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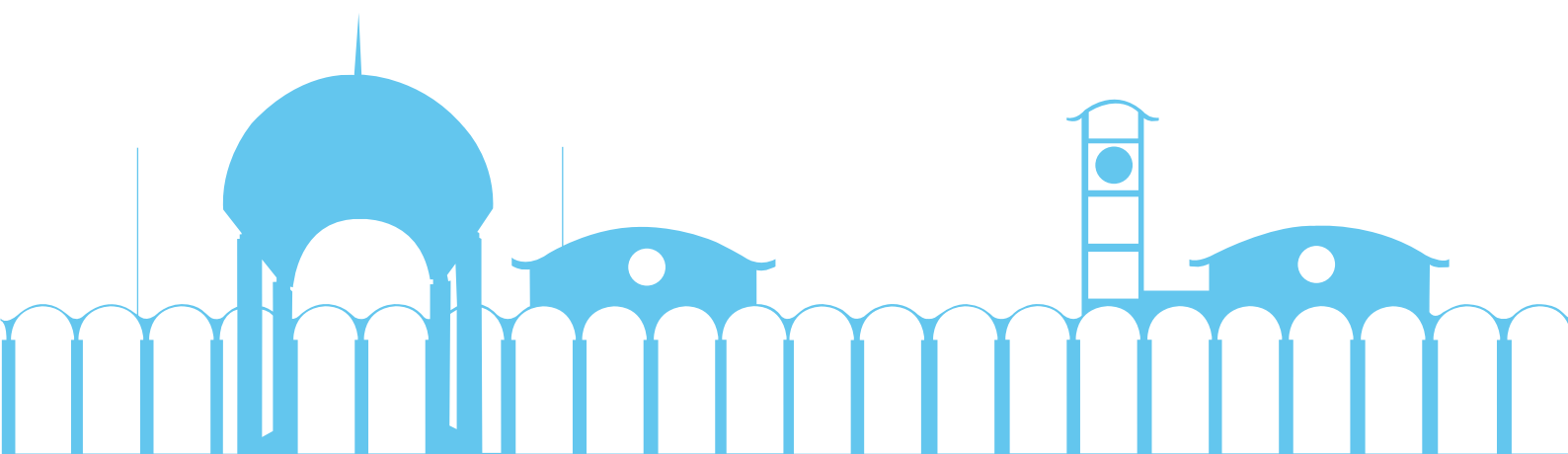
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Wednesday 5th March, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

VEHICLES IMPOUNDED BY BURS

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Finance to state:

- (i) why some vehicles imported from China and Singapore have been impounded by the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS);
- (ii) how long the vehicles have been kept in the custody of BURS;
- (iii) if he is aware that these vehicles lose value by being exposed to the current harsh weather conditions; and
- (iv) if there are any plans to dispose them or return them to their owners.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Madam Speaker.

- (i) The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) is mandated to ensure compliance with customs regulations and to prevent revenue leakages that may arise due to non-compliance with Customs Act. As part of its enforcement measures BURS conducts periodic interventions to address these concerns particularly in the importation of goods. One area significant to non-compliance that has come to light is the importation of used motor vehicles especially from China and Singapore. Several vehicles from these jurisdictions have been impounded due to violations of customs regulations and these infractions primarily involve under-valuation, false declarations, non-declaration, and fraudulent practices.

Madam Speaker, in December 2019, BURS conducted a targeted operation following the findings of the National Risk Assessment for Botswana 2017 coordinated by the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA). The assessment identified grey imports as one of the most vulnerable

sectors to non-compliance. The assessment corroborated BURS's prior intelligence on non-compliance by certain industry players prompting the operation.

Following this operation Madam Speaker, some traders sought a court interdict resulting in initial penalties being set aside. They were only required to pay the shortfall in custom duties based on a reassessment using revised values. The majority of traders settled the outstanding amounts and the vehicles were subsequently released.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, the duration for which the vehicles are kept in custody can vary due to several factors. The first of which in cases where matters are brought before the courts, they may take longer to resolve as legal processes unfold. Ongoing investigations may extend the time required for clearance or release. So Madam Speaker, following the December 2019 operation, some importers had difficulties in paying the revised customs duties which resulted in the delay of the release of vehicles and as of now, only five traders have not settled their dues resulting in 36 vehicles remaining under BURS's custody since December 2019.
- (iii) Madam Speaker, I am aware that prolonged exposure to harsh weather conditions may cause these vehicles to lose value and to mitigate this, I am told where feasible, efforts are made to expedite the disposal of seized vehicles. This ensures that vehicles are sold off quickly often through auctions to preserve value. Some impounded vehicles are stored in covered secured shelters in order to prevent further damage. Currently considerations are underway to expand the facility to mitigate the situation where vehicles are stored for a longer duration due to legal or customs investigation.
- (iv) Madam Speaker, seized vehicles with cases resolved are typically auctioned by BURS as part of the standard disposal process. However, disposal of the 36 vehicles that are impounded by BURS will be the last resort of enforcement interventions as we are in constant engagement with the affected traders in recognition of the court ruling.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, BURS remains committed to ensuring compliance with customs laws to safeguard national revenues. Impounding vehicles particularly from high-risk regions is a necessary measure to address issues such as under-valuation, false and non-

declaration as well as fraud. While investigations and legal processes may extend the time vehicles remain impounded, BURS actively works to mitigate potential losses in value due to weather conditions by considering secure storage options and expediting the disposal of seized vehicles through auctions.

Importers who settle their dues promptly have their vehicles released, while those involved in confirmed contraventions, are subject to the standard legal and auction processes. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a utlwa, ke a tlhologanya *Vice President* (VP), *Acting President* now. Mongwame, mo gongwe batho ba, ba dirisiwa ke *clearing agents* mo e leng gore bone ga ba na botsipa jwa go itirela *clearance*, a go ne go se botoka gore mme bogolo dikoloi tse fa di rekisiwa, a sengwe ba a se bona *from the difference* e ba neng ba tshwanetse gore ba e duele e bo e ba palela? *I thank you.*

MR GAOLATHE: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang. Ka tshwanelo ba tshwanetse gore ba se bone fa e le gore *there is that difference*. Ka tshwanelo.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary.* Good afternoon Madam Speaker. Honourable VP, not only *kgang ya dikoloi gore e na le* the leakages in collection. *Ke ne ke batla go itse gore a o itse seemo sa gore go na le* containers, especially *tse di dirisang* the dry port ya Namibia, *tse e leng gore* they go through Mamuno and go mainly to Francistown, *gore* this loss *e e dirwang* ke these containers *tse e leng gore* are not escorted *kana* false declaration *e o e buang*, what is BURS doing *ka* this situation? Are they prepared to escort *kana* to seal these containers for proper collection as much as they do with the vehicles, because it looks like the reason they diverted from GABCON now *go dirisiwa* that port, *go raya gore go na le* that loophole. Thank you very much.

MR GAOLATHE: Ke a leboga Mopalamente. Ga ke itse seemo *exactly to your specific request*, mme re ka leboga thata fa ba ba nang le boitseanape jo ke dumelang gore o na le jone, ba ka nna ba re atamela go re fa bogakolodi. Re ka itumela thata go tsaya dikgakololo tsa gago gore re tokafatse tsamaiso e e leng teng.

ETHNIC INEQUALITIES

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister for State President to apprise this Honourable House on how Government intends to

address ethnic inequalities to ensure cultural identity and unity in diversity in the context of the stated commitment by Government to a human rights driven vision; the Minister should specifically state:

- (i) whether there are plans to scrap Section 77, 78, and 79 from the Botswana Constitution; and
- (ii) if there is a plan to repeal the Tribal Territories Act.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS MOPHUTING): Good afternoon Madam Speaker, good afternoon Honourable Members, *le Batswana kwa gae ke a le dumedisa*.

Madam Speaker, the position of the Government in relation to addressing ethnic inequalities to ensure cultural identity and unity in diversity in the context of the stated commitment by Government to human rights driven vision is as outlined in the UDC Manifesto.

Before I quote the manifesto, let me point out to this Honourable House that this Government has made a high-level commitment to promote Human Rights at every level. Madam Speaker, the UDC Manifesto at Pillar-2: Democracy, Governance and Security, sets out a clear objective for Government to re-write the Constitution where all Batswana, without exception, can publicly engage, that is through a people-driven, participatory, inclusive, and transparent process.

To this end Madam Speaker, allow me to quote from the UDC Manifesto because we have made a commitment under Pillar-2 Paragraph 2.2 (m) Page 15 to; “adopt a new fully democratic Constitution that empowers all citizens and those who live in Botswana regardless of gender, ethnic origin, age and other traditional sources of inequality and disempowerment.”

- (i) Madam Speaker, this demonstrates that tribal inequalities will not have any place in the new Constitution. Therefore, Sections 77, 78 and 79 of the Constitution which perpetuate inequalities by giving certain tribes automatic membership to Ntlo ya Dikgosi will not be a part of the new Constitution we will craft. This answers the Honourable Member’s question as we all aspire to have a better, home-grown and comprehensive Constitution that guarantees all citizens’ equality before the law, removing all discriminatory provisions in favour of more inclusive provisions.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, the second part of the question is whether there is a plan to repeal the Tribal Territories Act. I will again refer to the UDC Manifesto under 2.1 paragraph 2 on page 14; and I quote “we make an undertaking to review, amend or repeal all laws in the statute book that serve to perpetuate inequalities amongst Batswana including the Tribal Territories Act.” This position has not changed and these will be implemented at the earliest.

Madam Speaker, Government is in middle of preparing for the monumental task of crafting a home-grown Constitution and we will at the right time engage this Parliament as they are a part of the process. I thank you Madam Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mmaetsho, ke a go utlwa. Dikgang tse re tswa kgakala re di bua fela jaaka o di bua, mme kana gompiano le mo Pusong jaanong, le tshwere marapo. A le na le *plan* le seelo se e leng gore le se ipeetse gore *Constitution* e ya Botswana e re ngongoregang ka yone thata e, e nne selo sa maabane? *What is the target date Honourable Minister?*

On Tribal Territories Act, it is an Act of Parliament. Ke eng e tshwanetse gore o kare e emela Molaomotho mme e le molaonyana fela o e leng gore o ka tla ka *line* fela tse pedi fela kamoso re bo re phimola? Bothata ke eng?

Sa boraro, jaaka le le Puso ya ditshwanelo, le lebile kgokgontsho e bontsi jwa merafe ya Botswana ba iphitlhetseng ba le mo go yone mo dipusong tse di fetileng, a le mo seemong sa go kopa maitshwarelo mo Batswaneng ka bosula jo bo diragaletseng merafe ya rona for 58 years? Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.

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

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Honourable Members, order!

MS MOPHUTING: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Mma ke simolotse ka *Question 2*; mme gakere le wena o na le tshwanelo ya go tla ka one molao oo re bo re o ema nokeng Honourable Gobotswang? Palamente e ke Palamente e e leng gore *each and every one of us, we have been voted for by the people of this republic, and there is nobody who is senior to the other.*

Now in terms of maitshwarelo, Motswana mongwe le mongwe re tshwanetse ra kopa maitshwarelo for the heinous acts that have been committed, some of them took place under our watch. Having said that, as UDC Government, we are not going to take ownership and accountability...

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

MS MOPHUTING: Madam Speaker, *ke kopa gore o ba reye o re ba iketle fela ke bue, le nkutlwe bakaulengwe re tle re engage sentle civilly.* Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government is not going to apologise for heinous acts that have been perpetuated for 58 years by the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Government or the misrule. What we are going to apologise for *ke gore re le Puso e...*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, ke dire jang, ke mo reye a nne fa fatshe re tswelele?

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Gobotswang, I think we should talk to Honourable Lucas.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order Madam Speaker.

MS MOPHUTING: A kalo mafoko, le a nkutlwa bakaulengwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: Who are you ordering Honourable Lucas?

MR LUCAS: Madam Speaker...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke re o *order* mang?

MR LUCAS: Jaanong o kare o tlaa felela o ntshwarisitse molato, *I am ordering* wena. Ke innetse fa, e bile o kare ga ke a tsoga sentle, wa re go buiwe le nna, kana go lebega e kare jaanong ke tšhekwane jaaka batho ba bangwe ba ba ka koo.

MR MONAGENG: *On a point of order.* Madam Speaker, nna ke a tshwenyega, *order* ya me ke gore, fa o le kwa setilong seo, go na le pharologanyo, o fitlhela o kare ga go laolesege, *but* fa Speaker Honourable Keorapetse a le teng, o fitlhela go laolesega. Fela fa o tsena koo, ga go laolesege. Ke ne ke re re ikele tlhoko re le Mapalamente, a ko re nne *fair*, re tlole Ntlo e le Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Monageng, *le nna ke lemogile*. Honourable Mapulanga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Madam Speaker...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Le rata go tsaya nako ya Palamente, *like somebody has just mentioned* gore go tlaabo go emiwa, yo mongwe a ema...Nako e tšhaya fela le dira jaana. Naare e tlaabo e le eng, le tshwerwe ke bodutu?

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

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, Honourable Mophuting o ne a ise a wele, o ne a kgaupediwa ke dikgang tsa gore e bo e re Honourable Lucas a santse a itshidila...*

MADAM SPEAKER: I thought *o wetse*, you were still on?

MS MOPHUTING: *Yes madam. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Gobotswang. Ke go itse o ntse jalo, re kile ra tsaya dikgang tse di telele maloba re ya kwa kgaolong ya gago. A very sober level headed gentleman. Ee mma, ke ne ke sa wela Madam Speaker, but mma ke wele fela ka gore timeframe ga re ka ke ra commit gone jaanong. I can assure you Honourable Gobotswang gore we are working round the clock behind the scenes to ensure that we fast track process e ya constitutional overhaul in general. It is something that we are not going to rush because we want all hands on the deck, we want each and every single Motswana to participate in this process. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Honourable Gobotswang, tla ke go lebogetse le wena mokaulengwe.*

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BDF CAMP IN KAZUNGULA

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister for State President to state:

- (i) if there is progress in the construction of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) camp in Kazungula;
- (ii) when the project was supposed to be completed; and
- (iii) if his Ministry will consider relocating the camp to the BDF site near 256 area.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole fela ke tlhalose gore Kasane *new base* e ne e tshwanetse go thusa ka go kopanya bonno, diofisi tsa masole ba ba tlaabong ba berekela mo Kgaolong ya Chobe. E tlaa thusa gore go nne le thokgamo mo Kgaolong ya Chobe le gore go lwantshiwe polao ya diphologolo ka go utswiwa. Thulaganyo e ne e kgaogantswe ga raro, e le Package I, II and III. E simolotse ka *January 2020*, mme e solofetswe gore e ka fela ka *April 2021* jaaka re boleletswe ke ba Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) ka madi a a kanang ka *P307.3 million*. Mo go eteleng gone koo, kwa re fitlhetseng go sena rrakonteraka kwa go agiawang teng, go a belaesega gore re tlaa kgona gore *April* a fela re bo re kgonne go digela *project* e.

Thulaganyo e e neng e le moalo wa *project* e e neetswe ba BHC ka 2015 go baakanya kgang ya *base* e ntšha. *Package I* jaaka ke tlhalositse gore di ne di le ga raro, e ne e tsentswe go agiwa ga *infrastructure* le ditiro tse di tsamaelanang le yone ka madi a a kana ka *P83.7 million*, e ne e neetswe konteraka ya Dan's Holdings Contractors, ya benggae ba e neetswe ke ba BHC. Thulaganyo e e ne e le gore e simolola ka *January 2020*, e ne e tshwanetse go fela ka *July 2021*. Go ne ga busediwa letsatsi le gape kwa morago ga isiwa kwa go *November 2021*. Jaaka re tlhalosa, ga e ise e bo e wele go fitlha ka jeno.

Package II e ne e tsentswe go tsenya dingwe tsa ditlamelo gape gone moo, di tsenya *blocks* tse pedi tsa *barracks* ka 28.6, ofisi ya ba *military police* ka 5.2, *workshop* ya dikoloi tsa BDF ka 16.5, kokelwana ka *P97 million* le fa go tshelwang teng *petrol* ka *P15 million*.

Package III e ne e tsentswe diofisi le *warehouse* ka madi a a kana ka *P61.3 million*. *Package III* e ne e le gore e ya go simolola ka 2024 e bo e fela ka *April 2025*.

Project e fa ke bua jaana jaaka ke tlhalositse, e santse e le kwa *Package I*, mme ga go ise go nne le tema e e kalo e e segiwang mo e leng gore go ne ga nna le dikgogakgogano fa gare ga BHC le Dan's Holdings. Go ntse go na le dipuisanyo, mme e bile rrakonteraka o tsere kgang e o e isitse *for arbitration* e e santseng e tsweletse.

Tiego ya *project* e e amile moalo wa Kasane-Kazungula Redevelopment Project. Go fuduga mo go neng go tshwanetse go nna teng go tswa kwa Ferry, Four Ways *base*, tsotlhe tse di padile go diragala mme go dirilwe ke go diega ga *project* e. Moeteledipele wa Sesole sa

Botswana o buile kgapetsakgapetsa le ba BHC gore ba akofele go digela *project* e gore ditiro tse di kgone go tswelela. Go diega ga go fudugiwa mo go amile kgang ya Kasane-Kazungula Redevelopment Project. Ka go lemoga se, ba sesole sa Botswana ba lemoga gore ba dia *project* ya setšhaba, ba tsere tshwetso ya gore go fudugiwe kwa Ferry le Four Ways *base* go ya kwa kampeng ya Kasane New Base, go na le gore go diye *projects* tsa setšhaba.

O ne o botsa gore a go na le *progress* mo go agiweng ga kampa kwa Kazungula. Ga go na *progress* kwa Kazungula, *project* e santse e le mo *Package I*. Go raya gore *Package II* le *III* ga di ise di simolole ka mabaka one ao.

O bo o botsa gore a go ka fudugiwa go ya kwa 256 *area*. Se re ka se buang ke gore 256 *area* ga se bodulo jwa sennelaruri. Ke mo ka sesole ba reng ke *tactical area*, ba fuduga ba ema foo ba lebeletse *operations*, jaaka o itse gore e ne e dirwa ka gore e ne e leka go hema bangwe ba ba neng ba tsena mo kampeng ba ya go senya ba utswa diphologolo. BDF e tlaa tswelela e ntse e fuduga e dira *bases* fa e bonang go tlhokafala. 256 ga se ya sennelaruri, kwa go fudugelwang teng ke kwa kampeng e ntšha e go yang go bapiwa fela gone mo jarateng ya BDF ya *base* e ntšha, le dikago tse di diegileng tse. Ke a leboga Mopalamente.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Kgang e fa o bona ke e botsa jaana, ga ke itse gore a ga le ise le lemoge gore *the risk impact* ya go tsamaya le baya *bases* fa gare ga motse e kae mo setšhabeng? *Psychologically, even in your operations*, fa o utlwa ke *suggest* gore ke eng le ne le sa e ise kwa ntle ga motse ka gore le ka kopa gone fale la agela ruri *base* gone koo, la tswala *movement* o le neng le o lwantsha wa gore batho ba se ka ba nna ba feta foo ba ya mo teng ga *park*. A mme ga o bone go le botlhokwa *to reconsider* ka gore e santse e le mo *Package I*? Ga go na se se dirilweng se se kalokalo gore le *move* ka gore le gapile lefatshe le letona mo le tlhaeditseng batho. *Residential plots* gompiano mo Chobe di a tlhaela mo lefatsheng le le neng le le *gazetted* gore go abelwe batho. A ga le na *to consider* go lebisisa kgang eo gape gore le *reconsider* 256, le fa le re *it is a tactical camp* fela le *move* mo go yone?

MR MOHWASA: Kana ke sone se e rileng fa ke araba ka tlhalosa gore BDF e bona fa thulaganyo ya go baakanyetsa Kasane-Kazungula Project e ke neng ke bua ka yone, e ke tsayang gore Mopalamente o a e itse e e bitwang Kasane-Kazungula Redevelopment Project

(KKRP). Botswana Defence Force (BDF) e a fuduga go sutela gore ditlhabololo tseo di nne teng. Re se ka ra dumela gore gore BDF e nne BDF ke gore nako tsotlhe e bo e le kwa sekgweng. Re se ka ra dumela gore o sesole ke gore wena o nne fela fa gare ga ditau le ditlou. Re tshwanetse gore re tlhaloganye gore go na le diofisi tse e leng gore di tshwanetse gore di atumele ditlamelo gore BDF e kgone go dira tiro ya yone sentle. Go na le tsone *bases* tse re di buang jaaka tsone tsa bo 256 le tse dingwe fela tse e leng gore ka mabaka a a rileng ga re kake ra bua gone fa ka gore ga re eletse gore gongwe le ba e leng gore ba na le maikaelelo a go utswa ba itse gore go diragala eng kwa BDF. Tseo di ka nna di le teng mme fela boago jwa fa ba berekelang teng e lebeletse kgaolo yotlhe ka bophara ya Chobe, e tlaabo e le mo motseng one oo. Gore le yone fa e le gone foo e kgone gore e thuse le go atametsa le ditlamelo mo go bone batho bone ba re buang ka bone ba re reng ba tshwanetse go fiwa ditsha. Ke sone se ke se buang gore kwa Ferry le kwa Fourways go a fudugiwa gore re se ka ra dia *project* e. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary. Afternoon Madam Speaker.* Ke re Tona, a ga o lemoge gore bokgokgontshi jole jo bo neng bo le teng jwa ga Domkrag bo bakile madiadia a matona ka gore ka 2024 ka *March* there was a *settlement agreement out of court regarding this matter*. Ka go *bulldozer* fela ga Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) *now it leads to* gore dikgang di felele di ya makgotlatshekelong di bo di turela Puso. Ke re a wena ka o tsile jaanong, ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore dikgang tse dingwe tse di se ka tsa goroga kwa makgotlatshekelong, di rarabololwe fela *in-house*? Ke a leboga.

MR MOHWASA: Tla ke simolole jaana; Motlotlegi Lekau tla re simolole re tlhalose gore BDF ka boyone e ne e ntse e ikagela matlo a yone mo nakong e e neng e ntse e feta. Ke nngwe ya makalana a Puso a a neng a simolola go dirisa Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC). Nako ya teng go ne ga nna le maduo a a neng a siame ka gore BHC e ne e kgona *to deliver projects* ka nako e e rileng *within budget*. Ga ke batle go tsenelela thata mme dikgang tse di utlwalang go utlwala e kete go ne ga nna le *restructuring* e e neng ya nna kwa BHC, *restructuring* e bo e ama *its ability to deliver* mo *projects* tse e neng e di dira. Jaanong tota dikgang tse, BDF e neetse BHC madi a e leng gore e ne e le a *project* e ka 2013, *project* e le gore e simolola ka 2015. Jaanong se se teng ke gore dikgang tse tsa *disputes between client* le *contractor* ke tseela gore ba BHC kana *ministry* wa ga

Rre Ramogapi ke one o o ka tlhalosang botoka. BDF e duetse BHC *to deliver the project*. Dikgang tsa gore go diragala eng fa gare ga bone le rakonteraka di ka itsiwe ke ba *ministry* o e leng gore o okametse BHC.

THE ROAD JOINING MODIPANE AND BOSEJA

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure whether he is aware that there exists a 17-kilometre road, joining Modipane and Boseja, Mochudi in Kgatleng and that:

- (i) tarring that short stretch of road would significantly de-congest the A1 stretch from Pilane to Gaborone;
- (ii) any reduction in the volume of traffic on the A1 road would save lives; and
- (iii) whether he would support plans to tar the road.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Good afternoon Madam Speaker.* Ke a leboga Mma Dow. Ke re gongwe ke rurifaletse Ntlo e *Madam Speaker* le Batswana kwa gae jaaka motlotlegi a kopile gore ke tlhomamisa gore a ke a itse gore go na le tsela fa gare ga Modipane le Mochudi e e sa tshelwang sekonotere, ke supe gore ke a itse e bile ke a tlhomamisa ka e bile ke tsela e e welang ka fa tlase ga tlhokomelo ya me ke le *Minister wa Transport*. Tse dingwe ditsela ga ke itse gore a Rre Lucas o a itse gore di wela kwa go Motlotlegi Motshegwa tse di *internal*. Jaanong ke a tlhomamisa gore tsela eo e teng e bile ga e a tshelwa sekonotere. Potso e e latelang e ne e le gore ke supe gone gore nnyaa mme ke a dumela gape motlotlegi gore tsela e e ka thusa fela thata A1 fa e ne e ka tshelwa sekonotere, e ka thusa fela thata *to decongest* ka gore kana go raya gore bontsi jwa batho ba ya go dirisa yone mme ba fokotse mosuke mo tseleng ya A1.

O ne o kopile gape gore ke supe gore a mme gone ke ka ema nokeng gore e tshelwe sekonotere. Ee mma, ke ka ema nokeng fela thata gore e tshelwe sekonotere ka ke keletso ya me gore tsela e ya A1 e thusiwe go fefosa mesepele ya Batswana ba ba eletsang go tswa ka kwano ba ya bo Francistown. Gape ke supe gore kana *the reason why maybe* gompiano e seyo *in the plan* ke gore kana re feleletsa ditiro tsa Transitional Development Plan. Fa e kare re simolola ka *July* kana *August*, o eme fela ka dinao, Mapalamente a mangwe a go *fa support*, ga go na ka fa ke ka se keng ke dumalane le wena gore tsela ele e tshelwe sekonotere. Fela jaaka ke dirile ka ya Mabalane-Mochudi. Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: Supplementary. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle. Ke re go tlile go nna le *competition* e ntsi ya madi ka gore one akere a a tlhaela mme ditiro di dintsi, gore gongwe re dumalane gore a o dumalana le nna gore fa re tlhopha kwa re isang bonnyennyane teng, re tlhophe ditsela tse e leng gore jaaka ke bua di fokotsa dintsho mme gape di atolosa itsholelo. Kana fa re ka golaganya Gaborone South, kana ke raya Gaborone ntlha ya Tlokweng ka fale akere, o tlaabo o e golagantse le Boseja. Mo go rayang gore Greater Gaborone o a gola. Fa gare fale go raya gore itsholelo e a gola teng. Ke a itse gore ba bangwe ba tlile go tla ka tsa bone. Tsela e ke e ema nokeng e se mo kgaolong ya me. Ke e ema nokeng ka gore e tlaabo e le ya itsholelo e seng ya Gaborone fela, gape e le ya Mochudi. Ke re a o tlaabo o lebile dintlha tse fa re setse re bua ka ditsela tse e leng gore re tlaabo re lebile kwa madi a yang teng fa re dira *plan* e e tlang? Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: Ga ke kake ka tlhoka go dira jalo motlotlegi ka gantsi fa o bua ke a tlhologanya. Go tlaa re mo gongwe o bue le Mapalamente a mangwe. Kana nna tiro ya me ke gone gore fa le sena go dumalana le le Mapalamente ke diragatse *without fail* se e leng gore le se dumalane. Ke tseela gore le Motlotlegi Pule o reeditse gore kana fa o ka robala ka koo Mokgatla, Mme Mma Dow o teng o buelela Bakgatla. Jaanong go tlaa batla gore Batswana ba bangwe ba mo eme nokeng nako e Mma Dow a buelelang Bakgatla ka tsela e. *You have my support madam. Thank you.*

MR PULE: Further supplementary.

MADAM SPEAKER: O batla go ntsietsa kana. Ga go na *supplementary*. Fa o ka ba wa tswa mo tseleng.

MR PULE: Ga ke kake *Madam Speaker*. Ke go tlotla thata, o a itse. Ke tlotla Mma Dow le *Honourable* Salakae. Ke leboga Mma Dow gore a bo a boditse potso e, a e boletsatshe. A mme o ka dumalana le nna gore *while we are still waiting for the tarred road* ka gore *it is a bit expensive to make the road*, a o ka se ke wa tsaya se o nang le sone, bonnyennyane, wa e tshela *gravel and grade it as frequently as every two weeks*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR SALAKAE: Nnyaa, mme nna ke ne ke dumalana le Mma Dow gore re akanyetse thata go tshela sekonotere. Legale ka ke kopo ya Mopalamente a emetse batho e tlaa re ke boela kwa ofising ke ye go sekaseka gore a mme seemo se a letla gore go ka dirwa jalo. Ke ne ke

dumalana fela thata le gore ape madi a a leng teng re a kgobokanye, re a kgobokanye fa a nna teng re bo re ka bona gore re tshela sekonotere ka gore kgang e tonatona mo potsong e ke go thusa A1 gore re fokotse mosuke. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I have asked Honourable Barongwang to take my question since I am presiding.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *On a point of order Madam Speaker. I normally desist from points of order during question time because we need to save time.* Go na le tumalano ya Palamente e e leng gore gantsi fa gotwe go kile ga dumalanwa go tshwanetse go nne jalo go fitlhelela go fetolwa go tlhamaletse gore tshwetso e e kileng ya tsewa e boelwa morago. Tshwetso e e kileng ya tsewa ke Palamente e ke gore fa o le *Deputy Speaker* gongwe ga go nne sentle gore mongwe a go boletse dipotso ka gore go ya to affect judgement ya gago ka fa e arabiwang ka teng, kana ka fa *supplementaries* di ka nnang ka teng. Gore gongwe mo nakong e e tlang le e buisanye le *Mr Speaker* gore o nne o fiwa nako ya gore fa o na le potso e se ka ya nna wena o leng kwa setilong seo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay, I thank you, I hear you. I thought he will just take it to say, I am taking for *Mma Manyeneng. Akere go raya gore* it will be time constrained and it will come the following day.

MR NKAWANA: Further procedure Madam Speaker. *Mma ke leboqe.* I think also the discomfort comes from “*ke buile le so and so gore a ntseele ke le Speaker.*” I think *fa o ne o e beile* differently, *ke gone fa e kareng e re tsenya bothatanyana. Ke a leboga.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay, let us push it for later date then.

NEWLY ESTABLISHED ELECTRIC VEHICLES FACTORY

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

- (i) whether the newly established electric vehicles factory is Government owned or a private entity;
- (ii) who was responsible for the procurement of vehicles and/or vehicle parts that are to be assembled and the costs thereof; and
- (iii) the number of buses, bakkies and sedans in the fleet.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke phaketse ke buile le Tona a le kwa a leng teng kwa California, mme re dumalane gore potso ya me re tlaa e beela beke e e tlang. Jaanong ke a kopa ka tsweetswee gore re e ise mo bekeng e e tlang a gorogile mo lefatsheng. Ke a leboga.

Later Date.

LIVESTOCK THEFT IN OKAVANGO EAST

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister for State President to state plans in place to stop livestock theft in Okavango East.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke tseye sebaka se ke tsibogele potso ya ga Mopalamente Disho. Mme ke tshwanetse ke gakolole gore, ba sepodise sa Botswana ba na le lekalana le le itebagantseng le dikgang tsa go thukuthiwa batho ga leruo. Mo seemong se ba Okavango East Constituency ba ka fa tlase ga No.17 district, e police station ya Seronga e leng mo teng, e e tsentseng metse ya Gudigwa, Beetscha, Eretsha, Gunutsoga, Seronga, Mokgacha le Mogotho. Fa godimo ga moo go na le dithulaganyo tse di leng teng fa gare ga lefatshe la Botswana, Namibia le Zambia, mo ba nang le go nna ba ntse ba tsena mo thulaganyong ya go lwantsha borukutlhi jo bo diragalang fa gare ga mafatshe a mararo ao.

Go utswiwa ga dikgomo mo lefatsheng la Botswana bagaetsho ke selo se se tshwenyang, ka gore se ama itsholelo, le kwa ntleng fela ga lefatshe la rona ka bongwe ka bongwe, ba Okavango East bale mo teng. Re tshwanetse go supa gape gore, le le ba Kgaoalo ya Okavango East e e nang le molelwane le Namibia, go na le dikgomo tse di ntshiwang e se ka fa molaong di isiwa koo. Mo dingwageng tse pedi tse di fetileng go na le dikgang tse mmalwa tse di neng tsa nna teng, tse e leng gore ka 2023 Mopalamente go nnile *cases* di le 42 tse di neng di amana...go ne go utswilwe dikgomo di le 123 ka ngwaga wa 2023. *Cases* tsa teng di ne di le *eight*, tse di neng tsa digelwa di ne di le 11. Tse di mo tlhotlhomisong mo nakong ya gompiano di 23. Batho ba ba neng ba tshwarwa ba ne ba le *six*.

Ka 2024 *cases* di ne di le 37. Dikgomo tse di neng di utswile di ne di le 50, *cases* di ne di le nne. *Case* tse di neng tsa wediwa di ne di le *six*. Fa o utlwa ke re di ne di le *four*, akere go na le tse dingwe tse di neng di tswa mo ngwageng o o neng o feta rraetsho, *and then* tse di santseng di tlhotlhomisiwa di 27. Go ne ga tshwarwa batho ba le 27.

Re tshwanetse go tlhalosa gore, kwa ntleng ga se se nnang se diragala ka Kgomokhumo go leka go thusa barui mo dikgannyeng tse tsa bogodu, re tsweletse ka go nna re ruta batho gore ba tshwanetse go nna le dikgang tsa twantsho borukutlhi, le gore ka bo bone ba nne ba leka go thusa mapodise mo go lwantsheng borukutlhi. Ba *butcheries* le bone ga ba tlogelwe kwa ntle, ba nna ba etelwa. Se se dira maduo, ka gore dikgang tse di neng tsa felela di atlega kana e bile go lemogiwa dikgang tsa bogodu jwa leruo di ne tsa oketsega, go ne ga re fa maduo. *Ministry* o tsweletse ka go nna o ruta, le go rotloetsa barua kgomo ka bomosola jwa gore ba nne ba kopanela thulaganyo ya go dira thulaganyo ya go lwantsha borukutlhi e le segopa. Re a leboga.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona ka karabo eo. Karabo ya gago e thata ga ke utlwe sentle, ka gore dipotso tse...ga ke itse legale, *are you aware* gore *that police station* e ntse e le teng ya Seronga le mafelo a o a balolotseng ao, bogodu jone bo tsweletse fela bo ntse bo le teng? *Which means nothing is happening police stations* di ntse di le teng. Ke sone se ke neng ke botsa gore, le le Puso kana le le lefatshe la Botswana le ya go emisa leng bogodu jo, gongwe lona kwa godimo ka kwano le na le lentswe le le botoka go na le *police station* ele ka gore e a palelwa?

Ya bobedi; *on top of that*, ya bone batho ba ba utswetsweng bao *for the last three or four years, some of them have not been paid*, dikgomo tseo di bonwe kwa Zambia, *they have not been paid. Even up to date* ga ba a duelwa. Ke sone se ke botsang gore, kana bogodu jo bo tsweletse ba a utswa letsatsi le letsatsi. O kgona go ntsha dikgomo tsa gago, *the next morning* di tsamaile tsotlhe, lesaka lotlhe. Ba ya go duelwa leng batho ba ka dikgomo re a di tshwara kwa bo Zambia? *One of the biggest farmers* mo kgaolong ya rona o ne a na le dikgomo tse dintintsi, *he is a destitute* gompiano, o ya go kwadisiwa e le motlhoki. Mme o ne a na le dikgomo tse di *more than 200*. Jaanong ke sone se re lelang gore, bogodu jo le ya go bo emisa leng le le Puso, Goramente?

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

MR DISHO: Okay, *tanki*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *nako ya dipotso e fedile*, we are now going into Appropriation Bill.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

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

ORGANISATION 0600 – MINISTRY OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION

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

...Silence...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, note that three hours has been allocated for this organisation, and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate by 5:15 p.m. today, and the question will be put at 5:45 p.m. Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me greet this Honourable House, *ke sa lebele le technical team ya me e e leng teng ke a ba dumedisisa*.

Madam Chairperson, Honourable Members please allow me to present the 2025/2026 Budget proposal for the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education. Before I present my Budget proposals, I will touch on the rationale of combining Child Welfare and Basic Education. Allow me to quote from His Honour the Vice President's just presented Budget Speech on the ministry's role Madam Chairperson; "The renewed mandate of this ministry is to strengthen the educational system with particular focus on the elementary stage, as well as focus on children's rights and welfare in order to address the challenges faced by children from diverse backgrounds".

It has to be noted Madam Chairperson, that this ministry is still being constituted by bringing together different portfolios that address child welfare. The budget proposal I am presenting today will therefore, not cover some of the aspects that are still housed in other ministries. Processes are ongoing to create a new structure that will implement the full mandate of the ministry. Madam Chairperson, while we are bringing some portfolios from other ministries, it has to be noted that there will be need to further resource the ministry once it is fully functional.

My presentation will be preceded by an overview of the 2024/2025 major activities undertaken by the ministry as well as challenges encountered and mitigation measures that the ministry took to address.

REVIEW OF 2024/25 BUDGET

Madam Chairperson, an amount of Fifteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty- Five Million, One Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Pula (P15,535,147,920) was initially allocated for Recurrent Budget, but was subsequently reduced to Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine Pula (P15,187,540,799) due to budget cuts. This resulted in a reduction in approved estimates by Three Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-One Pula (P347,607,121) or 2 per cent. The ministry has spent Twelve Billion, Six Hundred and One Million Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Seven Pula (P12,601,970,677) or 84 per cent of the total warranted provision.

The major challenges that the ministry faced during execution of the 2024/25 Recurrent Budget has been shortage of funds to pay temporary teachers' salaries, procure food, textbooks and stationery for students. Under the Development budget, an amount of Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Two pula (P472,186,382) was allocated for the financial year 2024/2025. The budget was revised downwards to Three Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Five Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Two Pula (P361,516,382) due the country's economic performance.

This accounts Madam Chairperson, for the problems that we have been grappling with of shortage of funds in the ministry.

REVIEW OF THE MINISTRY'S MANDATE

Social Protection of Child Welfare Programming

Madam Chairperson, child welfare is a cornerstone of sustainable development. A well-nurtured child grows into a responsible, productive citizen who contributes meaningfully to the economy and society. By strengthening child protection systems, enhancing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes, and addressing issues of poverty and other child

vulnerabilities that disproportionately affect children such as violence, malnutrition, child poverty, disability and access to social services, we will secure Botswana's long-term socio-economic stability.

Madam Chairperson, based on the commitments on protecting the rights and well-being of children, Botswana has enacted the Children's Act of 2009 which makes provision for the protection of children and their well-being. Botswana has recently ratified The Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption in the quest to ensure that children are fully protected during the process of inter-country adoptions. That is where the ministry will go all out to talk and get into conversation with other ministries. Look at the legal instrument that governs such ministries concerning children protection, and of course harmonises them in line with the Children's Act 2009.

CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMMES

Madam Chairperson, the Government is committed to the human rights based approach which focuses on equity, social inclusion and protection of child's rights to enable them to reach their full potential. Let me state that we recognise the significance of targeting social protection programmes, to ensure Government resources effectively reach those children who are in dire need. This emphasises equity and social inclusion, so that no one is left behind.

Madam Chairperson, part of the ministry's mandate is to address the children's needs, ensure protection of their rights and wellbeing from conception zero to completion of Basic Education at 18/19. To achieve this, a monthly allowance of P300 is proposed to citizens for new born babies until they reach 12 months of age. This will go hand in hand with other national protection safety nets. We also have Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Programmes which run side by side with the P300 that has been proposed for allocation under the budget.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

We have had the results for at Primary Leaving Examination (PLSE), Junior Certificate (JC) and of course Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGSCE). The performance, even though there have been a slight improvement has not been satisfactory, that is according to the standard of the new Government. That is why I would rather summarize it as a not satisfactory performance at all levels.

ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

Madam Chairperson, the ministry continues to improve access to Early Childhood Education (ECE). By the end of 2024 calendar year, 739 primary schools out of 768 compared to 714 in 2023 had rolled out the reception class. The programme has enrolled 32,697 learners, as compared to 26,907 in 2023. This speaks to the expansion of enrolment, which actually places a lot of stress and pressure on the facilities that are not enough to contain the growing population of children at this stage. The ministry disbursed Five Million. One Hundred Thousand Only (P5, 100, 000) as grants for the playgroups and nursery programmes this financial year.

IMPLEMENTATION OF OUTCOME BASED
EDUCATION

Le ntetlelele batlotlegi, ke tsile go tsamaya ke tlola parts tse dingwe ka gore ke Ministry o motona mme nako yone e khutshwane. The ministry has encountered some challenges in the implementation of Outcome Based Education (OBE). The main ones being lack of adequate equipment for pre-vocational subjects, lack of trained staff for some subjects and the infrastructure to support the teaching and learning of those subjects.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: *Honourable Kgafela-Mokoka, I think o ne o ka bo o tlola o ya kwa proposals, because your pages kana they all 28, o santse o tsamaya mo go number 12 o ya go ja nako o ise o tsene kwa proposal. Please go to page 21.*

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: *Ke a leboga Madam Chairperson. Like I said it is a huge ministry with two great components.*

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2025/2026

Madam Chairperson and Honourable House, allow me now to present the budget proposals under the ministry for the financial year 2025/2026. The proposed budget for the financial year 2025/2026 amounts to Twelve Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty-One Pula (P12,513,564,451) out of which Eleven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,684,932,980) is for Recurrent Budget, while Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P828,631,471) is for the Development Budget.

RECURRENT BUDGET

Chairperson, for the 2025/2026 financial year, I request Recurrent Budget of Eleven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,684,932,980) which is a decrease of Three Billion, Five Hundred and Two Million, Six Hundred and Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Nineteen Pula (P3,502,607,819) or 30 per cent from the ministry's 2024/2025 warranted budget of Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine Pula (P15,187,540,799).

However, from the 2024 budget, the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education's allocation was only Twelve Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Seven Pula (P12,628,137,197) or 83 per cent while the remaining Two Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Pula (P2,559,403,602) was for the Ministry of Higher Education. This therefore means that the total Recurrent Budget reduction for the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventeen Pula (P943,204,217).

Chairperson, while we take the second largest share of the entire Government's budget, a total amount of Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-One Pula (P9,243,830,191) goes to Personnel Emoluments (PEs) of the current establishment.

However, Chairperson, it is important to note that the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education is a completely new mandate requiring new set of skills. This means additional human resources (Social Workers, Probationary officers, Nutritionists for feeding programmes) are required to address holistic Child Welfare mandate of the ministry. Therefore, the 80 per cent excludes this integral part of the Ministry and will require additional budget. The Ministry is currently undergoing Change Management and other processes to become fully fledged. The provision of sanitary pads has a budget estimate of Sixty-Nine Million Pula (P69,000,000).

Chairperson, the second largest share of our budget is for subventions and grants to Parastatals and Civil Society Organisations with an allocation of Five

Hundred and Sixty-Four Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Pula (P564,764,530). This is an increase of Two Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand and Eighty Pula (P221,955,080). This is mainly due to receiving additional grants from Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

Chairperson, the Secondary School Feeding Programme has a budget proposal of Five Hundred and Ninety-One Million, One Hundred and Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Pula (P591,103,880). A budget of Eight hundred and Sixty-Four Million Pula (P864,000,000) for feeding of primary schools and vulnerable groups, sits at the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. The two ministries are in discussion about how this budget will be allocated and implemented.

Chairperson, temporary teachers have a budget proposal of Ninety-Five Million, Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Pula (P95,042,160). It is worth noting that the budget allocation for Temporary Teachers is insufficient as we spend an average of Thirty-Seven Million Pula (P37,000,000) per month. This means the ministry only has funds for the first two months. The ministry's mandate is to pay particular focus on children's rights and welfare in order to address challenges faced by children from diverse backgrounds. The ministry will develop Child Welfare Policies and Programmes to improve the lives of all children. The proposed budget for Department of Child Welfare Services is Two Hundred and Forty Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand Pula (P240,234,000) and this comprises mainly of grants, which account for Two Hundred and Nineteen Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Pula (P219,488,150) or 91.4 per cent of the budget. The Orphan Care Program has the largest share of the grants at Two Hundred Million, One Hundred Thousand Pula (P200,100,000). As noted in paragraph 58, the ministry is still being conceptualised and will require additional funding.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Allow me Chairperson, to present the Development Budget, which seeks to support key programmes aimed at strengthening our Child Welfare system including their right to Education. A total of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula

(P828,631,471) is requested for the implementation of various development programmes. The largest share of Five Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P542,831,471) is allocated for Secondary Education, covering expansion, maintenance, staff housing, and the construction of new secondary schools. Additionally, Chairperson, Two Hundred and Seventy Million Pula (P270,000,000) is dedicated to digitization, supporting e-learning initiatives and modernising education management systems. As part of Child Welfare and inclusivity a total sum of Seven Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Pula (P7,900,000) to enhance specialised learning for children with special needs. A further Seven Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Pula (P7,900,000) has been allocated to strengthen examination administration and assessment processes at Botswana Examination Council (BEC).

Secondary Education has been allocated P542,831,471. Chairperson, this allocation aims to improve access to quality education through infrastructure development, maintenance and expansion. A total of Three Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-One Pula (P329,907,151) is earmarked for the expansion of secondary schools, including resuscitation of stalled prefabricated classroom projects and the construction of additional learning spaces in 17 junior secondary schools.

A sum of One Hundred and Ten Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Two Pula (P110,472,282) is allocated for school maintenance, focusing on essential repairs, renovations, and improvements to ensure a conducive learning environment.

Chairperson, an additional Sixty-One Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand and Thirty-Eight Pula (P61,662,038) is designated to complete 42 staff houses in Popagano Junior Secondary School (JSS) and Orapa JSS 22 improving living conditions for teachers and enhancing the work environment.

Chairperson, Forty Million Pula (P40,000,000) is set aside for the construction of new secondary schools to increase student capacity and expand access. Digitisation has been allocated P270,000.

Chairperson, the ministry intends to procure ICT devices for learners in Junior Secondary Schools in the 2025/2026 financial year.

Chairperson, this budget is a strategic and investment in our Child Welfare system including access to quality education, focusing on infrastructure development, technological advancement, inclusivity, and assessment integrity. These initiatives are key to fostering a more robust and future ready citizenry.

Chairperson, this concludes my presentation on the 2025/2026 recurrent and development budget request for the ministry. I therefore move that the sum of Eleven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11,684,932,980) under the Recurrent Budget and Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P828,631,471) under the Development Budget be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the 2025/2026 Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2025) for Organisation 0600.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Member, the Bill is No. 2 not No. 1, (No. 2 of 2025), please correct.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Thank you very much. Let me read that again, under the Recurrent Budget and Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P828,631,471) under the Development Budget be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the 2025/2026 Appropriation Bill (No. 2 of 2025) for Organisation 0600. Thank you.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, we are now opening debates.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke simolole ka go ema nokeng kopo ya ga Tona Kgafela-Mokoka, e bile ke nyatse le one madi a a filweng fa ke lebeletse botlhokwa jwa thuto mo lefatsheng le tiro e e tshwanetseng gore a e dire. *Madam Chair*, fa e le gore re eletsa go dira thuto go nna tshimologo ya ditlhabololo tsa lefatshe le motho, *we should invest more on education. We should invest heavily* mo thutong, ke gone re ka fitlhelelang ditoro tsa rona.

Gape ke lemoge gore go okeditswe tiro mo *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Koketsego e ya *mandate* e raya le koketsego ya tiro mo Toneng yo o lebaganeng le lephata lone le. Go ya ka nna, ke lephata le le tlhokang gore a bo a ne a neetswe le mothusi wa gagwe, ka gore a le nosi, ga ke bone e bile ga ke dumele

gore o ka dira mo go lekaneng. Go tshwanetse gore go nne le *assistant, unless* fa e le gore e ne e le tiro ya go mo lekeletsa gore ba tle ba mo kgwe kana ba mo dire gore a tlhobogwe ke setšhaba, ka gore tiro e ya thuto e tona thata, ga e ka ke ya kgonwa ke motho a le mongwefela. Bona, *Higher Education* e ne e sa tlhoke *assistant* ka gore go na le *boards* tse di ntsi tse di thusang mo go tsamaiseng le *to supervise institutions. I think* yo re mo isitseng *as an assistant* kwa *Higher Education*, *could have been given to Basic Education*.

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng re se lemoge ke gore *early childhood development* e botlhokwa mo thutong le tswelelopele ya lefatshe. *Early Childhood Education therefore is very paramount, and* ka fa ke bonang Puso ya UDC e kete e tlaa itsaya fela jaaka Puso e e fetileng. Fa o lebelela, *Early Childhood Education* fa re lebeletse ka fa Puso e tsamaisang ka teng gompiano, ga go na sepe se se fetogileng. Bana ba ntse ba tlhoka barutabana, ba ntse ba sa tsewe ka dipalo tse di lekaneng kwa dikoleng kwa ba tshwanetseng go ya teng, mme go dirwa ke gore ga go na tsone *the basic facilities in terms of classrooms and personnel*. Selo se re le ba Botswana Congress Party (BCP), *we have long advised that we cannot afford* ka *structures* tse di leng teng. Fa re sa fetole ka fa re lebang dilo ka teng, *the Government now* e tshwanetse ya fetoga ya bona gore *these private facilities* tsa *private schools* ba di dirise. Bana ba Batswana ba ye kwa dikoleng tsone tseo, sa bone e nne go ba duelela. *That could assist*. Ga o ka ke wa bua ka kgang ya gore nnyaa ga go na *classrooms*, ga re ka ke ra hira barutabana, e bile ba kgaola le *classes*.

The remedy is there, we have private schools, private facilities, and private rooms, what we can do as Government, is to provide finance, sponsor bana ba rona ba kwa *private institutions*, ba tswelele ba akole thuto ba se ka ba siiwa ke balekane ba bone e leng bana ba bo Ramogapi ba ba isholetseng ba ba kgonang go isiwa kwa *private institutions*. Ke selo fela se se motlhofo se le ka se dirang *Madam Chairperson*.

Therefore, I refuse to accept gore wa re o kgaotse barutabana le *classes* ka gore ga go na *classrooms*. *I would not accept that*. Le gaisiwa le ke phathi ya ga Domkrag, e e neng e rutilwe ke COVID-19 gore *classrooms* di tshwanetse gore di nne di ntsi, barutabana ba hirwe ba le bantsi, bone *at least* ba ne ba butswa matlho ke COVID-19. Lona ka COVID-19 le ne le le teng, e bile le itlamile *as matter of philosophy and principle*, gore *you are going to reduce* dipalo tsa

bana ba ba tlaabong ba itebaganya le morutabana, mo gotweng *teacher-student ratio from 1:30 to 1:25*. E bile lona ga le a dira jalo, le okeditse, la re jaanong 1:35 to 50. Bona gore go farologana le se le neng le se bolelela batho, gore *you are going to reduce from 1:25, now is 1:50*.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *Elucidation.* Ka bokhutshwanyane fela ke ne ke re mme go na le mafoko a o a buang a a nang le botlhale mo teng, a matona a gore tota *budget ya education* e kwa tlase fela thata, mo e leng gore tota ba rotlhe re tshwanetse re lemoge gore madi a Puso a mannyennyane fela thata, mme sengwe, *a deliberate effort* ka kgang ya thuto, e tshwanetse gore e dirwe ka gore ga go na dibuka jaaka o bua, ga go na ditilo, *temporary teachers* ba bantsintsi ba mo seterateng, mme re a ba tlhoka jaaka *Minister* a bua. Ke raya gore ke dumalana le wena le fa o bona o rata go re tlaopa jaana, mme o e tshwere sentle Rre Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: Se sengwe se se utlwisang botlhoko Tona, *towards the end of last year*, le ne la hira *temporary teachers*, le ba neela makwalo gore le hirilwe, ‘*come January 2025, you are part of us.*’ Fa le ntse le le foo, batho ba Modimo ba solofetse gore ba ya go tswela ba hirwa, *you recalled* makwalo a bone, fa ba sena go a busa, le hira ba basha ba ba neng ba sa fiwa makwalo. *You are a cruel, ruthless Government.* Le Domkrag e ne e le botoka mo go lona, e ne e sa dire mo go kanakana, mo e leng gore *you give people letters offering them tiro*, fa le sena go ba *offer tiro*, *you withdraw those letters, and you employ fresh faces, that is ruthless.* *Imagine* go dirilwe ka wena Ntsima o omiwa ka bo Tona o bo o bo tseelwa gone gompiano jaana. Ga go supe kutlwelobothoko, ga go supe Puso e e nang le kelelelo.

Se sengwe se ke ka se buang *Madam Chairperson*, ke siane le kwa kgaolong ya segaetsho. Maduo kwa dikgaolong tsa segarona a kwa tlase fela thata, le wena o a itse gore a tlhabisa dithong, mme a dirwa fela ke gore fa le kgaoganya dithoto le meamuso ya Puso, le tsaya dikgaolo tsa kwa Nhabe e kete ke *second class citizens of this country*. Ga le ise dilo tse di tshwanetseng go isiwa kwa go bone. Batho ba Modimo ba le dirile eng? Le lona le le basha fela, la re ba le dirile eng? Le setlhogo mo go maswe.

Se sengwe se re se tlhokang gompiano; *imagine* Maun a supa gore o latelela Mogoditshane ka dipalo mme a na le *senior secondary school* e le *one*. Bogolo *a Unified Secondary School* can do fa le ka re akanyetsa ka yone.

Bana ba ba tsamayang mesepele e meelele go tswa kwa ba nnang go ya kwa dikoleng tse ba yang kwa go tsone le gone ke matlhotlhapelo. *We also need a primary school* ya batho ba koo; bo Shashe le Tsanekona, *they walk some 14 kilometres (km) every day to and from school*. Dilo tse ke dikgang tse di utlwisang botlhoko *Madam Chairperson*.

Ke ne ke batla go bua ntlha e *Honourable* Mokgware a le teng; *Honourable* Mokgware maabane o ne a bua ka kgang ya *child labour*, a supa jaaka e kete ke motho yo o tlhoafetseng. Fa a nna mo Khuduthamageng e tsaya ditshwetso tse di ntseng jaana, e sa lemoge gore *child labour can only be reduced by addressing poverty and making kids access quality education*. Fa bana ba sena *access to quality education* re tlaa tswela re ntse re bua ka *child labour*.

Fa o batla *to address all the social ills in this country*, *you should invest in quality education for our kids*. Fa o ka dira jalo o tlaabo o lwantshitse lehuma le *child labour*.

Fa e ne se gore nako e re siile, *there are many issues that can be addressed under this ministry*, tse re tlhokang gore re ka bo re di dirile. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MR SEDOMDO (TONOTA): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Pele gongwe ke leboge sekole sa Shashe River School se ngwaga o se dirileng bontle thata...

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

MR SEDOMDO: Se tsere maemo a ntlha le ntswa gone se a tsere ka *percentages* tse nna ka nosi ke sa di itumeleleng. Ke bo ke leboge le tse dingwe dikole tse e leng gore ke tsa *constituency* ya Tonota; sekole se tshwana le sa Madisakwana se dingwaga di ka nnang tlhano se ntse se timpaditse se tsaya maemo a ntlha *in the region* mme se salwa morago ke sa Kgosi Sekoko Primary.

Shashe River School e tsaya maemo a ntlha e ne e lebagane le dikgwetlho tse di botlhoko ka gore se ne se sena motlakase gotlhelele. Bana go sena fa ba balelang teng, go le thata, go le boima fa go tla mo go ipaakanyetseng *examinations*. Le tse dingwe tse di kgonneng go tsenelela ditlhatlhobo di bonye maemo a di a bonyeng, re leboge e bile di kgothadiwe gore di dire ka natla go feta jaaka di dirile. Di tlaa fitlhelela fela jaaka sekole sa Shashe le tse dingwe tse di kgoneng go dira sentle ka thotloetso e e tlaabong e tswa mo Parents and Teachers Associations (PTAs), botsadi le barutabana mo dikgaolong tse dikole tseo di tlaabong di le mo go tsone.

Le nna jaaka ba bangwe ke amogele kopo ya madi e re e beilweng pele ya *Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Ke supe gore ke e ema nokeng le ntswa e le nnyennyane go supa gore *ceiling* ke yone e dirileng gore go nne le go kgaola mo go kanakana mo go se ba neng ba se eleditse se sa kgona go bonala. Go na le dikgwetlho ka gore gore go kgaolwa jaana dikole di le makgasa mo go utlwisang botlhoko, fa o tsena mo dikoleng diemo tsa teng ga di siama. Bana ba rutelwa mo diemong tse di ntseng jalo mme re bo re solofela gore maduo a ka tswa.

Le jone bonno jwa barutabana ke diemo tse di...

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *On a point of clarification.* O e tshwere sentle, ke ne ke batla *clarification* e nnyennyane fela. A kwa Tonota, bana ba santse ba rutelwa ka fa tlase ga ditlhare go tswa kwa go 1966 mme gotwe rona re *worse* go na le Domkrag? A ko o e tlhalose sentle.

MR SEDOMBO: *Minister* o mpotsa potso e o nang le karabo ya yone. Kwa Palapye sekole e le sa Lotsane kana bo Mmaphula e le Junior School (JC) le tse dingwe fela jalo tse di tshwanang le bo Kediretswe, di tshwana fela le tsa Tonota. Bana ba santse ba rutelwa kwa ntle mo *pavilions* le mo diholong; *hall* e kgaogantswe gabedi go dirwa *classes* tse pedi. Seemo se ke tsaya gore ga se mo Tonota fela, se gongwe le gongwe. Ke dumela gore tekanyetso kabo e re ka bo re e tsibogetse e bile ra naya *ministry* o madi a a utlwalang go leka go lwantshana le diemo tsa go tshwana le tse, re tle re tokafatse jaaka go ne go ntse pele ka gore ke seemo se se thata. Le bone barutabana ba kgobega marapo. Kana fa o ya mo ofising kgotsa fa o direlang teng go sa lebege sentle, le wena *it demoralises you*. O bereka ka mowa o o kotlometseng, ke gone mo go tlisang maduo a a sa siamang.

Fa o lebelela jaaka *Honourable* Hikuama a ne a supa ga gona dibuka, *furniture* le dijo. Dingwe dikole di tswa pele ga nako e ba tshwanetseng go tswa ka yone. Fa ke e fa sekai; sekole se tshwana le sa kwa Bonwatlou kwa Serule, gompiano se godisitswe gatwe ke *centre of excellence* mme ga gona dijo. Fa go sena dijo go pateletsa gore go gololwe bana ba ba nnang mo motseng gore go lekwe go baakanyetsa ba ba nnang mo sekoleng gore dijo di tle di ba lekane.

Mo dikoleng gape o fitlhela go sena le *photocopying machines*. Fa go tla dinako tsa ditlathlho barutabana ba tlalatlala le motse ba dirisa dikoloi tsa bone go ya go kopa kwa e leng gore *they can photocopy* gore ba tle

ba tsamaisa ditlathlho. Ke dilo tse re ka bong re di tsibogela ka gore re batla go sega tema e mang le mang o tlaa bonang pharologanyo magareng ga rona le ba ba neng ba busa.

Go ne go buiwa ka *transport*; mo *primary schools* kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng go ne go ntshitswe dikara tsa ditonki e le tsone tse di tsayang bana ba ba kgakala le dikole, ba tsamaya mesepele e meelele. Dikotsekara di tla di fela mowa mo maotwaneng, mo gongwe ditonki di sa bonale, e nna seemo se se thata se e leng gore re ka bo re tsiboga ka mokgwa o go lebaneng.

Gongwe jaaka sebui se se neng se bua, mo *early childhood education* ke lela selelo se Rre Hikuama o neng a se lela.

Tota o fitlhela gotwe sekole sa Puso se sena *toilets* tsa bana le dilo tse dingwe mme go gagamaletswa ba *private* setoropo gore *they cannot be licenced* dilo tseo ba sa di dira. Jaanong seemo se se thata, ga se a siamela bana ba ba nnye. *Minister* kwa tshimologong ya gagwe o ne a bua a supa gore re aga motho yo o tlaa nnang motho setšhabeng kamoso. Dilo tsa go tshwana le tse di tlhoka gore *ministry* o o ka bo o neetswe madi a a lekaneng gore di tle di kgone go fitlhelwa.

Le yone khiro tota ya barutabana, go ka bo go dirilwe ga hirwa go utlwala gore tiro e tle e tsamae sentle. Ke diemo tse tota di re bayang mo seemong se e leng gore fa re tsutlaganya se se tsutlaganngwang se, re a pitlagana tota.

Sa bofelo e nne kgang ya *sports*, go supa gore gatwe di a boela, e siame, ke a e amogela. Re ya go ribolola ditalente tse bana ba nang le tsone, Modimo o ba di neile gore re tle re nne le batho ba ba tlaabong ba dira ka ditalente tsa bone tse ba di neetsweng.

Special education; go thata, go bokete kwa Tonota Primary School. Dikago di teng mme ga gona barutabana, ga gona didirisiwa, ga gona eng. Ke dikgang tse di tshwanelwang ke gore di bo di ka dirwa ka mokgwa o re ka bong re neetse *ministry* o madi fela a a utlwalang.

Ke bo ke bua le ka kgang e go supang gore diteme tsa rona tse re di buang kwa malwapeng di setse di simolola go rutuntshiwa batho...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable* Sedombo! *Honourable Members*, according to list e ke e tshotseng from UDC, go tsena *Honourable* Ntsima.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Ke a leboga *Madam Chair*. Mma ke emelele le nna *to support* kopo ya ga *Minister*. Gape ke lemoge gore madi a a abetsweng a mannye thata re lebile dikgwetlho tse e leng gore *ministry* o le *customers* tsa one di lebaganwe ke tsone. Re leboge gape gore dikole tsa rona, bogolo thata tsa kwa ke tswang teng di tswela di iteka fela thata. Di a ingapangapela le mo go atumeleng go dira sentle ntswa go na le tse di tlhangelang tse re di itseng tse di ntsi. Ka lemme ga le bolaye, tsholofelo ke gore e re fa re le fa jaana re go lemotshe tse o tshwanetseng go di tlhodumela, o di lebe thata fa o ntse o dira tiro ya gago e ntle thata, e re solofelang gore ke yone e tlaa godisang tota le itsholelo ya lefatshe, ka gore go godisa ngwana ke gone jaaka re godisa itsholelo. Thuto e botlhokwa fela thata ka gore ke yone e e agang ngwana.

Mma ke leboge ba kwa ga rona ba Donga, Selepa le Setlalekgosi go dira ka natla le fa bontsi jwa dilo tse e leng gore di teng di a tlhokega, di ba eme pele. Bodiredi, barutabana, batsadi le bone bana, re ba leboele gore ka fa tlase ga dikgwetlho tse ba nang le tsone mme ba bo ba tswetse ba iteka. Go ngomola pelo fa o leba diemo tse e leng gore jone bodiredi jo bo direla ka fa tlase ga tsone, bogolo thata matlo a ba nnang mo go one ka gone go pataganela matlo. Fa o na le *family* go bo go tsennngwa *family* e nngwe, ga go ngotliwe dipalo gore wena o tla ka ba le kae, yo mongwe le ene a tle ka ba le kae, go sa lebelelewe le yone ntlwana e le e filweng le e pataganetse le le babedi. Sengwe se se tshwenyang ke *conditions of service* tse re tshwanetseng go di leba *Minister*. Ke dilo tse re di bayang kwa pele. Gore bodiredi jo bo kgone tiro ya jone, ke gore e bo e le gore dilo tse re di tsentsa leitlho mme e bile re thusa bodiredi go dira tiro ya bone jaaka ba tshwanetse go e dira.

Dibui tse di setseng di buile di buile ka letlhoko le le leng teng mo dikoleng la *facilities; classrooms*. Le kwa Francistown ke kgang e e leng gore e ntse e teng, go na le letlhoko la gore matlwana a borutelo...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo, ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. Fa o bua ka *conditions* tsa barutabana, a ga o bone gore ke kgang e re e opelang malatsi otlhe? *Do you not think that it is high time go ka nna le commission* e e ka dirang gongwefela go lebelela *conditions* tsa barutabana e le clear? Ka gore fa re tswela re dira fela jaana, ga go kitla go nna le *any improvement in the education system*. Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga, o e tshwere sentle fela thata. Kgang ya gore go ngongoregetswe ruri, gongwe re eme re lebe gore ke eng se se dirang gore dingongora tse di bo di tswetse e bile di ela jaaka noka mme e le gore kwa bofelong ga gona sepe se se tswang go thusa.

Ke rata mogopolo wa gago thata wa gore gongwe re ba atumele ka mothale o o fileng wa *commission*. Re utlwe gore bone mme ba ne ba ka eletsa gore dilo di tsamae ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke solofela gore gongwe *Minister* ka o fa o re reeditse, ke sengwe se e tlaa reng atlang mo go sone a bo a se tseela kwa pele. Kana yone eo ga se kgang ya madi, ke kgang e a ka e dirang, bogolo gore le fa a ntse a le ka kwano mo ofising e bo e le gore ene dikgwetlho tseo o a di itse mme e bile o itse gore o ka di baakanyetsa jang.

Letlhoko le la *classrooms* ke lone kwa bofelong le amang gore bana ba dira jang mo dikoleng. Fa e le gore ba katagane kana go sena fa ba ithutelang teng, bogolo thata mo dipakeng tsa dipula, tsa mariga, bana ga ba phuthologe gore ba ka ithuta, e bo e le gore kwa bofelong maduo a bone a wela kwa tlase. Ke nngwe ya dintlha tse e leng gore *Minister* o tshwanetse gore o di ele tlhoko.

Sengwe se se ngomolang pelo ke *the rate at which* bana ba *fail* ka teng, kana ba pasa ka teng. Go raya gore mo gompionong, bogolo thata ba ba tlaabong ba fetela kwa *tertiary*, 36 *per cent* ke yone fela e e tlaa fetelang kwa pele. Go raya gore 64 *per cent* e tlaabo e sala fela e le mo legoeleleng go sena kwa ba ka yang teng. Thotloetso ke gore gongwe re lebelele se se ithutiwang mo dikoleng tse gore bana ba le fa e le gore ba a photsha mo tseleng, mme ba bo ba tshotse *skills* tse di ka ba isang golo gongwe, kana ba ka di dirisa go itsketsa.

Re sale re tswa kgakala re epa diteemane mme le fa e le sepe se se supafalang gore re tsamaela ntlheng ya gore re itse yone teemane e re ka e dira jang. *Skills* tse di tshwanang fela le tsa *cutting and polishing*, ke tsaya gore ga di ka ke tsa tsenya dingalo gore di tobelwe mo *syllabus*, bana ba ba tswang kwa go *Form 5* e bo e le gore ba tswa ba na le *skill* seo sa *cutting and polishing of diamonds*. Le bone bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba fitlhele e le gore re na le batho ba ba nang le *skill* sone seo sa go dira ditiro tse ba tlelang mo lefatsheng la rona go tla go di dira. E bo e le gore ga ba nne le kgwetlho ya go ntsha madi a mangwe ba rutuntshe bana gore ba dire *skills* tseo. *Skills* fela tse dingwe tse

di ntsi tse di tshwanang le *welding* tse e leng gore ga di tsenye dingalo. *Life skills*, *soft skills*, e bo e le gore tota *syllabuses* tsa rona di itebagantse le tsone gore bana fa ba photsha mo dikoleng tse e bo e le gore *they are employable*, kana ba bona gope gape kwa ba go yang.

Gape e le go ba baakanyetsa gore le tsone tse re reng ke *brigades* kana *bo* Francistown College of Technical and Vocational Education (FCTV) jaaka e le gore re na le sekole se se tona kwa Francistown, *capacity* ya teng ke 5 000, mme gompiano ba tsaya bana fela ba le 500. Re bo re itse gore bontsi jwa bana ba ba tlaa tsewa mo dikoleng tse go ya go ithuta go dira ditiro tsa diatla tse e leng gore kamoso di ka tsoga di ba boloka. Tona fa o lebile dintlha tse e nne nngwe ya dilo tse o di tsenyang leitlho e bile o di tsenya mo kgannyeng ya gore *syllabus* e fetoge mo e leng gore ngwana fa a tswa mo sekoleng se o ka tla a itshetsa. Ke a leboga *Chairperson*.

MR LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): Ke leboge *Chairlady... (Interruptions)...* Ke go dumedise *Madam Chairperson*. Ke supe gore kgang e ya *Ministry* wa *Basic Education* ke nngwe ya dikgang tse ke dumelang gore Tona o tshwanetse e re a le fano a e leba ka leitlho le le tseneletseng. Kana fa re leba kgang e ya *education*, jaaka fela batlotlegi ba sa tswa go bua, batho ba ba sotlegang go gaisa, ba ba berekelang mo *conditions* tse di thata go gaisa ke barutabana. Barutabana fa o leba seemo se ba berekelang mo go sone o ka bona gore fela ke batsadi, bontsi jwa nako ke batho ba ba itseng ngwana. Fa go ne go sa nna jalo re ka bo re iphitlhela lefatshe la rona le le mo diphatseng go gaisa. Kana fa o ka bona *conditions* tsa bonno jo ba nnang mo go jone, ba theogela ba tsoga kae; motho a theogelela kwa Moiyabana mme a tsoga kwa Serowe, *kilometres* tse letsatsi le letsatsi a di tsamayang. Jaanong gone mo go baya batho ba ba Modimo mo seemong se se ngomolang pelo. Gongwe Tona a e lebe gore e se ka ya nna pina fela jaaka fa e ntse e lebe ga e le pina. Gongwe dikgang tse di fetoge e re mo nakong e e tlang re bo re bua e le gore seemo se tokafetse fela thata.

Maloba fa ke le fa ke ne ke botsa ka dikago tsa dikole bogolo jang ke botsa ka dikole tse di kgologolo tse di kwa Serowe. Ke ne ke botsisisa ka mabaka a gore *classrooms* tse ga di lebege e le tse di ka bong mo nakong ya gompiano e le tsa borutelo. Ke *classrooms* tse o ka bonang jaaka o kare o leba wa akanya gore kana wa bona gore di latlheletswe go gaisa, mme e le gore re solofela maduo. Sengwe sa dilo tse ke di boneng, gompiano jaana fa o ya kwa dikoleng go na le bana ba ba dirang

practical. Re solofela gore ba ntshe maduo. Gone jaana fa o ya kwa dikoleng, kwa *Home Economics*, ke raya maphata fela go bua a sekaenyana, o tlaabo o fitlhela e le gore bana ga ba na *machines* tse di rokanngwe, mme re solofela gore ba ntshe maduo. Go dirilwe tsotlhe tse di neng di ka kgonega gore *machines* tse ba ntseng ba di dirisa di baakanngwe, mme di tletswe ke seemo sa gore botshelo jwa tsone di bo di feletse. Fa morutabana a re o a bua a re o bontsha mabaka a, ka bonolo go buiwa gore ba *improvise*. O ipotsa gore seemo sone se ba *improvise* go ya go ema fa kae. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ra re fa maduo a tswa, re bo re solofela gore bana ba ba bo ba tsabakela. Gompiano jaana ga go na matlwana bogolo jang a boiteketo mo dikoleng. Ke *disaster*.

MR MAPULANGA: *Elucidation Madam Chairperson*. Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Lesedi. O bua ka kgang ya dikole tse e leng gore ga di mo seemong se se siameng. Kgang e fa re e lebile re ntse re tswetsetse re tsaya ditshwetso, maduo a wela kwa tlase bana ba sa ithute *classrooms* di seyo, a mme go tlaabo go le molato jaanong kamoso re bona bana *demanding* ditshwanelo tsa bone, *strikes* di simolola mo lefatsheng lone le mo dikoleng? Fa o lebile seemo se, ga se ye go felela se le gone koo bana jaanong ba simolola *to demand* ditshwanelo tsa bone ka *strikes*?

MR LESEDI: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ga se *elucidation*, *elucidation* ga o mpotse potso o a ntlatsa...

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

MR LESEDI: Fa o bona o mpotsa fela o batla *clarity*. Mma ke dumele gore ee, go ka diragala. Ga re a tshwanela gore e re re eme fano re bo re lebe ga jaaka e kete re ka rotloetsa. Seemo se re tshwanetse gore e re fa re eme fano, re lebege re se bua re tlhoafetse, re tlhoafetse gore Puso e bone gore e fetola diemo tse ka sebopego se se ntseng jang, gone go itsa gore e re kamoso bana ba bo ba ka akanya tsone tse o neng o di akanya motlotlegi.

Ke santse ke le foo, go na le sekole kwa kgaolong ya me se se nang le bana ba bantsi, *about 800 plus enrolment* ya teng, mme e le gore *toilets* tse ba di dirisang di pedi fela. Seemo se ke re gongwe Tona a e nne diemo tse a ka di lebang gore fa bana ba le bontsi jo bo kalo, mme e le gore ba tlhoka ditlamelo le gone go ka raya gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi go bo go ka ama. Tona gongwe fa kgang e e re o e leba o lebe ka dintlha tsotlhe ka gore gone kwa dikoleng bogolo jang dikole tsa *primary schools*, ga go na dijo, bana ba bolawa ke tlala

e e botlhoko. Dikgang tse fa gongwe fa re di bua, ka nako e re neng re e tle re di bue ka yone e ne e kete di a bipiwa. Tona e ne e re fa re bua dikgang tse e bo e le gore go tswa gone foo go lelediwa bagokgo e le gore go a tlhalosiwa gone fa gore ke kwa sekoleng sefe le sefe, wena o ntsha dikole tse jaaka e kete o dumela gore go tlaa tla nngwe thuso, kwa morago o utlwa e le gore mogokgo *is being warned* gore tse a neng a di bua ke dife. Diemo tsone tse di ne di baya batho ba dikole tse mo diphatseng tse di tsitsibanyang mmele, e le gore mme gone seemo se bokete.

Gone jaana ke na le sekole sa se bidiwa Mothamo Junior School se kwa Moiabana. Sekole se Tona ke eletsa gore gongwe mo *budget* ya gago e nne sengwe sa dikole tse e tlaa reng fa o di leba, o se lebe lantlha ka gore gone jaana se ne se tshwanetse go ka bo se tsaya bana ba le 800, gone jaaka ke bua nao se se tsere bana ba le 1 311. Go sukagane jaaka o ka se ka wa batla go bona. Mo nakong e e kwa morago re ne re solofeditse gore go tlaa ya go agiwa *hostels* tsa bana, tse 94 e le tsa basimanyana, tse 94 e le tsa basetsanyana. Go ne go seyo gope mme go ne go builwe. Ga ke itse gore a go ne go buiwa ka gore re ne re le mo malatsing a bofelo. Jaanong re palelwa ke go itse gore yone e re e bona fa kae ka gore fa o ya kwa Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) ga e yo, mme gone seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng se ngomola pelo. Ga go na jaaka fa o akanya, ga go na ka fa ba nnang ka teng. Mo sekoleng fela didirisiwa tsotlhe; o ka akanya *tap*, malao kana sepe ga go tseye ape malatsi ka gore palo ya bana ba e ntsi mo e leng gore ga go kgonagale. Kakanyo ya me e ne e le gore jaaka ke kile ka bua, Shoshong jaaka re itse gore gompiano sekole se se neng ba ka bo ba se dirisitse go nna *boarding school* e ne e le sengwe sa dikole tse di mo gae tsa *junior* se se bidiwang Mahutagane. Ka mabaka a gore go ne go buiwa thata ka letlhoko la madi, Shoshong ya felela e nna le seemo sa gore bana ba yone ke bone ba ba re beileng ka fa mosing, mme e le Batswana re ka se ke ra re ba molato gore ba bo ba ka isiwa kwa dikole di leng teng. Kana Shoshong ke one motse o o fitlhelang e kete bana ba one ba *scattered* thata. Legale jaaka re ne re na le bo Lesaso fano, ba ba ka se keng ba tlhola ba bua sepe, re na le Bagaisamang, jaanong a bone gore motse wa Shoshong o nna le kemedi e e ka rayang gore bana ba bone ba bo ba ka lebagana le motse wa bone wa Shoshong.

Ke raya gore mo mafokong one a ke batla go supa gore Tona fa e se ka ya nna dikgang tse e tlaa reng e kete re di bua fano e bo e le dikgang fela tse di tlwaelesegileng. Re

santse re bona bana ba rutelwa kwa ntle ga *classrooms*. Ke seemo se e leng gore e ne e ya re fa re bua fano go bo go latolwa e nna jaaka e kete ke sengwe sa dilo tse di tshwanetseng go lobiwa. Go bua boammaaruri, seemo se ga se letle mo nakong e re leng mo go yone gore re ka bo re santse re bona *classrooms* tse di kanakana bana ba tsenela kwa ntle. A e re mo mading a gago Tona re lebe, re tlhoafetse gore gongwe re akanyetse gore fa go setse go iwa kwa *projects* tsa National Development Plan (NDP) 12, Mogorosi Village o nne *considered* go bona gore a o ka se ke wa agelwa sekole sa bobedi sa *primary*.

Ka ke sengwe sa dikole tse e leng gore bana ba teng ba bontsi jo bo gagamatsang, mme e le gore ga gona sepe mo nakong e khutshwane se re ka se solofelang gore ba ka se direlwa. Ke re e nne dilo dingwe tse o tlaa di akanyang Tona, gore gongwe le wena e re kamoso boseyong jwa gago go buiwe ka wena kana ka leina la gago, e le ditiro tse dintle tse o tlaabong o di dirile ka nako ya o tshwere o le foo.

Ga ke go lopele sepe fela, ke raya gore o tshwanelwa ke go leba gore lefatshe le o tlile go tokafatsa seemo ka fa se ntseng se ntse ka teng. Ke a buile batho betsho, e ne e le gone gore ke supe gore dintlha tse di a tshwenya. Ke eletsa gore ke eme gone fa, mme ke ema *budget* e nokeng gore e ka feta *Madam Chairperson*. *Thank you.*

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ke bo ke leboge *Minister* wa *Child Welfare and Basic Education* ka pego e a e beileng Ntlo e pele. Ke re *Minister* mathata a o lebagang le one kwa *ministry* wa gago tota ga gona motho yo o kareng ga a bone. E bile tota fela ke le nosi, *I feel* gore *ministry* o wa gago ga o a lekana *Minister* a le mongwe fela, ka jaana fa re bua ka bana re bua ka bokamoso jwa lefatshe le. O lebagane le *welfare* ya bone, o bo o boa o lebagana le go tsena sekole ga bone.

Ke simolole fela ka gore, madi a o a kopileng ke bona a le kwa tlase fela thata, ke lebeletse diemo tse re di bonang fa re le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Selo sa ntlha ke batla go bua fa gore, golo mo dikoleng tse bogolo jang tsa bana ba e leng gone ba tsenang, ba ba simololang ba *pre-school*, to avoid gore ba nne *malnourished* ba tshwanetse gore go ka bo go na le *supplement feeds* tse di tlaa femang diemo tse. Ka gore bana ba ba a bo ba santse ba le bannye thata mo e leng gore ga ba ise ba itsetsepele, mebele ya bone ga e ise e kgone go itshwarelela. Tharabololo mo go seo ke gore... kwa Kanye East kwa ke tswang teng, go na le *company* nngwe e e dirang *these products* tse ke buang ka tsone, e bidiwa Ke Losika Products, e e itebagantseng le *nutrients* tse ke buang ka tsone *Madam Minister*.

Ke re ke go akgole *Minister* ka ditshwetso tse o di tsereng, le maiteko a o a tsereng ka jaana re a itse gore o beile bana botsetsi ka ma P300. Selo se e leng gore ga gona ope fa e sale *the past 58 years* yo o kileng a akanya gore sengwe sa go nna jaana se ka nna teng. E bile gone mo go tlaa oketsa *population* ya rona, ka gore *population* ya rona e kwa tlase thata, mme lefatshe la rona ga le kana ka sepe, le le tona. Le tlhoka batho ba ba leng baagi, beng ba lefatshe le, e seng ba ba tswang kwa ntle, ka gore fa o bona ba ba tswang kwa ntle jaanong ba ikatumetsa thata jaana ke gone go bona gore dipalo tsa rona di kwa tlase.

Ke batla gore ke go lebogetse Tona gore go bo go nnile le *sanitary pads* tse di neelwang bana ba sekole. Golo moo ke go ntsha bana mo seemong se ba ntseng ba kopana le sone, mo e leng gore nako ya fa ba le mo malatsing ba ne ba sa kgone go ya sekoleng *Madam Chairperson*.

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

MR MOSANANA: A ko o ba kgalemele kafa *Madam Chairperson* ba a ntshwenya. Ke bue fa gape ka gore, go na le *posts* tsa barutabana, bogolo jang ba ba *temporary*. Batho ba ba Modimo ba ba sokola tshokolo e nngwe e e leng gore, ba kgona go ya go tsena kwa go bo *three to four months* ba ise ba bo ba atswiwe ka sepe. Gone le fa go ntse jalo, ba patelesaga gore letsatsi le letsatsi *they report* kwa sekoleng. *These people are doing a very, very good job Madam Minister*. Golo mo ke sengwe sa dilo *that frustrates and demoralise them* mo boikarabelong jo ba bo neetsweng. Sengwe se ke batlang *to advocate for Madam Chairperson* ke gore, go na le baithaopi ba Parents Teachers Association (PTA). Kopo ya me e le gore, batho ba ba Modimo ba...kana bagaetsho ga go sa tlhole go na le go ithaopa fela fela! mo e leng gore tota ga o bone le fa e le thebe ya gore o ka emelela kwa ga gago wa palama *taxi* wa ya kwa sekoleng se o leng *member* wa PTA kwa go sone. Batho ba ba Modimo a ba akanyediwang. Re a itse gore go thata go le kana ka eng, mme fela tota kopu ke gore a ba akanyediwe, le bone ke batho.

Madam Minister, go na le dikgwetlho tse dingwe tse di botlhoko. Ke kile ka utlwa mongwe a feta ka tsone kgantele. Kwa kgaolong ya me ya Molapowabojang go na le dikole tse bana ba isiwang dikoleng ka dikotsekara tsa ditonki. Kgang e e botlhoko e batla gore tota fela golo mo go emisiwe. Ke bua se jaana ka o tlaa fitlhela le matlakala fela a matlakala a tsewa ka dikoloi *Madam Chairperson*. Bana ba rona, nna le wena ba bo ba tsewa

ka dikotsekara tsa ditonki. Selo se ke sengwe fela se e leng gore go bua boammaaruri ga se letlelesege. Bana ba tswa kwa bo Molokwe, Maruswe, Phate ba ya kwa Pitsonyane Primary School, kwa Molapowabojang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOSANANA: O nne mokhutshwane, o a bona gore e tšhaile ...

MR RAMOGAPI: *Point of elucidation*. O tshwere sentle mokaulengwe...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ga ke ise ke bo ke go supe...

MR RAMOGAPI: Ehe, *sorry*...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Ee *continue*.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Sorry Chair*. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. Kwa kgaolong ya me ya Madiela-Makoro, ba ne ba thulwa ke dikoloi e le thulaganyo e ya Domkrag. Jaanong ra re re a e fetola ba bangwe ba ntse ba re Domkrag e botoka. O e bua sentle mokaulengwe.

MR MOSANANA: Go ntse fela jalo, tota fela mo ba bona gore ba paletswe jaanong, ga gona gore ba ka re go fetolelwe fa kae. Jaanong kana rona ga re tshwane le bone, re akanyetsa batho, e bile re batla go tokafatsa matshelo a batho gore a nne botoka. Go na le ba bangwe ba Kgokgole le Sebokwane ba ba tsenang sekole kwa Phutisutlha mo Lotlhakane. Ke kile ka tsena kwa sekoleng seo maloba, o fitlhela e le gore *ceilings* tse ga di yo, go setse *rafters* fela kwa godimo, jaanong go raya gore *ceiling* tse di a ba wela. So ke mathata. Ditafole le ditilo ga gona sepe, go makgasa. Go na le golo mo go tsenngwang fa gare ga *ceiling* le disenke mo gotweng *fibre glass*, golo moo go ne ga felela go koba bana mo matlwane a borutelo, e le gore bana ba nna fela ka go babiwa, *which is very unhealthy*, and go ka se ke go siamele botshelo jwa motho mo malatsing a segompiano *Madam Chairperson*.

Ke raya gore dilo tse bagaetshong, ke a utlwa ka fa o tsentseng kopu ya gago ka teng, mme e kwa tlase thata. Legale ka ga gona se o ka se dirang *Minister*; e re ka *supplementary* bogolo o leke gore sengwe se diragale, o ikobe thata fa go *Minister* wa *Finance* e bong *Honourable* Gaolathe o mo lebise dikgang. Ke tlaa rata gore le wena *Madam Minister*; o nne o tsamaya dikgaolo tse re buang ka tsone tse, ke a go laletsa gore o tle, o e go bona gore fa re bua jaana tota e a bo e se gore re oketsa marago ka maje. Re a bo re bua boammaaruri jo bo tlhwaafetseng.

Le sekole sa rona sa Seepapitso Secondary, ke gopola gore ke kile ka go bitsa *Madam Minister*. E le gore ga gona se se jewang kwa sekoleng, bana go patelesega gore e re ka 10 ba bo ba ntshiwa *in classes*. Kana fa ba tswa fa ka 10, ga se gore ba ya malwapeng, ba ya go kopana le dilo tse re sa batleng ba kopana le tsone e bong dikatse tse di jewang, go bo go felela kamoso go sa itsewe gore tota gatwe bana ba rona ba tsenwe ke eng. *Thank you Madam.*

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Ke go leboge *Madam Chairperson*. Ke taboge le dintlha tse di beiwang tse, ke re Tona le nna ke a dumela gore o neelwe madi ka fa o a kopileng ka teng, e bile fa go ne go kgonagala ke ka bo ke re *budget* e o e neelwa yotlhe, ka gore re na le mathata a seng kana ka sepe a thuto. E se mathata a gago, e le mathata a o a fitlhelang, ao a a jang boswa. Jaanong ka *you are in the office, the mess that you inherited is yours. So, gompiano you should be concerned* ka gore, o ya go dira botoka jang *to turn around the situation that we found ourselves in*, ka gore go maswe fela thata ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Maduo ga a tswa ke a tle ke gagkamale batho ba ipela go bo go tlhabiwe le dikgomo, gotwe sekole se pasitse. Fa ke re ke a leba sekole se dirile *32 per cent*, ke bo ke botsa ke re ka goreng, go bo gotwe *last year* re ne re le kwa go *27 per cent*, gompiano re kwa go *32 per cent*. Seemo ke se, o lebile *groups* tse pedi tse di sa tshwaneng, ga o ka ke wa nthaya wa re go na le *improvement*, ka gore ele *group* ya *27 per cent* e tsamaile bana ga ba dira sentle, ipotse gore bontsi jo bo neng bo tsena le bana bao ba kae gompiano. 2024 o *celebrate 30 per cent* wa re o okeditse ka *3 per cent*, *that is another group* ga se batho bale, seemo se ntse se tshwana fela.

Kgang ke gore bana ga ba dire sentle, se re ka se buang fela ke gore thuto ya rona e tlhoka fela go fetolwa, *a complete overhaul*, ke se se tlhokafalang ka *our education system*. Mo go tlholang go tlhabelwa *30 per cent* dikgomo, jaaka ke bone go binwa maloba, go ne go mmakatsa. Ke kopa le ne le re fa *raw figures*, o re go ne go kwala bana ba le 45 255 go pasitse bana ba le kana, o mpha *raw figures*, e seng *percentage pass*.

Fa ke e lebile ga e re fe bokao jwa mathata a a diragalang mo dikoleng. Utlwa gore go begwa jang, *grade D or better 91.70 per cent*. Ga o bue fa o rialo, ga ke itse gore wa reng, a wa re D ke *pass*. E nngwe ba e simolola kwa go E, *Grade E or better 99.80 per cent*, kana wa re sekole sotlhe se pasitse. Ke kopa gore re lebeleng dilo tse, re bege ka tsela e e sa tsietseng Motswana, Motswana a tle amogela gore ka boammaaruri re na le mathata mo thutong, re sa dire jaaka re dira.

Betsho bana ga ba dire sentle, *it is a fact*. E nngwe e ba e buileng ke *unfavorable curriculum*, *Honourable Ntsima covered it. Teaching space, you covered it. Classrooms are not available*, ga go na fa bana ba rutelwang teng. *Resources* ga diyo jaaka go builwe. Ke le fe dikai tsa *dilapidated schools*, Gakuto Primary School, makgasa a a utlwisang botlhoko. Ke ne ka lebala le go tsaya gore ba pasitse ka tsela e e ntseng jang *at Standard 7*, bana ba le 700 *in that school*. Se onetse, go makgasa, go bo mmamantswane, mme bana ba tsena mo teng. *Ceiling e ole, fibre glass e baba bana.*

O bo o feta ka sekole se sengwe sa Kopong e bong Molefe Primary School, *total* bana 1 265 *in that primary school*, *10 classes are taught outside*. A bo o ya kwa go se se tshwanang le sone Letsholo Primary School, 990 *students, eight classes are taught outside*. Bana bao ba tsena mo *classes* ba bala *standard seven, standard one* ke bone ba *classroom*, go tsweng foo ba nna kwa ntle, ba ya go bona *class* ba bala *standard seven*. A ba ka pasa, *they cannot*, ke gore kgantele re bo re *celebrate 30 per cent*, re re re dirile bana ba pasitse. Jaanong fa o *celebrate 30 per cent where is the 70 per cent, we do not account for it*. Jaanong ke one mathata a re iphitlhelang re le mo go one.

Go na le sekole se se agiwa kwa, ke kopa gore o se emele ka dinao se fele, se tle se kgone se thuse bothata jwa *classes* tse di kanakana tse di tsenelang kwa ntle. Kopong CJSS *is at 950*, bana bao botlhe ba le mo *stream* se gotweng *15 stream school*, mme se na le bana ba le 950, go tshwana le Matsheng CJSS *a boarding school* e e nang le 950, mme go sena fa bana ba nnang teng go tlhatlhaganwa, go sena *toilets*. Dikole tseo ga di ise di dirwe mo gotweng *cyclic maintenance*, di ikemetse fela. Fa ke bua ka Motswakhumo, ka gore *there is a company on site* fa e le gore ga e a tlogela, e bile e botoka e agelwa *hostels*. Yang Matsheng le ye go bona bothata jo bo kwa jole, jo bo utlwisang botlhoko, jo bo tlaa batlang gore Tona ya Thuto a emelele a ye Sojwe, a ye go bona ka fa batho ba le ba sotlegang ka teng. Ga ba sa dire sentle jaana, ga se molato wa ga *school head* le barutabana, *it is the unfavorable conditions under which they operate*. Dilo tse di tshwanetse go emelwa ka dinao, go bonwe gore go a baakanngwa.

Mo kgaolong e ya rona, re tlhoka *unified secondary schools* di le pedi, e nngwe o e beye gone kwa Matsheng kwa, *to cater for* dikole tsele tse gotweng... (*Inaudible*)... e nngwe e neng ka kwano e tle e thuse ka kwano. Motswakhumo CJSS e ne e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e

dirilwe into unified secondary school by the year 2000, they are still waiting. Those are some of the factors that need to be considered, fa re batla go tlhabolola thuto.

It is very important gore teaching space e bo e le teng e lekane. Barutabana le buile ke utlwile, go tshwana fela ga ba na boroko, ga gona fa ba nnang teng, ba tshela bokete, go a tlhatlhaganwa. Ke one mathata a batho ba iphitlhelang ba le mo go one, eo ga se e re ka tlholang re e isa gope, go ntse fela jalo.

Ditonki tse di pegang bana, le a itse in this House gore ga ke rate bana ba ba tsewang ka dikara tsa ditonki. Ke le boleletse ka selo se se bidiwang gotwe culture capital, sekole se diretsewe gore bana ba ye go tsenela kwa go sone ba lekalekana, ba bo ba ipone ba lekana ka sengwe le sengwe. Fa o ba tlisa ka dikara tsa ditonki, o supa mo gotweng world difference tsa batsadi ba bana ba. Dikoloi di teng tsa vans, a go tsewe van e tsennngwe ditilo. Fa e le gore ngwana o tsena sekole a tswa kwa Ramankhung a ya kwa Dikgatlhong, a go tsennngwe ditilo and be welded le canopy. Ngwana yo le ene a ye go goroga kwa sekoleng a tla ka seriti, go bonale gore ke ngwana yo o tsileng kwa sekoleng ka boammaaruri.

Le buile tse dingwe ke di utlwile, le buile ka bo dijo. Tse dingwe dikole ga ke bue ka tsone, mme di dintsi tse e leng makgasa a a hutsafatsang.

MR MOALOSI: Clarification. Ke ne ke bona gore o feletswe comrade. Ke ne ke re, go na le kgang e nngwe ya gore dikole tsa primary ga di na staff se se tshwanang le messengers. Ga di na dikoloi. Headteachers fa ba batla to print kwa cluster, ba dirisa dikoloi tsa bone. Fa ba dira dilo tsa prize giving, ba dirisa dikoloi tsa bone. A ga o bone go tshwanetse gore dikole tsa primary jaaka tsa junior, di nne le messengers, dikoloi, drivers gore ba dire tiro ya bone fela ka tshosologo, e bile ba sa dirise madi a bone?

MR BOGATSU: Tanki. Hikuama ga o a ruta, o boele gape kwa class o ye go ruta ngwana yo wa gago o gore fa o kopile o ya kwa Kopong, ga o re motho o feletswe. Ke ka felelwa ke le rraago? ...(Laughter!)...

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

MR BOGATSU: System e a e buang, e ne e le teng. Kgang e ka nna gore go tlile jang gore e emisiwe? Barutabana bangwe ba ne ba ba filwe Central Transport Organisation (CTO) licences, ke reela gore fa e le gore nna le wena have taught at the same time. Ke gone mo re ka kopang gore Tona, more especially Matsheng, tse

di kgakala tseo; bo Sojwe Primary School le Shadishadi Primary School, di nne le dikoloi tse di nnang di le teng. Tsa Kopong can share ga di molato. Tsa Lentsweletau can share ga di molato, but others are very far. Go a tlhokafala gore go nne jaaka o bua, le senya ka go tswaka fa le tshwanetse go bua.

Jaaka ke buile mma, dikole tse dingwe di di tona thata. O ye go lebelela infrastructure ya Kopong Community Junior Secondary School. O bo o lebelele le ya kwa Matsheng. O bo o lebelele le ya Letsholo le Molefe. Tse dingwe tse di siame, di tlhoka fela gore di ye to be maintained, bana ba tle ba tswelele. In that constituency, tse di tsenelang kwa ntle ke tsa Kopong. Thank you.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere Honourable Bogatsu.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Modulasitilo. Mma ke simolole ka go dumedisa wena motlotlegi. Ke bo ke go tshepise gore ke mongwe wa batho ba ba go tlotlang. Le fa o utlwa batho ba ntse ba bua ba re, ga ba go tlotle jaana, nna ke go tlotla thata, motho wa mme. Ke dumedise ba kgaolo ya me go tswa fela fa Matebeleng ka re simologa fa go Ramodibe go tsena kwa Phalakampa. Ke dumedise Batswana botlhe kwa ba leng teng.

Motlotlegi, kgang e ke batlang go feta ka yone, maloba e rile ke bua ka re, batho ba bangwe ba batla counselling, e bo e kete ke tseelwa kwa thoko. Ke a bona gore sobare sa me Honourable Ramogapi, o santse a tlhoka counselling e ntsi thata le ba bangwe ba ke ba bonang gone fa. Ke bo ke go dumedise Tona. Ke go leboe. Ke gwetlhlilwe go ema fa pele ga gago ka gore ke itse gore, o homegirl ya me. Ke tsaya gore fa ke bua, o tlile go nkutlwa ka gore kgaolo e ke buang ka yone, ke e o tsholetseng kwa go yone. Ke raya gore ke sone se se nkgwetlhlileng. Gape ke motho yo e leng gore matshelo a bana a gau fi le pelo ya me. Ke sone se o bonang ke sa batle gore ke fetwe ke chapter ya go nna jaana. E bile o a itse gore ke motho yo o bonolo fa ke bua. Ga ke ke ke nna mafaratlhatlha ka dipuo.

Selo sa ntlha se ke batlang go bua ka sone motlotlegi ke gore, o tshwere ministry o motona. Ke dumalana le Mosanana wa monkanaake, wa tsala ya me, gore tota ministry wa gago o batla Ministers ba babedi. O tshwere ministries tse pedi. Child Welfare ka boyone fela is a ministry. Dingwe tsa recommendations tse ke nang le tsone ke gore, fa go ne go kgonagala, Puso e e mo setilong e akanye gore Child Welfare e nne ministry fela

e le nosi. *So that* re kgone go araba dikarabo tsa bana. Bana ba ikopela gore tota *they must have their own separate budget*. Le bone mo *Motion* o ke o ntshitseng, o ke kopang gore re nne le mo gotweng '*children targeted budget*.' Go botlhokwa thata gore le itse gore bana mo lefatsheng la rona, re ba fa bokae ngwaga le ngwaga jaaka re tlaabo re dira dilo.

Tona, ke tsaya gore o kopetse madi mathata a ke itseng gore o ntse o tsamaya lefatsheng o a bona. Bangwe ba re a dirilwe ke Puso e e duleng, nna ke sa rialo. Ke re, ke mathata a re nang le one re le lefatsheng la Botswana. Gore go ne go busa mang, mathata a re nang le one, madi ga a ke a nna teng. Ke itumelela gore o tsere *round*, o tsamaile, o a itse, jaanong o kopile madi. Ke solofela gore fa re sena go nna re go neela madi a, o tlaa itebaganya le mathata ao. Ga ke ka ke ka go kgala gone jaana, *never!* Se ke ka se dirang ke gore, ke emele ngwaga o o tlang fa o kopa madi. Ke go botse gore naare a re neng re a go file maloba, o dirile eng ka one? Ke sone se ke ka se dirang. Gompiano jaana ke batla go simolola ka *ministry* wa gago o mongwe wa *Child Welfare*. *Ministry* wa *Child Welfare* o tlhokana le *social workers*. Ke a itse gore bontsi jwa bone ba kwa *Ministry of Local Government*. Tona, ga o na *social workers*. *Why you have them*, ga ke re ga o na bone. Ga ba yo ka dipalo tse di tlhokafalang *because social worker client ratio is very, very high*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke batlang o di lebelele *and then try to retool your social workers*, go ba tsenya sekole gape sesha. Ke kgang e re tswang kgakala re bua ka yone. Golo gongwe ga e a diragala ka ntata ya letlhoko la madi. Ke dingwe tsa *challenges* tse o nang le tsone gore *you really have to work*. O fokoleditswe *budget* ka 30 per cent, go ya ka nna, *that is too much*. 30 per cent reduction of the budget, rona re batla e okediwe *double fold* gore o dire dilo tsa gago sentle.

Child welfare services need to be expanded. You need social workers, probation officers and nutritionists. Ke ne ke utlwa maloba o bua gore bana ga ba je dijo tse di bonweng ke dingaka tsa dijo. *That could be true because lephata la gago ga le na batho like nutritionists tse e leng gore are in-house. You have to source for nutritionists from the Ministry of Health*. Ke nako ya gore Tona o ikopele *nutritionists and specialists* tse di lebang dijo gore o ba laole ka bogautshwane.

Kgang e nngwe e ke batlang go feta ka yone e ntse e le ya *Child Welfare*, *you need to have a very strong National Children's Council*. *Children's Council is provided for under Section 35, if I am correct, of the*

Children's Act. E e leng gore ya re, "*there shall be National Child Council e e tlaabong e oversee all the programmes and activities done for children in this country*." *You need to have a very good relationship*. Ke a go gakolola kgaitisadiaka *with that council* gore go thuse go tsamaisa *ministry*, wena e bo e le gore sa gago ke go a go tshameka *golf* fela.

You need to have dikgang tse di neng di buiwa ke Dr Dow tsa *peace desks*. *You need them in primary schools*. *I also feel* gore *you need to employ social workers even in schools, so that they can actually provide child friendly services* ba le *well trained to deal with matters of children*. Fa re bua ka *nurturing*, re bua ka *welfare* tsa bana *in general*. *Nurturing children to learn in a very conducive environment*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse o di tlhokang thata.

Gompiano re na le mathata a *register* e e neng e ntshitswe ka fa molaong gotwe go tshwanetse go nna le mo gotweng ke *Sex Offenders Registry*, ga e yo. Ga re e bone. Ga re itse gore a e teng. Ga ke ise ke e bone. Ke tlaa go kopa Tona gore o tlhotlhomise gore naare *registry* e kae ka gore *we have paedophiles in this country* ba e leng gore *they are running loose*. Re itse gore ke batho ba re ka bong re ba tšheka nako le nako gore ba se ka ba bewa fa bana ba leng teng. Re a itse gore *paedophiles as they are*, ba kgona go batla a way into going to where children are, so that they can sodomise children. Re ne re utlwa maloba gotwe rre yo mongwe o tshwere *recently having sodomised* bana ba ka nna 15. A na le dingwaga a ntse a dira jalo mme go sena motho yo o mo tshwarang. Ke dilo tse dingwe tse.

Vandalism; there is a lot of vandalism, fa gongwe le fa o utlwa re lela re re dikole *are dilapidated*, tse dingwe ke *issue* ya *vandalism*.

Kgang e nngwe e ke ka e buang ke papametse, le fa ke tswa mo Pusong e o e buang, *I know ablutions in primary schools is very bad*. Tota *budget* ya gago ya to maintain dikole should actually be raised so that...

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Pule*. Ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka dilo tsa *maintenance*. Golo fa ga ke itse gore, *are primary schools maintained by councils*? Ga ke itse gore *budget* e motlotlegi a e kopang, fa re batla to maintain dikole, a e kwa go ene kana e kwa khanseleng kana *will cut* mo mading a a neelwang fa re tsaya *council* ya Tutume to maintain dikole tsa yone?

MR PULE: Gakere mo go se sebaka, re santse re tshwara kwa le kwa rra. Ke a itse gore *Child Welfare is transferred* kwa *Ministry of Basic Education*. E ka nna *Ministers* ba dumalana le gore *budget* ya *maintenance* ya dikole e isiwe kwa teng. Fa e le gore e kwa dikhanseleng, ga go re sepe. *The ministry will still have to account for. Programme* e ya gago e ya Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) e batla *better equipment to operationalise* sentle. *As we speak right now, we only have 126 teachers training for early childhood education in your ministry, 126. Teachers* bale ba gotweng ke ba *Guidance and Counselling*, go ya ka nna, go tshwanetse gore *position* ya teng e ntshiwe go hirwe *social workers* ba dire tiro eo. Tiro ya bone ba lebagane le thuto *and all those things*.

Ke a itse gore *you are an expert of* Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), *and* o mongwe wa batho ba ba neng ba bua thata ka TVET. Re batla go bona go diragala, *improving the area* ya TVET. *I know* gongwe *it does not fall under you, but* re batla bana ba *primary schools* e re fa ba *graduate* kwa *Standard 7*, ba bo ba na le *skills* tse e leng gore fa ba ka se ka ba dira sentle, ba kgone *to further education* ba na le *some skill*.

Tona, mo *maintenance* ya dikole, ke kopa gore o rotloetse *Ministry of Local Government* gore ba se ka ba ya go hira batho ba sele ba ba tswang koo, re na le *skill component* ya Ipelegeng. Fa ke bua ka kgaolo ya me, kwa Oliphant's Drift, *we have about 18 people trained in different skills*. Batho bao ke bone ba ba tshwanetseng gore le ba dirise. Ke a itse gore o mongwe wa batho ba ba buang gore wena ga o na go tsenelela mo goreng gotwe go batliwa dikonteraka tse ditonatona, o batla batho ba e leng gore ba tlaabo ba le mo gae, *because* fa o dira jalo, *then you will be promoting local small companies*. Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF) *graduates* re a di tlhoka le tsone, tse e leng gore ba ka kgona gore ba thuse fa go na le mathata.

Ya *sanitary pads* ditsala tsa me di buile ka yone, ke tsaya gore ga ke ka ke ka bua ka yone. Ke ne ke wela ke riana Tona, ka gore nako ga e yo, e rile maloba Tona o ne wa re tshephisa mo Ntlong yone e, wa re bolelela gore o ya go netefatsa gore bana ba ba tlhokanang le *transport* go ya dikoleng go nne jalo. Ke kopa gore golo moo go diragale ka gore kwa Dikwididi re na le bana ba ba tsenang kwa Tlokweng le kwa Oodi. Maloba jaaka dipula di ne di na jaana, ba ne ba sokola go ya dikoleng. Sekole sa Oodi Primary School ga se ise se bulwe. Re

ne re tshephisitswe gore ka di 9 tsa ga *January* se tlaabo se bulwa. Sekole se ga se ise se bulwe, ke utlwa gotwe mathata ke motlakase ga o ise o tsenngwe. Ke ne ke re gongwe fa e ne e le gore *officers* tsa gago ba ne ba ise ba go *update* ka kgang ya teng, ke go reye ke re *I am always in contact with council to find out* gore e bulwa leng.

Ke ne ke re mme Mmaetsho, re tlile go go ema nokeng ka tsotlhe tse re nang le tsone, o kgone, Modimo a go thuse. O neelwe *budget* e e tlaa go kgontshang dilo tse o di dirang. Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ne ke re, *Minister*, mo bo Toneng ba gago, o sekaseke gore mo *syllabus* ya dikole tsa rona, *introduce sign language* e le nngwe ya dithuto tse bana ba rona ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba di rutwe. Ke batla kgang e o e sekegele tsebe ka gore e bile ke batla go kopela Ntlo e e tlotlegang e ruri gore ke tlile go tla ka Tshutiso mo Ntlong e mabapi le kgang e gore *sign language* e nne *an official language* ya Botswana. Jaanong go botlhokwa gore ke e simolole kwa go wena *Madam*, o dumalane le nna gore puo ya diatla e nne nngwe ya dithuto tse di tlaa simolodisiwang ke Goromente wa me wa UDC mo tsamaong.

Sa bobedi, ke ne ke re ke go kope gape gore o sekaseke gore fa ngwana a sa dira sentle kwa *primary* kante kwa *secondary*, a nne le sebaka sa go kwala tlhatlhobo gape. Go nne le *that provision* ya gore ngwana fa a sa dira sentle, mo dikgweding kante tse pedi ka fa go tlaabong go dirilwe ka teng *administratively*, a fiwe sebaka sa go kwala tlhatlhobo gape. Ke la me leo.

Ke batla go bua ka *maintenance* jaaka ke buile ka one fa ke bua mo puong ya ga Tautona maloba le fa re bewa pele ke Tona wa Madi kgantele mo Palamenteng. Ke gore re ka di bua tsotlhe, re ka aga manobonobo a dikago tsa dikole, dipatela, le a ditsela, fa re sena *maintenance policy* re tlile go lela jaaka re lela jaana. Go botlhokwa gore mo Botswana re nne le *a maintenance policy*. Ke gore ga go dire tlhaloganyo go aga dikago tse di turang, di bo di nna *foo for more than 15 years* go sena *maintenance* wa dikago tseo. Fa go tla go tshwanelwa ke gore re dire *maintenance*, go tura go feta jaaka fa re ne re aga dikago tseo. Golo fa fela ga go dire tlhaloganyo. Ga se ya lephata la gago o le nosi, mme go botlhokwa gore re le puso re nne le *maintenance policy* o e leng gore fa re agile dikago, re itse gore re ka kgona go di *maintain* jang botoka mo sebakeng se se khutshwane. Ga go na sekole sepe se o ka...

MR MOALOSI: *Elucidation.* Tanki *Honourable* Manyeneng. Mo kgannyeng yone ya *maintenance*, kana kwa *Ministry of Education* ba na le mathata a e leng gore *senior schools are maintained* ke Department of Building and Engineering Services (DBES), *junior schools* ke DIT, *primary schools* ke *council*. Jaanong golo moo ke bona e le gore go a tsietsanyana ka gore ga a kgone go laola sentle gore *maintenance* o dirwe jang. A ba itirele *department* ya bone fela ya *maintenance*, e e leng gore e tlaabo e lebagane le dikole tsotlhe tse di mo *ministry* wa bone.

MR MOROLONG: Ke a leboga. Ke tsaya gore dikgang tse fa re dumalane ka *maintenance policy*, ke tse e kareng go tsweletswe tsa baakanngwa fela *administratively*. Ke dumalana le wena. Fa ke le Modulasetilo wa *council* kwa Kgatleng, re ne re na le kgwetlho ya gore *director* o tlaabo a isa barutabana *transfer*, ke gore *under this ministry*, sa *council* ke dikago *at primary schools*, gore barutabana ba ya kae, ke ga *director* koo. O tlaabo a isa morutabana *transfer* go le matshwanedi, morutabana a bo a *swap* le yo o bapileng le ene, matlo a *council*, kwa a tlogela *bill* e e seng kana ka sepe gone kwa, yole le ene a e tlogela ka fale. Go bo go salela *council*. Ke gore jaaka o bua, ke diemo tse e leng gore go tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore dikgang tse di lebiwe thata ke *Minister* le bodiredi jwa gagwe gore ba baakanye diphosagalo tse di ntseng jalo.

Kgang ya *maintenance* batlotlegi, ke ne ke kopa gore re e lebe ka go sele, ke yone e e beileng dikole tsa rona mo diemong tse di sa kgaatlheng. Dikole tsa rona di ntse fela jalo tsotlhe. Ke ne ke kopa *Minister* gore, a ko re dire kgang e motlhofo ya go baakanya dikole ka *budget* ya gago e e leng nnyennyane. Se ye go fa ope mohumi wa dinaledi *tender* ya go baakanya dikole. Re na le bana le batsadi ba rona ba ba agileng manobonobo kwa bo Gauteng, mo toropong, bangwe ba itse motlakase, bangwe ba itse dikago, tsaya bana fela mo Boseja Central ba baakanye kwa Kgafela. Kgafela e na le *blocks* di le *eight for instance*, fa o tsaya ngwana mongwe le mongwe o re baakanya motlakase wa *block* bo le bongwe, ke madi fela a kwa tlase ga *millions* tse o ka di fang rakonteraka gore a baakanye motlakase wa sekole seo a le nosi. E bile go a re thusa gore bone ba, ba bone se ba se jang gona le gore ba ye go kwadisiwa ke mmaboi. Ke raya gore ke ne ke akanya fela gore *this time around* re ye go nna kelotlhoko fa re aba *tenders*.

Kwa Kgatleng go motlhofo e bile go dira tiro eo. Re gaisitse bontsi jwa *districts* ka batsadi ba ba re tseelang matlakala. Fa re ka dira *a similar thing* ka *tenders* tsa go baakanya dikago tsa Puso, go ka re tlhofofalela thata

go sa ture. Ke gore fela fa gongwe ke kgona go nyema moko fela gore re palelwa ke nonyane fela e gotweng mmamantlwane; nonyane fela batho ba Modimo. E tletse mo dikoleng, e tsere taolo fela ya dikole, rona ga go na sepe se re se dirang ka nonyane e. Nnyaa *Minister*: Ke gore ke ka tlhabiwa ke kgala gore ke nne Mopalamente ke bo ke tswa fa ke jelwe ke ditlhopho ke jesitswe ke nonyane ditlhopho e gotweng mmamantlwane.

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

MR MOROLONG: Nnyaa, a ko re lwantsheng bolwetse jo re bo lwalang jo. Le magotlo a teng kwa dikoleng, a ja megala, mo *kitchen* mo, ke gore bana ba ja leswe. Ke diemo fela tse di sa kgaatlheng. A re se ka ra gaisiwa ke...

MR LESEDI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Mma ke go leboge Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Ke ne ke re fa o santse o le fa go e ya mmamantlwane, ke ne ke re gongwe o e tlhatswe mokaulengwe gore ka o lemoga seemo se e le se se ka jasang motho ditlhopho, gongwe o supe gore ka nako ya le le kwa khanseleng fa o le modulasetilo, maiteko a le neng le a dira ke afe? Ke raya ka gore bontsi jwa dikago o fitlhele e kete di ka kwa go lona. Ke raya fela go tlhalosa gore *Minister* a tle a wele sentle.

MR MOROLONG: Ee rra. Kana go rarabolola seemo seo, se re neng re se dira, ke go ntsha *ceiling* re bo re tsenya e nngwe. Go na le dilo tsa segompiano tse di tsennngwang mo dithoko mo gore bo mmamantlwane ba se ka ba tlhola ba boela ka kwa.

Golo mo re tshwanelwa ke gore re go dire e le *an aggressive exercise* gore re ntshe dinonyane tseo mo dikoleng. Re bo re baakanye dikago tsa rona ka tsela e e leng gore ga go kitla go nna le bommamantlwane ba ba tsenang moo le dipeba tse di tsenang *in the kitchens*, go sa siamela botsogo jwa bana.

Go na le mmaba yo motona o bidiwa gotwe ke Botswana Examination Council (BEC), e ledisa thata barutabana. Gompiano fa ke bua le wena jaana ga ke itse gore *are you aware Minister*, ba kolota *invigilators*. Akanya fela! Nnyaa bagaetsho, a ke re emise go tsaya Batswana jalo, ba itumetse mme a re se ka ra ba ledisa ka dilo tse dinnyennyane. Go sa dueleng motho fela a dirile tiro bagaetsho, golo moo o go bitsa o re ke eng? A ko re emiseng go dira dilo jalo, bua le bana ba gago mma ba duele batho, letsatsi le le se ka la ba la phirima ba ise ba ba duele.

Go na le dithuto tsa bagodi; dithuto tse mmaarona o kare di kwa tlase. Leka go di tsosolosa di nne mo seemong sa gompiano, bagodi ba kgatlhegele go ithuta go bala le go kwala. Ga go nke go begwa ka batho ba mme ke sengwe sa dilo tse ke tsayang gore di botlhokwa fa di ka tselwa kgato.

Kwa ke tswang teng go sa le go dirwa lenaneo la gore go tlaa agiwa a *modern primary school*, e kwadilwe jalo mo lenaneong la ditlhabololo kwa Boseja North. Ga re sa tlhole re tlhokana le a *modern primary school* eo e le nosi, re tlhokana le dikole di ka nna *two* kwa Mochudi kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone ya Kgatleng Central. Re tlhokana le *this modern primary school*, e setsha se bonweng mme e palelwa ke gore kago e tsene e eme ka dinao.

Re tlhokana le *new primary school* kwa Boseja South, kwa motse o godileng fela thata. Kana ke bogologolo re buile ka *modern primary school* eo go ise go tle nako ya gore re tlaa tlhokana le *primary school* ya bobedi. Nna kana ga nke ke umakiwa mo dibukeng tsa ga Goramente, go tlaabo go buiwa ka dikgaolo tse dingwe, ga gona gope fa go buiwang ka Mochudi teng *Madam Chairperson*. Ke nna ke le mo mathateng.

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: Re lebogile rra.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ka bofefo mma ke leboge *Minister* wa rona ka tiro e ntle e a e dirang gore bana ba tlaa bona *pads*. Seemo se se ne se sa siama, bana ba ne ba na le mathata.

Gape ke leboge thata ba sekole sa Lotsane gore ba ntse ba boetse gape ba mo go *Top 10*. Ke maiteko. Le dikole tsa me tsotlhe tsa *junior secondary* le *primary*, ga ke ka ke ka di nankola tsotlhe ka lebaka la nako. Maiteko a bone a ditlhatlhobo ga a swabise mo go kalo le ka fa *environment* e ba tsheleng mo go yone *Madam Chairperson*.

Ke fete foo mmaetsho ke re boswa jo o bo jang jo o bo tsayang mo go Domkrag, bo botlhoko. O fitlhela e le gore *classrooms* di a tlhela. O fitlhela e le gore Mabogo Junior Secondary School kwa Palapye ga e na *classrooms*. *Libraries* kwa bo Mmaphula, Palapye Junior Secondary School *classrooms* di a tlhela gongwe le gongwe. Boswa jo o bo jang bo botlhoko.

Ka lengwe la matsatsi Rre Gobotswang o kile a bua gone fa Domkrag e santse e busa a re thuto ya lefatshe la Botswana re gaiswa le ke Zimbabwe. Ke

sone se mmaetsho o iphitlhelang o le mo go sone. Ka dinako tsotlhe thobathoba o kope gore *budget* ya gago ya *education* e nne *special* ka gore mathata a o a fitlhelang ga a ka ke a tshwantshanngwa le maphata a mangwe, re bo re re o ka a kgona. A a tsewe fela e le a *special programme* e e tlaa nnang *deliberate effort* ya go baakanya dikole tsotlhe ka gore ga re tsena kwa *maintenance*; o tsena kwa sekoleng sa Radisele, bana ba tswala ka materase. Kana ke utlwa motlotlegi a kgona go bua fela a re Domkrag e ne e le botoka mo Pusong e. Ka re aa, waitse golo mo gotweng polotiki le fa gotwe ke go ipatlela go ja fela, go ipatlela go ja mo gongwe go ka ba ga go jesa ditlhopho. O re Domkrag e ne e le botoka bana ba tswala ka materase, ke mathata a a hakgamatsang.

Mmaetsho o a iteka mme boswa jo o bo jang bo botlhoko mo go tlhomolang pelo. Fa re tsena mo dikoleng tsotlhe ga gona ditilo, dibuka, ga gona le fa e le *computer* le fa e le sepe.

Madam Chairperson, se se botlhoko mo bosweng jo ke gore fa ba sena go nna ba dira gotlhe mo ba ka go dirang, ba fetsa madi go tswa foo ba re hirang *temporary teachers* ke bao le bone gore le tlaa ba duela ka eng. Motho wa Modimo jaaka o bua ga gona se o tlaa ba duelang ka sone. Re lela le wena, mo dikgaolong tsa rona ba a re leletsa ba re botsa gore madi a rona a kae. Ke boswa jo o bo tsereng, bo botlhoko.

Setlhogo sa me sa re boswa jo o bo jang o bo tsaya mo go Domkrag bo botlhoko. E bile ka nako e go neng go tsewa boipuso go ne go le botoka ka gore o fitlhetse go sa senngwa sepe, gompiano mabati ga a yo, ga gona eng. Rraetsho Gobotswang o boletse e santse e tshwere Domkrag dikgwedi tse *six* tse di fetileng a re Puso ya lefatshe le lengwe le le ka fa e botoka, e le gore kwa thutong ga gona le fa e le *photocopying papers*. Mathata a re leng mo go one mmaetsho a botlhokotlhoko.

Barutabana ga ba na boroko gotlhelele, jaanong gatwe mo go *three months* o ka bo tsaya kae? Ntlo e tsaya nako e kae go agiwa?

MR SALESHANDO: *On a point of elucidation.* Ke a leboga. Ke dumalana le wena gore Puso e re neng re tswa mo go yone e ne e na le dilo tse dintsi tse e sa di direng sentle. Jaanong fa o bua ka boswa jo bo botlhoko, a mme o a itse gore jo bongwe boswa le ka bo latlha; boswa jwa Domkrag jwa go isa madi a mantsi kwa sesoleng go le thata gompiano, le bo le re le ya go reka difofane, le bo itlhophetse. Boswa jwa gore gompiano le

bo le na le madi a mantshi a le a tshelang kwa Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) bana ba se na dibuka le bo itlhophetse. Fa le ne le batla le ka bo le ntsha madi a DIS gompiano, la ya go ruta bana le hira *temporary teachers*. Ke eng le sa tseye ditshwetso tseo?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke gore ga o tlhaloganye Leader of the Opposition (LOO). Boswa jo jwa Botswana Defence Force (BDF) jwa difofane ga re a bo itlhophela, go setse go beilwe monwana dikonteraka tse e leng gore ka molao *they are legally binding* gore ka ngwaga wa gore re reka difofane jaana le jaana. *So if you try to terminate that contract, you ought to pay that amount.* So boswa jo ga re a bo itlhophela, bo botlhoko.

Boswa jwa DIS jo o tsayang gore ke boswa ga re a bo itlhophela. Fa ke ka go bolelela ke *salaries* tse e leng gore di teng. *Those salaries there is no how* re ka reng ga di duelwe. So ke boswa jo bo botlhoko.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of order.* Ga ke dumele gore Tona o mo tsamaisong. Ga ke dumele gore Tona o ka re Puso ya UDC a re ga e na ditshwetso tse e ka di dirang. *He is totally out of order; a re they are being controlled by* Puso ya Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) e e suleng.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*. Ga a itse *point of order* e le Mopalamente wa bogologolo.

Madam Chairperson, barutabana ba *science* le ba *Mathematics* ba a lela ba re ba tshwanetse ba nna le *progression*. Se ke se lebogelang mo Pusong ya gago mmaetsho, e rile fela jaaka o tsena o bo o re re tlaa ema ka dinao o buisana le Rre Mohwasa. O re re tlaa tla ka se *unions* di se buang sa *fan-shaped salary*, e di kileng tsa bua ka yone e pala Domkrag. Dilo tse re tshwanetse ra di go lebogela gore le fa batho ba le golo go le gongwefela ba tlaa tswela.

Sekole sa Makoro le Madiela, bana ba tsamaya *kilometres* di le 12 letsatsi le letsatsi. Yone kgang eo fela ke gore fa ba ya kwa ba bo ba boa, o bo o tlhakanya go tsena mo motseng ba boa, ke *kilometres* tse di ntsi. Ga go na *access to education*, jaanong ke gone mo re reng boswa jo re bo tsayang jo bo botlhoko.

Unified secondary school mo Palapye, re ne re na le tsholofelo ya gore se tlaa thusa mosuke, jaanong boswa jo bo botlhoko jo ba bo ba re ba tlaa re agela sekole. Fa re santse re tswetse, re fitlhela e le gore golo mo e ne e le *scam* jaaka bangwe ba tle ba bue, sa go rwala madi mo Pusong gotwe go tlaa agiwa ka kgang yone e ya

Development Manager (DM). Re solofetse mo go wena *mothers*, re na le tsholofelo, ga o ka ke wa re swabisa, boswa jo o bo tsayang jo bo botlhoko e bile bo bokete. Le *budget* ya gago mmaetsho, ga e ka ke ya bo kgona, mme re go eme nokeng, re tlaa nna re tswela re wa le wena.

Gompiano jaana fa ke ka go bolelela, ba BEC ba na le thulaganyo fela e ba e itiretseng ka Puso ya ga Domkrag. *Court order* e kile ya tswa ya re a *invigilators* tsotlhe tse di mo lefatsheng la Botswana ba duelwe fa ba *invigilate*. Se se botlhoko ke gore ba *private schools* ga ba duelwe mme *court order* e rile batho botlhe. Se se botlhoko ke gore bana ba *private schools* ba duedisiwa *exam fee*. Jaanong bone fa go tla go tsena gore ba bo ba duelwa, boswa jo o bo tsayang jo, bo botlhoko, o kolota batho madi a a gakgamatsang jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua, ka yone kgang e ya BEC. Boswa jo o bo jang jo mmaetsho, bo botlhoko. Fa o bona gompiano jaana o le mo botlhokong jo bo gakgamatsang gore le mo *primary schools*, ga gona se bana ba se jang, go ja fela gore bana ba ka ja eng, o tshwaragane le bothata. Ke ka moo re reng mmaetsho, re go eme nokeng, ga re ka ke ra go latlha, re tlaa tsamaya le wena mme re ntse re bua le kwa *Cabinet* gore bagaetsho, a re tshentsheng.

Thuto ya rona batho ba Modimo fa re ka tsaya sekai, ke gore o tlaa fitlhela bana ba *Sciences*, *Maths*, re tshwanetse go tataisa, re tshentshe. Bogologolo e ne e re fa ngwana a paletswe ke Standard 4 go bo gotwe o a *repeat*, fa a paletswe ke 7 re kgona go mo fa *room* ya go *repeat*. Ke dikgang tse e leng gore ga re re nne fa fatshe re bo re akofe re bue kgang e o e buang ele ya Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) *subjects*, ke tsone tse di ka isang lefatsheng golo gongwe.

Mmaetsho, ga gona yo o ka go nyatsang, ga gona yo o ka reng ga a bone ditiro tsa gago tse di ntle gore le fa boswa jo bo le botlhoko jaana, bo le bokete mme mma o rwele bokete, o sutelela kwa pele. Go *fail* ga bana ga se mathata a gago, ke mathata a e leng gore ke jone boswa jo, jo bo botlhoko, re tlaa go thusa mmaarona.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Mma ke go dumedise ke bo ke go lebohe mmaetsho gore le nna o mphile nako ya go tshwela mo kgannyeng e ya thuto. Ka bokhutshwane fela ke re kgang e e botlhokwa thata. Ke simolole ke re ke amogela madi a o a kopileng gore le fa a le mabotlana jaaka batlotlegi ba bua, ba itse kwa re tswang teng kwa morago gore ga gona sepe se se siameng. Maloba fa ke bua le *Minister* wa *Finance*, fa o gakologelwa ke ne ke ntse ke mmolelela gore “rra,

o fitlhetse mathata. Sengwe le sengwe ke sebedu, ga gona sepe se se nang le bolekanyetso se o ka tsayang gore fa go ka potwa ka fa go kare. Ga gona sepe se se nang le bokankabetso.” Ga ke itse legale gongwe ke nna yo ke bati fela kwa kgaolong ya me, ke gone go ntseng jalo. Kana fa gongwe o tlaa tloga o tsaya gore seemo re tshwana gongwe le gongwe, e le gore gongwe kwa ga Ramogapi go na le ka fa go ka kankabetswang ka teng...

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga rra. Nnyaa, o se ka wa tsaya gore ke wena fela, le mo Gaborone go na le dikole di tshwana le bo Maoka, se sale se agiwa. Ke ntse ke tshwaragane le *Minister*. Se sale se agiwa mme le fa e go baakanngwa gangwefela, *no maintenance plan*, dikole gongwe le gongwe ke mathata fela. Jaanong ga se wena fela rra, *Minister* o tshwere boswa jo bo bothloko.

MR KEDIKILWE: Go raya gore ka bokhutshwane o dumalana le nna Dr Butale gore madi a ga a lekana *Minister*, ka re itse go na le dikgwetlho kwa mafelong a rona. Go riana gompiano fa ke bua jaana ke akanya kwa Dimajwe, jaaka motlotlegi a bua gore o kile a fitlhela bana kwa mo borulelong jwa *class* go sena *ceiling* mme ka fa go lepeletse *fiberglass*. O ipotsa gore a *fiberglass* fa *purpose* ya yone e le gore e kgone go baba ditshidinyana tse di ka tsenang ka fa tlase ga *ceiling*, a ngwana ene ga e ka ke ya mo baba? A *teacher* ene ga e ka ke ya mo baba? *Teacher* fa a tswa fa, a tshwana le ba bangwe babereki, kana ke modirelapuso le ene, o tla a ipaakantse a kgabile gore le ene a nne le ditebego fa a le mo tirong ya gagwe e a e ratang, e a e ikgethetseng. E bo e re fa ya go tswa fa jaanong o itsatsaula melala e o babiwa gongwe le gongwe le mo matlhong tota, kgantele o fitlhela a tshaba le go tsena mo teng. Fa le leba *floors* tsa borutelo gone mo gotweng ke *classrooms*, ke mesima mole, *teacher* o kgona go tla ka setlhako sa *heel* se bo se kgaoga serethe se itaya mosima o a le mo *classroom*. O bo o ipotsa gore *teacher* a o ka tswelala a ntsha maduo go ntse jalo?

Ke tle ke ba reye ke re ke sone se o bonang ke le etela kgapetsakgapetsa kwa dikoleng tsa lona ka gore ga ke batle gore e re ka letsatsi le bofelo e setse maduo a tswa batho ba le supa ka menwana, le nna ke bo ke le supa ka menwana. Ke raya gore je tle ke tswe mosupi wa gore nnyaa betsho, a e se kang ra supa babereki ba ba Puso ka monwana ka gore fa ba berekelang teng, ke rona re tlaabong re paletswa re le Goramente gore re dire gore *environment* e nne *conducive* fela jaaka mongwe le

mongwe ya re fa a ya kwa tirong a bo a solofela gore fa a ya go tsena mo ofising ya gagwe, o tlaa fitlhela go na le tebego ya gore o ka kgona go berekela sentle foo. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng o fitlhetse mathata jaaka Motlotlegi Ramogapi a bua, madi ke one a ke belaelang gore a mannye ka gore o ne o ka leka motho wa Modimo...

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Elucidation.* Thank you very much, tanki motlotlegi. Ke ne ke re diemo tse o buang ka tsone tsa mo dikoleng tse Tona a di jang boswa, o a itse gore go na le tse di ngomolang pelo o fitlhela bana ba sena a *roof over their heads*? Go sena kwa bana ba robalang teng e bile diemo tsa dipula fa di tlike jaana, bangwe ba nna mo ditanteng. Gore gongwe madi a jaaka o bua motlotlegi, go batla a *special arrangement* gore go ye go sekasekwa gore bana ba go na le gore re ba lebe fela kwa sekoleng, re ba sale morago le kwa malwapeng a bone *because* tshotlego e e ntsi e koo, kwa sekoleng e bile o kare go nna botokanyana. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo. Kgang e nngwe e e bothlokwa ke gore barutabana ga gona yo o lemogang gore ba bereka *overtime* nako e e ntsi. Ga ke itse gore ka go reng tota? Jaaka o ne o utlwa Motlotlegi Lesedi a ne a kaya gore motho o tlaabo a theogelela kwa Mmashoro a tsamaya 80 *kilometres*. Go raya gore o sale a emelela *early* a ya kwa a berekelang teng, ka ditshenyegelo tsa gagwe *for that matter*. Fa o *commute* jalo o tshela *petrol* o re o ya tirong, o lata tiro ka ditshenyegelo. Le fa a tsena kwa ka go lebelela gore fa gongwe o na le bana ba a tshwanetseng go simolola go le *early* gore ba kgone go tshwara, ga gona yo o lebelelang gore motho yo o theogela *early* e bile o tshaisa *late*.

Ke ne ke re gongwe e re fa o ntse o sekaseka dikgang tse tsa thuto motlotlegi, o lebelele gore barutabana ke batho ba e leng gore le bana ba batla gore kwa bofelong... ke gakologelwa nako e nngwe kwa sekoleng sa Central, *teacher* a re, “o itse gore ke a tshaisa ka gore ke tshwerwe ke nako ya go tshaisa,” mme ke utlwa bothloko ka gore bongwanake ke ne ke eletsa gore ke ye go digela le bone ka gore mokgwa wa me ga ke *mind* gore ke theogela nako mang, ke batla gore kwa bofelong maduo a bana ba e bo e le gore ke a a kgatlhisang.” O bona gore ga a lebelele *salary* le *overtime* gore a o a duelwa kana ga a duelwe, *but* ene o lebeletse maduo kwa bofelong. Jaanong golo mo ba ka rotloetsega le bone batho ba, fa o kare ba ntse ba dira dilo tse, ra ba lebelela Modulasetilo gore tota batho ba a a amogela ee, ba a bereka, mme

ba na le boithaoponyana mo tirong ya bone fa o ka e lebelela bontsi jwa nako. Ya go phakela ga go na yo o ba rayang a re phakelang thata le bone gore bana ba *revise* pele ga ba kwala, fa e le gore ba kwala *examinations*. Ga go na yo o ba rayang jalo. Bone ba kgona go itirela jalo. Jaanong a selo se re se lebeleleng.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua fa gongwe fa a ntse jaana, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore go tlhomola pelo, fa a tsena mo *classroom* ga e na difensetere, ke mafutifuti fela mo *floor*, ga go na ditilo. Le fa gotwe ba *improvise*, ga o ka ke wa itse gore ba tlaa *improvise* ka mo go ntseng jang. Fa e le rona ba re nang le dikole tsa Rural Area Dwellers (RADS) jaaka kwa Malatswai, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore le mo teng kwa *hostels* kwa bana ba ba nnang teng, ga go na bonno jo bo siameng; metsi a tshologa gongwe le gongwe, ga go na difensetere. Mo diphefong le mo dipuleng tsa maloba, o bo o ipotsa gore bana ba bone fa gotwe ba ya go rutiwa, ba rutiwa fa go ntseng jang. Fa gongwe o kgonne go leka *to improvise* ka gore *space* kana *classrooms* ga di lekane, ba ya go fitlhela *classroom* ya bogologolo, *kitchen* e go ka bong gotwe ke *kitchen* ya bogologolo ba bo ba re re tlaa tsenela gone fa. Bona fela gore ke motho yo o ithaopang fela a bo a tsaya bana a nna le bone gone fa mo phefong, bana ba itewa ke diphefo. Le fa o re o a bua fa... O bona gore jaanong kwa bofelong re ya *to judge* gore morutabana yo ga a ntsha maduo kana sekole se ga se a ntsha maduo. Ga re lebelele rona re le Goramente gore *did we provide* se se neng se tlhokafala. A bana ba ne ba tsena mo *environment* e e siameng, e e tshwanang le ya bana ba ga Dr Butale ba Gaborone ba e leng gore kwa bofelong, go tlaabo go nna le mo gotweng bana ba dikole tse di dirileng botoka ba neelwa *incentives*-nyana tsa gore bone gongwe ba kgonne. Ga o dire dilo sentle ka gore bale o ne o ba *provide* kana *environment* e ba ithutelang mo go yone e farologana le ya bale. Go bo go nna go ntse gotwe, *top achievers*, ga o a *level ground* pele. Ke gone fa re sa lebeng gore fa re bua kgang e ya *top achievers*, fa gongwe re *level ground* pele re bone gore yo o kwa Dimajwe, Mahalapye kana Mmashoro, a o ne a ka se ke a nne *top achiever*, kana yo o kwa *because* kwa a ithutelang teng ga go tshwane le yo o mo sekoleng se se mo Gaborone kana Francistown se se kwa ditoropong. Jaanong o bo o fitlhela o kare re palelwa ke go nna le *top achievers* ka gore kwa re tlholegang teng o kare ke molato mo Pusong e e teng.

Jaanong a Puso e se ka ya *inherit* seemo se se ntseng jalo se re tlaa otlhaelwang gore re tswa kwa Dimajwe, Malatswai kana Mmashoro. A Puso e *provide environment* e e leng gore e tlaa tshwana, e *level ground*,

e tle e bone gore ga re ka ke ra ntsha *top achievers* kwa mafelong a a kwa ntle ao. Ke gone fa ke sa dumeleng teng ka gore go tswa fa *top achievers* tse di ntseng di le mo ditoropong gale *benefits* go feta bana ba rona ba ba kwa ntle. Jaanong a re lebeleleng seemo se, re fitlhele e le gore ga se gore re a palelwa, ga se gore re ithutela fa go tshwanang le ba ba mo ditoropong.

Ke raya gore ka bokhutshwane fela ke ne ke re ke leke go feta foo gore o fitlhela e le gore bana le fa ba tlhapelang teng go le *winter*, o tlhapela mo phefong, yo mongwe o tlhapela mo *shower* ka metsi a a bothito, yole gatwe a ikgoletse molelo, o tsaya kae dikgong e le bana ba sekole fela jaaka mongwe le mongwe...

MADAM CHAIRPERSON: E go tshwere *Honourable* Kedikilwe.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Madam Chairperson*.

Ke go leboge le nna Tona gore o bo o kgonne gore o *present budget* ya gago mo letsatsing la gompiano. Gongwe pele ga ke tswelela Tona, ke leboge dikole tsa kgaolo ya me le barutabana ka fa ba tshwereng ka teng. Maloba re ne ra tshwanelwa ke go ipopa, nna le bagokgo ba dikole re buisane go bona gore tota re ka thusana jang go ya kwa pele ka lebaka la gore go a itshupa gore thuto ya rona re tswelletse ka go wela kwa tlase. Tota maikaelelo ke gore re iteke, re eme ka dinao go bona gore re direla bana ba rona tshiamo. Ke leboga bo megokgo botlhe ba dikole tsa Francistown. Ke leboge le sekole sa Montsamaisa se se dirileng sentle thata mo ngwageng ono jaaka ba tlhola ba ntse ba dira.

Madam Chairperson, ke supe gore nngwe ya *challenges* tse re ntseng re na le tsone e ntse e le *confusion* ya *curriculum* tota. Re ne re iphitlhela e le gore *curriculum* ya rona o kare le rona e a re tsietsa. *Implementation* ya *curriculum* ka gore o tlaa bona e le gore jaanong fa tsholofelo e le gore e tshwanetse *to be implemented* kwa tlase go ya kwa godimo, fa gongwe *is implemented from* kwa godimo go ya kwa tlase. E bo e le gore *it creates confusion* fela tota e o felelang o sa itse. Gape dilo tse di ntseng di diragala, go tlaabo go nna le *policy* ele, go nna le mole go felela mo tseleng. Ga go digelwe sentle. Ke dumela gore jaanong jaaka o tshwere *policy* e ntsha e o batlang gore re e sale morago Tona, re tlaa e tsaya re ya kwa pele sentle. Re simolola re e *follow* e ya go felela, e seng gore jaanong re simolole selo re se *drop*, kamoso Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP) e a tlogelwa, kamoso se, se a tlogelwa.

I would also want you gore o lebelele *recommendations* tsa Revised National Policy on Education of 1994, yone e ba ba *generous* ba neng ba e bitsa *the* Kedikilwe Commission. E santse e na le *recommendations* tse e leng gore fa re ka di lebelela, ra di tsaya di ka thusa thuto ya lefatshe la Botswana mo go seng kana ka sepe. *Unfortunately*, tota fela e re e tswa e ne ya ntsha *recommendations* tse di kalokalo tsa tshiamo e e kalo, Goromente yo o fetileng ga a ise gotlhelele a leke go bona gore o ka thusa thuto ya rona. E ne e le *commission* e e neng e diretswe mokgabo ke a bona, mme *recommendations* tsa teng tsa se ka tsa tla tsa dirisiwa fela sentle.

Tota fela fa go tla mo *resources* jaaka gompiano re go neela *resources*, fa gongwe re go neela madi jaaka re go neela madi jaana Tona a go dira, mme e le gore dilo tse dingwe di ne di sa tlhoke madi mo go kalokalo. Fa ke go fa sekai, Goromente yo o fetileng o ne a na le thulaganyo ya *clusters* tsa kwa Francistown e go tlaabong go tsewa *photocopying machines* di ya go bewa kwa sekoleng se sengwe, konteraka nngwe e bo e tsamaisa *those facilities* gore dikole tseo tsa *cluster* eo di *photocopy*. Fa konteraka e fela jaaka e fedile gompiano jaana, go raya gore *they abandon that thing*. *Those machines are there*, konteraka e fedile, barutabana ga go na kwa ba dirang di *copy* teng, mme *machines* di teng. Jaanong fa o botsa gore *what is next*, ga go na yo o itseng gore a go tlaa tllisiwa konteraka e nngwe e tla *to run photocopying machines* tse, ga go itsiwe gore a le tsone di a bereka. Ke *confusion* fela. O ka nna wa iphitlhela o tshwanelwa ke gore o rekele dikole *photocopying machines*, mme e le gore tsone di teng, ke fela gore tsamaiso ke yone e e tsietsegang mo go feteletseng.

Ke eletsa gape gore o lemoge gore re ntse re nna le mathata a *cyclic maintenance*; ga go na *maintenance* o o rileng. Fa o ka lebelela dikoloto, gongwe tsa metsi *for example* a dikole, o fitlhela e le gore *bills* tsa sekole sengwe le sengwe di kwa godimo, ke kgang fela ya *maintenance*. Go tlaabo *pipes* di dutla *all over*, metsi a tshologa bosigo le motshegare. Go bo gotwe sekole se kolota P20 *million* ka lebaka la gore ga go baakanngwe *pipes* kana *infrastructure* e e foo. Jaanong re felela e le gore *we spend* madi a mantsi go ya go duela *bills* madi a re ka bong re a dirisa mo go rekeng dibuka le dijo tsa bana, re ya go a dirisa go emisetsa go tlhoka go baakanya dilo tsa rona. Golo mo Tona ke ne ke akanya gore re go emele ka dinao go bona gore dilo tse di jang madi re di tswale ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa re ka tswela ka tsone ga re baakanye sepe ka gore metsi jaaka a tshologa jaana, re dirisa *millions* re duela. Ga re sa tswale phatlha yone e, go raya gore ga go na kwa re yang teng.

Go na le dikgang tse o fitlhelang ke akanya gore tse go tshwanelwa ke gore le tsone re di emele ka dinao. Go na le dikgang tsa bo gore go na le bo megokgo ba ba kileng ba tsholediwa maemo ba ya go nna *Education Officers*, go bo go raya gore morago megokgo jaanong le yone e tsholediwa maemo e feta bale ba ba neng ba tsholeditswe maemo mo bogokgong ka *scales*. E bo e le gore bale ba re, “aa, fa e le gore go ntse jalo, *can we be allowed to go back to* bogokgo ka gore go raya gore go botoka go na le kwa re neng re tsholeditswe maemo teng.” Go bo go raya gore golo moo ga go kgonagale.

I think these are issues tse re tshwanelwang ke go di baakanya. Ke gore kgang e tswana le ya gore kwa dikoleng tsa *primary for example*, go na le *position* ya bo *senior teacher*, *senior teacher* yo mongwe o na le *portfolio*, yo mongwe ga a na *portfolio*, mme ba amogela madi a a tshwanang. Go kile ga iwa *court* Goromente a fenya kgang. Go fenya kgang gone mo *does not make sense, because if I have responsibilities over the other person*, e bo e le gore mme re amogela madi a a tshwanang, *it does not make sense*. Ba ka tswa ba fentse kgang, *but* ga o ka ke wa re *senior teacher* yo o nang le *those he/she supervises* le *department* e a e okametseng o ka tshwanelwa ke go amogela madi a a lekanang le a yo e leng gore ga a na boitemogelo joo.

Gape re lebelele gore, go kile ga dirisiwa madi mo *infrastructure* ya COVID, a a seng kana ka sepe, go tsenngwa dilo tse di tlhapelang, go diriswa eng. Dilo tseo di tlogetswe, di senyegile, ke gore go latlheletswe fela. Ke gore re dirisa madi, fa re sena go nna re a dirisa fa go senyega ga re baakanye, ke gore madi a rona a tswela a tsena mo mosimeng. Fa re ka leka go tswala diphatlha tseo Tona, ke akanya gore re ka ya golo gongwe. Madi a *maintenance* kwa *primary schools* a mannyennyane thata, gore e bo e le gore re ba neela P10, 000 gotwe ke wa *maintenance*, P10, 000 *is nothing*. Kwa *secondary schools* madinyana a teng a botokanyana. *Why can we not consider* gore kana bana ba kwa *primary schools* *in terms of number* o fitlhela e le gore *primary school* e na le bana ba ba fetang kwa *secondary school*. *In terms of maintenance funds*, o fitlhela e le gore a kwa *primary* a kwa tlase thata go na le a kwa *secondary*. *I think* re e lebelele eo ka e ka thusa. O ya go fitlhela e le gore *furniture*, bo ditafole, ditilo le mo go neng go ka baakanngwa mo sekoleng fela ga boela mo *classrooms*, go felela go latlheletswe kwa ntle. *Then we are forced to buy new furniture, when we still have serviceable furniture that we can fix*, re bo re e dirisa re sa dirise madi a a seng kana ka sepe. Kwa *primaries* gape

Tona, ke akanya gore madinyana ale le fa a se kana ka sepe, e se a sepe, o bona gone mo ga gore ga gona bo *bursar*, mogokgo o tlaabo a dira tiro ya gagwe, a bo a tshwanelwa ke go tshwara *thousands* tse di seng kana ka sepe, e le *bursar*, e le *secretary* gape. *I think* mo gone re tshwanetse le gone re go emele ka dinao, go bona gore Tona re neela *primary schools* bo *bursar*, re ba neela *secretaries*, gore bo mogokgo ba kgone *to focus* mo *core business* ya bone, e e leng go bona gore *curriculum* is implemented sentle mo sekoleng seo.

Tona, a re le keng ka bojotlhe go bona gore re ka bona madi kae *to absorb temporary teachers, because temporary teachers* ba ga se ba ba tshwanang le ba bogologolo ba e neng e le gore ke *temporary teacher* mme a se *qualified*. *Here we are talking about qualified teachers*, ba e leng gore *unfortunately* ga ba na *posts* mo dikoleng, ba bo ba nna *temporary*. *Let us try to look for money, even if* re ka tshwanelwa ke gore re ikagagole, re senke madi *to absorb them*, ka gore diphatlha di teng. *Vacancies are there, it is only that there are no posts*. *So, let us struggle* go bona gore re buisanya le ba Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM), ba kgone *to absorb temporary teachers*, le bone ba kgone go bereka.

Indiscipline is one of the biggest issues tse e leng gore fa gongwe di baka mathata, ka gore *indiscipline* e baka *vandalism* kwa dikoleng. Go bo go baka gone gore jaanong re bo re tla re dirisa madi a a seng kana ka sepe. Ke sone se e leng gore *one of the things* tse re tshwanetseng go di tsaya ka tlhoafalo ke kgang ya *counselling*. E re ntswa Rre Mabuse Pule *counselling* a e batlela gore ba jelwe ke ditlhopho, ba sidilwe maikutlo, ke akanya gore gongwe *counselling* e nne ya go bona gore bana ba rona re ba baakanya sentle, re ba sidila maikutlo. Ke gore re leka tsotlhe tse re ka di kgonang, gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi bana ba ba tswang mo dikoleng tse e nne bana ba ba siameng, ba ba ka yang golo gongwe. Ka mafoko a kalo mma ke eme fela gone foo. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Tanki *Mr Chairperson*. E re la ntlha ke dumedise ba Kgaolo ya me ya Letlhakeng, ke bo ke re gomotsegang, ke a itse gore le tlhokafaletswe ke Kgosi, e bong Kgosi Maseenyane, gomotsegang. E re go gomotsega le gomotsegele ruri. Betsho le nna e re mo tshwetsong e ya madi e e tlileng ka Tona ya Thuto go tswa Moding, ke nne ke tshwaele sengwe. Betsho gompiano jaaka re tshela jaana go na le mo gotweng Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

tse di buang ka thuto e e leng gore *this time* e bua ka *pillar* No. 4 e e buang ka tse di latelang, tse e leng gore fa ke bua ka tsone ke tlaabo ke lebile gore a di a diragala mo kgaolong e ke e emetseng ya botlhophi.

Sa ntlha betsho, e bua fela e re; re tshwanetse *to ensure* gore thuto ya rona e akaretsa botlhe, e bo e lekane mongwe le mongwe. Re bo gape re rotloetse gore, batho ba ithute go simologa bale ba nnyennyane go fitlhelela ba gola. E na le mo gotweng *targets* tse di latelang betsho, tse ke tsayang gore lephata le la ga Tona le lekile gore le di ame. Sa ntlha fela ke gore re tshwanetse gore mo lefatsheng ka go ntse jalo, re nne le thuto ya mahala. Betsho fa o ka ela tlhoko *target* ya ntlha e bua ka thuto ya mahala, mme le a itse gore re na le dikgwetlho tse di re lebaneng dingwaga tse. Ga gona dilo tse dintsi kwa dikoleng, mo e leng gore sengwe le sengwe le *stationery* di rekiwa ke batsadi. Go raya gore gone mo re tshwanetse go go leba, re go sekaseke, re le lephata, kana Lephata la thuto le go sekaseke.

Sa bobedi e bua ka thuto e e nang le boleng jo bo rileng mo ngwaneng le mo kgodisong ya gagwe. Betsho mma ke bue jaana ke re, fa ngwana a tsholwa o tla a tshwana le pampiri e tshweu, mme o kare tikologo kana *the environment is the one that actually determines his future in education*. *Environment* fa e kgotlela pampiri e e kgotlela ngwana yo, yo rona re leng baeteledipele re ka tswa re lebile *environment* e e kgotlela ngwana yo, a ra re e tlaare kamoso ngwana a bo a na le bokamoso mo thutong. Ke sone se re se bonang se diragala. Ke bua jaana ka gore fa o ka ela tlhoko dilo tse di diragalang mo dikoleng, batho ba bangwe ba rekisa metokwane mo gotweng bo katse. Ga ke itse gore a go na le bo ntša le bomang, ga ke itse? Mme fela ba dikologile dikole tse. Ba bangwe ba bo ba rekisetsa bana ba tsentsa ditagi tseo mo dimonamoneng. Ke *environment* e e leng gore ngwana fa a gola re na le tumelo ya gore thuto ya gagwe e ka se ke e nne ya boleng.

Bagaetsho, ya boraro e bua ka tekatekano ya go kwala le go apara *tie* le tiro ya diatla. Re tshwanetse ra e ela tlhoko. Ke ntse ke utlwa bakaulengwe ba bua gore re na le batho ba gompiano ba tswang kwa Aferika Borwa ba itse go dira tiro ka diatla, ba itse go aga matlo a a rileng. Fa re ka dira gore thuto ya ga Van Rensburg e a buileng ka yone ka bo 1972, 1974 e e diragetseng kwa bo Swaneng, Madiba, re tshwanetse gore fa re e dira re itse gore bagaetsho *we have over flooded the industry* ka *ties*. Re tshwanetse ra bona gore mongwe le mongwe ngwana fa a gola o kgona eng ka diatla. Re tshwanetse ra bona gore re a lekalekanya, e se ka ya re ka gore

motho yo mongwe o itse go betla, yo mongwe o itse go kwala sentle, o itse go tšhoma Sekgoa, re bo re re, yo o itseng go betla go raya gore ga se wa sepe. O tshwanetse gore a isiwe kwa, a beelwe ka fa thoko. Dilo tse ke tsone tse e leng gore Vision 2036 ya SDG e a di tlhoka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Ke a gana, ke sa ganele gore ke a go tlhoa. Ke batla gore ke fetse go se gonene.

Tekatekano ya thuto le koketso ya bana ba ba ithutang tiriso ya madi (*financial literacy or management*). Re tshwanetse gore Tona, re dire gore *subject* e e tsene mo dikoleng go simolola motho a le monnyennyane. A rutwe gore o tshwanetse a itse go tlhokomela madi, a itse go ipeela madi. E re a gola a bo a itse gore, o tshwanetse gore a bo a ka kgona go itshidisa ka madi a a ipeetseng. Ke sone se se tshwanetseng gore se dirwe mo Lephateng la Thuto go tswa Moding.

Thuto e e senang kgethololo epe betsho, ke utlwile mokaulengwe o mongwe a bua gore re tshwanetse ra itse gore mongwe le mongwe mo Botswana o tshwanetse gore a itse go kwala le go bala. Mongwe le mongwe fa a na le keletso ya thuto a rutiwe, go sa kgathalesege gore a o godile a lekana ka eng, ke sone se re se tlhokang mo nakong ya dingwaga tse re tshelang mo go tsone. Mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse gore a itse go bala le go kwala, go ka tlhabisa ditlhong ke tla fa batho ba Khudumelapye le Letlhakeng ba ntlhophile, ke bo ke palelwa ke go bala sepe fela se se kwadilweng ke Tona.

Sa bofelo ke gore, motho fa a tsene sekole mo kgaolong ya rona kana mo Botswana, a kgone gore a hirwe gongwe le gongwe. Thuto ya boleng e tshwanetse gore e re ke tsena England ke kgone go bereka, go se ka gatwe yo o tswang kwa Khudumelapye o ka se ke a bereke kwa England kana France, o tshwanetse gore a dire jalo.

Bagaetsho, go na le mo gotweng *challenges*, tse ke tsileng go bua ka tsone ke di le lebisa tse ke di bonang mo kgaolong ya me. Fa re lebelela kwa kgaolong ya me, go na le mathata a barutabana ba ba *frustrated* ba sa duelwe e le *temporary teachers*. Barutabana ba bangwe ga ba na fa ba nnang teng, ke gore go tlhakatlhakane. *Infrastructure* e kwa tlase, go botlhoko, dilo tse bagaetsho re tshwanetse gore re di ele tlhoko. Dikole di kgautlhane, *windows are broken*, sengwe le sengwe se ile kwa tlase. Dilo tse re tshwanetse ra di lebelela batho betsho, gore e re kamoso ngwana a tshele sentle a nne le thuto e e nang le boleng. *Equipment* ga e yo bagaetsho

mo dikoleng, *photocopying machines* le *photocopying papers* ga diyo. Ra re thuto e tshwanetse gore e nne mahala, jaanong batsadi ke bone ba rekang dilo tse di farologanyeng. Re tshwanetse dilo tse ra di ela tlhoko, ra dira gore di nne teng mo dikoleng. Ke tsaya gore Tona ya Thuto dilo tse o tla a di ela tlhoko.

Betsho a *primary schools* di agiwe kwa Letlhakeng, ke batla sekole se sengwe sa *primary* se le *one*. Ke batla gape le sekole sa Ngware Tona, sa Junior Secondary School se re sa bolong go se batla. E re fa o dira NDP, sekole se se tsennngwe e re kamoso re kgone go rola merwalo mo dikoleng tse dingwe tse di tshwang le Salajwe, Letlhakeng le Matsheng. Ke sone se ke batlang go se kopa mo go wena, e seng jalo fa go sa nne jalo ke tlaa nna ke ntse bua ka sekole sa Ngware motho wetsho. Ke tlaa bua ka sone go fitlhelela, gatwe tonki e kile ya mela, ga ke itse gore e medile mogatla kana dinaka, mme e tshwanetse gore e se ka ya tla ya mela sepe go fitlheleleng ke bona sekole seo. Fa go ntse jalo ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng. Ke a leboga.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members, it is 5.15 p.m. I shall now call upon Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, to reply to the debate. Honourable Minister, you have 30 minutes to reply to your colleagues.

MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA):

Mma ke go leboge *Mr Chairperson*. Ke leboge le Mapalamente a a tlotlegang ka dikakgelo le dipotso tsa bone tse di maleba. Ke simolole ka *Honourable Hikuama*, ke mo leboge gore o lemogile gore *budget* e tota e nnyennyane. Ke simolotse jaaka le ne le bona ke ne ke tabogile le *pages* tse dintsi, tse di supang gore ke *ministry* o motonatonatona, o o tsayang motho *from conception*. O akaretsa le bomme ba ba itsholofetseng ka *nutrition*, o ruta jalo ka bana go tloga fela jaaka ba tsholwa ka mephuthelwana. O ruta ka dikgwetlho tsa go ba tsenya sekole, go tloga fela ba santse ba le bannyennyane mo *early childhood* e le bo *pre-school*, *nurseries primary*, *junior secondary*, *senior secondary* le ba ba *out of school* ba le mo teng.

Raetsho, le ba ba ntseng ba akgela jalo batlotlegi gore *budget* ga e a lekana, ke leboga tota gore le bo le lela le rona. Ke tsaya gore e tlaa re nako tse dingwe ke kokota fa, jaaka re setse re tlhalositse gore bontlha jwa

Child Welfare jo bo neng bo ntse bo beilwe ka fa tlase ga *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* e le *unit* fela, jaanong le tsile lotlhe e le *component* e kopanang le *education in an integrated manner* go tlhama lephata le le tonatona. Ke lebogetse gore ba lemogile gore ke le nosi ke ka se ka ka kgona, ke tlhokana le mothusi yo o ka nthusang go tsamaisa lephata le ka manontlotlho. Le le tshwereng dikgang tse di bosisinyana.

Ke ise ke tsenelele kgakala ke arabe, ke na le letshwenyegonyana fa batlotlegi. Lepkata le bidiwa *Child Welfare and Basic Education*, mme go le gantsi Mapalamente fa ba emelela ba mpotsa dipotso, ba mpha dikakgelo le dikgakololo, ba sekamela fela ka fa thutong ba bo ba lebala modi le tlamelo ya bana. Le gompiano mo dikakgelong tse, ga go fete Batlotlegi Mopalamente ba ba fetang *three* ba ba kileng ba sekamela ntlheng e nngwe le lephata la *Child Welfare*. Kwa go nang le dikgang tse di bosisi, tse di dirisanang le *child protection*. Letsatsi le letsatsi go na le selelo sa segajaja sa bana ba ba bolawang ba sena go dirisiwa bothatswa (*defilement and molestation*), tse re di fitlhelang le mo dikoleng. Dikgang tse re fitlhelang mo dikoleng *corporal punishment* e dirisiwa go kgokgontsha bana, dikgang tse re fitlhela e le gore le kwa malwapeng bana ga ba nne fa ba nnang teng sentle. Ke tsone dikgang tse ke neng ke dumela ke solofela gore re le botsadi mo Ntlong e e tlotlegang e, re tshwanetse le tsone re di sale morago.

Fa ke re re sale dikgang tsa *Child Welfare* morago, ka re bana ga ba na *a voice*. A re tlwaelweng gore *the voiceless* re ba beye kwa pele mo dikgannyeng dingwe le dingwe tse re batlang go di bulelela. Ga ke re go se ka ga bulelelwa ba bangwe, mme fela a bana ba ba senang molomo... re tseye sekai sa gore ngwana fa o ka mo omanya ka bogale kana wa mo tsenya thupa, o ema fale o a lela, fa a sena go lela o a boa gape o tabogela kwa go wena. A kutlwelobotlhoko e mo baneng ba ba senang molomo wa go ipuelela e apare, mohau wa teng o apare Ntlo e.

E re *next time* fa ke eme, ke botswa potso ka *ministry* o wa rona, dikgang tse di gaufi thata le pelo ya me, di bo di ntse di tsholediswa, di pagamisetswa kwa godimo, lentswe la botsadi jo bo fa, le utlwale ka dikgang tsa bana.

E nngwe e ke batlang go e gatelela ke ise ke tsene mo dipotsong, ke gatelela se, ke fe thuto ka gore dikgang tsa rona ke tlile go di soboka ka di a tshwana ka bontsi. Ke kgang ya gore lephata le ke le eteleletseng pele bagaetsho,

ga se le le nang le thuto le barutabana fela. A mo nakong e e tlang ke utlwe re bua ka ba boipelego. Ga ke rate lefoko la bo mmaboipelego gotlhelele. Ke setse ke gasitse efangedi mo lephateng le gore ba bidiwa 'ba boipelego.' A ke utlwe go buiwa ka bone. A ke utlwe go buiwa ka *psychologists*. A ke utlwe go buiwa ka ba ba apayang kwa dikoleng. A ke utlwe go buiwa ka ba ba re kgweetsang le ba ba phepafatsang. A ke utlwe go buiwa ka ditshwanelo ka gore re Goromente wa ditshwanelo tsa setho. A ditshwanelo tsa lephata le, di akaretse babereki ba lone ba botlhe. Re se ka ra remelela fela ra bua ka barutabana. Go le gantsi fa re bua ka thuto, *I have observed* gore re tlaabo re bua ka barutabana *placing this above the welfare of children*.

Ga go molato re ka bua ka babereki, mme a go bua ga rona ka babereki, go se ka ga re kanela kana fa re thiba gore re lebele gore babereki ba ba bereka jalo, mme go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore *welfare* ya bone e tshwanetse e tseelwe kwa godimo ga bone. Ke feleletsela fela ke re, mo lephateng la rona, *welfare* ya bana re e beetse kwa godimodimo *because they are the most vulnerable*, kwa godimodimo ga *welfare* ya mongwe le mongwe. Ke tsone dikgang tse ke batlang go di utlwa mo nakong e e tlang.

Mma ke soboke ka gore kgang ya *conditions of service* ya barutabana e tlhagile go le gantsi. Ke amogele seemo se, se se botlhoko, boswa jone jo bo botlhoko jo bo builweng ke *Honourable* Ramogapi. Selelo sa barutabana ke a se itse. Fa merwalela e pheketse, ke tsamaile mo dikoleng tse dingwe ke itemogela fa matlo a bone le *foundation* tsa matlo ao di ranya. O ye fela fa Nanogang, Maoka, Mochudi, Dinokeng ka kwa, Kweneng, Seepapitso, Phalakampa, Francistown, Khwee, Jackalas 1, Ramokgwebana, gongwe le gongwe, Boteti jo jotlhe jo, ke dikgang tse di re apereng. Bagaetsho, a babereki ba e seng *teachers* fela, ba boipelego, *psychologists*, *nutritionists* le botlhe ba itse gore selelo se, lephata le, le se itemogetse, le a se itse. Re santse re tlaa nna fa fatshe le bone. Go nna le babereki fa fatshe, ga go reye gore o ba lata kwa ba leng teng. Re setse re dirile maiteko le gompiano a gore *online*, re kopane le Bagokgo ba dikole, re buisane le bone. Ke maikaelelo a rona gore re sutelele ka gore fa re le mo Bagokgong ba dikole, re ka kgona go itse gore naare mo dikoleng tsa bone go diragala eng. Ba ba dirang ka fa tlase ga bone, go nna jang. Ke maikaelelo a gore mo bekeng e e tlang e, ke sutelele le boeteledipele jo bongwe bogogi jwa lephata le. Re tle re kgone go bua le ba boipelego, re ba nankolole jaana ka *regions* gore

le bone, re tle re utlwe selelo sa bone. E re fa re na le *information* e, kitso e ka dilelo tsa bone, re kgone go nna fa fatshe, re tle ka metlhala re kopane le bone. Setlhako se fisa morwadi, *only the pot knows how hot the fire is*. Re se ka ra nna ra utlwa fela. Ba re bolelele sentle jaaka botsadi.

Nna ke motho le *welfare* tota, *welfare*. Ke kgone go lebelela gore tota gatwe matsapa di a tsaya kae. Fa re tshwaragane re le rotlhe re dirisana ba rotlhe, re ka kgona go sutelela. Ka bonnyennyanyana jo re nang le jone, re ka kgona go sutelela go fitlhelela fa kae. Ga re ka ke ra bua ka *child friendly schools* re sa bue ka *worker friendly environment*. Ke kgang e ntšha e ke batlang go e tsenya, le o kwale thata. Ra ba ra bua ka *child friendly homes*, ke dikgang tse di mo pele ga rona re le lephata le.

Mma ke sutelele ke ye kwa kgannyeng ya *dilapidated infrastructure*, e e akaretsang dikole tse di makgasa, jone boswa jo bo botlhoko jo ke bo fitlhelang. Dikole tse di makgasa tse di senang ditilo, *ceiling* di a wa, ke boammaaruri. Ke rile maloba ka bua fa ke eme fa pele ga setšhaba mo Palamenteng e e tlotlegang ka re, ammaaruri, ammaaruri, Modimo ya re re goroga gompiano, a tsaya se se ka fa tlase ga tafole, a se baya fa godimo. A letlelela merwalela ya goroga gore re itemogele sentle gore mo dingwageng tse 58 tsele, fa e ne e tle e re fa re botsa gore motho o tlhabololwa jang re le ba *opposition*, re bo re tewa gotwe re agile dikole tse 125. Re agile *clinics* tse kana. Fa re lebelela ka merwalela, seemo sa dikole, *clinics* le ditsela aaa! *Dololo!* Rotlhe re itse seemo se re mo go sone.

Bagaetsho, *we suggested* jalo *and proposed* mo go yone *budget* e, ra kwala, ra tlhalosa gore re batla gore re itepatepanye, re leke go araba diemo tse ka mo gotweng, ke bue ka Sekgoa ntetlelele *Chairperson*, “*the ministry proposes an insourcing of labour programme to maintain incidental daily maintenance needs which includes plumbing breakages, storm water damages; electrical breakdowns and mechanical breakdowns.*” Re bo re sa eme foo, re bo re re, “*the ministry will furthermore approach this House,*” yone Palamente e e tlotlegang e, *to propose an expansion of the National Internship Programme to include graduates from the brigades, CITF and technical colleges as a way of empowerment; skills development and job creation. The interns would be able to provide local maintenance support to schools supervised by technical officers,*” or *offices*. Ga re ka ke mo nakong ya gompiano ka *budget*

e nnyennyane, ra kgona *to engage companies* tse di tona. Ke gore re lebe mo magaeng, mo mafelong, *the local environment* e re iphitlhelang re le mo go yone. *Honourable* Morolong o ne a bua gore go na le baagi ba ba agileng matlo, *brigade* le tsone *trained* le *vocational training institutions* di dirile jalo. A mme ga re bitse ba re bapileng le bone ba gore bagaetsho, fetang le baakanye. Fa re dira jalo ba tla go baakanya, tlhwatlhwa ya go baakanya e tlele go nna kwa tlase.

Go na le nngwe gape e ke ratang go e bua, le ntetlelele ke ye kwa pineng ya setšhaba ke nopole *Chairperson*...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please do.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: “Tsogang, tsogang! Banna, emang basadi, emang, re kopaneleng go direla lefatshe la rona.” Nako ya boipelego *in the right and appropriate and relevant manner*; e gorogile. Fa re wetswe ke seru se se kanakana, se sengwe le sengwe se kgautlhaneng, go na le selo sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se dira, *to rebuild this great nation in every aspect*.

Le lela le nna gore *budget* e nnyennyane, fa e le nnyennyane, ga ke ka ke ka phutha mabogo, re tshwanetse re lebelele gore bonnyennyane jo re nang le jone jo, re setse re itse gore mo dikoleng tsele *short term for maintenance* ba ka tlhoka bokana. Re setse re dirile lenaneo leo, mme go ka nna botlhokwa gore thathanyana e re e tshotseng e, a mme ra re re ka se ka ra reka *material* ra kopa ba ba teng, ba ba ithaopang...

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

Elucidation. Tanki *my Honourable Minister*. Ke ne ke batla gore ke go eme nokeng, o itse gore o e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke batla gore e re ke e gatelela, ke bo ke re, kana dilo tse o di buang, ke tse di ka diragalang. Batho ba se ka ba tshoga gore gongwe ke dikgang tsa gore ke ditoro fela, ka gore ke di iponetse mo bogautshwaneng fela fa kwa motseng wa Shakwe, mo e leng gore *building was renovated* ka madi a mannyennyane. So ke na le tumelo ya gore re tshwanetswe re go eme nokeng jaaka o bua *Honourable Minister*; mme e bile le Batswana ba itse gore *this is something* se e leng gore se ka diragala. Se re tshwanetseng gore re tle re se dire, ke gone go lemoga gore go na le bomang mo motseng ba ba itseng jaaka o ne o bua, e bo e le gore go rekwa *materials* fela, re tlaa ba duela ka madi one ao go sena dilo tse tsa *mark-up* mo o oketsang mantswe a mantsintsi jaana. O a bona

gore ke raya jang *Minister*?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a go leboga *Comrade*, o e tshwere sentle, gore bonnyennyane bo re ka bo dirisa. E bile e le gore re ntse re lelela mo go tsone Village Development Committees (VDCs) le Parents Teachers Associations (PTAs), gore a re thusaneng re fokotse *cost* ya *maintenance*.

A mme re ka se ka gongwe ra bua le ka go fa batho *allowances* go thusa gona le gore re bo re tla ka *budget* e e kana, e e leng gore tota le *ministry* o tlaabo o idibala fela fa o e lebelela. Ke raya gore re na le one maiteko a bagaetsho. Le itse gore ga ke bue ditoro fela, re tlile go diragatsa.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Tona. Nako e ke neng ke e kopa lantlha e ne e le gore o ne o bua ka *regions*. Jaanong ke re ke go botse gore kana *regions* ke tsone tse di tlileng go go thusa *to run ministry* wa gago, jaanong *out of the 10 regions, seven directors are acting*, kwa *headquarters*, *directors* tsotlhe kwa ntle ga a le mongwe *are acting*. *There are 31 approved regional directors* tse e leng gore ga di ise di hiriwe. A dikgang tse ga di go imetse tiro ya gago *Minister*, gore o kgone go dira tiro ya gago ka manontlhontlho?

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Moalosi. Kana jaaka re ntse re bua ka yone kgang ya *conditions*, gore o bitswa mang, go lekalekana jang le tiro e o e dirang. Ke tsaya gore kgang ya gago ke tlaa e arabela ruri le e go neng gotwe kwa *primary schools* go na le barutabana ba ba nang le *portfolio*, le ba ba senang *portfolio*, e bo *court* yone e re nnyaa, ba ba lelang ba re ke eng ga ba duelwa go lekana, ba ba senang *responsibility*, ke eng ba lela jalo, ba *lose case*. Ke diemo tse re kopaneng le tsone tse re di fitlhelang, tse di re tshwenyang, tse re tlaa di sekasekang rraetsho. Kana re santse re le basha, re a totoba, kana *ministry* o o motona. Ke santse ke ntse ke totoba ke tsamaya ka bonya, ka bonya, gore le nna ke *appreciate*, gakere ke rile re simolotse *surveys*; barutabana ba kae, kwa kae, ka *subjects* dife, a tlhokafala kae, re *deploy* jang gore re kgone. Le yone eo ya gore go *act* ba le kana, tota *why* ba *act* fela *all the time*? Ke gone moo gore ke eng se se fitlhileng koo mme re se baakanya jang.

MR MONAGENG: *Elucidation.* *Thank you* Modulasetilo. Mmaetsho, o e tshwere sentle tota, e bile o mo difomong ke a mmona. Kgantele fa o bua ka seemo sa dikago mo dikoleng, tota moo go ngomola pelo thata ka gore re tsamaile ra bona ka fa seemo se ntseng ka

teng. Potso ke gore, ka gore re na le Lephata la *Architect* kana la *Buildings* ka fa re le bitsang ka teng, ke eng ba ka se ka ba kopiwa go tla go thusa? Kana fa gongwe e tlaabo e le sengwenyana se senyennyane fela mo e leng gore ba ka kopiwa go tla go thusa mmaetsho.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke a leboga *honourable*. Kana ke tsone dikgang tse re ntseng re tla ka tsone, gore fa re iphitlhela go kgautlhane go le kana, ke nako ya gore re tsenye ditlhogo, *and* gongwe mo nakong yone ya gompiano, fela jaaka *Honourable* Mosanana kgantele a ne a re fa re bua ka dijo tse di senang dikotla, re bua ka *malnutrition*, nna kana kwa Kanye go na le *company* nngwe e e dirang se le se. Fa *honourable* a re mme kana go na le ba *Buildings*, le bone gongwe ba ka bitswa ba thusa, ke gone jaaka re ntse re kopanya ditlhogo.

Gongwe mo nakong ya gompiano ke retologe ke lebagane le batlotlegi ba Ntlo e botlhe. Re tswa kwa dikgaolong tsa rona re itse mathata a teng, mme a re tshwaraganeng go abelana megopolo. Kana sedikwa ke ntša pedi ga se thata. A re abelaneng megopolo ya gore mme nna kana Tona ko bokete le fa go ntse jaana, ke ne ke akanya jaana, le jaana, le jaana, wena o bona o ka tshwarega fa kae, wa fitlhelela fa kae, kana ra dirisanya jang. Ke le laletse batho ba Modimo *ministry* o motona, re thusane jang. Ke a leboga.

Ke tswelile ke tseye kgang ya *education* gore o kare go na le dikgaolo dingwe tse di beilweng ka fa mosing ka gore di kgakala. Ke e soboke jaana ke re bagaetsho, re le Goramente wa UDC, re tsaya *education* e le yone *the weapon*, motsu o re o dirisang go leka go fokotsa lone lehuma, le gone go netefatsa gore kwa phelelong ya letsatsi, dipharologanyo tsa matshelo tse di mo gare ga batho di a fokotsega. Ke sone se re reng *initiative* nngwe le nngwe ya ga Goramente kwa lephateng le le a mangwe, fa re bua le ka Public Private Partnership (PPP), fa o tla o re ke batla *to collaborate* le wena, *ministry* wa me o go raya o re *welcome*, mme a *collaboration effort* ya gago o ntshupegitse gore e simolola jang kwa dikoleng tse di kwa Okavango, Ngami, Kweneng, Phalakampa, Ramotlabaki, Tlhareseleele, re simolola gone kwa ntle, kwa *the most vulnerable and marginalised to try and bridge the gap*. So re se ka ra tshwenyega bagaetsho, eo ke *priority* e re e beileng kwa godimodimo mo maitlamong a rona a go fetola sone seemo se sa thuto.

Go na le letshwenyego la gore fa dikole tse di kgautlhane jaana, ra re tota kwa go sa agiwang dikole teng re dira jang. Kgomo ga e nke e ntsha boloko jotlhe, jaanong ga

nke ke ntsha sepe gompiano, mme ke ka le solofetsa fela gore re emeletse. *The blue train* e emeletse...

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

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: E emeletse, go ise go ye kgakala re tlaabo re petekolola dikwalo re supa gore tlhalelo e ya dikole re e *address* jang. *Honourable* Mokgwathi le ba ba senang dikole, gongwe re tlaa simolola go nna le *list*, re *rationalise*, re bone gore botlhoki bo kwa kae, re simolola kae, bogolo jang *Honourable* Disho, kwa go tsone dikole tse o lelang ka tsone, ke go utlwile mongwame.

Ke leboge dikole tse di dirileng sentle jaaka tsa bo Shashe le tse dingwe.

Ke ye kwa go *Honourable* Ntsima; o ne a bua ka *curriculum* le *education with production* mme ga se ene fela, le batlotlegi ba bangwe ba buile jalo. Re foo gore a thuto ya rona e se ka ya nna *academic* fela, re tsamaye re ntse re latlhela *subjects* tse di *vocational* gore bana ba rona ba tswe ka *skill* sengwe. Jaaka re ntse re buisana le *Honourable Minister* Maele gore ka o tsere *brigades*, a ga e re o tsaya bana *into the brigade*, go se ka gatwe go latlhetswe ba ba paletsweng fela teng, a ga o ke o re letlelela? Re na le *programme* e e tlang ka mashetla ya *academic supplementation* e e leng gore ke *out of school programme* re kopanya le ya Out of School Education and Training (OSET) le ya bo Botswana Open University (BOU). Akere le a utlwa gore leina la teng le a mpalela ka gore e kwa go Rre Maele. Ke re fa ba kopane ba le bararo jaana, re tla ka yone tsela ya gore kwa *brigades* rona re tla re latlhela *subjects* tse pedi jang go tsholetsa *the academic performance* ya bana ba ba kwa *brigades* gore e se ka ya re kamoso go bo gotwe le *skilled* mme le maForm 3 fela e bile le paletsweng ke Form 3.

Ga re batle *stigmatisation*. *We are mopping the streets, taking children from the streets*. Ba ba neng ba bidiwa *the unaccounted for* mo Pusong e kgologolo ra re *they shall be accounted for; every child matters and every child shall be skilled under the Government of the UDC*.

Ke leboge *Honourable* Pule, ke *social worker* e e rutegileng thata jaaka *Honourable* Lucas. Ke ne ke itumetse nkgonne gompiano gore o tsepame mo dikgannyeng tse di tlhoafetseng tsa gore fa re ntse re tsamaela kwa pele re nne le *budget* e e nonofileng, e itebagaya le bana. Gompiano ke ne ka se ka ka bua

thata ka gore kana re santse re ya go buisana le ba *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* go bona gore ba re fa bokae, re kopanya jang. Kgakololo eo ke a e emogela.

Ke rata gore o bo o nthusitse kang; kang e ntse e tlile ya gore *teacher-student ratio*, le rona e a re tshwenya gore barutabana ba bo ba ruta bana ba bantsi mme kana ke seemo se re se fitlhelang se re makamekanang le sone. Jaaka ke rile re tlaa tsharolola dibuka kgantele *to address* seemo seo re fokotse dipalo, kana re rile re batla 1 to 25.

A re se ka ra bua fela ka barutabana, re etse *Honourable* Pule jaaka a e tshwere sentle gore ba boipelego ba bereka ka dipalo tse di kwa godimodimo tsa ba ba ba thusang...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, conclude. Look at the time. I want you to go to your Page 27 and conclude.

MS KGAFELA-MOKOKA: Ke lebogela gore le ba *non-formal* go raya gore re tlaa lebelela gore le bone bagolo ba se ka ba tlhoka go tswelela ba ithuta.

Temporary teachers; re a sekaseka bagaetsho, re boletse gore gompiano re kgonne ka madinyaa a re nang le one gore re hire fela ba ba 1 390 mme re tlaa nna re sutelela bagaetsho. Ke selelo se re se utlwang.

I therefore move that the sum of Eleven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P11 684 932 980) under the Recurrent Budget and Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula (P828 631 471) under the Development Budget be approved and stand as part of the Schedule of the 2025/2026 Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2025); for Organisation 0600. Thank you Mr Chairperson.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0700- MINISTRY OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that three hours has been allocated to this organisation. I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow and the question will be put at exactly 10:45 a.m. in the morning. I therefore call upon the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to present.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Mr Chairperson, let me take this opportunity to present the budget proposals for Organisation 0700, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship for the 2025/2026 financial year. I will also present budget performance for the current financial year 2024/2025. Let me also highlight that the ministry's mandate and portfolio responsibilities have expanded following the integration of the Ministries of Trade and Industry and Entrepreneurship.

Mr Chairperson, the ministry has made notable progress which include the implementation of Companies and Intellectual Property Authority's (CIPA's) intellectual property strategy, the expansion of the Botswana Trade Commission's mandate and the development of systems like the Online Business Registration and Permit Management Systems. These efforts alongside the ongoing modernisation of institutions such as Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) aim to strengthen Botswana's regulatory and quality infrastructure, enhance private sector development, attract investment and support sustainable economic growth, positioning Botswana as a competitive leader in the region.

Mr Chairperson, in an effort to foster private sector development, the World Bank introduced the Business Ready Report (B-Ready) in 2024, replacing the discontinued Doing Business Report of 2020. The B-Ready report evaluates regulatory burdens, the quality of regulations and public service provision across firms' life cycle, which has shown that Botswana lags behind in e-services or digitisation of its processes to allow citizens and the private sector to access services online. The report also highlights Botswana's low influence in Business Insolvency, Taxation and Market Competition, citing gaps such as the absence of electronic case management systems, lack of simplified tax record-keeping and slow digitalisation of intellectual property services, in issue which the ministry will address in 2025/2026.

Mr Chairperson, despite the above situation, Government is still committed to enhancing the business environment to foster private sector development, with technical support from Development Partners such as the European Union (EU) through the Job Creation and Investment Climate (JCIC) Programme.

Government has managed to undertake several studies targeted at improving the doing business and investment climate. Notably, an audit and gaps analysis study on

business facilitation laws was undertaken with the aim of identifying gaps and bottlenecks in the regulatory space. Some of the key legislations which are already earmarked for review in a bid to remove impediments in doing business include, the Trade Act, Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act, Industrial Property Act, and the Industrial Development Act. The application of Regulatory Impact Assessments will be intensified to facilitate streamlining of bureaucratic processes, reducing red tape and ultimately simplifying regulations.

Mr Chairperson, further, the JCIC Programme has supported the ministry to conduct feasibility studies on establishment of Commercial Courts and upgrading of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in an effort to improve turnaround times for presiding over commercial disputes. Implementation of these reforms will bring about positive change in ease of doing business and also improve the scores in World rankings on issues of Doing Business and Competitiveness.

Mr Chairperson, in an endeavor to boost investor confidence, Government is progressing towards establishing an Investment Law which will among others guarantee legal protections for investors and their investment. To that effect, the ministry has conducted a study to guide the development of an Investment Law for Botswana. We are currently engaging with the Attorney General's Chambers for further guidance. Further, the ministry is in the process of developing investor incentives package targeting mainly sustainable sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture and renewable energy.

Mr Chairperson, Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) continues to play a pivotal role in driving Botswana's economic transformation through strategic investment attraction and facilitation in the country. During the 2024/25 financial year (April to September 2024), we achieved a remarkable Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of P 1.304 billion, exceeding our target of P1.2 billion. Additionally, Domestic Investment and Expansions reached P2.517 billion during the same period. Notably, BITC-assisted companies generated 4,088 jobs through FDI, Domestic Investment, and Investment Expansions, with the Manufacturing sector leading job creation, followed by services and agribusiness.

Mr Chairperson, in terms of export development and promotion, BITC-assisted companies have demonstrated exceptional performance, recording export revenue of

P3.17 billion against a target of P2.5 billion. This success was primarily driven by automobile wiring harness sales in South African and European markets. While some traditional exports like salt products showed a slight decline, we celebrated a historic milestone with our first citrus exports to various international markets including Canada, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and South Africa.

Mr Chairperson, the Botswana One Stop Service Centre (BOSSC) continues to excel in facilitating business operations. During the reporting period, we processed 1,057 Government authorisations with a remarkable 92 per cent approval rate. Land allocation efforts have been particularly successful, with five companies receiving allocations representing a projected investment of P1.317 billion and creating 595 job opportunities.

Mr Chairperson, the Government's strategic vision for the gambling sector positions it as a vital driver of economic growth, with a strong emphasis on promoting responsible and sustainable gambling practices within our communities. The 'Motshameko-o-Phepha' public education campaign stands at the forefront of this initiative, with ambitious plans to reach 100 villages annually over a five-year period, ensuring widespread awareness and education about responsible gambling. Our commitment to citizen economic empowerment is evidenced by the issuance of ten betting licenses and six Limited Payout Machine licences during the 2024/25 financial year, with a notable 72 per cent citizen shareholding requirement that has resulted in the creation of 2,017 new jobs. Looking ahead, we are preparing for several transformative initiatives, including the landmark introduction of a National Lottery in the 2025/2026 financial year, accompanied by the establishment of a National Lottery Distribution Fund. This fund will serve as a crucial mechanism for supporting various national projects, encompassing charitable initiatives, sports development programs, arts and cultural activities, and youth empowerment schemes, thereby ensuring that the benefits for the gambling sector extend beyond immediate economic gains to contribute meaningfully to our nation's social development and community welfare.

Mr Chairperson, the Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) has expanded its licenced companies from 11 to 17 in the current financial year 2024/25, with five companies currently being operational, and have made substantial contributions to our economy, creating 1,915

jobs and investing over P657.6 million. The remaining 12 companies are receiving support from various stakeholders to overcome operational challenges and commence their activities.

Mr Chairperson, SPEDU continues to drive economic diversification with remarkable success, facilitating 158 companies, including eight new operational entities that have created 122 jobs in the current financial year 2024/25. These companies operate across our priority sectors of Manufacturing, Agribusiness, and Tourism. Three SPEDU-facilitated companies have received both tax relief and 30 per cent Government off-take incentive certificates this financial year.

Mr Chairperson, the Chema Chema Fund was established by Statutory Instrument No.40 of 2024 on 26th March 2024. Its aim was to assist citizen-owned informal businesses with short-term loans to finance their operations and expand, including the procurement of business-aiding equipment. Despite relevant objectives, the Government believes the programme will lead to unsustainable debts for the financially disadvantaged informal sector. The lack of access to working capital hinders the growth of small businesses and the informal sector.

Mr Chairperson, the fund initially had a budget of P500 million, with P250 million which was immediately disbursed to Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA). To date, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Million, Four Hundred and Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Pula (P233 404 995) has been disbursed, and applications amounting to P191 million have been approved. As of November 2024, the overall fund collections stood at P1 407 529, showing a 2 per cent collection rate against the total disbursed.

Mr Chairperson, the Government has decided to convert Chema Chema loans into one-time grants to beneficiaries to relieve them from loan obligations and ensure social equity. Those who have repaid their loans will be refunded, and those with outstanding loans will have them converted into grants. Applicants awaiting disbursements will receive grants after validation. No new loan applications will be accepted under the Chema Chema loan facility.

Mr Chairperson, personnel involved in registration, training, disbursements, and monitoring will be retained, costing P1.2 million per month. In this instance, the Government plans to design a more efficient and sustainable funding model for informal sector businesses by July 2025.

Mr Chairperson, allow me to give an overview of the current year's Development Budget performance. Development Budget for the financial year 2024/2025 was initially Seven Hundred and Four Million, Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Pula (P704 006 245.00). However, the budget was revised downwards to Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Pula (P270 220 602.00). Development budget expenditure as at 28th February, 2025 stands at Two Hundred and Nineteen Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Pula (P219 657 324.00) which translates to 81.3 per cent against a revised budget.

RECURRENT BUDGET FOR 2024/2025

Mr Chairperson, under the 2024/2025 Recurrent Budget the ministry budget was revised from Six Hundred and Seven Million, One Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Pula (P607 181 260.00) to a sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Pula (P581 462 660.00). Out of this amount, Four Hundred and Ten Million Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Pula (P410 453 480.00) representing 71 per cent was allocated to the ministry's nine State Owned Enterprises (SOEs). The balance amounting to One Hundred and Seventy-One Million and Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Pula (P171 009 180.00) or 29 per cent was allocated for the ministry's operations. As at 28th February, 2025 the recurrent expenditure stood at Five Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Three Pula (P534 985 403.00) representing 92 per cent of the revised budget.

RECURRENT REVENUE FOR 2024/2025

Mr Chairperson, the ministry's projected total revenue for 2024/2025 financial year amounts to Eighty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Pula (P83 281 870.00). As at 28th February, 2025 revenue collection stood at Eighty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Pula (P87 285 577.00) which is 105 per cent of the total revenue estimated. The bulk of the collection is from Company Registration fees amounting to Eighty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-One Pula (P83 261 751.00) which is 95 per cent of the total collection.

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2025/2026

Mr Chairperson, it is now my pleasure to present the budget proposals of the ministry for the financial year 2025/2026. The total proposed budget of the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship for the financial year 2025/26 is One Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million and Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Pula (P1 489 071 960.00). This figure shows an increase of Six Hundred and Thirty-Seven million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Pula (P637 338 698.00) which is 67 per cent increase from the current year's revised budget of Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-Two Pula (P851 638 262.00).

The One Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million and Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Pula (P1 489 071 960.00), being requested comprises Three Hundred and Sixteen Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula (P316 233 590.00) under the Development Budget, and One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Pula (P1 172 838 370.00) under the recurrent budget.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR 2025/2026

Mr Chairperson, the ministry's proposed Development Budget for the financial year 2025/26 is Three Hundred and Sixteen Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula (P316 233 590.00), representing an increase of Forty-Six Million, Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Pula (P46 012 988.00) which is 17 per cent over the current year's revised budget of Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Pula (P270 220 602.00). A significant increase in the Development Budget occurred due to merging of Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Entrepreneurship.

Mr Chairperson, under Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship (MTE), Infrastructure Development, the proposed budget is One Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Nine Pula (P148 597 189.00), to cater for the Grain Dryer for the silos with a recommended budget of Twenty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Pula (P28 321 734.00), construction of four Factory Shells at SSKIA SEZ with a recommendation of Forty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Pula (P48 397 693.00),

and Mathathane Platjaan Border Post Road at Seventy-One Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two Pula (P71 877 762.00).

Mr Chairperson, under Doing Business Reforms, the proposed budget is One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Two Pula (P167 636 402.00), to cater for the Transactional Advisory with a recommended budget of Seven Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Six Pula (P7 187 776.00), MTE Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program (REAP) at Seven Million Pula (P7 000 000.00), Wealth Creation at Eighty-Five Million Pula (P85 000 000.00), Development of E-commerce at Two Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five Pula (P2 395 925.00), and AfCFTA at Fourteen Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven Pula (P14 854 737.00).

Mr Chairperson, I therefore move that the sum of Three Hundred and Seventeen Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Pula (P317 233 590.00) under the Development Budget and One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Pula (P1 172 838 370.00) under the Recurrent Budget for Organisation 0700 be approved and stand part of the Estimates for the financial year 2025/26. I move accordingly. Thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. Order! Honourable Members.

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): I thank you Mr Chairperson. *Tla ke go leboge Tona ka pego ya gago. Ke supe jaana gore ke utlwile o bua ka strategies, plans and programmes tse dintsi. Bontsi jwa tsone ke bona kana go lebega e le tse di tswang kwa go Goromente yo o duleng. Ke na le tsholofelo ya gore Goromente yo o moshale yo, Puso e ntšha e e tlaa di sekaseka e di kanoke e bo e di tlhabolole gore di itebaganye le mathata a re lebaganeng le one a re a itseng ba rotlhe. Ke kopa gore ke go gakolole gape gore go matshwanedi gore o dire jalo ka gore Puso ya UDC e itlamile gore e tlaa dira ditiro di le 500 000 by 2029, mme bontsi jwa tsone di tlaa gosiwa ke ministry wa gago.*

Ke lemogile gape gore o lebega o itumelela mananeo mangwe kana performance ya public enterprises. Kana go a itsege gore bontsi jwa tsone ga di dire sentle, they

are doing badly on investments, exports, productivity and external competitiveness. In my view, your ministry has a mammoth task to radically transform trade and entrepreneurship.

Mr Chairperson, we need to break free from the habit of seeing the creation or existence of an institution as a solution to problems. An institution is only an effort towards addressing the challenges. *Ke kopa go fa sekai sa the Trade Commission; what have they done that suggests it is contributing to progress? Can the Minister account for improvement of trade or performance such as growth in exports due to this commission? The Minister further expressed satisfaction with the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) yet the BITC has only managed to bring P1, 3 billion Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which you said was a remarkable achievement because they targeted P1.2 billion. This is a very weak performance Mr Chairperson. Very weak performance by our investment promotion agency and very poor return on investment. Cumulative contribution to gross investment by BITC stands at P1.8 billion. Mr Chairperson, the current Government has promised to garner P100 billion investment per year. So, to be happy about P3.8 billion by BITC, I am bit worried, because this is only less than four per cent of what your Government has promised. Even though you have not gotten a year yet, but you cannot celebrate P3.8 billion against your P100 billion target. Very strange, you need to be concerned Minister with the performance of BITC.*

The Minister also praised the Botswana One Stop Service Centre. This is quite strange Minister, because we all know the challenges of this One Stop Service Centre, the challenges are well documented. Firstly, the centre is not yet a one stop service centre, because business is still having to do other things outside. Can you go on record Minister and say that business people get all services from this One Stop Service Centre?

E nngwe e e tshwenyang ke e Tona, through you Mr Chairperson, ke ya gore, Tautona Boko o buile mo Palamenteng e gore ga a robale. Ga a robale ka ntata ya gore babeletsitsi ba ba tswang kwa ntle ga lefatshe ba nna fela kwa go ene. Ba ile go bua le ene. Why babeletsitsi ba tshwanetse gore ba tlhamalele kwa Office of the President ba sa ye kwa BITC? Selo se se a tshwenya ka gore corruption e simologa jaana. Ke kopa gore a babeletsitsi ba tlhamalele kwa BITC pele fa ba ka ya gongwe kwa Office of the President ba ya go dumedisa kana ba ya go dira se ba se dirang.

Mr Chairperson we welcome the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC)'s plan to ramp up investment, and we feel that the BDC should play a more prominent role in providing equity finance for transformational investment. Chema Chema Fund *e ya bokhutlong, jaaka o buile e tlaa fela, mme* do you have monitoring and evaluation in place to check the beneficiaries and to see and assist them? Also, is very important to clarify Minister because between the President and the Vice President there seems to be differences. The President seems to be advocating for small businesses to be supported through grants. The President does not want small businesses to be supported and to pay back. However, the Vice President has said that, informal sector or small businesses must be helped through loans. This is a bit confusing for me...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MABEO: *Nako e setse e mpolaile mogolole, tla ke wele.* The National Quality Policy whose objective is to raise the quality of Botswana goods and services to internationally recognised standards, this is welcome Minister, very welcome Mr Chairperson. However, as we want to have an export led economy, we need to have Botswana national barcode. Currently the private sector buys these barcodes online. This is a problem because it hinders issues of traceability and product recall, which are prerequisites for exports in a lot of products.

Lastly Mr Chairperson, currently Botswana allows all these foreign investors to repatriate 100 per cent of their funds or the proceeds they make in the country. My suggestion is that, this should be reduced, so that some of the profits they make here in Botswana are reinvested here in Botswana and the money can circulate here! Please consider this highly and relook at it such that the people that make business here in Botswana call also reinvest their proceeds here. Once again, *jaaka ke ne ke kopile maloba gore rona kwa* Gamalete we are ready for business. As you go around the world, Gamalete is strategically placed along the A1 road *e bile go na le seporo se se fetang* gape right through Gamalete. The Gaborone city *e setse e feletswe ke lefatshe*, turn Gamalete into an industrial hub, we are more than ready. We are waiting for you to come and have those factories, industries *kwa* Gamalete. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): *Good afternoon Mr Chairperson.* Mma ke go leboge Mr Chairperson, ke bo ke lemoge Ntlo e le Minister yo o sa tswang go re baya pele kakanyetso kabo ya

madi a lephata la gagwe. Mma e re pele ga ke simolola ke dumedise ba Mogoditshane, *the land of trade and investment.* Ke simolole fela ka go lemoga dilo tse tharo *comrade*, ke lemoge maiteko a rona a Puso e ya UDC ya go gatela pele ya *the ease of doing business in Botswana.* *You made three major reforms; (one) it is the integration of the Ministry of Trade le Ministry of Entrepreneurship (two) cancellation of Chema Chema.* Tota mme ga ke eletse gore re ka bo re e ntshitse, legale ke utlwile puo ya gago gore le santse le sekaseka tsela nngwe e e botoka of *funding the informal sector.* Ke buisiwa se ke gore, kwa Mogoditshane, *a good percentage ya business e tswa from the informal sector.* So ba tlhokana le *funding e e tshwanang* le bo Chema Chema. Mma ke re ke lemoga gape maiteko a lona of *introducing the Wealth Fund.*

E nna e ka re e emela Chema Chema, ga se gore le ntshitse Chema Chema fela le bo le tlogela *that vacuum, at least* go ntse le sengwenyana *which will relate to the business world.* This *Wealth Fund* e mosola fa o lebeletse seemo se re leng mo go sone gompiano, *especially* kwa Mogoditshane. Ga se lehuma ke tlang le bone, ga nne *a fund like this one* e sa bolo go tla 58 years ago, ke dumela ke re lehuma le ka bo le se kalokalo.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson, yo o tlotlegang, yo o rategang, yo o ratwang ke Batswana botlhe ka kakaretso. O e tshwere sentle *honourable*, kgang e tona e e teng ke gore Batswana jaanong ba ba neng ba le kwa Chema Chema ga ba a tlogelwa ba kaletse, ba ya go ja kwa *Wealth Fund* ka Puso e ntsha e e leng gone e tsenang mo go *three months* fela, ba bo ba akanyetsa Batswana. Golo mo ke phitlhelelo e e seng kana ka sepe, o e gatelele *comrade.* O se ka wa tshaba go e gatelela o kare o *sorry*, o e gatelele tota *comrade.*

MR BARONGWANG: Ke filwe 10 minutes, fa ke ne ke na le 15, 20 minutes ke ka bo ke supa le go feta se o buang ka sone. Lebaka le gone foo *Honourable Minister.*

Mma ke simolole ke supe bo mosola jwa *ministry* yo o tshegeditseng *Honourable Ntsima* le *Honourable Mathoothe.* Gakologelwa gore Puso ya gompiano ya UDC, e leka ka bojotlhe go tsweng mo go ikaegeng ka diteemane. *Ministry* wa gago *its key responsibility is to identify the next diamond, and assume to be operating in eras of no diamond, and this is creating and easy way of doing business.* Ke gone fa le nang mosola le go feta.

La bobedi, *ministry* wa gago o leke ka bojotlhe to *empower the local communities*, gompiano fa o re o ya kwa motseng o tshwana le Mogoditshane ga gona *any activity ya business.* Jaanong *it is trying by all its best to*

create a vibrant and sustainable economic environment, especially in areas tse di nang le some economic and strategic advantages jaaka bo Ramotswa a sa tswa go bua, bo Sowa le Mogoditshane. Ke jone bo mosola jo bo feteletseng jwa *ministry* wa gago, bo mosola jwa teng gape bo mo gone go direng ditiro tse re leng Puso ya UDC re di ipeile pele. Ke leka ka bojotlhe go go supegetsa gore *mandate* o o filweng o bokete, *it is the next diamond comrade*.

Jaanong se o tshwanetseng gore o leke go se dira *to try and match or be ready for the next phase*. Mafelo a tshwana le Mogoditshane, Tlokweng, Lobatse, Ramotswa, Palapye *should be your next strategic points of economic zone*. O bona *this thing* ya gore reye kwa mafelong a tshwana le Selebi Phikwe re dire *some economic zone*, e nna e kare re emela mathata pele e bo e le gone re yang kwa diemong tse, a tshwana le bo BCL. Ke tsaya gore ke nako ya gore re leke ka bojotlhe go lebelela *some economic areas, that have strategic economic advantage* re ye kwa go tsone re di direle *its own special initiatives*. Mafelo a tshwana le Mogoditshane le Tlokweng di na le *market* di setse di na le *a well established business community*. Gone mo mafelong a, re leke ka bojotlhe *to facilitate industrial development*. Gone mo mafelong a ke sa tswang go a bitisa le Jwaneng ke mo tsentsa mo teng *comrade*, ke a itse gore o ne o batla go bulela Jwaneng.

Se sengwe se ke batlang gore o se lebelele ka nako le yone e a mpitlaganya ke gore, o leke ka bojotlhe gore o atumetse ofisi ya gago mo go mafelong a ke ntseng ke bua ka one le kwa Kgalagadi tota. Ke utlwa gotwe go na le *a very good initiative there. So make sure that*, diofisi di tshwana le tsa Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), BDC, Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) di nne teng *in these places. So that* batho ba kgone go nna le *access to your office* le *services* tse di lehang ka bojotlhe *to prepare for the next diamond*.

Comrade ke batla go tabogela fa Mogoditshane mo nakonyaneng e e santse e le teng, gore ke eng o kare *I am concentrating* thata mo Mogoditshane. Fa o lebeletse motse o tshwana le Mogoditshane, *it has its own market*, 88 000 *people that is a market on its own*, dipe tse ba di tlhokang *is a market on its own. For them to sustain themselves, it is a market on its own*.

Mogoditshane e na le metse e e dikaganyeditseng, e e reng fa o ka tsaya *population* ya yone o e kgobokanya, e feta gabedi *population* ya Gaborone, *it is about* 458 000. O tsentsa Molepolole, Tlokweng, Mochudi, Kanye,

Ramotswa, Mmopane, Thamaga, Moshupa, Gabane le Kopong. *I have the records here as per* 2022 census, *it accounts to* 458 000, Gaborone *is sitting at* 246 000. Fa o tsaya *that close to half a million market plus* 268 000, *it is a market on its own. Please* tsaya ofisi ya gago o ye go e baya kwa Mogoditshane, fa o akanya fela akanyetsa Mogoditshane pele ga sengwe le sengwe. Re setse re le *established*, ke itse gore *ministry* tse dingwe di tlaa tla di nthusa ka go tla ditsenya ditsela, *services* le dipatela.

Mo gongwe gape *comrade*, ke batla gore re tabogele kwa kgannyeng e nngwe e ke batlang go go gakolola ka bonakonyana. Ke kgang ya gore re le romile le le *ministry*, ke eletsa o kare le ka nna le *division* ya *anti-corruption and ethics conduct*, because le kopana le bagwebi. Go na le go tswa pelonyana, *I think that is where most of businesses especially its implementation*, kwa go utswiwang *ideas* tsa batho teng. Ke gone kwa ke eletsang gore le leke ka bojotlhe gore golo mo go se ka ga *frustrater your plans*. Re bone ka se se diragetseng ka the Palapye Glass factory, ga re batle go bona *another* Palapye Glass factory.

Sa bobedi ke eletsa gore Botswana e itsiwe *in the business table*. Ke dumela gore *the real investors* ga ba itse Botswana, batho ba re kopanang le bone ba ke bona e kare ba atla ke bo ramotsholakagetsi e e *empty*. Ba tsile go tla fa ba re ba tsile go dira *investment*, mme ba sena le fa e le madi. Ke eng ke re ga ba na madi, fa e le gore ba ne ba na le madi ga gona mosola wa gore Goromente o ka bo a tsenya madi. Fa go na le motho yo o nang le madi yo re mo ngokang Goromente ga a tshwanelwa go tsenya madi ka lepe. *Make sure that your targeted investors are ideal for this season*.

Kwa bofelong ke bue ka State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), *subvention* e le e neelang SOEs tsa rona e kwa godimo, *there is no value for it*. Ke kopa le ba beele *target, if they are not able to deliver within five years*, re tshwanelwa ke gore re bone gore re *trimmer* madi a a yang kwa go bone jang.

Ka a le kalo *Honourable Ministers*, ke ema nokeng *proposal* ya lona. Le se ka la lebala Mogoditshane *please*, gakere o nkutlwile *Honourable Ntsima*. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker, *kana gatwe ga o Speaker o Chairperson jaanong. Tlaa ke re thank you* Mr Chairperson, let me acknowledge the presentation by the Honourable Minister, *e ke dumelang* gore is quite timely and it speaks to what the country needs.

Mr Chairperson, I have a few things that I would like to add to the presentation. I want to advise the Minister to move pretty quickly, to ensure that there is deregulation in this economy. If we are looking to foster efficiency being in a position where we lower cost of operation for businesses, and also ultimately lower the cost to consumers, we need to go on a very serious exercise *ya go fokotsa* our regulations.

I want to request Honourable Minister or challenge that you look into what Tony Blair and Gordon Brown did with new Labour, new Britain. One of the things that they did was to simply come up with the rule that says “one in, one out.”

If you create a new piece of legislation or regulation, then get rid of one, so that you do not end up with a lot of regulations *ka gore* these regulations are also what leads to corruption. Business people are about getting things done quickly, and if there is a lot of regulation, bureaucratic red-tape *jalojalo*, they end up cutting corners by engaging in corruption when they should not have done that. I think it is very important that you deregulate.

Honourable Minister, I want to also ask that as you deregulate, please look into what has happened particularly with disbanding monopolies. I know some of these monopolies are not in your ministry, but for so long as you still have a Government that engages in business with building houses, running a butchery and such other things, you are going to have some of these challenges that you should not be having. I think as Minister responsible for business and trade, you should push to ensure that some of these entities, Government; China *tried* with the cultural revolution, the Soviet Union tried with many other things and we do know that we have all moved towards, not necessarily ultra-liberalism but either something in the centre or the right. I do not think there is any shame in acknowledging that we are now going to run a communist state.

We are going to have to look into welfare and something at the centre. I think you should not have any shame in doing that, so, you should do it. So, in doing this, as we are moving towards the more social democratic state, it is also important Honourable Minister, that you look finally into some of the utility companies such as the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC). I know some will say we have another ministry for that, but we are doing business and we are trying to attract investment in the country. You need to look into unbundling what the BPC

is doing for efficiency and also bringing down the cost of electricity which affects the ease of doing business in the country.

I think the other thing that I would like for you to consider Honourable Minister, is to be in a position where you look into what we are doing in a small town called Sowa. Sowa produces possibly by far, the best if not the most, soda ash and salt in the world or in Africa at the very least. A lot of that goes into the glass industry in South Africa, part of it goes into the chemical industry, part of it goes into the detergent industry and then the other part goes into the metallurgical industry because *e dirisiwa* to remove some sulphate and then ultimately improve the quality of iron ore into proper steel. All of these things that are happening, they are not happening anywhere near the Makgadikgadi Pans on in that area. They are happening somewhere else. we are shipping jobs to other places. I think you need to look into what you are doing in there and consider what is happening, *botshelo bo ntse jang kwa* Sowa.

Chairperson, Sowa has slightly over 2,000 people and it is not because these people do not want their children and decide the population is low, the problem is they have kept the town captive. It is a town in which only the BHC has developed housing and no one else can build a house. But the BHC has not built enough houses, and because they have created a monopoly and a captive market, the average prices of three bedroomed house would be something around P3,500 or P4,000. Because of these, what we have happening...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR OOKEDITSE: *Ema pele Motlotlegi* Hicks. Sorry I said Hicks, I call him that. One of the things that then happens is you have civil servants, even *ba bangwe ba e leng gore* they are former industrial class workers *ba nna kwa* Sowa but there are not enough houses, so, they have got to rent houses that are priced at P3,000 or P4,000 in an area that is not quite a town. Well, they call it a township but it is not a town if you look into what you are doing to it. I think the Minister needs to look into liberalising Sowa. You need to engage with your colleague *kwa* Agriculture *le* Lands to ensure that a lot that is called the state land *kwa* Sowa is given to people, so that they can develop their areas and have housing in there. Give it to trade unions and their investment arms to build housing for workers. Give it to private investors

who want to do business so they can do business *ka gore* Sowa is now a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). But it being a Special Economic Zone also means *gore* you are not only looking at the product, you are also looking at an environment where these people can work, live and play. You cannot work, live and play as long as we are keeping Sowa the way we are keeping it. I am hoping that you can push for this place to be allowed to grow.

The other thing Honourable Minister is, it is a place with no shopping malls because there is just no space, so you have got to go and shop *kwa* Francistown after *ba amogela*. *Fa go amogetswe letsatsi leno*, Sowa *go sala go sena ope* because everybody has to leave *ba ya* Francistown and other places *ba ya* shopping.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba ya go reka kwa Marapong.

MR OOKEDITSE: Marapong is smaller than Moseitse, if they pass Moseitse, they certainly cannot go to Marapong.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR OOKEDITSE: These Honourable Minister, we need to look into doing. I am going to request that as we are going to be rationalising SOEs, *jaaka ba a tle ba bue*, please avoid the temptation to just do it for the sake of doing it. The first step that you must do is to look into all of these SOEs, and give them very clear targets in terms of their performance so much that everything is performance based. The next thing you need to do is to ensure that these SOEs are insulated from political interference. Sometimes a ruling party uses them as a kitty and as a reward system to even buy those in opposition. So, instead of just merging them, because it has become fashionable to say merge them, strengthen corporate governance and ensure that even the boards are not appointed on the basis of political affiliation but rather on the character of whoever it is that you are appointing. If you are to do that, this ministry could yet do a lot of good things for us.

In closing, I am going to suggest...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O raya gore ga o mphe?

MR OOKEDITSE: Sorry Hicks, *go ne go sena nako*, next time. So, in closing, I am going to suggest that you take SEZ a little more seriously. I am not saying you are not taking them seriously, but I think you should really take them seriously, and seriously enough to facilitate

their work and then give them the necessary support and targets. If they do not do their work, then you are free to go in and kick them out and get people who can do it. But the first step should be to give them that security and allow them to fly. I say this because the SEZ *e e kwa* Sowa is going to need to be seriously looked into. If you can do it, Nata-Gweta will flourish. It is time that our resources are used for our people in that area. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): *Thank you Mr Chairperson. Thank you Minister for your presentation. Tota ke emelela fa ke batla go bulela Batswana ba ba mo dikgwebong le ba ba lelang go tsena mo dikgwebong. Mo ministry wa gago Tona, go na le SEZ tse e leng gore mandate wa tsone, ke go thusa Batswana gore ba kgone go gweba. Se ba se dirang, they work like a roadblock. Ke bone ba e leng gore ba block Batswana gore ba se ka ba gweba. I will give you example ka tse three; I start with Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA), Motswana mongwe le mongwe wa kgwebo complain ka kgang ya return. Once a year re tshwanetse re duele P500 wa return, re bo re hira Company Secretary, le ene o mo duela sengwe. You end up using P1,000 for returns. Go bo go raya gore fa kompone ya gago if you struggle go bona ene P1,000 yo within three months, e a ntshiwa gotwe o tle o duele P2,500 gore e boele mo teng.*

Ke kopa gore le sekaseke kgang eo Minister, le bone gore bontsi jwa bana ba ba itekang tota ba paledisiwa *business* ke tsone dilo tsa CIPA, *because o tlaabo a feleletsa a na le dikoloto kana a tlhoka gore a adime madi, especially in a situation yone e re leng mo go yone, e e leng gore economy e kwa tlase, Goromente o kolota batho. So imagine the Government is owing you and then you have CIPA returns, and then CIPA punishes you because ga o kgone go ba duela mme Goromente a go kolota. Gongwe le di lebelele tsone dikgang tseo.*

Organisation e nngwe e ke sa e rateng thata, ke rata tiro e e e dirang, mme ga ke rate ka fa ba e dirang ka teng, ke Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS). It is a good organisation; we need to meet certain standards for us to be safe. I think everybody agrees with that. Jaanong challenge ke madi a ba a lopang mo Batswaneng gore o kgone to attain standards tsone tseo. O kgona go lopiwa P20 000 fela gore dishwashing liquid ya gago e nne BOBS certified.

Ke dumela gore *ministry* wa gago o tshwanetse gore o leke to encourage manufacturing because jobs are in manufacturing. So fa e le gore ke leka to manufacture dishwashing liquid, go bo go nna le barrier ya BOBS

gore ke nne *certified*, go raya gore go ya go dira gore ke palelwe le ke gore ke felele ke hira Batswana ba bantsi. *I will give you an example, if you go to any retail shop, I will pick maybe Choppies for example*, o bo o lebelela mo aisle ya toilet paper, ga go na toilet paper e e dirwang ke Motswana, mme *how many Batswana are manufacturing toilet papers? Dishwashing liquid, cleaning chemicals, how many Batswana are manufacturing cleaning chemicals*, mme ga ba yo mo dishopong tse ka gore go na le barrier yone ya BOBS, gotwe o tshwanetse gore o nne BOBS *certified*?

Minister, ke a kopa, fa e le gore o tlaa batla Motion, o tlaa mpolelela ke tle ka one. Ke kopa gore o ntshe order fela ya gore *all retail shops, space* sengwe le sengwe, fa e le gore ke sa toilet paper, *there should be 30 per cent locally made products*. Fa re palelwa, bogolo re palelwe mme space se le teng, *because it is very difficult* gore e re ke le kwa Marapong ke dira *dishwashing liquid*, ke kgone go e rekisetsa kwa Mabutsane, mme *we have these shops* tse e leng gore *they are everywhere*. So if *they reserve shop space for local products* Minister, go raya gore le fa ke le kwa Marapong, ke kgona go rekisetsa kwa Mabutsane ka gore ke tlaabo ke e tsey a fela ke e isa kwa go bone, bone ba bo ba *distribute*. That is why o bona gompiano re reka bo mayonnaise ba bo Crosse & Blackwell (C&B). Crosse & Blackwell *does not come and sell* kwano. *There is this distribution network that is controlled* ke batho ba ponytail. Yo e leng gore gongwe o na le *company* e e leng gore o tsera products tsa maSouth Africa and locked them, ga e ka ke ya re o le Rre Mmolotsi wa bula *business* wa re ke tlaa import sukuri, kana ke tlaa import eng. So now let us do the locals gore di gole.

Go na le kgang ya BITC Minister. BITC is a good initiate, but vetting processes tsa bone tse gotweng o tshwanetse gore o bo o na le madi; *I think* ba re P5 million, you will correct me if I am wrong. I had an investor yo o neng a le kwa South Africa, Belabela, go sena motlakase kwa South Africa, ba bona *only three hours of electricity*. He wanted to relocate his factory here, but he is a small time investor, yo e leng gore he has a potential to grow. Ke bo ke lelets a kwa BITC ke re ke batla gore le *facilitate* motho yo, ba bo ba nthaya ba re no, ga a meet requirements tsa rona. How many small businesses are there that you can facilitate to come here, gona le gore a whole parastatal e e nang le wage bill ya gongwe P20 million, e na le budget gongwe ya P100 million or P50 million, mo ngwageng o fitlhela ba dirile dikompone tse pedi, tse tharo tse e leng gore these are

big investors. Gongwe ba nna *five years* ba sa tlisa le fa e le ope, mme ba na le kgang ya gore ba ka kgona gore ba tlise mongwenyana kwa Modipane fale, yo mongwe kwa Mathangwane, ba mo thusa. Kana they are not funders, they just want you to facilitate permits, land, bo eng. So if you can lower down your threshold...

MR MOROLONG: Clarification. Ke a leboga Comrade. Ke ne ke re mo kgannyeng e o neng o e bua ya dikompone, fa motho a tsosolosa company, go bo gotwe a duele P2.5, are you aware gone foo gore le fa e sena go mo duela, he has to wait for a month gore company ya gagwe e bo e ka e fiwa ya tsena mo tirisong?

MR MAPULANGA: Clarification. Comrade, ke utlwa o bua ka investors that we lobby go tla go nna ka kwano. Companies tse ke tsone tse o fitlhelang gore le fa ngwaga o fela, ga go na sepe se se ba tlamang gore ba beye madi a bone mo lefatsheng lone le. Ba nna fela ba tsamaya ka one, re ba bona ka dikoloi tsa magasigasi, ba di rekisa bo P20 000 kwa airport a tswa a tsamaya a itse gore madi a tsamaile otlhe ga go na se a se beileng mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga batlotlegi. Yone kgang ya kgwedi ke ithaya ke re *honourable* o a itse, e kile ya buiwa kwa General Assembly fa batho ba CIPA ba tsile gone fa. O tshwanetse gore a e baakanye. I think these are capital flights, o e leng gore melao ya rona ya gore motho fa a dirile profits kwano o di isa jang kwa ntle, e ka baakanngwa jang.

Go na le kgang ya licensing Honourable Minister, mo e leng gore fa o batla go dira kgwebo, there are seven licenses that you need to do. Fa o le kwa Commerce Park jaana, ke gore o tlaabo o ya kwa Ramotswa for some licenses, o tla mo Gaborone for some licenses. Make doing business easy. Nna ke ne ke re e bile licenses tse dingwe, fa o sa rekise dilo tse di ka bolayang like bo dijo, bo eng, gongwe le repise gore fa motho a santse a simolola, licenses tse dingwe le bone gore gongwe inspections tse dingwe tse di tshwanetseng to be booked, gongwe le di fokotse go fitlhela motho a itshetlela, e bo e le gone gongwe after two years ke gone go ka tlang ga dirwa inspection.

Go bo go nna le kgang ya retail business. Fa o tsena mo Botswana kwa Mogoditshane kwa tsala ya me Barongwang a tswang teng, 90 per cent of those businesses are foreign owned. Ke ne ke le kwa lefatsheng le lengwe gatwe Ghana. Kwa Ghana moChina ga a letlelelwe gore o ka dira kgwebo ya retail. They only do wholesale, so locals can come and run these small businesses.

Kwa Nkange go na le shopo e gotweng ke ya *maChina*, mme ke ya ngwana wa Motswana, e rekisa one makgarakatšhane a a rekisiwang ke *maChina*. O order fela mo Gaborone, a bo a tsenya mo baseng, nako e nngwe fa Mopalamente a ya kgaolong, a re Mopalamente ntsamaele golo mo o nkisetse kwa shopong, *and she is thriving. So why can we not come and block all these?* Kana o tlaabo o fitlhela motho kwa Mabutsane o ipotsa gore motho yo o itsile jang a le kwa China gore go na le motse o gotweng Mabutsane.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification.* Wa re go na le shopo nngwe e go rekisiwang makgarakatšhane kwa ga lona?

MR MOALOSI: Ee, ke raya tsone dilo tsa *maChina*, gakere o fitlhela go le gontsinti fela. Ke dilonyana, tsele le tsele. Ke dumela gore Motswana fa re gola go ne go na le dikgwebo *in almost every village*. Kwa Marapong go ne go na le Kambikiwa, *a business that has collapsed because of all these* gore motho o kgona go tswa kwa lefatsheng le lengwe a bo a tla a dira *a similar business*.

Hardware, how much money are we paying to hardwares? Go na le *hardware* e nngwe ya *maDomkrag* kwa kgaolong ya me kwa, e gongwe le gongwe, mme kwa Marapong at least go na le Motswana yo o nang le *hardware*, go supa gore *hardware* ga e palele Batswana. *There is a gentleman called Mr Mbulawa, o na le hardware. Go supa gore hardwares can do well. So ke tsone gongwe fa le ntse le lebelela gore le ka fokotsa fa kae la tsenya fa kae, gongwe le reserve le gone gore hardware. Kana these people are just transporters. Ke gore ba transport kwa South Africa ba baya mo warehouse, o bo o tla o reka ba bo ba transport ba isa kwa ntleng ya gago. So it does not add any value, any Motswana can do that. Thank you very much Mr Chairperson.*

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Modulasetilo. Ntle ke simolole fela ka go dumalana le sebui se se neng se tswa fa, especially ka kgang ya BOBS. *Services tsa BOBS Modulasetilo are very expensive, and kgang e re tshwanelwa ke gore Minister o e lebe tota. Ba dira tiro e ntle ga ke gane, mme fela ke dumela gore go na le Batswana ba bantsi ba ba neng ba eleditse go gweba, ba kganelwa ke ditlhwatlhwa tsa BOBS. A golo fa go ye go lebiwa.*

Modulasetilo, kana go na le *Ministry of Trade* o o tshwaraganeng le *councils*, segolo jang mo go diragatseng melawana e e akaretsang ya bo Liquor Act. Ke a utlwa mo puong ya gagwe a re molawana wa go nna jalo o a lebiwa gore o sekasekelwe botokeng.

Se se gakgamatsang ke na le dikai tse di tshelang tse di tswang kwa dikgaolong tse e leng gore moikopedi o tlaabo a batla go tsamaisa kgwebo ya bojalwa mme molao wa re go bo go rerisiwe *neighbourhood*. Lefoko la *neighbourhood* ke lone le le tlaa roelang khansela gore e ka tsaya tshwetso mang.

Modulasetilo, o fitlhela go na le mabaka a gore khansela e ganane le moikopedi ka ntlha ya *neighbourhood*, e bo a tsamaya a ya go itela kwa go *Minister*. *Minister* a bo a a fa motho yoo tseletso. Ke diemo tse di sa kgaatlheng, tse di sa itumediseng, tse ke neng ke kopa *Minister* gore a di lebelebe fa ba ntse ba lebile molao wa bone. Ke a utlwa gore o tlaa tla kwa go rona gore re o mo thuse go o leba.

Se sengwe se ke batlang a se leba ke *agencies*. Molao wa *trade* o nne *clear* gore fa o batla go tsamaisa kgwebo *as agent you must have an office*. Nna ga ke dumalane le gore *you need an office*, se o se tlhokang fela *is a cell phone*. Ke molao o ke bonang gore o sa le o dirwa gongwe *cell phones* di ise di nne teng. *We just need a cell phone, unless o le established* ke gone go ka tweng go tlhokana le gore o bo o na le ofisi. Fa o itshimololela kante o le fa gare o ise o kgone, *you just need a cell phone*. Ke sone fela se se tlhokegang. A ko ba lebe dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsone.

Modulasetilo, a ko go ntshiwe *middleman* mo dikgannyeng tsa kgwebo. Jaaka *Honourable* Moalosi a ntse a bua, fa o batla go baakanya dipampiri tsa gago tsa CIPA, o tshwanelwa ke *to engage secretary* yo o mo duelang madi, motho fela yo o sa mo itseng. Go thata eng gore ke ye kwa ofising ke dire se se maleba? Go thata eng gore *Minister* o batle *machines* tse di tshwanang le tsa kwa bo Nandos, motho a tlatse pampiri mo *machine* oo kwa Kgatleng, e bo e mo ntshetsa setlankana sa gore a gwebe. Go thata eng gone foo? A bo a duela mo go yone *machine* o, ke bona e le sengwe se se motlhofo. Ga o ka ke wa gaisiwa ke Nandos o le Puso. *It is very simple*, ga ke itse gore go thata eng mme ke na le tshepho mo go wena motlotlegi gore o ka dira botoka go na le banna ba bane ba ba nnang fale.

Ke kopa gore *Minister* a tseye mhago ke o. Rraetsho, o ye go lebeleba sesha dikgwebo tse o rileng batswakwa ga ba a tshwanela gore ba bo ba le mo go tsone. O oketse, o ntshe *list* ya dikgwebo tse disha tse jaanong o di tsentseng gore le tse ga ba tshwanela gore ba bo ba le mo go tsone. Ke a itse gore gongwe ga se ba o ba fang *license* mme o tlaa tshwaragana le ba ba maleba ba *Local Government* le ba *Ministry* wa Thuto; batswakwa

ba bantsi ba tsamaisa dikole mo Gaborone le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Ke bone e bile beng ba dikole tseo, ba bo ba boa ba hira Batswakwa e nna bone ba tsamaisang dikole mo ga rona.

MR NYATANGA: *On a point of elucidation.* Mokaulengwe, kgang e o e tshwere sentle. Ke ne ke batla gore o e gatelele thata. Kana ka gore ke rona ba re tshwereng, re tshwanetse ke gore re ye go emisa go lela mo dikgannyeng tse re ntseng re di bona. Kgang ya *fronting* e ntsi mo e leng gore e a tshwenya. Bana ba rona ga ba sa tlhole ba bereka, ga go sa tlhole go na le businesses. *Businesses* tsotlhe tse di dirwang ke Batswana di dirwa ke maChina le ba bangwe. E bile fa o ya *to report* kwa diofising, o kgona go utlwa ba go bolelela gore re a itse. Mongwe kgantele o ne a bua ka gore go lebelelwe, go gagamadiwe. *Corporate governance* ke na le tumelo ya gore sengwe ga se tsamaye sentle ka gore ba dirisana le ba bangwe. Ga re ka ke ra gagamala ka gore kana malatsi a ba setse ba apaya le mokwetšepe.

MR MOROLONG: Ke dumalana le wena *honourable*, o e tshwere sentle ka koo. Modulasetilo, ke ne ke re ke siane le dikgang ka gore nako ga e a nkema sentle. Ke dumalana le ene *wholeheartedly*.

Ke ne ke re gongwe re sekaseke leeto le le kileng la dirwa ke ba BITC ba ile ditshupong kwa Dubai. Ke na le mathata a gore fa ke lebeletse dikgang tse di neng di buiwa ka Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), a ko o tsenye matlho thata foo. Gongwe o ka fithela diemo tse di tshwanang le tsa AFCON tse re ntseng re di bua mo Palamenteng di diragetse ka nako eo kwa Dubai. Tlholo, ga ke re ga go a siana gore ba ka tswa ba ne ba ile koo mme sekaseka jaaka mokaulengwe wa gago a sekasekile ka AFCON. Ke ne ke re ke bue kgang e ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Modulasetilo, go botlhokwa thata gore re ngoke bagwedi ba tle mo lefatsheng la rona. Ke na le mogopolo wa gore bagwebi ba fa ba tla, a re ba rotloetseng go ya kwa dikgaolong, segolo jang tse e leng gore *they are remote* le tse di di latelang jaaka Mochudi. Sengwe sa tse ke di akanyang ke gore fa re ngoketse bagwedi koo, re nne le tse re ba rokotsang ka tsone. Jaaka fa gotwe tsamayang le ye go gweba kwa Kgatleng Central kwa Malotwaneng, go bo gotwe ka kgaolo *is a remote settlement*, le tlaa nama le sa duele lekgetho dingwaga di le tlhano. Ke raya fa e le gore mogwebi yo Mapalamente ba ntseng ba mmua, wa bokete jo bo kalo, o tlaabo o sa duele lekgetho dingwaga tse tlhano. Ke dumela gore golo moo gongwe go ka rokotsa bangwe bagwebi, ra ba atlarela Modulasetilo.

Minister a tlhalose sengwe fa a *respond* gore kgang e ya *trading hours*, ya go tswala ga dikgwebo a e laolwa ke ene kgotsa jang ka gore ke dumela gore fa re leng teng re le lefatshe, dikgwebo ga di a tshwanela go tswala bagaetsho. A dikgwebo tsa Botswana di *operate 24 hours*. Ke one mogopolo o ke nang le one. Fa ke sa senye sepe, ke dumela gore go nne jalo.

Modulasetilo, batswakwa a ba tswe mo *farming*. A ba re tlogelele go lema bagaetsho; ba gongwe le gongwe mo o ka utlwang botlhoko, *especially farming* fela e e leng gore ke ya selekanyo se se fa gare le ya se se kwa tlase. Ba bo ba tswe le mo kgannyeng ya *distribution*. Ke gore *they are farmers, they are distributors*, ba dira sengwe le sengwe. A ko ba tswe mo...

MR KWAPA: *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke ne ke re gongwe re tlhaloganye kgang e sentle e o buang ka yone ya *farming* gore fa e le gore bangwe ba bone ke barui, ditshipi tsone ba di tsaya kwa kae? Ke raya *branding* tse ba di dirang mo dikgomong tse. Fa e le gore ba setse ba tsena mo *farming*, ke dumela gore *Minister* yo o maleba o tshwanetse go tlhomamisa gore ga a ba direle ditshipi. Tanki.

MR MOROLONG: O e tshwere sentle, tota ke raya jalo. Go na le dilo tse dintsi tse di gagamatsang, tse *Minister* a tshwanelwang ke gore a di tsenye matlho, a tshwaragane le maphata mangwe jaaka wa *agriculture* jaaka motlotlegi a bua.

Fa bagwebi ba tla ka gore ba ya go tlhoka phatlha kwa Mogoditshane, go tswa fa Mmamashia fa ke lefatshe le lentle le e leng gore tiro e e ka dirwa teng; *strategically placed*. Le go tswa fa Mmamashia fela *it is a belt all the way* mo thoko ga tsela e ya A1 go feta Rasesa, go ya go tsena kwa *turn* e e tsenang kwa Malotwane. O ka bona gore *it is a chunk of land* e e gagamatsang Modulasetilo. Ke a leboga. Ke ema nokeng *Bill* e.

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

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:02 p.m. until Thursday 6th March, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



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