone *that explored* magala kwa Medie, kwa moepong wa bone, e go lebegang ba ne ba farologana le Goromente wa pele ka ditumalano, mme ya felela e ithotse tiro, e tsamaile. E le gore go ne go lwelwa kgang ya go fetlha motlakase, *because company* eo go ne go lebega e ne e batla gore jaanong e fiwe tetla ya gore e fetlhe motlakase wa magala kwa Medie. A ga go bonwe go le botoka gore re ye go e batla *company* e ka e ne e na le maikaelelo, ka ke utlwa gore ntwa ya teng e ne e le gore e nna *power station* ya ga mang? Ka *company* e ne e batla gore e neelwe *power station* e e dirise, ba re rekisetse motlakase. Mme go a lebega bangwe mo Pusong ba ne ba batla gore *power station* e nne ya bone. Jaanong ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, ke ne ke botsa fela gore, a ga go botoka go dira jalo, gore motlakase o tle o nne teng? Ka go a lebega gore *there is nothing in the horizon* se se supang gore e tlaa re mo bogautshwanyaneng kgang ya motlakase e tlaa baakanngwa?

Labofelo ke botsa ke re, a mme ga go botoka gore re tswe mo mafokong a gore, *we are going green* ka go a lebega gore le gone bo *green* ga re ka ke ra bo kgona? Re tlhamalale ka gore re na le magala a a seng kana ka sepe, re iphetlhele motlakase o e leng wa rona, re tle re fokotse sekoloto se se kanakana.

Jaanong pele ke nna fa fatshe, ke leboga jaana, go ntse go na le sephiri se se ntsi thata mo Pusong mme e seng e, e re tswang go tsaya mo go yone, go sa bolelelwe batho boammaaruri. Ke leboga gore gompiono *at least we are getting the truth* ya gore go diragala eng mo motlakaseng wa rona. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa

Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, kana o batla go tsewa tse dingwe gape?

MS KENEWENDO: Ke ne ke re ke tsaya tse dingwe *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke simolole fela ka go araba tse di boditsweng. Ke leboge Mapalamente gore ba boditse, ba akgetse, e bile ba lemoga gore seemo se re leng mo go sone se se tlhoka gore rotlhe re se tshwaraganele. Mme e bile go sena ope yo o shemang Setswana ka gore re a se bua, re a se itse. Jaaka le itse ditemana tsa Ntlo e di a re letla gore re bue ka Sekgoa le ka Setswana, jaanong ga go thona bagolo gore e re ke wela le bo le re, mme re ne re kopa gore o goboke, jaaka *Honourable* Phologolo a ne a bua. Ke ka goboka gore botlhe ba itse, mme re ikaelela gore re tlaa ya go tsibosa Batswana sengwe le sengwe se re se buileng fa gore le bone ba se itse.

Jaanong kgang e tona ke gore, a dilo tse re ne re sa di itse? Go tulwe gatwe re a itse gore Morupule e ntse e sa bereke, re a itse gore *it imports*. Re a itse fela jaaka le lona le itse, *but* ga gona ope yo o neng a bone gore tlhwatlhwa ya *imports* e tlaa oketsega *from* 80 thebe *plus to* P2.60, *to* P5.55. E palo e ke e e leng gore le fa o ka e batla ka *October*, ga o ka ke wa e fitlhela. E dirile gore mo kgwedding e le nngwefela, re bo re kgona go bona gore BPC e tlhoka madi a a fetang P400 *billion*, go itebaganya fela le *import*.

Maloba fa re simolola go dira *load shedding*, re ile ra leka go reka motlakase, ra ba ra romelelwa *message* ke wa *Finance* a re tlhalosetsa jalo gore bagaetsho, ka *price* e re leng mo go yone fa re ka tswelela re dira jaana, ga re ye go kgona *to have a renewal of contract*. Ke batla gore ke le e tlhamalaletse kgang e gore, fa re ka tswelela re oketsa sekoloto sa South Africa, *today alone, the cost of emergency power yesterday was a whooping R23 million. This was the* Chief Finance Officer (CFO), a re begela gore re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re emise *to import* ka gore ga go *sustainable*. Re tlhoka gore re *negotiate* konteraka ya rona le *the* South Africans ka di 31, fa re sa ba duela ga ba ka ke ba re fa motlakase o mongwe. Ra tshwanelwa ke gore re itebaganye le gore re dire jang, re simolole go duela South Africa gore 1st *of April* re kgone *to import* motlakase. Tse ga se tse le wena Rre Saleshando, o ne o ka bong o di bone ka *October*, gotlhelele.

Tse re di itseng ke gore Morupule B e ntse e sa bereke sentle, *it is complete mismanagement*. Ke buile gore *there are structural issues in the building of the plant*. Gona le gore go fetolwe *plant from the beginning*, 2012, ga simololwa gotwe nnyaa, re tlaa baakanya fa, re tlaa baakanya fale, re tlaa batla *company* e e tlaa dirang *operation and maintenance*. Go tulwe jalo. Ga re a tlhalosa gore ga gona ope yo o dirileng *maintenance*, *no*. Ba dirile *maintenance*, mme ka gore re ne re bona gore *for three years straight, the plant was operating at less than 35 per cent*, go ne go tshwanela gore go ka bo go tsibogilwe ga dirwa a *Plan B*, ke se re se buang. Ga re ganetse gore ga gona ope yo o dirisitseng *P5.4 billion on maintenance*. *They did, but we could have spent this total of P34 billion that has been spent on maintenance, on importation, on working on a Plan B of power generation, that is all I was basically outlining here*. Gore re ka bo re tsibogetse kgang e, re bona gore fa *plant* e *operate at 35 per cent*, surely this is not sustainable for the future.

E nngwe ya gore re ka bo re ya go buisa batho, re ntse re ntsha mokwalo Rre Monageng, go raya gore gongwe ga ba o bona. Ga ke tseye gore ke nnete gore le mo monateng, ka kwano o mo *jazz*, nnyaa, re a itse gore o theogetse *honourable*. O a re botsa gore o tsamaya jang motlakase kwa Molepolole jalojalo, mme ke re re tlaa tswelela re ntse re bolelela Batswana. Ba BPC *marketing* ba ntse ba bua mo maranyaneng le mo diromamoweng, ke tlaa ba rotloetsa gore ba baakanye, ba lebagane le mafelo a tota a tlhokang *more attention*.

Re kolota Morupule Coal Mine, re o kolota *more than P500 million*. Se gape le tshwanetseng gore le se itse ke gore, go ile ga simololwa *project* ya *expansion* ya Morupule Coal Mine. Ga okediwa ga dirwa *open pit*, mme go sa rulaganyetswa a *new fire station there*. *The idea I am told was to export*, mme ga go a nna jalo *Mr Speaker*: Morupule le yone ya tswelela e duela *the contractors* ba ba neng ba le foo ngwaga otlhe ba sa bereke, kititi! go bo go tswalwa *mine*. Gompiano *expansion project* e tswetswe, mme ba re le rona re a ba duela. Ke raya gore dikgang tsa madi di dintsi mo makalaneng a ga Goromente, segolo jang a a itebagantseng le go fetlha motlakase.

E re ke santse ke le fa, mma ke tseye ya ga Rre Bogatsu ya Minergy. Minergy *had a bid* go nna le *power*

plant jaaka Jindal and ...*(Inaudible)*... mme ba ile ba latlhegelwa. Ke tlhaloganya gore *they did not bid for* motlakase o ka kompone *that mines*, jaaka ya Jindal. Dikgang tsa teng ke santse ke di sala morago, mme ga go reye gore mo seemong se re leng mo go sone ga re sekaseke tsotlhe tse re ka di dirang. Ke gatelele kgang ya gore, *the 615 megawatts is a coal-fired plant*. Ga re ise re re nnyaa, ka gore re batla go dira *renewable*, go raya gore ga re ka ke ra dira sepe ka magala a rona. Nnyaa, ke sone se re tsibogetseng go batla ba ba nang le *plants* tse di *modular*, tse di ka gorogang gone jaana, ya re *in 18 months* re bo re dirile motlakase. Ke *coal* fela e e ka re thusang gore re dire jalo, *base load* e tlhoka gore e bo e le *coal*. *Our ambitions* tsa *renewable*, the *1.5 gigawatts, which is 1500 megawatts*, ke yone e e leng gore *it is renewable*, e bile tsone re ne re lebile gore *projects* tsa teng jaana, go fetlha go ka nna motlhofo, go ka nna bofefo, re ka simolola go dira *projects* tseo. Ke tsone tse re di tsibogetseng gore ka Labotlhano jaana, di bo di tswa mo Government Gazette.

Mma ke wele *Mr Speaker* ke re, re *ambitious* Rre Lucas. Re *ambitious* le fa re ntse re le mo *power crisis* jaana, maphakela ke kopane le *more than three investors that are still interested here, because they hear our vision*. Ba re tlhaloganya gore re batla go ya kwa kae, re simolola fa kae, ka gore ga re fitlhe sepe se re simololang mo go sone. Re a se tlhamalatsa, re a se papamatsa gore kgang ya rona ke e, re fa, mme re solofela gore fa re na le lona, re ka kgona gore re gatele kwa pele. Ga gona ...*(Interruptions)*... mme ba kgatlhegela tsotlhe tse re batlang go di dira *particularly with our ambitious economic programme*.

Sa bofelo ke wela ke re, re e bone *mismanagement* Rre Lucas. Re e bone, re a e bona e na le dingwaga e le foo, mme re solofela gore ditsetlana tse re le di tsenyeditseng, tse di supang gore *management* e ya go dira eng, le rona kwa *ministry* re ya go dira eng, di tlaa re thusa gore re kgone gore re wele. 2027 yo ke ntseng ke bua ke go supa gore, *all power plants* ka tsholofelo ke gore di bo di le mo tirisong. Re bo re setse re kgona gore re re nnyaa, jaanong *our 600 and something demand is fully met through our installed capacity*. *We have budgeted some aspects of the imports*, go na le tse re kgonang *to budget for them*, go na le tse tota re sa kgonang.

Re solofela gore e tlaa re re ntse re kopa Mothusi

Tautona e bile e le Tona wa tsa Madi, a tle a boele fa a kope *supplementaries* re kgone go di bona. Re tlaa tswelera re rotloetsa Batswana gore ba dirise motlakase o o leng teng sentle. Gore fa Morupule B Unit 4 e boela *online tonight*, ka re solofetse gore fa tsotlhe di ka tsamaya sentle e tlaa boela *online tonight*, re tlaabo re solofetse 80 megawatts. Go tswa foo ditumalano tsa rona tse re yang go di wetsa ka Labone le South Africa, re tlaabo re solofetse gore re bone 200 megawatts. Fa re kopanya le 100 yo re nang le ene, 80 yo mongwe, 200 e ka thusa *to stabilise the demand, even partly in peak period. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Procedure Mr Speaker. She left out some questions tse ke neng ke di boditse le nna ka kwano. Let me focus mo go tsa me. Ke go kopile, jaaka le mo nakong e e fetileng gore a o ka itlamba wa ya go buisanya dikgang tse, le komiti ya Palamente? Go le gantsi o didimelela potso ya teng, le gompiano o e didimaletse.*

Ya bobedi e ke neng ke e kopile ke gore, a mme o ka papamaletsa Motswana kwa gae gore e re ntswa re ne re go solofeditse kwelotlase ya ditlhwatlhwa, Motswana, solofela gore tlhwatlhwa ya motlakase e ya go oketsega? Go bothlokwa Tona gore o bue jalo, *can you state that today?*

MS KENEWENDO: *Mr Speaker, kgang e, ke e buile. Ke rile in the short term to medium term, there will be tariff adjustments. Fa ke e bua, ke e papamatse ka Setswana Rre Lucas, go tlaare ditlhwatlhwa tsa motlakase di okediwe ka gore BPC...*

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

MS KENEWENDO: Nnyaa, mma ke e tlhamalatse. Mo dikgweding go tlaare di okediwe. Re a e sekaseka gore re oketsa jang, ga se mongwe le mongwe. BPC e kolota 2.6 billion, re duela motlakase. Jaaka ba ne ba nkwalala kgantele, re dule kwa go P2.60 re duela *imports while here* re santse re charge P1.27. Golo fa go na le gap. Le wena fela fa o lebile madi mo pateng ya gago re go raya re re, o amogela P1.27 mme dikoloto tsa gago di dira P2.60, o tshwanetse o bone gore o sekaseka jang, o oketsa jang letseno gore o duele madi a. Jaanong re mo ditshekatshekong gone jaana tsa ditlhwatlhwa tse tsa BPC. Re bone gore ke bokae a a tlaabong a lekane gore BPC e tswelera e fetlhe motlakase, e bile e gorose

motlakase kwa Batswaneng. Fa re sa dire jalo, go tlaabo go sena motlakase gotlhelele. Ke buile kgantele ka re, go tlaabo go na le *a complete systems failure*. Go botoka gore mo nakong ya gompiano *in the short term*, rotlhe re amogele gore re tshwanetse re thuse BPC gore *in the medium term*, re e thuse, e re busetse mo ditlhwatlhweng tse re kileng ra di ipaa pele.

Mo kgannyeng e ya *Parliamentary Committee*, Rre Saleshando, re ntse re le mo lebelong jaaka o re bona. *We are in a crisis.* Ke tsibogile ke re, ke tle go buisa Palamente e. Ke le lebise lotlhe seemo se re leng mo go sone. Re a itse gore nako ya *Parliamentary Committees* e tlaa simolola. Re tlaa ya go le bontsha tsotlhe tse di leng teng. Gompiano re ka bo re le bileditse *an emergency meeting but we know that properly committee sittings are coming in Winter and we will have an opportunity to address Parliamentary Committees.* Ga re a tshwanela gore re fe Batswana *impression* ya gore *Parliamentary Committees* ga di dirisiwe mme re itse gore di etla, re tlaa tla re di buisa. Re a tlamega gore re ye go di buisa *when they sit during the Winter. So, we will do so.*

Le boditse gore re akanya gore *load shedding* e tlaa fela leng? Jaaka ke tlhalosa, re solofetse 80 megawatts letsatsi leno. Morupule A o a bereka. Re solofela gore ka Labone re tlaa wetsa 200 megawatts with South Africa. Fa tsotlhe di ka tsamaya sentle, e tlaare *weekend* e tsena, re bo re bona *stability*. Ga re a re tsotlhe di tlaabo di boetse tshiamong, *some sort of stability.*

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

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

MS KENEWENDO: Ema pele Rre Lucas, ke maiteko a re a emetseng ka dinao. Ga go na ope yo o batlang gore go nne tshoo! mo Botswana, ga a yo. Le fa o ka tswa e le gore gongwe wena ga o dumalane le se re se dirang, mme *at least* se re se dirang, se re se ikaeletseng *Mr Speaker*, ke go tlhomamisa gore ga re boele mo seemong se gape. Ke sone se e leng gore *there will be two power plants co-fired that will come on line and there will be renewable project; 1.5 gigawatts that we expect to come on line. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR BARONGWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Sa ntlha mma ke fetise tlhagiso *Honourable Minister* ya *information* e o tlaabong o e amogela. O tlaa intshwarela, *I will be very blunt because go lebega o*

kare kwa morago kwa, go nnile le go tswakatswakela ga *information* e e neng e tla kwa go *the relevant Minister* wa nako ele. Selo sa ntlha se ke batlang o se itemogele ke gore, o nne *careful* le *information* e e tlaabong e tlisiwa kwa go wena. O e tlhodumele thata ka gore *the very people* ba e leng gore fa Puso e fetoga, ke bone ba ba tlaabong ba ntse ba tla kwa go wena ba go gakolola, mme re fa re mo seemong se. Ke a go kopa o tlhodumele thata *information* e e tlang kwa go wena.

Se sengwe, o se ka wa ba wa tshaba go bua sepe *especially* mo sekolotong se re leng mo go sone se gore o le *Minister*; o na le *only four, five months*. O nne *clear* gore sekoloto se fa UDC e tsaya, e ne e se tsaya se le fa go bokae, se fa go bokae gompiano. Mathata mangwe ke a o fitlhelang go na le dilo dingwe tse re lekang go di dira mo godimo ga tseo. Moo ke ditlhagiso fela.

Ke batla go tsena mo *concerns* tsa me mo *statement* sa gago. Selo sa ntlha ke batla go itse *Honourable Minister* gore *are there any financial consequences* tsa *the contractor and the Manager*? *Even the people* ba e leng gore *we have assigned them to run that plant on behalf of the citizens*.

Ya bobedi, go pala go tsamaisa *plant* e, *are there any consequences on the unit price, going further*? O bo o boa gape o re bolelela gore *when this plant was designed, what was the design unit price*? Re bone pharologanyo ya gore tota fa dilo di ne di tsamaile sentle ka nako e e tshwanetseng, Motswana o ka bo a duela motlakase wa bokae? Go supa gore fa Puso e ka bo e ne e sa fetoga, diemo tse di ka bo di ne di le maswe le go feta.

E nngwe *Honourable Minister*, ke kopa o supegetse Ntlo e gore *are there any mitigating plans* because bothata jo re leng mo go jone, wa re bo na le *13 years*? A mme go na le *tangible mitigating projects* tse di supang gore re ne re bona gore *plant* e, e gana *to run* mme re na le maikaelelo a go dira se? Ke a utlwa gore wa re go na le *plan* ya *12 to 24 months*, a mme go na le e re ka berekelang mo godimo ga yone e e leng gore gongwe *it can fast track* what was already being done?

E nngwe gape, go lebege e kare *at design stage, you picked a problem*. Jaanong a ko mpolelele *Honourable Minister*, was there any *maintenance and aftersales support* by CNEEC kana e agilwe fela go bo gotwe e tlaa boa gape e tsamaiwa ke bone Batswana? Fa e le

gore go ne go na le *aftersales support, what was that? Where did we go wrong*? A go na le ditsetlana dingwe *that we enforce on aftersale support* tse re ka ikaegang ka tsone?

We have already bought a plant at 10.5 billion, we already imported motlakase wa *18.5 billion*, re kolota *2.6 billion*. *We are already sitting at 31.1 billion* mo State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) e le *one in about 10 years*. Le batla go nthaya le re, *when we experienced these costs, despite the fact that* le yone *plant* e agilwe ka madi a mantsintsi, *the average price* ya go aga *coal plant* mo Africa *is about two to three billion*. A mme o raya gore golo fa, re ka bo re sa ikagela *plants* di le bo *four, five around the country*? Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*, mma re dumedise batlotlegi lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Tona, kgang ya *load shedding* ga ke itse gongwe o e umakile, fa o e umakile, o tlaa intshwarela. Kana jaanong kwa dipateleng le kwa didibeng tse di re sielang metsi, go lebege e nna bothata jaanong. Gongwe re tloga re bo re nna le dintsho kwa dipateleng tse re sa tshwanelang gore re ka bo re nna natso. Kwa didibeng fa motlakase o kgaoga fela teng *five hours, it disrupts flow* ya metsi ya *two days* mo motseng. Rona kwa Maun re *experience* gone moo, fa o kgaoga Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) e santse e re e a pompa e a gasa, e a ema, go tswa fa mo go tlang ga go kgone gore go ka gasega. Gone mme ga le dire thulaganyo ya gore gongwe kwa dipateleng le kwa didibeng le name le iketletse pele teng?

Kgang e nngwe ke yone ya *load shedding* mo *residential areas*, kwa dijarateng tsa batho, nako e ya go tswa ka 6:00 p.m. maitseboa go ema ka 10:00 p.m. bosigo o kare e *affect* bana ba sekole thata fa go tla mo go direng tiro ya sekole *and all the sorts*. A mme ga le leke gore botoka le e dire go simolola ka 4:00 p.m. maitseboa go ema ka 7:00 p.m. *so that after 7:00 p.m.* bana ba sekole ba ka kgona go dira sengwe?

E nngwe gape ke ya *rooftop*, golo fa 2027 o kgakala, ga se fano, re na le maiteko a a ntseng jang gore ba ba kgonang ba ka leka go itsenyetsa bo *solar rooftop* ba e *connect* mo jarateng, mo *line* ya lona? Ga ke itse dilo tsa maranyane tsa motlakase, mme fela *thinking aloud out of ignorance*, motho o ka botsa gore a ba ba kgonang,

a BPC ga e kgone go ba fa boitseanape gore ba kgone go itirela ka gore *private sector* e ntsi mo Botswana ba ba ka kgonang go thusa gore motho o ka ikgokolela a kgone go nna le dipone botoka fela fa e le gore tse dingwe tse di thata?

E nngwe ke ya *investors* gore go lebege le bua natso, di a goroga di le matsorotsoro, ga re itse go nnete go le kae gore *investors* tse tota le a bo le kopana le tsone ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Go na le dikgang tse di tsamayang, mme go ka tswa go le boammaaruri ka Puso ga e di ganetse. Mongwe wa *investors* tsa lona yo o neng a le rotloetsa mo ditlhophong o kopane le badirelapuso ba bagolwane maloba a leka go ba raya a re ba ipaakanye, o etla o tlele go aga dikole le eng mono; ka leina la Moti. Jaanong re ipotsa gore tota ga le bone le tsenya lefatshe mo mathateng batho ba Modimo gore ka 2029 fa le setse le re sutela, re bo re simolola re bua tsone dipuo tse le di buang tseo ka lona? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, you may disregard the last question.

MR MOALOSI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*, dumelang Batswana, dumelang Mapalamente a a rategang. Ke ne ke re gongwe *Minister* a re bolelele *as of today* gore fa a lebile, *load shedding* e ya go fela leng? *It does not come out clear* mo *statement* sa gagwe, ka gore fa e le gore a re o ya *to negotiate*, o kgona go fenya, o kgona go sa fenye. O kgona gore o tsena kwa le bo le palelana *in negotiations*, 200 megawatts ene yoo a bo a pala. Kwa kgaolong ya me *Mr Speaker*, ga go na metsi, kwa Tutume batho ba nwa metsi mo nokeng *as we speak today* ka gore Water Utilities ya re mathata a teng ke gore fa motlakase o kgaoga, ga ba kgone go pompa, *so* ga ba kgone go phatlalatsa metsi. Re tlhoka go itse ka gore re ya go nna le mathata a a *serious* fa e le gore batho ba nwa metsi mo nokeng, *especially* ka gore noka ya teng e ralela motse, *obviously* metsi a noka ga a ka ke a nna *clean*, *we might have a health crisis that is in the offing*.

Potso ya me ya bobedi ke gore kana badirelapuso ba ba go gakololang *Minister*, ke bone ba ba neng ba *advise* Puso e e neng e feta. Ga re ise re bone mo Gazette gotwe Permanent Secretary (PS) o ntshitswe kana kwa *because they are also regulators*, ba tshwanetse go bo ba le bolelela gore le tshwanetse go dira eng, le ka se ke le dire eng. Ga go a fetoga sepe kwa godimo, go

fetogile wena fela, ke wena motho yo mosha fela mo *ministry*. Potso ke gore, *if they failed to advise the past Government* gore go na le *crisis* e bile e tlaa nna go ya pele, *how do you trust that the advice that they are giving you is the right advice that can get us out of this trouble* e re nang le yone?

Potso ya me e nngwe ke gore, re bone fa go iwa ditlhophong go na le lenaneo le Batswana ba neng ba gokelelwa motlakase mahala. *Obviously it came at a cost*, *so* Batswana ba tlhoka go itse gore *are you continuing with that project?* Ba bangwe kwa kgaolong ya me go sale go tla go epiwa mahuti, mo gongwe go tsentswe ditshipi go bo go sa tle go gokelwa motlakase. Ba ne ba mpotsa kwa Kgotla *meetings last week* gore *project* ya teng e felela leng? Jaanong re ne re batla go itse mo go wena gore *are you continuing with this project* o lebile one mathata a madi a le nang le one, a e leng gore BPC *needs money?* Fa e le gore ba ya go feleletsa ba *spend* madi a mangwe mo *project* yone eo fa le tswelala ka yone, o papamale gore *are you continuing with it or not?*

Ya bofelo ke gore batho ba ba kgonang go itsenyetsa *solar*, ga o bone go le botoka gore le tle ka *subsidy* nngwe e e ka dirang gore go nne motlhofo gore fa motho a na le bokgoni, a kgone go ithekela *solar panels* tsa gagwe le *batteries* a di itsenyetse mo ntlolong ya gagwe go le fokoletsa *load* gore bo nnyennyane jo le nang le jone bo kgone go ya kwa go ba ba sa kgonang go dira jalo? *I think* ke tlaa wela foo *Mr Speaker*, *thank you very much*.

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Members for those comments.*

Gongwe ke simolole fa ke neng ke wetse teng kgantele go supa gore *plan* ya *to end load shedding* ke eng, ka gore ke yone e ke neng ke wetse ka yone. Ke tlhalose gore re solofetse gore 80 megawatts wa Unit 4 o tlaabo a le mo tirisong bosigong jo. Ke bo ke tlhalosa goe Morupule A ke yone e e ntseng e re belege mo dinakong tse go sekaenyana, le yone e tlaa tswelala e le mo tirisong. Ke bo ke tlatsa gore re solofetse gore mo dipuisanong tsa rona le *Minister of Electricity in South Africa on Thursday*, *that we will have a guaranteed 200 megawatts at a better price. The key is for us to renegotiate this price to be well within* se re ka kgonang go se duela re lebile dikoloto tsotlhe tse re nang le tsone.

Jaanong e rile fa ke wela bakaulengwe ka fa ba tsosa modumo, ke ne ke re, fa tsotlhe di ka nna mo tirisong, e tlaa re *weekend* e re bo re le mo *a stabilised position*. Ke sone se ke neng ke wetse ka sone.

Ke tseye dipotso tse dingwe *Mr Speaker* gore ka nnete re fitlhetse go na le dikoloto. Go ne go sena go kopiwa P1.7 billion ka *October* for BPC, re bo re fitlhela go santse go na le *an outstanding* P1.7 billion gape ka *November*, mme re tsenya le dikoloto tse dingwe tsa *loans* tse ke neng ke supa gore go tlhoka gore go duelwe maP130 million, P770 million per year and so forth. Dikoloto tsa teng di mmalwa, e se tsa Eskom fela, go na le sa P550 million sa Morupule Coal Mine, le sone se tswa bogologolong. Go na le tse dingwe tse re tshwanetseng go di tsenya leitlho.

Mo *this developer* fa re bona gore *the power plant*, gakere ke bala jaanong e bile ke buisana le ba ba nthusang, fa go bonala gore ga e a dirwa sentle, ba CNEEC ba ile ba re re tlaa dira *remedial costs*. *There is a two-year warranty support and defect liability period and defects notified during the liability period are what will be addressed by CNEEC* ka *costs* tsa bone *under remediation programme*. Le fa ba ne ba dira *remediation* ka *costs* tsa bone, go na le *non-remedials* tse gotweng ke rona re di dirang. E bile re tswetsetse re ntse re duela madi a mantsi mo nakong e. Tota e bile ba ntlhomamisetse fa gore *the energy availability factor*, *over the 13-year period* ya Morupule B *life cycle* has only been 55 per cent. *So it has never on average gone to the international standard*. Ga e ise e ko e tsamaye e dire jaaka e solofetswe gore *power plant* ya maemo a a ntseng jalo e ka dira. BPC e rekisa ka P1.25 mme ga e kgone gore tota e goroge mo dikolotong tsa yone. Fa re ne re ka re *a break-even tariff* e ka tswa e le P1.78. Jaaka ke ne ke bua re santse re sekaseka gore *adjustments* di tshwanetse go nna jang.

The zero connection e santse e tswetsetse ka gore e na le letlolenyana la yone. Gore re tshware letlole leo re le dirise sengwe se sele, re tshwanetse go boa fa re tle re le bolelele gore mme re tsere madi a re neng re sa tshwanela go a tsaya re a isitse go sele. Ke tsone ditlhomamiso tse re tshwanetseng go di dira gore re tswelele re ikategile, e seng jalo go tlaabo go sa siama.

Jaanong kgang e ya *tangible mitigating projects*, ke tsaya gore ga o reye tsa rona ka gore ke ntse ke

tlhalosa tsa rona tse re berekelang mo go tsone. Se ke se fitlhetseng e bile re a se tsweledisa ke 100 *megawatts* was solar kwa Mmadinare, gone jaana ke 50, tse dingwe *projects* ga di ise di emelele. E ya Jindal le yone e sa le e abilwe, ke gone ba santseng ba batla madi. Jaanong re a ba thusa gore gongwe ba ka bona ba ba tlaa batlang gore ba *finance projects* tse. *Project* ya Jindal kana e abilwe fela maabane jaana. Re na le 13 *years* re ntse re bona gore Morupule B ga o ka ke wa bo wa re busetsa sepe ka gore *its efficiency has been way below average*.

Jaanong fa ke tsaya tse dingwe dipotso fa; Rre Kekgonegile, ke tsaya gore ke setse ke arabile ya ntlha. Ke re e ya dipatela le didiba re a e utlwa. Gantsi fa e le gore re dirile phoso re timile kwa sepateleng, bangwe ba a re leleletsa gore le timile fa sepateleng. Re tlaabo re e tsibogela gore re tshube sepatela ka gore re a tlhaloganya gore matshelo a tlhoka gore motlakase o bo o le teng mo sepateleng. Re ntse re buisana le ba re berekisanang le bone.

Mo kgannyeng e ya *rooftop solar*, re na le *a rooftop solar project*. Re ntse re rotloetsa Batswana gore ba dire *rooftop solar*. E bile re batla *to relaunch* re tshwaragane le ba madi, ba dibanka ba ba ka re thusang gore le lona fa o re gongwe mma ke tseye sekolotonyana ke dire *solar*, a bo e le gore ba tlaabo ba le teng ba na le *a green bond to be supportive*. Ke tsaya gore tsotlhe tse ke ntseng ke di bua di akareditse tse dingwe dipotso tsa lona.

Mo go tsa bofelo; betsho, ke re gongwe jaaka ke tlhalositse kwa tshimologong, mathata a ga a tlhoke gore re simolole re die nako ka gore ga ke ka ke ka tshepha ba ke berekang le bone. Ka fa molaong gatwe *innocent until proven guilty*. Jaanong ke tsene fa ke reetsa, ke berekisa le ba ke berekisanang le bone go tlhomamisa gore re direla Batswana ka bojoitlhe e bile re baakanyetsa lefatshe se le se tlhokang.

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

MS KENEWENDO: Ga go ka ke ga siama gore ke simolole ke re ga ke tshephe yo, ga ke batle go bereka le yo. Nnyaa, tiro e ntsi ke e tsere gore rotlhe re Batswana re batla go bona Botswana a eme sentle mme e bile *we are working on that principle* ya, “*you are innocent until proven guilty*.” *We judge that you have good intentions for this country until you show yourself that you do not*. Re a bala, ke a bala, *I caucus* le Vice President (VP) le Matona a mangwe go utlwa gore a mme tsotlhe tse re di

bonang, ke tse di ka re isang kwa pele. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *ke sone statement, dipotso le dikarabo tse le neng le di tlhoka batlotlegi*. Let us go to the Presentation of Government Bills.

First Readings

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS PENSION FUND (BPOPF) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 7 OF 2025)

(Minister of Finance)

MR SPEAKER: When for Second Reading, Your Honour the Vice President, Minister of Finance?

MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg that the Second Reading of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) be proceed with under a certificate of urgency in terms of Standing Order 72.3, a variation, I suppose to the order of public business as it stands on today's Order Paper.

Mr Speaker, the reasons for the urgency are that; first, the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) has not yet matured as it was published on the 28th March 2025.

Second; the financing facility provided by BPOF is urgently required to address the backlog of outstanding invoices that the Government needs to settle. Mr Speaker, I therefore beg that the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order Honourable Members. The floor is open.

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN WEST): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *I think* re utlwile mabaka a ga VP. Ke ka bo ke itumetse fa a ne a wetse ka go supa gore *we could not avoid the urgent aspect* ka gore *budget* e sa le e simolotse go dirwa re ntse re itse ka mathata a batho ba ba tshwanetseng go duelwa mme ba sa duelwe. Re mo go *March* o a fela, re digetse go fetisa *budget*. Mo go rayang gore tota dikgwedi tse tsotlhe tse go neng go balwa *budget*, ke tiro e e ka bong e ntse e baakantswe nako e le nngwefela le *budget* gore fa go dirwa *budget*, go bo itsewe gore mme ka madi a a tlhabela, re tshwanetse re ye go kopa gape kwa Palamenteng, re beye Molao-kakanyetso fa pele ga Palamente. *So*, re itse bothata jo bo teng jaaka ke bua le Batswana ba ba emetseng go duelwa ba ba kolotiwang ke Puso.

Ga re ka ke ra e kganela mme Mothusa Tautona mo nakong e e tlang, a e re *budget* e goroga mo Palamenteng, e goroge le tsotlhe tse e tlaa di tlhokang. Re se ka ra itlwaetsa go dirisa tshetlana ya gore a re direng ka lepotlapotla. Gompiano ba bangwe ba a ipelaetsa gore go tlhotse go dule pampiri e e supang *this Bill*, re okangwe ke melaetsa e mentsi batho ba ipotsa gore gatwe go diragala eng, a mme madi a rona a sireletsegile? Ke dipotso tse re ka bong re di arabile re na le nako re ntshitse mabaka go utlwala, *now* go tlisa ka *urgency is not the most desirable and I hope* gore *it will not be repeated because this could have been seen as early as January, February* re ka bo re dirile kgang e re e weditse. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Gape ke leboge le Mothusa Tautona yo e le ene motlhokomela dithoto tse di tona tsa lefatshe la Botswana (*Minister of Finance*) ka go tlisa mogopolo o. O akantse e bile o dirile sentle, go maleba gore re bo re bone gore gompiano a tseye mo garona a se ka a ya go tsaya kwa ntle kgakala. Kana golo mo ka bogone fela go direlwa bone ba ba nang le dipeeletso mo go yone Botswana Public Pension Fund, go ba direla letseno kana ba tle ba bone *profits*, ba tle ba nne le *pension* e e botoka mo nakong e e tlaa tlang. Selo se go botlhokwa mme e bile ke tseela gore go tlaa tlisa boitumelo mo Batswaneng botlhe gongwe le gongwe kwa ba teng ba ba kolotiwang kana ba ba tshwanetseng go duelwa, go lebilwe dingwe tsa bone, *pensions* tsa bone tse ba sa bolong go nna le

tsone, le dikoloto tse dingwe fela jalo tsa Puso jaaka gompiano re fitlhela Puso e farafarilwe ke dikoloto tse dintsi jaana. Re santse re utlwa gone gompiano jaana gore go batlega madi a a kae, matshebetshebe a madi a mantsi. Ke eme fela ke *support*, ke bo ke galaletse gore Mothusa Tautona o dirile tiro yone e Batswana ba e mmeetseng. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore ke dumalana le kopo ya ga Mothusa Tautona e bile e le Tona ya tsa Madi. Ke dumalana le ene Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ka mabaka a gore re tshwere bothata, go bokete tota. Ke tsaya gore ka fa Batswana le rona gone fa re itse gore seemo sa madi se ntse jang, tota fa re ka kgonang go ngapangapa teng, ga re re leke go ngapangapa teng. Nna se se intumedisang le go feta selekanyo ke gore kopo e Mothusa Tautona a e tlisitseng fa pele ga rona e, ke e e reng tlang ke lekalekeng go ngapangapa mo gae. Ke gone mo go njesang di welang thata, a re mo letleleleng gore a tsise kopo e ka lepotlapotla ka mabaka a re iphitlhelang re le mo go one a gore tota letseno la madi go thata. Re tloga re palelwa ke go duela dilo tse dintsi fa e le gore re ka ipolelela gore gongwe madi a bogolo jang a a mo gae, re ka se ka ra a adime gore re tle re leke *to finance budget* ya rona. Ke dumalana le kopo ya gore o ka baya Palamente kopo e ka lepotlapotla *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, kana maloba o ne o re isitse kwa dithutong kwa CBD. O tlisitse bomaitseanape, bo matwetwe ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele. Sengwe se ba neng ba se re ruta gone koo se se neng sa tsena le mo ditlhaloganyong tsa rona, ba ne ba se bitsa *pre-legislative scrutiny*. Gore Palamente ya rona e e bereke sentle, re le Mapalamente re tshwanetse go dira tiro ya rona ka matsetseleko a a tseneletseng. Re tlhodumele melao e e tliwang kwa Palamenteng, mme gore re dire jalo, go batla melao ya teng e tle go na le nako. Melao e e tlang ka lepotlapotla go raya gore *it undermines the pre-legislative scrutiny* e re tshwanetseng go e dira re le Mapalamente.

Mr Speaker, re a tlhaloganya seemo se re leng mo go sone, mme ra re re se ka ra tloga ra natefelelwa ke go tliša melao ka lepotlapotla. Gone moo re ka iphitlhela le rona re ikgolegile ka gore ga se gore re le Mapalamente

re na le dikitso tse di tseneletseng mo dikgannyeng tse di tlaabong di tšisiwa ke babusi gone fa Palamenteng. Re tlhokana le *to consult*, re botse ba bangwe, e re fa re dira melao, ba ne ba ruta gore re dire melao e e ka diragalang, e e tshwanetseng e bile e tlhomame. *That is what we want to do Mr Speaker*. Mma ke bue fela jalo gore re a utlwa *Certificate of Urgency*, mme a re se ka ra natefelelwa. Ke a leboga.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading - **Later Today**.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 8 OF 2025)

(Acting Minister of Wildlife and Tourism)

MR SPEAKER: When for second reading Honourable Minister General Mokgware?

MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order No. 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. I thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga o ka ke wa ba wa rialo.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee, legale nte ke ntshe mabaka mongwame.

MR SPEAKER: Ee.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Let me back my reasons. *Ke ne ke batla gore ke re the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 8 of 2025) was published on the 28th of March, 2025. The tabling of the Bill in the ordinary manner would mean that the Bill will not be debated in the current meeting, thereby further delaying implementation of empowering the Wildlife Officers to carry on and use arms of war, rather than just fire arms, in the execution of their duties to combat poaching that has transformed into a highly organised and militarised activity. The absence of arms of war limits the Wildlife Officers' ability to deter and*

respond to direct threats against Botswana's protected wildlife population and this requires immediate implementation.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. Order! Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): Ke na le mafoko fela a a seng maleele mabapi le kgang e *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O gogele *mic* oo kwa go wena go se kae.

MR KAPINGA: *Thank you Mr Speaker:* Se se ka se keng sa ganediwa ke gore lefatshe la rona le la Botswana le, le na le dikgwetlho tsa *budget*. Seo ke se re bonang e bile ga re ganetsane le sone. Ke batla go bua Mothusa Tautona a ntheeditse le setšhaba se ntheeditse gore ga se rona ba ntlha re le lefatshe go nna le dikgwetlho tse di tshwanang le tse, mme e bile ga se rona ba ntlha gore e re re na le dikgwetlho tse di ntseng jaana, re bo re ya go tlhola kwa letloleng la *pensions* tsa badirelapuso. Ke kile ka nna mo lefatsheng lengwe le le fetileng ka seemo se re fetang ka sone se.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Ambassador Kapinga, *re mo go ya Wildlife Conservation.*

MR KAPINGA: Aaah! Yaah! Sorry.

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

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Kana tota mathata a, *in this particular one, I will agree with General Mokgware's approach* ya gore mathata a ke a re a diretsweng ke *administration* ya bofelo go tseela batlhokomela diphologolo dibetsa tsa bone, e bo e e le gore jaanong go re gatisa legala fa re tsena mo go tsa *poaching* kana magodu a diphologolo a a neng a re tsenelela. Mme gape le gone fa *Honourable Mokgware, I hope you will communicate this with your substantive Minister*, Rre Wynter Mmolotsi ka gore kgang e ke e buile le ene ngwaga o o fetileng, a bo a mpolelela gore ba ya go baakanya molao. Ke ne ka mo kopa gore rona bogolo jang ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di amegang thata, a re rerise re mo thuse, a bo a re, "ke tlaa dira nako e le teng." A ntshita a le tllaeng jaaka bangwe ba tle ba bue gore Tona a bo a emetse gore a tle ka beke

ya bofelo mo Palamenteng yone e. Tsamaiso e, nna le Rre Wynter Mmolotsi re kile a bo re e kopanela re e kgala, re e kgalela Matona a Domkrag...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee, ke a gakologelwa!

MR SALESHANDO: Ee, re ne re e dumalana thata gore ga se gone mo Domkrag e go dirang. Jaanong a re sa tsamaiseng jalo, re a le kopa. Re a itse gore le a busa, le na le dithata, le ka re bolelela gore re ye go nwa metsi. Bagaetsho, molao wa setšhaba o o dirwang ka lepotlapotla ga se gantsi ditlamorago tsa teng e nna tse di itumedisang. *There was sufficient time, I am convinced* gore nako e ne e le teng ya gore molao o, fa nne Tona Mmolotsi a batlile, re ka bo re o fetisitse ngogola, re ka bo re bua jaana re sa bolo go o baya. Kana go supa gore molao o *was gazetted* beke e e fetileng e fela. Jaanong ga ke ka ke ka gana lepotlapotla la teng ka gore ke itse gore go raya eng mo kgaolong e ke e emetseng. Mme felafela mo boteng jwa pelo ya me, le ene Rre Mmolotsi ke ne ke tla ke mo lebisa mabaka, kgang e re e buile ngwaga o o fetileng, o tlaa dumalana le nna gore go ne go sa tlhokafale gore e tle ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. A re ithuteng nako e santse e le teng re simolola ka gore e seng jalo e tsile go nna mo re go tlwaelang.

So, I am not opposing, I support the urgency but with a heavy heart knowing gore there was sufficient time gore e ka bo kgang e e dirilwe nako e le teng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *le ele tlhoko* the time you debate urgency, *ke le fa* two minutes each.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke supe gore ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e ya ga Tona gore re tswellele ka molao kana paakanyo e ka tsela e a e kopang ya lepotlapotla. Jaaka o ntse o utlwa batlotlegi ba bua, mo gongwe mo ga gore re tshwanetse re ka bo re ne re tsile ka yone nako e le teng, ke kgang e e utlwalang. Re tshwanetse gore go ya kwa pele re baakanye. Se se utlwalang e bile go sena ope yo o ka se ganetsang, ke botlhokwa jwa molao o. Molao o o botlhokwa e bile ka jalo fa e le gore re dumalana gore o botlhokwa, tse dingwe tse tsa gore le diegile le ka bo le tsile maabane, nnyaa, a re baakanyeng re tle re direle Batswana ba ba emetsweng ke batlotlegi sentle gore diphologolo tse di tsenyang letseno di tle di sireletsege. Ke tsaya gore mo gongwe mo ga gore

re baakanye go ya kwa pele nnyaa, re tlaa baakanya. Gakere kana mapolotiki fa gongwe fa re bona phatlha, re šhaba fela ka dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe go ne go sa tlhokafale, re sukunyetsa tse dingwe gore re dire mo ka Sekgoa gotweng *point scoring* mme fela kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi ga go na ope yo o ka ganetsang botlhokwa jwa gore re baakanye molao. Ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Le nna *Mr Speaker*, ke ema nokeng gore go tsewelele jalo. Kana golo fa re a baakanya. *Bills* tse re ntse re tswa ka tsone di le dintsinyana jaana, di santse di tsile go tla ka matsorotsoro, di tsile go nna dintsintsi thata ka gore rona ga se ba re reng re a busa, re ba re reng re a baakanya. Re baakanya jaana e se rona ka kwano fela re baakanyang, re baakanya rotlhe le bo *Honourable Saleshando* le Dr Gobotswang. Re a dumela gore dilo di ntse di sa siama, mme fa re ka se ke re tsise Tshutiso e ka pela, *what will happen out there?* Go tlaabo go tsewelela fela dilo di senyegela pele, diphologolo go diragala ka fa go diragalang ka teng, *parks* tse go diragala ka fa go diragalang ka teng. Ka jalo, re letleleleng re baakanyeng, e seng re baakanya *next month* kana leng, re baakanya *now* ka gore dilo ka bontsi ga di tsamaye sentle.

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

MR MONAGENG: Nnyaa, metsotso ke ele ke e neetswe. Jaanong a rotlhe re nne mmogo, re se ka ra kgalana thata ka gore re tsaya nako o kare re a kgalana mme e re kwa bofelelong re bo re re nnyaa mme re a dumela. A re nne re dumela fela gore nnyaa re a dumela. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke batla go emelela yo o ganang.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Second Reading - **Later Today.**

BILL

BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS PENSION FUND (BPOPF) (LOAN AUTHORISATION) BILL, 2025 (NO. 7 OF 2025)

Second Reading

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):
Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present

the Second Reading of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary on 28th March, 2025.

MR GAOLATHE: Mr Speaker, I have addressed this Honourable House on several occasions regarding the financial challenges currently facing Government, including during the presentation of the 2025/2026 Budget Speech. Due to these persistent fiscal constraints, the Government account is currently more or less overdrawn, and revenue offices across the country are experiencing operational incapacitation. As we close the financial year, Government faces a significant backlog of outstanding invoices that must be settled. Given the shortfall in revenue collection, the Ministry of Finance has been compelled to explore alternative financing options to urgently bridge this gap and ensure continued delivery of essential public services.

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Finance approached Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) for a possible loan facility to support financing of the Government budget. Following constructive negotiations, BPOPF agreed to extend a loan to Government under the following terms and conditions:

(i) The loan amount: P3 billion;

(ii) The loan tenure: a seven-year maturity, inclusive of a two-year grace period which will provide reprieve on debt service obligations, as Government builds towards improving its liquidity position;

(iii) Interest Rate: a fixed interest rate of 11 per cent per annum;

(iv) Moratorium on Interest: a 2-year moratorium on interest.

Mr Speaker, the loan facility was approved by the Board of Trustees of BPOPF on the 13th March 2025. Furthermore, this form of lending is permissible under the Pension Fund Investment Rules (PFR), issued under the Retirement Funds Act of 2022, which allows for up to 5 per cent of a pension fund's total asset portfolio to be loaned to a sponsoring employer. In addition, the Retirement Funds Act required asset owners and fund managers to reduce offshore investment allocations and increase domestic allocations. This borrowing by the

Government will therefore assist BPOPF in meeting the local investment requirements set out in the Act.

Mr Speaker, as per the terms of the Loan Authorisation Act, the proceeds of the loans will be deposited into the Development Fund.

Mr Speaker, when the proposed BPOPF loan is factored into the existing public debt portfolio, the public debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio remains within the statutory limit of 20 per cent, as prescribed under the Stock, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, 2005(CAP 56:07)

Mr Speaker, maybe allow me to explain a little bit in Setswana.

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

MR GAOLATHE: *Thank you Leader of the Opposition.* Batlotlegi ke ne ke re gongwe ke tlhalose dingwe dilo ka Setswana, o bona madi o kgona go a tshwantshanya le motho. Go na le gore motho o ka nna a sa bereke gotlhelele, go na le gore motho o ka bereka, mme a sa bereke dinako tsotlhe. Go na le gore motho o ka bona tiro, le wena fa o mmona a tsamaya o a bona gore motho yo o a bereka. Jaanong fa o dirisa diteme tsa Sekgoa kana tsa madi, fa madi gotwe ga a bereke, go raya gore *it is not invested*, ka Sekgoa, *that money is not invested*. Ke gore a beilwe ka fa tlase ga mosamo, mo dibekeng, ke gore madi a a sa berekeng, fa gongwe a beilwe fela *in the account* e e senang morokotso. Madi a a ntseng jalo gatwe ke a sa berekeng, a tshwana le motho a sa bereke. Motho fa a sa bereke maduo ga a nne teng, madi a ntse fela jalo, madi fa a sa bereke ga a nne le maduo, ga a none.

Ga bo go nna gore, mo Sekgoeng gatwe go tsenya madi kana *to invest in what I call fixed income securities*. Ke gore fa gotwe madi o a tsentse mo *fixed income securities*, tota ke Sekgoa fela se leka go go tsietsa, kgang fela ke gore, o adimane madi ao, o adimile lefatshe lengwe, kompone nngwe kana motho mongwe. Madi a ntseng jalo ke madi a ke reng a bereka, mme ga a bereke mo go kalokalo. Maduo a nna fa yo o mo adimileng, Goromente kana kompone e o e adimileng e duela, e setse jaanong e duela madi a e ntseng e a adimile, e bile e go duela morokotso. Go raya gore monono wa gago

ke morokotso. Mme madi a a tsenngwang mo go tse gotweng *fixed income security*, ke gore, le fa go ka nna jang, molao o a patika gore motho yo o tshwanetse go go duela, le morokotso o a o bona. Ke gore Goromente kana kompone eo e a phutlhama kana ga e phutlhame, molao o tlama gore o duelwe morokotso wa gago, o duelwe se o se adimileng. Ke madi a re reng, a bereka, mme a sa bereke mo go kalokalo.

Ga bo go nna le se Makgoa ba se bitsang ba re go tsenya madi mo *equities, to invest in equities*, ke gore fa o tsentse madi mo *equities* go tshwana le madi a a berekang tota, a bereka ka mashetla. Le a itse gore motho fa a bereka ka mashetla, o kgona go bereka ka mashetla le bokete o bo o ikgolagatsa mo tseleng, le madi a ntse jalo. Fa a bereka thata ka mashetla a tsene mo diabeng, ka gore a bereka ka bokete, a mo diabeng, kompone eo e kgona go phutlhama. Mme ka fa molao o ntseng ka teng, madi ao a a berekang ka mashetla a a leng mo diabeng, fa kompone kana Goromente yoo a wa, go raya gore le wena diabe tsa gago di a wa. O kgona go sala o iphotlhere. Ke sone se ke reng keletso ya me ke gore, Batswana ka bophara re ithute thata mo go tseneletseng ka fa madi a berekang ka teng.

Ke sa tswa go bua gore go na le madi a a sa berekeng, a a sa berekeng ga go na le fa e le monono, ka gore ga go na le fa e le morokotso o o tsenang. Go na le madi a a berekang, mme a sa bereke mo go kalokalo, go raya gore ao a nona go se kaenyana fela. A nona go se kaenyana fela ka gore morokotso o a bonwa. Go na le a a berekang ka mashetla, a a berekang ka mashetla a kgona go nona thata fa e le gore madi a a a tsentseng mo diabeng, kompone e o tsentseng madi mo go yone e a nona, e a gola, mme fa e le gore kompone eo e a phutlhama, o phutlhama le yone.

Go raya gore ba BPOPF, ba ba tlhokometseng *pensions* tsa Batswana ba rona, go raya gore le bone madi a ba a tshwaretseng Batswana go na le gore a mangwe a tsenngwe mo *fixed income securities*, ke gore a a berekang fela mo go lekaneng. Go na le gore a mangwe a tsene mo diabeng, ke gore a bereke ka mashetla, fa go golwa thata a nona thata, fa go phutlhama go a phutlhamiwa. Mme go na le gore madi a ba a tshwareletseng Batswana a kgone go nna fela, ke gore a sa bereke. Go raya gore fa a sa bereke, madi a Batswana kwa ba a beileng teng ga a none gotlhelele.

Kadimo e, e Goromente o adimang madi mo BPOPF, go raya gore go tshwana le BPOPF e tsenya madi mo go se Makgoa ba se bitsang ba re *fixed income*. Ke gore go tshwana le fa BPOPF e re, lona Batswana matsana a re le a tshwaretseng, a mangwe re a tsenya mo *fixed income* re adima *in this case*, lefatshe la Botswana. Go raya gore madi a a bereka, mme e seng mo go kalokalo. Jaaka a bereka jaana, go raya gore Batswana madi a bone a ba a beileng kwa Pensions Fund, a ya go nona, a nontshwa ke morokotso o o buegang o Goromente wa Botswana a tlaabong a duela Pension Fund 11 *per cent*. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, se se monate ke gore lenaneo le le raya gore Batswana kwa ba beileng madi teng, madi a bone a ya go nona ka one morokotso o. Ga a ye go nona fela ka morokotso wa 11 *per cent*, ke gore madi a teng a tlaabo a dira gape se se mosola. Mosola wa teng ke gore, madi a teng a tlaa nama a dira gore lefatshe la Botswana le tswelere le tshwareletse. Ke gore dikompone tse di ntseng di direla Goromente wa Botswana ditirelo, di tlaa kgona gore di duelwe. Di tlaa kgona gore tse dingwe di tsweledise ditirelo tse di ntseng di di dira.

Se ke selo se se diragalang fa lefatshe le ntse le tlhabologa ka fa le dirisang madi ka teng. E ka tswa e le boammaaruri gore, tlhabololo e e tsena mo nakong e itsholelo e haraharilwe ke mathata kana sepatšhe se mo seemong a a makgwakgwa. Go ka tswa go ntse jalo, mme o a bona Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fa gongwe lefatshe, kompone kana lelwapa le rutwa ditsamaiso tse dišha tse di siametseng lelwapa leo fa nako e ntse e tswelletse, ke diemo tse di makgwakgwa. Gore re bo re le mo seemong se, go a re thusa gape re le lefatshe gore re tlhabolole tsamaiso ya rona ya madi.

Le fa Pension Fund e sa adime lefatshe la Botswana, dinako tsotlhe e tshwanetse gore a bo e tsentse madi mangwe mo *Fixed Income Securities*. Ka mantswa mangwe, le fa Pension Fund ya Botswana e ne e ka gana ya re nnyaa, ga re adime Botswana, boammaaruri ke gore le fa ba sa adime Botswana, lefatshe lengwe lone ba a le adima. Madi a rona a ntse adimiwa mafatshe a mangwe, a ntse a adimiwa le ene America. Fa gotwe re rekile *fixed income* kwa moseja, re a bo re adimile mafatshe le dikompone tse dingwe. Le fa re ka gana go adima Goromente kana dikompone tsa Botswana, mme gone re adima mafatshe a mangwe. Jaaka re ba adima jaana, re ba adima ba ntse ba itlhabolola, bo Goromente

ba bone ba tswelera, mme ba adimile mo go rona.

Ke sone se ke reng go botlhokwa e bile ke ka rata gore Batswana ba di tlhaloganye dikgang tse mo go tseneletseng, gore e se ka kgabagare ba tshoswa ke batho. Ba ba tshosa o kare go diragala sepe se se maswe, mme boammaaruri e le gore le fa re le mo mathateng, tsamaiso e ntšha e, e isa Botswana kwa tsamaisong e e tseneletseng, e e siameng, e kgabagare e tlaa re thusang gore re tswelere thata re le lefatshe la Botswana.

Ke e tlhatswitse ka Setswana Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ka mafoko a ke sutise gore molao o wa Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) o balwe e le labobedi. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Your Honour the Vice President, Minister of Finance. Order! Honourable Members, the floor is open.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke sale ke pshwegapshwegile go bua ka kgang e, ka ba ka tsena mo *offside* e nngwe e ke iseng ke ko ke e bone mo botshelong ...*(Laughter!)*... mme ke dumela gore o tlaa intshwarela *Mr Speaker for that blunder*.

Ke bue ka kgang e *Mr Speaker*, ke boelela mafoko a ke neng ke a bua kgantele gore rotlhe re a lemoga gore lefatshe la rona le mo mathateng a itsholelo. Rotlhe re a lemoga gore Goromente o kolota batho ba le bantsi, ba ba diretseng Puso ditirelo tse di farologaneng. Rotlhe re a lemoga gore go botlhokwa gore Goromente a tseye dikgato tsa go bona gore o nna mo seemong sa gore a ka duela batho ba a ba kolotang. Ke ne ke bua gore ga se rona lefatshe la ntlha go feta mo seemong se, ke kile ka tshela mo lefatsheng le le fetileng ka seemo se mo dingwageng tse dintsi tse di fetileng. Le adima madi a a seng kana ka sepe, go balelwa le one madi a *pension* ya badirelapuso. Fa o botsa gore madi a a neng a adimilwe ao a feletse kae, ga o ka ke wa itse kwa a feletseng teng.

Ba adima madi ba re ba ya go baakanya *some water treatment plant, a very big water treatment plant* mo lefatsheng la bone. Ba tsaya *millions of Dollars Mr Speaker*, se re neng ra se bona ke go rekiwa ga dikoloi tsa mabaibai tse di turang, gotwe *they are project*

vehicles. Go bo go felela gone foo. Le gompiano metsi ao a go neng gotwe a ya go baakanngwa a isiwa mo toropongkgolo eo, ga a yo, batho ba santse ba a nwa mo didibeng.

Ke batla go bua le Puso ya rona e e tshwereng marapo gore bagaetsho, gompiano go ka lebega o kare BPOPF e na le madi a mantsi. Madi fela jaaka sengwe le sengwe, fa o a dirisa o sa a busetse, a fela. Fa re ka tsaya mo teng, ra nna re adima, re re nnyaa, re tsere P300 million fela ga re a tsaya gotlhe. Fa a sa boele madi ao, phelelong madi a badirelapuso ba a a fela. Re tshwanetse gore re itse gore ke badirelapuso ba ba tlogetseng tiro, ba ba ikaegileng ka *pension* eo go duelela *their day to day living expenses*. Ke batla go gatelela gore, le itse gore jaaka le a tsaya jaana, le tshwanetse gore le a buse. *At the end of the day*, madi a a tshwanetse gore a duelwe, a boele kwa a tswang teng.

Madi a a adimiwang a *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go tlhagisa gore ga ke batle gore kamoso jaaka lefatshe le ke buang ka lone le, re bo re utlwa gore madi ao a ne a dirisediwa go duela *suppliers* tsa *furniture* tsa *Ministers* le ba maemo a a rileng. Ga ke batle go utlwa gotwe madi ao a ne a dirisediwa go duelela *furniture* tsa P1 million tse re di bonang. Ao madi *Mr Speaker*, tumelo ya me ke gore a duele dikoloto tse di ntseng di le teng gale, e seng tse re di dirang gompiano re reka *furniture* tsa *millions*. Fa re ka duelela *furniture* tsa *millions* ka madi a re a adimang kwa BPOPF, re tlaabo re supa go tlhoka boikarabelo. Re tlaabo re sa farologane le lone lefatshe le ke buang ka lone, le le neng la ya go adima madi le tla go reka dikoloi, go bo go felela gone foo.

Ke batla gore madi a *Mr Speaker*, a ye go duela ba ba neng ba *supply* dikole tsa ga Goramente ka *apples*, disukiri le ditee, bo esemang ba setšhaba sa rona. Ba e leng ke gore ke gone fa ba bonang go inatswa teng. Kwa kgaolong ya me *Mr Speaker*, ba bantsi ba ba saleng ba isa *invoice* kwa khanseleng. Ba ne ba isitse *apples* le dilo tse di farologanyeng kwa dikoleng. A go duelwe bone bao. A re se ka ra bona madi a, a dirisiwa go duela dikompane fela tse di rileng; *big companies* tse gongwe kamoso re ka jang sengwenyana mo go tsone. A go se ka ga nna jalo. A madi a dirisediwe go sologela molemo *that ordinary citizen* wa Botswana yo e leng gore *has supplied Government with some services and has not been paid up to date*. Ke batla gore ke e gatelele eo *Mr*

Speaker:

Madi a, a dirisediwe se re se a adimelang. E se ka ya re kamoso, re bo re utlwa e le gore ga a sa tlhole a ya kwa go se re neng re se a adimetse, a ya go duelela dilo tse e seng tsone.

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

MR KAPINGA: Ee, kana go rekiwa dipoo kwa America. *Mr Speaker*, fa *loan* e, e sa duelwe ka nako, e bo e le gore BPOPF *is depleted*, se ke se boneng ka matlho a me *Honourable Minister* ke gore, Goramente o tlaabo a fuduga kwa *Pension Fund* a bo a leba kwa *funds* tse dingwe, fa gongwe e le *private fund*. Go bo go felela e le gore gotlhe mo setšhaba se neng se go ipeetse, *all the national savings are depleted by a Government that borrows and does not pay*. Ga ke eletse gore lefatshe la rona le ka wela mo seemong se ke kileng ka se bona kwa lefatsheng le lengwe. Fa re dumalana fela gore re ya go dira dilo tse sentle *Mr Speaker*, ke ema nokeng kadimo e e tlileng ka Tona wa rona wa tsa Madi. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Mma re re mo dingwageng tse di fetileng, ka gore ke kile ka nna modirelapuso ka tsena mo *Trade Unions*, re bua ka diemo tse. Re ne re a tle re ngongorege gore o kare Puso e adima thata kwa ntle ga lefatshe la Botswana. Keletso e le gore re na le *fund* ya *pensioners* ya Batswana. Fa e gola, go gola boleng jwa Batswana. E ne e le kutlwisiso ya rona nako eo.

Ke a itumela gore Puso e simolola go dirisa letlole la rona. Ke na le tshepho ya gore le tlaa dirisiwa ka tsela e e tlaa direlang Batswana ditirelo tse ba di tlhokang. Ka gore ga ke utlwe Sekgoa sentle fa go buiwa dilo tse tsa madi, go buiwa gore go tlaa go duelelwa *outstanding invoices*. Ke kile ka utlwa bangwe ba bua ka *financial intelligence*, ba re tlhalosetsa ka ga re na kitso e e tseneletseng mo dilong tse. Ba supa gore go borai thata gore fa o tsaya *loan*, o bo o *service* dikoloto ka yone. Ba ba itseng tiro ya madi, ba re tlhagisa jalo Rre Bogatsu.

Loan fa o e tsaya, ke gore o dire *investments*. O dire dilo tse di tlaa salang di le teng. O aga itsholelo ya gago ka tsone, e le tsone tse di go neelang botshelo. Go tshwana le fa ke adimile madi mo go *Honourable Saleshando*, ke bo ke a ja, ke bo ke re ke ya go adima kwa go Mokgware gore ke mo duele. O bona gore ga ke

dire sepe fela se se tlaa thusang mo botshelong jwa me. Ke go oketsa mathata fela. Kgantele ke ya go adima kwa go Dr Gobotswang go duela sekoloto sa me. Ke tsena mo matšhoniseng, ke tsietsa le mongwe le mongwe ke simolola go nna *scammer*. Kgantele batho ba tsaya le Automated Teller Machine (ATM) *card* le bo Omang ba gago ka gore ga o kgone go duela dilo sentle. Ke sone se re tshwanetseng re se lebelele. Mme fela ka re...

MR LUCAS: *On a point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Rraetsho, mo bekeng e e fetileng, Vice President (VP) o ne a bua puo e o e buang eo. A bua gore go na le kadimo e e siameng le e e sa siamang. E e siameng ke e o adimelang *for investment* le go godisa itsholelo. E e sa siamang ke yone ya go jela mo ganong, go bua ene. Ga ke itse gore a beke e, o fetogile? Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: Ga ke dumele gore o fetogile, ga se yo o ka fetogang ka fa ke mmonang ka teng. Ke dumela gore ene o adimela tiro e e siameng. *He does not rob* Peter go duela Paul. O tlaa tla a tlhalosa. Ke dumela gore ga a tsietse, e bile ga a dire jalo.

Kgantele re ne re utlwa *statement* sa ga *Honourable* Kenewendo a bua gore ba ne ba adima madi mo letloleng le re buang ka lone la BPOPF. Ba santse ba duela sekoloto mme ga go na sepe se re se dirileng ka madi ao le fa o lebile. *We are not benefiting from that loan because we have not built the structure* se re neng re eleditse go se aga sa motlakase. Gakere ga re na motlakase mme ba ne ba dueletse gore ba age *plant*. *Plant* ga e yo, motlakase ga o yo.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ke sone se ke se buang *General* Mokgware. Diemo tsa gore re tsere *loan*, re a e *service*, re ya go tsaya e nngwe kwa South Africa gape gore e re neele motlakase mahala ka fa re ne re tsere *loan* kwa BPOPF. Ga re na motlakase, re reka dikerese gore re tshube. Seemo seo, ke sone se ke buang ka sone *Honourable* Mokgware le *Honourable Speaker*. *Let us avoid it*. Fa re tsere madi, re dire dilo tse e leng gore *at the end, we are going to benefit from the structure and loan*. E seng gore re bo re ya go felela re duela, jaaka re duelela Morupule B mme re tshuba ka dikerese. Jaanong re ya kwa Morupule U. Gakere U ke yone ya UDC, ele ya B e ne e le ya Domkrag. *We must guard against such a scenario*.

Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke itumelela gore gompiano re simolola go dirisa madi a *institution* ya rona ya mo gae. Le nna ke ja *pension Honourable* Dr Gobotswang. Ke duelwa ke *pension* e. Ga ke dumele gore nako nngwe, re iphitlhele re fiwa *statement* sa gore madi ga a yo kgwedi e. Ga ke na go duelwa ka gore *Honourable* Gaolathe o tsere madi otlhe, o palelwa ke go a duela. Tse ba neng ba re ba a di dira, ga ba a kgona go di dira. Seemo se, se tlaabo se sa re siamela *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumela gore tse ke neng ke di kwadile gore ke akgele, ke setse ke di akareditse, ke dimalana le kadimo *Honourable Speaker* gore e dirwe. Fela e se ka ya duela dikoloto tsa dilo tse re sa kgonang go di dira. *I yield Mr Speaker*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Elucidation.* Ke ne ke re jaaka o bua jalo, ke kile ka bo ke le mo komiting e nngwe ya *Finance and Estimates*, re ne re bolelelwa dinako tsotlhe gore Molaomotho wa lefatshe la Botswana o tlama gore fa o na le dikoloto, fa o bone madi a mannyennyane, o tshwanetse go ya go duela dikoloto tsone tseo. Go raya gore re le lefatshe la Botswana, re tsamaela mo go reng nako nngwe madi otlhe a re nang nao re tlaabo re a tsere re ile go duela dikoloto ka tsela e e rileng ka gore ga re na ka fa e leng gore e kare re bone madi re bo re sa duele madi a *pension* e le sekoloto. Molaomotho wa re re duela one pele re bo re tla re lebelela tse dingwe tsele gore di tsamaya jang. Ke ne ke re ke gakolole gone foo ka *elucidation*. Tanki.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga. Labofelo *point* e ke welang ka yone ke e ke neng ke e buile fa gare, gore ke utlwile o bua ka gore *you are going to service outstanding invoices*, fa ke ne ke utlwa Sekgoa sa gago sentle. A mme *these outstanding invoices* tse o buang ka tsone, ke tsa *Development Budget* e e leng gore re ne re aga dilo dingwe tse di tlaa re thusang? Kana e ne e le tsa go jela fela mo mpeng, tse e leng gore ga re ka ke ra supa le ka *invoices* tseo gore re dirile eng ka tsone? Gongwe fa o tla o *respond*, o tlaa tlhalosa gore tsone *invoices* tse re di duelang, ke tsa eng, ke tsa dilo tse di emeng, re ka di supa, le rona ra di itumelela re di bona di eme ka dinao, kana ke dilo fela tse go neng go dirwa mekete? Re kile ra bona metlholo go direlwa dikgomo mekete, ga ke eletse gore diemo tseo di ka boelela. Ke yone ya gago *Honourable* Mokgware, phathi e le neng le e rata thata le opela le tlhoma ka tlhogo le re '*ino ndi pengisa*,' le bua tsone dilo tseo. Jaanong...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker. Nnyaa, ke ne ke kopa gore mongwame a baakanye fale, ga ke ise ke bo ke nne moDomkrag gope fela mo botshelong jwa me. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Hikuama, a re o mo ngaparetsa lekape la motsotsojane.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Nnyaa, ke dirwa ke gore I associate him le Alliance for Progressives (AP), gakere AP ke offshoot ya Domkrag. Jaanong ke sone se o bonang ke mo associate le Domkrag jaana ka gore AP ke ngwana ya Botswana Movement for Democracy (BMD), ke gore Domkrag e ne ya tshola bana kgapetsakgapetsa. Ya tshola BMD, BMD ya tshola AP, ke tsone dilo tse di neng di diragala fa o bona ke rialo, mme o tlaa intshwarela General. Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker.*

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker, and good afternoon to the House. Mr Speaker, ke dumalana le Tshutiso e e tlileng ka His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance. Fa ke reeditse jaana, ke a utlwa fela gore re a dumalana Mr Speaker, mo gongwe ke go laya, go nna gotwe le se ka la ya go reka ditonki le meroto ya dipoo, le se ka la dira jaana mme re dumalana tota fela Mr Speaker. Kana ke buile mo makgethong a le mantso gore golo fa ga go na kganetso, kganetso ke BDP. Batho ba re a dumalana thata, re mmogo, ga go na le fa e le kganetso gotlhelele.*

Jaanong Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke bolokele Ntlo e nako ke kope to move ka the relevant Standing Order gore re a dumalana. Re ka e bua motshegare otlhe mme fela kwa bofelong jwa kgang ke gore re a dumalana, madi a a tlhokafala. Jaanong ke ne ke kopa to move with the relevant Standing Order Mr Speaker gore we truncate the debate and let His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance to complete the debate. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, I am bound by the Standing Orders to also protect the rights of minority. What I want to establish before I put the question, because I may reject the Motion by Honourable Tshere, provided there are some amongst you who wish to stand to oppose the Bill. I know you have discussed it at the General Assembly, you were made to understand what was going on, none of the speakers so far has opposed the Bill, but ga ke ka ke ka kganela yo o tlaabong a emelela a gana. Jaanong a a itshupe ke mmone...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke kopa procedure mongwame.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ga go na procedure, ke batla Mopalamente yo o tlaabong a ganetsa Bill a eme.*

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members, ga go na ope yo o ganang, so I will go on to put the question. Honourable Minister Tshere has moved in accordance with Standing Order 55.1.*

Question put and agreed to.

MR SPEAKER: *Your Honour the Vice President, Minister of Finance, you may reply to the debate.*

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota ke malebo gore batlotlegi botlhe ba dumalana gore re tshwanetse go dira re le mmogo gore re age lefatshe la rona. Go botlhokwa gore dilo dingwe ke di tlhalose, go botlhokwa gore beng ba lefatshe e bong Batswana ba tlhologanye, ba rurifaletswe gore dilo di dirwa sentle, le gore a dilo di dirwa ka fa ba solofetseng ka teng.*

Kadimo e e siameng ke e e ntseng jang? Go na le se Motlotlegi OmLuu, ke ne ka tlhalosa gore kadimo e e siameng ke e go adimelwang se se tlaa nnang le maduo kamoso. Kadimo e e sa siamang ke e go jelwang mo ganong, mme a re dumalane gore mosepele wa rona ke mosepele o moleele. Fa ke ne ke bua dikgang tseo, ke ne ke di bua e le boammaaruri e bile ke di boeletsa, mme ka gore mosepele o tswetsetse, ke ne ke re ke tswelele go tlhalosa kgang ya kadimo e e siameng ka gore ke kgang e telele. O a bona Motlotlegi OmLuu, fa lelwapa le adima madi mme go sa supe gore ba na le maikaelelo a go tsaya boikarabelo, motho fa a adima madi, a re madi a tlhela go dira se le se, mme o bona metsamao ya gagwe a ntse a tswelala a dira dilo tse di sa tsamaelaneng le gore o tlhoka madi, ke kadimo e e sa siamang. Ke sone se kadimo e Goromente wa Botswana yo mosha e neng e ka se ke e nne e e siameng fa e ne e le gore Goromente wa Botswana yo mosha ga a itebaganya le tse dingwe.

Tse dingwe tse re itebagantseng le tsone gongwe ke di tlhalose; Goromente wa Botswana yo mosha o tshwanetse gore jaaka re ne re solofeditse mo Kgaoganong ya Madi a Setšhaba, re ne ra dumalana gore

go na le mafelo a madi a ka dirisiwang botoka thata teng. Ka Sekgoa Goromente wa Botswana yo mosha o ya go simolodisa, a bo a tsweledisa fa nako e ntse e tsamaya se se bidiwang gotwe *austerity measures*. Go na le kwa re dirisang madi teng thata, ke ka fa dikai mme ga ke batle go di fa gompiano; kwa re tshwanetseng go kgaola tiriso eo ya madi. Fa e le gore re ntse re dirisa P3 *billion* go aga sekontere sa 150 kilometres (km) ra re go a kgonagala go kgaolwa gore sekontere sone sa 150km, se je kwa tlase thata ga P3 *billion* yo re ntseng re mo duela. Fa e ne e le gore re ntse re dirisa P30, 000.00 *to service* dikoloi, ra re ga re sa tlhole re tshwanetse go dirisa P30, 000.00 go di baakanya re ntse re itse gore ga go a tshwanela go ja go feta P10, 000.00. Dilo tse re ya go di dira e bile re simolotse go di dira mo go tseneletseng.

Go dira dilo tse di dirwa pele motho a dira se se bidiwang gotwe *expenditure reviews* kana *expenditure analysis*. Ba Lephata la *Finance* ba na le *expenditure analysis*. Ke gore go tlhodumela ka leithlo le le ntshotsho gore mme dikoloi bogolo jang; tiriso, theko le tsamaiso ya tsone mo go Goromente a e siame? Rona ra re ga e a siama, e ja madi a mantsintsi go feta selekanyo. Ditshekatshenko tse go setse go na le bontlha bongwe jo bo dirilweng bo supa gore totatota go tshwanetse gore go kgaolwe. Go na le *expenditure analysis* tse di dirilweng mo tsamaisong ya madi ya mehama e mengwe e e yang go kgaolwa, go ya go nna le *austerity measures*. Ke gore ka mantswe a mangwe ga re adime madi fela re bo re tswelela le botshelo o kare sengwe le sengwe se siame. Ke gore ke lenaneo le le bophara le e leng gore...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Mothusa Tautona. Ke a go utlwa kwa o tsamaelang teng mme go na le kwa ke batlang gongwe o ntshedimosetsa teng ka gore golo fa re kopa sekoloto gore re ye go duela dikoloto jaaka Rraetsho Hikuama a ne a bua. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore dikoloto tse a re duela bone ba dikgwebo, *suppliers* fela kgotsa re duela le dikoloto tse dingwe tsa batho gongwe ba ka tshwana *say veterinary*, ba ba saleng ka ba kolotiwa ke Puso? Ba bangwe ba bone *for 10 years*, ba bangwe ba fentse *cases* kwa bo *court* mme batho bao ba sa duelwa ka fa tlase ga Puso e e fetileng. A batho ba le bone re ya go ba duela? Maabane jaana ke ne ke utlwa le ba bangwe ba masole ba re madi o kare a ba tlaetse, ba ba neng ba tshwanetse go duelwa dituelo dingwe; bone bo Rre Mokgware. Jaanong ke re a le dikoloto tsa mofuta o, a le tsone di tlaabo di duelwa

kgotsa e tlaabo e le tsa *suppliers* fela gore e tle e re fa re ntse re botswa ke batho kwa ba re kana nna ke na le dingwaga di le kana ke kolotwa ke Goromente, re tle re kgone go araba rraetsho? Ke a leboga.

MR GAOLATHE: Le fa potso ya gago e le monate Motlotlegi OmLuu, o e botsa e le gore ke ya teng koo, ga ke ise ke goroge. Ke ya go goroga teng, le se ka la tshwenyega rra. Ke ne ke santse ke bua gore kadimo, fa lelwapa le adima madi, ga le tsamaye fela le bo le re re ya go adima madi. Le a bo le lebile sengwe le sengwe ka bophara le pope ya seemo se re leng mo go sone. Gore jaaka re ya go adima madi jaana mme ke bontlha bongwe jwa go ipaakanya re le lelwapa la Botswana. Bontlha bongwe jwa go ipaakanya ke ne ka re go akaretse gore ditsamaiso dingwe tse di ntseng di re jela madi kwa go sa tshwanelang, ra re re nna le *austerity measures* tse go yang go kgaolwa. E bile fa di kgaolwa, fa gongwe ga o ye go lemoga gore go kgaotswe ka ntata ya gore go kgaolwa dilo tse e leng gore bogolo jang di ne di sa tlhokafale. Ke bontlha bongwe.

Bontlha bongwe ke utlwa bangwe ba re madi a a adimiwa fela gore a bo a komediwa? Ke re bontlha bongwe jwa go ipaakanya mo lelwapeng re bo buile mo Kabakanyong ya Madi a Setšhaba, ra re Botswana yo mosha o ya go aga se se bidiwang gotwe *Sovereign Fund*. Ke gore letlole le e leng gore ga gona yo o le tshwarang, ke le le tlaabong le lebagane fela mo goreng le fetlhele Botswana dikhumo, bogolo jang ba ba tlang kwa morago. Le tlaa nna le lebile le bona mme sengwe le sengwe se dirwa e le bontlha bongwe jwa lenaneo la go baakanya lelwapa la rona, la go baakanya lefatshe la rona. Ga re adime madi fela ka gore re batla go adima, ke bontlha bongwe jwa go thusa go baakanya lefatshe la rona.

Fa re bua ka gore sentlesentle re duela bomang, potso tota ke gore sentlentle re tshwanetse go duela bomang? Fa o kolota jaaka lefatshe la Botswana le kolota ba le ba kolotang, e ntse e le lona ba le buang; Motlotlegi Hikuama o ntse a bua gore madi a ne a ntse a adimilwe, madi a ne a ntse a tshelwa kwa BPC mme go lebege a tsene ka lebitla, maduo ga a ise a bonale. Kana gore maduo ga a ise a bonale gore gongwe tsamaiso e ne e se ka ya nna e e siameng, kgang e ga e sutlhe gore lefatshe le a kolota jaaka re kolota Afrika Borwa. Ke gore sengwe le sengwe se re se kolotang go sa kgathalesege

gore re kolota ka ntata ya gore re dirisitse madi kwa re neng re tshwanetse le kwa re neng re sa tshwanela teng, sekoloto ke sa rona rotlhe. E bile re tshwanetse gore re duele sekoloto seo. Se se botlhokwa ke gore mo go dueleng dikoloto tse re rile mo Botswaneng yo mosha, re dumela mo go se se bidiwang gotwe *fairness*, go lebelela le makgotla re sa gogele kobo gope, re lebelela dilo jaaka di tshwanetse.

Bontsi jwa dikoloto di ama ba e leng gore, ke e fa dikai; ba ntse ba re alafela balwetse mme ga ba a duelwa, ba ntse ba re direla ditiro mme ga ba a duelwa. Le mo go tsone dikoloto tse go na le tse e leng gore lona le rona ga re dumalane gore nkabo re na le sekoloto se mme se teng. Le tsone re tshwanetse go di duela e le bontlha bongwe jwa go baakanya lelwapa gore re le ntshe kwa le leng teng. Kgang ke gore jaaka re ipaakanya re le lefatshe la Botswana, bontlha bongwe jwa go ipaakanya e le go adima madi le go fokotsa ditshenyegelo. Bontlha bongwe e le go oketsa letseno jaaka re baakanya makgotla a a tlaa re thusang go tsenya...

MR PULE: *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge Mothusi Tautona e bile e le Tona wa tsa Madi. Ke rata lefoko le o reng go baakanya, ke le rata thata. Le fa o utlwa kgantele ke ne ke re “no” ka gore ke ne ke batla go bua, ya ne e kete ke kgopisegile gore Rre Tshere o nkemisitse gore ke se ka ka bua, mme ke *support budget*. Ke ntse ke amogela melaetsa fale le fale ba bangwe ba re kana Tona ke yo a re o a baakanya, mme go a bonala gore go na le madi a a sa tswang go dirisiwa a *over P1 million* a ya go reka *furniture* ya bo *Minister*. A e seng gore madi ao tota jaanong le a kopela gore go ye go duelwa dilo di tshwana le *furniture* ya bo *Minister*? Ke kopa gore o e tlhatswe Tona. Ke a leboga.

MR GAOLATHE: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Pule. Ke tlhalose gore Goramente wa Botswana yo mosha, koketso e nngwefela e a e dirileng. Ke dituelo tsa bagodi, ga go na gope kwa Goramente wa Botswana yo mosha a okeditseng teng. Se se leng boammaaruri jaaka ke ntse ke bua, go na le kwa go nang le ditshenyegelo le dituelo tse di sa tlhokafaleng. Ke sone se ke reng Botswana yo mosha jaaka a baakanya lelwapa, re itse gore go na le mafelo a re tshwanetseng go a kgaola, mme ga go na kwa re okeditseng teng fa e se dituelo tsa bagodi. E bile ke rurifaletsa Motswana gongwe le gongwe kwa a leng

teng gore re eme ka dinao, re senka diphatlha tsotlhe le metlhala e e leng gore re ka fokotsa, go fokoletsa setšhaba sa rona go dutla ga madi. Tiro ya rona e ntse e le go bona gore ka bophara tse re ka di dirang ke go fokotsa le go adima kwa re tlhokang gore re adime teng, tse re ka di dirang ke go oketsa letseno kwa re ka le oketsang teng. Gotlhelele ke a go rurifaletsa, ga go na koketso ya madi e Goramente yo mosha a e diretseng ope, eo ke a le rurifaletsa. Fa e le sengwe, rona fa dingwaga di ntse di tsamaya ke go fokotsa, ke yone tiro e re leng mo go yone. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o kare ke ba kgwile dikgaba, mme ka go ba kgwa dikgaba jalo, ke se ka ka senya nako. Ke sutise gore Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) (Loan Authorisation) Bill, 2025 (No. 7 of 2025) e balwe e le labobedi. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Today.**

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (NO. 8 OF 2025)

Second Reading

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. I now call upon Honourable Minister, Major General Pius Mokgware for Honourable Minister of Environment and Tourism to present.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of procedure.* Ga ke itse gore go diragetse jang, mme o kare ga re na *document* ya *Bill* e. Ga ke itse gore a go ka siama gore re ka tswelela jaana re ntse re sena yone?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: I know as a matter of fact that we received the notice copy today...

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

MR SPEAKER: Yes, but the gazettelement was done on the 28th...

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

MR SPEAKER: Do you have a soft copy somewhere to send to Honourable Members?

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Yeah, because it is one page perhaps, one of you could take a picture and share it in the group. Properly *kana* Honourable Members *le tshwanetse* to check gazette *kgapetsakgapetsa*.

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

MR SPEAKER: No, it was gazetted.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: E tlaa romelwa *Honourable Members*. Tswelela *Honourable* Mokgware.

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

MR SPEAKER: I understand that the Bill book is actually here...

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

MR SPEAKER: I understand the Bill book is with the Clerk. *Tswelela* Honourable Mokgware.

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Mma ke kope ka boikokobetso fela mo go lona gore le bo le bone pampiri eo *late*. Tota ka tsamaiso e bile le ka tshwanelo, ke ka bo ke sale ke le e neetse jaaka tse dingwe gore le e bale, e bile le tle le kgone go nna le dikakgelo kana bogakolodi jo bo nonofileng. Kgang e ke buang ka yone e re ne ra e *present* mo Ntlong e ka di 28 tsa ga *March* 2025.

Konokono ya kgang e ne e le go kopa go baakanya kana ka Sekgoa ke gone go kopa go baakanya *the* Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 8 of 2025). *Bill* e e bua ka go nonotsha badiredi ba Lephata la *Wildlife* gore ba ka neelwa ditlhobolo tsa 'kgotla more o itirise' kana ba bangwe ba di bitsa *arms of war*. Mathata ke eng? Ke eng fa re tla go kopa Ntlo e jaana? Re e kopa jaana ka gore *poaching* kana bogodu jwa diphologolo, bo godile mo garona e bile jaanong bo rotloediwa ke batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle le bangwe ba rona ba dirisa ditlhobolo tsa *automatic rifles* kana ka Sekgoa gotwe ke *the arms of war*.

Jaanong re bo re re ka gompiano ga ba na ditlhobolo tseo, ba ba ka gakologelwang, Puso e e neng e feta e, e ne ya

di tsaya ya di ba amoga, go bo go raya gore go dira jalo ba sala ba iphotlhere fela ba sena epe tlhobolo e ba ka e dirisang. Bangwe ba ba gaufi le gone kwa ditiragalo tse di nnang teng kwa bo Rre Kapinga, Rre Hikuama, Rre Kekgonegile kwa ba tswang teng, kgang e e ke e e gaufi thata le bone mme e bile ke basupi ka se se diragalang teng koo. Le bo Rre Taolo Lucas ka kwa kgaolong e e ka kwa ke basupi gore tota *poaching* e ile kwa godimo. Kana *poaching* e, go bolawa diphologolo tsa rona tse re di ratang mo go maswe mme e bile di ratwa le ke ba mafatshe a sele jaaka ditlou, ditshukudu le matlotse. Ke tsone tse di re direlang madi mme jaanong ba di tsaya ka palo e e kwa godimo.

Go itshupile mo makgethong a le mantsinyana gore fa batho ba rona ba *Wildlife* ba sena dibetsa kana ditlhobolo tse di ntseng jaana, ga ba ka ke ba kgona go dira tiro ya bone ka tshosologo le ka phuthologo. Maabane jaana ke ne ke tswa teng kwa, mme ka fitlhela ditlhapi di tletse mo Land Cruiser, tse ba neng ba di rwele mo nokeng ka kwano mo Botswana. Jaanong dilo tse di ntseng jaana tse, re tshwanetse gore re di lwantshe. Kana bojanala jwa rona bo eme gone foo, fa go tswa diteemane ga re bojanala. Ke tsone dilo tse e leng gore re a di tlhoka.

Fa re ka ba fa ditlhobolo tse, go ya go diragala eng? Re tlaa boelwa ke eng? Selo sa ntlha re tlaabo re bolokile matshelo a bodiredi jo jwa *Wildlife* ka gore jaanong bo tlaabo bo bereka bo sireletsegile kana e bile bo kgona go itshireletsa sentle. Sa bobedi se se tlaa diragalang jaanong ke gore bojanala jwa rona bo tlaa phophoma, bo tlaa gola ka gore diphologolo tse tsa rona tse, tse di ntseng di tsewa ke bangwe e se ka fa molaong, di tlaabo di sireletsegile, go sena ope yo o ka di kgomang. Ba tlaabo ba itse sentle gore jaanong fa ba tsena ka kwano ba tla go bolaya diphologolo tse, re kgona go ikarabela gore le bone ba tle ba re itse. Ga a yo yo o ka tswang fela kwa gabone a tla a kolopela ka kwano Gobotswang, a tla go re *challenge* mo ga rona a bo a boa a boela fela ka kwa. Fa a ka tlolela ka kwano, o tshwanetse go sala gone fa kwa nameng ya rona e a e bolaileng re sa mo letlelela gore a e bolaye. Ke sone se jaanong ke le kopang mo Ntlong e ka boikokobetso ka mafoko a makhutshwane ke re a re gakologelweng gore bojanala jo ke jone bokamoso jwa lefatshe le mme e bile re se ka ra bo ra letlelela ope fela motho yo o ka bong a ntse jang go tswa kwa ntle a tla go bolaya phologolo ya rona re bo re mo tlogela fela sekono a tsamaya a ntse jalo. E bile gape, *let us make*

sure gore sa botlhokwa ke tshireletsego le botshelo jwa modiredi wa *Wildlife*. Go se ka ga nna ka lepe letsatsi go bona modiredi mongwe wa rona wa *Wildlife* a tseetswe botshelo ke *poacher*. Foo yo o tlaa ganang Tshutiso a bo a itse gore botshelo jwa *that Wildlife Officer* re bo batla mo go ene ka gore le na le maikarabelo a go bona gore ga a yo ope Motswana kana mmereki wa *Wildlife* yo o tla a tswang mono a golafaditswe kana a bolailwe ke *poacher*. Ke sone se o utlwang ke batla go kopa fela jaana ka bokhutshwane ka boikokobetso e bile ga ke bone gore kgang e re tshwanetse gore re tseye nako e telele ka yone, re tshwanetse gore re dumalane fela lotlhe gone fa, re a utlwana?

Mr Speaker, ka boikokobetso ke re ke kopa gore *this Bill* be read for the second time.

MR SPEAKER: E bale.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I move that the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (No. 8 of 2025) be read for the second time.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Le nna mma ke akgele ka bokhutshwane mo molawaneng o le fa mongwe ka fa a re ke itse eng ka dikgang tsa teng. Ke supe fela *Mr Speaker*, gore go botlhokwa thata jaaka motlotlegi a santse a tswa go re kopa mme le rona re bona.

Ke ka simolola fela ka gore tota lefatshe le ne le gakgametse, re ne re gakgametse thata fa ma*Wildlife* ba tsweelwa ditlhobolo, di gapiwa di ya go bewa re sa itse gore gatwe Goromente wa ga Rre Mabuse Pule ka nako eo ba ne ba tshositswe ke eng. Ba ne ba dirile eng se ba neng ba kgona go tsogologela bana ba tshwana le ba *Wildlife* jaana, mme legale ene ga a na molato *Mr Speaker*, Batswana ba ile ba arabela bana ba Modimo.

Mr Speaker, go botlhokwa thata gore re gatelele kgang e gore ke boammaaruri gore go busetsa ma*Wildlife* ditlhobolo tsa kgotlha-more-o-itorise ke go ba fa seriti ka gore batho ba bangwe ba ba utswang diphologolo (*poachers*), e a bo e le badiredi ba pele ba mafatshe a a farologaneng, e ka nna ba sesole, sepodise kana bape ba o ka ba akanyang, ba ba itseng gore tlhobolo e dirisiwa jang. Bana ba rona jaaka ba ne ba itshopere gotwe ba ba goelele fela ba re, “hee! heela! tlogela tlou eo, tlogela

tshukudu eo!” go ne go le diphatsa thata mo go bone *Mr Speaker*, batho ba tsere ditlhobolo ba lwa ba le hula, lona gotwe le ba kuelele. Le one molelo tota o o tshela metsi *Mr Speaker*. Re ne re bone go sele fela mo go Goromente yo re ntseng re tswa mo go ene.

Go botlhokwa gore bana ba rona gompiano le nako e e tla a tlang ba itse gore tshukudu go tewa eng, tlou go tewa eng, lenaka la tshukudu le ntse jang, lenaka la tlou le ntse jang. Golo mo go ne go nyelela ka gore batho ba ne ba itseela fela jaaka ba kgona.

Mr Speaker, fa ke ntse ke tsweletse, ke tshwanetse ka supa gore ke ne ke ntse ke ganetsa Goromente yo o neng a feta, ke na le pelaelo ya gore go tshwanetse ga bo go na le gore babusi ka nako eo, ba ja le batho ba ba nyeletsang diphologolo ba. Fa ba tla a tsaya ditlhobolo mo baneng ba *Wildlife*, go ne go dirwa ke eng? Ke ne ke na le pelaelo ya gore gongwe ke dijammogo ka tsela epe, *that is why* bale go ne go tsewa ditlhobolo mo go bone.

Ga se gone fela *Mr Speaker*, fa nne seemo se letla se bua le ka ditsompelo tse dingwe, ke ne ke ka re fa madi a ne a le teng... e re ke nna fa fatshe *Mr Speaker*, ma*Wildlife* ba okelediwe *choppers* tse e leng gore ba *patrol* ka tsone mo dikgweng tse di kanakana. Gone moo fela, go a re thusa ka ba tlhola ba thusa batho ba ba timetseng kana go na le diemo tse re sa kgoneng *to access* dikgwa mo go tsone.

Ga se gone fela, fa madi a ne a le teng, ke ne ke ka bua ka re *drones* tse re di emetseng di tshwanetse gore di dirisiwe, madi a bonale go lekwe ka bojotlhe gore ma*Wildlife* ba nne *armed* gore *drones* tse fa di ba kaeditse gore go a senyega kwa bokete, ba tle ba kgone go tsamaya ba itse gore batho bale ba tshotse eng, ba mo seemong se se ntseng jang *Mr Speaker*.

Diphologolo fela tsone, di diphatsa jaaka ditlou. Gongwe Rre Kapinga fa a itshwere mahutsana jaana, tota o a utlwa gore *issues* tse ke buang ka ga tsone tse di diphatsa mo kgaolong ya gagwe go le kana ka eng, batho ba kgaolo ya gagwe ba tshela mo kutlobotlhokong e e senang boleketso, o utlwela batho ba kgaolo ya gagwe botlhoko tota gore se ke se buang ke sone se se ba diragalelang. Ba *Wildlife* ka dinako tsotlhe fa ba disitse diphologo, ba tshwanetse gore ba bo ba na le ditlhobolo *Mr Speaker*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Motsamai to give me time to elucidate.* Ke ne ke re kana o e tshwere sentle fela thata. Fa o gakologelwa mo Palamenteng e e fetileng, Rre Nkawana o ne a tla ka Tshutiso e e kwenneng fela thata re le kwa Boipuso Hall, e a neng a supa gore kana go borai go ka tlhokomela diphologolo tse di gomagomediwang ke batho ba ba nang le boitsaanape le *skills* tse di farologaneng. Nako eo bo Rre Dikoloti ba ganana le yone.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR HIKUAMA: Mme ke dumalana le wena fela thata gore, gape go diphatsa le mo go bone *to expose them to such a situation* e e leng gore batho ba *are armed, trained by* sesole, bone ba tla ka tlhobolo ya dihala gatwe ba tlhokomele diphologolo. Ke gore ke ne ke dumalana le wena fela thata gore, ke kgang e e botlhokwa. Le diphologolo tse ba di tlhokometseng tse di borai, ka gore di kgona go ba bolaya, bone ba tshwere tlhobolo e e laelwang gantsintsi o e kgobela kafa. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke boammaaruri *Mr Speaker.* Nako eo fa go ntse go dumalanwa, go bo go ganwa *Motions*, tota Rre Dikoloti ke tlaabo ke mo golega, ka gore ke nako e a neng a romilwe kwa mafatsheng. Ga salwa go ganwa jalo, re tshelwa dithole, ene a seyo mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke gakologelwa sentle, ga ke itse gore e ne e le Mozambique kana Zambia golo fale. Mma ke se ka ka ya kwa go eo *Mr Speaker.* Ke tsene mo kgannyeng fela ya gore, kana jaaka o utlwa ke bua ke re le *drones* le tsone di botlhokwa thata, le matshelo a batho ba dikgaolo a botlhokwa thata *Mr Speaker.* Basadibagolo le bannabagolo ba ditshimo tse di kwa bo Chobe, Ngami le Okavango ba tlhorontshiwa ke ditlou. Ba tlhorontshiwa ke dilo tse dintsi, dikgomo, leruo la batho le a jewa mme ga go na gore... le fa ba ya go bolelela ba *Wildlife* ka nako e ba ne ba ntse ba ba raya ba re, “ee mme re tlaa leka,” tota bana ba Modimo ba sena ditsompelo tse di maleba. Jaaka gongwe mongwe a ka re ke ne ke tswa mo tseleng ke bua jaana ke ka re, fa ke ne ke na le bokgoni, ke ka bo ke re leba le dikoloi tse di ka tsamayang gongwe le gongwe le ba neele, le ba okeletse *Mr Speaker.*

Fa ke wela ke bo ke re, a re se ka e re mo nakong e khutshwane... Rre Mokgware o bue le rona o re, jaanong ke sekasekile le *welfare* ya bana ba ba berekang mo *Wildlife, promotions* tsa bone, ka fa ba tshelang ka teng le bone, gore fa ba re tlhokomelela go bonale gore bana ba ba tlhokometse, ba na le *morale* o o kwa godimo. Serukutlhi se re se leka maretshwa ba supe ka mashetla gore ba sireleditse lefatshe *Mr Speaker.* E ne e le yone kakgelo ya me *Mr Speaker,* ke dumalana le mogopolo o. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke go lemoge le wena mosutisi wa puo e, Rre Mokgware. Tota fela selo sa ntlha se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, ke go eme nokeng. Gongwe e bile ka letsatsi la fa mogopolo o o ganwa, ka gore wa re bangwe ba o gana, gongwe le nna ke ne ke seyo ke ile mafatsheng.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR PULE: Gongwe ke ka bo ke kile ka se ka ka dumalana le ba ba neng ba gana letsatsi la go nna jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR PULE: Mme ke re ke tshwaela fela ka gore, kgang e ke batla o tle o e tlhalose gore, batho bao ba tseetswe dibetsa tsa bone ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang? Ka tota ke kgang e e botlhokwa thata gore re e itse, ka gore ga ke gakologelwe ba amogiwa sengwe. Gongwe se ke ka se gakologelwang ke fa gongwe ke utlwile jaaka ke ne ke seyo, ke gore, go ne ga ganwa Tshutiso ya ga Rre Nkawana, mme nna ke e ema nokeng betsho. E bile o kare *we can extend proposal* ya gago to mapodise, a nna ke sa bolong go bua ka bone gore, e tlile nako ya gore ba fiwe dilo tse ba ka itshireletsang ka tsone, ka gore le bone jaanong fa re re a leba *heists* tsa *robberies* tse di leng teng, tse banna ba tlang ba ipapanne ka *revolvers* tse e leng gore ke *nine millimetres, that are powerful.* Jaanong ke re gongwe le bone re akanye, ga ke ise ke re go nne jalo, ka e kile ya re nako nngwe ke bua kgang ya teng motho a bo a nthaya a re, sepodise sa Botswana se santse se tshela ka kagiso, re se ka ra tloga ra ba tsenya mowa o o seng one. Mme ya *Wildlife I support it* raetsho.

Ke gakologelwa ngwaga mongwe ke ole ke ne ke na le Rre Kapinga re le mo *meeting* wa *security* golo gongwe le maZambia, ba mmotsa gore, raetsho kwa lefatsheng

la Botswana le disitse *rhinos* tsa lona ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang? E le moeteledipele wa sepodise nako ya teng, a ba bolelela gore, “kwa ga rona kwa Botswana fa o ka bolaya *rhino* re a go bolaya, ga re ka ke ra go fa *chance* ya go tsena koo, ya go e bolaya.” Kana jaanong fa go ntse jalo, re bua jalo re le lefatshe, go raya gore *poachers* di a utlwa, ba ya go tla ka mekgwa mengwe e ba itseng gore, kana re ya kwa re ya ntweng, fa e le gore ke a go utswa *rhino*, go na le gore le nna ke ka bolawa. So ke dilo tse di botlhokwa thata gore re di ele tlhoko.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ne ke batlile Tona gore fa a araba, batho ba etle e re fa ba tšhoma Sekgoa, ka e bile ke lesole, ba bue ka bo *weapons of war*, gompiano mo molaong Tshutiso ya gagwe a re, *arms of war*, gongwe re tlhologanye gore, fa a re *arms of war*, le fa re dumalana le ene re se masole, re sa itse gore gatwe go diragala eng, a tlhalose ka botlalo gore o raya eng? Ka gore re simolola re akanya *bomber aircrafts*, dilo mang, ka gore dilo tseo mo mafatsheng a mangwe ba di bitsa ba re ke *arms of war*. Are we saying re a go rekela batho ba *Wildlife* dilo tsa go nna jalo? Ke dumalana ke *Honourable* Motsamai wa tsala ya me yo o neng a bua gore dilo tse di tshwanang le *drones*, fa gongwe fa go le kotsi kwa ma*Wildlife* ba tshwanetseng gore ba ye teng, ba kgone go romela dilo tsa go nna jalo. Gongwe le tsone di le *equipped* ka *arms* kana marumo. Ke a tle ke bone *drones* di rongwa go a go hula, go sena motho mo teng, *being operated by* mongwe golo gongwe. Gongwe ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re ka di akanyang. Ke a itse, jaaka e bile re na le Tona wa tsa Madi, e bile e le Mothusa Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, gore sepatšhe se makgwakgwa. Jaanong fela se se leng teng, gongwe ke re, Tona e re fa a araba, a leke go re tlhalosetsa gore, o a go dira jang gore a bone madi, ka dilo tse re a itse gore di a tura. Di a tura fela thata. Kana fa re sena go nna re dira molao, re tlaabo re dira mo gotweng “molaya Kgosi o a bo a e itaela.” Fa re dira molao go tlaabo go re pateletsa e ntse e le rona gape gore re reke dilo tsa mofuta o, tse di bidiwang gotwe ke *arms of war*. Tse ke neng ke tlhalosa gore ka bonna fela ga ke itse gore fa gotwe *arms of war* go tewa eng?

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *e tšhaile*. As it is now six o'clock, I shall now call upon Honourable Minister Tshere...oh! *kana go na le* Acting

Leader of the House. Acting Leader of the House, Honourable Dr Phenyio Butale, to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (DR BUTALE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re ka nako ya borataro e gorogile, ke sutise gore re khutlise gone fa, batlotlegi ba ye go ikhutsa. *I so move Mr Speaker.*

Question put and agreed to.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until Tuesday 1st April, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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