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Wednesday 4th March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated. Honourable Members *a ko le bitse ba ba tletseng kwa* portico. Order! Order! Honourable Members good afternoon. I hope you had a restful night. *Le a bona gore le jele* four minutes *gakere*. Let us start our business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

TENURE OF LAND BOARD MEMBERS

MR O. KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether there are any land board members who have served for more than two terms in the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency; and if so, what is the basis/reason for keeping them.

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

Mr Speaker, the Tribal Land Act of 2018, provides that land board members shall hold office for three years and are eligible for re-appointment. This provision has not specified the maximum number of terms a member can serve, hence has allowed for multiple re-appointments. To that end there are six members out of a total of 12 within the Jwaneng-Mabutsane Constituency, that is Maokane and Mabutsane Sub- Land Boards who have served for more than two terms.

Mr Speaker, while the decision to re-appoint members of the land board is grounded on the need for continuity and the preservation of institutional memory, there is a need to set a clear time limit as there are inherent risks of retaining the same members for a prolonged period of time in a board. Therefore, the above scenario reinforces the need for the third generation of tribal land administration, which my ministry is intentional in delivering to Batswana. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR KWAPA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona, ke a go utlwa. Potso ya me ke gore jaaka fa o tlhalosa ka *continuity*, ke dumela gore gongwe se o se tlhalosetsang Batswana ke gore kana fa o bona go

nna le *reappointments* tse di fetang bobedi, e nna jaaka e kete o mo dira *permanent*, *though* go le *temporary*. Ke eng fa e le gore re ne re batla *continuity*, re sa hire motho gangwefela re itse gore yo ke yo o *permanent*, gona le gore re nne re ntse re mo tsaya ka makgetho, ka makgetho. Tona a tlhalose gore ke ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore go bo go ntse jalo. Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke utlwa mogopolo wa ga mokaulengwe, mme ke arabile sentle thata *Mr Speaker* gore kana go tlhongwa ga bone go ya ka molao o re o fetisitseng mo Palamenteng. Ke buile gape le gore re mo lebelong la go nna le *third-generation land allocation process*, e ke dumelang gore e tlaa re thusa thata gore batho ba se ka ba boelela. Kgantele kana jaaka kwa kgaolong ya gagwe, bangwe ba setse ba ipelaetsa gore ba ba boeleleng ba, ga se ba kgaolo ya koo. Ke dumela gore re tlaa kgona go rarabolola mathata a *Mr Speaker*. Ke utlwile mogopolo wa gagwe. Ke a leboga.

GRADING OF THE MALOLWANE-OLIPHANT'S DRIFT ROAD

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state why, despite cited budgetary constraints, the ministry has been unable to gravel and grade the Malolwane-Oliphant's Drift Road, given its extremely poor condition and:

- (i) what immediate interventions will be undertaken to restore basic access, particularly for residents in far-flung areas who are effectively denied the right to travel; and
- (ii) when the ministry intends to carry out grading or gravelling works as a matter of urgency to make the road safely passable.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): Thank you Mr Speaker. The ministry is fully aware of the deteriorated condition of the Malolwane-Oliphant's Drift gravel road. The delay in undertaking full gravelling works has been primarily due to limited financial resources.

- (i) Mr Speaker, to ensure continued accessibility, the ministry intends to carry out dry grading on the road in March 2026, subject to the repair and availability of the grader currently under breakdown. In the interim, the department will monitor the most critical sections to ensure that communities are not completely cut off. The road was partially graded in November 2025 as part of routine maintenance.

- (ii) With regard to gravelling and more substantial improvements, the ministry has earmarked the most severely affected sections for spot improvement during the coming financial year, funds permitting. Full gravelling of the road will be considered in line with budget allocations and consideration of maintenance priorities across the country. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke lebogela ka fa Tona a nkarabileng ka teng *Mr Speaker*, le fa ke sa kgotsofala ka gore tota ditsela tsa Kgatleng East ga di a nna sentle. Ke a itse gore madi ga a yo, kgang e a e buang ya gore *they will look at areas tse e leng gore they are in severe damage*, a e tsibogele. A o ka kgona *to treat it as a matter of urgency*?

Tona, fa ke bua ka tsela ya Mmamashia-Modipane gore e senyegile, o ne wa ntsholofetsa gore ka *January this year* konteraka e e tlaabong e simolola go aga tsela *will be awarded*. Go diilwe ke eng Tona, *it has not been awarded*? Gompiano fa ke bua le wena jaana, borogo jwa Oodi-Matebele bo tswetswe *because of metsi* a a sentseng tsela. Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Motlotlegi o ne a eletsa go itse gore a ke ka sekaseka (*consider*) tsela e ya Malolwane-Oliphant's Drift *on urgency basis*. Ke go solofetse motlotlegi gore jaaka re ya re lebile tshimologo ya ngwaga wa ga Goromente ka *April, in fact all the roads in this country* ke di tsaya di le *very urgent*, ke lebeletse diemo tsa tsone. Ya bobedi, motlotlegi o ka dumalana le nna le ntswa ke mo tlotla mo go kalokalo gore ke potso e ntšha, e e yang go tlhoka gore gongwe ke tlhodumele, ke tle ka karabo e e botoka. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary.* Ke lebogela karabo ya gago le nna *Minister* le wena *Honourable Pule*. A ga go bothokwa gore tsela e fa re ka yone re se ka ra tlogela Oliphant's Drift-Ramotlabaki. Kana ke tsela e le nngwefela, e tswa kwa Malolwane, e feta kwa Oliphant's Drift e ya kwa Ramotlabaki. Re se ka ra ema fela mo Oliphant's Drift, ka gore e bile go tswa mo Oliphant's Drift go ya Ramotlabaki, o fitlhele e senyegile thata go feta selekanyo. Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you motlotlegi.* Ke dumela gore dipotso tsa batlotlegi di tlhoka gore nna le bone re nne fa fatshe re bone gore go ya pele tota re ka dumalana gore ke eng se se ka kgonagalang. *Thank you very much.*

FORENSIC AUDITS AT CEDA

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state:

- (i) the number of forensic audits that the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has undertaken since its inception and whether the findings were presented to this Honourable House; and if not, why not; and
- (ii) if he will not consider undertaking a comprehensive forensic audit covering the last 10 years and present the report to this Honourable House with recommendations.

Withdrawn.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *On a point of procedure.* Kana re na le potso ya teng fa, ga ke itse gore fa gotwe e fetilwe ke nako go tewa jang? Ga gona mo gotweng ke *withdraw* fela, ka gore Rre Khan o na le dipotso di le mmalwa tsa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) tse a nnang a di *later date*, kgantele o a *withdraw*. *Like I said last time, the problem is that for as long as* dipotso tsa gagwe di ne di ntse di le teng a di *later date*, go ne go sena yo o ka botsang sepe ka tsone. Gore jaanong e re e tshwanetse gore e arabiwe go bo gotwe e siilwe ke nako, rona re batla karabo, ga ke itse gore a go tlhokafala gore a bue gore e siilwe ke nako jang, e sa arabiwa.

MR SPEAKER: Kana e tshwana le Tshutiso, *a member reserves the right to withdraw in the same way.*

MR KHAN: Fa ke re e fetilwe ke nako ke raya gore ke ne ke sale ke e tlisitse ka 2024, *forensic* e bo e tla. Go raya gore fa ke buseletsa dipotso tse dingwe, ke bo ke tla ke e tsentse mo teng. *Forensic* e diregile re a itse. Ke re kana fa ke botsa dipotso, ga ke itse gore a Botswana Congress Party (BCP) e ya go botsa dipotso.

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

MR KHAN: Ke botsa dipotso le ba kgaolo ya me, gore bone ba akantse jang koo, gore ba nne ba akanya go botsa dipotso, ga se boikarabelo jwa me. Ke botsa dipotso ke boletsa kgaolo. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

GEMVAS

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Finance to explain why Government is not funding multi-residential projects through its Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) since employees pay their mortgage directly from their salaries.

MR KAPINGA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke bone Notice Paper e e neng e supa gore mo letsatsing la gompiano potso ya bone e tlaabo e le ya me e ke e tsentseng. Jaanong ke gakgamala fa e le gore potso ya bone gompiano ke ya ga *Honourable* Bagaisamang, mme ke sa itse gore go diragetse jang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Let me check with the Clerks whilst the Minister is answering question number four.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Bagaisamang. Mr Speaker, the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme, commonly referred to as GEMVAS, was established in 1988 under Section 7 of the Public Service General Orders and subsequently revised in 1996. General Orders 124.1 provides that Government employees are eligible for Government-guaranteed advances from approved financial institutions strictly for the purchase, construction or improvement of residential properties or residential plots, as well as for the acquisition of non-commercial motor vehicles.

Mr Speaker, it is important to emphasise at the outset that GEMVAS was specifically designed to facilitate primary home ownership and personal mobility for public officers. It was not established as a vehicle for commercial property investment or an income-generating real estate venture, including multi-residential developments.

Mr Speaker, while it is correct that employees repay their loans directly from their salaries, Government's involvement under GEMVAS is not limited to payroll deductions. Government provides a sovereign guarantee to participating financial institutions. This guarantee constitutes a contingent liability to the Government. In instances where employees exit public service through resignation, dismissal, retirement or abscondment, the Government is obliged to pay up to 70 per cent of the outstanding balance to the financing institution. The amount paid thereafter is recovered from the employee's terminal benefits.

However, Mr Speaker, where terminal benefits are insufficient to offset the outstanding debt, the exposure crystallises into a direct fiscal cost to Government. In such cases, the matter is referred to the Attorney General's Chambers for legal recovery of the outstanding balance.

Mr Speaker, the latest data shows that as at September 2025, total Government exposure under GEMVAS stood at P1.9 billion, equivalent to approximately 1 per cent of Gross Domestic Product. An exposure of this magnitude is material in the context of fiscal consolidation efforts and competing national development priorities. These guarantees represent contingent liabilities which must be prudently managed to safeguard macroeconomic stability.

Mr Speaker, including multi-residential properties within GEMVAS would significantly alter the risk profile and original intent of the scheme. Unlike a single primary residence, multi-residential developments are commercial, income-generating assets whose viability depends on rental demand, occupancy levels, market conditions and broader economic performance. These commercial variables introduce heightened financial risk beyond what was envisaged when GEMVAS was designed as a home ownership facilitation instrument.

Mr Speaker, extending GEMVAS to commercial property investment would run counter to this reform trajectory and blur the distinction between public facilitation and private enterprise.

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, there are already institutions with the mandate, expertise and financial instruments to support commercially oriented property developments. These include the National Development Bank and Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency.

Mr Speaker, Government remains fully supportive of property development, wealth creation and citizen economic participation, including among public officers. However, commercial ventures such as multi-residential developments should be financed through appropriate development finance institutions and private financial markets rather than through a scheme specifically intended to promote primary home ownership.

Accordingly, and finally, Mr Speaker, Government will maintain GEMVAS as a targeted, fiscally prudent home ownership and personal mobility facilitation instrument, while encouraging officers who wish to pursue commercial property investments to utilise the existing specialised financial institutions established for that purpose. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SEGOKGO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Vice President (VP), ke dumela gore o e arabile sentle. Gone go tla jang VP gore GEMVAS gompiano e bo e seegetswe fa thoko ke dibanka jaaka First National

Bank (FNB)? Ke eng go tsaya lebaka *to negotiate* gore e tle e kgone *to be reinstated*? *What has been the effect of that suspension, Your Honour the VP?*

MR GAOLATHE: *Ee rra*, well, the effect of the suspension, that has not been analysed, but you can imagine what the effect is. The effect of any cash limitation or cash constraint is of course the delay of development. I would not say specifically that analysis has been done, but all the lapses will be corrected as soon as it is practicable.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mothusa Tautona, potso ya me fela ke gore, *what ... (inaudible) ... does GEMVAS or even the Government suffer* fa e le gore ke batla *loan* ya go aga *one-rooms* ke hirisa, go na le ke tsaya *loan* ke aga *double storey* e ke nngang mo go yone? Ke raya gore le *suffer* eng fela *to empower* me gore ke kgone go dira letseno fa e le gore ke tlaa kgona go duela *loan*, go na le gore ke age ntlo fela e ke yang go nna mo teng mme e sa ntswele mosola? Mo e leng gore le fa ke latlhegelwa ke *income* ke ka palelwa ke go tswelela ke duela sekoloto. Ke a leboga.

MR GAOLATHE: Well, the primary objective here is home ownership and the principle of it is that GEMVAS is not intended for speculative activity, where the risk is heightened. That does not mean to say *gore*, there cannot be specific cases where commercial undertaking might actually be less risky. On the whole and in general, it is not meant for speculative property development which is riskier.

ESCALATING COST OF LIVING

MR O. KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): asked the Minister of Finance if he is aware that the cost of living has gone up to a point where many families are struggling to have a meal for the day, leading to rising poverty levels and increased food insecurity; if so, to state:

- (i) whether he has plans to stabilise the ever-escalating cost of living;
- (ii) specific immediate and long-term strategies Government will implement to mitigate the inflated prices of essential commodities; and
- (iii) actionable steps the ministry is taking to address the high unemployment rate in the current economic climate.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Kedikilwe.

- (i) Government is using a clear and structured approach to stabilise cost of living pressures anchored on fiscal prudence and microeconomic stability. First, we have acted decisively to safeguard microeconomic stability. Foreign exchange reserves stood at P47.7 billion in December 2025. Without timely exchange rate adjustments that were taken earlier, projections showed that reserves would have been depleted by the first half of 2026. The July 2025 and 2026 exchange rate adjustments were necessary intervention to stabilise external balances and protect the purchasing power of the Pula. It must be clearly understood that without these interventions, the erosion of reserves would have led to far more severe inflationary consequences for households.

Second, Mr Speaker, Government has strengthened fiscal discipline and Government continues to stabilise the cost of living by protecting the value of the currency, restoring fiscal buffers and preventing micro-economic instability from worsening household hardship. In the immediate term, we continue to protect the most vulnerable through social protection measures while avoiding reckless expenditure. For the financial year 2026 – 2027 Government has budgeted an amount of P6.8 billion for social protection programmes. The Old Age Pension increase from P830.00 to P1, 400.00 directly strengthened household purchasing power. The P300.00 allowances for new-borns and provision of free sanitary towels to students will reduce essential household burdens. We are tackling food prices at their very source by subsidising seeds and fertilizers to farmers. While electricity subsidies are being reformed to ensure long terms sustainability, we have retained a social tariff specifically for the poor and the vulnerable. These measures Mr Speaker, are deliberately targeted to shield those mostly affected by price pressures. Mr Speaker, this approach balances urgency and sustainability. We are protecting households today while ensuring that tomorrow's stability is not compromised.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the drivers of high prices are both imported and structural. Botswana recorded a cumulative trade deficit of P15.32 billion between January and November 2025, reflecting heavy reliance on imports, particularly imported food

and fuel. Addressing the structural vulnerability is central to price mitigation. In the medium to long terms, we are repositioning agriculture from subsistence to export oriented agro industrial production. Increased domestic production will reduce import dependence and stabilise food supply chains. The BETP is anchored by 26 high impact agriculture projects spanning crop and livestock production, cold chain logistic and increased market access all aimed at improving food availability and reducing prices.

The launch of the Botswana Mercantile Exchange in 26-27 is expected to improve price discovery and reduce the volatility for key commodities. By strengthening organised commodity markets, we will reduce distortions, improve transparency and protect both producers and consumers from extreme price swings. Energy reforms are equally critical. Botswana currently imports a significant amount of electricity. Accelerated renewal and baseload generation under the revised Integrated Resource Plan will reduce import reliance and moderate long-term energy cost. Reducing the core structure of production, whether in food, energy or logistics is the only sustainable way to moderate essential commodity prices without distorting markets or exhausting public finances. These measures collectively aim to lower structural production costs, reduce import dependence and stabilise essential commodity prices sustainably rather than through short term measures that undermine fiscal resilience.

(iii) Mr Speaker, unemployment remains the most significant driver of household vulnerability. Cost of living pressures become crisis when incomes are insufficient. Our approach therefore, prioritises large scale job creation through economic transformation. The BETP has identified as we have already said, 186 mega projects across priority sectors with the potential to unlock P514 billion in cumulative investment and create approximately 512 000 jobs by 2036. Each project is performance monitored and implementation driven. This is not an aspirational figure, it is anchored in sector by sector implementation plan that are already under way.

As stated in the Budget Speech, there are some job creation initiatives that are already showing progress. The Khoemacau expansion is expected to employ up to 550 people at peak construction. In tourism, P362 million in new investments are projected to create over

500 jobs, while lease renewals have safeguarded more than 1 500 jobs. Fresh citrus exports grew by over 390 per cent between 2024 and 2025 demonstrating the employment potential of Agricultural diversification.

MR SPEAKER: Your Honour, I would invoke Standing Order 38.4, it is such a long answer.

MR GAOLATHE: It is. Maybe finally Mr Speaker, just to say that education and TVET reforms are also a big part of this initiative to align training and the labour market because it has been demonstrated that TVET training and capacity building actually does reduce unemployment. With those, I would say thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Supplementary.* Mma ke leboge Mothusa Tautona, e bile e le *Minister of Finance* ka fa a arabileng ka teng.

Kgang ya me ke gore, ka gore fa re tsena fa *employment* o a supa gore ke nngwe ya dikgang tse di tshwenyang thata, e bile le ene ke tsaya gore o a itse gore di amile thata segolo banana, a ga a bone go ka bo go ka nna molemo gore go nne le *at least an allowance* ya gore motho yo o sa berekeng fa a batla go ya go batla tiro golo gongwe, a kgone go emelela a e batle, kana le ene a kgone go ithekela phaletšhe letsatsi le phirima, a kgone go lala a laletse?

Sa bobedi, gongwe motho o ka botsa fela gore, mme gone a Mothusa Tautona ga a ise a lemoge gore pele ga *devaluation* ya Pula fale maloba, batho ba ba ithekelang kana ba ba rekisang diaparo mo seterateng mo, go ya ka bone, ba ne ba bona go ba tshedisa botoka go na le *after devaluation* ya Pula. Gongwe motho a botse gore mme gone Goromente o dirile *survey* leng ya *prices* gore a kgone go bona gore a ga di kokonele Batswana ka fa ba tshelang ka teng letsatsi leno? Ke eme gone foo.

MR SPEAKER: Your Honour the VP, Minister of Finance.

MR GAOLATHE: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Nte ke tlhalose ka kgang e o e buang gore boradishopo, boradimausu, bommadimausu ba re pele jaaka o e bitsa *devaluation*, ba ne ba kgona go dira *profit*. Ke tlhalose gore se se tshwarang boleng jwa Pula ke dikhumokhumo tse di dirilweng ke ba ba kwa morago. Ke gore, gore boleng jwa ledi lepe le kgone go tshegetswa, ke gore go bo go na le dikhumo tse di beilweng mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Fa dikhumo tseo di seyo jaaka *foreign reserves* di ne tsa wa fela thata, go tshegetsa ledi o sena khumo

go tshwana le o o ja madi a o senang one. Kgato e e neng e tserwe e ne e lemogile gore Botswana ga e sa tlhole e na le dikhumokhumo tse di beilweng kwa mafatsheng a mangwe go tshegetsa Pula gore e lebege e le mashetla. Ke go ja se o senang sone.

Fa o o ja se o senang sone, se se diragalang kgabagare ke gore o a phutlhama. Se re se dirileng ke go fema gore lefatshe la rona le phutlhame. Fa re ne re ka se ka ra tsaya kgato eo, lefatshe le ka bo le phutlhame go phutlhama. Go raya gore ba ba reng ga ba sa tlhole ba bona dipoelo tse di kalokalo, ke boammaaruri. Go botoka gore dipoelo tsa gago di name di ile kwa tlase, le ikgobokanya le le lefatshe kana le phutlhame lotlhe, sengwe le sengwe le le lefatshe. Le sone semausu se bo se sa kgone gore se ka nna teng. Ke sone se se diragetseng. Ke sone se ke neng ke re ka *Budget Speech* re tshwanetse go lemoga gore mo re itebagantseng mo go gone mo nakong ya gompiano, ke gore a lefatshe le tshele, batho ba Botswana ba tshele. Kgang e ntse fela jalo. E boammaaruri, mme le tlhaloganye gore dikgato tseo di re hemisitse mo go ka bong go le maswe go feta phokotsego ya dipoelo tse o buang ka tsone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

MR GAOLATHE: Di tharo *sir*. Sa bobedi o ne o botsa ka dipatlisiso tsa ditlhwatlhwa. Go na le lephata le le bidiwang gotwe Statistics Botswana, ke bone ba e leng gore fa ngwaga o tsweletse, ba tsaya ditlhwatlhwa le dilo ka go farologana. Ke tsone tse di thusang baitseanape gore fa ba tlhatlhoba itsholelo, ba bo ba lebile dikgang tse tsotlhe, go balelwa mo teng le tsone ditlhwatlhwa. Ke selo se se dirwang dinako tsotlhe, ngwaga otlhe.

E nngwe potso e ne e le ya *allowances* gore a re ne re sa bone go ka nna botoka gore bana ba neelwe *allowances* gore ba kgone go ya go kokota go senka ditiro. Mogopolo ka bo one fela fa lefatshe le ne le siame, o ne o se maswe ka gore mafatshe a mangwe ba na le go dira jalo, mme kana itsholelo e santse e gagametse thata. Fa re ka neela batho botlhe ba ba sa berekeng *allowances* gore ba senke ditiro, fa ba setse ba tsena kwa go tsone ba ya go fitlhela di setse di phutlhame. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Supplementary Leader of the Opposition.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary*. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re ke botse Tona wa tsa Itsholelo gore dipalo tse o di fang tsa

ditiro tse disha, a o ka re fa palo e o e solofetseng mo ngwageng wa madi o o simologang ka *April* kgwedi e e tlang? O sa re fela Khoemacau e rile bokana, kana bale ba rile bokana, *economy wide*, re solofetse ditiro tse kae mo lefatsheng la Botswana? Ke nna ke utlwa o gatelela tsa Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) tse di *almost* 500, 000. Fa godimo ga moo gape go na le tse di neng di ntse di solofeditswe ke phathi e e busang pele ga ditlhopho, le tsone di tsamaela kwa go 500, 000. *Just one-year* o o tsenang, o ka re o solofetse bokae?

Sa bobedi; ke ditiro tse banana ba bantsi ba nang le tsone, tse e bileng re rileng re ya go itshegetsa ka tsone ka *digitalisation of the economy*. A mme o a itse gore gompiano fa o bona re na le baeng ba le mmalwanyana mo Palamenteng, ke banana ba ba nang le ditlankana, *Degrees some of them*, ba ba nang le tsa Information and Technology (IT), ba bangwe ba na le bo 10/15 *years* ba sa bone ditiro? Ba bo Computer Software Engineering, ba e leng gore fa gotwe ba a hirwa mo bogompionong, ba hirwa *only as temporary and interns*. A selo se o a se itse? O akanya gore itsholelo ya rona jaaka re bua ka *digitalisation*, e ka tsaya ba le kae mo dingwageng tse pedi, tse tharo tse di tlang? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Your Honour the VP.

MR GAOLATHE: Ee...

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

MR GAOLATHE: Nnyaa nte ke...

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, Order 58.4.

MR GAOLATHE: Nte ke tlhatswe e ya BETP. BETP ke lenaneo le le nosi, *microcosm* e e tlhophileng *projects* di le 186. Ditiro tsa teng tse di 512, 000, *it is only 186 projects*. Mananeo a mangwe ka gore a teng a farologane, kwa a kopanelang teng nomore ya teng re solofela gore e tlaa feta. Gore mo ngwageng o o tlang re tlaabo re na le ditiro tse kae, ke ka go batlela nomore ya teng, ga ke a e tshwara gompiano.

E ya gore a re a itse; nte ke e beye gore Goromente o na le ka fa tlase ga BETP se re se bitsang re re *digitalisation stream*. *Digitalisation stream* e re leka gore ka gore Goromente maphata a ntse a itirela ka boone dikgang tsa *digitalisation*, re dire golo go le gongwefela.

Maikaelelo ke gore re ya go nna le *services* gongwe di ka tshwara up to 500 *e-services*. Maiteko ke gore re felele e le gore *through digital innovation hub*, re dirise banana gore e nne bone ba ba thusang go dira *applications (apps)* tse. Lenaneo le la *digitalisation* re remelela mo goreng re se ka ra baya fela mo dikomponeng tse ditona ka gore re na le banana ba re ka ba dirisang. Re gatelela thata ka lephata la ga Rre Maele la Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) gore ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi ba simolole go bereka le Goromente go thusa go dira dilo tse banana ba ka di dirang. Re na le dikgang tsa *fleet management*, dikoloi di dintsi di tletse le Botswana o otlhe di mo *scrap yards* mme banana ba kgona gore ba di baakanye. Go na le lenaneo la *to project manage* kgang eo gore banana ba kgone go tsena mo ditirong tse di ntseng jalo.

Go na le *infrastructure*, lenaneo la ga Rre Motshegwa; dikole le dipatela tse di senyegileng, lenaneo le lešha ke gore *through* maphata a bereka mmogo le ba TVET, banana ba kgone go tsena gore ba thuse go baakanya dikole le dipatela tse. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, o tlaa mpaakanyetsa, wa ntheetsa kana wa baakanya go ya kwa pele. *Mr Speaker*, mo Palamenteng e re na le ngwao ya gore fa re na le baeng ba itsisiwe. Jaanong o nna o kare baeng ba e nna ba mafatshe, ba ba itsholetseng kana ba ba rileng fela. Batswana fa gongwe fa ba tsile gone mo, ga re ba itsisiwe. O na le baeng *Mr Speaker* ba o ba letleletseng go tla kwano ba banana le bangwe ba ba nang le dingwaga tse 15 ba sa bereke e le *graduates*. Kana go raya gore mathata a lefatshe a gorogile mo Palamenteng, a ga se gore gongwe o lebetse go ba re itsise le go itsise setšhaba gore banana ga ba bereke ba tletse fa *Mr Speaker*?

MR SPEAKER: E santse e le nako ya dipotso. *Honourable Barongwang.*

STRENGTHENING OF PATROLS IN MOGODITSHANE

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state:

- (i) reforms and security interventions currently being implemented or planned to strengthen patrols and law enforcement presence in Mogoditshane, in light of persistent public concerns regarding alleged drug trafficking and related criminal activities; and

- (ii) measures in place to interrogate, substantiate, intercept, and combat these alleged activities, particularly those suspected to be associated with the importation of second-hand goods by foreign traders who constitute the majority of such businesses in Mogoditshane.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke simolole ke tlhalose gore maiteko a a dirwa go tiisa *patrols* ke ba itshireletso mme e bile dikgang tsa diritibatsi di a tshwenya lefatshe lotlhe, e seng fela kwa Mogoditshane. Ba Botswana Defence Force (BDF) le ba Police ba tshwaranetse go dira *patrols* le *road blocks* ka go batla tse jaaka re bone go diragala mo dikgaolong tse di farologaneng le mo meletswaneng.

Go na le lekalana mo sepodiseng le le bitswang la *Narcotics*, le lone ba lebagane le go dira ditlhotlhomiso ka tse. Re a dupa le mo dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le tsa Mogoditshane go bona gore re fokotsa go nna teng ga diritibatsi. Ke tshwanetse ke tlhalose gore mapodise ba tshwaragane le setšhaba, re tshwaragane e bile maduo a teng a setse a itshupa ka fa go ntseng go tshwarwa ka teng ba ba mo thulaganyong e.

Ke tshwanetse go tlhalosa gore lephata le le tsepame mo go boneng gore go na le go obamela molao mo lefatsheng la Botswana go tsentswe le Mogoditshane mo teng mme e bile se se diragalang, o sa lebelele gore ke kgwebo ya mofuta ofe. Mongwe le mongwe le makgotla a a fitlhelwang ba tlola tsamaiso e ya thekiso le theko ya dithoto, ba a tlhotlhomisiwa mme ba isiwe mo makgotleng a a lebaneng. *Inspections* di a dirwa mo mafelong a a farologaneng go tsentswe le Mogoditshane mo teng. Se se dirwa go tsentswe mapodise, ba Immigration, Labour le ba Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) go dupadupa go bona gore a ga go na ditiro dipe tse di diragalang tsa bonweenwee. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR BARONGWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Tota e bile ke lebogela maiteko a le a dirang. Tota potso e ya me e ne e itebagantse thata le Mogoditshane, lebaka legolo e le le re ka se keng ra farolagana nna le wena gore *crime rate* kwa Mogoditshane e kwa godimo fela thata. Ke sone se ke neng ke eleditse gore gongwe karabo e e ka bo itebagantse segolobogolo le Mogoditshane.

Ya bobedi ke gore ke botsa potso e ka gore re na le *community of security personnel through the Sir Seretse Khama Barracks (SSKB) ba e leng gore they are living with the community of Mogoditshane*. Ba nna in a gated area. Kgwetlho e ya borukutlhi le ditagi, le bone e a ba ama. Gongwe e ba ama ka palo e e kwa tlase ka gore *they are living in a gated area*. Mme ka re tshela mmogo, a ga o akanye gore *as a form of giving back to the community of Mogoditshane because we have housed them*, gongwe fa re ka nna le *a permanent patrol le some permanent road blocks* tse e leng gore di ka bewa mo *strategic positions such that* di leka go fokotsa go tse na ga ditagi kana *movement* wa bogotswana? E bile gape fa re ka leka thata go lwantsha bogodu kwa Mogoditshane, go ka fokotsa gore bo se ka jwa *spill into the capital city and other places*. Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a go utlwa mokaulengwe. Mma ke simolole fela ka go go tlhalosetsa gore kana Mogoditshane jaaka ke tlhalositse, ke bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe la Botswana mme e bile go na le dikgaolo tse dingwe tse e leng gore go na le ka fa ba maphata a itshireletso fa ba ntse ba dira ditlhotlhomiso ba kgonang go dupa gore go na le bosinyi fa kae, ga bo yo fa kae. Se ke se buang se ke neng ke se tlhalosa ke gore kana ga re ka ke ra re ka gore gongwe go na le kampa ya sesole kwa Mogoditshane, go raya gore masole ba ikganelele fa Mogoditshane, fa go nnang le kampa teng, ba bo berekela teng. Fa ba le foo, ba beetswe gore ba sireletse mongwe le mongwe le kwa meletwaneng tota. Fa batho ba bone ba ba phatlalatsa, ba a bo ba laolwa ke *intelligence gathering* e e neng e setse e le teng.

Ke tsaya gore ke utlwa letshwenyego la gago. Keletso ya gago e ne e le gore fa go na le kampa fa o leng teng, go kgobokanwe gone fa e leng teng. Ba kampa e seng fa go bone, go raya gore ga bone ke nageng mme fa re ka dira jalo, go ka re fa mathata. Ke tsaya gore ke mogopolo, re a utlwa mme se se teng ke gore fa go agilwe, go agilwe gore batho ba *service* mongwe le mongwe le yo o gaufi le yo o kgakala. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile*. Let me hear procedure by Honourable Moalosi.

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Maabane *you made a ruling* ya gore fa *Ministers* ba kwaletse potso ka Sekgoa, ba se ka ba e ranola, ba e bale ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Ga ke itse gore a molaetsa wa teng o ne o setse o gorogile kwa go bone. Ke a leboga.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members. I think I have since signed that letter, it will be dispatched to the Ministers*. Tota kopo ya maabane ke e *Honourable Moalosi* a e buang gore re leke gore re arabe ka bokhutshwane. Fa e le gore karabo e kwadilwe ka Sekgoa, fa gongwe go nna go leele gore o bo o re o e ranolela mo Setswaneng o lebeletse *paragraph by paragraph*. *The letter will be dispatched. Let us try to summarise long answers so that Members can ask supplementaries in accordance with Order 40.2.*

Batlotlegi, nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile. Mma ke re *regarding what Honourable Kekgonegile was raising, Honourable Kekgonegile, I am sure you are aware that bontsi jwa batho ba ba re etelang kwano ke bana ba dikole ba e leng gore gale le gale, re a ba acknowledge* gore re na le bana ba sekole sa kgaolo ya ga *Honourable Motshegwa* kana *Honourable Lucas*. *We do that to any other special guest who come to appreciate our proceedings. Any other member of the public who comes and seats in the public gallery, they are free to do so, it is their right.*

Ba ba ntseng jalo ka gore re a bo re sa itsisiwa *officially* gore *they will be in the public gallery, we normally do not include them in our Speaker's notes that they be acknowledged. Otherwise* go raya gore e tlaa re mongwe le mongwe a ntse a tse na jaana mo public gallery, e bo e le gore jaanong re a ba *acknowledge*. Kgantele go tse na ba mokgatlho wa ma-Scout ba ne ba le mono, ba nna kwa *gallery, we acknowledge them*. Kgantele go tse na ba Village Development Committee (VDC) ya ga *Honourable Dr Butale*, re a ema re a ba *acknowledge*. *So, for any members of the public* ba e leng *group, they must know that* fa ba batla to *observe our proceedings*, ba batla go ka itsege gore ba teng mo *House, they simply write to the Clerk* gore re kopa go tla to *observe proceedings* tsa Palamente. Fa go ntse jalo, re a ba *acknowledge, it does not matter whether they are local or they are international, as we always do* ka ya bana ba sekole, ke tlaa gatelela bone ka gore ke bone baeng ba rona gantsintsi.

Ga ke batle *debate* mo kgannyeng e *Honourable Members*, re a tswelera. *Honourable Members...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, ke eme ka dinao, ga ke itse* gore procedure e tswa kae ke eme ka dinao.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, these are extra ordinary circumstances, we would not be inclined to accept statements by Ministers during the Committee of Supply, but now we are facing a war as the world not as the country, there is a raging war and some of the citizens of this republic would be affected and there are questions asked by members of the public *gore bana ba kae ba Botswana, kana baithuti kana eng ba kwa kae go diragala eng. Jaanong* because of these extraordinary circumstances regarding the conflict in Europe and the Middle East, I have accepted that Honourable Minister for International Relations, Honourable Dr Phenyio Butale, *a fe* statement. *Jaanong re tlaa dumalana gore* how do we then compensate for the time.

What we may also agree *ke gore*, let us not have this statement and questions for more than an hour, let us restrict that to, within an hour *re bo re feditse ka* statement... (Interruptions)... *Fa re ka dira jalo mo* less than an hour, *re tlaabo re dirile*.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Honourable Minister for International Relations has a statement to make in terms of Order 41.1.

MR LESEDI: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Mma ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker.* Ke eletsa gore o nne bonolo re tle re kgone go thusana go tsamaisa Ntlo e, fa gongwe bogale jo bo ka tloga jwa go senyetsa... (Interruptions)... *Mr Speaker,* maloba ke emeletse fa ka kopa gore go na le dipotso dingwe tse di ke buileng gone fa, di busiwa ke bo Tona, o ntheile wa re o tlaa ya go lebelela, ga ke itse gore jaanong ke tle kwa ofising ya gago ka gore dipotso tse go ntse go a lebega ga di tle.

MR SPEAKER: *E bile o nkgakolotse, kana* Honourable Kapinga *o ne a kile a botsa* earlier.

Jaanong Honourable Members, *dipotso tse di neng di arabiwa* today *tse di mo* Order Paper, yes, *ga se tsone tse le di boneng mo* Notice Paper, *tse ke carryovers tsa tse di neng di sa arabiwa.* So, in light of the issue *ya* statement, we had anticipated that these questions will take maybe about 30 minutes, but they did not, it was done deliberately so that we try and accommodate the statement, but unfortunately that was not the case. I have since asked the Clerk, Honourable Lesedi, *gore a ele tlhoko thata seemo sa dipotso.* I have also asked him

to instruct Information Technology (IT) to see if they can quickly develop a system that is transparent where everyone of you can be able to track their questions *gore ke tsentse potso ka di kana*, this is the average time that it takes for a question to be answered, *ya me e fa kae, e bokgakala bo kae mo* line. *Fa e le gore go tsentswe dipotso di le 300, a ya gago ke* number 150, *foo* you can actually calculate and say, *mme ka beke ya bokana* at least this one will be answered.

Also, Honourable Members, *le gakologelwe gore* sometimes you may want to ask a question without notice, which in the judgement of the Speaker is not urgent, but you are free to say in that case, *a e tsenelele tsa me tse di setseng di ntse di le mo* line. You are free, as long as *e ka conform le* Standing Orders *ya* mature then it can be noticed.

So, *ya dipotso ke e setse morago thata* Honourable Lesedi, *le wele dibete batlotlegi fa go tla mo kgannyeng ya dipotso.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Thatathata.

STATEMENT

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF BOTSWANA IN THE REGION

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(DR BUTALE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I rise to update this Honourable House on the rapidly evolving security situation in the Middle East and its implications for Botswana and our citizens abroad. As we may have noted, according to Iranian state media and multiple international news outlets, on the 27th February 2026, the United States of America (USA) and the State of Israel conducted joint military strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran. These reports further allege that the strikes resulted in the death of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Subsequent retaliatory actions have reportedly targeted US and Israeli assets across the Middle East, affecting amongst others, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Iraq.

Mr Speaker, the Government of Botswana is closely monitoring the situation. As a matter of longstanding principle, Botswana remains non-aligned and firmly committed to peaceful resolution of disputes. We call upon all parties to exercise maximum restraint, pursue de-escalation, and strict adherence to international law, including international humanitarian law, particularly with respect to the protection of civilians.

Our primary and immediate concern is the safety and welfare of Batswana residing in or travelling through the affected regions. Current records indicate that approximately 300 Botswana nationals reside across the Middle East. Of those approximately 200 are in the United Arab Emirates, 50 in the State of Qatar, and smaller numbers in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Iran.

Mr Speaker, I wish to inform the House that, based on information presently available to my ministry, our nationals in the region are safe and are accounted for. Communication channels between our missions and citizens remain active to ensure timely dissemination of verified information and appropriate guidance. I can further inform the House that, according to our records the only Motswana that we know of, that resided in Iran, travelled back to Botswana prior to the current hostilities.

Mr Speaker, while authorities in the affected countries have instituted precautionary measures, including public alerts and enhanced emergency response mechanisms, the security environment remains volatile. We therefore urge our citizens in the region to exercise heightened vigilance, limit all non-essential movement, comply fully with directives issued by local authorities and maintain regular contact with our diplomatic missions.

The Government has contingency plans in place for the possible evacuation of our nationals should circumstances so require and permit. However, due to the closure and restrictions of portions of the Middle Eastern airspace and ongoing volatility of the security situation, evacuation options remain limited.

We continue to assess options in close coordination with our missions and international partners.

Through our Embassy in Kuwait, we are also engaging with regional counterparts, including fellow Southern African countries with resident missions, to exchange information, coordinate precautionary measures where appropriate and ensure that consular support mechanisms remain responsive.

Mr Speaker, on the economic front, early indications suggest upward pressure on global oil prices following disruptions to production and supply routes, including constraints affecting the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global energy transit corridor. Such developments may have secondary effects on domestic fuel prices and broader inflationary pressures. Relevant ministries and agencies are closely monitoring these trends and will respond in accordance with established policy frameworks to safeguard national economic stability.

Mr Speaker, while updating the House on external security developments affecting Batswana abroad, I must also address a separate matter relating to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. The Government has received reports that some Batswana have fallen victim to deceptive recruitment practices and were lured to Russia with promises of opportunities such as self-development training programs and body guard/security jobs.

Upon arrival it became clear, according to reports that they were recruited to take part in the Russia-Ukraine war. Approximately 16 Batswana, encountered this recruitment drive. Of that number, four are confirmed to have travelled to the Russian Federation. In December 2025, the Government successfully facilitated the safe return of one of these individuals before he could be deployed to the front line. The whereabouts and status of the remaining three individuals have not yet been confirmed. Through my ministry and in collaboration with relevant international mechanisms including INTERPOL, efforts are ongoing to establish the facts and determine the location and wellbeing of these individuals.

In December 2025, I formally raised this matter with the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr Sergey Lavrov, during bilateral discussions held in Egypt, thank you Ambassador Kapinga. Subsequent written communications have also been transmitted through established diplomatic channels, seeking cooperation and assistance from the relevant authorities.

Given the transnational nature of this matter, Botswana is collaborating with international partners, including authorities in South Africa, to ensure that all appropriate diplomatic, legal and law enforcement avenues are pursued. The matter is being assessed through the framework of Botswana's applicable laws and international obligations. The Government remains steadfast in its commitment to protect the welfare and

interests of Batswana wherever they may be. We will continue to engage affected families with due sensitivity and keep this Honourable House informed of any significant developments.

Mr Speaker in conclusion, I wish to urge Batswana to exercise vigilance when engaging with recruitment agencies operating within and outside our country, particularly those advertising opportunities abroad. While many agencies operate legitimately, there are instances where certain entities - at times promoted through social media platforms, may not be properly verifiable or may misrepresent the nature of the opportunities being offered.

I therefore encourage all citizens to conduct due diligence and to seek confirmation from relevant Government authorities before committing to any overseas employment arrangements. I thank you.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, in terms of Standing Order 41.3, no debate may arise on the statement given by the Honourable Minister for International Relations. I may in my discretion allow short questions to be put to him for the purpose of elucidating the statement. *Jaanong ke tlaa le bona ka go thatoga jaana. Minister, o batla go di tsaya di le group-nyana?*

MR KAPINGA: *Procedure.* Ke ne ke lemogile fa *Minister* a bua gore go ne go sa supuwe mo *screen* nako e re neng re e dumalane fale gore re ya go fetsa *within that time.*

MR SPEAKER: Ee, nna ke e lebeletse. Le setse le tsamaya kwa go *nine minutes*, tota le simolotse ka *three*. Go raya gore ga le ka ke la tlolela 4 o'clock ka kwa.

DR DOW: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke na le dipotso tse pedi fela tse dikhutshwane. Ke botsa ka kgang ya Ukraine le Russia *and putting on record* gore, *one of the victims of this* o tswa kwa Kgatleng West, *he was one of my constituents*. Ke botse gore, fa *Minister* a re batho ba ba tsamaile e le dilo tsa *human trafficking*, ke tsaya gore golo moo ke borukutlhi. A go na le *any criminal investigations* tse di simolotsweng e bile di tsamaya fa kae? A go na le ba ba setseng ba tshwerwe kana bangwe ba tlaa tshwarwa mo bogaufing kana jang? Sa bobedi, a Tautona wa rona Rre Boko o kile a tshwara Rre Putin ka mogala, ka gore tota go raya gore fa *Ministerial level* go padile. A e kile ya ya kwa godimo, re solofele gore re tlaa utlwa dikarabo leng.

La boraro, go ne ga nna le dipego tsa gore gongwe bangwe ba tlhokafetse. A o itse sepe ka ba ba tlhokafetseng ba ba tserweng mo Botswana mo bangweng ba ba *three* ba o buang ka bone? Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, e bile ke bo ke leboge le Tona gore a bo a beile setšhaba pele kgang e ya moruthutha. *In just a minute* Tona, *objective* ya rona *in terms of the principle* ya rona ya *foreign policy*, re tsamaya jang? Ke a utlwa gore wa re re *non-aligned*, a mme mo bokamosong ga re na maikaelelo a gore gongwe go nne *automated*, ke gore re dire mo gotweng ke *a codified foreign policy*. E gongwe e sa suteng ka fa le ka fa, re e tsaya fela e tlhamalala e ntse jaana. Re itse gore fa seemo se ntse jalo, rona re ka fa kae kana go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re bo re nna re ntse re e *amend* re lebile gore *positions* tsa rona tsa lefatshe di tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke ya ntsha.

Ya bobedi, ke a tlhaloganya Tona e bile ke a itse *Mr Speaker*, gore re a itse gore ga gona *airbase* ya America mo lefatsheng la Botswana. O dira jang Tona gore dikgang tse re di utlwang fa gongwe di buiwa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, gore o kare ka kwano jaanong re tlaa nna ba ba mafatshe a a re dikologileng, e nna o kare jaanong re beile *bases* tsa mafatshe a mangwe. Re dira jang *in terms of communication* le *the multilateral and regional organisations* tse re berekang le tsone, gore re ba tlhalosetse kgang e? Gammogo le diphathi tsa kganetso tse di mo mafatsheng a a re dikologileng, gore ba tle ba tlhaloganye gore ga re na *airbase* ya America. Mo re nang le gone e ne e le kago fela, e e bileng gongwe lefatshe la France ke lone le ka tswang le ntshitse madi a mantsi mo go yone thulaganyo e re neng re e dira.

I understand gore re batho ba re ratang *silent diplomacy* gore gongwe kgang e *evolve*, e tlaa *defuse on its own*. Mo seemong sa gompiono, go na le ntwana e o kareng e tlaa tsamaela kwa World War III, re ipaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore kgang e re e *defuse* mo *multilateral and regional organisations* tse re nang le tsone. Re *communicate* jang le bone gore kgang e re e *suppress totally* mongwame? Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bo ke leboegele tlhaloso ka bophara e e dirilweng ke Tona. Ke re ke mmoitse potso tse tharo. *One*; ke utlwile o umaka mafatshe a Batswana ba leng teng, mme ga o bue ka Batswana ba ba kwa America le Israel, gore bao ba kae, a le bone ba babalesegile, ka gore kana ntwana e e kafa le kafa, go lowa le mafatshe ao. Jaanong go batla o tlhalosa gore le tshwaragane go le kae le bone.

Sa bobedi gongwe Tona o tlhalose gore, kgang e e masisi jo bo kanakana jo, *the regional bloc* Southern African Development Community (SADC) a ga e bone botlhokwa jwa go kopanela kgang ka re tsaya gore mafatshe a otlhe a a amega, batho ba *region* e yotlhe ba gone kwa mafatsheng a ntwana e phagetseng teng? Tota le Africa Union, Africa fela yotlhe, a ga gona gore go ka kopanwa ka tshoganetso, ga buiwa re le maAfrica ra bona gore batho ba rona ba ba kwa mafatsheng a re ba thusa jang ka kutlwano?

Sa bofelo, go na le segongwana kwa Aferika Borwa se se bidiwang gotwe ke Operation Dudula, ba ba sa batleng batswakwa. Re amega go le kae mo mabakeng a a ntseng jalo, go na le Batswana ba le kae ba ba ka tswang gongwe ba amegile mo kgannyeng eo? Gongwe e bile bangwe ba tlhokafetse ka gore re a tle re bone mo mafaratlhatlheng mo e le gore batho ba latlhegelwa ke matshelo, batho ga ba kgone go ya bongakeng ka gore ke batswakwa. Re le Batswana re amega jang mo dikgannyeng tseo rraetsho? Ke a leboga.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tona, mma ke go lebogele tekodiso eo. Ke supe gore ke mongwe wa batho ba dikgaolo tse di amegang mo dipalong tse o di buang tsa bana ba bararo. Ke re golo mo go tsetse ketsaetsego, e ke dumelang gore e setse jaanong e fetile gore re ba fe *enough assurance* ya gore maiteko a teng a a dirwa a gore bagabone ba kgone go fitlhelelwa, ba fiwe dipego tse di maleba. Kopo ya me ke e fela, ga ke dumele fa e tsenya dingalo mo go kalo, ka gore ba itletse kwa dikantorong tsa gago mme ba thusiwa ke bodiredi jwa gago ka botswapelo, gongwe go tlile seemo sa gore jaanong le wena o nne le *direct contact with the families* tse di amegang *because* ba tabogile ba tshwara kwa le kwa, *and to a point whereby we now have newspapers calling in trying to make a follow-up on the story.* Ke dumela gore go maleba go ikgolaganya le ba malwapa a a amegang go ba fa *assurance* ya gore *something indeed is being done*, mme ba se ka ba tswelela ba itewa tsebe ke ba bangwe ba ba ba fang dipego tse di sa ikaegang ka boammaaruri bope. Di bo di ka tsala ketsaetsego, di ka kgobera bangwe maikutlo, ba malwapa a ba tlelwa ke boitlhobogo. Ke kopa gore o e sekaseke *in your schedule and attend to these people.*

E nngwe e o e buileng, *about the number of 300 plus in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)*, ke tsaya gore o ne o e ama fela mongwame, gore fa dikgang tse di tlhwaafala go ya go dirwa eng. Ke dumela gore ga se kgang e re ka e buang fa, *it is a highly sensitive and intelligent matter.*

You will deal le yone. Mme fela e yone ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore o ye go bona ba malwapa a, ba bararo fela. *You can round these families in a day or two. Thank you very much.*

DR BUTALE: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge Batlotlegi Mapalamente ka dipotso tsa bone. Ke gatelele kgang ya gore, kgang e bontsi bo boditseng ka yone e e masisi. E tota re le kang ka bojotlhe gore re e bue re seketletsa, ka e ama matshelo a batho, e bile e ama le maikutlo a ba malwapa a bone. Ke kope gore le ba rona ba babegadikgang fa ba kwala ba se ka ba kwala dikgang tse gongwe di sa tlhomamisiwang, ka gore *speculation* ka bo sone fela fa gongwe *is quite insensitive to the concerned families.*

Mme Mma Dow o ne a tlhalosa gore mongwe wa ba ba amegang o tswa kwa kgaolong ya gagwe, e bile nna le ene re nna re ntse re lekodisana, e le moemedi wa batho, ka gore ba le babedi ba tswa gone kwa Kgatleng. O ne o botsa gore, *human trafficking* kana ke molato, jaanong, a gona le ba ba lebisitsweng molato, le gone a ditlhotlhomiso di teng tse di tsamaelang kwa go reng bangwe ba lebisitse molato. Jaaka ke buile mo pegong ya me, kgang e re e tshwaraganetse le ba sepodise, ba sepodise ba e tshwaraganetse le ba mapodise mo mafatsheng a mangwe ka lekalana le la Interpol. Ditlhotlhomiso tsa bone le gone gore ba fitlhela eng, ke tsone di tlaa re gakololang gore gone mme go diragetse eng. Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, *our law enforcement agencies* ba tshwaragane le namane e tona ya go tlhotlhomisa dikgang tse *in general* tsa gone go leka go bona gore ba ba ngokang batho mo Botswana, e bile ba ba ngoka ka ditsela tse e leng gore gongwe ga di na boammaaruri ke bo mang, ba batlisisiwe, ba bonwe kwa ba leng teng. E tlaa re kwa bofelelong re bone gore ditlhotlhomiso tsa bone di tlaa re wetsa kae. Ke tlhalositse gape gore, re ntse re dira maiteko a a farologanyeng a go leka go rarabolola kgang e, mme kwa bofelelong jwa letsatsi ra felela re tsere tshwetso ya gore jaanong re e tsholeletse kwa go Tautona, gore a leke go ikgolaganya la ntilha le Tautona wa Aferika Borwa Rre Ramaphosa, yo a neng a setse a kgonne go ka bua le Tautona wa Russia, ba bo ba kgona go busa bana ba South Africa ba ba neng ka nako eo ba ise ba isiwe kwa *the frontline*. Ba ne ba kgona go ba busetsa kwa South Africa. Ke thulaganyo e re e tshwereng. Gape re setse re itsisitse ba rona ba Russia gore Tautona wa rona o kopa go bua le molekane wa gagwe wa Russia. Re solofetse thata gore mo nakong e khutshwane ba buisane. Kana dilo tse tsa tirisano le mafatshe go na le

ka fa go tsamaisiwang ka teng, mme re leka ka sengwe le sengwe gore ba buisane. E bile gape re buisana le bone ba Ukraine ba ba setseng ba re boleletse gore le bone ba kopa gore re kopane le bone ba re neele *their own intelligence* e ba nang le yone e e ka re thusang go goroga kwa baneng ba rona. Tota fela ke dumela gore re leka ka bojotlhe, re tshwere ka oo mabedi go leka go batla tharabololo ya kgang e.

Gona le dipego tse di neng di dule mo bobegadikgannyeng jwa rona tse di neng di supa gore go na le dipelaelo tsa gore bangwe ba bone ba ka tswa ba latlhegetswe ke matshelo. Re ne ra ntsha mokwalo re le lephata gore dipego tseo ga di na boammaaruri ka gore, ga re na *information* e e supang jalo. Le bone fa ba kwala, ba ne ba kwala ba akanyetsa, ba kwala gore re belaela go ntse jalo. Ke sone se ke neng ke se bua fa ke simolola ke re, ga go a siama, e bile gongwe *it is insensitive* gore e re go ntse jalo, batho ba le mo seemong se, re bua ka bana ba batho, e bo e le gore re bega fela *in a way that does not take into consideration these sensitive circumstances*.

Rre Segokgo, o ne o bua gore, *are we considering to have a codified foreign policy. Yes, we have made determination to codify our foreign policy. I am hoping that mo bogautshwaneng I will invite, starting with the Foreign Affairs Committee e bo e re morago Batlotlegi Mapalamente, to look at the document e re e ntshitseng ya foreign policy. Re tlaabo re ka buisana le lona ka yone. Ke a utlwa gore you are saying this will improve predictability, le gone gore re itse gore do we swing left or right when situations such as this arise. We will engage the House on these issues because as you know, a codified foreign policy also, we need to then engage on how far we go with the values that we will put in there to ensure flexibility and adaptability on such cases.*

...Silence...

DR BUTALE: *Dipuo tse di buelang tsa gore re na le a US airbase, ke dumela gore kgang e e tlhalositswe. Ke e tlhalose le nna gone fa gore ga go na base ya America mo Botswana. That is a fact, there is no American airbase in Botswana. I think what we also need to accept ke gore perhaps we need to do more, as the Honourable Members said, to dispel this, you call it the myth, but I will say to dispel this untruth because it is not true. Ke dumela gore we have engaged through multilateral for a, through diplomatic channels, perhaps the fight is not there, the fight is on the speculative platforms such as social media and others, where things are just said without any factual consideration. They are just*

put out there as facts, but as I say, there is no US base in Botswana. We must also understand that looking at the volatility of the situation, such rumors are indeed regrettable and unacceptable because they pose a danger to our national security. I agree that we have not done enough.

Rre Morolong o ne o re ke ne ke bua ka Batswana ba ba kwa Middle East and the Gulf, gongwe ke ka bo ke buile ka gore ba ba kwa America ba kae, ba ba kwa Israel ba kae. Nnyaa, ke a go utlwa, mme statement se ne se remeletse kwa re neng re tsaya gore gone jaana there is eminent danger, and these are the people that we have been in touch with, but we are indeed monitoring the situation. We have our embassies out there who are monitoring this situation and who will advise accordingly gore batho ba rona ba ba koo ba ka dira jang fa go ka tlhagoga diphatsa tse o buang ka tsone.

Gore a the regional bloc and the continental body, SADC and AU are thinking of collaborating or maybe formulating a position on this situation, le gore ba ka thusana jang to evacuate their citizens. The reason why we have diplomatic relations is precisely that we are engaged with, as I said in the statement, we have countries that have resident embassies in that region to see how we can collaborate. To also collaborate in the form of information dissemination, but we are engaged as a region and also, I think the AU and SADC as bodies that we are part of, are also monitoring the situation go bona gore ba ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

E ya “Operation Dudula” Honourable, gongwe re ka tla ra e leba morago ka gore yone ke ne ke sa e ipaakanyetsa. Ga ke itse fa go na le Batswana bape ba ba kileng ba amiwa ke tse di diragalang under “Operation Dudula” but we will investigate and come back to the Honourable Member. You would appreciate it is a bit out of the parameters of the statement.

Rre Phologolo le wena fela jaaka Mme Dow, re ntse re lekodisana ka seemo se ka gore o a amega, bana ba ba tswang kwa kgaolong ya gago ba mo dipalong tse ke neng ke di bua. Ke tlhalose gore wena go botoka ka gore mongwe wa ba re neng ra kgona go mmusa o tswa gone kwa kgaolong ya gago. Ke a go utlwa gore o ne o re re leke gore, ka gore re ne ra dira gore ba lephata la me le ba Interpol le ba bangwe, ba nne ba kopane le batsadi, jaanong o ne o re gongwe as Minister, I should reach out and meet them. I will do so, there was no reluctance to do so, it is just that we had to wait for my availability because of the sensitivity of the issue. I am in touch with

them, I have spoken to them on the phone, and updated them. I know it is not enough, and I must admit, it is not enough, when you are in this situation, you want to be appraised of the situation much more frequently, and I must admit we have not been able to do that. We also want to come back to them with verified information so that we do not also add to the speculation that has been rampant with regard to this issue.

I think those were the questions, and I would like to reiterate that we are indeed seized with this matter, and we are in touch with our citizens with regard to the raging war in the Middle East. We will appraise the House, should there be any significant changes or updates. I thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, e siame, re totobile 30 minutes. Ke tsaya gore le utlwile batlotlegi, let us go to the Appropriation Bill.*

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

APPROPRIATION (2026/2027) BILL, 2026 (NO. 1 OF 2026)

ORGANISATION 0700-MINISTRY OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(Resumed Debate)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, *re mo komiting jaanong, ke Modulasetilo wa komiti e.* Honourable Members, please note that I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to the debate at...I will adjust the time and announce them, and when the question will be put. *Se ke se gakologelwang ke gore* this chapter is left with 40 minutes, and that 40 minutes the Member holding the floor is left with 7 minutes and 43 seconds. *Ope yo o ka reng o tsena morago ga gagwe, e tlaabo e le go oma fela, kana go kgomisa jaaka le etle le bue.*

Akere Tona replies for 30 minutes. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Boniface Bashi Mabeo was on the floor and is left with seven minutes and 43 seconds.

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): Tla ke go dumedise *Mr Chairperson.* Ke bo ke go leboge mongwame. *Seven minutes 43 seconds,* segolo e beye *eight* morwarre.

Tla ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson,* ke go dumedise mongwame, ke dumedise le Ntlo e. Le Tona ke mo lemoge, ke mo dumedise. Tona, *where were*

we yesterday? Re feleleditse re bua ka Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA). Ke kopa go wela ka CEDA mogolwane. CEDA e tlhoka gore o e atumele Tona o e baakanye ka gore Puso e neng e feta, ba ne ba e dirisa go humisa ditsala tsa bone le ba bone. Ke kopa gore selo se fa e le gore se a direga, o se emele ka dinao ka gore go supega gore go na le rre mongwe yo o kwadisitseng kompone, yo o sa tswang go neelwa P9 million mo nakong e e seng kgakala. Ga ke na go bua leina la gagwe. Mokwalo o o tletsetletse, tšhaba ya Botswana ga e a itumelela kgang eo. Batho ka bontsi kgang eo ga e a tsamaya sentle. A ko o e sa le morago. Gape e a makatsa ka mokwalo wa teng o setse o tletsetletse mo, go supega gore rre yo o setse a dumeletswe e bile o tlele go neelwa P9 million mme ga ba ise ba ye go tlhola dikgomo tse a reng o a di reka kana tse a tshwanetseng go di reka, ba re ba tlaa tla ba di tlhola moragonyana. Ke ipotsa gore ba mo neetse jang ba ise ba ye go tlhola dilo tse.

Go tshwana le kgang e ya *cash and movable assets...*

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Point of order.*

Mr Chairperson, o kare motlotlegi o tlaa latlha Ntlo e, a e faposa ka bomo, e bile a bua ka batho ba ba ka sekeng ba ikarabele mo Ntlong e. A bo a bapisa a sa bue gore tota a re *source* eo o e tsaya kae. Mokwalo o a buang ka one kana *Mr Chairperson,* ga o bue jaaka a bua, o bua gore go na le *conditional approval, subject* gore go tlholwe dilo tse a di buang tseo fa e le gore o na le boammaaruri mokwalo wa teng. Ke makatswa ke gore o e baya ka tsela e nngwe e sele gore Puso ya rona e dira jaana. O kare motlotlegi o tswa mo tseleng. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa ga ke batle le lwa. Se *Honourable Mabeo* a se buang a re ke keletso ya gagwe, a re ba ba fetileng ba ne ba humisana ka CEDA jaanong le se ka la dira jalo. Jaanong mokwalo o a o buang ga ke itse gore o bua ka ofe. Ke rile le se ka la nna le tla ka mekwalo ya dipampiri kwano. Ke sone se Standing Orders tsa lona di reng ope a se ka a ba a botsa potso ya gore magatwe a re a utlwang mo *radio* kana mo dipampiring, a ke nnete. Ke melao e le e ikwaletseng lona. *Honourable Mabeo,* tswelela.

MR MABEO: Ke a go leboga *Mr Chairperson,* gore o bo o ntshireletsa. Ramogapi ke kopa gore re tshwaraganele dikgang tse tsa tshenyetso-setšhaba. Ke a go kopa rraetsho. Ga ke a emela fa go rumola ope. Ke bua ka dilo tse re di itseng ba rotlhe, tse di *in the public domain.* Minister, through you *Mr Chairperson,*

please look into CEDA and make sure gore dilo tse di se ka tsa direga. Go na le batho ba ba *powerful* ba ba tsileng, *please, we depend on you, otherwise some of us will be forced to speak.* Re ya go palelwa ke go itshoka fa re bona motho a setse a neetswe mme gotwe go na le *a litigation process* e e santseng e tswelsetse kwa Bank Gaborone. Ga ke itse gore a o kolota kwa Bank Gaborone mme ba re ba setse ba mo neetse, ba re ba emetse gore a tle a ba bolelele gore o tsamaile jang. Dilo tse di a re makatsa e bile di makaditse tšhaba ya Botswana. *We need and expect you to stand up and speak to make sure* gore CEDA e se ka ya dirisiwa jaaka e ne e dirwa bogologolo. *This is just an advice to you.* Fa e le gore le setse le simolotse le lona ipasopeng, ikeleng tlhoko...

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mabeo. Kana kgang e o buang ka yone go ne go rekwa dikgomo. A o dumela gore go siame gore e kare re le mo *Foot and Mouth, risk* e e kanakana, e bo CEDA e kgona go rekela motho dikgomo mme ba sa itse seemo sa teng gore se ya go fela leng?

MR CHAIRPERSON: Le ele tlhoko thata ka gore ke le reile ka re fa e le gore go na le dingwe dipego tse le ka tswang le di bone golo gongwe, ga ke di batle mo Palamenteng. Ga ke batle dipego tseo mo Palamenteng.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Procedure.* Batlotlegi ba na le gore e re ba bua ba bo ba re tshenyetso-setšhaba. Ke tsaya gore tshenyetso-setšhaba e tla teng gongwe o setse o na le bosupi le mekwalo e e supang gore e teng mo *transaction* e e rileng. Fa go na le *allegation, you are innocent until proven guilty.* E se ka ya nna e re go na le *allegation* e bile go sena ditlhotlhomiso, motho a bo a setse a tsere tshwetso ya gore ka kwano re senyetsa setšhaba.

Gape re se ka ra rotloetsa Batswana go ka tshaba go tsaya mananeo a ga Goramente gotwe ke tshenyetso-setšhaba. Ke le fa ga ke ise ke ko ke tseye mananeo ka Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) ka gore a ne a dirisiwa sepolotiki. Gompieno Motswana mongwe le mongwe, a o wa *opposition* or wa eng, o ye go tsaya mananeo kwa CEDA, o se ka wa tshaba. Jaaka le nna ke na le keletso ya gore ke ye go tsaya kwa CEDA fa ke batla, ke se ka ka tshoswa gotwe ke bogodu fa e le gore o ya go tsaya lenaneo. Selo seo *is a negative publicity* ya mananeo a ga Goramente. Motlotlegi a se ka a e baya *in that negative light* go sena bosupi.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ke rile ga ke batle kgang eo fa. Re a utlwana? *Honourable* Mabeo, ga ke batle dipego tse ke utlwang o re di rolela. Ga ke itse kwa le di tsayang teng le di tlisa kwano. Tswelela.

MR MABEO: Tla ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson.* Ke a makala Tona Ramaotwana le ba ba fetileng ba ne ba bua jaaka wena jaana. *It is unbelievable* gore o bo o bua jaaka o bua. Legale ga gore sepe.

Rra ke *worried Minister; through you Mr Chairperson,* *budget* e e neng e feta o ne o kopile P331 million, *you spent only 22 per cent* mme o tla gompieno o batla go okelediwa *budget.* Rra, o okelediwa *budget* jang o sa fetsa e e fetileng? Go padile fa kae, o ya go baakanya fa kae? *Please,* a ko o dirise madi a go tlhabolola bagwebi ba babotlana. Bagwebi ba babotlana ba tsaya gore o kare ga o ba tsibogele ka fa ba solofetseng ka teng Tona. Ke kopa gore bagwebi ba babotlana o ba tsibogele mo *budget* ya gago o ba thuse, o ba tlele ka mananeo o ba tlhabolole.

Tla ke bue ka bagwebi ba ba babotlana ka gore Goramente yo msha o rile ba batla go reka *from the manufacturer; from the sources.* Golo mo go bolaile ba ba neng ba ntse ba iteka ba rekisetsa Goramente, ga ba kgone *to operate.* E bile ba a kopa rra gore o ba fokoletse madi a ba a duelang kwa Companies Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) ka gore go tshwana fela, ga ba sa tlhole ba bona ditiro ka fa ba neng ba tshwanetse gore ba ka bo ba di bona ka teng.

Nako e setse e mpolaile, tla ke bue ka kgaolo ya gaetsho ya Ga-Malete. Rra, re itumelela lenaneo la gore o na le Special Economic Zones (SEZs), rona kwa Ga-Malete *we are ready to have a SEZ* ya thuo ya dikolobe. Re bommantswitswidi ba thuo ya dikolobe kwa Ga-Malete, Re itse thata, re ka tlhabolola, re ka thusa le go fokotsa *import bill* e. *Designate* Ga-Malete *as a SEZ* ya dikolobe, o tle o bone bontle jo re tlaa bo dirang. A ko o tseye rona kwa Ga-Malete re tle re bontshe tšhaba e gore re ka dira jang, re tle re fokotse nama ya kolobe e e tlang e tswa kwa South Africa, gammogo le *products* tsa yone. Lekeletsa ka rona kwa Ga-Malete. Tota e bile o tlaabo o sa lekeletse, o tlaabo o dira ka ke go bolelela gore re bo mmantswitswidi ba thuo ya dikolobe.

Kwa Ga-Malete gape re gaufi le Gaborone jaaka o itse gore re mo gare ga ditoropo tse pedi e bile re mo tseleng mo A1, go na le seporo, re siame thata, re dire *factory part of* Gaborone. *A firms* di tswa ka kwa, re na le lefatshe. *I am inviting you even today.* E re jaaka

o tsamaya o ya kwa, le nna ke tlaa tsamaya ka fa ke leka gore ba tle kwa Ramotswa. Lefatshe le teng rra ba tlaa aga *firms* tse ditona ka fa ka gore Gaborone o setse a feletswe ke lefatshe. Rona kwa Ga-Malete re *ready* gore re dire dilo tseo; dikolobe, *factories* a di tle. *We are ready, our arms are wide open.* Re emetse wena fela gore o re thuse o dire jalo.

E bile gape o re buelele le *Minister wa Agriculture* ka gore dikolobe o kare ga gona mananeo a mantsi a a itebagantseng le tsone. Ba dikgomo le dipodi ba na le mananeo a mantsi a a itebagantseng le bone, rona ba dikolobe ga gona yo o buang sepe.

Rra, maabane ke letse ke utlwa Tona wa *Basic Education* a bua gore bana ba ya go rutiwa seXhosa le Sesotho. Ao rra! *Please, advise, we need to have languages* tse di tlaa kgonang go hira bagarona, ba kgone go gweba. SeXhosa! ...(Speaking seXhosa)...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MABEO: ...(Speaking seXhosa)... Re ya go dirisa seXhosa kae *Minister wa Trade*? A re ya go gweba le South Africa kana o raya gore e re banana ba *produce* lekomo ba bo ba bua seXhosa? Nnyaa mme o na le *point but it is a small one Minister*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MABEO: *Why* o sa ba rute seChina, Spanish or French *so that they can go and trade with the world?* SeXhosa le Sesotho, ao ...(Speaking seXhosa)...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR MABEO: *Please! please!* A ko o gacolole sentle kwa Khuduthamageng gore re kgone go nna *strategic*, dilo tse di tshwaragane. Thuto ya rona e kgone gore e tshwaragane le go leka go gweba le go godisa lefatshe le. Ke solofela gore lentse la gago le ye kwa godimo thata, emisang seXhosa. Re ya go dirisa seXhosa kae? Se itshukunyeditse leng ka bonako?

Minister; o buelele ba ba berekang kwa *filling stations*, mo mabentleleng le Chinese *shops*, ba santse ba emetse P4, 000 yo o neng a buiwa. Ba tlhela lentse la gago, *please!* a ko lentse la gago le utlwale mo kgannyeng ya go duela P4, 000. *Mr Chairperson, I thank you so much.* ...(Speaking seXhosa)...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of order. Mr Chairperson, gongwe Ntlo e ga e a nna sentle, I follow*

the line of a debate e e neng e tswa ka motlotlegi fale. Gongwe fa re ntse o kare re nyefola dipuo tse dingwe jaana, re ditšhaba tse dintsi tse di farologaneng mo Botswana. Re se ka ra nna o kare re tlile go nyefola dipuo tse dingwe ka gore batho bao ke Batswana le bone, *they are citizens of this country*, ba na le tshwanelo ya gore dipuo tsa bone di buiwe.

So, go tloga go lebega o kare Ntlo e ga e a siama jaaka ke bona ba bangwe ka kwa ba boka. Ke re gongwe o leke go e kgalema eo *Mr Chairperson*. Ke a leboga.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Iketleng!

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

MR RAMOGAPI: *Point of order.* Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. Tota ka bokhutshwanyane fela *Mr Chairperson*, ke ne ke re gongwe o gacolole gape gore kana tota mo Ntlong e, dipuo tse di buiwang tsa gago tse o di letleletseng di pedi, ke Setswana le Sekgoa, jaanong bo *mafondane* gongwe re a rogiwa, kamoso re bo re sa itse gore ga re a re *point of order*, ga re a re go tswe mo Hansard. Ke ne ke kopa gore *Mr Chairperson* fa gongwe le wena o thuse. Kana tota re ja nako fa re ntse re re bo *point of order* kana *procedure*.

Ke kope le bone batlotlegi gore kana Standing Orders di *clear* gore tota re bua puo efe le efe. Bo *mafondane* ga re itse gore a mokaulengwe oa re tlhapatsa kana jang.

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Order! Honourable Members*, reetsang. *Honourable Members*, mma ke simolole fela ka e e tlhamaletseng ya ...

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Members*, iketleng. Ke ne ke re le ele tlhoko thata Standing Order 15.1. Ke dumela gore ka gore le a bona gore go ntse go nna le diphetogo jaaka le utlwa *on the radio* le mo *television*, re tlaa goroga mo diphetogong tse tsa gore dipuo tse dingwe di ka buiwa. Ke a itse gore batlotlegi jaaka le ntse jaana, dipuo tsa lona di farologane, di dintsi thata gone fa.

E ne e tle e re ke tshwaelwa ke Mme Mma Mashaba a nthuta kwa Meepong a bo a re, “tlogela go kwala Sengwato, kwala Setswana.” Ke a itse gore dipuo di dintsi mme tse le di ikwaletseng gore le tlaa di letlelela mo Ntlong e di pedi fela, ke Setswana le Sekgoa go ya Order 15.1. *So*, go fithelela le e fetola le bo le tsenya *translation booth*...

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: A le ntheditse batlotlegi? *Order!* Ditshitswana tse tsa lona tse le buelang mo go tsone tse, di na le *capability* ya gore le *translation* e ka tsenngwa fela jaaka e re fa le le kwa mafatsheng le bo le reetsa dipuo tse dingwe. Jaanong mo bogomprienong a re ganeleleng mo Setswaneng le Sekgoa jaaka le ikwaletse Standing Orders tse tsa lona.

Mo go e e buiwang e batlotlegi ya maabane, kana le a itse gore *when the Minister presents*, o na le *only 20 minutes. Paragraph* e le buang ka yone ke *Paragraph 14*, o bua ka *languages* tse, Xhoo le Juhoansi. Ke dumela gore ke tse re reng ke tsa Sesarwa, Nanjwa, Shua, Sebirwa, Setswapong, Sotho and Xhosa.

Dipuo tse tsotlhe tse a dikwadileng mo *Paragraph 14* di a buiwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke tsaya gore le a itse. Ba le tswang kwa Mahalapye ke tsaya gore le a itse Kgotla ya Xhosa mme e bile ga re e bitse sentle, re e bitsa Sengwato ra re “kwa Thosa” mme gone ke kwa Xhosa. Le ka ngangang ka fa le ngangang ka teng batlotlegi mme ke dumela gore Tona o ne a e bua *in that spirit*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le Basotho ba teng.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ee, le Basotho ba teng, ga kere o a itse gore ke nyetse Mosotho wa gone mo Botswana? Tsweetswee batlotlegi, le buisanyeng sentle, le dirisanyeng sentle, le se ka la lwa, le se ka la kgobana.

Gape *debates* tse tsa lona *are timed*. Fa ke lebeletse nako e, go raya gore le *Honourable* Kenewendo ga a ka ke a tsena gompieno, re mo solofele fela kamoso. Ke kopa gore re tswelele ke bitse Tona *to reply to the debates* le bo le tlhophela *this Chapter* re bo re ya kwa *another Chapter*.

MR LESEDI: *Point of procedure. Mr Chairperson*, ke utlwa *ruling* e o e dirang e mme tota fela go bua boammaaruri, ke ne ke re gongwe re thuse, Ntlo e e se ka ya tswa mo tseleng, batlotlegi ga ba ka ke ba lesa motlotlegi a bua a bo a fetsa a bo a nna fa fatshe go bo gotwe *point of order. Who are they ordering* yo o setseng a feditse go bua? Ke dumela gore fa go na le mongwe yo o buang o eletsa *to chip in Mr Chairperson*, o a supa jalo a santse a le *on the floor*. Fa a ntse fa fatshe e ka nna *procedure, not point of order*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa mme ga e a nna jalo *Honourable* Lesedi, ditsamaiso tsa lona ga di a nna jalo. Fa e le gore go ka nna jalo *Honourable* Lesedi, go tlaabo go raya gore yo mongwe fa a batla go tswa mo tseleng, o tlaa emela *second* ya bofelo a bo a digela ka yone, re bo re re nnyaa mme kana ga a sa tlhole a le mo *floor*.

Honourable Members, a re tsweleleng tsweetswee. *I now call upon the Minister to reply to the debates. Honourable Minister Ntsima.*

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Mma ke leboge Mapalamente go latlhela mo kgannyeng e ya Organisation 0700 le dipuo tse ba akgetseng ka tsone, le fa ba gakolotseng teng. Ke tlaa leka go ba tsaya ka bongwe ka bongwe. Yo ke sa mo tsenyang e tlaabo e se ka lepe fela, e tlaabo e le gore e rile fa ke soboka, gongwe a bo a sa utlwe gore ke ne ke mo tsentse mo tshobokong.

Mma ke simolole ka ya ga *Honourable* Mabeo ke ise ke e le bale. O ile go peipa gape?

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, *Honourable* Ntsima se dire jalo. Le boele morago.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Le boele morago, *Honourable Member*.

MR NTSIMA: Ke le boela morago.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, *I have ruled*, ke rile a le boele morago. Tswelela.

MR NTSIMA: Ke le boetse morago. ...*(Laughter!)*...

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

MR NTSIMA: *Honourable* Mabeo o ne a bua ka kgang e a reng e a *circulate*, mme go lebege a bua ka mongwe gongwe yo o filweng madi a CEDA. Ga a mmua ka leina, a re ke mongwe yo o gaufi le mapolotiki kana le ba Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), e bile a bua jaaka e kare gongwe ke tshenyetso-setšhaba. Kana lekalana la CEDA le thusa mongwe le mongwe le bone ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ba e leng gore ga re batle gore mo Ntlong e, re bo re ba bua ka maina gore yole o kile a neelwa bokana. Go botlhokwa gore fa re le mo Ntlong e, re itse gore lekalana le, ke la Motswana mongwe le mongwe, mme ope fela yo o nang le keletso ya go le dirisa, a le mo go tsa kgwebo o ka dira ka tsela e ntseng jalo a ikopela. Ba e tla reng gongwe go ikopetswe ka gore yo o ka fa letlhakoreng le, e bo e le

gore mekwalo eo e phatlhaladiwa mo Facebook, ga go a nna sentle gore a bo re *politicise* mananeo a teng kana ditirelo tse di diragadiwang ke Goromente. Motswana mongwe le mongwe o ka akola lenaneo le jaaka a batla. Re itse gore tsamaiso ya teng ke gore go dirwe jang gore o le akole.

O ne a bua gape ka *support* ya ba dikolobe kwa Ga-Malete gore ke batho ba ba itshephang thata mo thuong ya dikolobe, mme o eletsa gore ba thusege. Ke tsaya gore fa e le gore ke keletso ya lenaneo le a neng a le bua, o itse motlhala wa lone. Gape a kgothatse le Batswana kwa Ga-Malete gore ba dire jalo, ba latedise motlhala wa khumo wa gore ba ka dira jang gore ba godise mohama wa go rua dikolobe kwa Ga-Malete.

Mma ke leke go tsena ka ba ba neng ba setse ba akgetse go le maabane, *Honourable Frenzel* le *Honourable Nyatanga*. Ba buile thata ka *informal sector* gore ga e thusiwe thata, go tlhokafala gore Goromente a tsenye letsogo a ba thuse, mme bogolo thata ba ba kwa dikgaolong gore e nne bone ba Goromente a tsenyang thata thuto le thuso gore a ba ntshe kwa morago. Re ikaelela fela jalo re le *ministry* gore dithuso tota tse re di dirang e bo e le gore di diragatsa gotlhe, mafelo ka go tshwana; mo ditropong le kwa magaeng gore go tsamaelane, go tshwane. E bile re thusa thata gone kwa e leng gore ditirelo ga di yo teng, jaaka ke ne ke bua mo *speech* sa me maabane gore go na le tse e leng gore *ministry* o setse o itlhomile kwa pele ka tsone, bogolo thata tsone tse di tswang kwa magaeng le ditswanageng tse di tsewang fela mo sekgweng, e bile re ka di dirisa thata.

Ke letse ke buile gape ka *to form* dikoporase, tumelo ke gore di ka re thusa, kana *clusters* bogolo thata fa re dira dikgwebo tse di tsamaelanang. Gape ba Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) ba rutuntsha bagwebi ba ba botlana.

Honourable Motsamai, o ne a bua gore *there is a need to establish CEDA le CIPA offices in Charles Hill and other remote areas to avoid citizens travelling long distances to access services. Additionally, o buile gore the ministry should closely work with local councils to make doing of business easier for Batswana. Mo go e honourable, ke go lebogele go bua ka kgang e re tsamaelanang rona le wena. The ministry is exploring the establishment of additional offices in other parts of this country and the proposed Model is a One Stop Service Centre (OSSC) where re baya institutions di le pedi, di le tharo golo go le gongwefela re baakanyetsa gore madi a babalelang*

a rent le a bodiredi, a se ka a ya kwa godimo gore re kgone go phatlalatsa diofisi tsa dikompone tsa *Ministry wa Trade*. Re eletsa gore gongwe le gongwe kwa Motswana a leng teng, a akole ditlamelo kana ditirelo tsa ga Goromente ka go lekalekana, yo mongwe a sa babalelwe ke gore o tsamaile sebaka go ya go akola ditirelo tse di ntseng jalo bogolo thata kwa re itseng gore letseno le kwa tlase teng kwa magaeng.

Honourable Kaizer, o ne a buile ka ya SPEDU, Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA), Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) *as there appears to be significant overlap in their mandates and there should be clear alignment and collaboration among these entities to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure maximum impact. O buile gape ka land in the SPEDU region that remains undeveloped causing delays in many investment processes.*

Rre Kaizer, *BITC is the national investment promotion agency. SPEDU is a regional development agency while SEZA is a development and regulator of areas only designated as SEZ. Go raya gore go na le pharologanyo golo foo mo mandates tsa organisations tseo, gongwe di ka eta di kopanela se di se kopanelang, mme ga di a tshwanela gore di lebege o kare di a compete jaaka o ne o e bua mokaulengwe. Ditiro tsa tsone di a farologana, di tshwanetse gore di farologane ka gore tota metheo ya tsone ga e a tshwanela gore e bo e le gore e a compete.*

Ya lefatshe le e leng gore ga le *developed*, ke kgang e e santseng e le teng kwa makgotleng, go na le yo o ipelaeditseng gore go na le fa go sa tsamayang sentle teng. Ke tsaya gore fa a sena go feta ka kgang eo, re tlaa bona kgang ya *development* ya kwa Selebi Phikwe, bogolo thata ya SPEDU e bo e le gore e a baakanyega kana dilo di boela mannong.

Honourable Nyatanga, o ne a buile ka Tropic of Capricorn *as he asked that it should be considered as an opportunity for SEZ development. The area holds strategic position and should not be overlooked in the national planning. Ke tsaya gore mo go eo honourable, the current focus is on developing and operationalisation. There are already nine tse di gazzeted mo bogompienong, mme go di oketsa re ise re tlhabolole tse re setseng re di filwe, go tlaabo go sa supe fa re tlhwaafaletse go diragatsa tse di kwa morago. Re se ka ra tabogela go supa gore e nne SEZ, mme e le gore ga re tlhabolole gore go bonale gore re ya ntlheng efe. E se gore ke kgapela kgang ya gago kwa thoko, ke e tsere ka tlhwaafalo gore mo tsamaong ya nako fa re*

sena go bona gore tse di teng tse re di fatlhositse, re di tlhabolotse, e bo e le gore jaanong re ka leba kwa go tse dingwe tse re eletsang gore le tsone di ka nna le karolo go baakanya moruo wa lefatshe la Botswana.

Honourable Phologolo o buile ka increasing funding for rural value chains to ensure food security, job creation and strong linkages. The ministry must intensify its effort and align them with the UDC Manifesto particularly regarding a deep economy model. Ke tsaya gore eo honourable, we recognise that strengthening rural value chains is essential for food security and job creation and reducing rural urban migration jaaka o e supile.

Re dumela thata gore jaaka ke ne ke supile fa re ka kgobokanya ba dikgwebo tse di potlana, bogolo thata tse di kwa magaeng. Fa e le gore ba santse ba le kgakala le ditlamelo le kwa ba rekang teng, go tlhokafala gore ba ikopanye ba fapanne, le dikitso ba ikokeletse ka bongwe ka bongwe gore ba diragatse se ba se eletsang.

...Silence...

MR NTSIMA: The ministry is currently promoting cluster-based development model in sectors such as horticulture, poultry, agro-processing, leather in rural manufacturing. This effort is complemented by working with institutions such as CEDA and LEA to expand access to finance, business development services and market opportunities for rural enterprises. The ministry is also supporting local value additions and entrepreneurship development, including partnership with institutions of higher learning and international partners to foster innovation driven enterprises. These interventions align with the broader national agenda of economic diversification and inclusive growth.

Challenges with the business licences; the Government recognises this concern. With the reforms already in motion, the ministry will work with licensing authority to tighten the framework through measures such as clearer conditions linking licence to active operation, compliance checks and utilisation monitoring, as well as administrative action where licences are unused or abused.

Honourable Kaizer *o ne a rile* the projection *ya* 15 per cent *ya* drop in revenue signals decline in the business registration and Government decision to absorb small businesses. Giving example *a re* the cleaning services, security and all others that the Government intends to

insource. Research has shown it takes at least five years for newly established companies to mature and stabilise. What supports structures is the ministry putting in place to sustain businesses beyond the initial funding phase.

The Government is strengthening support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to remain sustainable beyond the initial transition. In this regard, the ministry is strengthening enterprise development in capacity building programmes to support these businesses to diversity their markets, improve their operational capabilities and access opportunities in both the public and private sector through agencies such as CEDA and LEA. The ministry continues to facilitate access to finance, business development services and integration into the broader value chains.

Le tlaa gakologelwa gore, gantsi businesses tsa rona di ntse di ikaegile thata ka tendering. Ke sone se bontsi jwa tsone gompieno di sa direng sentle, e se ka gore Goromente ga a batle tendering, e le ka gore letseno la ga Goromente le ile kwa tlase. Ke tsaya gore fa Minister of Finance a ne a a fa pego, re utlwile maloba gore re sokamele ntlha efe, e leng kwa go reng businesses jaanong di simolole go nna producers instead of basing business in buying and selling readymade products that come outside of the country. Go botlhokwa gore re le businesses le rona re ipaakanye, re baakanye ka fa re ntseng re dira dikgwebo ka teng, gore re tsamaelane le tse di diragalang mo bogompienong.

Honourable Kelebeng *o ne a bua ka* PushaBW Campaign, *gore* it is commendable. We must be more intentional about reaching rural areas. The airport store is well positioned, but we should expand to rural communities and encourage more indigenous products given that CEDA is funding such enterprises and we want to stimulate exports.

He also talked about the Wealth Creation Programme; that it should be broadened to include creative arts and sports, which reflects growing economic sectors such as strong employment potential, as these industries are largely excluded and deserves formal support. Lastly, he talked about the country having made great strides in agriculture or agribusiness, and we must continue scaling investment in these sectors. He also asked what is the ministry's target plan for agribusiness development in 2026/2027.

The ministry's response or my response to that is, there has been a steady increase in local products offering in recent years. This growth is highly commendable, but can only be truly impactful and long lasting and effective if supported by all Batswana. The PushaBW Campaign was launched to profile and promote local products and services and encourage local consumers, retailers, corporate and Government to support local product uptake, encourage product development, economic growth and job creation.

Ke sone se bogolo jwa tiro ya rona bo leng mo go sone, gore le Goromente jaaka e le gore o reka dithoto a a simolole ka go reka tsa Batswana pele. Fa e le gore we have toilet paper manufacturing, we do not expect to see Government buying products that are coming from outside when the Government is the one that funded those projects in the first place gore e bo di le teng mo bogompienong. We want to see Government also living up to that promise ya gore funding someone to produce a product and not buying from them, is also contributing to business gore e felele e sa dire sentle. Ke sone se re tswelolang re rotloetsa ba ba re kang kana ke bone ba ba re kang mo go Goromente gore, ba reke kana ba simolole ka products tsa Batswana. Ke raya gore re setse re bone...

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS CHOMBO): Elucidation. I thank you very much Mr Chairperson, and thank you very much Minister. Let me just commend you for what you spoke of, creating an entire ecosystem from funding all the way up to ensuring that there is access to market.

Ke eletsa for us to triggle down, go na le funding Batswana as a whole, and as the ministry we believe that we need to disaggregate the way we fund. Jaanong ke batla gore re bue ka the Women's Economic Empowerment Programme, gore we can fund Batswana as a whole, mme bomme ba rona ba saletse kwa morago ka lelhoko la ditiro le mo dikgwebong. Go kile ga bo go na le lenaneo le bitswa Women's Economic Empowerment Programme, le le kwa lephateng la rona la merero ya bong, but ka 2022 Goromente then decided gore le ye kwa Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship, where all the entrepreneurial programmes were to be moved to. This programme by that time was being funded at P30 million per year, but since the year 2020/2021 to date it has not been funded altogether.

Tona, fa re ntse re tsamaya mo Dikgotleng re reeditse le rona re itemogela, bomme ba eletsa gore lenaneo le le boe. Le ne le ba thusa thata ka dikgwebo tsa bone tse di potlana le tse di kgolwane. Re na le ba e

leng gore are still operating right now and they have benefited from this programme. It is very important for us as Government, as well as for the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship e e tshwereng lenaneo le, gore re ale maikaelelo a rona a gore le ya go fiwa sepatšhe ka ngwaga ofe, a ke ngwaga o, a ke dingwaga tse di tlang, ka gore le ne le thusa bomme le ba ntsha mo lehumeng, e bile le ba direla ditiro.

Re dumela gore this programme is important, because women's economic disempowerment leaves them vulnerable to violence. Ga re e lebelele fela e le go fetlha ditiro le mmereko le gore ba nne le letseno, re dumela gore it can play a very important role in us preventing violence in Botswana. Re le lephata re tswelotse to continue to partner with you and support you, re eletsa gore we can reform this programme and bring it back.

Jaanong ke kopa gore o e ame, mainstreaming of gender, gore P1.31 billion yo o filweng MSMEs go netefatswe gore bomme ba fiwa mo go one. In particular the Women Economic Empowerment Programme, re ka e solofela mo nakong e e kae? Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga Honourable Chombo. Ke tsaya gore o ne o gakolola, e bile o rotloetsa gore *our programming* e se ka ya itebatsa bomme le gore go lebaka gongwe ba ne ba tseetswe mananeo a a neng a ba lebagane. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa e tsaya ka tlhwaafalo, *I have my beautiful staff* kwa morago kwa, ba go reeditse ka tlhwaafalo. Fa re tswa fa re tlaabo re ya go e leba *budget* sesha, gore ba ka ngathelwa fa kae, se se itebagantseng le bone le dikgwebo tsa bone.

Mme le se o se buile sa gore golo fa go rotloetsa mme ke go rotloetsa dilo tse di siameng, e bile go ka dira gore go fapose le dilo tse di re apesitseng kobo ka letshoba jaaka bo Gender-Based Violence. Ke go utlwile, ke lebogela kagelo ya gago.

Honourable Frenzel o ne a buile ka the largest share of funding goes to CEDA, however, there is need to consider which type of businesses are being funded and to diversify the portfolio, specially to reach different communities and ensure a broader spread of economic benefits and what is CEDA strategy to sector diversification on the budget ya gompiono.

MR MAPULANGA: Clarification. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tla ke go leboge Tona. Ke ne ke batla gore pele o tswala, o se ka wa lebala dikgang tse pedi, tse tharo tse. Go na le kgang e re e bonang thatathata mo go bomme le banana ba ba itekang ka go nna ba *order bales*

kwa ntle. E ba kokonela ka kgang ya gore *permits* di bonwa fela o le mo Gaborone *and they have to move all the way from areas tsa bone go tla kwano for two/three days*. Fa ba tsena fa *systems* ga di bereke. O e atolosa leng gore *officers* tsele di busediwe mo dikgaolong tseo gore ba dire? Go na le *capping* mo go yone gape ya P79 000 *I think, within that six months*. Fa a feditse madi ao kana a lekantse *stock* se a neng a se batla go tlaabo gotwe, nnyaa a ye go dira e nngwe gape *permit*. Ga e ka ke ya atolosiwa ya ya kwa pele.

Ya bobedi ke kgang ya dikgwebo, *especially* tse di mo *tourism industry*, ba ne ba adimilwe madi, ba tlalediwa through CEDA ba *tour operators, guest houses*, ba eng, gore o akantse eng ka bone go bona gore *either* o ba neela *amnesty* kana gongwe *loan repayment system* e e botoka gore ba kgone go tswela ba ntse ba duela ka ba simolotse go tsena mo dikolotong?

Ke dumela gore gongwe ya bofelo ke kgang ya *monopoly in the industry*, gore ga go kgonagale gore le simolole *to regulate the directorship*, ka gore o fitlhela ke le mongwefela ke le Mapulanga, *I am the one running ditena, all the businesses* mo e leng gore gongwe le gongwe fa o reng o tsena teng o fitlhela e le motho a le mongwefela a tshwere sengwe le sengwe *around*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mapulanga. Ya *permits* ke e tsibogege ka bonako. *Permits* kana diofisi di ne tsa *discontinue* ka gore e ne e le gore e dirwa *online*. *Unfortunately, the online system is not working*, ke sone se batho ba tswang kwa bokgakaleng, *but we are on it*. *We are busy trying to make sure that it goes back online* gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone *to access it* gongwe le gongwe kwa a leng teng. Ke tsaya gore *we have noted tsa thresholds* tsa madi a a *equated to the payment*, re tlaa nna fa fatshe re bona gore re ka tokafatsa jang, ka gore e ama ba dikgwebo tse dipotlana *and* go tlhoka gore ba thusiwe thata.

E nngwe ke ya *tour operators*, ba ba neng ba adimilwe ke CEDA mme e le gore jaanong ba setse ba wela mo dikolotong. Ke ka rotloetsa fela gore ba ka re tshwara *individually*, ra itse *on a case by case* gore bothata bo fa kae, gore re ba thusa. *Intention* ya ga Goromente ga se go gapela ope dithoto, ke gore re bone go na le dikgwebo tse di dirilweng ke Batswana. Ke sone se Goromente a ntshitseng letsogo la gore a neele Batswana ba bule dikgwebo. Ga se gore keletso ke gore kwa bofelong ba gapelwe. Ke gore ba rotloediweng gore ba tswela ba dira jalo.

Ya *monopoly*, ke tsaya gore molao wa *competition* o teng o o itebagantseng le kgang eo. Fa gongwe fa re ipelaetsang teng gore *there is that monopoly* kana go na le motho a le mongwefela *who is controlling*, molao o teng go re baakanyetsa. A re ikopanye le bone ba Competition Consumer Authority ba re thusa ka dikgang tse, re di rarabolole. Ga go a tshwanela gore go nne jalo, go tshwanetse gore go nne le *segregation* ya dithoto, gore mang o tshwere dife, mme e bile gape go sena yo o ikgagapelelang sengwe le sengwe. Ka gore kwa bofelong o ka re babalela ka ditlhwatlhwa, ka gore fa go nna *one player*, go raya gore ke ene *who decides* gore ditlhwatlhwa o baya dife, ka gore ga gona ope *who is competing* le ene.

Honourable Frenzel, kwa go ya gago ya CEDA *diversification strategy, it is to prioritise financing in productivity or productive job sectors and broaden geographic and demographic reach*. *Priority sectors include, agriculture and agro-processing, manufacturing and industrial production, including SPEDU region, manufacturing revitalisation, textile and garment manufacturing, mining services and citizen participation in mineral value chains, tourism and hospitality, transport and logistics, renewable energy and selected services*. Mme re itebagantse thata le go tsamaelana le se e leng gore *is set up in the* Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), ka re a itse gore *we have said we are diversifying and manufacturing is the one that can get us out of reliance on one commodity being diamonds*.

Honourable Motsamai, *the ministry must do more to address the root cause of poverty*. *How will its programmes in 2026 directly alleviate poverty among vulnerable citizens?* Ke tsaya gore ke potso e e siameng *Honourable Motsamai*. *The ministry contributes to poverty alleviation by expanding access to productive opportunities especially for micro and small enterprises through simplifying formalisation and business support, targeted enterprise developed and skills support, access to development finance for viable income generating activities, provision of funding by CEDA to small and micro businesses*, jaaka re na le bo Mabogo Dinku, tse di itebagantseng thata le bone ba e leng gore ke bagwebi ba ba mo mekgwatlheng kana ba ba botlana.

Honourable Nyatanga; o buile gape ka *areas like Mahalapye having strong potential for cooperative societies*. *The ministry should actively promote cooperative development at the community level and ensure cooperatives are given the tools and*

framework, they need to thrive. How will the ministry skill cooperative development beyond urban centres; the ministry recognises that areas such as Mahalapye and other rural centres, holds immense potential for cooperatives society to skill cooperative development beyond urban centres. We have decentralised cooperative development programmes through our 14 regional offices, one of them being in Mahalapye, this is done through implementation of the cooperatives Statutory Instrument among them, the Cooperative Transformation Strategy and National Policy for Cooperative Development.

Honourable Motsamai; o ne a buile ka gore the ministry should actively encourage businesses to operate as cooperatives, which will strengthen collective bargaining, reduce individual risk and improve sustainability.

The ministry's strategy to promote cooperative formation as a business model is anchored on the three pillars, awareness mobilisation education, capacity building, business advisory and mentoring. Ke tsaya gore ya gago e tsamaelana le ya ga Honourable Nyatanga, mme ke ne ke setse ke e buile ka boleejana.

Honourable Mabeo; o ne a buile gape ka ya the 11 State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) consuming 74 per cent of the Recurrent Budget and is this value for money. It is important to clarify that CEDA is not merely a ... (inaudible) ... to Government fund, but rather a development finance institution and mandated to drive citizen economic empowerment.

Ka gore nako e ntshiile betsho, mma ke soboke dipotso tsa lona jalo. Ke tsaya gore ke le kgomile lotlhe ka go lekalekana. Mr Chairperson, yesterday when I was reading my speech, there was a typo that I wish to correct at Paragraph 36. Am I allowed sir?

MR CHAIRPERSON: Ee, please do. Mme what matters ke the last paragraph ya conclusion, fa o ka bala yone fela sengwe le sengwe se siame.

MR NTSIMA: Thank you sir. Mr Chairperson I now move that the sum of One Billion, Two Hundred and Three Million, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P1 203 190 410) for Recurrent Expenditure and Three Hundred and Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Pula (P331 332 520) for Development Expenditure for Organisation 0700, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship be approved and stand part of this Schedule. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0800-MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that two hours and 10 minutes have been allocated to this Organisation. I shall call upon the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to reply to the debate at 1805 hours, and the question will be out at 1450 hours tomorrow, unless e ka re a respond a bo a tsaya nako e khutshwane le bo le ka e tlhophela today. I now call upon Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Honourable Motshegwa, you may present.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson. Ke bone ba unions ba teng fa; ke bone President of Doctors' Union, Selema, President wa Botswana Land Board and Local Authorities Workers Union (BLLAWU) Rre Kesebonye, Secretary General Rre Mafoko, Vice President of Botswana Public Employees Union (BOPEU) Moalosi. Ke setho go dumedisa.

Mr Chairperson, I have the honour to present before this Honourable Committee, the 2026/2027 Financial Year Recurrent and Development Budget proposals for the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

The ministry is requesting for a total of Fifteen Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty - Two Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Pula (P15 842 000 125.00) only. This amount is made up of Twelve Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Pula (P12 985 277 310.00) for the Recurrent Budget, and Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pula (P2 856 722 815.00) for the Development Budget.

Mr Chairperson, preparation of the Financial Year 2026/2027 Ministry Budget took into consideration the National Development Plan (NDP) 12, the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) 2024 Manifesto, prevailing fiscal constraints and the need to sustain effective service delivery in the face of current socio-economic challenges.

Mr Chairperson, before presenting the 2026/2027 Budget proposals, let me provide an overview of selected interventions implemented by the ministry during the 2025/2026 financial year.

This period was characterised by a number of fiscal and operational constraints; however, the ministry remained focused on delivering its mandate. Meaningful progress was achieved in priority areas aimed at improving the well-being of Botswana and strengthening local service delivery systems.

POLICIES AND REFORMS

Decentralisation Policy

Mr Chairperson, as mentioned in my maiden address, the ministry is at an advanced stage of finalising the National Decentralisation Policy, aimed at equitable and sustainable development while deepening citizen participation in governance through the systematic transfer of decision-making authority, functions and resources from Central Government to Local Authorities.

The policy is currently awaiting cabinet consideration and decision. Once approved, the policy will mark a significant shift in the country's system of local governance by transitioning from the existing mixed model to a fully devolved framework.

Review of Local Government Act

Mr Chairperson, the ministry is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Local Government Act of 2012 to ensure that the legal framework governing local authorities remains responsive to the evolving governance, service delivery and development needs of the country. The review seeks to strengthen local governance by enhancing accountability and transparency, improving responsiveness to community priorities and promoting inclusive and equitable development.

Review of the Revised Customary Court Act

Mr Chairperson, in pursuit of aligning the administration of justice in Customary Courts with Government's commitment to a human rights-based legal system that guarantees access to justice for all, the ministry is reviewing the Revised Customary Court Act of 2013.

The review seeks to strengthen the judicial functions of Customary Courts by enhancing procedural fairness, safeguarding fundamental rights and freedoms, and ensuring consistency with the Constitution and the international human rights obligations to which Botswana is a signatory.

Review of Bogosi Act

Mr Chairperson, in a bid to elevate the status of Bogosi and ensure it reflects the responsibilities, authority, and relevance of the institution within Botswana's governance framework, the Attorney General submitted the draft to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs on 26th January 2026 to advance the review process.

Revised National Policy for Rural Development of 2002

Mr Chairperson, the ministry has concluded the review of the Revised National Policy for Rural Development. The draft policy, together with its implementation plan and risk matrix, was presented to cabinet on 3rd December 2025. Upon approval, the Policy is expected to provide a strategic framework to facilitate and catalyse rural industrialisation initiatives across the country.

Revised National Policy on Destitute Persons

A comprehensive review of the Revised National Policy on Destitute Persons started in the Financial Year, 2025/2026.

Development of the Policy on Indigenous People

The ministry has made significant progress in the development of the Policy on Indigenous People, which will establish a comprehensive and responsive framework for addressing the

unique needs, rights and socio-economic development aspirations of indigenous communities, including Khoena. The policy seeks to promote inclusive development, safeguard cultural heritage and strengthen equitable access to public services and economic opportunities.

Village Development Committee (VDC)

Mr Chairperson, the review of the Village and Ward Development Committee regulations has been completed and approved by Cabinet on 19th December 2025 and gazetted on 30th January 2026. The revised regulations aim to strengthen community governance, align local development with national priorities and create an enabling environment for VDCs and Ward Development Committee (WDCs) to operate more effectively. Key focus areas include promoting local economic development, enhancing accountable and ethical leadership, improving financial management, modernising committee structures and prioritising community-led development and infrastructure initiatives.

Ikageng Public Works Programme

Mr Chairperson, the Ikageng Public Works Programme formerly Ipelegeng Programme has achieved significant milestones, including creating employment opportunities, enhancing skills development in construction trades, promoting local economic participation through community procurement, improving environmental cleanliness, supporting small-scale infrastructure projects and strengthening community policing and biodiversity conservation. The programme has been reviewed in 2025 and renamed Ikageng and will be implemented in the next financial year that is about to commence.

Remote Area Development Programme (RADP)

Mr Chairperson, in recognition of emerging socio-economic realities and lessons learnt over the years, the ministry is undertaking a comprehensive review of the RADP. This review is fully aligned to the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), which calls for inclusive growth, productivity enhancement and integration of marginalised communities into the mainstream economic activity. Progress on the review has been minimal due to budgetary constraints.

Relocation of Primary Health Care Services

Mr Chairperson, the transfer of Primary Health Care Services to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs is progressing well, with key institutional, administrative and governance frameworks now firmly established. Measurable progress has been achieved in the transfer of records...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Freeze the clock.

...Silence...

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM CHAIRPERSON (MS MANYENENG): Order! Order! Honourable Members. Continue Honourable Member.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Madam Chairperson, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, now on Matimela Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), in addition to its core mandate of managing Matimela, plays a pivotal role in the National FMD Contingency Plan. The ministry’s responsibilities include providing psychosocial support services to affected farmers, ensuring the secure management and humane disposal

of stray livestock and leveraging traditional leadership structures to foster community awareness, buy-in and cooperation in controlling disease outbreaks.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

BUDGET PERFORMANCE

Madam Chairperson, the ministry was allocated a budget of Thirteen Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Pula (P13 923 359 492), constituting Recurrent Budget of Eleven Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Pula (P11 271 439 600) and a Development Budget of Two Billion, Six Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Two Pula (P2 651 919 892).

Madam Chairperson, as at 31st January 2026, Development Expenditure stood at One Billion, Six Hundred and Three Million, Sixty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-One Pula (P1 603 066 951) or 60 per cent. Recurrent Budget expenditure stood at Eight Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand and Fifty- Four Pula (P8,797,133,054).

Madam Chairperson, expenditure performance during the period under review was significantly affected by the implementation of austerity measures necessitated by the prevailing fiscal position.

Revenue Maximisation

Madam Chairperson, Local Authorities are empowered to mobilise Own Source Revenue, primarily through the collection of fees and charges, including property rates. In this regard, Ga-Malete, Palapye and Mogoditshane have been declared as rateable and the ministry is actively progressing with additional rateable areas.

Furthermore, the ministry has been facilitating innovative approaches to enhance financial sustainability within Local Authorities. A notable development is the ongoing collaboration between Gaborone City Council (GCC) and the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE). This partnership was formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 12th August 2025.

The ministry is also finalising development of a standardised framework to guide councils when establishing private entities for investment purposes. The initiative is ideal to address past challenges experienced around lack of good governance, internal control and risk management. These measures are aimed at broadening the revenue base, improving compliance and ensuring that Local Authorities reduce dependence on Central Government grants to meet their developmental and service delivery mandate.

Implementation and Service Delivery

Madam Chairperson, the Government of Botswana through Cabinet has approved the transformation of the Ipelegeng Programme, marking a historic shift in the country's approach to community development, social protection and inclusive economic empowerment.

This transformation represents a decisive move from a largely welfare-based relief programme to a modern structured, skills-oriented and productivity-driven national public works initiative.

Madam Chairperson, the transformed programme now renamed Ikageng Public Works Programme (IPWP) introduces several critical reforms drawn from the Transformation Strategy Document presented to and approved by Cabinet.

Constituency Community Programme (CCP)

Madam Chairperson, the Government has taken a decisive step to reposition the programme as a socially inclusive, community-driven infrastructure development initiative. Through this renewed focus, the programme will empower constituencies to identify and implement targeted development interventions that promote self-reliance, strengthen community participation and sustainably improve livelihoods. The programme will implement community projects across the 61 constituencies.

Rural Development Projects

The Rural Development Council continues to implement the rural development initiatives aimed at sustaining rural livelihoods across various regions.

Khoena Development

As part of the rural area development framework, the ministry is developing the Khoena Development Model as a practical and community driven approach to

indigenous development. The model seeks to translate policy commitments into tangible socio-economic outcomes by leveraging Khoena cultural assets, traditional knowledge systems and natural resource endowments.

Sustainable Livelihood Approach

In the same vein, Madam Chairperson, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs is transforming its community and social development programmes to enhance their effectiveness, responsiveness and impact.

Social Welfare Programmes

Madam Chairperson, Government continues to provide social protection services to the targeted vulnerable groups through various social protection programmes such as Old Age Pension Scheme, Destitute Programme, Orphan Care Programme, Community Home-Based Care Programme, World War II Veterans (WWV II), and People with Disabilities.

Madam Chairperson, Government has continued with the provision of Supplementary Feeding to public primary school children and vulnerable groups at health facilities countrywide. The objective of the Supplementary Feeding Programme is to enhance a conducive learning environment, while also addressing hunger and malnutrition among under-five children, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and TB outpatients. However, inadequate funding for the Supplementary Feeding Programme remains one of the most significant and persistent challenges confronting the ministry.

School Feeding Programme

In response to challenges such as inconsistent supply, logistical difficulties, and nutritional gaps, Government is transforming the programme into a Home-Grown School Feeding Programme.

Modernising and Transforming infrastructure

Madam Chairperson, with regard to road infrastructure, the ministry has successfully completed the tarring of 25 kilometre (km) of internal roads in Tlokweng. Mogoditshane Internal Roads Project has not yet commenced due to procurement challenges and ongoing litigation. We provide also a number of infrastructure projects there.

Customary Courts (Dikgotla) Infrastructure

We also indicate that the ministry was allocated a budget of Ten Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-One Pula and Thirty Thebe (P10,726,551.30) intended for the design and construction of Rural Administration Centres (RACs) in Tutume and Mogoditshane.

Primary School Infrastructure

We also indicate commendable progress.

Primary Health Care Services

Madam Chairperson, I have already alluded to the Primary Health Care initiative as well as waste management infrastructure.

Conclusion

Madam Chairperson, this concludes my presentation. I now move that the 2026/2027 Recurrent Budget in the sum of Twelve Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Pula (P12,985,277,310.00) and that the Development Budget in the sum of Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixteen Pula (P2, 856, 722, 816.00) for the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation Bill (2026/2027) Bill...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Order! Honourable Minister.* Bala madi ao gape a *development because* kwano ke 815, wena *you said* 816. *The last paragraph* e o neng o bua ka *Development Fund*. La bofelo fa o ya go bua o rile 816 mme kwano ke 815, a bofelo a P2 billion.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Okay. Madam Chairperson, I was reading what I have but during the answers, I think we can reconcile, no problem. *Ke utlwa ba ba re ke ikokeleditse madi.*

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, *Honourable Member* o bala se re se tshotseng kwano. Boelang fela kwa 815, e seng 816. E bale fela e ntse jalo; P2, 856, 722, 815.00.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Madam Chairperson, guided by our ongoing commitment to inclusive development and improving the quality of life for all citizens, I present a proposed Development Budget of Two Billion, Eight

Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pula (P2, 856, 722, 815.00). Thank you very much. *Ke tsaya gore ke madi a matona thata, ke ne ke a kopanetse le Shadow Cabinet Minister Rre Lucas. Ke gore fela a thata go a bala mo go ene, o ne a ka se ka a tla.*

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke re ke simolole fela ka go supa gore rraetsho o re beile kgang pele mme a supa *among other things* gore ba setse morago thulaganyo ya *decentralisation* gore ditlamelo di atamediwe batho. Ke supe gore kana fa o dira *decentralisation* mme e ntse e le gore go santse go na le melao e tshwana le ya bo Tribal Territories Act, go raya gore e tlaabo e le *decentralisation* e e sa felelang ka gore fa gongwe o fitlhela merafe e mengwe e le ka fa tlase ga e mengwe. Jaanong fa go ntse jalo, ga go bereke sentle, ga o ka ke wa e bitsa *decentralisation*, e a bo e tlaaela. Ke gore le fa o ka baakanya Bogosi Act ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme fela kwa bofelong, o tshwanetse wa itse fela gore melao e e tshwanang le yone e ya bo Tribal Territories Act e tshwanetse ya phimolwa fela jaaka UDC Manifesto e supa.

Tota letsatsi leno ke ne ke batla go ganelela thatathata mo *the traditional affairs part* ka gore *Ministry* o ke wa *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*. Bakaulengwe ba bangwe ba tlaa tsaya dikarolo tse dingwe. Fa ke tsaya yone *traditional affairs part*, ke lebelele thatathata Lephata la *Tribal Administration*. Tumelo ya me ke gore Lephata le la *Tribal Administration*, fa go na le lephata lengwe le le latlheletsweng mo Pusong ya lefatshe la Botswana, ke lone le. Fa e ne e le motho re ka bo re re lephata le o kare ke lesiela. Lephata le ke lesiela ka gore tota ga le elwe tlhoko, ga le salwe morago mabapi le go tlhomamisa gore le neelwa madi a a lekaneng gore le tle le kgone go tsamaisa ditirelo le ditsamaiso tsa lone. Fa go na le mongwe yo o ka belaelang gore lephata le le tsewa sentle, o tlaa tsholetsa lebogo, re tlaa mmona.

Go lebege e le gore re nna re bua thatathata gore Dikgosi ke Marara, ke beng ba mmu mme fa o re o lebelela ka fa e leng gore lephata le tsewa ka teng, o a bona gore tota Dikgosi mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka fa tlase ga Puso ya sepolotiki, tota ga e sa tlhole e le Marara kana beng ba mmu ka fa e leng gore re ba tsaya ka teng.

Go na le dikai di le mmalwanyana tse o ka di bonang fa o tsamaya lefatshe la Botswana. Le fa o le kwa kgaolong yone ya Bobirwa e ke e emetseng, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore go na le tatlhelelo fela e e kwa godimo thata. Sa ntlha

lephata le Rraetsho Motshegwa, le tlhabela ka didirisiwa tsa *transport*. Makgotla a le mantsi ga a na *transport* fela e e leng gore e ka re Kgosi a batla gore gongwe a ye go lekola morafe wa gagwe, *either* mo motseng kgotsa kwa ntle ga motse, mo masimo kana meraka a kgone go dira jalo. Ga go na dikoloi mo Makgotleng a le mantsi. Re ne re re yone *budget* e o e tshotseng eo, e tshwanetse ya lebelela gape gore e ka thusa jang Dikgotla tse dintsi gore le tsone di nne le dikoloi tse e leng gore di ka direla batho ba e leng gore ba ka fa tlase ga *Tribal Administration* gore Magosi a se ka a nna bakopi. Ke a tle ke lemoge gore gantsi fa go na le ditiro tse di rileng Dikgosi di tshwanetse gore di tsamae gongwe kwa motseng o o gaufi, ba tshwanetse gore ba kope *lifts*. O fitlhela o ipotsa gore Marara a a kopang *lifts* ke a mofuta mang, beng ba mmu ba ba kopang *lifts* ke batho ba mofuta o o ntseng jang? Re tshwanetse ra tlotla batho ba ka gore fa ba sena *transport* jaana, go a tshwenya. Ke dumela gore golo mo e bile go atile mo dikgaolong tsa rona tsotlhe.

Jaanong fa e le gore o ka bona Kgosi a eme mo tseleng e le gore o kopa *lift* mo go Raboipelego, ba District Health Management Teams (DHMT) fela jalo, o a bona gore lephata le ga le tsewe ka tlhwaafalo. Rre Motshegwa tsaya lephata ka tlhwaafalo, batho ba ba thusiwe, le bone ba kgone go nna le dikoloi, ba nne le seriti rraetsho. Ya bobedi...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: O ne o batla go bua sengwe rraetsho ka bofefo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR LUCAS: Ka bofefo nako ga e yo.

MR MOROLONG: *Elucidation.* Motlotlegi ke dumalana le wena. Dikgang di pedi fela; ga o bone kgang ya *order of precedence* e baya Magosi kwa thoko go na le rona mapolotiki? Sa bofelo fela ke ya *to summons* motho, go fitlhelwa e le gore Kgosi o sokola le *to summons* motho ga a itse le gore o ka mo latedisa jang ka mokwalo wa *summons*.

MR LUCAS: Ke a leboga rraetsho. Mma ke tswelele ke supe gore go na le kgang gape ya dikago fela tsa *Tribal Administration*, bontsi jwa tsone di kgauthane, di ne di batlile go baakanngwa, mme ga di kgone go baakanngwa. O fitlhela Kgosi e gotweng ke mong wa mmu, Rara, a le mo ofising e e wang *ceiling*, bo mmamantwane ba tsalela foo. *Maintenance* wa diofisi

tsa Magosi o tshwanetse wa tsewa ka tlhwaafalo e e kwa godimo. *Maintenance* o, o fitlhela e le gore jaanong madi a *Tribal Administration* bontsi jwa one a bewa kwa khanseleng. Khansele e a *release* ka nako e tota e tlaabong e batlile go a *release*. Ke seemo sa go nyatsa Borara jwa lefatshe la Botswana. Ke sone se o buang ka sone Rre Morolong o re kana *even order of precedence* ga e supe gore ke Marara, bone beng ba mmu... (*Interruptions*)... re batla gore... O ele tlhoko thata gore mo *maintenance budget* wa lephata la gago, leba thata Magosi gore diofisi tsa bone e nne tse di supang seriti sa bone, mme fa o re o a leba lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, go na le bothata jwa gore ga go diriwe jalo, o fitlhela Magosi a latlheletswe ka tsela e. *Air-conditioners* tota ga di yo. O fitlhela o tsena kwa Kgosing o mo etetse a fufula mo go gakgamatsang o ipotsa gore a mme e ntse ke Rara motho yo... (*Interruptions*)... gone mo ga re go amoge. Mo mafelong a mangwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR LUCAS: Iketleng pele bakaulengwe, re bua ka Dikgosi golo fa. Ke batla gore le itse gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana re tshwanetse ra tsaya Dikgosi ka tlhwaafalo. Mo mafelong a mangwe ke ne ke utlwa Mopalamente maloba a bua gore kwa Kgotleng e nngwe ya Sehunou ga go na le fa e le *toilet* le metsi. Fa gongwe o fitlhela e le gore go na le *pit latrines* gone foo. Akanya fela jaanong Borara bo le foo go le *pit latrines*, ga go tsamaelane sentle. Ke seemo se re tshwanetseng ra se sala morago, ra tlhomamisa gore Magosi a rona a bona tlhokomelo e e tshwanetseng.

Ka fa re leng ka teng gompiano, Magosi ga a bone tlhokomelo, fa e le bone Dikgosi tse gotweng ke tsa Tetlanyo go le *worse* ka gore tseo gone e bile ga go na fa di kopanelang le batho teng. Fa gongwe o fitlhela ba kopana le batho mo malwapeng a bone. Mo Dikgosing tsa Tetlanyo o fitlhela go sena le fa e le *toilet* kgotsa leobonyana fela le e leng gore Dikgosi tse di ka reelets batho mo go lone. Seemo se Rre Moswaane ke botsa potso gore batho ba jaanong ba Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo la re le ba tlhokomela ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore ba kgone go thusa setšhaba sa bone? Jaanong o fitlhela ba latlheletswe, Dikgotla tse tsotlhe. E bile ga ke bue fela ka Bobirwa, ke bua ka Botswana otlhe gore Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo di latlheletswe, mme batho betsho, nako e tšhaile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification*, ke nna kwano.

MR LUCAS: Mma re tswelile pele. Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo di tshwanetse tsa bona tlhokomelo ka gore batho ba ba dira tiro e tona thata, ba fokotsa dikgang tse di yang kwa Dikgotleng tse di tona. Seemo se ke se re tshwanetseng go se ela thoko. Ga re a tshwanela go nna re bua ka Magosi e le Marara, beng ba mmu, mme ka fa re ba tsayang ka teng, e kete ke batlhanka. Seemo se se tshwanetse sa ema, se fele, Dikgosi tsa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana di simolole go nna le seriti se se ba tshwanetseng. Seemo se ga re ka ke ra se letlelela se tswelile se ntse jaana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Oom Lu.

MR LUCAS: Nnyaa, ke tsaya gore bagaetsho le a e bona gore e ile nako, 10 *minutes* ga se sepe fela. Fa ke bua ka Dikgosi jaana ke ne ke batla rotlhe re dumalana gore nako e gorogile jaanong gore Magosi a rona a neelwe tlotla le tlhokomelo e e ba tshwanetseng.

Fa o re o lebelela kgang ya babereki ba *Tribal Administration*, bontsi jwa bone ba latlheletswe, ga ba na *accommodation*, go na le matlo a mangwe a *abandoned*, o ipotsa tota gore a mme ra re Magosi a e ntse ke Marara. A mme Magosi ke bone beng ba mmu, kgotsa beng ba mmu jaanong ke rona mapolotiki. Selo se re tshwanetse ra se ela tlhoko ra se sala morago Rre Motshegwa. Ke a dumela gore kgang ya Magosi o tlaa e tsaya ka tlhwaafalo go tswa fa go ya kwa pele. O se ka wa mpoletlela fela o re ke santse ke leba Bogosi Act, nnyaa, ga go a lekana. Ga go a lekana ka gore Bogosi Act ga se yone e tlišang dikoloi le go tlhabolola diofisi tsa Magosi a rona. Kgang e re e kopanele le ba re itseng gore fa gongwe o fitlhela ba batla gore ba ganetse sengwe le sengwe se re se buang, mme mo go e ya Magosi a re e kopaneleng rotlhe, re utlwale gore tota re batla Magosi a lefatshe la rona a tlotlwa ka dinako tsotlhe. Bogosi jwa rona bo re gogile ka lebaka le le leele, mme jaanong mo bogompienong o a bona gore mapolotiki fa ba sena go bona maemo, jaanong kwa morago ba lebala gotlhelele gore go na le ba bangwe ba ba nang le mosola mo tšhabeng e, e bile ba tswa kgakala le tšhaba ya rona, jaanong ba a ba latlhelela. O fitlhela e le gore go a kokorogwa go lebetse gore Dikgosi le tsone di mosola mo tšhabeng ya rona, e bile di tswa kgakala di goga ditšhaba tsa rona.

E bile gape Dikgosi ke tsone tse di tlišang kagiso mo metseng ya rona. Go simolola gompieno go ya pele, ke dumela gore re tlaa ba tsaya ka tsela e e ba tshwanetseng, re se ka ra nna e re fa re bua ka bone, re bo re bua ka bone e le Marara. Kana Magosi ba nna ba buiwa gotwe

ke beng ba mmu, ba tshwana le barutabana, go tlaabo go ntse gotwe ba rutille *Presidents*, ba rutille mongwe le mongwe. Go tswa foo ka fa ba tsewang ka teng ga go tsamaelane le gore ba rutille *Presidents, Ministers*. Ke ne ke re eo letsatsi leno ke e gatelele. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo. Ke boe gape ke go dumedise. Ke rata gongwe go akgela mo puong e re e beilweng fano ke Tona...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Members* a re reetsaneng.

MR KWAPA: Gongwe ke tlhalose jaana gore ke *support* Tshutiso ya ga Tona fa. Ke mo leboge thata go bo e le ene a tshwereng matshelo a rona kwa kgaolong. Ke rata ke mmontshe matshwenyego a e leng gore segolobogolo ke batla gore ke remelele mo go one gore a a tlhaloganye ka botlalo.

Sa ntlha fela se ke tlaa batlang gore ke bue ka sone ke kgang ya *decentralisation*, fa re lebeletse Kgaolo ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, tota fa re tla go tsena mo kgannyeng ya ditlamelo, o ne a bua thata ka yone gore kana o tshwere gore ditlamelo di tshwanetse gore di latele batho kwa ba leng teng. Ke rata ke mo supegetse gore fa re tla go bua mo kgannyeng ya go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong, ke dumalana thata le ene Modulasetilo.

Ke dumalana le ene jaana ke mmontsha dikgwetlho tse di re aparetseng kwa Kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Ke dumela gore e tlaare fa ke bua ka tsone, o tlaa kgona go bua le barwarraagwe ba ba mmogo mo Khuduthamageng go bona gore Batswana ba ba mo Kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane ba bona ditlamelo ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Ke bua se jaana re le mo nakong ya dipula Modulasetilo, re tshwanetse go gakologelwa sentle gore se se diragalang kwa ga se se re ka se ikgatholosang. Jaaka fa dipula di na jaana, di na le go kgaoganya batho le ditlamelo tse Tona a buang ka tsone.

Ditlamelo tse Tona o tshwanetse gore a di ise kwa bathong. Go na le batho mo go tsone dikgaolo tse. Kana fa a bua ka go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong, o bua ka ditsela. Ke sone se e reng fa ke tlhalosa ke bo ke re kana ke dumela gore o tlaa tshikinya morwarraagwe a mmontshe letlhoko la gore batho ba Kgaolo ya Jwaneng-

Mabutsane ba tlhokana le ditlamelo. Fa o lebelela metse e tshwana le bo Thankane, Kokong, Mahotshwane, Kutuku, Itholoke le Tsonyane, o tlaa dumalana le nna sentle gore batho ba ba tshwanelwa ke gore ditlamelo di goroge kwa go bone. Fa o lebeletse seemo sa ditsela se se tshwanetseng gore se ise ditlamelo, ga ke itse gore o tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme fela e ne e le gore ke mo gakolole gore re tlhokana le ditlamelo mo metseng e.

Gongwe ke bo ke bua ka kgang e nngwe ya *decentralisation* gore re na le *catchment area* e e tshwanang le Maokane le Khakhea, fa re bua ka motse wa Maokane, re bua ka motse o o dikaganyeditsweng ke motse wa Lefoko, Tsonyane, Mokhomba, Samane, Thankane, ka tshwanelo le tsamaiso, di ne di tshwanetse gore di ka bo di ne di tsaya ditlamelo kwa Maokane. Seo se thata ga se diragale sentle ka lebaka la ditsela. Ga ke itse gore o tlaa gorosa ditlamelo tse leng, mme fela kopo e ne e le gore a *service centre* ya Maokane e bulwe e *operate* ka fa e tshwanetseng gore e nne ka teng. A *service centre* ya Khakhea e dire ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. A *officers* ba goroge Tona.

Ke bua se jaana ka lebaka la gore, fa o lebeletse sekgala sa go tswa kwa Thankane o ya Mabutsane, go tswa kwa Khakhea yo re dumelang gore o ka bo a ne le gaufi le Mabutsane, go tsamaiwa dikgala tse dintsi go ya go feta kwa Sekoma, go ya go goroga kwa Mabutsane. Fa o lebeletse sekgala sa go tswa kwa Kokong o tshwanetse gore o tsamaye *more than 22 kilometers* (kms) o le mo godimo ga *gravel*, o simolola o ipotsa gore a le go goroga o tlaa goroga go ya go kopa ditlamelo tse e leng gore ga di yo kwa Kokong, Itholoke, Samane, Mokhomba le Thankane.

Jaanong fa o lebelela le bokgakala jwa Thankane gore e bo e kete e nna motse o tennyanteng. Go na le sengwe se ke batlang gore ke bue ka sone, se ke tlaa batlang gore Tona a se lemoge sentle. Fa re bua ka kgang ya diofisi tsa bo Kgosi, motse o tshwana le Kutuku, Kanaku le e mengwe e ke dumelang gore e teng mo dikgaolong tsa Botswana, o fitlhela e le gore fa le ya go kopana le Kgosi, le kopana le Kgosi fela mo setlhareng, e bo e nna e kete jaanong Kgosi o tlaa re moeng ke etetse mang, go sena gope fa a ka amogelelang batho teng. Ke bua se jaana ke supa letlhoko le re nang le lone mo Kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane gore fa o lebeletse gore kgaolo e, e na le moemela Kgosi mo Ntlong ya Dikgosi, ga a na le fa e le ofisi mo kgaolong, o a bo a na le bo Kgosisikgolo kwa Ntlo ya Dikgosi. Ke dumela gore go maleba gore

go ka bo go na le diofisi tse e leng gore fa re batla go ya go kopana le ene moemela Kgosi, re a go kopana le ene teng re sa ye go kopa fa bo Kgosi ba bangwe ba leng teng. Ke dumela gore letlhoko le o utlwang ke bua ka lone...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR KWAPA: ...le tshwanetse gore le elwe tlhoko, ke kopa ka tsela e entseng jalo. *I yield.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR NTLHAILE): *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa komiti e e fano. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Kwapa go bo a mphile gore ke tlitse se a se buang, ke dumalana le ene thata, o tshwere kgang e siameng.

Modulasetilo, mathata a a buiwang ke mathata a lephata le re tshwanelwang ke gore la ntlha re le lebogise gore le mekamekane le mathata a boitshegang, ka nako e lefatshe le itemogelang kwelotlase ya itsholelo. Ka se ke batla gore fa ke sena go rialo, ke tsibose Tona gore ke a lemoga gore o na le thulaganyo ya gore a tabogele fa Gaborone Bokone mo nakong e khutshwane. E re fa a ntse a le mo tseleng, a tsamaye ka mohago o wa gore a lemoge gore kwa Gaborone Bokone go na le mathata a boitshegang, a lephata la gagwe..., ke a itse gore puo ya gagwe...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Ntlhaile, I think o kgakala thata le microphone, ga o utlwale sentle.*

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, a ko le tlotleng yo mongwe a le mo *floor*.

MR NTLHAILE: Modulasetilo ke supe jaana gore, Gaborone Bokone go na le mathata a a boitshegang, bogolo jang thata a letlhoko la ditsela. *Madam Chairperson*, ke kopa Tona gore a itshwaraganye le Mothusa Tautona, re a itse gore Mothusa Tautona o tabogile lefatshe le a leka go batla madi. Fa ledi le ka bonala, ra bona sengwenyana Tona, o lebe dikgaolo tsa Gaborone North, mme o itebaganya le ditsela thata rraetsho, bogolo jang *internal roads*.

Fa re dira ditshekatshoko, re ne re bona o kare fa re ka leka gore bogolo re dire *internal roads*, re ka simolola ka *paving*. Madi otlhe re ne re sekaseka, a wela mo go P50 *million*, ke re ke madi a a ka se keng a bonala nako e le nngwefela, go ka dirwa ka *stages*. Kgaolo e tshwana le ya Phakalane, ke nngwe e re tlhokang gore go baakanngwe

ditsela mo go yone. Gaborone North *suburbs* kwa *Turn 1, Turn 2, Turn 3* le *Turn 4*, dikgaolwana tse tsotlhe re ka dira *pavements*, o di sekasekele. O bo o tshwaragana le Tona wa *Transport and Infrastructure*, ke a itse gore ke mokaulengwe yo o ntseng o leka gore o buisane le ene, gore e re fa a simolola thulaganyo e ya *dual carriage* ya A1, go nne le *access roads* tse di tsenang mo Phakalane, Ledumang fale le kwa Gaborone North *suburbs*, bogolo jang thata mo *Turn 1, 2, 3* le *4*. Ke tsone tse e leng gore fa gare fa, le bo le ka sekaseka go bona gore mo nakong e khutshwane ra direlwa *paving*.

Go na le mathata a mangwe a a lebaganang le fa dipula di nele. Dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le Ledumang, Tsholofelo ke dikgaolo tse batho ba tsenang mo tatlhegolong ya dithoto, ba a bugisega, metsi a tsena mo dijarateng tsa bone le mo matlong tota. Jaanong ke seemo fela se se ngomolang pelo, ke gakolola jalo Tona gore le sone o leke thata rraetsho gore ba thusiwe. Ke bo ke bua gape ka dikgaolo...

MR KWAPA: Ke a go leboga thata *Honourable Ntlhaile*, ke dumela gore kgakololo e o e buang ke kgakololo e e maleba. Motho e a re fa bua a le mo seraleng, go bo go nna le ba ba mo tshwarang ka baki gore, kgang e ya ditsela Tona fa re bua ka go isa ditlamelo kwa bathong, ga gona jaaka o ka kgona go isa ditlamelo fa kgang e ya ditsela re ka se ka ra bua ka yone. Ke raya gore rotlhe re tsile go nna re ntse emelela re bua ka yone rraetsho, gore re go lemotshe botlhokwa jwa gore ditlamelo di goroge kwa o di batlang teng, kgang ke tsela. Ga ke itse gongwe go na le tsela e gongwe o neng o ka dira ka yone, go a tle go buiwe ka *drones*. Se ke se buang fela ke gore, gore re ikopele ditlamelo kwa re di tlhokang teng ke gore, bua o sekaseke kgang e ya tsela thata, o gakologelwe le ya diofisi tsa bo Kgosi ba ba senang diofisi gotlhelele. Ke go *support* ka tsela e ntseng jalo, mo mading otlhe a o a kopileng rraetsho, a ko o okeletswe gore o kgone gore o ise ditlamelo kwa bathong. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa tiro wa letsatsi la gompiano, ke dumedise batlotlegi ba ba fano. Ke bo ke dumedise bagaetsho kwa Kgatleng East, go simolola fela fa Ramodibe, Matebeleng, Oodi, Mokatse, Modipane, Dikwididi go ya go tsena fela kwa Phala Kampa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Chairperson.

MR PULE: Ke ba dumedise jalo Motsamaisa tiro ya gompiano. Ke ne ke batlile...

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*, mo tsamaisong o tsaya *two* ka fa go ba Puso, o bo tsaya *two* kana *one* ka fa. Jaanong ka kwano kana *slot* e ne e le sa ga Rre Kwapa, *then he elucidated for Rre Ntlhaile*...

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

MR BARONGWANG: Nnyaa, ke mo *floor*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Mma ke mo reetse *Honourable Members*.

MR BARONGWANG: Jaanong go raya gore go tshwanetse gore go tsene *slot* sa *the next speaker from the ruling party*, ke gone e bo e boela kwa bakaulengweng.

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

MR BARONGWANG: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*, ke yone *procedure* e ke neng ke re re tle re e lebelele.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Let me clarify something, *le nneetse list gakere. Jaanong ke batla go itse gore, according to the list go tsena mang*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Inaudible)...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke ne ke batla go itse gore a Ntlhaile *is the second person here*, o ya go tsena foo, kana o feditse *because there was never a clarity*...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: ... go tsena wa boraro.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Chairperson.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ke emeletse ka dinao. *Honourable Members*, fa le romela *the list*, ga le a *clarify* gore *Honourable Kwapa* a sena go bua, *Honourable Ntlhaile* a sena go nna a bua go tsena Lawrence Ookeditse, ga le a bua. Ke gore ke raya gore *I am going to move that way*. Lawrence yo o tlaabong a mo neetse go raya gore o fetile, go ntse jalo?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Inaudible)...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee, ga le a *clarify*.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Le tshwanetse gore le bue jalo le tlhalose *for recording purposes*, le gore e re *Honourable* Ntlhaile a fetsa a bo a didimala fela Kwapa a phamola. Nnyaa, batho bale ba a *record*. Buang gore jaanong ke busetsa ka fa, ke a tsaya, kwa *recording* go kwalwe. Fa le dira jaaka le dira jaana jaanong ga go na go tsamaya sentle. *Sorry Honourable* Mabuse Pule.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ne ke re ke simolole ka go amogela mafoko a a neng a buiwa ke *Honourable* Lucas. Ke tswa kwa kgaolong e e leng gore tota Kgosi... Kgosi Sekai ke Kgosi ya rona yo o tswang kgakala tota a ngongorega ka kgang e ya *order of precedence*, e e leng gore mapolotiki *are recognised* thata go feta Magosi. Ke kgang e e botlhokwa thata *Minister*, ke ne ke re re se ka ra nyatsa se *Honourable* Lucas a se buang. Dikgosana di a ngongorega thata ka kgang e. E bile ke kgang e kwa go rona e setseng e losa Balaodi le Magosi, ka gore Molaodi o tlaabo a patelesega gore a bereke tiro ya gagwe, mme ka fa bogosi le morafe ba tshwaraganetse gore, nnyaa e seng jalo, a Dikgosi tsa rona di tsewe ka seriti se se di tshwanetseng.

Minister, ke utlwile pego ya gago ka botlalo rra, ke a itse gore o sokodisiwa ke gore madi ga a yo, mme e bile le bonatla jwa gago re a bo itse. Mme fela o a nkolota rraetsho, kwa Mochudi ga go na *bus rank sir*, and kgang e e ama dikgang tse dintsi tse di neng di batla nako e seng 10 *minutes*, gore ke di atolose. Ke tlhalose gore go sa nnang teng...ga go ise go ke go nne le *bus rank* gotlhelelelele. Jaaka fela ke kile ka supa gore National Development Plan (NDP) 12 ga e a ntsholela sepe, le *ministry* wa gago *sir unfortunately* ke mengwe ya *ministries* tse di sa re tsholelang sepe kwa Kgatleng, gotlhelelele! *So* ke utlwa botlhoko ka gore madi ga a yo, mme fela rraetsho re kolotiwa *stormwater drainage* kwa Mochudi. Go sale go diriwa Mochudi *Masterplan* ya *stormwater* ka 2003 *Honourable* Motshegwa, 2003! le gompieno re ntse re foo. Ke dumela gore *design* ya *project* e ka gore e ne e dirilwe go tlike go patelesega gore go diriwe *re-design* ya *project*.

Re kopa Makgotla a le mabedi kwa Mochudi *sir* kwa kgaolong ya Ntshinoge le Diphoncheng, motse o godile. Dikgosi tse nneng *Honourable* Lucas a bua ka tsone tse di a tlhokafala mo Makgotleng a mabedi a o tshwanetsweng ke gore o a age. Batho ba a sokola ba bona *services* kgakala. Ke batla go gatelela le kgang e e leng gore Makgotla a Dikgosi tse di tlaa nnang mo go one, le tse di leng teng gompieno tse e leng gore ke

tse tetlanyo a di fiwe ditsompelo bagaetsho. Ba thusiwa ke ma VDC gompieno, ke bone ba ba ba kwalelang makwalo a batho ba ba tlang foo ba batla *service* mo Dikgosing tse. Ba beilwe fela foo e le bana ba batho ba sena sepe, *no supporting staff*. Jaanong ke re dikgang tse o di lebe. Le *stamp* fela kwa go rona kwa Kgosi o tlaabo a kwalela batho makwalo a bo a tswa fa a ya *to stamp* kwa Moshate kwa Kgatleng e e tona ya Bakgatla, *imagine*. Ke diemo fela tse di sa nnang sentle. Ke re *Minister*, *please resource* Magosi a rona a thuse batho sentle.

Constituency Community Programme (CCP); ke kopa gore o ithole CCP rraetsho, ke bua ka mowa o montle, o e re fe rona beng ba yone tota fela Motshegwa. Re nne le *total control* re le Mapalamente fela mo kgannyeng e ya CCP, e tsewe *totally under Ministry* wa *Local Government* rra. Ga ke reye gore ke go nyatsa gore o e dira bontle. Kwa wena o akanyang gore re thusega bontle teng kwa dikhanseleng ka lenaneo le, ga go a nna jaaka fa wena o bua, gotlhelele. Jaanong ke kopa fela gore re le Mapalamente fela jaaka go tshwanetse, CCP e tsena mo go rona ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Dikhansela di na le Revenue Support Grant (RSG), ga re na *control over* RSG e ba e fiwang *annually*, ga re na *influence* mo go yone. *So*, le bone fela jalo CCP... (*inaudible*)...ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification*. Nnyaa mme o bua kgang e e tlhamaletseng ya CCP. Fa o ne o utlwile Tona a bua, a mme o ne a papamatsa gore ngwaga o ba tlaa e re neela, o a *confirm* gore ga e na *to appear* fela go tswa fa *it disappears* jaaka e a tle e dire le mo dingwageng tse di fetileng?

MR MOROLONG: *Thank you sir*. O botsa potso e ntle, ke gore fela re tlaabo re e botsa *Minister* yo o seng maleba, *Minister* yo o maleba go araba potso e ke wa *Finance*. Ke tsaya gore se re se tlhokang fela ke *total control* bagaetsho ya CCP.

Honourable Motshegwa, ke ne ke solofetse gore re tlaa bua ka matimela gore le one o a a ithola rraetsho. Ithole matimela ka ke dumela gore le one a go senyetsa, a senyetsa Puso madi a mantsintsi. Re tlhokomela matimela ka madi a mantsintsi *Minister*. Ithole matimela o tle o siamelwe ke dilo.

Go na le bothata jwa go aba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOROLONG: Nako ga e yo tle *Minister*.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Elucidation Honourable Ookeditse.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Elucidation. Thank you so much Madam Chairperson, ke leboge Mokgatla gore o nkgorisitse, wa neighbour ya rona wa kwa Boteti.*

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

MR OOKEDITSE: Ke bo ke supa gore... nnyaa ke tsere fa ke dirile jaana. Jaanong ke tle ke supe jalo *Madam Chairperson* gore, ke itumelela pego e re e filweng jalo ke Tona wa *Local Government*. Mme ke tle ke re ka gore nakonyana ya teng e khutshwanyane, ke gorisitse fela, ke tle ke supe jalo Tona gore, kgang e e botlhokwatlhokwa ke gore wena o tshwanetse o tlhaloganye gore ka *you are a scholar*, ke tsene sekole le wena, go na le monna mongwe yo a neng a bitswa gotwe ke John Rawls, yo e leng gore fa ke ne ke go rutuntsha *at class* ke ne ke go bolelela gore John Rawls a re...

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Honourable Members, le tsoisitse modumo.*

MR OOKEDITSE: ...mo setšhabeng go tshwanetse gore fa go nna le *inequalities* kana go tlhoka tekatekanyo mo setšhabeng, e bo e le gore go tlhoka tekatekanyo eo ke *the one that favours the least advantaged*. Ke gore go se ka ga diragala gore mo setšhabeng ba e leng gore ke bone ba ba nang le sengwe se se botokanyana ba nne e kete ba dira kana ba tshela botoka go gaisa ba ba senang. Ke ya kae ka polelo eo; ke ya kwa go reng, fa o tsaya dikgaolwana tse di tshwanang le tsa rona, ka e bile o tlhokometse, le fa o ba pataganetse le Tona Mokoka, o pataganetse bana ba e leng gore ba ba nnyennyane, ba ba tswang kwa dikoleng, fa o lebelela ba tswa kwa dikoleng tse gotweng gatwe ke di Rural Area Dwellers (RADS), o fitlhela bana bao ba tsewa kwa *boarding schools* ba le bannyennyane ba ya go dira *standard one*. Ba le kwa *boarding schools* tse e leng gore bana ba rona ga re ka ke ra batla go bona ba ya *to board* kwa go tsone. So ke batla gore kgang eo o patagane le ba *Basic Education*, le dire gore le e nyeletse, bana bao ba nne le mo go ka tweng ke di di... (*inaudible*)... *schools*, ba kgone gore ba ka tsena dikole, ba ithute jaaka ba bangwe, jaaka ba kgona go dira. Ga ke bue ka bana fela, ke a itse gore ga o kwa *education*, mme ka gore ke bua ka dilo tsa

kwa dikgaolong le bone ba ba rutuntshang bana ba ba kwa dikoleng tseo batho ba Modimo ba phuagantswe mo tsamaisong e re tswang mo go yone. O fitlhela e le gore *from promotions to* fa ba nnang teng tota fela fa o le kwa metseng e mennyennyane, le ene *teacher* wa Modimo fa a sa agelwa matlo a boroko ke dikhansele tse dingwe jalojalo ga go na gone kwa a ka hirisanng teng. Ke gore o fitlhela e le gore ga go na le fa e le *structure* se e leng gore fa a ne a tshotse bonnyane jo a bo tshotseng a ka kgona gore a ka duela kwa motseng a bona ntlo e a hirisanng. Go tshwanetse gore jaanong *in line with the theory* ya ga John Rawls e ke e go bolelelang, e o e itseng, ke gore fa re dira *a scheme* re bo re itse gore *it is just and it guarantees equality* ya botlhe. Fa e leng gore teng go a tlhela, a go tlhaelele le kwa go ba ba berekang kwa go dingalonyana teng, ba ba kwa dikgaolwaneng jaaka ke supa jalo.

Jaanong ka gore re tlhela nako, ke batla gore o buisane le ba e leng gore ke bodiredi jwa lona, wena le Tona Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, gore fa e le gore le *stationed as directors* ba le tlhokometse dikgaolo, le tshwanetse le itse gore bana ba ba kwa dikgaolwaneng tse di nnyennyane ba ba kgakalanyana le ditlamelo tsa lona tsa dikhansele le tse dingwe, e tshwanetse e nne *priorities*, fela jaaka ba e leng gore ke dikgaolo tse di bapileng. E se ka ya nna gore fa go na le phatlha kwa sekoleng fa e kabiwa e bo e le gore jaanong le kaba pele tsa kwa mafelong a a gaufi le ditoropo, le bo le tlogela dikgaolwana. Fa e le gore ke dinako tse gotweng ga go na dijo kwa dikoleng, ga go a tshwanela gore ngwana yo o o kwa Tsokatshaa Primary a ba a ja setampa se sena mafura, *gravy*, seshabo, mme yo gongwe a leng gautshwane le kwa khansale e leng teng e bo e le gore tlhela eo ga a e utlwe jaaka bale. Bana ba ba tshwana fela, mme e bile go tshwanetse gore *when it is difficult and when there is to be a disadvantage* e tshwanetse gore bogolo yo e leng gore ene mo *society status* sa gagwe se botoka e nne ene yo tlhela eo a e utlwang botoka go na le yo e leng gore ene kwa a tswang teng *they are disadvantaged*.

So ke kopa gore e nne nngwe ya dilo tse le di tsayang ka tlhwaafalo e e tseletseng. *That subcommittee* e e lebelelang *social inequalities*, e bo e lebelela gore go nne le *justice and sustainability* mo tšhabeng ya Botswana, re lebeletse *especially* mafelo a a tshwanang le a re tswang kwa go one, e tshwanetse e tsewe ka tlhwaafalo. Le dire gore mo thulaganyong e ya kabo ya madi a gompiano e le ye go tla ka *a proper scheme* se le ka se re bontshang re le lefatshe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O se ka wa ganelela mo setilong.

MR OOKEDITSE: Nnyaa, ga ke go gorise, ke phamotse Puso Mokgatla. Legale ke go neele o tswale ka gore ke motho yo o nang le botho.

MR MOROLONG: *Thank you.* Nnyaa, mme *you elucidated* bontle thata. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke kope Tona fela gore a etele kwa Makgophane *clinic*, a ye go e bona, o kwadile ka yone fa, mme ga ke bone a itse ka fa e ntseng a teng. Ka go rialo, ga ke a bua gotlhe, mme *Minister*; ke amogela kopo ya gago.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Mongwame, ke batla go simolola fela ka gore ke eme nokeng Tshutiso ya ga Tona ka fa a e beileng ka teng. Ke raya gore le fa e kare ke fetsa ka se ka ka bua, le itse gore ke e eme nokeng. Ke itse gore *he is a high-flying Minister*. Ke motho yo o fofang kwa godimo ga batho, mme ke ne ke utlwa fela mo *paragraph* ya gagwe fa a simolola a bua ka dikhansele gore *he wants to turn them into high-performing institutions*. Ke ne ke rile gongwe *as a high-flying Minister*; o ka bo a ne a re boleletse gore gone gompiano di tsamaya fa kae, *performance* ya tsone e ntse jang, gore e re fa a re ke di isa kwa godimo, a bo a re nnyaa di fa bolebelebe. Kana fa o rialo, *by implication* o raya gore ga di bereke. Ke yone potso e e leng gore ke na le mathata le yone.

Mo *Paragraph 7*, o ne o bua thata *Minister*; o tšhoma Sekgoa se se ntsi thata, se e leng gore fale le fale ke etla ke ipotsa gore a Sekgoa se o se tšhomang mo *Paragraph 7* a mme tota re se dumele. Ke raya gore ke go eme nokeng rraetsho, gore Sekgoa seo fa e le gore o ka se diragatsa jaaka o bua, re ka leboga Modimo.

Decentralisation Policy; ke utlwa o bua gore e santse e le sengwe se e leng gore ga se ise se wele sentle, *you refer to it as a mixed model form*. Ga ke itse, ke ne ke ithaya ke re *Decentralisation Policy* e wetse, mme ke ne ke solofetse gore gongwe nako e re buang ka yone re a *implement*, ke tsetse gore thata o tlaa re fa *implementation plan* ya gago.

O buile ka *review of the Local Government Act*. Ke selo se ke se amogelang rraetsho. Jaaka fela gongwe bangwe ba ne ba bua, kana molao fa e le gore *is being reviewed*, ga se gore go raya gore o emisa tse dingwe. O buile ka *review of the Revised Customary Court Act*. Le yone fela jakaa *Honourable Lucas* a ne a bua, ga e go thibelegore o tseele Magosi kwa godimo. O a itse gore kwa kgaolong ya me ya Kgatleng, re na le *issues* tsa Bogosi

tse e leng gore *they are still outstanding*. Ke ne ke batlile gore o di *attend* rraetsho, o se ka wa tloga wa ipata ka gore o ne o santse o *review* molao.

O bua ka kgang ya *National Policy for Rural Development* ya 2002. O buile gore le sale le *submit* kwa *cabinet* ka 3rd *December* 2025. Ao! *You have been waiting for three months*. Ke ipotsa gore a *cabinet* e palelwa ke go tsaya ditshwetso rraetsho mo nakong e khutshwane fa e le gore *you submitted* ka 3rd *December*; mme mo go se sebaka, ga le ise le e fetse.

Destitution Policy; ke solofetse go le go ntsi mo go yone rraetsho, gore jaaka o bua gore le batla *to encourage* batho gore ba nne *self-sustained*, tsholofelo ya me ke gore fa le *review Destitution Policy*, le ya go dira *exactly that*. Le fa ke na le mathata le Ikago, kana mo Ipelegeng le ne le bua gore le batla go tlhabolola Ipelegeng gore batho ba felele ba le *self-reliant*, mme le ntshitse leina la Ipelegeng la re ke Ikago. Ikago go tewa eng? Kana Ikago o kare go tewa motho a ne a dirile molato, jaanong a baakannwa. Jaanong ke ne ke re gongwe le lone leina leo le le ikakanye, ka gore fa e le gore *your intention is to promote self-reliance*, gongwe *you should call it something else* rraetsho.

Kgang ya *indigenous people*, ke tsaya gore o bua ka *the so-called Hottentots*, gore re batla *to promote heritage* ya bone *and those things*. Ke ne ke re a o raya gore Tona, o lebagana le bone fela ntswa re na le *tribes* tse di farologanyeng, tse di nang le *heritage* ya maemo a a kanakana? Kwa Kgatleng re na le dikgang tsa bojale, bogwera le *some artefacts* tse di tletseng mo kgaolong ya Kgatleng. *So*, ke ne ke re o se ka wa lebelela batho ba le bangwefela. Re na le mathata a *indigenous*, ka gore *the word indigenous here and there* mo mafatsheng a mangwe, ba a le *contest* gore gongwe ke lefoko le le sa siamang ka gore mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng tota gongwe o ka ipona a le *indigenous*.

O buile ka *regulations* tsa VDC. Ke batla go wela mo Ikageng rraetsho ka gore P2 500 o kae? Ke bona o sa bue sepe ka one fa o o fa *statement* sa gago. Ga o bue ka P2 500 yo o mo solofeditse ba Ipelegeng kana ba Ikago. O kae? Bua sengwe ka yone ba go utlwe rraetsho gore o tlile go ba duela P2 500.

Re lebogela gore gompiano jaanong e bo e le gore *clinics* di isitswe kwa dikhanseleng. Golo moo ke kgwetlho rraetsho ka gore *you need to make sure* gore re na le *pharmacies, medical doctors*, re na le *staff* fela se se tletseng. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore kwa kgaolong

ya me ya Kgatleng East *we are running short of such people*. Ga re na dingaka, ke mathata fela, batho ba rona ba latela bongaka kwa Mochudi nako le nako.

Mo gongwe o ne o bua gore mo Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), le ya *to provide psycho-social support to farmers*. Ke ne ke kopa gore *programme* e rraetsho fa e le gore ke boammaaruri tota o ne o sa tšhome Sekgoa fela, e diragale re e bone. Ka gore batho ba bantsi tota go bua nnete fa ba bona dikgomo tsa bone di bolawa, ga ba tseege sentle. *This is very commendable*.

Ya CCP re buile ka yone rraetsho, ga re itse gore a o tlaa re neela madi a rona a nako e e fetileng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa *clarity*.

MR PULE: *Building resilient, inclusive and ... (interruption)... local economics*. Ke ne ke re kana kgang ya go nna jaana rraetsho, e bokete. Ke batla gore o eme nokeng mananeo a a setseng a le teng jaaka bo *fish festival*, a e leng gore fa o a lebeletse jaana, ke mananeo a e leng gore *indeed support resilience and local development*.

Ke na le kgang e nngwenyana e ke sa itseng Tona gore ke ka e bua jang. Mo *Child Welfare* ga go ise go nne *clear* gore naare a e kwa *Education* kana e kwa go lona. Ke ne ke bona maloba ba *Basic Education* ba ipelela *World Feeding Day*, mme ga ke a go bona. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a ke ya lona kana ke ya *Education*. Dikgang tse o di re tlhalosetse rraetsho.

Kgang ya *brigades* motlotlegi, di kae ka ga o bue ka tsone? Re na le mathata kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Kgatleng East, ga re na *social workers*. Re na le dikgang tse dintsintsi tsa itsholelo. Banana ga ba bereke, mme re ne re rata thata gore e re mo pegong ya gago motlotlegi, dilo tse o di tlhamalatse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR PULE: E kete *clinic* ya kwa Mmathubudukwane le ya Malolwane di ka *turn into maternity wards*, gore di kgone gore di thuse Bakgatla ba kgaolo ele ka gore *they have to travel long distances* ba batla ditlamelo.

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Honourable*. Ke ne ke re, kana fa o ntse o bua *issues* tsa bo *child welfare*, go na le tsa bo *social workers* gore ga go na *social workers*, go na le dikgang tsa banalebogole, ba e leng gore *Minister* ga a bue sepe ka bone. Maloba fa go okeletswa batho ba tandabala madi, bone ga ba a ka ba akanyediwa. *On top of that*, go na le batho

ba ba tlhokomelang banalebogole, ba e leng gore ga ba ka ke ba tswa mo lwapeng ka gore ba tlhokomela batho ba, mme Goramente ga a na mananeo ape a go ba thusa gore ba kgone go tlamela bana ba bangwe ba bone. Kana motho o tlaabo a na le bana ba le bararo, yo mongwe a na le bogole, mme a bo a palelwa ke go tswa mo lwapeng go ya go batlela bana ba bangwe se ba se jang. Ga o bone gore Goramente o a latlhelela tota a sa ba tlhokomele?

MR PULE: Nnyaa, fa e le gore *indeed* o dira jalo, o tlaabo a latlhelela, mme ke itse gore *a high-flying Minister* ga a tshwanela go latlhelela dikgang tse di ntseng jaana.

MR FRENZEL: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Dingwe tsa dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe re tshwanelwa go di lebelela *Honourable Minister*, ke kgang ya ditlhopho tsa VDC, ke tsaya ke re o e utlwile ka fa batho ba e buang ka teng, go setse go le lebaka. *Internal roads* ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse di saletseng kwa morago, *graders* tsa gago di nna di supa fa di sule, di sa kgone gore di tsene mo dikgaolong. Dikgaolo tse di tshwanang kwa go rona kwa Chadibe, dipula di sentse, ga go tsamaege gotlhelele, mme jaanong re na le bothata jo botona ka gore *graders* ga di kgone gore di goroge.

Clinic, kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone ya Shashe West, ka *weekend* ga go na *health post* kana *clinic* e gotweng e a bulwa gotlhelele. Metse ele yotlhe go tswa kwa Chadibe go ya go tsena kwa Mabesekwa le Matsitama. Jaanong ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore gongwe kgang eo o e lebelele. Bommaboipelego, motse wa me wa Natale ga o na le fa e le mmaboipelego a le mongwefela. Kwa Jamataka mmaboipelego o sale a tsaya *transfer*, jaanong re eme, re ipotsa gore ba ya go goroga leng.

Motse o tshwana le wa Jamataka ga o na le fa e le Kgotlana, ke motse fela ga o na le fa e le Kgotla e nngwefela. Kgotla ya Jojomasoma go sale go bewa Kgosi koo, le letsatsi leno ga a ise a duelwe.

Nngwe ya dikgang tse ke batlang gore gongwe re di lebelele *Honourable Minister*, ke kgang e e leng gore mosadimogolo gongwe a ya go hirwa fa pele ga monana. Mosadimogolo a amogela *Old Age Pension* ya P1 400, a tsaya *food basket* ya P 500 le madi a seshabo a a kana ka P350, a bo a tsena mo Ipelegeng a tsaya P830, monana ene a setse. Madi a fa o a kopanya a go neela P3 030, monana ene a sa theogele. Ke kopa ka tsweetswee gore a re lebeleleng kgang e, re bone gore re dira ka tsela

e e ntseng jang go bona gore monana le ene re mo fa tshono. Re bone gore yo o tlaabong a theogela e nna yo o tlhokang, gongwe o ka tsena mo dikgannyeng tseo.

Ya bofelo e bo e nna *shops* tsa *smart cards* tse di tlaabong di ya *to charge* madi a mantsi a a feteletseng, gongwe phaletšhe e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e ne e ja P100, bone ba e jesa P150.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable Frenzel*.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Mma ke go leboge Modulasetilo, ke lebogele le *Minister* ka pego ya gagwe e a re e beileng pele. Ke lebogele gape le puo ya gagwe gore e lebagane thata le ba ba kwa tlase, ba ba tlhokang go engwa nokeng ba ba bidiwang *grassroots economic development*.

Ke go lebogele paakanyo ya Ward Development Committees (WDCs), di dira tiro e e siameng. Ba bangwe ba re ke VDCs, rona ra re ke *wards* ka gore re mo ditoropong. *Rural Members of Parliament (MPs)* ba re ke VDCs. Di dira tiro e ntle thata ya go baakanyetsa ditlhabololo tsa motse.

Ke lebogele paakanyo ya ditsamaiso tsa bone gore e tlaa ba thusa *to participate in the governance and local economic participation* jaaka ba ntse ba dira. Ba tlhoka gore ba thusege, ba fiwe dithatanyana. Khansele go le gantsi o fitlhela e ntse e ba tsentse fa le fa, bogolo thata mo toropong ya Francistown East. Kana ga re na lefatshe rona mo ditoropong, go raya gore mafatshe a a setseng ke a a bidiwang *parks* kana *open spaces*. Go tlhokafala gore khansele e dirisane le WDCs ka go re abela mafatshenyana a e leng gore ke diphatlhanyana tse di fa gare ga toropo gore le rona re dire monna iteke. Re *commercialise those spaces*, bogolo thata *for young people* ba re itseng gore *they cannot go and rent out a commercial space* go dira dikgwebo tsa bone tse dipotlana.

Mafelo a a tshwanang le *bus ranks* tsa rona tsa Francistown *are very congested*, ga gona fa o ka gatang teng. Fa e le gore o na le keletso ya go simolola o le monni wa Francistown East, go nna bokete ka gore ga gona kwa o ka yang teng. *We need those spaces to turn them into smaller community parks* e le tsa kgwebo gore le bone ba kgone go tsena mo kgannyeng ya merero ya tsa kgwebo fa e le gore ba eletsa go dira jalo.

Re leboge *social protection* tse di emang nokeng bagodi le *destitute orphans*. Ke lebogele ya Home-Based Care (HBC). Kana e sa le e lebalesega kwa morago bogologolonyana mme go bothlokwa ka ke utlwile o bua ka yone gore e simolole go tsenngwa mo tirisong. E kile ya re berekela moragonyana fale ka bo 90s. E ne e bereka thata e bile batho ba le bantsi ba ne ba tsentse letsogo mo go yone. Gore *primary health* e bereke botoka, ke gore *this programme* e simolodisiwe mme e bile e goroge kwa e tshwanetseng go goroga teng. Le ba e leng baithaopi mo go yone rra, ba atswenyana gore ba kgothale go tswelela ba thusa setšhaba, bogolo thata bagodi. Bagodi ba ba goletseng mo ditoropong o fitlhela ba phatlaleletswe ke bana, go raya gore ga gona ope yo o salang a ba tlhokometse mme ba HBC, ke bone ba ba thusang thata go bona gore mogolo o tsogile, a o nole tee.

Ke lebogele gape ya CCP gore re tlaa e bona mo ngwageng o. Ke yone e kgarametsang gantsi fa e leng gore ga gona ditlhabololo kana ga go a abelwa madi teng, dikgaolo di kgona go tswelela go na le fa go tlhabologang teng. Rona ka re ne re e dirisa go baakanyetsa dikgwebo tsa *urban-agriculture initiatives*, tse di emeng mo bogompionong ka gore CCP e ne e seyo mo ngwageng o o fetileng. Re ka itumela thata rra, e a re thusa gape mo go ba ba dirang *manufacturing* ka ba le kwa tlasenyana, tsa *tourism* le dibapalwa nageng tse e leng gore ba bangwe ba ntse ba tswelletse ba a di dira.

Keletso gape e ne e le gore e re thuse mo *vendor market* jaaka ke bua gore *we have congested city centres, bus ranks* ga gona fa o ka direla teng. *If we have* madi ao re ka itirela *those vendor markets*, ra ipaakanyetsa go thusa ba dikgwebo tse dipotlana.

Ikageleng Public Works le yone rra ke go lebogele gore o bua ka e e tlhabolotsweng mme e bile e le gore ga e tle fela, e tla e tshotse ba ba rutuntshegang fa ba ntse ba theogetse. Le go dira ditiro tse e leng gore le kamoso fa ba se mo teng, ba ka tswelela ba itshetsa ka tsone jaaka tsa go baakanya dikago tse e leng gore di...

MR KHAN: *On a point of elucidation.* Tanki *Honourable Ntsima*. E bile kana fa o bua ka *bus rank* jaana, kwa Molepolole re na le *bus rank* e go tilweng e neelwa P5 million go ya go baakanngwa. Tona, o tle o sekaseke gore dikhansele di itirele madi. *Bus rank* ya Molepolole e ka thusa thata fa e ka dirwa ka Public-Private Partnership (PPP) gore e itirele madi, e tle e emise go tsaya P4 million mo Pusong. P4 million yo o ka ya go dira sengwe se se botoka ka one. A dikhansele

di simolole di itirele madi le ka bo *landfill* jaana. Kwa Molepolole, *bus rank* ya rona e ntse e sa bereke, bodiredi bo e tsosolose. Ba akanya gore *to revive bus rank* ke go dira *festival*. Jaaka ke bua, le rona jaanong a ko re simolole *to deploy* batho ba ba yang go tsamaisa *manifesto* wa UDC le kwa dikhanseleng.

Ke tsena mo *internal roads* gore Molepolole o ne a di tshephisiwa tsa 25 kilometres (km). Tswelela ka yone Tona, o se ka wa ba wa di lebala, ga re na ditsela. Jaaka dipula di na jaana re mo mathateng kwa Molepolole.

Re na le *primary schools* di le 14 kwa Molepolole North mme tsotlhe di tlhoka gore di baakanngwe, go nne le *renovations* mo go tsone. Mo go tsone tse 14 tse, go tlhokana le gore go nne la maroko a barutabana, go ye go baakanngwa le *toilets*, ga di lebege.

Re tsena mo dikokelwang; re na le di le *eight* mo Molepolole North, re bo re nna le e le *one* e e thusang *24-hours*. *Clinic* ya Boswelakoko e na le *capacity* ya go nna *24-hours*. A ko le e sekaseke gore a e ka se ke e thuse le yone e nne ya *24-hours*.

Ga re a itumelela mealo ya Botswana Development Corporation (BDC). Re dumela gore melwane e nne *aligned to* ya sepolotiki e seng ya Bogosi. Re kopa gore o tle o e sekaseke Tona.

CCP a e tswelole e nne teng ngwaga o ka ke yone e thusang mo dilong tsa *paving*. Le *control* ya CCP go itsiwe fela gore ke ya Mapalamente, ga se ya khansela. Madi a tsewa go ya go dira ditiro kwa khanseleng. Tona Ntsima, ke a leboga gore o bo o nneetse gore ke tswedise kgang ya me.

MR NTSIMA: Mma ke go leboge Mopalamente *through you Madam Chairperson*, ke go leboege go latlhela rra. Bakwena ba go utlwile o bua dikgang tse di siameng. Ke go tlaleletse mo go ya *internal roads* gore go botlhokwa gore re go baakanyetse. Le moalo rra wa kgopo ya metsi, ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di re tshwenyang kwa Francistown East. Go na le lebaka khansela ya rona e ntshitse mo gotweng *masterplan* wa kgopo ya metsi mme e e tswa kgakala re kopa madi a gore re tswedise moalo o, o o akaretsang toropo yotlhe. Re se ka ra e dira ka bongwe ka bongwe mo go feletsang go sa tshwane kana go senya tebego ya toropo. Le tsone ditsela, megala ya metlakase le tsa metsi a a nowang di felela di gobala fa e le gore re nna re baakanya ka bongwe ka bongwe. Keletso ke gore *masterplan* wa rona o neelwe madi, re dire toropo yotlhe.

Toropo ya Francistown fa pula e nele, go nna le mathata a metsi, bogolo thata makeishane a rona a bo Coloured a a fa thoko ga makhubu, metsi a mantsi a wa mo makhubung a feletse a ya kwa matlong a batho. A dira tshenyho gone fa e leng gore ke *community* tota e e ntseng e sokola go le gale. Fa go nna jalo, ga go nne sentle.

Keletso ke gore le *clinic* ya rona ya New Stance e atolosiwe jaaka re bua. Le bone bongaka jwa teng bo tla gangwefela mo bekeng mme kana e lebeletse *population* ya makeishane a a mmalwa. Keletso ke gore re okeletswe ba bongaka, re nne le ngaka bogolo yo o nnang mo *clinic* ka gore re lebeletse *population e clinic* e itebagantseng le yone. Fa go tilwe balwetse ba ye go bona ngaka, ba kgobokana gone ka letsatsi le ngaka a tlleng ka lone. Ba ba sa kgonang go thusega, go raya gore ba feletsa ba boela kwa morago.

Mma ke go leboge mme ke *support* jalo rra se o se beileng fa pele ga Ntlo e. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Madam Chair* go mpha sebaka se sa gore le kgone go akgela mo dikgannyeng tse di ntseng di buiwa ke Tona wa *Local Government*. Ke supe fela kwa tshimologong gore ke mo eme nokeng mo dikgannyeng tse a di buang. Ke bo mo ke mo neela thomo e ke e neetsweng ke ba Tswapong North. Ba mo kopa gore a ko e re nako nngwe a bone nako a dikologe a ye go bona *primary schools in terms of infrastructure* ka fa di ntseng ka teng fela. *Out of 24 primary schools*, bogolo le fa a ka bona gongwe di le 10 fela. Ke gore a bo a bona seemo a *sample* a bona tshotlego e re e sotlegang. Tota ke a go kopa *Honourable Minister*, ke thomo e e leng gore maloba fa ke buisa diphuthego, ba ne ba e bua thata gore kopa *Minister* bogolo a tle go bona ka matlho. Ke gore o ka tlhomoga pelo o bona seemo se bana ba rutelwang mo go sone *and I understand* gore ga go na madi. Fela fa gongwe fa mogolo a tlile a bo a re, 'nnyaa mme ke a bona,' fa gongwe dipelonyana tsa lona di a nametsega, le nna le tsholofelo ya gore sengwe se tlaa nna teng.

Kwa go rona owaii, fa e le *clinics* ke mathata, go tletse *health posts* fela. Le gone go batla fela gore e re fa o ntse o ya go bona dikole tse jaana, gongwe o bo o feta fa *health posts* tsa rona o bona seemo se re tsheleng mo go sone se se bokete sa *health posts* tse di sa nnang sentle.

Ke kopa gore o ntetlelele gape ke tsene mo tlhokomelong ya Dikgosi. *I am aware gore somebody else touched on this issue but I have it in my notes gore tota welfare ya Dikgosi motlotlegi, I think you must up the game.* Tota ga go a nna sentle mo *welfare* ya Dikgosi. Le fa o tsena mo ofising ya bone jaaka o ne o utlwa, ga go na *air conditioners*. Gantsi ba neelwa *furniture* e e setseng e kile ya dirisiwa ke ba bangwe. Ke gore ba a apolelwa, ga o ka ke wa bona fela go tlile go le go sha gotwe ke ga Dikgosi. Tota ke ne ke kopa gore a ko re emeleng kgang e ya Dikgosi ka dinao re ba thuse.

E nngwe motlotlegi ya Dikgosi e ke batlang gore o e emele ka dinao o thuse, kana mo nakong e e fetileng, ke ne ke tle ke bone e le gore fa gongwe gatwe Kgosi fa a sena go *retire at bo 50 or 60*, go bo go tla gotwe o bereka ka dikonteraka. Fa o bala *Section 23* ya Bogosi Act e bua gore Kgosi o tšhaisa *at 80 years*. Ke ipotsa gore le ba otlhaela eng ka gore mo Pusong e nngwe ele e e fetileng e ne e le gore fa e le gore Kgosi ga a ratiwe, o tlaabo a fiwa *five years and after five years* gotwe *no, no*. Fa e le gore o a go dira golo ga teng motlotlegi, ke kopa gore *move away from this thing*. Ke gore le fa e le gore Kgosi...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MAELE: *...for purposes of pension*, fa a tlogetse tiro *at 60, then* fa e le gore o a boela gape, mo leseng fela a bo a tsaya *last 20 years* wa gagwe a ya *to retire at 80 years* go na le gore go bo go ntse gotwe *five years, five years*, go tewa gotwe fa re sa mo rate re bo re mo ntsha. Go *inhumane*, ke gone mo ke batlang gore o go ele tlhoko thata gore le tle le bone gore le ka dira jang dikonteraka tse. Bone ba a bo ba *retire for purposes of pension because they want their pension*. Go siame gore ba bo ba dira jalo *and* a go tlogelwe gore ba bo ba fiwa ma *five years, five years* gotwe ke dikonteraka. A ba lesiwe ba ye go feleletsa kwa bo *80 years* ba bone.

E nngwe e ke batlang o nthusa ka yone ke ya Dikgosi tse tsa Tetlanyo, *it is a problem*. Ke utlwile Rre Morolong a bua kgang eo mme le rona re na le one mathata ao. Fa o tsaya motse o tshwana Manaedi, Mokungwane, Mosweu le Mokokwana, Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo ga ba na ditempe. Ke gore *they have to travel to* bo Seolwane, Maunatlala, Goo-Tau le Matlhakola, ba ya go kopa gore ba tempelwe. Golo moo tota go sokodisa batho *and* fa o tsaya *distance from* bo Manaedi *to* bo Goo-Tau o fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe ke bo 9 kilometres (km). Tota ga go a siama. Ke ne ke akanya fela gore ke eng o sa ba neele ditempe fela tse di kwadilweng gore “Kgosi

ya Tetlanyo” *something like that?* O ba neele ditempe fela gore dilo tse ba di dirang ba kgone go baya setempe bogolo fela, re ntse re itse gore ke motho wa tetlanyo ka gore ke ene yo o itseng. Fa gongwe o isiwa kwa motseng o sele o go nang le Kgosi yo o kwalang mme a sa itse sepe ka motho yo o tswang kwa motseng o sele. Kgang eo ke batla gore o e ele tlhoko.

E nngwe e ke batlang gore o e ele tlhoko *sir*, bo Kgosi kwa Tswapong North ba na le ngongorego ya gore go na le batho ba e reng ba re ba a ba sekisa ba bo ba re, “ga ke seke mo mapakong.” Ke nna ke ba gakolola ke re fa a re ga a seke mo mapakong o ya go seka kwa go bo Mmakaseterata, a tlise lekwalo la go supa gore o na le agente e e mo emetseng. *Normally* ba *dodge* go seka mo Dikgotleng ba re ga ba seke mo mapakong. Golo mo ke eletsa gore o go ele tlhoko o go bolelele bo Kgosi gore ba tshwanetse go go e la tlhoko e bile ba go baakanye ka sone seemo...

MR SEDOMBO: *Elucidation*. Mo go go tlatseng Tona, ke bue gongwe ka *school feeding, home grown*, ke kgang e e siameng ka gore e ntse e tswetsetse. Sengwe sa dilo tse re tshwanetseng go se ela tlhoko thata e nne gore dijo tse di tlaabong di fiwa bana ba sekole, re lebelele thata ba ba tlaabong ba lebagane le theko ya tsone. O fitlhela go le gantsi bareki ba nna le botsalano le ba ba tlišang dijo tse, dilo di tshwana le magapu le mae. Kana se e bile se tlaa thusa le mo go reng le one mabele a a jewang mo sekoleng, balemi ba tle ba kgone go a tliša mo sekoleng.

Gongwe ka ke ne ke tshwere diphuthago tsa Kgotla ka bo ka tsena le mo dikoleng, selelo se tona se ke neng ke kopana le sone ke basitli ba ba dirang dijo tsa bana ba. Ba supa gore madi a bone a kwa tlase mo go tseneletseng mme e bile se se botlhoko ke gore fa dikole di tswetswe, go raya gore ga ba na letseno. Ke selo se se ba pitlaganyang le go feta. E bile ba kopa le gore madi a a okediwe a kgone go lekana le a Ipelegeng ya bogologolo e nne bo P800 gore ba kgone go tokafatsa le matshelo a bone. Se se botlhoko gape e nna gore didirisiwa tse ba di dirisang, selo se tshwana ditshelo, dikika, metshe jalojalo, ke dilo tsa bone ba tla ba di itsholetse ba tswa kwa malwapeng a bone. Go raya gore fa di senyega ba tsaya gape mo mading a ba atswiwang ka one ba ya go reka didirisiwa tsa go nna jalo.

Kgang ya Ikageng ke kgang e e supang go tlaabo go dirwa ka diatla, e le ditiro tse di tseneletseng. Poifo e e teng mo bathong ba ba neng ba le mo Ipelegeng, ba ipotsa gore tota go ya go hirwa ba le kae? Kana e bile

fa ke lebelela, go ya go nna le bothata jwa gore bone ba ba neng ba tswa kwa Ipelegeng, ba ya go oketsa dipalo ka gore ba ba neng ba tsena mo Ipelegeng, ba bangwe ke ba ba neng ba tswa mo bo Mmaboipelego ba sena go sekasekiwa gotwe ke ba ba nonofileng, a ba tsamae ba ye go dira kwa Ipelegeng.

Jaanong go tla mo seemong sa gore ba ye go oketsa dipalo tsa batlhoki kwa go bo Mmaboipelego. A bo e nna selo se ke bonang e ya go nna kgwetlho e tona mo go maswe ka e bile gape le mo godimo ga moo, temo ya gompiano ga e ye go nna le thobo e e kalo. Ka fa go rona kwa Tonota pula e netse ruri, go raya gore batho ba le bantsi ga ba a lema. Ba ba lemileng mabele a bone a feletse e le gore ga a gole, a boa a sa kgone go tla go ntsha dikungo tse di nonofileng.

Ke bo ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya ditsela tse di *internal*. Ditsela kwa Kgaolong ya Tonota bagaetsho, ke seemo fela se se botlhoko. Fa e le kwa Tonota West gone e le seemo se se botlhoko mo e leng gore mafuti a teng a ditsela tse jaaka pula di ne di na, a boteng e bile dikoloi tsa batho di a robega. Mo godimo ga moo le *graders* tsa rona di swa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo. Go bo go nna gape le seemo se se tlhokanang le gore se tsibogelwe ka gore *graders* jaaka re supa gongwe re ne re tseretshwetso re le ba Tonota...

MR MAELE: *Elucidation. Thank you so much.* Ke lebogela *elucidation* ya gago *sir*. Sa bofelo e ne e le gore ke gakolole Tona gore ke mo eme nokeng, mme tswetswee tlherra taletso ya ba Tswapong North, taletso! Taletso! Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke go dumedise. La ntlha fela ke supe Tona gore ke mo ema nokeng. Le fa e le gore madi a a P15 *billion* ka gore tota a *recurrent* ke P12, 985, 000, 000.00 fa ke lebelela dikhansela ka fa di ntseng ka teng, ke utlwa go nthaya gore fela le fa sepatšhe se le makgwakgwa ka ke itse gore *ministry* o ke one o o tshwereng setšhaba, e bile ke itse bokete jo bo tshwereng ke *ministry* o. Ke utlwa ke a belaela gotlhelele, a *recurrent* ka gore ke gone kwa dikhansela di emetseng madi a RSG teng gore o ye go ditobaganya jaana. Ke utlwa ke na le pelaelo ya gore a go tlaa goroga teng sentle.

Go na le kgang ya Review of National Policy on Destitute Persons. Tona kgang e o e bua fela fa, mme ga ke bone gore tota o ya go e sekaseka o ba baya fa kae. Mo letsatsing leno fa gotwe motho ke *destitute*, o

ya *to be assessed* kana gatwe a bo a amogela P200.00. Ke madinyana a manyennyane fela mo o bonang gore ga go na motho yo o ka tshelang ka madi ao. Jaanong jaaka *basket* ya gago e go raya e re motho wa *destitute* e tshwanetse a bo e le motho yo o mo neelang *income* ya bokana, ke eng e sa re fa o mo *assess at least* yo o kwa godimo ga se o se abang, wena o se mo neela o mo *recognise* gore *he/she is destitute* o bo o tsaya gore yo o ka kgona go tshela, e seng a le *far below*, mme wena o kgona go mo neela *above that* o bo o re gone moo jaanong motho o ka tshela ka gone.

Re lebogele gore re bo re na le kgang ya VDCs. Le fa ke le bete se molangwana Tona ka gore o tlaa fitlhela go riana jaaka o bua jaana, wena o a itse ka *guidelines* tsa teng, ga ke di itse tse disha. Jaanong ke ne ke go kopa gore a Ntlo e fa o bona, ga e a tshwanelwa ke go itse? Fa re tswa gone fa rona re ya kwa dikgaolong, ba ba kwa dikgaolong ba solofela gore fa o tla o le Mopalamente go raya gore o a itse ka *guidelines* tsa bone. E bile fa re di itse re ka kgona go go gakolola sentle kana re gakololana sentle fa re bonang o kare dilo ga di tsamaye sentle di tsena mo tshokamong. Fa re sa itse go raya gore le nna fa ke le foo ke tlaabo ke tshwana le mongwe le mongwe. Jaanong ke sone se ke ikopelang gore fa ba ba sa di batle, nna fela ke le nosi ke a di ikopela.

Ikageng Policy Works Programme, yone e lebege e le mogopolo o o siameng ka gore o bua ka *skills transfer*. Ke tshwenngwa ke gore a *programme* e e ya go hira batho ba ba neng ba hirwa ke Ipelegeng. Ke gone fela fa go ntshwenyang teng gone foo, dipalo tse di neng di hirwa ke Ipelegeng. Re ne re itse gore kwa dikgaolong tsa rona jaaka bo Malatswai, Dimajwe ga go na le fa e le semausu se se ka hirang motho a le mongwefela. Mongwa teng fa a ipereka ke ene fela, ga a ka ke a hira batho ba ba tshelang foo. Jaanong batho ba Modimo ba fa e le gore ga re ka ke ra hira dipalo tse dingwe, ba ya go bereka kwa kae. Jaanong ke gone fa ke tshwenyegang teng gone foo gore a ko o lebe.

Go na le kgang ya Remote Area Development Programme (RADP), rona ba re kwa Serowe gongwe ke fe sekai, go na le batho ba ba neng ba tsewa kwa dikgaolong, kwa dipolaseng, ba bo ba ya go nna ka kwa bo Marulamantsi, kwa metsaneng e kwa Dikgotlaneng tse di kwa ntle jaaka gone kwa Makolojwaneng. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore ke motho a le mongwefela le yo a mo tlogetseng kwa Malatswai yo thulaganyo ya RADP e mo amang, jaanong yo ka gore o fa morago ga motse kwa Serowe o mo farologanya le yole. Jaanong kana motho yo ke ntse ke ene yole kwa, ditlamelo tsa gagwe le

botshelo jwa gagwe go tshwana fela le fa a ntse a le kwa Malatswai, Dimajwe kana Majwanaadipitse. Jaanong a e re le fa ba atumetse, a ba sekasekiwe go lebelelwe tebego ya bone gore batho ba ba Modimo ga ba na le fa e le *income* epe, ga ba na le fa e le *education* epe e re tsayang gore ba ka tla ba tshela ka yone ba ipatela ditiro. Jaanong ke ne ke go kopa gore o lebelele kgang eo. O lebelele kgang e fa o tla *to review programme* ya teng gore go na le batho ba ba atumetseng metse, mme ba tshwana fela le ba ba kwa tennyanteng. Jaanong o tlaa fitlhela e le gore ba bangwe ke merwalo fela, batho ba Modimo ga go na gore ba ka itheng, ga ba bereke, ba tshela botshelo jo bo tshelwang kwa tennyanteng.

Relocation ya *primary health* kwa khanseleng. E tla e tswa kwa Goromenteng yo motona di ya kwa dikhanseleng di ntse jaaka di ntse, di sa itekanela. Fa o ya kwa *clinic* e e tshwanang le ya motsana wa Dimajwe, o ya go fitlhela e le gore le fa gotweng, fa motho a itsholofetse fa e le gore o ka belega go sena koloi e e mo isang Serowe, go na le *staff nurse* yo o ka mo thusang, ga go na gone fa go ntseng jalo. Bolaonyana jo bo dirisiwang le nna fa ke ka robala mo teng fela ke ka wa. Jaanong *what about* motho a le mo ditlhabing a sa ipone gore o fa kae, o ka golafala fela thata. Ga ke dumele gore malaonyana a a ntseng jalo a ka belegisetsa batho. Jaanong ke go kopa gore a ko o di etele, o leke go di tsosolosa di boele mo seemong sa go supa gore re mo seemong se sesha, re mo Goromenteng yo mosha yo o lebang dilo ka leitlho le lesa la gore dilo di boetse mo maemong a a siameng.

Jaanong ya *school feeding programme*, ke lebogela gore e bo e le gore e supa tota gore e ya go tsaya *home grown foods*. Gone moo go le nosi le *farmers* ka botsone go a di kgothatsa gore di leme di tlhwaafetse ka gore di itse *market* kwa o teng. Jaanong fa o tsaya Dikoloti a ba neela dipeo gore ba ye go lema, ba ya go lema ba tlhwaafetse ka gore ba itse gore go setse go na le kwa ba yang go rekisa teng. Jaanong ke leboga thata gore o bo o e lebile jalo.

Road infrastructure, rona kwa Serowe ga re na le fa e le tsela. Dipula tse di neleng di re epetse mafuti a a gakgamatsang a e leng gore mo gongwe jaaka o fitlhela e le gore jaanong re felela re tshwaya *land board* phoso, fa gongwe le bone, fa o ka tsaya Kgotlana e e tshwanang le Mannathoko, ka boyone ...*(Inaudible)*... a ne a le teng golo fa go bidiwa gotwe ke Ranokenyane. Ga ba itse gore golo mo go tewa molapo. Jaanong melapo ya teng e metona mo e leng gore ditsela tsa teng koo ke mafuti. Jaanong ke go kopa gore e re fa o ntse o dira,

o itse gore rona kwa Serowe ga re na ditsela le *storm water drainage*. Metsi a ela gongwe le gongwe, a tsena mo dijarateng tsa batho. Fa o le Mopalamente o tlaa tlhola o lelediwa bosigo jotlehe batho ba robotse, gore Mopalamente tla o bone metsi a tletse ka jarata. Le rona a tlaa bo a re tseye, e le fela gore ga a laolesege. Jaanong ke go kopa gore ka tsweetswee o tle o dire jalo o bone gore...*(Interruptions)*...

Go na le batho ba *homebased*, Community Service Volunteers (CSVs), ba balwetsi, go na le batho ba ba ithaopileng go ba tlhokomela. Fa o ka botsa motho wa teng gore o sale o bona katso ya gago leng, ba amogela ma P300.00. P300.00 fela o raya gore mo gompioneng motho o ka amogela P300.00? Gape se se phatlolang pelo o tlaa fitlhela e le gore ka gore ba itse boteng jwa bolwetsi jo ba bo okang, ba kgona go apaya dijo tsa bone kwa lelwapeng ba ya go thusa motho yole gore ba tle ba kgone go mo nosa dipilisi ba itse gore ene ga a na dijo. A apaya dijo tse e leng gore o neelwa P300.00 yo a mo tsayang morago ga *three months*, fa gongwe morago ga *four months*. E bile fa gongwe ga a ke a tla otlhe, e bile ba bangwe ga ba sa tlhole ba itse gore ba kolotiwa dikgwedi tse kae, ba itlhobogile batho ba Modimo.

Ga re na golo mo gotweng *fire station* kwa Serowe, *fire engine* ga e yo. Fa molelo o ka tlhagoga gompiono kwa dikagong tsa khansela kana Sekgoma yole, o ya go sha a felela. Ga gona *fire engine* kwa Serowe, re tima ka lethombo fela le o kareng re tima molemo o re o orang kwa gae. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, mma ke go kope ke re ka tsweetswee. Mma ke neele Lesedi, a re o tlhalosa sengwe gone fa.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Elucidation Honourable Lesedi.

MR LESEDI: *Point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. O e tshwere sentle motlotlegi, fa o bua dikgang tsa Serowe o a nkgotla, ka gore e re ntswa le fa nna le wena re kopanetse molelwane, mme mathata a kwa a tlhatlagane. Kgantele kana mongwe o fetile fa, tota bogolo jang Motlotlegi Lucas, o fetile fa ka kgang ya Kgotla ya Sehunou. Tota Kgotla ya Sehunou *Minister*; a re se ka ra e leba jaaka e kete Motlotlegi Lucas o ne a nyaodisa. Kgotla ya Sehunou ke Kgotla, Sehunou ke raya motse o e leng wa RADS, ke Kgotla e e senang metsi, pompo fela ya metsi, babereki ba tlhola foo *Minister*; ga e na *toilet*, ga e na ofisi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kgotla.

MR LESEDI: Kgotla; o bona fela gore batho ba ga Goromente ba tlhola foo letsatsi lotlhe, letsatsi le letsatsi 24/7, mme ba tshelala mo seemong se se ntseng jalo. O e tsibogele rraetsho. Kwa Mogorosi; o tsero *clinics* kwa dikhanseleng, mme gakologelwa gore kwa Mogorosi go na le *clinic* e e neng e le mo Transitional Development Plan, e gone jaana Bapedi kwa Mogorosi ba e solofetseng ka matlho a mahibidu. A e re rra o tsutlaganya jalo, o bo o e lebeletse. Ke a leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE: Mo motsotsonyaneng o o setseng o ke go reye ke re *Minister; waste management infrastructure*, go na le batho ba ba saleng ba duela bogologolo...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *honourable Minister*.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo...

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Mma re fokotse modumo re tle re utlwane. Ke simolole jaana gore dikgang tsa lona lotlhe, re di utlwile re di tsaya tsia. Go maleba gore di diragadiwe le ba le sa kgonang go...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Le ba le sa kgonang go bua, le ba le ntseng le goisiwa re di utlwile dikgang tsa lona lotlhe, re tlaa di tsaya tsia. Se le ka se dirang gape, re *ministry* o o gaufi le go reetsa matshwenyego a batho le batho. Jaanong ga go reye gore *chance* e ne e le yone e fela, ga go reye gore botshelo jwa me bo ile bokhutlong, ke tlaabo ke ntse ke le teng ke bonwa, gore le ka tlisa dikgakololo le matshwenyego ao. Jaaka kgang e tshwana le ya *maternity wing* kwa Lekganyane *Clinic* kwa Metsimotlhaba-Mmopane, ke dikgang tse re tlhologanyang gore di teng. Ba Dintoroko le Mmamhiko, go raya gore ke go porofitile *Madam Chairperson* le o ntse o le koo o ise o bue, ke porofitile gore ke dikgang tse di teng.

Honourable Lucas mma ke go leboge rra, o ne o tlhasetse Puso e e fetileng fa o supa ka fa seemo sa Dikgosi se leng kwa tlase ka teng. O ne wa tswerefala mo go tlhaloseng ka fa e neng e tshwara Dikgosi ka teng. Seemo se re fitlhelang Dikgosi di beilwe mo go sone, se ne sa re tlhomola pelo, sa re utlwisa botlhoko thata. Ke gone mo

re neng ra nna bofefo gore re tsibogele *review* ya Bogosi Act, e mo go yone re itebagantseng fa ke fa sekai fela, Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo ba ba sa kwalwang mo molaong o. Jaanong phetogo e e tlang ke gore, ba tle kwalwe. Go na le dikgang tse di amang go atolosa boikarabelo jwa Dikgosi mo teng. E tlaa re fa re sena go fetsa tiro eo gammogo le ya Customary Court Act, re bo re lebelela mabaka a pereko a Dikgosi. *Structure* sa bone, ka gore tiro e tlaabo e oketsegile. Jaaka re re Dikgosi ba lebagane le dikgang di tshwana tsa dipolaano tse di teng gompiano, ba leke go betla setshaba, ba lebagane le dikgang tsa botlhokatshebe jwa bana mo dikoleng jalojalo. Go raya gore re tlaabo re kala tiro ya Bogosi, re baakanya *structure* sa bone le dituelo. Ke sone se se reng Dikgosi tse, ke tsa Puso e, Puso e ke ya Dikgosi tse, re mmogo mo go bone gore re sekaseke mabaka a bone a pereko. Pharologanyo ya rona le wena ka koo ke gore, rona re sale re lemogile mathata, jaanong re mo ditharabololong. Wena o setse kwa goreng o santse o goeletsa mathata, rona re tsamaetse fa pele, fa ditharabololong. O ne o buile ka dikgang tsa Tribal Territories Act. Fa re sena go fetsa molao wa teng ke gore, go lebeletse dikgang tsa Bogosi Act, Customary Court Act, go ya go lebeletse Molaomotho, kgabagare go bo go lebeletse le Tribal Territories Act. Ga se selo se se lebetsweng kana se se tlaa salelang kwa morago.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Re ne re ne re re reetsane mokaulengwe. Dikgang tsa Dikgosi ke tsewelele gape ka go supa gore, mabaka a pereko a Dikgosi a akaretsa ba ba senang ditempe, ba ba tlhokang matlwana a Bakgatla le ba ba tlhokang diofisi, ke dilo tse re le mo tsamaisong ya gore di nne teng. Le dikgang tsa merafe tsa Bogosi, re tsewelela re tshwaragane le tsone ka botswerere jo bo kwa godimo re di rarabolola gore go nne ledula, go nne boitumelo kwa merafeng. Ke dumalana le wena gore, mabaka a pereko a Dikgosi le fa ba berekelang teng go santse go saletse kwa morago. Tota re ne re tseela Puso go lemoga mabaka ao, gore jaanong re tle re tle mo go a tokafatseng.

Honourable Kwapa o buile le ene ka botswerere, kemedi ya kwa Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Fa godimo ga go ema *budget* e nokeng, o bona gore go botlhokwa gore dikgang di tshwana le tsa *service centre* ya kwa Maokane di tsibogelwe ka gore re lemoga gore kgaolo ya bone, khansela fa e le kwa Jwaneng, jaanong metse e mengwe o fitlhela e le gore e kgakala le kwa khansela e neng e ka ba thusa teng. Ke dikgang tse o di buileng

kwa phuthegong ya Kgotla le gompiano o di gateletse. E tlaa re fa re di nnetse fatshe le bagarona, re bo re ka di lebelela. Kgangkgolo ke gore re dire gore ditlamelo di ye kwa bathong, di nne gaufi le batho. Maitlamo, maitetlo le maikaelelo a Puso e ke gore, batho ba se ka ba sokola go bona ditlamelo, di nne gaufi le bone, ba se ka ba di latela kgakala. Tse tsotlhe tse a buileng ka tsone le tsa kwa Thankane, Tsonyane jalojalo ke dikgang tse re di tsayang tsia. Le tsa go supa gore, le fa rona re na le bokgoni jwa gore re ka isa ditirelo teng, gongwe kgwetlho e tlaa nna ditsela. Jaanong re bue le ba Lephata la Dipalamo le Dikago, gore jaanong ditirelo tse re neng re ka di isa kwa bathong di se ka tsa kgorelediwa ke letlhoko la ditsela. E a bo e le tlhaloso e e molemo e tla ka Mopalamente.

Mokgatla *Honourable* Morolong o ne a supa gore Dikgosi di tshwenyegile, e bile Kgosi ya bone yo o tshwareletseng Mokgatla, Kgosi Sekai ke Kgosi yo re tshwaraganeng thata. Maloba re ne re kopane a tlhalosa dikgwetlho tsa Bogosi jwa kwa Kgatleng, kwa go santseng go na le diphatlha tse di tlhokang go kabiwa teng. Re lephata le le bofefo go tsibogela dikgang tseo. Ke sone se re neng ra tsaya mosepele wa go ya go busa Kgosikgolo ya bone ya Bakgatla, e sena go sotlakakwa mo bo hibitsang pelo ke Puso e e fetileng.

O supile kang ya *bus rank*, *water master plan* tse re tlaa tlang re di sala morago le ya CCP. Ya CCP kana go na le *guidelines* tse gongwe go batlang re di tlhodumela go feta go ya pele, ka gore kana di supa gore lenaneo le tota *coordination* e dirwa ke Mopalamente gore *projects* e ya go mang. Ga e ka ke ya nna Mopalamente yo o di diragatsang, ene ke go okamela gore *projects* go ye go dirwa dife, mme go tswa fa boikarabelo jwa khansela ke *implementation*. Unless gongwe le re nnyaa diofisi tsa Mapalamente di na le bokgoni jaanong jwa go dira *project implementation*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke mang wa *Elucidation*?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke nna.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Go raya gore o tseye *one minute*, fa le buela ruri ke a le emisa.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Elucidation Honourable Phologolo.

MR PHOLOGOLO: Point of elucidation. Thank you Honourable Minister. *Ke ne ke re tota kang e ya CCP go lebege e se clear mo go rona. It is more like we have been done a favor* gore re nne e kare *we have a say*

mo gore go diragale eng. *Despite the fact that we pass budget, a Multi-Billion Pula Budget* mme re palelwa *ke to be entrusted to be in charge of the Ten Million Pula Budget* ya CCP. CCP e gotweng re tseye *control* ya *projects, my first experience with CCP is more like we are being done a favor* fela a bo gotwe, ke tsa gago Mopalamente, *but* Makhanselara fa ba sa dumalane le *projects not because they are not viable but sometimes even bringing in politics into the mix, you will not get your projects going.* Ke re a e nne *explicit Minister* o lebagane le *this thing. In fact, the fact that we are also talking of decentralisation in a ministry, a ga se nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore e tswa fela tota kwa Local Government and then be administrated from where Parliament is running its affairs. Thank you very much.*

MR AARON: *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Mme ke re Tona ke lebogela gore o bo o supile gore o gatetse pele mo tsamaisong, bogolo jang ya go bona gore Dikgosi di a lemogiwa botoka. Ke romilwe ke Kgosi Sakothere wa Matsaoodi, Kgosi Masike wa Phase 1, Kgosi Bailang wa Phakalane, ba e leng gore Tona ba na le dingwaga ba ntse ba tshwareletse e le gore ke bone balebeledi kana Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo. Mme ga ba bone le fa e le sepe, ba ntse ba nna ba solofediwa ngwaga le ngwaga gore re tlaa bona. Ke solofela gore ka tsholofelo ya gago ya go bua jaana ga ke itse gore ke ka ya go ba raya ke re ba solofele mo lebakeng le le kae. Ke romilwe ke batsadi ba Etsha 10 ba bana ba bone ba tsamayang sekgele se se leele go ya kwa Etsha 7. Ke romilwe ke batsadi ba Phase 1 ba bana ba bone ba tsamayang sekgelekele gore ba ye dikoleng. Jaaka o itse Tona kana mo dikgaolong tse tsa rona re bua ka bana ba ba tsamayang mo nageng *that are not safe.* Jaanong Tona ke dikgang tse e leng gore jaaka ke le moemedi wa bone, mme e bile e le tse di go lebaneng, ke tshwanelwa ke go di go lebisa. Ke a leboga, le fa e re fa ke bua le wena o bo o ema ka dinao koo. Ke tlhologanya gore ke nako ya gago, mme Tona ke go kope gore...

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, mme re a leboga...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

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

MR MOTSHEGWA: Mma ke tswelele, ga ke ise ke bone motho yo e reng a rekelwa a bo a gana ka phafana. Ke a leboga Mopalamente Aaron, ka o ne o ntse o supa gore o romilwe, mme le ka fa o neng o eme ka teng, o bua ka teng, go a bonala gore o romilwe. Ke tsaya gore tse dingwe tse o sa kgonang go di bua re tlaa kopana re bo re tla re di atolosa, le gore re ka bua jang le badirelapuso gone kwa letsatsi le re tlaa yang teng.

Le ya gago Rre Phologolo, e a utlwala. Ke tsaya gore re tlaa bua le ba *Speakership* gore mo gongwe re tle re nne le thulaganyo ya gore go tle go atolosiwe *regulations* kana *guidelines* tsa CCP, gore Mapalamente ba tle ba di tlhologanye botoka kana go feta. Fa ba nang le ditshwanelo tsa dipaakanyo le gone di tle di bonale. Kgangkgolo kwa bofelong ke gore, ditirelo di ye kwa bathong.

Ke ne ke santse ke fetile ka tsa ga Mopalamante Morolong. Mopalamante Ookeditse o ne a bua ka John Rawls gore, kana fa go ka nna le *inequalities* kana *disparities* mme re ele tlhoko gore re felela re thusa ba ba saletseng kwa morago. O ne a bolelela ruri Lawrence Ookeditse, re ne ra tsena rotlhe, mme pharologanyo ya me le ene ke gore, nna ke ne ke *major* mo go tse pedi, ene a imelwa ke morwalo wa *major* mo go e nngwe fela. Ke yone pharologanyo ya rona. O bua boammaaruri gape fa a re, bana ba di RADS ke kgang e e utlwisang botlhoko gore fa ba le bannyennyane ka dingwaga tse di kailweng tseo, e le tiro e e bonalang, e diragala, gore e bo e le gore ba ntshiwa mo malwapeng kwa batsading ba bone ba ya go tsena sekole, ba golela go sele. Ga ke bone gore go na le motsadi fela yo o ka itumelelang kgaogano eo. Ke sone se go neng go emisiwa ya dikara tsa ditonki maloba go tsaya bana, le tsone tse ke *candidates* tsa tse e leng gore...kana re rile re dira *a holistic review* ya *all Government policies at Ministry wa Local Government including Destitute Policy* gore, kwa bofelelong, *the intention ya the programme* e nne gore go nne le *graduation*, o se ka wa tlhokomelelwa ruri. Puso e go eme nokeng, e go nosetse gore o aloga fa o leng teng.

Le Ikageng Public Works Programme ga e a tshwanela gore gongwe e tshwane le Ipelegeng, e bo e le gore batho ba nna ba fapaana mo teng go sena tema le tsamaelo pele ya matshelo a batho, ke tse re tlaabong re di lebile. Tsa barutabana tse a neng a bua ka tsone, *school feeding* ya bana ba dikole tseo, le *the Cabinet Committee on inclusive growth and sustainable development*, o ne a re re ele tlhoko gore dikgang tse tsa ba ba kwa dikgaolong tse di saletseng kwa morago di tle go tsewa tsie. Ke bona gore Rre Mathoothe o kare...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi, ka o tla tloga o ya kwa bofelong, ke re o se ka wa feta ka kgang ya *landfills*, bogolo jang ke bua ke lebile *landfill* ya kwa Serowe e matlakala a teng a setseng a tsena jaanong kwa go bone

babereki tota. E bile ba na le didirisiwa tse gongwe di santseng di le disha, mme di senyegile. Ke dingwe tse o ka di lebelelang jalo, ka gore matlakala a tshwenya thata. *Thank you Madam Chairperson.*

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga. E bile ya *landfills*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke mathata lefatshe lotlhe...Re tlaa tla re go neela, se tlhatlagane le ene. Go na le ba Molepolole, Mopalamante o buile ka yone, di a tshwenya mo Kgatleng. Re ne re dumalane kwa lephateng gore gongwe re leke le methale ya go rotloetsa ba dikgwebo ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi gore *partnership* ya teng e nne ditsela dingwe tse re ka tokafatsang *landfills*. Le gore *landfills* tsa rona go ya pele di se ka tsa lejwa fela e le kwa go tikelwang matlakala teng, *we must revolutionise landfills*. Fa re bua ka *landfills you must think recycling, green energy*, go ya kwa pele jalo. Le ene Nyatanga le fa o bona a sa bua jaana, mme ke itse dikgwetlho tsa bone tsa kwa Mookane. Ke dumalane le ene gore re tlaa tla re dira thulaganyo ya gore re bo re ka ya teng re ya go ba buisa, re le gaufi le bone re utlwisisa matshwenyego a bone otlhe.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP): *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Tona. Fa o ne o ntse o bua ka ya RADS, ke re ke fete ka yone ka bonako ke re, Tona re kopa gore o nne o dira *annual reports*, o kope bana ba gago kwa dikgaolong, babereki kwa dikgaolong gore ba dire *assessments*. Ka gore mo dikgaolong tsa rona re na le batlhoki ba le bantsi, ba bangwe e bile ba tingwa metsi tota, mme e le batlhoki gotwe ba tlaa ya go bereka kwa Ipelegeng. Re kopa gore o nne o re direla *assessments* tse di ntseng jalo, re bo re go thusa.

Ya bofelo, Tona ke re gone mo dikgaolong tsa rona jaaka ke ne ke batla go akgela ka ya *clinics*...Ke kopa gore o emise *clinics* Tona mo dikoleng tsa *pit latrines*, di setse di le borai gape botsogo jwa bana le babereki ba ba gone foo ga se jone sentle, re kopa gore o di ntshe mo tirisong gotlhelele re nne le *toilets* tsa metsi.

Ya bofelo fela e ne e le ya *clinics* Tona. Motsotsonyana fela wa bofelo, ke re *clinics* tsa gago, *health posts*...

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

MR HUNYEP: ...ba go itaya tsebe Tona.

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

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Hunyepa, o emetse eng?

MR HUNYEPA: Ba a tlhodia, ba a nkgoreletsa.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Nnyaa, bua.

MR HUNYEPA: Nnyaa, ke ka se ke ke buele mo modumong Modulasetilo. Ke re ba ba neng ba batla tlhaloso, ke ne ke re, *pit latrines* mo dikoleng re ne re kopa gore di emisiwe, *especially the primary schools*, ka gore jaanong ga gona botsogo fela sentle ka tsone, di leswe, ga se tsone sentle. Ke kopa e bile a dire gore go nne le molao wa gore di se ka tsa tlhola di dirwa mo dikoleng.

Tona ya bofelo ke ya *health posts*, ke re le tsone rra di sale di agilwe bogologolo. Metse e setse e godile mo e leng gore *health posts* tsa teng ga di sa tlhole di na le mosola. Fa o tsaya motse wa Zwenshambe, *population* ya teng e godile, go na le *brigades, secondary schools* mo teng. Motse wa teng o sale o solofeditse *clinic*, mme *up to now* ga di ise di agiwe. Ke a leboga Tona.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa, ke a leboga. Tota kana maikaelelo a *ministry* fa re lebeletse dikgang tsa *dignity*, ke setse ke supile ka ya dikara tsa ditonki go emisiwa, *pit latrines* kwa dikoleng, ke sone se o neng o se bua, gona le jaaka ba bangwe ba go utlwile. Ke yone e e leng gore re e arabile le mo Palamenteng, gore fa re bua ka *dignity* le *safety* ya bana, re tshwanetse gore re bo re ka di emisa.

Le tshekatsheko fela yotlhe ya dikgang ka fa mananeo re a neelang bana ka teng, jaaka Honourable Nyatanga a ntse a goeletsa kwa godimo gore kwa Palla Road le gone ba na le kgwetlho ya boroko jwa barutabana, mme e le lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara. Tota kwa bofelelong fa re tla re bua ka *dignity* go feta go emisiwa ga *pit latrines* e bo e le gore go neelwa *decent toilet system*, le tsone *health posts versus clinics*, ga re a tshwanela gore go nne le *disparity in our health system*, e bo e le gore kgaolo e nngwe bone ba na le *clinic* e e siameng, e nngwe bone ba na le *health post*. Re tshwanetse gore kwa re tsamaelang teng, e bo e le gore *we upgrade health posts*, di bo di tla mo seemong sa *clinics* tsotlhe, re bo re nna le *a model clinic* gore *clinic* e tshwanetse gore e bo e ntse jang. Fa re dira jalo, re tlaabo re tlisa *parity and equity in our health system*. Re se ka ra fitlhela batho ba tsaya botsogo ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, ba bangwe ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, le thuto.

Honourable Pule o ne a bua ka *performance* ya dikhansela. Se re lekang go se tlhalosa ke gore, ka gore tsone dikhansela di gaufi le batho, di ka neela batho ditirelo, di tshwanetse gore di bo di dira tiro ka tsela nngwe. Ke sone se re batlang go tla ka a *prototype or model* ya *what constitutes a high-performance council* e e leng gore e na le *serious elements* tsa *agility, efficiency, excellence, projects and activities or programme implementation execution* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke sone se re lekang go gatelela mo go sone gore ka gore dikhansela di gaufi le batho, di neele batho ditirelo go lebeletswe jalo.

O ne a buile ka tsa *heritage*, gore re bua ka ba ... (*inaudible*)... fela, mme nnyaa, kgang re tlhalositse gore lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, metse yotlhe, merafe yotlhe, Dikgotla tsotlhe ba kwale ditso tsa bone, ba di boloke, di ye go rurifadiwa kwa Dikgotleng. E bile go ka thusa le go rarabolola dikgang dingwe tsa dikgotlhang tsa Bogosi fa di nna teng.

Honourable Moalosi fa a sukunyetswa o ne a bua ka banalebogole. Banalebogole dikgang tsa bone ga di a lebalesega, ke sone se e leng gore re tshwaragane le ba Ofisi ya ga Tautona, re mo tsamaisong e e simologileng ya go sekaseka lenaneo la banalebogole, go balelwa le gore kwa dikhanseleng kana *Local Authorities*, go bo go nna le bodiredi jo bo itebagantseng le bone banalebogole. Sone seo se supa gore re tsaya dikgang tsa banalebogole ka tlhwaafalo gongwe gona le jaaka Mopalamente a ne a supa, gongwe o ne a tlhabela go lemoga sone seo.

Honourable Frenzel o ne a bua ka *health posts* kwa go bone le *clinics* gore ga go na tse e leng gore di a bulwa fa go tla ka di *weekend*. Dikgang tsotlhe fela tsa *health posts* le *clinics* kana *general primary healthcare issues*, ka gore ke gone re neng re neelwa boikarabelo jwa tsone, re tlaa nna le sebaka sa gore re ye go phutha botlhe ba ba okametseng *primary healthcare* kwa dikgaolong gore re ye go lekodisana gore mme seemo ke eng, e bo e le gore *we review and redirect our strategy* sa *primary healthcare*, maikaelelo e le go tlisa *quality health system at primary level*. Dikgang tse a di buileng re di utlwile.

Le tsa ga Honourable Ntsima tse a neng a bua ka gore dikgang tse re di tlhalositseng mo pegong ya rona di amana thata le tsa *grassroots* kana kwa batho ba leng teng. Tsa VDC o ne a di lemoga. Le Newstance *Clinic* gore e ka atolosiwa, ke dikgang tse ke ntseng ke re re tlaa kopana le ba ba okametseng botsogo, re tlaa di lebelela.

Honourable Maele, re tlaa goroga, re tlaa dira lenaneo nna le wena, re tlaa ya kwa dikoleng. Fa ba reeditse ba utlwile gore o ba bueletse ka botswapelo. Re tlaabo re sa ye go lebelela fela, re ya go bona gore re ka tsutlaganya ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore bana ba tle ba bone thuto e e siameng. *Honourable Sedombo*, Motlotlegi Kedikilwe, Motlotlegi Lesedi fela jalo, dikgang tsa lona ke di utlwile.

Ke senka gore ke neele Motlotlegi Rre Mosanana, fa e re *five minutes* o bo o ema ke tle ke busetse kwa.

MR MOSANANA: *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson*, ke a go leboga Tona. O tlaa fitlhela go le bothoko mo go maswe re le babedi re tswa mo motseng re le Mapalamente, mme go sena ope wa rona yo o bonang *chance* mo *department* e e tshwanang le ya gago.

Re na le mathata Tona, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore mo motseng go na le dibara, sa ntlha fela di bapile le dikole. Bomme kwa ba a lela ka modumo *because* di fela mo tlase ga dijarata. Golo foo fela o tshwanetse gore o go lebelele thata gore di ntshiwe, ba batlelwe go sele kwa ba ka yang teng.

Ka bokhutshwane fela ke go laela ke re, o se ka wa lebala thulaganyo ya me le wena ya kwa Kanye beke e e tlang. Tanki.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Thank you very much. I now move that the 2026/2027 Recurrent budget in the sum of Twelve Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Pula (P12 985 277310.00) and that the Development Budget in the sum of Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixteen Pula (P2 856 722 816.00) for the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs be approved and...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: O boeletse gape ya kgantele, o rile '16' *instead of* '15.'

MR MOTSHEGWA: Oh, *go raya gore* there is an error here.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ga ba a go kwalela sentle... (*inaudible*)...

MR MOTSHEGWA: Nnyaa mme ke utlwetse gore madi ke a, ke a leboga.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Minister*, go raya gore o tlaa tsoga o e tswala sentle kamoso.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Honourable Members, it is now 6:30 p.m. I will now call upon Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:30 p.m. until Thursday 5th March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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