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Friday 6th March, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated. Order! Order! Honourable Members, *le a bona gore le ijetsa* a whole 8 minutes *ka late?* We have two Ministers' questions. *Dipotso tse dingwe batlotlegi, ke tse re ka reng ke makatadimešhe*, unless you move that they be answered in a procedural Motion. Otherwise they are just there, but at least some questions will be answered. Honourable Members, let us start the business of today with questions.

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

THEME: LATEST BOTSWANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BDC) SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT DEAL OR DEALS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state the number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) deals that have already been completed and those that are still outstanding with a clear deal status of each deal in the past 12 months; whether there have been economic benefits already realised and those expected to mature in the next 12 months from January 2026, stating the following:

- (i) the various projects and the sectors involved;
- (ii) the total amount invested in each project;
- (iii) the level of citizen participation (citizen inclusion) in the various projects; and
- (iv) number of jobs/employments created or likely to be created.

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): Nte ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker*. Potso ke ya ntlha e e itebagantseng le *investment deals* tse di dirwang ke BDC. Potso e gongwe e na le *segments* di ka nna pedi kana tharo. Ya ntlha e batla go itse palo ya *significant investment deals that were done in the last five years*. *Second part of it* ke go batla go itse gore mo *the last five years* tse e leng gore *they are still outstanding* di ka tswa di le kae. Mo go tsone tse di *outstanding* gape fa re lebeletse kwa pele, mo go tse e leng gore *in 12 months* di ka nna le maungo, le tsone di kae.

The third part of it ke gore mo go tse di setseng gongwe *in the last five years or the last 12 months* have we realised any economic benefit, totatota segolobogolo re ganelela mo *the last 12 months* re lebeletse *our transformation agenda and obviously the change of Government and fiscal pressures* tse e leng gore re iphitlhela re le ka fa tlase ga tsone. Go na le gore tse dingwe re santse re di lebeletse gore nnyaa *in the next six months* e nngwe ke e *it is maturing*, le tsone gongwe o di supe Tona.

Jaaka o tsamaya o di supa jaana, kwa bofelelong gongwe *in the period* ya 12 months, o leke go di kgaoganya ka *sectors* gongwe o bo o bua *projects* fa e le gore o ka kgona, o bo o boa gongwe o supa *the level of investment in terms of Pula*. Go nne *clear* gore totatota *citizen participation* e kana ka eng. Go na le gore e nne *direct or indirect* le *job creation*. Re a itse gore re lela ka letlhoko la ditiro.

Ke tsaya ke re ke ne ke e alela go ntse jalo. Ke tlaa tla ka *supplementary*. Ke dumela ke re mo go setseng bakaulengwe ba tlaa nthusa. *Thank you*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke bo ke leboge mmotsi wa potso Rre Barongwang*.

Mr Speaker, I wish to update this Honourable House in relation to the latest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) deals by BDC in the last 12 months. During the period under review, Botswana Development Corporation Limited has continued to execute its mandate of catalysing investment, facilitating economic diversification and crowding in both domestic and foreign capital through commercially viable partnerships across priority sectors of the economy. The investment reflected below is a spurn manufacturing, financial service, property development and agric business, collectively supporting industrial expansion, financial sector, deepening citizen economic participation and job creation.

The table below provides the information requested under items 1 up to 4. These projects are facilitated through long term funding arrangements with the offshore development finance institution including the African Development Bank, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency and OPEC Fund. These partnerships provide capital for Botswana based enterprises and contribute to sustained economic relationships consistent with Foreign Direct Investment mobilization. The table below indicates:

Name of Company	Sector	A m o u n t invested	Jobs created	Citizen participation
Letshego	Financial Services	P100 million	403	65 per cent and operational
Akalo	Financial Services	P30 million	11	100 per cent owned company
BBS Bank	Financial Services	P50 million	196	100 per cent citizen participation and it is operational.
Milk Valley Agric Business		P150 million	17	Citizen participation 100 per cent and it is under implementation

Economic Benefits

From these investments, the market is already realizing 627 direct jobs supported and created across the operational portfolio, strengthened domestic manufacturing and supply chain resilience, expansion of citizen owned retail, commercial infrastructure, Tain Mall, the one that is in Maun, 100 citizen owned, deepening of Botswana financial service sector through capital support to regulated institutions; Letshego, Akalo and Botswana Building Society (BBS) Bank. Increased access to credit for Small, Micro and Medium Enterprise (SMMEs), household and productivity sectors over the next 12 months.

The market is expected to realise additional benefits as implementation stage progress towards full operations. This included expansion of domestic manufacturing capacity through Lobatse Clay Works and Delta Automotive, supporting the local industrialization and import substitutions. Increased agricultural production and strengthened food security outcome through the Milk Valley. Continued growth in access to credit financial inclusion supported by investments in Letshego, Akalo and BBS Bank enabling downstream financing to household, SMME and productive sectors.

Enhance commercial activity and SMME participation arising from the fully operational retail infrastructure at ... (Inaudible)... strengthening local supply chains and distribution networks through Kamoso. Project expected to be closed in the next 12 months.

Project A; Manufacturing Investment P143 million, jobs to be created 50, citizen participation 80 per cent.

Project B; Manufacturing P35 million, the number of jobs to be created 79, 100 per cent citizen participation.

Project C; Manufacturing P67, jobs to be created 66, 72 per cent citizen participation.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, *dipotso tse kana di tlhakanela* the 45 minutes. If you could summarise the answer so that you leave some time for supplementaries. There are two Ministers' Questions.

MR MATHOOTHE: Thank you...

MR SPEAKER: Something you can do?

MR MATHOOTHE: Thank you Mr Speaker. I think I will share the attached table that is showing the projects expected to be closed in the next 12 months. The anticipated pipeline is P1.7 billion in additional capital deployment expected to support approximately 3, 225 jobs subject to financial project implementation timelines to be projected impact, includes expansion of domestic manufacturing capacity and reduction of import dependency. Strengthening of infrastructure delivery capability and stimulation of construction property development and hospitality sectors. Collectively, these investments are expected to accelerate industrialisation support employment creation at scale. Stimulate private sector competitiveness and reinforce Botswana's economic diversification objectives through sustained capital deployment within the domestic economy. Thank you Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Can I just find out if there is anyone who will stand in for Honourable Mohwasa for the next question?

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Mr Speaker, good morning. Honourable Mohwasa has requested once again for this question to be postponed to a later date. Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kopile kwa go mang?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Tshere, a re ke eng a batla *later date*?

MR TSHERE: He is held up at the moment. I am just standing in for him. This is the message that was conveyed to me, that I request a later date. I am surprised that he did not speak to the Honourable Member asking the question.

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

MR TSHERE: Nnyaa le lwelang ba Phikwe, kgang e tlaa rarabololwa.

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

...Silence...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

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

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, *a re tsweleleng*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, golo fa ke tsaya gore *you must put your foot down, otherwise Cabinet* e tlaa go paledisa tiro. Kana mo nakong e e fetileng go ne go na le *Minister* a bidiwa *Minister at Large*, o teng gone fa mo Palamenteng e o bidiwa Mabuse Pule. O ne a araba dipotso tsotlhe fela tsa *Ministers*. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke tsaya gore re dumalane gore re se ka ra tswelela

ka tsamaiso e *Minister* a tsamayang ka ofisi. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re re dumalane jalo, gore jaaka ba ntsha jaana ke *Ministers* mo Goromenteng a le mongwefela. Fa yo mongwe a seyo jaaka *Honourable* Tshere a supa gore ke ene a mo emetseng, o tshwanetse gore a bo a ntsha karabo. *Mr Speaker*, a kgang e re e gatelele re e sale morago, e seng jalo *it is a disservice to the nation* ka gore dikgang tsa bo BCL di nnana fela. *Mr Speaker*, *put your foot down*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Kaizer.

MR KAIZER: *Procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, kana potso e lantlha e ne e laetswe *Honourable* Tshere mme o ne a nteletsa gore kana o neetswe karabo. Jaanong *unfortunately* o ile kwa Radio Day kwa Sefhare, a bo a kopa *later date*, ke bo ke e mo neela. *The following week*, potso e gape ya bo e laelwa *Honourable* Butale, le ene a bo a tswa a sia a sa e arabe a seyo mo Palamenteng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mma ke mo utlwe.

MR KAIZER: *Friday* yo o neng a feta yo *Mr Speaker*, *Minister* o ne a mpiletsa fa ntle, a ntshupegetsa gore o tshwere karabo. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore gompiano go pala eng gore karabo eo *Honourable* Tshere a bo a e bala fa ka gore ke ene motho wa ntlha a e laelwa, e bile o e tshwere. Ke na le bosupi jwa gore o e tshwere ka gore o ne a mpolelela gore o e tshwere. Ke la bo *four Mr Speaker*. Re ya go nna lebaka le le kae gore potso e e arabiwe? Kana Batswana ba emetse karabo ya go utlwa gore dikgang tse tsa BCL di tsamaya fa kae *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka *Honourable* Gobotswang a bua, ke dumela gore o tshwanetse wa tsaya kgato *Mr Speaker*. Tota e seng potso e fela, dipotso ka bontsi di a boa boTona ba sa di arabe. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa mme e utlwetse. *Honourable* Tshere.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker*, tota ke ne ke re ke kopa maitshwarelo ka gore dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse tsa *the closure of BCL* le tsotlhe tse di di amang, o a itse gore ga se tse di ka rarabololwang ka letsatsi. Re santse re tseneletse mo ditlhotlhomisong ka tsone. Ke sone se Tona a kopang *later date*. *We do not want to give you a shallow answer* e e leng gore ga e ka ke ya buisanya le batho ba Phikwe. Kgang e re a e tlhaloganya, e bokete

jaaka le e itse kwa Phikwe. Mma re e lebelele, re bo re ntsha karabo e e lebaneng. E karabo ga se yone, ke ya *Motion* o o latelang. Ga re a tshwara karabo eo, mma re feleletse ditlhotlhomiso. Ke a kopa *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* Honourable Tshere, *akere wa re ga e arabiwe* on account of the absence of the Minister, *gore* he is held up. Not that the answer you have is not sufficient.

MR TSHERE: *Mr Speaker, I think Honourable* Kaizer o ne a nkgolega fa a re ke tshwere karabo. Ga ke a e tshwara, ke tshwere ya *Motion* o o latelang. E ke e buang e ya BCL le *the Presidential Inquiry* jalojalo ke kgang e e bokete, e e sa batleng re e dira motlhofo. Ke sone se ke kopang *a further extension* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker. I thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Tota mong wa karabo e ga a yo, *I will engage him* ka ke *Leader of the House* kwa bothokong. A re dumalaneng *gore* e e mo tafoleng e tlaabo e na le 34 *minutes, but there are other questions.* Fa e le *gore* le e fetsa *before the 34 minutes*, le ka isa nako ya teng kwa dipotsong tse dingwe tsa makatadimetšhe gakere.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure...

MR SPEAKER: A re se ka ra ra e boelela *Honourable Members.* Ke tsaya *gore* e utlwetse.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure. Mr Speaker,* ke a go utlwa e bile ga ke batle go bua sepe ka potso e ya gompiano ka *gore* o setse o tsero tshwetso. *Procedure* e ke tlaa e botsang ke e gongwe e re tlaa re kaelang (*guide*) mo go tsamaeleng kwa pele. Go tlwaelesegile kana go fetoga ngwao *gore* Matona bangwe ba tlaabo ba re ba batla dikarabo tse di feletseng, ba santse ba tlhotlhomisa. *I have two questions* tse e leng *gore* di tlosolotswe ka *that reasoning. Are we going to allow this reasoning* *gore* e *prevail* go fitlhelela a bo ngwaga o ya go fela dipotso tsona di sa arabiwe? *Is it a good justification* *gore* a *whole Minister* a go bolelele *gore* o santse a tlhotlhomisa potso e sa bolo go ya kwa go bone? Ke eng ba sa tlhotlhomise fa potso e bewa fa tafoleng ya bone? Go lebege e kete jaanong ke legotlho la go sa araba dipotso.

Go ya kwa pele, *what can we do? What is the way forward* e bile *time frame* ya dipotso tsa mofuta o e tshwanetse go nna lebaka le le kae? Go utlwisa botlhoko *Honourable Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: E utlwetse batlotlegi. E ya gompiano e, ga e arabiwe ka *gore* Tona yo o tshwanetseng *gore* a e arabe ga a yo.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ao ga ke a amogele, ga se one a *gore* go santse go na le ditlhotlhomiso dipe ka *gore* potso e e boaboa fa, ke dumela *gore* ke la bo *four. I need to appeal to the Ministers* *gore* tota tiro ya Palamente e tsewe ka tlhwaafalo. Fa le tshwanetse *gore* ba arabe dipotso kana Ditshutiso, tsweetswee ba le arabe. *I will engage Leader of the House* ka *this matter* batlotlegi. A re tsewelele ka e, *Honourable Barongwang.*

MR BARONGWANG: Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker.* Tona, ke go utlwile e bile ke lebogela karabo eo. Mme tota fa o gakologelwa, potso ya me e ne e ganelela mo FDI, madi a re a ngokang a a tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele. Ga ke itse *gore* a o ka rurifatsa *gore* dipalopalo tse o neng o re di fa tse ke FDI kana go tsentsa le *the domestic?*

Kana fa o ne o bona ke ne ke boela fa moragonyana ke batla *five years*, ke ne ke batla *gore* re nne le *an element of reference* *gore* re nne le pharologanyo ya *gore* re kgona eng ga re kgone eng *compared to the past administration. It is very clear that* se re se ipeileng pele re le Goramente o mosh, re santse re le bonyanyana mo go sone fa ke dirisa dipalo tse o di beileng fa pele. O kare re dira go le gontsi *when it comes to financial services but when it comes to manufacturing* le bo *agriculture, there is not much that we are doing.*

My first supplementary question is, re ya go dira eng se se *deliberate*, se se yang go leka go ngoka FDI *towards manufacturing and agriculture* because ke tsona tse re di ipeileng pele thata re le Puso e ntšha?

Sa bobedi, kana ke utlwile maloba fa go balwa *budget* ya lona, go ne gotwe *about P700 million is going to the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and these SOEs* go balelwa le bo BDC, so lona le le ba BDC le ya go netefatsa jang *gore* there *is prudent financial management* mo go lona?

Ya boraro ke *citizen participation and job creation*; fa le ntse le tsamaya le ngoka *investors* jaana, re dirisa eng *to make sure that there is equitable distribution* ya *projects* tse *across the country* besides the *key factors* tse e leng *gore* *project* ka boyone e a di batla? Ke buisiwa se ke *gore* kwa metseng e e tshwanang le bo Mogoditshane, ga o ka ke wa supa *project* epe e e leng *gore* fa go dirisitswe mabaka a *gore* go na le batho ba le bantsi ba ba sa berekeng kwa Mogoditshane, go na le *population* e ntsi kwa teng mme *project* e re e isitse teng kana *any peri urban area*, ke sone se re tsereng tshwetso ya *gore* *project* e e ya kwa Mogoditshane ka lebaka la *gore.*

Kwa bofelelong, *I also want to know the strategy sa lona sa go netefatsa job creation in the informal sector. Downstream opportunities are being taken to areas like bo Mogoditshane such that the downstream players le bone ba nna le sebaka sa teng. Ke tsaya gore ke eme go le kalo gore bakaulengwe le bone ba ntlaletse. Ke a leboga.*

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Speaker.* Mma ke simolole ka go araba potso ya ntlha e o neng wa e botsa o bua ka FDI. Ke ne ka tlhalosa jaana gore kana BDC e na le tshono ya gore e kgone go adima madi kwa *financial institutions outside the country* jaaka ke tlhalositse gore ba adima jalo kwa African Development Bank le OPEC Fund gore *projects* tse di leng teng mo lefatsheng ba tle ba di thuse jalo ka madi.

Mo potsong ya bobedi o ne o bua ka gore gongwe re ikaege thata mo dikannyeng tsa *manufacturing*, re se ka ra tsena thata mo go tsa madi. Fa o ne o ka lebelela fa ke ne ke araba fa, ke ne ka supa gore mo *projects* tse re di solofetseng jaaka ke ne ke go raya ke re ke tlaa tla ke tsisa *table*, ke ne ke sa batle gore ke di tlhalose gore ke dife ka gore ga re ise re di tswale. Fa o ka lebelela mo *table* e ke e tshwereng fa, e supa gore tsa *manufacturing* fela mo teng ke *projects* di ka tshwara *six*. Go raya gore tota thulaganyo ke gore go yeng kwa pele re tsene thata mo *manufacturing* ka gore o itemogetse thata gore fa re lebelela ka fa itsholelo e leng kwa tlase ka teng, re ntse e le gore fa gongwe fa re lefatshe re reka, re reka thata kwa ntle mme re ne re sa lebagana thata le dithoto tse re kgonang gore re di itirele mono. *Manufacturing sector* ke yone e ka kgonang gore e tlhame ditiro mme e bile re nne le *products* tse di ka rekwang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke gone mo ke supang jalo gore mo go tse di tlang tse e leng gore ga re ise re di tswalele, di tlaa tloga di tswalelwa mo bogautshwaneng. O tlaa itemogela gore ke *projects* di ka tshwara *six* tse di lebaganeng le *manufacturing*.

Mo gongwe mo o ka go itemogelang ke gore ke ne ka tlhalosa jalo ka Milk Valley e e leng gore e ne ya tsaya lebaka le lelele mo nakong e e fetileng go ntse go buiwa gotwe mašhi kwa Lobatse jang. E rile jaaka Puso e fetoga, re ne ra bona gore mme batho ba ka go ne go le dingalo thata gore ba ka bona dikgomo mo mafatsheng a re bapileng le one ka kgang ya Tlhako le Molomo, ke gone re neng ra itshwaraganya jalo le ba Brazil gore ba tle ba re neele dikgomo tseo tsa mašhi tse e leng gore re tshwaragane thata le *Ministry of Agriculture* gore ba di lebelele ba bone gore di *perform* jang di tle gone fa. Ke mangwe a madi a a tsentsweng gore ba thusiwe.

O tlaa bona gore re kgone go fokotsa dithoto tse re di rekang kwa ntle ga lefatshe jaaka mašhi. *That project* le yone e ya go thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

O ne o bua gape ka tse e leng gore di kgona gore di di tlhame tse di kwa tlase. Kana fa re bua ka gongwe jaaka *project* e tshwana le ya Milk Valley, go ya go tlhokafala thata gore ba nne le kwa ba rekang dijo tsa dikgomo tseo teng. *It is an opportunity* ya metse e e mo *surrounding* gore ba ba nang le *farms* ba ikgobokanya jalo jaaka o itse gore le fa re bua ka BDC o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *projects* kana ka fa Goromente a thusang ka teng, go na le lekalana la Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), le lone gone fa le tlaabo le tsena gone foo go bona gore ba ba ikgobokantseng ba dira *fodder production* ba ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke kgang e e leng gore ke ne ke e fa sekai ka yone gore go ya go fa tshono mo metseng e e bapileng le Lobatse gore jaanong ba ka itse gore ba dira dijo tsa dikgomo ba bo ba isa kwa Milk Valley gore le bone ba tle ba nne le letseno. Ke dingwe tse ke di supang jalo.

Re tlaa tsamaya re ntse re lebelela gape gore ke dife *projects* tse di leng teng fa o tsaya kgaolo fela ka bophara. Fa o ya kwa kgaolong e tshwana le ya kwa Leshibitse kwa go nang le metsi a mantši teng, re a bona gore ke dingwe tsa *projects* tse re ka di lebelelang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo gore kwa go nang le metsi a mantši teng ke kwa kae, kwa re ka dirang *projects* tse re ka kgonang gore re tlise dijo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Fa e le gore metsi a teng koo fa ba dira *cooking oil processing*, ba ikgobokantse ka masimo a bone gore re tle re fokotse mafura a re a tsayang kwa ntle ga lefatshe la Botswana. Ke dingwe tse re tlaa di lebelelang re lebile gore go na le eng mo dikgaolong tseo tse di ka thusang kana tsa *support business projects* tse e leng gore batho mo kgaolong eo ba tlaabo ba di bona gore ke tsone tse di ka dirwang. *Thank you Speaker.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Potso e ne e bua ka *significant investments* tsa BDC, *in the last five years* e ne e le *the general theme*. Ke ne ke re o re tlhalosetse gore a ya go simolola kgwebo ya go reka melemo ga e a dirwa *in the last five years*? O tlaa gakologelwa gore nako ya State of Public Health Emergency, Tautona o ne a *announce* gore melemo e mengwe e tlaabo e rekiwa ke BDC, a ga e a diragala *in the last five years*, e ne e diragala ka tsela efe, e ne e le kompone e gotweng mang fa e le gore go na le ba ba neng ba tshwaragane le bone? Ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ee, ke dingwe tsa *projects* tse disha jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa jalo, kana ga di ise di wele sentle, go nna dingalo thata gore gongwe re di tlhalose ka botlalo. Ke tsaya gore...

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. I think you misunderstood. I think* ga o a nkutlwa sentle. Ke a go utlwa gore wa re go na le tse di santseng di tlhotlhiwa, tse di lebeletsweng gore *can be funded. The President* o ne a *announce* gore BDC e a reka e bile *it delivers, it cannot be* gore le santse le lebeletse *project* ya teng, ke golo ga State of Public Health Emergency. E ne e le kompone efe e e neng e dirisana le BDC mo tirong e, ke eng le sa e bua gore ke dingwe tse di diragetseng *in the last five years?*

MR MATHOOTHE: Ee mme ke bua ke tlhamaletse ke re ke dingwe tsa *projects* tse e leng gore ga di ise di wele, ga ke na karabo ya teng fa mo nakong ya gompiano.

MR SALESHANDO: *Final fill up on that Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse gore a Rre Dikoloti o go gakolola sentle ka tse a le kang go go sebetša...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SALESHANDO: Kana fa o gakologelwa go ne ga ba ga ntshiwa leina la *company* ya teng, tse wena o reng o ka se ka wa di bua, e gotweng Unity Healthcare *and this was announced in September last year.* Ke lantlha o e utlwalela kompone e *under BDC?*

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore fa go ise go wele, leina le ka buiwa, mme fa go ise go wele ka fa re batlang gore go wele ka teng, re kgone go fa tlhaloso ga ke ka ke ka nama ke tsene thata mo go yone, ke yone e ke supang gore ga ke na karabo fa gompiano, e tlaa re fa go wetse ke gone re tlaa tlang re tla sentle kwa go lona. *Thank you.*

MR MMUSI: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* le nna ke ne ke re fela gongwe ke botse Tona ka Almashu Holding Company ka re ne ra bona e adima BDC madi a a kana ka US\$12 *billion.* Tota madi a a ile kwa *projects* dife Tona, a tsene fa kae? Ke yone e ke neng ke batla go e itse. Tanki.

MR MATHOOTHE: Gongwe fela ke ka supa gore kana e ne e santse e le Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), ga go ise go wele kwa re tshwanetseng gore... fa go wetse re tlaa tla re tshola fela o se ka wa shwegashwega e tlaa tla.

MR MMUSI: *Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse kana akere Tona o a re a bua dilo tse a ba a badile ka gore rona re ne re itse gore golo mo ke *loan* e feletse ka fa re neng re bala ka teng, jaanong ga ke itse gore a wena o raya o tlaa tshola efe pitsa e o e apeileng kae, jang? Ke ne ke re fela gongwe o leke go tlhamalala re se ka ra e tsaya sepolotiki. Tanki.

MR MATHOOTHE: *The former Minister* jaaka a bua, e se ka ya tsewa sepolotiki, o batla go e tsaya sepolotiki, ka gore ga ke itse gore o ne o bala kae mo go eng, ke go bolelela se se fa pele ga me mo nakong ya gompiano. Tse ke di tshwereng fa pele ga me, ke araba tsone, ga ke arabe tse o di badileng golo gongwe. Ke gone mo ke buang ke re ga go ise go wele kwa go tshwanetseng gore go wele teng, fa di tla re tlaa tla re tshola, nama o tshwere pelo fela di tlaa goroga Rre Mmusi.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Kana BDC ke nngwe ya makalana a a ka thusang Puso *to add value* mo *products* tse di ka bonwang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Mo bogompionong o kare re simolola go tswa *in concentrating* mo diteemaneng, go na le *rare earth minerals,* a mme BDC e na le thulaganyo epe kgotsa e mo puisanyong gore e itebaganye le *rare earth minerals* gore e ka *add value* jang mo go tsone? O ko o leke go re e tlhalosetsa ka gore go lebega *rare earth minerals* tseo e le tsone tse di ka re tlisetsang khumo e ntsi ka gore ke tsone tse di dirisiwang thata mo *technologies* le tse dingwe. A mme BDC ga e ise e nne le thulaganyo epe fela ya *to partner* le ope fela yo o ka thusang *to add value into this rare earth minerals?* E le ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi ke ya dinamune, kwa Selebi Phikwe gatwe go dinamune di se kana ka sepe, mme bontsi jwa tsone di tsamaya fela e le dinamune di ntse jalo di sa tlhotlhiwa di isiwa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. A mme BDC ga e ise e supe kgatlhego ya gore le yone gongwe e tseye karolo mo go boneng gore ba *beneficiate* dinamune tse ba *add value* mo go tsone gore re tle re kgone go itirela dipe tse di ka dirwang ka dinamune mo lefatsheng la Botswana? Ke bua jalo ka gore ke itse gore BDC ke lekalana le le botlhokwa thata le le ka thusang Puso *to add value* mo go tse di dirwang mo Botswana. Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Gongwe ke supe jaana gore potso ya ntlha ke e ntle thata e e lebaganeng le *Minister* wa *Minerals* ka gore ke bone ba nang le *mineral investment company* e e leng gore e tlaabo e lebeletse dikgang tse o di tlhalosang tseo.

Mo potsong ya bobedi le yone e e siameng thata, ke dingwe tse e leng gore *in the next 12 months*, re di lebile kwa BDC gore re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang go bona *juices* di dirwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana.
Thank you Mr Speaker

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

HOSPITAL KIOSKS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND NATIONAL REGISTRATION

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the hospital kiosks established by the Department of Civil and National Registration for the on-site distribution of births and deaths certificates; in particular:

- (i) how many are still operational and how many have since closed;
- (ii) how many of those operational are operating at full staff of two officers per kiosk;
- (iii) how the closure of some kiosks has impacted the Ministry's mandate of public access to birth and death certificates on site;
- (iv) how his ministry intends to address this apparent lack of human resource at kiosks; and
- (v) if there are any plans to establish a kiosk at Shoshong Clinic in view of the fact that the clinic has a maternity ward and medical doctors full time.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker and good morning.* Mma ke tlhalosetse motlotlegi fela jaana ke re ke boammaaruri e ne ya re go leka go tokafatsa maduo le go thusa Batswana jalo ka go kwadisa matsalo, ga tla mogopolo wa gore go diriwe diphaposi tse di faphegileng mo dipateleng gore ba kgone go kwadisa bana ka pela, e le gone go fefosa tiro e e ntseng jalo. Go ne ga nna le diphaposi tse di faphegileng di ka nna 15 mo dikokolwaneng tse di farologaneng kana *various health posts*. Mo go tse 15 tseo, ke ka go raya ka re mo nakong ya gompieno, tse *nine* di ntse di teng di a bereka, gongwe ke tlhalosetse batlotlegi ba Ntlo e ka boikokobetso ke re tse di berekang ke tsa Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital, Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Sekgoma Memorial Hospital,

Rakops Hospital, Mahalapye Hospital, Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Princess Marina Hospital, Ghanzi Hospital le Scottish Hospital.

Tse thataro di setse di tswetswe, ke tsa Bokamoso Private Hospital, Sidilega Private Hospital, Lesirane Clinic, Bamalete Lutheran Hospital, Lobatse Hospital le Jwaneng Hospital. Mabaka a dirileng gore di tswalwe a a farologana, lengwe le letona ke go tlhoka bodiredi. Ke batla gore ke go tlhomamisetse jaana ke re, le fa bodiredi bo tlhabela, go na le tse di nang le badiredi ba le babedi jaaka tota re ne re rulagantse, gore nngwe le nngwe phaphosi e e faphegileng e tshwanetse go nna le badiredi ba le babedi. Jaanong dingwe di na le badiredi ba le bangwefela, e le seemo se re sa se letleleleng, se re sa se batleng. Se ke dumelang gore e tlaa re jaaka re ntse re baakanya, re bona madi jaana, re se baakanye se boele mo tseleng, ka gore golo mo re bone go re thusa thata, e bile go thusa batsadi gore ba se ka ba tsamaela kgakala, e bile go leka go fefosa go kwadisa matsalo jalo gongwe le gongwe.

Re tlaa tswelela re leka jalo re batla madi *Mr Speaker*, re bone gore re thusa Batswana ka fa tshwanelong. Golo mo go tlisitse *backlog* mo dipateleng kana mo go kwadiseng matsalo jalo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR BAGAISAMANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona, ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go utlwa Tona, mma gongwe ke dire pharologanyo fa. O supa gore *kiosks* tse di 15, mme mo go tsone *only nine are in operation*, o bo o supa gore ya Mahalapye e a dira. Ke re gongwe o boele kwa morago ka tlhomamiso ya seo, ka gore *kiosks* tse di thusang batho mo kgaolong ya me, ya Mahalapye, Sekgoma le Palapye, *at this time in moment* ga di dire. Le ka nako e di neng di dira, o setse o arabile e o supang gore le na le maikaelelo a gore di nne le *officers* di le *two*, mme di na le batho ba le bangwefela. A mme ga o bone botlhokwa jwa gore, kana bana ba a belegwa ka Matlhatso le Sontaga, le dintsho di a diragala ka Matlhatso le Sontaga. A jaaka o ne o bua ka kgang ya *24-hour economy*, a ga se nngwe ya ditirelo tse o bonang gore di ka nna le bodiredi mo malatsing a a *weekends*, gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba thuse batho ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Thatathata ke batla o tsena mo go ele ya go dira tlhomamiso ya gore ya Mahalapye e a dira. Le gore Shoshong *clinic* e na le *maternity wing*, e na le bongaka ba ba leng teng kwa, a ga le bone go le botlhokwa gore le re bulele *kiosk* e e kwa Shoshong, ka gore *Constituency* ya Shoshong yotlhe, batho botlhe ba ba tswang kwa ba

belegisetswa kwa go yone. Ke yone *that certifies* batho botlhe ba ba tlhokafetseng, e bile ke yone e e belegisang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke kopa jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* motlotlegi. Ke utlwa kgakololo ya gago, kana wena ke wena yo o mo kgaolong. Ka fa ke itseng ka teng, ke itse gore di a bereka, mme kgakololo ya gago ke a e amogela, ya gore ke boele teng tota ke ye go thola, ka gore wena ke wena o tsamayang teng, e ka nna ya re nna ke ithaya ke re ba theogetse, kante ga ba a theogela. Ke tlaa boela kwa morago ke ya go thola mongwame.

Ya bobedi e o e buang e, kana re ne re baya batho ba kana re bula dilo tse re lebeletse dipalo, gore batho ba belega ba le kae, kana re gorogelwa ke bana ba le kae mo mafelong a a farologaneng. Ke gone mo re neng re bona gore re beye kwa kae, mme re bo re fitlhela e kare Shoshong fa re lebeletse dipalo tsa teng, di ne di le kwa tlasenyana. Kana maikaelelo le maikemisetso a Puso ke gore, gongwe le gongwe kwa motho a gorogang teng, a kwalwe ka nako, *be registered*, a neelwe pampiri ya gagwe ya gore o gorogile kwano, e le tshwanelo e e siameng ya Motswana mongwe le mongwe rraetsho. Ke dumela gore e tlaa re re ntse re bona, re baakanya *manpower*, re *review* batho ba rona, gore tota re ka nna le batho ba le kae, re tlaa tsenya mogopolo o mo teng.

O bolelela ruri rraetsho fa o bua o re kana batho go a belegwa ka Matlhatso, Sontaga le bosigo jalojalo, a ga go tlhokafale gore re nne le batho ba ba tlaabong ba ntse ba le teng ba kwadisa gongwe le gongwe. Ke dumalana le wena, mme ke sone se re ikemiseditseng gore re batla gore re le ba *Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs*, re fetogegele kwa go mo re tlaabong re go bitsa re re ke *shift work*, gore *on weekends* bangwe ba kgone go theogela, ba se ka ba theogela *during the week*. Jaaka re buile re solofeditse Batswana gore, re batla gore jaana *April* fa a simologa jaana, re thuse Batswana, ba se ka ba nna ba lofa kwa ditirong, ba ya go dira ditiro tsa bone kana ba ya go kwadisa bana. A tshaise a bo a ya go kwadisa bana, kana e re jaaka ngwana a goroga go le *weekend* jalo, a bo a ka kwadisiwa nako e le teng. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

DIGITAL ENTERPREUNERSHIP AND E-COMMERCE

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to state steps his ministry is taking to promote digital entrepreneurship and e-commerce in Kanye as part of the Economic Diversification Drive.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Government is committed towards digital transformation which is one of the priorities aimed at improving economic growth and diversification.

Mr Speaker, availability of internet is a key driver for e-commerce, therefore, as outlined in the 2026 Budget Speech, there is acceleration of the Villages Connectivity Programme across the country as well as expansion of the optic fibre infrastructure to villages across the country.

There are several initiatives to promote digital entrepreneurship, not only in Kanye, but across the country. One such initiative was the development of the National E-Commerce Strategy in 2021, which serves as a framework and a guiding tool in facilitating e-commerce across all sectors of the economy.

Mr Speaker, the E-Commerce Strategy outlines interventions with focus on entrepreneurship support, digitalisation of services and business capacity building.

Digitalisation of business processes; this involves embracing online business processes to enable online licensing and registration of businesses. The system is being piloted at Gaborone City Council, whereby businesses are able to apply for licences online through our MTI eservices website. Our ministry is in the process of rolling out the system to other councils including Kanye. Furthermore, integration with key Government systems such as Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) and Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) will also reduce paperwork and accelerate processing for businesses facilitation and licensing online.

Digital Skills and E-Commerce Capacity Building; the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has previously conducted trainings for entrepreneurs on how to start and grow businesses through e-commerce. Furthermore, it is currently developing an online training programme specifically to capacitate Botswana entrepreneurs who wish to develop e-commerce stores, and Kanye entrepreneurs will also benefit.

An E-Commerce Portal has been development with a view to support the local procurement initiatives especially marketing of Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) product line globally and enforce Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) policies.

Notwithstanding the above, Mr Speaker, Government has put in place regulatory structures in order to support e-commerce. These include the following amongst others:

- Electronic Communications and Transactions Act of 2014
- Electronic Records Act of 2014
- Cybercrime and Computer Related Crimes Act, 2018
- Data Protection Act, 2024
- Establishment of a National Retail Payment Switch (NRPS)

Furthermore, our ministry is in the process of developing a Legal Framework aimed to create a conducive legislative environment which is in line with international standards and best practices to facilitate e-commerce in Botswana. This framework will ensure that existing policies and regulatory frameworks are conducive to the development and promotion of e-commerce and set out recommendations thereof for enactment or review of some laws.

Our ministry, in collaboration with agencies such as the Local Enterprise Authority, provides entrepreneurship training programmes covering digital business models, online marketing and e-commerce operations for youth and small enterprises in villages and districts, including Kanye.

Access to Finance: Digital entrepreneurs are supported through funding schemes administered by, among others, CEDA.

Our ministry continues to intensify outreach programmes and targeted interventions to ensure that communities such as Kanye fully benefit from digital economic opportunities and contribute meaningfully to national economic diversification. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker, ke a go leboga Minister ka karabo eo. Ke re, are you aware Minister ka bothata jo batho ba kopanang le jone fa go tla kwa go batleng to apply for licences? Legale o nnametsa ka gore wa re jaanong licences di tlaabo di dirwa online, e sa tlhole e le manual jaaka fa go ntse go dirwa. O ne o tshwanelwa ke gore o ye go kopana le batho, o arabele licence, ba go botse dipotso, because really it was so difficult. O fitlhela e le gore go*

ntshiwa very trivial excuses, mme motho a batla go dira business, a bo a felela a sa dire sepe. Mo gongwe o bona fela gore ke mafufa a Setswana, a Sengwaketse. Ka go rialo, ke a leboga.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Potso e ke e maleba. Ke dumalana le wena, le rona e rile fa re dira thomo re fitlhetse e le gore seemo se sa gore batho ba ye go dira licences kgakala ba dirisa madi a bone se tshwenya thata. Fa ke go fa sekai, gona le e nngwe e e ntseng e buiwa thata, bogolo jang bomme ba ba rekang dilwana tsa di bale ba ba tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di kgakala, ba tlile go dira licence mo Gaborone. Ke diemo tse re fitlhelang di ntse jalo. Mme jaaka o utlwa ke ne ke e fa tlhaloso gore ka seemo se we were piloting it mo Gaborone, jaanong maikaelelo ke gone gore re se tseye re se ise kwa dikgaolong, gore motho a se ka a tswa kwa Francistown kana Kasane, a tsaya di bale kwa Zambia, a bo a tla mo Gaborone, a bo a ya go feta ka Kasane a ya kwa Zambia. Jaanong ba ka kgona gore ka thulaganyo e ba kgone go dira licence ba le kwa ba leng teng, ba bo ba ka kgona go dira tiro ya bone sentle. Ke dumalana le wena thata mo go yone. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR PHOLOGOLO: Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. I take it *gore* there is what we call digital...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, hang on. Freeze the clock. Honourable Members, *ke ne ke kile ka ntsha kgakololo earlier, but you are free not to take it. Ke ne ke re, le na le dipotso tse ke di bonang mo Order Paper, so nako e e setseng ele fa e wela, tota ka e ne e le makatadimeitšhe di tlaabo di ya to next week. You still have the option ya gore le ka sutisa gore di arabiwe, but if you do so, you will do it within that time that you see there.*

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): On a point of order. Mr Speaker, in accordance with the relevant Standing Orders, may I kindly propose that we exhaust the questions on the Order Paper for today. It is also motivated by the fact that the top most Motions on the Order Paper, I do not see the sponsors of the Motions in the House at this moment. So, it may be beneficial for us to focus more on exhausting the list of questions. I move accordingly.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: *Tswelela* Honourable Phologolo, and it is the last supplementary

MR PHOLOGOLO: Thank you very much Minister for your elaborate answer to the question. *Ke re*, would you have an answer to *potso ya gore kwa Kanye* for instance, do you know of any digital entrepreneurs? If you do, how many of those has Government sponsored in ensuring *gore* they develop the sector that they play in?

Lastly, *fa e le gore ga bayo*, is it something that you will look into, ensuring *gore bana ba rona ba ba nang le skills*, rather than Government *e ikgagapelela dilo tse dingwe tse*, they play a role, particularly in areas away from Kanye *fa o tsenwa kwa bo Gasita, kwa ke dumelang gore* it is ready to become headquarter *mo kgaolong ele*, because *e setse e na le ditlamelo dingwe tse di ka kgontshang mohama wa go tshwana le o?* Thank you.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke a leboga. Tota ga ke na dipalo kana ga ke na kitso eo ya gore go ka tswa go na le bangwe, ka gore gongwe e ne e se nngwe ya dipotso tse ke neng ke di boditswe. Mme fela kgang e o e buang ke e e siameng thata, *because* re le Puso ya gompiano re bua ka *digital transformation*. Go raya gore bana ba ba nang le dikitso bao, ke dumalana le wena thata, ka gore fa re tsaya tsela e re e tsayang, re ya go tlhoka dikitso tsa bone thata. Le bana fela ba ba dirileng bo Information Technology (IT), o bone maloba fa go ne go na le bangwe ba tlile fa ba tlile go itshupa kana ba sale ba alogile jaanong ga ba na ditiro. Fa o ne o reeditse Mothusa Tautona, o ne a tilhalosa gore, fa re tsaya tsela e re e tsayang e ya *digital transformation* ke bone bana ba e leng gore fa re ya kwa pele re ya go ba tlhoka thata. Ke amogela potso ya gago, e bile ke potso ya kgakololo, gore re nne re lebe bana bao, re ba sukunyolole kwa ba leng teng. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

LABOUR INSPECTIONS

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to brief this Honourable House on the outcomes of labour inspections within the long-distance buses industry in terms of challenges faced by workers and employers; with emphasis on:

- (i) when last the ministry made a labour inspection in that industry; and if not, why the ministry is not undertaking labour inspection in the industry;
- (ii) the challenges picked and the mitigation factors being put in place;

- (iii) the minimum and maximum number of working hours, remuneration per worker (per hour and monthly), and if the hours and remunerations are realised in the whole industry; if not, why; and
- (iv) the proposed changes in the Acts governing the industry in terms of protection of workers against exhaustion of long hours and exploitation through low wages.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Motlotlegi Kekgonegile o botsa potso e ntle thata mongwame ka ke itse gore ke *shadow*.

Mongwame ke go reye ke re, ga re ise re nne le ditshekatsheko kana ditlhotlhomiso tse di tseneletseng thata jaaka re dira mo maphateng a mangwe go okomela lekalana le la *long-distance bus operators*. Mabaka a a dirileng jalo a mmalwa, lebaka la ntlha ke gore fa re dira jalo, mme re batla go dira tshekatsheko e e tseneletseng, re lebelela *reports* jaaka batho ba tla go bega kwa go rona gore ga re direlwe sentle jaana le jaana, re bo re bona gore golo kwa go tshwanetse ga bo go na le kgang. Maphata a re neng ra ya go dira ditshekatsheko jaaka o ka itse, ke a a tshwanang a bo *private security* ka dingongorego di ne di goroga di le di ntsi, *diamond cutting and polishing*, tse batho ba neng ba ngongorega gore kwa babereki ga ba tsewe sentle, le *private schools*. Re ne ra lebelela le ba diteraka tse di tsamayang mesepele e meelele ka gore le tsone go ne go na le dingongorego tse di ntsi tse di neng di tla kwa go rona di tshwana le gore batho ga ba duelwe sentle, ga ba neelwe *rests* tse di lekaneng.

Fa e le ba dibese, re dirile mo gotweng *spot checks*, ke gore re sa tsenelele thata. Fela ke ka go raya ka re *during those spot checks*, le bone re ne ra fitlhela go na le tse di tshwenyang jaaka go tlhoka go duela batho *overtime*, go tlhoka go neela batho malatsi a le mantsi a boikhutso, le go tseela batho madi e se ka fa molaong (*unauthorized deductions*), go tlhoka go duela batho ba ba tlogelang tiro (*severance benefits*) tse di ka bong di siame.

Nngwe e e neng e re tshwenya ke babereki ba *these buses*, go bereka dioura tse dileele thata mongwame. E le gore bontsi jwa batho ba ga ba sale melao ya pereko morago. Re ne ra ntsha kgakololo, ra bona ba re neng re ntse re ba tshwara re ya kwa go bone, re ba gakolola fela gore ga ba a tshwanela go dira jalo, ba tshwanetse go sala melao ya pereko morago.

Dilo dingwe tse di teng tse o ka di elang tlhoko ke gore, fa o lebeletse mo tsamaisong ya dibese, ga go a tshwanela gore motho a kgweetsa *for nine hours* a sena *rest*. Golo moo go diphatsa mo go ene le mo badirising bangwe ba tsela. Molao o ne o direlwa gore babereki ba kgone go nna ba ikhutsa, ba nne le *rest in between*. Re ne ra bona mokgweetsi a kgweetsa *bus* fela go tswa kwa e le gore ga go na *rest* jalojalo. Ke dumela gore ke dilo tse re neng ra ba gakolola ka tsone, mme re di setse morago. E tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo re sena go oketsa bodiredi jwa rona jwa *labour inspectors*, re bo re bona gore lephata le re le sala morago jang. Le lone re le tsenye mo maphateng a re dumelang gore re tshwanetse go a sala morago fela thata. Re ne ra itemogela gore o kare mo malatsing a dibese tse di oketsegile, sa bobedi, re ntse re amogela le tsone dingongorego tsa bone tse re bonang di tlaa tsenya bapagami ba dibase mo kotsing. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki Tona. *Mr Speaker*, kana boammaaruri jwa se Tona a se buang ke gore ga ba ise ba dire *inspections*, kana ga ba di dire gongwe jaaka ba dira kwa maphateng a mangwe kana mo mafelong a mangwe a kgwebo. Jaanong gongwe pele ga motho a botsa, ke go rotloetsa Tona gore go na le mathata mo mohameng o, *both* kwa babereking le kwa go bone ba ba tsamaisang tsone dikgwebo tse. Re kope Tona gore a dire lenaneo la *inspection* mo dibeseng.

Spot checks, e a utlwala, le gore e ntshitse eng, mme motho o ne a ka botsa gore *overtime*, *severance*, a gone moo fela *generally* mo o go ntshitseng ka *spot checks*, le gone gore o dira *inspections* ka gore *reports* di kae, a ga o bone gore *reports* ga di goroge ka bontsi *from* dibese ka gore mohiri kwa dibeseng o letsogo le boketenyanana, fa o tliša *report* o tsamaile? Jaanong mo tlhoko ditirong e e kanakana e e leng gore golo mo go jweleletse mo *private sector*, a ga go botoka gore *inspections* tse mo *private sector* thatathata, mme e bile mo mohameng one o thatathata, o di dire kgapetsakgapetsa *given benefits to* ba ba palamang *bus*, *to* mmereki, le ene mohiri, le tsamaiso fela ya itsholelo?

Mo gongwe ke gore, naare *inspections* tse fa o di dirile, o *confirm* jang gore se ba se go bolelelang ke boammaaruri fa e le gore wena gape ga o nke o nna le *any researches besides inspections* tse ka se se diragalang?

O buile ka diteraka Tona, go na le matshwenyego a matona kwa diterakeng, gore di kgweetswa ke batswakwa. O dira go le kae go netefatsa gore diteraka le dikoloi fela tsa BG *registered commercial cars* mo Botswana di kgweetswa ke bakgweetsi ba ba hirilweng e le Batswana? Tanki.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*, mma ke leboge motlotlegi jaaka a ne a ntsha kgakololo. Gakere sengwe le sengwe jaaka gompiano o boditse potso jaana, ga o ka ke wa botsa potso fela go sena matshwenyego. Go raya gore a teng. Bangwe babereki kana *Mr Speaker* ba tshaba go tla go ikuela jaaka a bua, gore fa ba ikuela, ba tlaa tsena mo mathateng. Jaanong fa re leba *statistics* sa rona, se ka nna sa re raya sa re lephata lele ga le na mathata mme one a le teng. *I agree with you*, re tlaa leka go baakanya kgang e e ntseng jalo.

Sengwe gape se se tona se ke se boneng mo go tsone dibese tse, babereki ga ba *negotiate salaries* tsa bone. Ke gore ba duelwa fela gotwe re go neela bokana fela jalo, go sa lebelelwe le gore dikitso tsa bone ke eng. Ke sengwe se re ba gakolotseng le bone babereki jalo.

Kgang e o neng o e bua ya gore ke lemoga jang gore a *inspectors* tse di dirile tiro, le rona re na le *follow ups* tsa rona. Gantsi *we depend* mo *statistics*, fa re bona batho ba sa tle go ikuela ba le bantsi, kana gape re batla *feedback* mo go ene yo o ikuetseng gore jaaka o ikuetse jaana, a o a itumela kana ga o itumele, ba kgona go re bolelela. O bo o itse gore mme *inspectors* tsa rona koo di tsamaile. *As a requirement, each and every report is filed, and each and every report should be followed* go bona gore a mme ene yo o neng a gakololwa gore a dire jalo o dirile.

Rraetsho, fa o bua ka *truck drivers*, re emisitse go fa batho *permits*, mme re ntse re a tswelela ke boammaaruri jaaka le wena o supa gore go na le bakgweetsi bangwe ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba ba santseng ba kgweetsa diteraka. Batho ba ke batla go go tlhomamisetsa gore ba dirisa *fake permits*. Beke e e neng e feta e ke ne ke ntshitse taelo gore re lotele *office* ya rona ya Loapi le ya kwa Universal, re tlhotlhomise bone batho ba. Re bone dikai tse di ntsi tsa gore bontsi jwa *drivers* tsa diteraka ba dirisa *fake permits* tse e seng tsa rona. Ditlhotlhomiso di tswelitse gompiano jaaka ke bua le wena jaana, tsa go bona gore tota golo mo go dira eng. Ke batla go go raya ke re, kana bolwetse jo jwa *corruption* jo re bo fitlhelang mo Pusong e e neng e tswa e, ke gore o fitlhela *ministry* one wa rona o le *involved* mo go ntsheng *these fake permits*. O fitlhela le bone makgotla a itshireletso a a neng a tshwanetse go ba lebelela, le bone ba le mo teng. Ke *chain* fela e ntsintsi. Golo mo ke gone go re tsentseng tsebetsebe.

Se se dirileng gore ke bo ke tle go nna le *this investigation*, maloba fela jaana ka *long holiday* re ne re tshwara bangwe ba tshotse lekwalo kwa Machaneng ba tsena

ka dithoto. E le gore o neetswe *permit* ya go kgweetsa diteraka. Fa re lebelela leina kwa tlase la yo gotweng o filwe *permit*, mongwe yo o teng foo wa sepodise a bo a bona gore motho wa leina le ga a bolo go tlogela tiro *five years ago*. Batho ba teng ba ne ba tshwarwa, ba a seka, ba ntse ba a *mention*. Boammaaruri jwa *fake permits* di teng, di dintsi di a bereka rraetsho. Re dira ka bojotlhe mme di ntshitswe ka bokete. Ba re ba tshwarang ba ntse ba a tlholwa, re bo re di tsaya mo go bone.

Ke dumela gore re tlaa tsena le kwa di dirwang teng. Re setse re itse gore di dirwa kwa kae, ke bomang. Re ya go goroga kwa go bone gore re tseye dikgato ka batho ba ka gore fa o fa motho a *fake permit* go kgweetsa mo tseleng ya Botswana, *you are not only endangering yourself*, o tsenya mo diphatseng le bakgweetsi ba a kopanang le bone mo tseleng. *You are not supposed to be on the road.*

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

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ga o ka ke wa nthuta Sekgoa, ga o a tsena sekole. O ne o suputsasuputsa mo mmung. O bua ka eng?

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

MR SPEAKER: O se ka wa *address side remarks*. Ba go kgotla ka bomo.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Mma ke mo gacolole, ga ke a suputsa mo teng ga lerole jaaka ene. *I am well-schooled.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Minister*, ke ne ke re le se ka la sotla ba bangwe.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke ne ke batla go araba potso ya motlotlegi, kana e botlhokwa gore Batswana ba e itse.

Ya re motho yo o tsamayang ka *permit* e e seng yone mo tseleng, ga se gore o tshwenya rona bakgweetsi ba bangwe, le beng ba dithoto tseo le badirisi ba bangwe ba tsela. Ke sone se ke reng re e emetse ka dinao mongwame. Ke leboga thata.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga ka dikarabo tseo *Honourable Minister*. Kgang ya me ke e e mo goreng mo dibaseng tse di tswang mo Gaborone di ya Maun, kana *distance* ya teng *when estimating*, e ka tsaya bo *nine to 10 hours*. A o a itse gore mosepele o o moleele, o ya go fitlhela e le gore mokgweetsi mo baseng o a bo a le mongwefela mo teng? Seemo seo, a mme *for safety* ya bapalami, a go a bo go ba siametse?

Se sengwe se ke neng ke batla go tlhaloganya ka sone, kana go na le dibase tse dingwe tse gongwe mokgweetsi o tlaabong a lala a kgweetsa bosigo. E bo e re fa a tsena kwa Maun, ke ntse ke ene gape a boang a tla Gaborone. Golo moo re go lebelela ka tsela e e ntseng jang, re ya go dira jang go sireletsa batho?

E nngwe e ke batlang go tlhaloganya ka yone ke ya fa gongwe motho a filwe *permits* tse di ka tshwarang 10 a tshela ka tsone. A golo moo go a letlelesega, a go ka fa molaong gore a bo motho a ka tshela ka *permits*, a ntse fa fatshe a amogela a duelwa ka tsone? Ga ke itse gore ba duelwa *on monthly basis* kana jang. *Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke dumela gore tse dingwe *they will fall within the purview* ya ga *Honourable Salakae*, but leka Mongwato.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki mongwame. O boditse dipotso tse dintle tse pedi tse e leng gore ke matshwenyego a re nang le one gompieno. Mokgweetsi fela ga a ka ke a kgweetsa a *full nine hours* a le nosi. Ke sone se o tlaa fitlhelang ba bangwe re file tetla ya gore bakgweetsi ba nne babedi gore *concentration* mo ditseleng tsa rona tse di nang le dikgomo le *potholes*, ba tshwanetse go nna babedi *to be on the alertness*. Re dirile jalo. Ga go a siama gore mokgweetsi a le mongwefela a kgweetse *long distance* go sena gope kwa ba fapaanang teng. Eo re a dumalana.

E nngwe ke ya ga Motlotlegi Salakae. Re setse re lemogile selo seo jaaka ba bangwe ba ntse ba tshwarwa jaana. Fa go setse go tla go lebelelwa *permits* tsa bone, o fitlhela go na le motho a le mongwefela a hirisa *permits* di le dintsi. Le tsone di teng, go na le bosupi joo. Dirra potso ya teng o e tlhamaleletse kwa go Motlotlegi Salakae. Ke dumela gore o ka e atolosa botoka thata go na le nna ka gore ga ke na *that authority* mo go yone. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kitso Khan for Molepolole North.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela.

STUDENT ALLOWANCES

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Higher Education to indicate if the Government intends to increase student allowances in line with the current Government's commitment to raise the amount to 2,500 pula; and if so, to state:

- (i) the timeline for this increase and outline how the Government plans to ensure the sustainability of this allowance, given the current economic condition in Botswana; and
- (ii) measures the Government will take to ensure that this support effectively addresses the financial challenges faced by students.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Re dumalane le motlotlegi gore *we later date it*. Ga ke itse gore jaanong o e baya jang. Ke ne ke mo tlhaloseditse gore kgang ya teng e tshwanetse go ya Khuduthamageng, ke bo ke mo araba. O ne a tlhaloganyana fela sentle. Kana o lebetse. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: Malomaagwe bongwanake o a njabetsa ka gore re ne re dumalane maabane, e bo e sa tsene. Gompieno tota re ne re sa bua.

Later Date.

STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Health to:

- (i) apprise this Honourable House on the State of Public Health Emergency that was declared by the President in August 2025; and further state:
- (ii) the baseline levels of essential and non-essential drugs, as well as Antiretroviral Drugs (ARVs) at the time the State of Public Health Emergency was declared and the levels of the same supplies at the time the State of Public Health Emergency ended; systemic operational failures that were documented during the State of Public Health Emergency; and
- (iii) corrective measures that were put in place and resultant improvements observed.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister of Health.* Aa! Ga ba lebege ba le teng. A re yeng kwa go ya ga *Honourable Khan by Honourable Bogatsu.*

READINESS OF THE NATIONAL STADIUM TO HOST THE WORLD ATHLETICS RELAYS

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

- (i) whether the national stadium will be ready to host the World Relays this year, and what specific challenges have prevented the facility from being compliant with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) standards;
- (ii) how much it is costing local football clubs from the southern part of the country to host their continental matches in Francistown due to the non-compliant state of the national stadium; and
- (iii) whether Government provides any form of assistance to these clubs to mitigate such costs; and if not, when this irregularity will be addressed, given that these clubs represent not only themselves but the country in continental competitions.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would like to confirm that the national stadium will indeed be ready to host the World Athletics Relay on 2nd and 3rd May, 2026. The renovation of athletics' track which is designated competition venue has been completed. This include full replacement of the running track and the facility is now awaiting certification by World Athletics. Additional maintenance works such as painting of spectators' seats, extension of Very Important Person (VIP) ablution facilities, painting of stadium exterior and various electrical upgrades are progressing well and are expected to be completed by 11th April 2026.

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, the renovation of the University of Botswana (UB) stadium running track which will serve as a warmup track for the world relays is also under way and is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2026.

Mr Speaker, with regard to non-compliant status of the national stadium under the Confederation of African Football (CAF) requirements, the stadium is not accredited to host Category 3 matches. The main issues relate to the location and configuration of the dressing rooms which must be relocated to the grand stand side as per the CAF standards. Additionally, the CAF Category 3 accreditation requires the construction of the media box with workstations and electronic ticketing system, fully equipped doping control and medical rooms, as well as video operating centre for security monitoring. These gaps have contributed to the stadium's current non-compliance. As a result, Mr Speaker, football clubs from the southern part of the country hosting continental

matches in Francistown face additional costs. These include approximately P450, 000.00 for chartered flights for visiting teams and match officials travelling between Gaborone and Francistown, as well as accommodation cost for visiting teams.

Mr Speaker, the Government of Botswana provides financial support to national team through annual grants allocated to their respective national sports associations. However, for clubs participating in continental competitions, the primary responsibility for funding remains with the individual club and their governing association. In some cases, international bodies such as Confederation of African Football (CAF) may provide limited financial support depending on the stage of the competition. In our boarder strategy to commercialise the sports sector, clubs are encouraged to strengthen their sustainability by securing private sector sponsorships and partnerships.

We acknowledge and appreciate the companies that continue to support local clubs in their participation in CAF competitions.

In closing Mr Speaker, it is worth noting that the Government continues to work to address the infrastructure irregularities at the National Stadium to ensure that going forward, our clubs based in southern part of the country are able to host continental matches at home and represent the country without incurring avoidable extra cost. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BARONGWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Tsa me di pedinyana fela. Sa ntlha ke gore re tlaa bona *Minister* a a fa lefatshe le *update* ka *the preparatory works and how far we are as far as hosting these relays is concerned?* Ya bobedi ke go bapatsa (*advertise*) tse tsa rona tse. Re bapaditse *games* tse go le kae go netefatsa gore *international visitors are also attracted* le bana ba ba kwa ntle fela ba Botswana ba ba kgakala ba gongwe ba nang le keletso ya mabelo? Ke a leboga.

MR KELEBENG: *Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Member of Parliament.* Go ntse jalo, re tlaa dira jalo, e tlaare mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re *update* setšhaba ka *progress* ya rona ka *games* tse tsa World Athletics Relay. Mo go ya *advertising, games* tse di *international*, ba World Athletics ba tswetsetse ba tsenya mo dipampiring tsa bone. Ba *international media covers them* mme *even on their social media pages* ba tswetsetse ba dira jalo. Se re se itemogelang ke gore ga go *enough* mme le fa go ntse jalo, e ne ya re maloba ra

kgona *to secure sponsorship* mo go ba Primedia ba e leng gore *it is an international advertising company that deals with billboards.* Ba na le *digital billboards.* Fa re bua jaana, ba setse ba gasa *games* tse *in six countries* tse di mo Southern Africa being Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho le Swaziland. Mo e le maiteko a gore re gase molaetsa tota gore o goroge kwa bathong.

Le fa ke bua jalo, ga go *enough* re tswetsetse re a buisanya. Bangwe ba re buisanyang le bone gore ba re thuse ka *sponsorships*, ba dumalana gore ba tlaa re thusa go oketsa lebelo mo *activations* le mo *marketing.* Tota fela jaaka o itse, *the Government cannot do it alone*, re tlhokana le *private companies to participate.* Ba bangwe ka bonya ka bonya ba ntse ba a goroga mo e leng gore re a go itumelela. E tlaare fa re ntsha *update* mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, re tlaa nankola gore ke bomang e bile re solofetse eng. Re na le tsholofelo gore mo nakong e khutshwane, re tlaabo re bona e le gore jaanong *hype* ya *this game* e kwa godimo thata jaaka re solofetse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, a re yeng kwa* Question Without Notice by Honourable Aaron.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

AFRICAN MIGRATORY LOCUST ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN

MR P. AARON (NGAMI): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the status of the African Migratory Locust elimination campaign in the Gumare and surrounding extension areas, specifically:

- (i) whether it is true that the campaign has been abruptly halted or suspended;
- (ii) if the suspension is due to lack of financial resources or an exhausted budget for pest control;
- (iii) the immediate risk assessment regarding the potential destruction of crops and grazing lands in the Ngami Constituency, if the locust swarms are left unchecked;
- (iv) what emergency measures the Ministry is taking to secure funding and resume the campaign before the current ploughing season is further compromised; and
- (v) how the Government will assist those farmers whose farms lost crops completely or to almost none.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, my ministry is currently engaged in the control of the African Migratory and Red Locust following its outbreak in January 2026. The locust was reported in Gumare within the Okavango District and Chobe. The first control operation commenced on the 28th of the same month. This is a highly destructive migratory pest that threatens cereal crops and pastures. Mr Speaker, to date, a total of 76.8 hectares has been controlled in the Gumare extension area. The exercise has been slow due to continuous rainfall in the area. Mr Speaker, it is important to first understand the life cycle of locusts and their migratory patterns when addressing matters relating to their outbreaks. Locust eggs can remain dormant underground for several years, especially during drought conditions, and only hatch when environmental conditions become favourable as is the case during the current season. In addition, locusts may migrate from neighbouring countries as fly-ins. When such incidents occur, it may seem that the locusts have been left unattended.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the campaign has not been suspended or abruptly halted. Control operations were only temporarily halted due to persistent rainfall, which made it impractical to continue spraying because the chemicals would have been washed away by the rain. Furthermore, the swampy conditions in the affected areas made it difficult for vehicles to access the sites. The first control operation was undertaken from 28th January 2026 to 6th February 2026.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the temporary interruption was not due to lack of financial resources as the necessary budget is available to continue the campaign. Control operations resumed on 17th February 2026 but were again interrupted by rainfall which rendered the affected areas inaccessible. A third control operation commenced on 26th February 2026, during which a drone demonstration was also conducted for the village community. The community expressed appreciation for the use of this technology in supporting the control efforts.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, at present, the situation is under control and there are no indications of any significant risk. Control measures began when the locusts were still in the hopper stage before they developed the ability to swarm. Continuous monitoring and assessment indicate a low likelihood of swarm formation at this stage.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, Government has already secured funding for the campaign. An amount of Two Million, Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve Pula and Ten Thebe (P2,008,412.10) has been allocated for the procurement of the necessary materials required for the control operations. In addition, P900,000 has been set aside to cover the remuneration of personnel engaged in the campaign. Control operations resumed on 26th February 2026 and continue as weather conditions permit.
- (v) Mr Speaker, losses resulting from such outbreaks are generally treated as natural disasters and therefore no specific compensation is provided to affected farmers. However, where necessary, farmers who may experience severe losses can be assisted through existing Government programmes designed to support those in need. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR AARON: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Gongwe sa ntlha ke supe gore ke lebogela gore a bo o kgonne go tsiboga go thusa balemi kgatlhanong le sagajaja se sa tsie. Ke re a o a itse gore ba lephata la gago fa ba bolelelwa ka tsie e le gone e thubang re dumela gore go ka nna motlhofo gore e ka bolawa ya felela teng foo pele ga e nna le diphuka, ga ba dumele gore *it can be sprayed* ka nako yone eo go fitlhelela e setse e anama le lefatshe? Golo mo go dirwa ke eng ka gore balemi ba bofefo gore ba tsibose lephata la gago fela tsie e simolola go riana? Le gore a o a lemoga gore ke dingwaga tsie e ntse e tswelsetse? *It is not the first cycle*, a re tlaa emela gore jaanong e nne a *national disaster* e apare Botswana jaaka Bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo bo setse bo ntse gompiano, ke gone re bo re emelela re re tsie, mme balemi ba nna ba le begela ka yone?

A mme o a itse gape *Honourable Minister* gore fa tsie e tlhagoga, *it can be sprayed* fela fa e le gore ga go dire *drone*? Ke a leboga gore gompiano o bo o tlisitse *drone*. A o a itse gore *if it is sprayed* by batho go diriwa ka dinako tse go leng tsididi jaaka makuku kana bosigo ka gore melemo ya teng go lebega e le borai thata mo bathong? Lephata la gago ga le dumalane le gore le ka duela batho *to spray* ka gore dinako tsa teng, ke tse ba a bong ba sa theogela ka tsone *normally*. *If truly* o bua gore golo mo ke *national disaster*, ke eng o sa supe gore ke *national disaster* tota e re se se tshwanetseng go diriwa se diriwe ka nako ya teng? Ke bua jaana ka gore babereki ba lephata la gago ba re ga ba duelwe *to spray* ka dinako tse tsie e tlhokanang le *to be sprayed* e le *after hours*.

E bile *Mr Speaker, through you*, ke lebogela gore o bo o kgonne go thusa. Mma ke gatelele lebaka la gore...

MR SPEAKER: Order 40.3, o se ka wa gatelela mabaka, o botse potso fela e e tlhamaletseng.

MR AARON: A o itse mabaka a ba ofisi ya gago ba a ntshang a gore balemi ba Gumare ka gore ba lema mo gotweng ke mo *delta*, go na le *sensitivity* nngwe? *Sensitivity* e e tla fela fa e lebagane le dijalo tsa batho, mme go kile ga nna le tsetse-fly e e kileng ya *threaten tourism*, mme *it was sprayed mo delta even further beyond* fa batho ba lemanang teng? Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nte ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Aaron ka letshwenyego la gagwe le le tona la balemi ba kwa Ngami. Motlotlegi Aaron ke tsaya gore Motlotlegi Caterpillar Hikuama o tlaa go sebetse, 2019/2020 ke eteletse pele lephata le, e le nngwe ya *trips* tsa me tsa ntlha, ke ne ka ya gone kwa ka ya go lebelela gore ba tshwere jang, ka rotloetsa le bodiredi, le gore re oketse maakanya a gore re ka dira jang go fenya tsie e go ya pele. Tota kgang e tona fela ke go lebelela, re bo re ithuta thata ka *the locust lifecycle* gore re tlhaloganye gore re itse gore... *gape we have also mapped* le kwa mae a ka nngang teng. Golo mo go tlaa thusa thata gore fa re tlhakanya matlhale a otlhe a rona re kgone go feta.

Ke itumela thata gore Motlotlegi Tshere e bo e rile ngogola, ke dumela gore o tloga a digela ngwaga ka di 15th March, a ba a ne a *launch the BOTSAT-1*. *You know the data generated from BOTSAT-1*, ga go na lephata lepe le le tlhokang go feta Lephata la Lefatshe le Temothuo, *so we need to utilise data generated from BOTSAT-1*. *So, I work very closely with entomologist, Professor Graham Hall from University of Botswana (UB). I work very closely with Professors from Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), the entomologists from Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN). I work very closely with National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI). I have a strong team that works together, because of great interest to me is to push more ... (Inaudible) ... production of veld pesticides. Jaaka o bua ka the delta and its sensitivity, it is very important for us a Government* gore fa re batla gore *that which we produce to fetch more better value, to move away from this chemical use*. So, o tlaa lebelela gape gore jaaka o bua ka nako ya tsetse-fly, akere go nna go ntse go tla *these conventions*, go nna go ntse go tla go fetoga, tiriso ya *chemicals*, o ya go fitlhela e le gore nako ele go ne go dirisiwa tsele, mme go nna go ntse go tla go fetoga jaaka le rona re fetoga re batla gore go ya pele re dirise tse di maleba.

Ke buile gore re na le *about P900,000* yo re mmeileng *aside* go duela bodiredi go bereka kwa ntle ga dinako tse di beilweng, jaaka o ne o botsa fa. Ke itumelela gore le wena o lomagane thata le balemi ba kgaolo ya gago, ba go fa *feedback* gore kana jaanong Dr Dikoloti ba fetotse seemo ba fofa mo phefong ka *drones*, ba kelemile go kelema, tsie e ga ba batle e ka felela e tlhogile diphuka tsa go fofa, *they want to just hit it* e santse e le *at hopper stage to make sure that the damage* ga e nne e tonatona.

Ke go tshepise thata motlotlegi. Motlotlegi Hikuama o tlaa go bolelela, *I have got deep interest* go netefatsa gore *in that area we do a lot of right things. I have already engaged the Ministry of Trade to say you have a lot of fertile soils in that area, the time has come for us to start exploring even having a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), but of interest to me was fodder production because we import a lot of fodder. We can produce a lot of fodder from those good soils, good waters, to make sure that there is a lot of economic activity in your area.*

Gore bodiredi fa gongwe bo nna bonya, kana mashi ke tswa thobeng ke le phepa, selabe se tla le motsaya kgamelo. Ke lebogela tekodiso ya gago eo, mme a e se ka ya nna tekodiso fela, re se ka ra e feleletsa fela e le potso ya Palamente. Fa o bona ba nyafala golo gongwe ntekodise motlotlegi. Keletso ya me ke gore ke buile mo Palamenteng e gore mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di tlang, *contribution ya agriculture to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) I want it at six to 10 per cent*. Ga se puo fela, mme e bile e batla rotlhe matsogo a rona a tshwara, re bo re netefatsa gore go ntshiwa ga dijo go tswa kwa e nna sengwe se se berekang.

Kgang e nngwe e o e boditseng, e le mo potsong ya gago e lantlha, ke batla go e atolosa fela fa o ka lebelela Lemang Dijo, Motlotlegi Dr Gobotswang, *part of the developments in the Lemang Dijo ke the insurance component. The insurance component we have put mo Lemang Dijo ke insurance* e re e tsereng e le rona re le Puso *because we could not do individual insurance of the small-scale farmers, but we want to start protecting them against these adversaries* tse di tshwanang le tse di ntseng jaana. *For now, the way we crafted it*, re le Puso ke rona *who can claim and we can then see* gore ba ba babaletsweng re ka felela re ba dira jang. *So, it is a good development* fa o lebelela Lemang Dijo ka fa e ntseng ka teng, le go itse gore re lema mo dinakong tsa phetogo ya loapi. Ke tsaya gore *Mr Speaker, I covered* dipotso tsa gagwe tsoitlhe motlotlegi, *but I am open* gore *we engage further outside this so that even when you go to your*

constituents, you can go fully loaded. O ba bolelele gore ke na le keletso e e kwa godimo ya gore fa nako e letla, ke kgone go gata kwa. Ke kgone go ya go gata kwa ke ba nonotshe, le bodiredi ke ba nonotshe gore kwa bofelelong, re tle re kgone go ntsha dijo because that area has a lot of fertile soils, it has a lot of water, we need to make good use of these fertile soils to make sure that our people can fully engage in agriculture. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR AARON: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Last one Honourable Aaron, and please be aware of Order 40.3, just keep them short and straight to the point.

MRAARON: Ke a go leboga gore o bo o supa kgatlhego le go bona gore re tshwere sengwe le sengwe. Gongwe ke tlhaloganye, ga ke a tlhaloganya sentlente gore ba ba setseng ba jetswe ke tsie ba re sa itseng gore jaanong ke ba ga mang, ke eng go sa diriwa *assessment* ya gore ba ka thusiwa jang ka gore ga go na kwa ba tlileng go lema teng, ke eng ba sa thusiwe ka ditsela tse di faphegileng? *A national disaster* e kganela gore batho ba ba welang mo isong ba thusiwe ka mo go faphegileng?

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke tsaya gore *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke e ipoditse potso ya teng fa ke e araba ke tlhalosa ka *insurance*. Ke ne ke ipoditse ke leka go atolosa *the part five* ya *question* ya gago go supa gore Lemang Dijo e bereka jang *and how it covers small-scale farmers, but not as individuals. We have insured the facility* re le Puso, *so ke rona who claim against natural disasters and then we see to it. Mo karabong, mo part five* ke ne ke e arabile ke sa atolosa thata ke dirisa Lemang Dijo. Ke ne ke go kaela gore *our thinking* e ntse jang go ya pele, *because like I have said so many times in Parliament, without agriculture insurance we cannot produce* go ya ka fa re eletsang gore re ye teng, e bile ke na le keletso ya gore temothuo e *contribute six to 10 per cent towards the GDP*. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile motlotlegi, mme re ka atolosa le kwa ntle gore le wena o tlhaloganye thata *component* ya *insurance* ya Lemang Dijo, le gore go ya pele le tlaa nna le ntse le tlhaola jang *because it is very important for people to know*.

O botse thata Motlotlegi Tshere le ka BOTSAT-1, re tlhaloganye thata gore tota *data generated for BOTSAT-1* re ka e dirisa jang go ya pele *because* dibetsa tsa tlhologo re tshwanetse go di lebela pele re kgone go dirisa botlhale le boranyane jo bo leng teng go ya pele gore re kgone go thusa balemi ba rona.

Ke a go leboga thata ka potso e, ke tsaya gore le bone ba itumetse kwa Ngami.

Motlotlegi Hikuama o tlaa go tlotlela thata gore dikgang tse re tswa kgakala re ntse re di tshwara jang, ke dumela gore go tlaa ya teng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Chairperson of Parliamentary Caucus on Women has a statement to make in terms of Order 41.3.

STATEMENT

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

CHAIRPERSON OF PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON WOMEN (MS MANYENENG): Good morning Honourable Members. Mr Speaker, I rise before this Honourable House, in unity with the women and girls of the Republic of Botswana to present this important statement as we mark the commemoration of the 2026 International Women's Day.

Mr Speaker, the global community commemorates International Women's Day on the 8th March 2026, this year. The year commemoration is held under the theme "Give to Gain: Advancing Justice, Equality and Empowerment for Women and Girls. Translating it into Setswana, "*Neela go Nna le Dipolelo: Tsweledisa Tshiamiso, Tekatekano le go Nonotsha Bomme le Basetsana.*" Mr Speaker, through this theme when we say "*Neela go Nna le Dipolelo*" we call upon all Batswana, institutions and all relevant stakeholders to be intentional in investing resources, mentorship and time in solidarity and support to women and girls. When women and girls are empowered economically and in decision-making spaces, the communities they live in will in turn benefit.

Mr Speaker, for Women and Girl child to "Give and Gain," empowerment should start from the grassroots level. Currently, women constitute the majority of university graduates in our country, but many remain without employment opportunities. This persistent unemployment undermines their social and economic empowerment, in some cases compels them to depend on others for support. It is particularly concerning that young women continue to bear a disproportionate burden of unemployment. In 2024, the unemployment rate among young women stood at approximately 48.6 per cent, compared to 39.8 per cent among their male counterparts.

Mr Speaker, the empowerment of women within our communities is fundamental in addressing many of the social challenges that continue to affect our nation. When women are economically and social empowered, vulnerability is significantly reduced and opportunities for dignified livelihoods are expanded. This in turn can help curb harmful coping mechanisms such as sex work and other forms of exploitation, that often rise from economic hardships. Indeed, empowering women is not only a matter of justice and equality; it is also a critical pathway to building stronger families, safer communities, and more resilient nation.

Mr Speaker, it is encouraging to note the steps being taken to address issues that disproportionately affect women and girls. In January 2026, Parliament of Botswana and the SADC-Parliamentary Forum signed a landmark agreement to implement the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), HIV/AIDS, and Governance Project. The project aims to strengthen parliamentary capacity, influence policy, and address SRHR inequalities for vulnerable groups, which mainly includes women and girls. Such efforts are essential if we are to advance justice, equality, and empowerment in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Mr Speaker, as a country that conforms to International Standards and Treaties, I must emphasise that this theme aligns with the 70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), priority theme that seeks to ensure, that strengthens access to justice for all women and girls. This therefore underscores that justice is both a human rights imperative and economic enabler. Giving women and girls access to justice and empowerment mechanisms, therefore enables them to contribute fully to national development and economic transformation.

Mr Speaker, the significant gaps still remain. As of 2024, only about 9 per cent of seats in our National Assembly are held by women, reflecting a persistent underrepresentation in political leadership. "True equality and empowerment" require women's voice to shape the laws and policies that govern our nation. At the heart of this theme is the fundamental truth that gender equality is a human right, and that empowering women and girls is essential for building peaceful, prosperous and inclusive societies. This principle is central to Vision 2036, which envisions a Botswana where women and men have equal opportunity to participate in economic, social, cultural and political life and where gender equality is mainstreamed across all sectors.

Mr Speaker, Justice for women and girls also remains a pressing national priority. We must confront the reality that Gender-Based Violence (GBV) remains unacceptably high in Botswana. Over two out of three women report having experienced some form of physical or sexual abuse; a rate that surpasses the global average and challenges the health, safety and wellbeing of families and communities.

Mr Speaker, action must follow our words. Action is what translates rights into reality and justice into lived experience. Action must be bold, coordinated and sustained. It must involve Government, civil society, communities, families and men as partners in change. Speaking in Action Mr Speaker, Botswana is making her strides in that direction. Recently, the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs has drafted a dedicated Gender-Based Violence Bill to strengthen legal action against perpetrators.

Mr Speaker, the ball is in our court, we must strengthen education, economic opportunity, and access to finance for women so that their economic rights match their educational attainments. Women in Botswana still experience lower labour force participation and wage gaps that reflect systemic inequalities. We must prioritise investment in rural women, informal sector workers, and youth who are often left behind.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5 on Gender Equality, provide a roadmap for advancing the rights and opportunities for women and girls. These goals treasure commitments to eliminating discrimination, violence, harmful practices and barriers to women's full participation in leadership, decision-making and economic life. Botswana's national planning frameworks Vision 2036 and the National Development Plan (NDP) align with these international commitments.

Mr Speaker, today I wish to make a statement that we endorse our commitment to "Give to Gain: Advancing Justice, Equality and Empowerment for Women and Girls." Let this International Women's Day be more than a commemoration. Let it be a turning point, in the law, in policy making, in the empowerment process, where every woman and girl in Botswana can live a life of dignity, full of opportunities, safety and freedom from discrimination based gender.

Mr Speaker, it is my hope that this august House will shape legislation that protects not just today's generation, but those that follow. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 41.3 I will now allow short questions for the purpose of elucidating the statement, please note that no debate may arise. *Ke tlaa bona ka go nna le ntse le emelela.*

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke lebogela puo ya gago mmaetsho, e botlhokwa thata. Ke batla go botsa gore, kana golo fa re tshwanetse go tsamaela mo *action*, re bone gore tota go diragala eng. Go na le kgang e gotweng, "*nothing for us without us.*" Ke ne ke batla go itse gore, gone mme mo kgannyeng e re dira go le kae go tthomamisa gore bana ba basetsana, bomme, sengwe le sengwe se se dirwang e ka bo e le *policy*, e ka bo e le molao, tota sentlentle fela, *practically speaking*, re ba tsenya jang? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: O batla go di soboka *honourable*?

MS MANYENENG: Ee rra.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke utlwile ka fa nneng gongwe pego e tla ka teng. Potso ya me e tlaa nna mo goreng, gone mme re dira go le kae, segolobogolo jaaka o ne o bua ka kgang ya *informal sector*, gore Puso e leka go rotloetsa batho ba bomme go bona gore a ba sireletsegile? Jaanong ke batla go itse gore mo nakong ya gompiano Puso e dira go le kae go bona gore e sireletsa dikgwebo tsa bomme, segolobogolo e lebeletse tsone tsa *informal sector*, gore e ba thusa go le kae, ka mananeo le mo go tsone dikgwebo tse ba dirang go bona gore e a ba sireletsa? Ke batla go itse gore Puso e dira go le kae?

Sa bobedi ke batla go itse gore, kana o ne o bua ka dikgang tsa GBV, tse e leng gore gongwe bomme o ya go fitlhela ba kgokgontshiwa mo malwapeng. *Sexual abuse* ya bana ba ba *under age*. Ke batla go itse gore, re dira go le kae re le Puso mo dikgannyeng tse go sireletsa motho wa mme, segolobogolo tsone tsa kiteo ya bong gongwe e se yone mo mothong wa mme? Ke a leboga.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Madam Deputy Speaker*, re lebogetse thata molaetsa wa gago. *I think* re a itse rotlhe fela gore bomme ke bone ba ba babalelwang thata ke seemo sa itsholelo, *especially* fa itsholelo e wela kwa tlase jaana. *In your position* o emetse bomme mo Palamenteng, *what influence do you have on the policies* tse di direlwang bomme? *Is there any platform* e o kopanang le *Ministers* tse di lebaganeng le dikgang tsa bomme, gore o kopane le bone *in your*

position as Chair wa *Caucus* ya bomme, o ba neele ka fa le akanyang ka teng le le bomme, gore ba ka thusiwa jang mo dikgannyeng tse tsa *economy*, tsa go tlhoka ditiro, tsa gore kana gantsi bomme ke bone ba salang le bana. O fitlhela gongwe borre ba sa tlhokomele bana, jaanong bomme ba kokonelwa thata ke itsholelo.

Go bo go nna le bomme ba ba tlhokomelang bana ba ba nang le bogole. Ba e leng gore tota ga gona mananeo ape a a ba lebaganeng go ba thusa gore ba kgone go tlhokomela bana. O fitlhela e le gore motho yo o nang le bogole ke ene a neelwang P600 wa dijo le P350 wa seshabo, mme go sena tlhokomelo epe e e leng gore... mme yoo, yo e leng gore jaanong o patelesega gore a se ka a ya go lema, a ya kwa Ipelegeng, o na le seemo sa gore ga gona gore o bona letseno fa kae. A go na le se le se akantseng le le bomme ba *Caucus* ya Palamente go leka go gakolola Goromente gore a tle ka mananeo a a *targeted to* botsadi jo bo ntseng jalo? Ke a leboga.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tota ke itse gore manokonoko a bomme a botlhoko otlhe. Mme ke re, go dirwa go le kae bogolo jang bomme ba dikgaolo, ba e leng gore ba koo, ba arametswe ke lehuma le lentsi, gore e re fa re eme jaaka fa re ntse re bua jaana, re dire gore *much as* letlhoko le tshwana kana le le botlhoko go tshwana, mme batho ba ba amilweng thata mo dikgaolong, le dira jang ka bone go ba thusa gore kamoso le bone go nne le gore ba lekalekane, go nne le *reduced poverty between the poor and the rich*, *particularly* mo dikgaolong tse e leng gore di dikgaolo? Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, gongwe ke lebogetse *statement* sa ga *Deputy Speaker*. Ke go netefaletse gore, tse o ka lehang go di dira ka maemo a gago e le go tokafatsa seemo se re se bonang, se se lebaganeng le bomme, re tlaa go ema nokeng, ka gore re na le ditumelo tse di tshwanang le tse lona le le Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) le nang le tsone mo dikgannyeng tsa bomme.

Ke na le potso e le nngwefela e ke kopang gore o e tlhalose, ka gore o buile ka go tlhoka kemedi ga bomme mo Palamenteng e. Mo nakong e e fetileng, ba ba nang ba le teng pele ba le mo Pusong, ba ne ba sa dumalane le gore go fetolwe tsamaiso ya ditlhopho ka gore, *experience* le maitemogelo a mafatshe a mantsi ke gore, thulaganyo e re e dirisang ya *First-Past-The Post*, e baya bomme ka fa mosing. A go na le sengwe se o ka solofetsang gore o tlaa se dira ka maemo a o a tshwereng, go kopa gore go fetolwe tsamaiso ya ditlhopho (*electoral system*) pele ga ditlhopho tsa 2029, re tle re go eme nokeng? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, you would understand that under normal circumstances, I would not allow Ministers to raise these matters, but because *ke kgang ya bomme, le gone e tla ka Chairperson wa Parliamentary Caucus on Women*, it is on that basis that I do allow.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota ga me ke kakgelo fela, *gore have you identified melao le policies tse e leng gore gongwe ga di thuse bomme gore ba ka gola? Ke re ke kopa gore le e compile le tle le e tlise kwano, so that we support melao e e ntseng jalo le policies and any other piece of legislation.*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke e leboga Modulasetilo wa Mapalamente a bomme. Ke leboga fela thata, ke lebogela *statement*. Ke ne ke re ga ke bue ka ke ne ke bona e tsamaelana le se se neng se buiwa ke *Honourable Mokgwathi*, go bo nna le *elementary* nana e nngwe e ke neng ke batla *to emphasise*. Ya gore, go lebega melaetsa ya rona e mentlente ka bomme fa gongwe e felela mo bathong ba ba nnang mo ditoropong le ba ba nang le itsholelo e e rileng. Ba ba kwa magaeng le kgakala le ditlhabololo, e kete melaetsa e ga e goroge kwa go bone. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, le *target* jang bomme ba ba kwa dikgaolong, bogolo jang fa le bua ka kgang ya *empowerment*? Ke gore *that is where I am interested in*. Le *target* jang bomme ba ba kwa dikgaolong, ba ba kgakala le ditlamelo? Melaetsa ya lona le go ba rotloetsa gore le bone ba nne *empowered*, le leka eng gompiano? Bogologolo go ne go na le mananeo a bo *Women's Affairs Department*, gompiano ga ke itse gore *what are you pushing*, gore *at the end* ba felele go gogora kwa go bone, ba tle ba akole le bone re ba tsholetse mo lehumeng le tlala e e ba aparetseng. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O ka di tsibogela *Madam Speaker*.

MS MANYENENG: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke simolole ka ya ga Rre Gobotswang. Tota ya ga Rre Gobotswang *I think* ke ya bomme ba re ba bonang gore ba ka fa mosing, mme re ba tsenya fa *women...* (*inaudible*)...*Issue* ya rona ke gore, re na le dikomiti re le bomme tse di mo dikgaolong tsa rona le fa di sa tlhamiwa ke *party* ya UDC. *Those committees* di tlhoka gore di etelwe *as long as we can* kana *as far as we can*. Re santse re tshwenngwa ke letlhoko la *budget*.

Maikaelelo a *Caucus* ya Palamente ya rona e ne e le gore bomme re dire lenaneo la go dikologa lefatshe la Botswana re etele bomme bogolo jang ba dikgaolo ba o fitlhelang o kare re ba lebetse.

Fa re bua ka *informal sector*; fa le ne le reeditse *speech* sa ga Tautona, go na le lenaneo le e leng gore bommadimausu le boradimausu ba tshwanetse ba ikgobokanye ba tle ba kgone gore ba ikopele se ba ka se ikopelang. Re solofetse gore e tle e tlhamaletse sentle e tswa kwa *Youth and Gender* gore go ya go tsamaisiwa jang. Re solofela gore bomme ba tlaa tla go ikopela se ba ka se ikopelang go itshetsa.

Kgang e ke e buang ke re re ne re eleditse go dikologa le dikgaolo; kana re tlhoka go rutuntsha bomme, *to empower them*, kana ke go ba ruta gore ditshwanelo tsa bone ba tshwanetse gore ba di tshware jang, ba se ka ba tshaba. Re tlhoka gore re nne le sephatšhe se se tlaa re thusang gore re tsamaye re rutuntsha bomme bogolo jang ba re bonang ba iteka mme ba tlhoka tota. *So*, ke keletso ya rona re le *Caucus*, ke gore fela re santse re tlhoka.

Rre Moalosi; *the financial input* ya Puso; re tshwaragane le go bua le *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*. Go na le jaaka re ne re kopanetse dikgang tse le Rre Motshegwa, tota e ne e se tse di *formal*, *but* e ne e le go batla go itse gore re ka thusiwa jang re le kwa dikgaolong bogolo jang ba e leng gore ba na le banalebogole. Motho a eleditse gore o ka bo a tswa go ikopela tiro mme a tshwerwe matsogo ke gore o a oka fa, gore go ka tweng. Ke dilo tse a solofeditse gore re tlaa nna re di buisana gore re bone gore re ka thusana jang ka gore gongwe le bone ba ya go tlhoka gore ba atswiwe ka gore o ka bo a ntse a itirela sengwe fa a ne a le kwa ntle. Jaanong motho yo o nang le bogole yo o mmeile fa, ga go na jaaka a ka mo tlogela. Ke tsaya gore ke kgakololo ya gore re se ka ra e tlogela kwa morago. Le rona ke selo se se re tshwenyang ka gore bomme ke bone ba ba tshabelelwang ke go nna e le gore ene o sala le molwetse, o sala le monalebogole mme ba bangwe bone ba tsamaya, mme o feletsa a sa itirele sepe. Ke lebogela kgakololo eo *sir*.

Jaaka Rre Mokgwathi a ne a bua, re na le mo gotweng *Gender Commission* e e leng gore e a kopana nako le nako ba leka go bona gore re ka ntsha *policies* dife tse di ka rutuntshang kana go tsholetsa bomme go ba ntsha mo lehumeng. Nako le nako o kare ke dilo tse di buiwang fela ga di dirwe. Mo bogompionong jaaka ke ne ke bala fale, *Minister Chombo* o setse a le mo *drafting stage*,

ba leka go dira molawana wa GBV o ke tsayang gore e tlaa re o tla go tla, le tlaa nna le nako ya go bona gore re ka o betla jang re le Palamente, re lebile gore re eletsa gore segajaja se se eme ka mokgwa o le mongwefela, re dumalana.

Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO), ke keletso ya me kana ya rona gore re emele *Constitutional review*. Tota *First-Past-The Post* ga e re thuse ka sepe mongwame. Re eletsa gore bogolo fa go ka nna le Proportional Representation (PR) kana e e bidiwang Zebra, re eletsa gore re tle re bue le bomme fa go ntse go tsamaya jaana, *sensitising* bomme gore re ya go kopa *input* tsa bone gotlhe *all over; all the stakeholders* ba re thuse gore molao o o tsene. Gongwe le gongwe kwa *Constitutional review* e tlaa bong e tsamaya teng re bo re beile bomme ba ya go bua ka kgang e ka gore PR ke yone fela e ka tsholetsang dipalo, e ya *First-Past-The Post* e dingalo thata. Ga ke itse gore a ke di arabile tsotlhe.

MR SPEAKER: Go ne go na le ya ga *Honourable Hikuama*.

MS MANYENENG: O ne a bua ka *rural men not inclusive*. I think ke e arabile ka gore re eletsa gore re ka bo re etle re tsamaye, mme dikomiti tse di ntseng jalo re eletsa gore re di atumele, re bue le bone, re ba rute gore fa go na le mananeo a go itshetsa, fa go na le *fund* nngwe, ba itse. Re eletsa gore tota fela fa re se na go nna re utlwa sentle gore mananeo a neng VP a a bua gore bomme ba tlaa beelwa sengwe, fa a setse a bodule, re bo re itse gore re ka kgona go bua le bone jang gore mananeo a teng, ba ikopele jang.

**AMENDMENT OF SECTION 201 (A) OF THE
PENAL CODE OF 2018**

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, as you can see, Honourable Jacobs is not here, this Motion was deferred to this week, but as you may also be aware, we have a Motion that is on the floor, the mover had completed her debate, and then the Minister was replying to the debate, so we will skip this Motion. Let us go to the next Motion Clerk.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): On a point of order. I am rising because *go lebege e le gore mo nakong e e ntseng e feta* particularly on this side, we

have not just been given slap on the wrist, *ke tsaya gore* we have been given a lashing, and in some instances, *go supa e kare tota jaanong re nyatsa le Palamente*. Here we have a situation *e e leng gore Rre Jacobs* I am informed he is away on Parliamentary business, the Mother of the House is not around, I am not aware if there has been any explanation referred to this House why she is not here. *Ke ne ke re gongwe re botse ka gore ka tsaya gore fa re le fa re botsa*, and in some instances, *fa gongwe ba bangwe ba re pateletsa ka tota* what has been actually taking place, *re bo re sa fiwe sebaka sa gore re itsisiwe gore mabaka ke afe, go a tshwanela gore re ka botsa. Ke a leboga*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *ke a lemoga gore* Mother of the House is not here, *mme jaaka le itse jaaka re dire, fa a setse a dirile* presentation ya *gagwe*, Motion *wa gagwe o le fa pele ga Ntlo, a feditse* presentation, *le ka o debate la supa gore a le dumalana kgotsa le ganana le one*. What we will also set as a precedent *ke gore le fa a seyo*, however, the House will conclude whether it is negated or it is adopted; it is entirely up to the House. I think that is the precedent we set, so we will go by that. In terms of why she is not here, I have no letter from the Mother of the House.

MR SALESHANDO: Thank you Mr Speaker. Indeed, Mother of the House is not present today, *mme o re itekodisitse mosong ono gore o phaketse a sa tsoga sentle. O re kopile gore re mo emele, re tshotse tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang go tswelela le Motion*. So, her absence should not affect the flow of Parliamentary business today. We are ready to proceed with the Motion in accordance with the Order Paper. I thank you.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED
ARM OR UNIT OF THE POLICE
SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF
JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned on Friday 27th February, 2026 Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, Minister for State President, Defence and Security was on the floor debating, and he is left with 17 minutes six seconds.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke kopa gore o ntshireletse *Mr Speaker*, go lebega go na le monna yo o bolawang ke *excitement* ka kwa o bitswa Reuben Kaizer. Fa o ne o ka mo gakolola a itsheke, a lese go kgoberega maikutlo.

MR SPEAKER: Standing Order 58.4.

MR MOHWASA: Fa ke ka mo kgomogela, o tlaa ikotlhaya. Ke ne ke re ke tswelletse *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhalose gore...

MR KAIZER: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le go tshoga ke tshogile. Kana *Minister* a re o tloga a nkgomogela. Ga ke itse gore a o tshwanetse go tlisa matshosetsi ao mo Palamenteng. E bile kana ke motho yo o tsamayang le ma Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), ke mmoifa lebaibai. Gongwe a boele mafoko morago a gore o tlaa nkgomogela *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke a utlwa gore o ne a re o kgomogela mang. Ke sone se ke reng Standing Order 58.4, ke nna ke le gakolola ka sone gore fa yo mongwe a filwe *floor* a bua, lona ba le sa e fiwang le didimale le mo reetse.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa gore o ba reye ba emise go nkgomogela ke santse ke bua ka gore go bo motho a le fa, go tilwe bangwe ba tsamae le ene jaaka thulaganyo e ne e diragala mo Pusong e e neng e diragala le fa ba bangwe ba itatola. E bile bangwe ba sireletswa go feta le nna, ga go a tshwanela gore motho fa a na le ma-*security* e bo e re nako nngwe fa a bua a nkgomogela, ke bo ke re gongwe o tlaa raya ba *security* ba ntira sengwe se se maswe.

Se ke ka se buang *Mr Speaker*, ke gore re tlhalositse maloba pele ga ke nna fa fatshe gore *Section 6* ya Police Act e tlhalosa ka tsamaiso yotlhe ya Botswana Police Service (BPS). Botswana Police Act e tlhalosa gore maikaelelo a yone ke gore e tlaabo e sireletsa dithoto le matshelo a batho botlhe. E sa dire jalo ka go lebelela gore motho ke wa maemo afe kana ke wa *class* efe, go dirilwe lekalana le le itebagantseng le *judicial officer*. Le fa ke sa itse gore a go na le maikaelelo a a siameng, ke tsaya gore go tlaabo go sa tsamaelane le tshetlana e ya Police Act. E bile go ka re beela seelo, kana e tlaabo e le go itaya monyo mo thulaganyong e e sa tsamaelaneng le tsamaiso e yotlhe ya Puso.

Mo nakong ya gompiano ke ka tlhalosa gore le fa go sena lekalana le le faphegileng le lebagane le tshireletso ya ba boatlhodi, ga go reye gore ga gona sepe se se dirwang go itebaganya le seemo se. Re tsaya pabalesego ya Baatlhodi ka tlhwaafalo. E bile ke tshwanetse go tlhalosetsa Ntlo e e fano gore go setse go kile ga nna le dipuisanyo le ba lekalana le mo nakong e e fetileng. Kwa *judicial service, conference* e e neng e tshwaretse kwa Palapye ka di 30 tsa ga *July* go fitlhela di 1 *August* 2025, ba boatlhodi ba ne ba kopa ba DIS go tla ba buisa phuthego ya bone go bua ka dikgang tse di amanang le pabalesego ya *judicial officers*, e le *Judges* le bo Mmakaserata. Mo phuthengong eo go ne ga supafala gore go na le maiteko a a dirwang ke ba sepodise ba tshwaragane le ba Botswana Defence Force (BDF) le ba DIS go lebeleba pabalesego ya Baatlhodi.

Maduo a kgang eo a ne a supa gore le fa go supafala gore go tshwanelwa ke gore dingwe di dirwe, mme ga gona sepe se mo nakong e se itebagantseng le go gomagametsa tshireletsego ya Baatlhodi. Le fa go ntse jalo, tshakatsheko e ne e tlhalosa gape gore fa go supafalang gore go na le bangwe ba ba nang le matshosetsi, ditsamaiso tse di teng di tlaa dirwa go leka go baakanya tshireletsego ya Baatlhodi. Se se tlaa dirwa go lebeleletse bongwe ka bongwe.

Kwa go yone phuthego e ke neng ke tlhalosa gore e ne e le kwa Palapye, go ne ga dumalanwa gore ka fa diemo tsa pabalesego di ntseng ka teng mo nakong ya gompiano, di lekane. Se se teng ke gore le fa re tsere tshwetso eo ga se gore go feletse gone foo. Go ne ga dumalanwa gore Moatlhodimogolo a tshwaragane le makalana a itshireletso, ba tlaa dira tshakatsheko e e tseneletseng ya seemo sa gompiano. Tshakatsheko eo fa e ka supa gore go na le diphatlha tse di batlang go kabiwa le matshosetsi a a lemogiwang, go tlaa tsewa dikgato ka ponyo ya leitlho.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga ke ka ke ka tlhalosa ka botelele ka mothale wa ditshwetso tse di tlaa dirwang tsa pabalesego. Golo moo ka bogone go tlaabo e le go neela... Gatweng kana?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Podi ditlhodi.

MR MOHWASA: Re tshwanetse go sireletsa tshireletsego ya bone ka ditsela tsotlhe le ka fa re tlaabong re bua ka teng.

Kwa phelelong, Puso e amogela matshwenyego a Motlotlegi *Mother of the House* a nang le one. E bile ke tsone tse di dirwang gompiano. Se se teng ke gore go nna le lekalana le le itebagantseng le go sireletsa Baatlhodi,

ga go a lekana e bile ga se gone fela mo go ka dirwang ka fa tsamaisong ya molao. Thulaganyo ya gompieno e e tsentseng mapodise, masole, DIS le ofisi ya ga Chief Justice (CJ) go bona gore go nna le tshireletsego, re tsaya e le e e siameng ka tsamaiso e e teng ya gompieno. Ke tsamaiso ya Puso go bona gore mongwe le mongwe o babalesegile, bogolo jang Baatlhodi ka ba na le tiro e e mashetla e ba mekamekaneng gore ba babalesege.

Ke tshwanetse go bolelela Ntlo e e fano gore go tlaa nna le tshatsheko e e tlaa dirwang jaaka go nna go tsweletse go dirwa jaaka ke tlhalositse. Re tlaa tswelela re ntse re bua le ba baatlhodi go bona gore seemo se, e le bone ba ba ranolang melao e bile ba tlisa dikatlholo, ba dira se se babalesegileng. Ba sa kgothakgothwe ke bape le gore ba dira tiro ya bone ba gololesegile, e bile go na le pabalesego. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

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

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go dumedisa, le fa ke utlwile gore gatwe ga go sa tlhole go dumedisiwa. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go dumedisa bagaetsho kwa Mmadinare kwa kgaolong.

Ke ema jaana go atolosa se se ntseng se tlhalosiwa ke Tona mo *Ofising* ya ga Tautona le tsa Itshireletso Rre Mohwasa. Kana fa o tla ka *Motion*, sa ntlha go tshwanetse gore go bo go na le mathata mangwe a *Motion* o le kang go a rarabolola. O tshwanetse gore gape mathata ao o bo o kopane le ba ba amegang kana baanelwa mo dikgannyeng tseo. Fa ke reeditse *Motion*, e re ntswa go le maleba gore *Motions* tsotlhe tse di tlang mo Palamenteng re di lebe ka boleng le tlhwatlhwa ya tsone, re se ka ra di dumela kana re se ka ra di gana fela, *Motions* tse di ka bolokang setšhaba re tshwanetse re di amogele. *Motions* tsotlhe re tshwanetse go di sekaseka gore mme mathata ke eng, *Motion* o leka go rarabolola eng.

Fa ke reeditse mosutisi wa *Motion* le Tona Rre Mohwasa, ga go lebege go na le mathata. Sa ntlha go tshwanetse go simolola go buisanwa ke bone ba ba amegang gore a se se tlhamiwa ke kgwetho e e le baganeng. Ke utlwa Tona a re *already* go setse go na le ditsamaiso tsa gore go tsewa tsia thata pabalesego le tshireletsego ya Baatlhodi le boMmakaseterata. Fa go ka lemosega fela jaaka baeteledipele ba bangwe gore go na le botlhabetsi bongwe mo go tsa itshireletso, go nna le ditshekatsheko tse di dirwang ka tsamaiso e e teng mo

molaong. Ditshekatsheko tse di bo di re gorosa mo go reng ba neelwe ditlamelo tsa itshireletso le pabalesego. Go raya gore se *Motion* o le kang go se lopa se setse se le teng. Ke ne ke bua ka kgang ya banaleseabe. Fa ke reeditse Tona, o supa gore go ne ga nna le kokoano kana phuthego e e neng e bua dikgang tsa mofuta o mme gone koo kwa kokoanong ya Baatlhodi, ga go lebege fela jaaka a tlhalosa gore gongwe se ke kgwethokgolo e e ka goeletswang kwa godimo gongwe e e ka tlang ya batla tshwetso ka Tshutiso e e tlang ka teng. Le nna ke ne ka itirela dipatlisiso di se kae fela gore mme gone ba ba amegang, kgang e ba e leba ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ba bangwe ba ne ba supa gore tota e bile bone fa ba lebeletse lefatshe la Botswana ka fa le ntseng ka teng go na le kagiso le ledula ka teng, fa gongwe go batla itshireletso ya mofuta oo ke go ba biletse *unnecessary attention*. Ba bangwe ba batla go tshela matshelo a bone ka phuthologo ba sa patapatwa ke batho ba itshireletso, go tlaa herelela le mo matshelong a bone a ba eletsang gore ba a tshela ka phuthologo le ka sephiri sa bone, ka semonokela sa bone se ba se eletsang mo matshelong a bone.

Ke re e re le fa ntswa le fa Mopalamente yo o tlleng ka Tshutiso gongwe o ne a e lebile ka tsela nngwe mme boleng jwa *Motion* bo nyeletswa ke gore se a le kang go se dira se setse se le teng, *it is provided for* mo melaong e e leng teng gore go sekwasekwa matshelo a batho mme ga go lebege Mopalamente gongwe a ne a dira tiro e kgolo ya go buisanya le ba ba amegang ka gore fa gongwe fa o buelela batho, bone ka fa ba akanyang ka teng go fapaana le se o se tlhalosang, re tlaa tloga re dira *imposed measures* mo bathong ba sa eletse ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke nngwe ya *Motions* tse di sa ganelweng gore go tlhoboswa yo o tlang ka tsone, o ganelwa fela gore se o se lopang ke se e leng gore se setse se le teng. Go ne go tlhokile gore go buisanwe le banaleseabe. Ke gore *Motions* fela jaaka *Bills* tse di tlang mo Palamenteng, *they must be preceded by consultation* le ba ba amegang. Re se ka ra tlisa *Bills* mo Palamenteng di ama batho bangwe mme re sa ba *consult*. Ke tlaetse thata go bona gore *Motion* o leka go rarabolola eng. Ga go kgwetho epe ka mabaka a gore ba ba ka fitlhelwang e le gore ba na le mathata a itshireletso ba a thusiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke re ke somarele nako e e ntseng jalo, ke se ka ka e atlaatla thata. Ga ke tseye gore go ya go nna le ba bantsi ba ba tlaa buang gape ka mabaka a gore *Motion* o lebega o le kgakala le ditragalo. E ne e le gore re eme gone fa re batle se sengwe se re ka se dirang se se ka sologelang Batswana molemo. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke emela go ema mogopolo o nokeng. *Mr Speaker*, mathata a gore e bo e re o rulaganyeditse go kopana re ya go rutuntshiwa ka dikgang bakaulengwe ba bo ba sa ye, ke one mathata a re kopanang le one. Matlhotlhapelo a Baatlhodi ba lebaganang le one mo tirong ya bone, re kopane le one mo phuthegong e o neng wa re e rulaganyetsa e le lantlha Mapalamente a ipona a kopane le Baatlhodi golo go le gongwefela. Re ne ra reetsa matlhotlhapelo. Ke gakologelwa mme mongwe wa Moatlhodi, ga ke itse gore a e ne e le Mmakaseterata a re bolelela seemo se a kileng a iphitlhela a le mo go sone. Ya re a le mo *court* a tlhaselwa, ba ba tlholang ba bula mabati ba ntse ba “*order*” kana ba reng fa *Judge* a tsena mo *court*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: May the court rise.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *May the court rise*, ba iphitlhela ba le mo seemong se e leng gore ga ba a ka ba kgona go mo thusa, ke gore a bo a thusiwa le ke batho fela. *She was very very traumatised* a bo a felela a tlhokana le gore a ye *counselling*. A bo a re nako nngwe fa a akanya go ya *court* a kgaoga pelo a sa tshele sentle. Ke dikgang tse re kopaneng le tsone. Fa motho a emelela fa a bo a re go senyegile eng, go raya gore tota ga a tshele mo botshelong jo e leng gore re tshela mo go jone le jo e leng gore Baatlhodi ba tshelela mo go jone. Bagaetsho, Batlhodi ga ba a sireletsega gotlhelele. Rre Mohwasa o bua gore...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Sorry to disturb your flow.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Continue Honourable Gobotswang.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Gobotswang for yielding*. Ke gore se o neng o se supa, o ne o batla go gatelela gore mosutisi wa Tshutiso e o lemoga seemo go gaisa *Honourable Motshegwa* e bile o tlhaloganya bokete jwa dikgang ka fa Baatlhodi ba tlhaselwang ka teng. E bile ba ne ba kopane ba rerisiwa ke bone Baatlhodi ka sebele. Ke selo se o neng o se tlhomamisa ka go ntsha polelo eo.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Go ntse jalo. E seng fela jalo, kana fa re bua ka *Honourable Justice Unity Dow*, re raya motho yo a kileng a nna kwa *court*. Dikgang tse

o di tlhaloganya go feta ba e leng gore le *court* ga ba ise ba ko ba e tsene gotlhelele, gongwe ba tsene fela ka mabaka a sele. Se e leng gore re a se bua ke gore gore Baatlhodi ba dire tiro ya bone *without fear or favour* go sena letshogo lepe, ba tshwanetse gore ba iphitlhela e le gore ba sireletsegile.

Jaanong kgang ya gore gongwe ba ka bo bangwe ba akanya gore gore go tsenngwe tshireletso e go tlaabo go ba kgoreletsa mo matshelong a bone, heela! *these things they go with the responsibility you are given by this republic*. Fa gotwe o *President*, *there is no privacy*. Fa gotwe o *Minister like Rre Mohwasa*, ga a na *privacy*. *That is why a tlhola a setswe morago ke batho. It goes with the terrain*. Ga o ka ke wa nthaya wa re o nna *Judge* ka o batla go tshela botshelo jo bo tshelwang ke nna le mongwe le mongwe fela le Rre Motshegwa, *it is not going to happen*.

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

Clarification. Ke simolole ka e o neng o re botshelo jwa me le jwa gagwe bo a tshwana, nnyaa, ga bo tshwane. Ke ne ke batla go botsa gore a se o se tlhalosang ke gore go kile ga nna le tiragalo, gongwe o ntlhatswe, gongwe o itse jalo? A go kile ga nna tiragalo nngwe e e leng gore a bo go nna le *security threat* mo Moatlhoding mongwe go bo go tshwanetse gore go dirwe *assessment* e bo e sa dirwe, kana a sa thusiwe? *Are there those instances?*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Thank you Honourable Member. Honourable Member, why should we wait for a disaster to strike?* Ke eng re tshwanetse gore re emele mme re ntse re bona e bile ke go bolelela gore kwa phuthego e re neng re e tsene le Baatlhodi go ne ga nna le *session* e e neng e le gore *victims tsa attacks* ba ne ba tla *to testify before that meeting*. O ne o seyo, rona re a go bolelela ba re neng re le teng. Dikgang di teng tse e leng gore di a ba tshwenya. Jaanong ga re a tshwanela gore batho betsho re eme.

Ba Judicial Service Commission (JSC) kgang e ba a e itse. Bone fela sa bone ke gore ba re Baatlhodi ba tshwanetse gore ba bo ba le *independent*, ba dire tiro ya bone *without fear or favour, but they cannot guarantee their security*. Ke yone *problem* e e leng gore e teng e e leng gore ga ba ka ke ba kgona gore ba tlhomamisa gore ba sireletsegile. Mapodise le bone, *yes*, tiro ya mapodise ke gore ba re sireletse fela, ba re sireletse rotlhe. Golo fa ga re bue ka *an ordinary protection*, re a bua ka *a specialized protection* e e leng gore batho ba teng ba tshwanetse ba bo ba rutetswe tiro eo. Tiro eo ke e e

faphegileng. Ga o ka ke wa tsaya lepodise lengwe le lengwe gore ba ye go dira tiro eo, ba tshwanetse ba bo ba rutilwe e bile ba kgona *to operate* mo *setup* yone ya *court*, e le *cadre* e e leng gore *it is a specialised unit*, e e leng gore e *deal* fela le sone *security* sa mofuta oo.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Clarification.* Ka boikokobetso Rre Gobotswang, *I know* gore fa motho a tla Palamenteng o baakanya *notes*. Fa o sena go baakanya *notes* o bo o fitlhela e le gore kgang e o neng o tla o e ipaakanyeditse e supa gore mme go na le sengwe se se dirwang jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke tlhalosa gore go na le thulaganyo ya go itebaganya le kgang e, e e leng gore go tseentswe ba sesole, ba sepodise le ba *Intelligence* gore ba tshwaragane le *office* ya ga *Chief Justice* gore ba tle ka tharabololo. A yone eo ga o a e utlwa?

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke e utlwile sentle thata. Se re se buang fa ra re re le Palamente, re tseele kgang e tshwetso. Bone ba o ba buang bao *in their deliberations* ka sengwe le sengwe se re tlaabong re se bua ra re re batla gore mme kgang e e bo e le nngwe ya dikgang tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba di ele tlhoko gore *we need a specialised cadre, a specialised unit* e e tlaabong e berekela mo Dikgotleng tsa rona e tlhokomela batho bao. Ke eng e tshwanetse gore e nne teng? Re batla *a dedicated unit* e e berekelang gone foo. Sa bobedi re batla *swift response*. Letsatsi le Mmakaseterata yole a tlhasetswe, o ne o kgona go bona gore fa e ne e se batho fela ba ba neng ba mo thusa, lekwetsepe leo le ka bo le mmolaile.

Gakologelwang gore kwa *court* go ya diganka, dikebekwa tse e leng gore bo *Judge* ba a bo ba lebagane...Fa a tloa gone kwa e bile o setse a wetse kwa go *Judge*, o ka nna a mo kgama a mo feleletsatsi. Seemo se re tshwanetse go re se fema, *deterrence*. Re tshwanetse gore re nne le seemo se e leng gore fa o akanya go ya go tlhasela *Judge* o tshwanetse gore wa bo o itse gore botshelo jwa gago bo ka nna jwa felela gone foo. *At the moment*, fa a tloa gone kwa o setse e bile a kopakopane le ene, ga go na sepe se se ka mo emisang kana sa mo tshosa gore a se ka a dira jalo, *deterrence* e botlhokwa thata. A mme go a diragala kwa mafatsheng a mangwe?

International practice; yes, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe go teng, *specialised units* di teng, kwa bo America *they have specialised units*, tse di tlhokomelang *Judges* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ga se tlhoko ntšha, go teng golo mo go tshwanetse gore go diragale. Fa gongwe re ka tloga ra nganga ka gore a re batla gore e nne mapodise

kana *sheriffs*. Re batla gore re dumalane fela, *we need a specialised unit* e e tshwanetseng go sireletsa bo *Judge*. Ga ke itse gore go na le mongwe yo o ka batlang *clarification* ka gore ke wetse.

MR MOTSHEGWA: *Point of clarification.* Ke a go leboga. Kana mafatshe a o ntseng o bua ka one, a o a lemoga gore gongwe *society* le *crime rate* e kwa godimo fela thata? Gongwe fa re ka re *standard* re bo re tshwantsha le ba rona. Ke sone se ke neng ke botsa potso ele ya gore a mme *can we deploy resource* fela le fa re bonang gore ga go supe go na le *security threat*, go na le go dira *assessment*?

DR GOBOTSWANG: Fa o ne o reetsa, o ka bo o utlwile *President of this Republic*, ene kana e bile o ile *even a step further* a re *we are a violent society*...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

DR GOBOTSWANG: A re lefatshe le ke la botlhoka tsebe le borukutlhi bo ile kwa godimo mo go maswe, *your own President, the President of this Republic*. O nne o reetsa fa *President* a bua, fa e le gore ga o reetse *President*, ga ke itse gore tota wa re re go reng jaanong. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Good morning*. Ke eme ka gore ke kgalthanong le *Motion* o ka mabaka. Mabaka a me ke gore re ka bo re tla ka melao e e leng gore *we use Parliamentary time profitably*. *Profitably* ka mabaka a gore ke ne ke le kwa Palapye kwa *Judicial Conference* ba bua dilo tse e leng gore *we are attending*. Ga e ka ke ya re re *attend* dilo tse go nang le molao o e leng gore *it provides*, re bo re re jaanong re tle gape ka go nganga dilo tse e leng gore *already they are in place*. Sekai, jaaka Tona Mohwasa a buile gore *Section 60* ya Police Service Act ya re fa go na le Motswana ope fela, e seng bo *Judge*, Motswana yo e leng gore botshelo jwa gagwe bo mo diphatseng, o ka sirelediwa ke ba sepodise. Bo Mmakaseterata, *Ministers* le the LOO ba fiwa bo *security guard to guard* kwa malwapeng a bone. *Judges* mo diofising tsa bone ba na le mapodise a a ba katang fa ba le mo tironng ya bone. Kwa ga Mmakaseterata mo *court* fa o ya teng, o tlaa fitlhela go na le lepodise le le ntseng fa. Mapodise a teng kwa ga Mmakaseterata. Ke sone se ke reng *already legal framework is in place to cater for such situations* tse di ka sireletsang matshelo a *judicial officers*.

Fa e le gore go na le *a threat* e e *serious in any judicial officer*, go raya gore jaanong ba sepodise kana ba DIS *will provide specialised security*. Go diragetse ka *former Judge Ian Kirby*, go ne go diragala ka *Judges* tse di teng kwa *Court of Appeal*, ba ne ba sirelediwa ke ba DIS. *As you assess the threat* gore a mme e fokotsegile kana e a oketsega, *then* o kgona *to reduce the level of security around those officers*. Ke sone se ke reng fa re tla re re dirang se e leng gore *already there is a legal framework, Section 60*, fa o ya kwa *every Judge's Chamber* go na le lepodise le le teng gone foo, e seng kwa *court, in the Chamber*.

Fa o ya le kwa *court*, o tsamaya le lone le nna ka fa morago ga ga *Judge*. Fa o ya kwa ga Mmakaseterata *there is a police officer sitting here. Already there are police officers providing security* gore go se ka ga nna ka tsela epe. Gatwe re re ba ye *to provide security which is already there*. Ke sone se ke reng fa e le gore go na le *a threatening case* jaaka o bua ka gore Mmakaseterata o ne a bua gore o kile a tlhaselwa, *I know* gore go na le batho ba ba kgonang gore ba taboge ba fete fa lepodiseng, a le tlhole le ntse le le gone foo. *It is not a question* ya gore ga go na *security, it is a question* fela ya gore *at that time* lepodise gongwe le...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ema pele ke fetse nako ya me e a tshaya. *Madam Speaker, we are saying Act* ya DIS le *Act* ya Sepodise, ba kgona *to assess a threat* gore ke e e batlang gore a nne le ba ba mo katang *full time* motho wa go nna jalo. A ke *Judge, they are guarded* ba ba neng go na le *threats* tsa gore re belaela gore go na le ba ba tshosetsang *Judge*...

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kana ka fa o buang ka teng ke a go utlwa. A mme batho ba o buang ka bone ba a bo ba rutetswe tiro eo fela sentle, *are they armed* bone ba ba tlhokomelang boMmakaseterata le *Judges*? A ba tsamaya ka ditlhobolo?

MR RAMAOTWANA: Mapodise a sepodise sa Botswana *are trained even* le go hula gore ba itse go hula. Lepodise la kwa Police College fa o katisiwa *for that 12 or six months*, o a bo katisiwa gotlhe le tlhobolo gore e dirisiwa jang. *Armed* ke tsaya gore go na le *assessment* e e dirwang fa go tlhokafala gore mapodise ba bo ba le mo tironng ba tshotse ditlhobolo ka gore go borai kana jang. Go na le mo go sekasekiwang gotwe fa *they can restrain*. Melao ya rona ya re o sekaseka gore seemo

se ke se se tlhokang gore o tshwara fela ka *the normal instruments* tse o di dirisang tsa dihaka le dithobane kana tse di batlang gore o ya kwa *a dangerous situation* mo go ka batliwang ditlhobolo. Fa go nna jalo go raya gore *they are allowed* gore ba ka kopa gore kwa re yang teng, go batla ditlhobolo tse e leng gore fa seemo se ka tswa mo taolong, le rona re a iphemela re le ba sepodise. So, ke yone e ke neng ke e bua *Madam Speaker* ke re re a itse gore le *Ministers* kwa malwapeng a bone go na le bo *security guard*. Re a itse gore le bone ba mo boraing *but* ke sone se ke reng lebelela *expenditure* e e ka diragalang; bo Mmakaseterata, *Ministers* le *Judges* di kae. *Already even prosecutors, we are dealing with issue* ya gore le bone ba na le *alarms but they are not enough, they need guards* kwa malwapeng a bone. Ke sone se ke reng *already situations* tsa *threats, either* tsa *the prosecutors, Magistrate and Judges, we are already dealing with those issues* gore re bone gore fa ba kopa itshireletso ya mofuta mang, *we provide* ka gore *legal framework* e teng.

Ke sone se ke reng ga le ka ke la re gongwe *we are not implementing the legal framework, you could be saying* gongwe *the question of not implementing already what the legal framework provides for*. Ke yone e ke reng a re tsenyeng gore fa e leng gore go tlhela *implementation*, re diragatse ka gore *the law is already there to cover such situations*. Ke yone e ke buang gore *Former Justice Kirby was guarded even the current Court of Appeal Judges some of them*. Go tswa foo *you assess* gore mme *the threat* e setse e fokotsegile mo e leng gore jaanong *you can provide the normal ordinary security* sa malatsi otlhe. Re a utlwa gore *the guards* le tsone, ke sone se ke reng gongwe *question* ke go tlhola fela gore a mme *guards* ba ba kwa malwapeng...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Mmolotsi*, 58.4 a ko o reetse ba bangwe.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke ne ke re *the guards* tsa kwa malwapeng *either* a *Ministers*, bo Mmakaseterata kana *Judges*, se re se dirang *is to assess* gore a mme ke batho ba *competency* e e lekaneng go ka sireletsa malwapa a *Judicial officers and* bo Mmakaseterata kana ke batho ba ba sa lekanang. *So, we assess on case by case basis*, re bo re bona gore fa e le gore go batla *to rectify situation* ya gore nnyaa yo le mo tlisitseng yo ga se yo o ka sireletsang batho, kana yo o ka sireletsang bo Mmakaseterata *and Judges*, re bo re ka bona gore *they are withdrawn. Already the legal framework is there,*

maybe we could be debating *gore it is not effective and see* *gore re e dira jang, ka gore go na le framework ya gore if it is not implemented kana le Judges ba na le matshwenyego, they have the CJ who can go to the line Ministry for State President who deals le tsa itshireletso, a bo a ka kopa thuso and they be assessed ga bonwa gore ba ka sireletswa jang. Ke sone se ke reng we are debating selo se e leng gore already it is catered for in the law, it is a question of a re direng gore fa go na le ngongora ba ye kwa line ministry, go nne le assessment jaaka go dirwa malatsi otlhe, ba bo ba sireletswa sentle ka gore re batla ba sireletsega, ke sone se ke se batlang.*

Ba ba kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka South Africa, ba kgona go gaggamala ba bona *Minister* wa Botswana o tla o le nosi fela o sa katiwa, ka gore kwa ba tsamaya ka *blue lights*. Ke sone se ke reng *you can be assessed le wena o le Minister fa e le gore o na le seemo se o nang le threats, and be provided for. Fa go sena threats then o itsamaela fela, mme re itse gore ba bangwe ba ka kgona go go kgomogela o le Minister, gore kana o ne o re solofeditse jaana, ga o a dira jaana. Already there is a risk, but we manage it ka gore re a tlhaloganya gore Batswana ba a tlhaloganya. Ke sone se ke reng fa go na le security threat, the law is there to provide Madam Speaker. Go na le yo mongwe yo o neng a batla clarification?*

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification. Ke a leboga Honourable Minister. Ke ne ke re kana security issues tse dingwe ke ... (Inaudible) ... if you understand, ke gore ke tse di tlang fela o sa rerisiwa gore ke tlele to attack. Jaanong fa e le gore go tshwanetse gore go nne le assessment, e ya go diragala leng because everyday cases are registered, tse di complicated with dangerous criminals. When is the assessment done, a ga le bone gore le baya batho mo diphatseng tsa gore, le bo le nna le tla jaanong le re kana fa re ka bo re rile motho yo o ka ba a kgonne go tshela? Ke a leboga sir.*

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Fa go wela kgang ya emergency situations, you do not wait for assessment because it is an emergency, you have to deal with emergency there and there and provide security. Gakere jaanong it is not mo re akanyetsang kana mo re belaelang gore go ka diragala, ke mo go diragalang. So, we have to provide security gone foo, gore motho a nne secure, ka gore ke mo e leng actual and not perceived. Fa e le actual go raya gore we provide security, ka gore go a bo go bonala. We assess where go akanyetswang gore go ka nna ga nna le possibility of security threats, ke gone fa re*

sekasekang. Fa e le gore it is actual and not perceived, then we attend to it there and there and provide security ka tselo e e ntseng jalo. Ke sone se ke re the legal framework provides gore go ka diragala jalo, and go a diragala jalo. Ke sone se ke se buang Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke go dumedise mmaetsho, ke dumedise le ba Kgaolo ya Ghanzi, Charles Hill le Kgalagadi. Ke fete ka mafoko a gore, gongwe motlisi wa mogopolo fa a ne a le teng mo Palamenteng e, o ka ba a setse a utlwile ra fetsa, ka gore go buile batho ba tota ba leng mo diofising, batshwarateu, ba ba dubadubanang le go baakanya seemo se a reng se baakanngwe. Jaanong go madimabe ka gore ga a yo, re bua a seyo, go raya gore nako ya Palamente e tlaa jega gone fa.*

Madam Speaker, ke tshwanetse ka supa fela gore kana fa gotwe mogopolo o setse o apeilwe, o dirwa, o baakanngwa mo teng ga diofisi, mosola wa gore Palamente e ye go dira mogopolo o o ntseng jaana e tlaabo e le eng Madam Speaker? Fa o ya kwa dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le Chadibe, o fitlhela batho ba le mo phitlhong o bo o re go ntse go opelwa difela jaana o bo o ba emisa o re ke ne ke kopa gore re boloke, totatota o a bo sa fetola sepe, batho ba a bo ba tsile phitlhong, ke gore lefoko fela le o tlang ka lone wa re go bolokwe, ke sone se mogopolo o se buang, ga o fetole sepe. Go a dirwa. Go tswetsetse, ga gona mosola wa gore re bo re ka tla ka mogopolo, mogopolo o ke o go ka tweng ke wa maithatiso fela. O o senang le fa e le dipalo mo go ka tweng ke facts kana statistics tsa dikgang tse di diragetseng tse di fatlhang. Ga o a tla ka dikgang tsa gore dipalo tse di kwa godimodimo, bo Mmakaseterata and Judges, ba bolailwe ke batho ba e leng babelaelwa kana ba tshoseditswe matshelo. Go buiwa ka case gongwe e le nngwefela, gore Palamente be convinced ka case e nngwefela, le gone nako nngwe go tlaabo go sa lekana Madam Speaker.

Kgang e ke e tshwantshanya le e neng re ya go e omanyetswa nako nngwe ke LOO mo Palamenteng, e le gore go tliwa fela ka mogopolo gatwe go batlwa gore Palamente e dumalane gore Mapalamente ba neelwe ditlhobolo ba kgone gore ba sireletswa, gotwe go iteilwe bo Lucas, Rre Moatlhodi le Dikoloti. Gotwe we must be armed re le Mapalamente, gongwe le gongwe. Go sa sekasekwe character ya Mapalamente. Kana go ne go na le Mapalamente ...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order!

MR LUCAS: *On a point of order.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re tota fa re le mo Ntlong jaana, ga re a tshwanela go ikgatla ka botlhoko jo bo kileng jwa diragalela ba bangwe. Ke nnete gore ke kile ka tlhaselwa, jaanong monna yo o nja setshego, mme ga o mo kgaleme *Madam Speaker*. Ke kopa gore o nkgalemelele rraetsho fa, ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Motsamai*, a ko o lese go rumola ba bangwe, ga se gore fa o ise o tlhaselwe golo ga teng go monate. A ko o se ka wa rumolana, *just debate* o tsene mo setlhogong.

MR MOTSAMAI: Nnyaa ke ne ke sa tlhasele *Madam Speaker*, ke tsala ya me. E ne ya re tiragalo eo e sena go mo diragalela tota ka letsa, ka ba ka ya go mmona le ka matlho. Ka bo ka mo sidila maikutlo ka go mo rotloetsa mogopolo wa go rua, wa go rua dinku le dipodi. Le ene fa a ka emelela fa, o tlaa supa gore totatota ke motho yo ke mo rotloeditseng. Golo mo go mo siditse maikutlo le pelo tota *Madam Speaker*.

Mma ke tsene thata mo kgannyeng ke re, go tlaabo go sa lekana gore re bo re ka tswelala ka mogopolo o *Judges* ba sa buang le *Minister wa Justice* le Ofisi ya ga Tautona gore re tlhasetswe re mo mathateng. E le gore jaanong re le Palamente, re nna fa re tseela batho ditshwetso, tse gongwe re tlaabong re tsaya ditshwetso tse di sa siamelang, di sa tsamaelaneng le se ba se batlang.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona Motsamai. A mme fa o supa gore *Judges* ga ba bua le ope, o ganetsa se se buelang se gotweng *Judges* le Mapalamente ba ne ba kopanetse thuto-se-ka-dipuisanyo ba bua dikgang tse, ba rerisana dikgang tse. O ganana le seo?

MR MOTSAMAI: Tota fa ke bua ka *Judges*, ke raya mo batho ba ipopang totatota ba ya ofising ba re re tlhasetswe, re tlhasetswe *Minister* re thuse. E seng le le mo thuto-se-ka-dipuisanyo, gotwe fa go ka nna jaana go ka tweng, nako nngwe fa re ka tlhaselwa go ka nna jang, a re ka...*(Interruption)*...ke batho kana nnyaa. Moo ke thuto-se-ka-dipuisanyo fela, le rutana le buisana go sena lebaka lepe *which compels* gore Goromente a tseye ditshwetso. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, bokopano jo bo ntseng jalo ke ka bo tsaya tsia fela gore batsadi ba ne ba kopane ba neelana megopolo, mme ga bo a tia mo go lekanang le fa bomme ba emelela ba ya go lela ba re re tlhasetswe.

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Motsamai*. Ke re o ne o bua ka kgang ya gore *Motion* o o ne o supa gore gongwe ke kgetsi e nngwe fela e e ka dirisiwang e le sekai. Jaanong ke batla go itse gore, wena fa o lebile o batla gore...kana re tshwanetse gore fa re le Palamente le lefatshe re nne *proactive*, o batla gore go nne le dikgetsi tse kae tse o tlaa dumelang gore gongwe seemo se se batla gore se tsibogelwe?

MR MOTSHEGWA: *Clarification.* Ke re o leke go gatelela, se o se tlhalosang ke gore, kana *Judges* ba na le *structure as an institution, an arm of Government* ya gore *they work with the Minister of Justice, in some instances with the Minister in the Presidency*. Ke yone tsela e e leng gore fa go na le mathata mangwe a dikgwetlho tsa tshireletsego ya *Judges*, ke tsone *processes le procedures* tse ba ka di salang morago, go na le go bua *at a workshop*, le fa re ne re seyo, mme gatwe go builwe jalo.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *sir*. Tota o e tshwere sentle, o bua o papametse fela jaaka ke ne ke ya go wela ke bua gore, totatota go tshwanetse ga tswa lekoko la borre le bomme ba di *Judge* ba ya go ikuela gore re tlhasetswe, e seng go ja dikgang *at a workshop*...

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

MR MOTSAMAI: Go ja dikgang *at a workshop*. Mokaulengwe o ne a botsa gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification.*

MR MOTSAMAI: Tla ke wele pele ke tlaa go neela. Mokaulengwe o ne a botsa gore ke batla go bona *cases* tse kae; go botlhokwa thata gape gore Goromente fa a tsaya ditshwetso a bo a itse gore o tsaya ditshwetso tse di maleba. Ke tsaya gore fa gongwe, legale ka ke gone a tsenang mo teng ga Palamente, dilo tse dingwe o tlaa di lemoga a ntse a tswelutse. Fa a ka ya go tsena kwa kgaolong ya gagwe go a go nna le gore nako ele *when there was planning* ke Puso e kgologolo e e neng e tswa ele, ba ne ba kgona go tla fela ba pharega *hall* e tonatona mo motseng. Ba sa lebelela *population* ya motse oo gore *hall* eo e tllile go dirisiwa ke batho ba le kana ka eng. Ba ne ba kgona gore fa ba bona fela go dirilwe...*(inaudible)*...*house* gongwe kwa Gumare, le bone ba bo ba re, nnyaa a go dirwe...*(inaudible)*...*house* mo Maitengwe, a go dirwe se. *So*, go tlhoka ditlhotlhomiso tse di tseneletseng. Go tlhoka gore batho ba nne *convinced* gore *cases* tse go buiwang ka tsone di bokete bo kana ka eng, *so that when* Goromente *plans* a bo a dira jalo *basing* mo palong ya ditiragalo. *I yield.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai. *Honourable* Motsamai ke bone e kete ga se wena jaanong, o a ntshosa, o dumalana le *Honourable* Motshegwa a re, “fa o le moemedi wa batho ga o a tshwanela go iponela dikgwetlho tse di mo *sections* tsa batho ba o ba emetseng kana tsa *community* e o e emetseng,” ke gore o emele gore batho ba tle go lelela mo go wena? Ke bo ke go bona o dumalana le bone. A mme wa re, Mopalamente, jaaka e le moemedi wa setšhaba ga a tshwanela go tla ka dikgang tse a di bonang, a wa rialo?

MR MOTSAMAI: Nnyaa *sir*, ga ke rialo, ke tshwanetse gore ke go tlhomamisetse gape gore, o tla o tshogile gale fela ga o tshosiwe ke nna, o se ka wa mpateletsa wa re ke a go tshosa. Mme ga se gore fa o le moemedi wa batho o tshwanetse wa tsamaya o dumela-dumela fela sengwe le sengwe, ke gone go tlaa itsiweng gore o moemedi wa batho. Moemedi wa batho ke go supa bokao jwa gore a selo se mme tota se a tlhokafala, go somarela tse tsothle, ka gore madi a re tlaabong re ya go dira ka one tiro eo go tlhokafala gape gore ke madi a re ka a tsayang re a lebisa kwa *health* jaaka le tlhola le bua, re ya go reka dipilisi, re ya go dira ditsela, re ya go dira dilo tse dingwe, re ya go reka *ambulances*. *Madam Speaker*, ke wela ke rialo.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke emeletswa ke letshwenyo la go utlwa ba ba buileng pele ga me ba nyatsa dipuisanyo tse di neng di tshwerwe ke Mapalamente le Baatlhodi di rulagantswe ke Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Go supa fela lenyatso le ba nang le lone mo go *Speaker*, gore *Speaker* o kgona go a go phutha batho ba bo ba ya go tshameka fela ba a ja dikgang malatsi a le matlhano. Ke lenyatso le lengwe le le maswe...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of order.* *Madam Speaker*, Motlotlegi Kapinga o tlaa re tlhoisa *Speaker*. O tlaa re tlhoisa fa a ka re re a mo nyatsa, o ne a biditse batho, re nyatsa maiteko a gagwe. Ke ne ke supa gore, tsamaiso e e leng teng ya gore le ye go kopana le le mo thuto-seka-dipuisanyong, ke thuto-seka-dipuisanyo moo... Jaanong ke ne ke supa gore, lekoko le le tshwanetseng la bo le ne le emeletse le ya go ikuela ga le ise le dire jalo. So ga re nyatse ope rraetsho, le fa e le wena ga ke go nyatse. Tanki.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa mma ke riana sengwe jaana. *Workshop* eo ke ne ke le teng fa e tsene. *It is true* dilo tse di neng di diragala ba di buile jaaka ba bua, mme re se ka ra tsaya gore go ne go tserwe dikgang fela.

Ke selo se se neng se utlwisa botlhoko, le ene mme wa Mmakaseterata yo o ne a supa ka fa a neng a tlhasetswe ka teng, *it was very painful*. Jaanong a re re bua re se ka ra tsaya gore dilo tse dingwe fa di dirilwe e a bo e le go tsaya dikgang fela. *For you to have debated* jalo, o sa re go ne go tserwe dikgang re ka bo re sa ema fa. Fa o re go tsaya dikgang *Honourable* Motsamai o kare o raya gore go ne go tlotliwa fela, ga go re sepe. Ke tsaya gore eo o e ele tlhoko gore, totatota selo se se neng se tsentswe kwa se ne se le botlhokwa, le lona Mapalamente a le neng le le teng... le ne le le teng. Jaanong *let us debate* re se ka ra nyatsa tse dingwe.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motsamai, wa reng? *Honourable* Kapinga, tswelela.

MR KAPINGA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke dumela gore banna bagaetsho ba tlaa ipona phoso ka fa ba neng ba leba *seminar* ya ga *Speaker* ka teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba tlaa itshwaya diphoso.

MR KAPINGA: Ba tlaa itshwaya diphoso, ke banna ba ba tona. Se ke batlang go se bua *Madam Speaker* ke gore, ke dumalana le mogopolo wa gore go nne le a *dedicated unit* e e tlaa tlhokomelang bo *Judge*. Mme tumelo ya me ke gore, *that dedicated unit should not come from the Botswana Police*. Le gone kwa *seminar* kwa ke buile jalo, *Judges* di le teng, le ba ba neng ba le teng ba dumalana le nna, Brigadier o tshikhinya tlhogo, o a gakologelwa gore ke buile jalo. Ba ne ba dumalana gore, *ideally this unit should be part of the Administration of Justice* e se ka ya tswa kwa Botswana Police. Mabaka ke eng *Madam Speaker*? Botswana Police *is set up for specific duties that benefit the whole nation, to protect life and property, to prevent and detect crime, to enforce all written laws, to repress all internal disturbances*, e re sa e rateng bo Cater...(Laughter!)...

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

MR KAPINGA: *Ga ba e rate ba ba ratang to strike. Ke tsona ditiro tsa sepodise. Sepodise fela fa re lebelela boammaaruri se ngamotswe ke ditiro bagaetsho, ditiro tse dintsi. Metse e le mentsi e tlhoka ditirelo tsa sepodise mme ga diyo.* I will give you a very specific example *Madam Speaker*, kwa Etsha 13 kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng, *lepodise le lengwe fela mo motseng wa batho ba ba five thousand and something*. There is only one police officer. *Gompieno jaana fa o ya kwa*

court o ya go *fitlhela* more than five police officers, *ba bangwe e le ba ba tlileng ka bo* accused, escorting *bo* accused, *ba bangwe e le ba e leng gore tiro ya bone ke go tlhokomela Mmakaseterata*. Sometimes you find 10, 15 police officers in a court room, and all of them *fa ba le foo* they are responsible to ensure *gore* nothing happens to the judicial officer. *Bagaetsho, tshwanelo ya go sirelediwa ka fa molaong* is the right of everyone, every citizen; poor or rich, lowly in rank or highly ranked. It is a right *ya* Motswana *mongwe le mongwe*. It should not become elitist *gore* Kapinga *ke Mopalamente jaanong a re mo neeleng ba ba ka mo katang*, even when there are other people who need those services more urgently. In the justice system *e re buang ka yone, go na le bo Judge, bo Mmakaseterata, basupi*, prosecutors, investigating officer, *ba ba tlhotlhomisang cases tse di gakgamatsang, tse e leng gore batho ba teng ba kotsi. Le bone ke batho ba e leng gore ba tlhoka* protection. So, as we speak about protection of people in the justice system, we should remember *gore ga se bo Judge fela, go na le basupi*. What do we have in place *mo* Botswana for witness protection? *Ke ka bo ke bua jaana* Minister of Justice *a le fa*. We virtually have nothing in terms of witness protection in Botswana, *mme re bua ka batho ba e leng gore* they are very vulnerable to those *ba e leng gore ba ya go baya bosupi* against them. So, we must look at these issues comprehensively.

Fa ke bua jalo Madam Speaker, *ga ke gane mogopolo wa gore* Judges *di tshwanetse gore di sirelediwe. Ke ne ke le teng kwa Hotel 430*, I listened to the story of that Magistrate *yo o neng a tlhaselwa*, and she was not the first Magistrate to be attacked. *Ke ne ke le teng fa mme yoo a bua ka fa a amegileng ka teng*. There is no doubt *ya gore* our judicial officers should be protected. *Se nna fela ke sa dumalaneng le sone ke gore ba ye go sirelediwa ke mapodise*. It takes a lot of resources to produce a police officer, and *o bo o mo tsaya o ya go mmaya mo setilong mo courtroom* when that police officer should be protecting people going about their business, protecting *mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana*.

Ga ke re ke gana mogopolo wa gore judges *di sirelediwe*, but *ka re*, unit *yone e e batliwang e, a e nne teng*, *mme* it should be established within the Administration of Justice. *Ba itirele mapodise a bone, jaaka* Dikgosi *di kile di bo di na le mapodise a bone a a neng a bidiwa gotwe* local police. *Ke one a a neng a sireletsa* Dikgosi.

Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe Madam Speaker, *ba teng batho ba*. They are called Court Bailiffs. Their responsibility *ke go sireletsa* Judges and other judicial officers *fa ba le mo court*.

MR BARONGWANG: *Elucidation*. Ke rata mogopolo wa gago, fa gongwe re ka o atolosa, gongwe wa se ka wa itebaganya fela le *the judicial officers*, gongwe re lebelele *across the three arms of Government*, gongwe e re fa go tlhomiwa, *a unit like this one*, e kgone e kate le ene *Speaker* ka tiro e a e dirang, ka gore le ene ga se gore *she is not exposed. She is exposed to some extent*. Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: Ke ne ke bua gore bo Kgosi ba kile ba bo ba na le mapodise a bone jaaka rotlhe re itse fa. Gompiano ga ba na mapodise, mme ba santse ba sekisa dirukutlhi tse re di itseng tsa metse ya rona. Gompiano jaana *they are exposed*, ba ikgomotsa fela ka gore fa *case e tsena, a criminal prosecution kwa Customary Court*, lepodise le a bo le le foo, e le lone le le sekisang *case*, gape e le mosupi yo o tlileng go baya bosupi, Kgosi o solofela gore fa sengwe se ka diragala, mapodise a a leng fa ba tlaa mo thusa. *There are no dedicated human resources*, ba e leng gore ba beilwe foo gore nnyaa lona le sireletsa Dikgosi, mme Dikgosi le tsone, *they are judicial officers*, ka gore ba filwe *responsibility* ya go seka dikgang. Fa gongwe dikgang fela tse di *serious* tsa *stock theft*, tsa legodu la dikgomo le le itsiweng gore yo ke legodu la dikgomo le le kotsi.

So, bagaetsho, ke ne ke re, a re dumalaneng gore *Judges, Magistrates, judicial officers*, ba tlhoka tshireletso, mme a re dumalaneng gore lone lephata le le ka ba sireletsang, a ba le itirele jaaka ba ba neng ba dumela fa re le kwa Hotel 430. Ke buile gore ga ke dumalane gore ba ka bo ba dirisa mapodise *because it is a waste of a police officer go mmaya 24 hours* koo o re o katile *Judge*. A ba iphirele ba bone, ba ba *train*, e nne bone ba ba katang *Judges*, ba duelwa ke Administration of Justice (AoJ). *Imagine* gompiano jaana, sepodise se duela mapodise, *I think it is more than 200 police officer*, ba duelwa ke sepodise, ba e leng gore ba nna kwa *courtrooms* kwa, ga ba dire *their core responsibility* ya Botswana Police. *So, that is my position*. Ga se gore ke ganana le mogopolo, *but* ke akanya gore *it can be amended* go sekaenyana gore re dumalane gore lone lephata le le itirele sepodise sa lone, se se tlaa katang *Judges* ba bone.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification*. Ke ne ke kopa gore *Honourable* Kapinga a ko a tlhatswe kgang e, kana mapodise a Kgotla jaaka ba ne ba ntse bogologolo, e ne e se gore ba sireleditse Dikgosi, ba ne ba bereka lekgotla, ba ne ba *facilitate* Dikgosi e se gore ba ba sireleditse. Ke ne ke batla a tlhatswa kgang e.

Sa bofelo, a bo a tlhatswe le gore, kana le gompiano fela fa thoko ga me fa, re na le lepodise le e leng gore ke ba ba re bulelang kgorwana letsatsi le letsatsi, a a re le gone mo Palamenteng mo re nne le mapodise ba rona ba re ba iphirelang re le Palamente? Ke batla gore a tlhatswe kgang e. Gone ke mo utlwa sentle, o bua ka bonokopila, mme ke batla gore a ntlhatswetse dikgang tse.

MR KAPINGA: *Madam Speaker*, ke a ipoeletsa ka re mapodise a *local*, ba ne ba sireletsa Dikgosi. Kgosi e ne e itse gore fa ke le mo ofising e jaana e, lepodise la me le teng go lebagana le ofisi ya me, le e ka reng sengwe se diragala, a ntshireletse. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Madam Speaker*. Mogopolo wa ga Mma Dow a re o batla gore go nne le a *dedicated arm or unit of the Botswana Police Service for the protection of judicial officers*.

Ke batla gore ke re, fa o setse o batla *to establish an arm in the Botswana Police, there is a process* e e salwang morago. Selo sa ntlha go lebelelwa *the level of threat*, gore ke e e ntseng jang, e batla *capability* e e ntseng jang, e bile e tlile go batla batho ba ba *trained* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong, gongwe fa e ka re re le Palamente, ra iphitlhela e bile re tla go tsena le gore re ka tla ra tsena mo go tsone ditsamaiso tsa sepodise gore re se *direct*, re re dirang *unit* e e ntseng jaana, e e dirang jaana le jaana, re tlaabo re tlopile tsetlana nngwe ya ditsamaiso. Ke gore re tlaabo re feteletse re le Palamente jaanong, re tsene *into the nitty gritty of policing*. So, re tshwanetse gore re nne *careful* ka selo se se ntseng jalo, *that is a fact, because* go re go tlhamiwa *unit*, go na le *process* go lebeleletse tse di ntsi tse di lebeleletsweng ke bomaitseanape ba ba a bong ba lebeleletse gore a re tlhoka go nna le *unit* e in the Botswana Police Force.

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification*. Ke a go leboga *Minister*; ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Kana ka fa ke utlwang ka teng, go tlaabo go raya gore le baskisi, e bong bo DPP, ka ke bone ba tlaabong ba isa batho ba kwa go bo *Judge*, go tlaabo go raya gore le bone ba sirelediwe, ka gore tota e bile ke bone ba ba pateletsang ka mabaka a bone gore go nne le *conviction*. *Thank you*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much. I want us to look at this issue from a professional point of view* ya gore re se ka ra iphitlhela re le Palamente, re bo re fitlhela kgantele re tsena *into operational matters*, tse e leng gore *they are beyond us*, tse e leng gore *maybe* re tlaabo re sa di lebelela sentle. Jaanong re tshwanetse gore re itse sentle gore, *to establish a unit* epe fela mo *police force, there is a process* e e leng gore e dirwa ke bone mapodise.

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga General Mokgware. A ko re lebelele *Motion* oo, a fa *Motion* o re, *this Honourable House requests Government to establish a dedicated arm.*” Gakere *dedicated arm* ke e e buiwang ke *Honourable* Kapinga, e ke dumelang gore rotlhe re a amogela, *or* fa e le gore go nna le a *dedicated arm* go ka nna dingalo e nna *unit* kwa *police*, kana go nna kwa *police* ke *or*. *There are two options here and* go lebega lona le lebeleletse *option* e nngwefela *but option* ya ntlha ya re, ‘a *dedicated arm*,’ e e tlaabong e itebaganya le go sireletsa Baatlhodi. A ga o dumalane le yone? *Thank you*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Kana *you are running ahead of me*, o ka bo o kile wa ntheetsa. Ke ne ke batla go go supegetsa gore *before you can establish any arm of security, there has to be a process*. Ke sone se o bonang le tlhokana le *National Security Strategy to inform you clearly, to say what sort of arms do you want as a Government*; di nna kwa kae, di dira eng. *What Rre Kapinga was just saying*, o ne a leka go le tsibosa, go le fa *example* gore go dirwa jang kwa go dirwang teng. *You need a National Security Strategy to inform you to say you have these particular programmes*, di bo di go raya di re *what capabilities do you need in order to address these particular security issues*. Dilo tse re tshwanetse go di tlhaloganya *before* re tla go tsena *into security issues* tse di *operational* *because we might end up* re le Palamente re iphitlhela re laola le tse re sa tshwanelang go di laola, go sena sepe *that informs us*.

MR NKAWANA: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a go utlwa *Honourable* Mokgware. Kana mogopolo wa rona o ne o sa tsene mo *process* *because* fa *Motion* o dumetswe, o amogetswe, mole ga *process* go tshwarwa ke ba sele. A o ka dumalana le nna gore fa re dumalane *Motion* o, go sa kganela kgotsa ga kgoreletsa *process* e o buang ka yone? Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much. Leave that to the experts, not you as Parliament*. Fa le simolola le le Palamente le tsenelela gone foo, *you are going beyond*. *You are to come up with an Act* fa e le gore le a dumalana, e seng dira *arm* e e ntseng jaana, dira sennanne se se ntseng jaana. Lona le le Palamente fa, *you might be overstepping your authority*, mo kgantele batho ba yang go nna fela jaana, ba bo ba le lebelela fela ba re re emetse Palamente gore e tlaa re raya e re re dire *arm* e e ntseng jaana, re dire *unit* e e ntseng jaana. Ke sone se re batlang *the National Security Strategy*

to inform the nation. National Security Strategy you will find that e na le Members of Parliament (MPs) mo teng, and the community also is being consulted. Major stakeholders will be consulted and they will agree gore batho ba ba tshwanetseng go tla go nna *part of this arm*, ke ba ba ntseng jang, ba ba *trained* jang.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): *On a point of clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Mokgware*. O fete ka dikgang tse pedi, tse tharo gore ka o motho wa *security*, fa go buiwa ka *dedicated arm* le *unit* ya lefatshe lotlhe, golo mo go raya *personnel* ya batho ba ba kae, e e ka jang bokae mo lefatsheng?

O buile kgang ya botlhokwa ya *National Security Strategy*, ke tsaya gore e ne e batlile mo gotweng *situational analysis* ya go bona gore fa re dira *strategy* se, *what informs us?* Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much.* Fa re ka tsaya *the line of thinking* ya ga Motlotlegi Kapinga fale, o e adile sentle gore kana fa re na le *National Security Strategy* fa re tla go lebelela dilo tse, e tlaa lebelela gore *what do we establish, where and how do we establish it*, e ja bokae. *You should listen to him* fa a go raya a re fa o tsaya *a dedicated police officer trained* kwa Botswana Police a re o rutilwe eng, o re a tlhole a bapile le motho, *the level of threat* ya teng *according to them* fa ba e lebelela koo e le mapodise, ba bona gore ga se e e batlang motho wa *level* e, e batla wa *level* e e ntseng jaana le jaana le jaana. *We have to be professional.* Gongwe re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore re ya go tsenela kwa teng.

Se ke neng ke ka se kopa mo go lona bakaulengwe ke gore *the idea might be good but it needs to be thoroughly research* ka gore ga se *Judges* fela ba ba tlaabong ba tla go sirelediwa, le ba bangwe gape ba ba gaufi teng ba re ba itseng. Golo mo go tlaabo go tsosa *other things*, kgantele jaaka ke utlwa le yo mongwe wa lona a re o batla go sirelediwa; o dirile eng kwa kae, o le Mopalamente o tsamaya o setswesetswe morago ke mapodise, *threat* ya gago ke eng mo setšhabeng? Dilo tse di ntseng jaana fa re ka di letlelela, mongwe le mongwe o tlile go simolola a bona a na le tshwanelo ya gore o ka nna le motho yo a mo katileng.

Jaaka kgantele go ne go supiwa bangwe ba ba kileng ba betswa, ga se sekai se re ka se dirisang gore motho a bo a ka neelwa tlhobolo. *No! There are other issues*

which we have to look into. Ke ne ke kopa Motlotlegi Dow gore a boele morago mogopolo o, a bo o tla fa a o dirile sentle, a reisitse ka gore ke setse ke utlwa bakaulengwe ba bangwe e le gore ba fetela kwa pele. Ba ya go tshwarisa *Judges* tse legala ka gore di na le *forum* ya tsone, Motlotlegi Dow o ne a kopana kae le bone, ba bo ba mmolelela jaana. E bile le bone kana ba na le *process* e e leng gore *they can go to their Minister* gore re mo kgannyeng e e ntseng jaana le jaana. *This thing should be very tidy*, a a boele kwa morago, a bo a tla fa a e dirile sentle. *Thank you.*

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke tsibogele mogopolo o re sa tswang go o bewa pele ke *Mother of the House, Honourable Dow*. La ntlha ke simolole ke dumalane le one *on the basis* ya gore fa go ne go na le *amendment* e e neng e ka tsenngwa ke *Honourable Kapinga* ka fa a neng a e bua ka teng ka gore ga se e *Judges* fela di leng mo diphatseng tseo. Go molemo thata gore go nne jaaka ofisi ya gago *Speaker*; e ne ya re kopanya le *Judges* le ba ba amegang gore re kgone go ba utlwa re le Mapalamente a bone e bile e le batlhophi ba rona gore fa re tla kwano ba re rome gore re tle go ba emela ka dikgang tseo. Go ne ga supagala *Madam Speaker*; gore *Judges* ga di tshele sentle...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Hang on Honourable Lekutlane. Sergeant-at-Arms*, a ko o tle go tsaya *phone* ya ga Mabeo, o re itaya tsebe thata. O tlaa e tsaya a tswa *Christmas*.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Madam Speaker*, go ne ga diragala mme ga nna molemo ka gore ba bangwe ba re neng ra kopana le bone kwa *workshop that was organised by office* ya gago *Madam Speaker*, bangwe ba bone ke ba re neng re tsena le bone, ra kgaogana ka *professionals*, ba felela ba le mo *Judiciary*. E rile go mekamekana le bone, go ne ga supagala gore go botlhokwa gore ba ka bo ba na le *arm* e e ka ba sireletsang.

Sengwe se ke se boneng ke gore go botlhokwa gore batho ba *Judiciary* go nne le ba ba ka ba sireletsang. Kgang e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable Kapinga* ya gore go ntshiwe mapodise mo teng, eo ke dumalana le yone. Ke tsaya gore fa go na le *a unit* e e tlaabong e le *specifically for them, it can work*. Mme ke supe gore ka go reng; re buile sekai se le sengwefela sa mme wa Mmakaseterata mme go ne go na le *Judges* tse pedi tse di supileng le tsone gore e rile fa ba sena go folosiwa ke mapodise kwa ntle mo dikoloing tse ba di kgweetsang, *security guards* tsa bone, mongwe wa bone e ne e le yo

o neng a mo atlholetse 10 years imprisonment. Motho wa teng o ne a felela a mo raya a re, “dumela. Ke wena mang, o a nkitse? A ba a re ga ke go itse. A bo a re “ga ke go itse.” A bo a re “ke nna yo o neng wa nkatlhola for those years mme legale go siame fela mongwame, ke ne ka serve sentence ka bo ka tswa, ke mo teng ga community.” Go ntse jalo mme ke sone se ke supang gore kana the issues tse re buang ka tsone, we are not only talking about ba ba ba tlhokomelang kwa courts, ke bua le bone ba e leng gore ke guards. E bo e na le guards tse e leng gore there is a training unit ya bone fela jaaka go diragala kwa DIS. DIS e na le security se e leng gore ke sa bone. Ga se mongwe le mongwe yo o katang kwa DIS, they have their own security.

Ke sone se ke reng *I will agree on that but on the point e e neng e buiwa ke Honourable Minister Mohwasa* gore go sale go nna le process e e leng teng, ke re a process eo Honourable Minister, e gokagane le kopo...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Lekutlane. Honourable Members, it is now 12:30 p.m, I shall now call upon Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.* I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 9th March, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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