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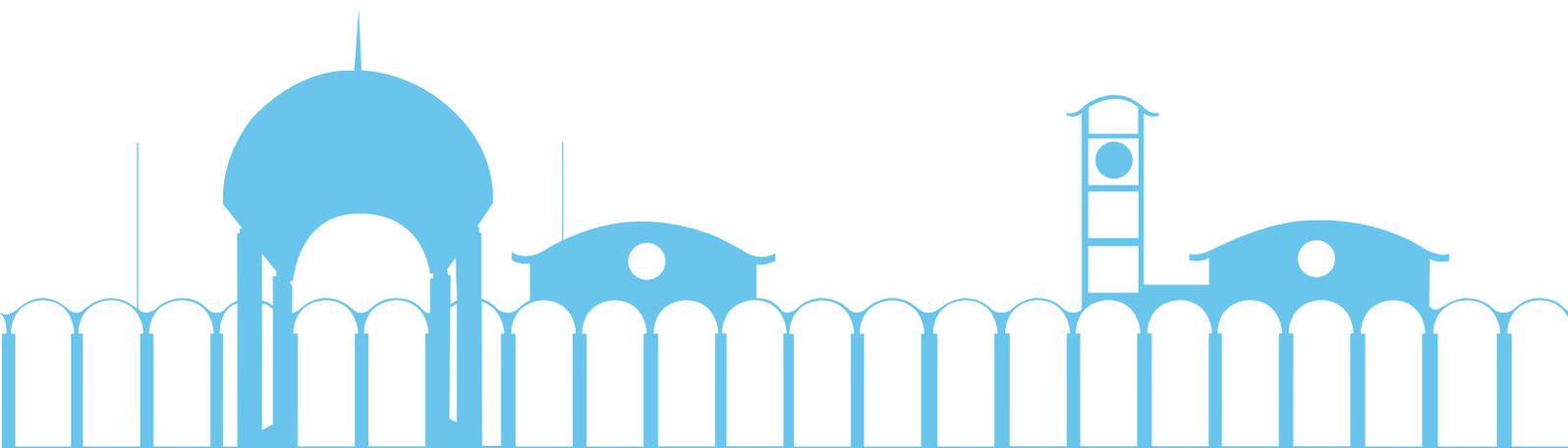
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Thursday 7th August, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Order! Order! Honourable Members. Good afternoon Honourable Members. I was with most of you in the morning at the General Assembly. Let us start the business of today with questions. I have conferred with the Leader of the House and I have also looked at the Order Paper. It is a rather short one. We will start with the ordinary questions, and then we will go to the theme before we go to the Presentation of Government Bills, which my understanding is that they will be only read the first time.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

ALLOCATION OF RESIDENTIAL PLOTS

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) reasons for the delay in the allocation of residential plots in Serowe whereas plenty of land is available for allocation;
- (ii) when the Ngwato Land Board last allocated a plot in Serowe and why there has been no allocation for such a very long period of time; and
- (iii) when Ngwato Land Board will resume and open plots for allocation as residents have waited for many years to be allocated plots.

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

- (i) Mr Speaker, the delay in the allocation of residential plots in Serowe village is a function of the absence of readily available plots. While there may seem to be plenty of land available as suggested by the question, most of the land surrounding Serowe village consists of arable fields and communal grazing areas.

In acquiring land for village expansions, the ministry has to balance with other competing and equally important

uses like agriculture. This position has been confirmed by the ploughing field owners who are reluctant to release their agricultural land. They argue that the land is a source of their livelihoods. Additionally, the topography of the village poses challenges in finding suitable land for residential developments, due to the wide presence of black cotton soils, rocky terrain, streams, gullies and land fissures.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the last residential plot allocation in Serowe village was in 2016. 1863 residential plots were allocated.

Mr Speaker, to address the need for residential plots, without taking agricultural land, the Serowe Planning Area Development Plan, that of 2018 to 2038, identified a total of seven infill sites in various parts of the village.

The sites have a grand total of about 600 hectares and capable of generating about 4900 plots. The district structures are currently working on this infill sites, but there are some challenges. These include the contamination of the areas by squatters, the presence of dongas and gullies which were exacerbated by the recent heavy rains. The rains exposed the unstableness of the soils. Admittedly, Mr Speaker, the prior planning was not informed by the geo-technical studies. We are seeking that this aspect be corrected in the current planning process.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, two infill layouts; being Dinokwane East and Tshikinyega with a total of 225 plots are expected to be allocated by November 2025. The layouts are currently at land registration stages to prepare the plots for allocation through the Land Information System (LIS).

Additionally, the Mannathoko Ward infill layout with approximately 900 plots is planned for survey in September 2025. It is known that the area has poor soil profiles. This will likely lead to less number of plots being realised after the survey. The planned allocation date is March 2026. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker, mma ke go leboge. Ke leboge Tona. Ke dumela gore ke mo utlwa sentle fa a re go beilwe labofelo ka 2016. Go raya gore this is the ninth year go ntse go sa bewe. Ke latedise jaana Mr Speaker, ke botse gore a mme Tona o raya gore fa a lebile go yeng ka tlhaloso ya gagwe, waiting list e e kwa Serowe le tikologo, ditsha tsa Mannathoko tse di solofetsweng ka September 2025 le tsa Dinokwane tse di solofetsweng ka November 2025, gore di tlaa dira nngwe pharologanyo? Ke ya ntlha.*



Ya bobedi ke re, ke utlwile a bua gore beng ba masimo ba ne ba le *reluctant* go a neela Puso. Ke botse gore *reluctant* o raya eng? Ke a itse gore o ka bo a raya boitseme. Ke batla a e amanye le gore *rates* tse ba neng ba dumela gore ba ka tsaya masimo a ka tsone, ke tse di ntseng jang? A mme mo seemong sa gompiano sa Puso e ntšha *Mr Speaker*, a re solofele pharologanyo go na le mo Pusong e kgologolo? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Tanki motlotlegi. A tse di teng di tlaa dira pharologanyo; ke na le tumelo e e kwa godimo gore tse di teng tse, e tlaare go abiwa ga tsone, go tlaa nna le pharologanyo. Maitemogelo mangwe a rona ke gore, bontsi jwa *waiting lists* gantsinyana fa re bitsa, go tla palo e potlana go feta e o e bonang mo *waiting list*. Ke dumela gore bontsi jo bo tlaa tlang, bo tlaa bona thuso.

Ee rra, go tlaa nna le pharologanyo thata. *Our approach* to dikgang tsa lefatshe, e a farologana thata. Ke dumela gore e tlaare fa re ntse re tswelsetse re buisana, jaaka ke ne ke na le wena maloba kwa kgaolong ya gago, re bua ka lefatshe le le ranyegileng gore re dira jang gore re le baakanyetse, o ne o kgona go bona pharologanyo le wena ya *approach* ya rona go tshwantshanya le *approaches* tse di fetileng. Ke dumela gore nna le wena, re tlaa nna re ntse re tshwaraganela dikgang tse tsotlhe tse. Re bone gore re bua jang le Batswana *to release part of this land* gore re kgone go baya, motlotlegi. *I have more information* e ke tlaa go e neelang gore o ye go e aroganya le bathlophi kwa kgaolong ya gago. Tanki.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, dikgang tse di buiwang ka Serowe tse mabapi le go tlhoka go baya batho ditsha, selelo ga se kana ka sepe. Mapalamente otlhe ke a dumela gore sone selelo se se lelwang kwa Serowe se, ke se re se lelang ba rotlhe. Tota fela wa re tharabololo ke eng? A mme o a lemoga Tona gore tsamaiso ya go baya ditsha go simolola ka go batla lefatshe, *layout*, go fitlhelela go bewa ditsha, e matswakabele, e mogogamoleele, e ka nna *steps* di le *seven*, *eight*, a bo re re re ka kgona go baya batho?

A mme *Honourable Minister*, e le potso ya bobedi, a nako ga e a goroga ya gore tota fela *to decide* gore re tswelela ka *land boards* kana jang? Fa e le gore re tswelela ka *land boards*, a nako ga e a goroga ya gore a bo di na le sengwe le sengwe se di se tlhokang? Gompiano re tswa kwa phuthengong e re neng re bolelelwa ka *laboratory strategies* sa gore batho ba le foo, ba le botlhe, ba tseye *decision*, a bo go tswelwa ka pele. A nako ga e a goroga ya gore ditsompelo tsotlhe tse *land board* e di tlhokang

le bodiredi jotlhe, a bo bo le gone fa *land board*? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Gobotswang. Ke tsaya gore mafoko a o a buang, o gatelela a e rileng fa re rola pego ya *budget* ya *ministry*, ra a rolela Palamente gore nako e tsile ya gore ka fa re ntseng re akanya ka teng go aba lefatshe, re tshwanetse re go fetole. Go mogogamoleele, e bile go felela go dira gore Batswana ba tlhoke go bona ditshwanelo tsa bone tsa go bona lefatshe la bonno.

Ya bofelo ya ditsompelo, kana ke nna le wena re fetisang mo e tlaa nnang ditsompelo tse di ka thusang gore di tsamaisa gone mo o go bolelang. Ke dumela gore gone moo go go raya gore e tlaa re ka *February*, o bo o tla o itsolopantse tota gore o gane *budget* e e sa letleleleng go re kgontsha gore re abe lefatshe. Golo mo e tshwanetse e nne *responsibility* ya rona rotlhe re le Palamente ka gore ke rona re fetisang *budget*. Dilo tse tsotlhe a re di ipaakanyetseng gore le kgone go re thusa. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.

MR MONAGENG: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, kana jaaka o tlhalositse gore batho ba ne ba le *reluctant* gore masimo kana ditsha tsa bone di tsewe, gantsi *in the past* e ne e nna gore *compensation* e e neelwang batho bao, ba a e galala, ka gore *ministry* kana ba *Surveys and Lands were the ones calculating* gore motho o ka duelwa jang. Fa gongwe ba sa baya mo re go bitsang *open market value*, mme ke tsaya gore go ne ga fetolwa. Jaanong potso yame ke gore, a jaanong gompiano batho fa ba duelwa, a tuelo eo e beilwe mo *valuation* e e dirilweng *to value* yo o *registered* gore *compensation* eo e tle e tsamaelane le *open market issues*? Kana go santse go ntse fela gore *officer* kwa *Surveys* kana kwa *Lands* o tlaa e balelela gore motho yo o ka duelwa jang? Ka gore *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore fa batho ba ka duelwa...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, Standing Order 40.3, ke nna fela ke go gakolotse ka sone *Honourable* Monageng.

MR MONAGENG: Gakere potso ya ntlha e siame?

MR SPEAKER: “You may not address the Assembly on a question, and a question shall not be made a pretext for a debate.” *O go utlwile*. *Honourable Minister*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore mokaulengwe wame e leng mongwe ba ba tlholang ba nkgokolola thata, tota o ne a tsisa kgakololo go feta potso. E bile kgakololo yone e a e tlišang, ke eletsa gore



o ka e baakanya go feta gore e tle e nne potso, o bo o e tsa mo Palamenteng, re tle re rute Batswana ka bophara gore tota thulaganyo e o e tshwereng e ke itseng gore o e dira ka botswerere kwa letlhakoreng la gago, re tle re ba rute gore dilo tse di tle di tsamaye sentle. Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o ne o batla go dira tatediso, jaanong o batla go ema ka *procedure*. Ema fela o botse *supplementary question*.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tota ke *procedure* ka gore *Honourable Lesedi* o ne a boditse motlotlegi gore fa o re batho ba *reluctant*, mme gone *rates* tse o neng o batla go tsaya masimo a bone ka tsone, e ne e le tse di ntseng jang? Tota fela tlhaloso ya *rates*, ke sone se ke neng ke re ke *procedure* ka gore *he omitted* se motlotlegi a neng a se mmotsa, o kare o se *dojitse (dodged)*, mma re mo tlhamaletse kwa go sone.

DR DIKOLOTI: Motlotlegi Lesedi o ne a mpotsa gore mabaka a batho gore ba bo ba ne ba le *reluctant* ba ne ba reng, o ne a sa botsa ka *rates*. Mo potsong ya gagwe ke arabile fa ke re *people were reluctant to release the land because* ba ne ba re *it is their source of livelihood*. Jaanong mokaulengwe fale o tsisitse kgang ya *rates*, mo go yone ka re tsenyang potso fela e e tlang e tlhamaletse e botsa ka tsone ke tle ke kgone go le araba, re tle re gakololaneng. Kgankgolo fa ke gore re gakololane gore re tlhofofatse go aba lefatshe, re tlhofofatse gore re buisanye le bone beng ba lefatshe le gore ba le neele Puso, re abele batho ditsha. Ke a leboga.

MR LESEDI: *Point of procedure*. Nnyaa, ga e re sepe *Mr Speaker*. Ke gore fela fa e le gore Tona o ne a sa ipaakanyetsa e ya *rates*, o ka tlhamalala fela. Ke boditse ka *rates* gore fa gotwe ba *reluctant*, *rates* di ne di ntse jang? Ke e boditse fela jalo. Fa e le gore o e batla e le potso e ntšha, a a ntheye nna, a se ka a raya *Honourable Monageng*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a ko go nne le kagiso, o tlaa e araba.

SERVICE CENTRE IN MMATHEHE

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

- (i) when the Service Centre in Mmathethe was completed;
- (ii) when this facility is going to start operation;

(iii) how much money is used monthly to pay people manning the place; and

(iv) how much has been spent on the project to completion.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboga monni wa kgaolo ya Goodhope-Mmathethe, Motlotlegi Mosanana ka potso e e maleba e.*

(i) Mr Speaker, the Mmathethe Service Centre is not yet complete. The project was initially awarded in October 2016 and was scheduled to be completed within a period of nine months; that is 19th June 2017. So far two contractors have been engaged and were both terminated on account of non-performance. The first contractor was terminated in 2018 while the second one was terminated in November 2021.

(ii) Mr Speaker, there is no definite date on the commencement of the operation of the Mmathethe Service Centre on account of lack of funds to complete the project. The estimates for the completion of the project as carried out in 2023 revealed that an amount of Seven Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand and Nine Hundred and Eight-Eight Pula (BWP7,978,988) was needed to complete the works. By then the scope of the remaining works including the refurbishment of the vandalised components were costed and the limiting factor to proceed with procurement of the construction services was funding which remains to date.

Mr Speaker, in light of the prevailing economic situation, a consideration is being made to find alternative means of funding the project to bring it to completion and operation for the benefit of the farmers.

(iii) Mr Speaker, an amount of BWP32,019.35 is spent monthly to safe guard the project from further vandalism. Five people have been engaged on temporary basis; they are two gate keepers and three-night watch-men.

(iv) Mr Speaker, an amount of BWP6,975,329.28 has been spent on the project to date from an initial contract sum of BWP10,067,982.40. I thank you Mr Speaker.



MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Minister*. Ke botsa jaana *Minister* ka gore o a itse gore ke moagedi kwa kgaolong ya gago ya bothlophi. Se ke ka se go botsang gone fa *Minister* ke gore a *service centre* e, a e mo seemong sa gore e ka dirisiwa? Fa e le gore e ka dirisiwa, a ga o bone go le bothlokwa gore gongwe *it can be leased to* balemi ba kgaolo *so that* e ka dirisiwa, ya tlogela go tlhola e ntse e senngwa jaaka o ntse o tlhalosa? *I thank you.*

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga. Ke tsaya gore mokaulengwe wame o ntsha le mogopolo wa gore tota ka gore *service centre* e re a bona gore ga e wele, bo rakonteraka re a ba neela ga ba digele, a ga se gore re akanye mo go farologaneng gore re bone bangwe ba ba ka tsayang ba e feleletsa ra tla ra bona gore re dumalana jang le bone. Ke tsaya gore ke mogopolo mokaulengwe, ke tlaa o isa kwa lephateng. Ke na le maakanya one a go tshwana le ao, mme re tlaa o nonotsha gore ba utlwe gore balemi ba ba dikologileng *this service centre* ba akanya jang ka gore ke sengwe se se ka tlhfofatsang gore e felele e tsena mo tirisong rra, re tle re kgone gore re tsenye boleng ditswatemong tsa rona di kgone *to reach the market*. Kana *service centre* e e neelana le tsela yone ele ya Mmathethe-Metlobo-Bray-Verda ya Dr Chimbombi Highway. Golo moo ke thulaganyo fela e e leng gore *it is a good linkage*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.

FARMS OWNED BY GOVERNMENT

MR P. K. MOTAOSANE (THAMAGAKUMAKWANE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) the number of farms owned by Government;
- (ii) if all the farms are all in use; if so, whether they are all used to full capacity; and
- (iii) whether Government will consider leasing those farms to farmers in communal areas.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Mr Speaker,

- (i) the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture owns a total of 76 farms for various purposes which includes, Veterinary Quarantine Camps, Artificial Insemination Centres, Livestock Multiplication Farms and Rural Training Centres. Furthermore, there are 95 farms under state land all are allocated under lease hold ranging from 15 to 50 years.

(ii) Mr Speaker, the farms are not all in use. The ministry has a total of 14 unused farms or camps under the Department of Veterinary Services and Animal Production. Furthermore, 20 farms under state land have expired leases and considerations for lease renewals is underway.

(iii) Mr Speaker, the Government has undertaken to unlock economic value of all land parcels, including Government owned farms. This includes leasing some unused Government farms or using some of the farms to promote high value enterprises or initiatives such as the dairy development or livestock holdings to facilitate breeding and marketing initiatives.

Mr Speaker, my ministry is very determined to ensure that ordinary farmers, not privileged to own ranches, benefit from these Government farms. The ministry will shortly be launching transformative programme which will utilise some of the Government farms to benefit communal farmers through improved animal reproduction, compliance and farm quality assurance and access to highly paying markets. These initiatives will focus on enhancing breeding practices, implementing quality standards and providing market support, ultimately boosting agricultural productivity and economic opportunities for farmers.

Mr Speaker, so far 21 farms from three departments; that is Department of Animal Production (DAP), Department of Crop Production (DCP) and Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) and 75 under state land are leased to investors, either through competitive bidders or directly to investors as recommended by investment facilitation urgencies like the Botswana Investment Trade Centre (BITC) and any other appropriate Government structure. I thank you.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary.* Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Minister for answering this question. I think o e arabile fela ka botlalo mme gongwe e tlhokana le *some details* tse di ka dirang gore re bone tota gore go *intentional by Government to assist communal farmers to join the productive market* wa leruo la rona jaaka le tlhabela go le kanakana. A mme ka go kile ga nna le dipolase dingwe tse di neng tsa segwa *in the Kweneng area* di bo di boelwa morago, ga nna le dingwenyana ntlhanyana e ya bo Gasita. Le tsone ga lebe ga na le *a similar exercise*, tsa leka go boelwa kwa morago. *How far is the Government* ka go sega dipolase tseo le go di neela bogolo *communal farmers*?



Sekai; gongwe e bile ke tla ke e botsa mme ke e dira e le kopo; ke gore fa balemi ba le mo kgaolong, go bonala gore batho ba ba na le dikgomo tsa palo e e kana, a go ka se ke go phuthiwe ba ba foo, gona le go ya go dira *an open tender bid*? Tse ga nke a bo *communal farmers* ba bona le fa e le sepe, di nna di tsewa ke *officers tsa land board* le ditsala tsa bone fa gotwe go dirwa *open tender bidding*. Ga di nke di bonwa ke *ordinary people*. *Are you not going to take a deliberate action to empower the communal farmers* gore ba kgone go tsewa? Le fa ba ka nna 10 ba le mo polaseng e le nngwefela *with* dikgomo tsa bone tse di bo 50, 20, a bo o nna le batho ba le 10 foo. A bo ba rutuntshiwa gore le bone ba leke go tlhabolola dikgomo tsa bone ba di oketse ka dipalo tse di rileng e le *some kind of ranch management*.

Ya bofelo; tse e leng gore *leases* tsa tsone di fedile, *are you going to give priority* pele to ba ba ntseng ba le mo teng, *or you are going to open it* e nna *an open tender bid* gore ba rotlhe re iteke lesego? *People have benefited* dingwaga tse di fetileng ba dirisa dipolase tse for bo 50 years. *Like* fa o tsaya ka fa Banyana Farms, Kaka le bo Kweneng, ke mathata, batho ba *owner* lefatshe. Ba bangwe ga ba le dirise *as we speak*, o fitlhela motho a dirisa *paddock* e le nngwefela, polase e dule ditlhare.

Even this, one of the factors tse di dirang gore *our livestock production* e bo e ile kwa tlase jaana, *what do you intend to do my Honourable Minister?* Ke go tshepha ke itse gore o ngaka ya leruo, o itse botlhokwa jwa gore leruo le nne teng. Le Motswana fa a ruile, le ene a kgone go imatswa. Ke a leboga.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Motaosane. Ke dumela gore motlotlegi, fa go na le sengwe se se go fileng tsholofelo go feta selekanyo, ke ka *November* fa Puso e ntšha e tsewa, e bo e gokaganya lefatshe le temothuo. Golo mo go ne go o fa tsholofetso ka gore go ne go supa gore re itse botlhokwa jwa temothuo e bile re itse gore fa gongwe sekgopi se se ntseng se le teng, ntse e le gore lefatshe le fale, temothuo e fale. Go di kopanya di nna ka fa tlaase ga ntlo e le nngwefela, re tlaa kgona gore go bo go bua motho a le mongwefela go baakanyetsa tse tsotlhe.

Sengwe se ke tshwanetseng gore nna le wena Taosi re se dumalane ke gore bontsi jwa dikgomo tse di ntseng di ya kwa mmarakeng, di ntse di tswa *from the communal areas*. Ke batla re dumalane gore, ke gore *for the 60 years, the communal farmers have carried this sector thus far*. O tlaa dumalana le nna gore *one of the greatest hindrances* tse di ka thusang gore re oketse *production*

ke metsi; *water for production*. *It has been such a big challenge as well for most of these farmers* gore ba bo ba le mo merakeng e e senang le sone setlankana. Go raya gore jaaka dimmaraka di ntse di tswela di gola, *requirements for the markets* di fetoga, re saleda kwa morago re tlogela *our communal farmers*. Maakanya a otlhe le dikgakololo tse o ntseng o di tsenya, di teng re a di baakanya, re di apeile, re tlaa ribolola mananeo a otlhe.

Very key to a lot of this, is that which we are looking at as a Government in the agriculture financing strategy because we have never had that as a Government. We have never focused on better ways to fund agriculture. Fa o ka lebelela, sengwe le sengwe se kwa se leng teng. Go gatelela mo o go buang, go na le lenaneo le le tlang, Motlotlegi Tautona o tlaa le ribolola go se kgakala, le o tlaa le itumelelang le wena Taosi *because we need to maximise on the reproductive capabilities of our animals*.

How many of the communal farmers, have even done a bull testing; very few. Ke ba le kae ba ba itseng gore *we have venereal diseases in cattle; very few.* Kwa kgaolong ya me kwa *area* ya Dikhukhung, re na le ba ba ikopantseng ba ipitsa Kootsukelela. *They have extended a lot of this to try and bring farmers together so that we can maximise on the reproductive capability for animals but that which will come up at the end, is to make sure that at any point kgomo e namagadi e e mo selebegong sa gore e ka bo e tsala, e tshwanetse gore at any time e bo e dusa. That alone in completion we need to make sure that we act on the level of bush encroachment that we have in the country because if we do not avail pasture, then we will always even have leuba. We are putting all these together and to even tap from climate financing to make sure that we take care of our people in the communal areas because they have carried us these far. Imagine* Motaosane kwa merakeng wa gago o na le setlankana sa moraka, ga ke reye sa masimo *that you changed o dirile integrated*. Se go thusa to access *all the markets*. So all these Taosi, *we are putting them together. The targets that the President have set tsa dikgomo ke tse e leng gore they are achievable. They can be achieved because we cannot teach you that which you know the most. We just need to put it together. Above all, we need to also come to realisation ya gore nako e tsile Taosi ya gore ga o ka ke wa tlhakanya go nna a breeder mme gape ka fa o re you are a farmer e e batlang gore o ise kwa kae. We need to try and unbundle this and bring in a new nomenclature in our farming.*

So all these Taosi di etla, re a di baakanya.

There is the Agricultural Development Fund e e mo tseleng. We have Agricultural Policy that is coming your way, there is a lot more. We are doing these approaching from a wholesome and we are just building a whole ecosystem around this agriculture sector. You will be happy Taosi that which we are working on, will make you happen. Farms tse di teng tsa Puso re batla to make sure that you all maximise on them. Imagine gore go go tse re lebaka le le kae; ke gore go fitlhelela Artificial Insemination (AI) ya Tsatsu gotwe o tsise dikgomo tse five, o ya go felela o tlhabolola dikgomo tsa gago leng. So part of the programme that will be launched, we will have those with the know-how to go all out. Make sure that they do Pregnancy Diagnosis (PDs), they can confirm gore dikgomo tsa gago they are pregnant. We will make sure that our throughput is also taken care of. There is a lot that is in play of putting it together but that which will make you smile gore at the end, you will know jaanong gore fa ke re ke molemi-morui, ke na le Puso e e tlhologanyang gore how do I go about financing this. There is a lot that we are doing Taosi, you will be happy trust me. Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Last Supplementary Mr Speaker.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary. Thank you, Honourable Minister. Ga ke batle go ya kwa go tse dingwe, tsa me nna le wena kwa re neng re tswa teng kwa Pusong e re neng re tswa kwa go yone, mme ke rata thata ka gore jaanong le tlhakantse lefatshe le temothuo. Are you aware Honourable Minister gore bothata jo jaanong balemi-barui ba nang le jone, se e leng gore e bile se worse, ke ka fa lefatshe le seyong ka teng for communal farmers? Ke gore gongwe le gongwe le kwa e neng e le meraka pele kwa go neng go beilwe didiba teng, batho ba ka bo ba ne ba oketsa dikgomo tsa bone teng, go beilwe masimo mo teng ga didiba and golo mo ke gone go itsang gore dikgomo di nne teng. Are you aware of that?*

Secondly, can the law be implemented retrospectively? I am saying this ka gore farms tse ke buang ka tsone, fa o tsaya kgaolo e tshwana le ya Kweneng segolobogolo, go utlwisa botlhoko. O fitlhela didiba tse tsotlhe tse di neng di filwe a radius of 8x8, tse dingwe bo 6x6, now land boards encroach up to bo 3 metres away from the borehole. Imagine fa e le gore it is a syndicate ya batho ba le 10, ba dikologile sediba seo, e bo masimo jaanong a tla go tsena mo teng ga sediba.

Do you not think re tshwanetse go emisa kgang ya masimo completely kwa areas tse e leng gore ke tsa meraka? Sekai ke fa o ya kwa Tsoto, Mmamatlhaku, Monogeng, Mmantšhe le Manone, all that area is surrounded by masimo a e leng gore initially they were not there. Gongwe fa o ka e clear fela wa nkaraba gore can the law be applied retrospectively ka gore didiba tseo came before the land board policies tse di ntseng di tla kwa morago every year, di bo di tsenelela di ya go tsena mo didibeng tsa batho? Tsoto for instance, ke yone e e leng gore it is the worst hit in the area of Maboane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Wa debate?*

MR MOTAOSANE: *Ga ke debate, I am asking questions. Prince, a ko o nne o itshwara. Ke raya gore Minister, ke kopa fela tlhaloso eo, bogolo jang ya gore a molao o ka dirwa jalo. Thank you sir.*

DR DIKOLOTI: *Thank you very much Motlotlegi Motaosane. Ke dumela gore jaaka ke ntse ke go tlhalosetsa gore go duwa kae, re ya kae, dipharologanyo ke eng, o ne o nkutlwa ke ntse ke tla ka tsone, but the truth fela e e teng ke gore we have for the longest had very conflicting policies tse e leng gore ke tsone that hinders even the progression of the sector. So, I can assure you gore there is a lot that is being worked on. Fela baya pelo ya gago sentle, mme e beye le wena o tla o re bolelela dikgang. Ke raya gore a lot that we shared is that which is similar to what other areas are experiencing, mme se ke ka se go tlhalosetsang ke gore these conflicting policies ke tsone totatota tse e leng gore di tsositse ntwana e e seng kana ka sepe fa gare ga mafudiso, balemi and all that.*

Jaaka o bua, kgang e tona e o e buileng e e botlhokwa ke gore lefatshe ga le gole. Dikeletso tsa tiriso ya lefatshe di a gola. We need to make sure that we get on top of that so that we are able to separate these issues and make sure that whichever land that we have, we maximise on it. Le temothuo ya rona e nne ya maduo because kana jaaka batho ba bua gore lefatshe ga le gole, palo ya batho e a gola, batho ba batla go ja. Mo go ba jeseng ke gore re dire dilo ka tsela e e farologaneng.

So, melao e yotlhe e, e e amang lefatshe, re e lebile, re a e baakanya, e tlaa tla mo Palamenteng e gore lotlhe le lona le tle le dumalane le rona gore that which we are bringing indeed is in the new Botswana, e bile go tlaa re isa kwa pele go ya goileng. Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe.



MR SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Kesitigile Gobotswang, Member for Tswapong South.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Mr Speaker*, potso e tota e tsene fa *I am sure ka phoso ka gore e ne ya re sitting e e fetileng ya tla mo Palamenteng mme ka gakololwa gore e tshwanetse e ye kwa Ofising ya ga Tautona. E rile go tswa foo ka e tsenya e bile ke e baakantse e lebagane le yone Ofisi ya ga Tautona. Selo sa ntlha ke gore ga e sa tlhole e le kwa ministry oo. Sa bobedi, ga e sa tlhola e ntse jaaka e ne e ntse jaaka ke e bona fa ka gore dilo di a fetoga.*

Mr Speaker, tota jaanong e kwadilwe sentle mo Notice Paper. No. 6, ke yone potso *which I have submitted*. Ele e tlodilwe ke dipeba *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* Honourable Gobotswang, *fa o ka di leba sentle, ke dipotso tse pedi tse di farologaneng*. Question No. 4 you are asking the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure on the total number of public projects that Joe Electrical is involved in and then *ya No. 6 e*, you are asking the Leader of the House on public tender allocated to Legacy Pursuit Proprietary Limited. I thought they are different and that you submitted two different questions.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Nnyaa*, tota fela boammaaruri ke gore tsotlhe ka bobedi ka fa ke neng ke gakololwa ka teng, yone ya ntlha e, e ne e sa tshwanela e ka bo e ile kwa *Ministry wa Transport*. Ke ne ka gakololwa gore e tshwanetse gore e ye kwa *Ministry wa State President*. Jaanong ke bo ke e *withdraw*, ke e *redirect* e bile ke e *modify* jaanong gore e *capture* tota se nne ke se batla. Selo se ke se buang ke gore...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Member*, potso e ga se yone e re e buisantseng nna le wena ya No. 4, ya gore o *comply* le Standing Order 38.1?

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Yes*, ke yone.

MR SPEAKER: *Ee*, but I do not remember us discussing the redirection. Unless *e le gore ya No. 6 ke yone e o neng wa gakololwa*, I do not know, possibly *ke Clerk*. But as far as I recall, we discussed *ya No. 4*, but *e le gore o comply* le Standing Order 38.1. *Botsa potso*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Mr Speaker, *fa e le gore wa Transport o ready*, let me call No. 4 then.

JOE ELECTRICAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC PROJECTS

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to state:

- (i) the total number of public projects that Joe Electrical is involved in;
- (ii) the said projects;
- (iii) the total value in relation to each component;
- (iv) the projects where Joe Electrical has benefited via direct appointment; and
- (v) whether there were no other qualified companies that could have benefited in the same way.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Dr Gobotswang.*

- (i) *Mo records tsa me Mr Speaker, go supa gore kompone e ya Joe Electrical e nnile le project e le nngwefela mo ministry wa me*, where it was involved.
- (ii) *Go ne ga nna le tender e go neng go dirwa police station kwa Maitengwe, e e leng gore e ne ya neelwa kompone ya ENGI-CON (Pty) Ltd mme e bo e sub-contract Joe Electrical.*
- (iii) The total value of the electrical component in the construction of Maitengwe Police station is P9 795 654.82.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, I am not aware of any project in my ministry where Joe Electrical has benefited via direct appointment. I thank you.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary. Honourable Minister, are you aware* gore kompone e re buang ka yone e, mong wa yone ke rre yo e leng gore o gaufi thata e bile ke monna wa mongwe modirelapuso wa maemo a a kwa godimo? Fa e le gore *you are aware*, fa re lebile molao wa rona wa *procurement* wa gore badirelapuso le ba ba leng gaufi le bone ga ba a tshwanela gore ba dire *business* le Goramente. A go lebane gore kompone e e ka bong a dira *business* le *ministry* wa gagwe, mme e le mo mabakeng a ke buang ka one gore rre yo ke mong wa kompone e, ke *public servant* wa maemo a a kwa godimo? A go lebane gore go nne jalo? Ke a leboga.

MR SALAKAE: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Motlotlegi go ka bo gone go le botlhale fa o ne o tlhamaladitse potso fela wa botsa gore mong wa kompone e ke mang. Ga ke

a ka ka botsa ka gore potso e ne e sa botse moo. Jaanong tota ga ke itse gore mong wa kompone e ke mang. Fa potso e ka goroga, *I will be able to give you the correct and right answer. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, there is Leader of the House question by Honourable Taolo Boipuso Lucas. *Ga ke itse gore a potso eo o e laetse mongwe.*

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

THEME: STATUS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN BOTSWANA'S NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Leader of the House to:

- (i) explain to this Honourable House the status of National Development Plans (NDPs) in Botswana's National Legislative Framework;
- (ii) give a detailed schedule on the preparation and finalisation of National Development Plan 12;
- (iii) apprise this Honourable House on the differences between National Development Plan and what has been touted as the National Transformation Programme; and
- (iv) explain how NDP 12 shall incorporate social justice in the distribution of major infrastructure projects.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso e e lebagang le *the Leader of the House* Rre Mohwasa. Ke mabapi le go batla go itse gore re tsamaya fa kae mo thulaganyong ya go dira National Development Plan (NDP) 12 ka gore re setse re šwegašwega. Kana lenaneo le ne le tshwanetse gore le ka bo le simologile *on the 1st of April* fa ke gakologelwa sentle, mme e rile Puso e ntšha e tsena, ya sutisetsa fa pele ya re le tlaa simologa ka *July*. Fa re ntse re tsewetse la sutisiwa gape gatwe le tlaa simolola ka *October*. Re mo go *August, October* ke yole o gaufi fela fa, rona ba re kwa setšhabeng fa re leng gore re lebile gore tiro ya teng e kana ka eng, re ipotsa gore e ya go simologa leng, a e tla re ka *October* lenaneo le le bo le le teng?

Ke sone se re neng re eletsa gore Tona Mohwasa a ko a re tseye ka motlhalo gore lenaneo le sentlente le simologa leng, go tshwanetse go diragale eng, *timelines* tsa sengwe le sengwe se se tshwanetseng go diragala?

Gape re batla go tlhologanya gore go na le lenaneo le lengwe le go phaketseng go ntse go buiwa ka lone la *Economic Transformation*, le tsamaelana jang le NDP? Kana setšhaba se batla go tlhologanya gore golo fa go ya go tsamaya jang.

Kgang e nngwe ke ya *social justice*; ya go dira batho ka tekatekanyo gore mongwe le mongwe a akole ditlhabololo fa a leng teng. A e tla re fa go dirwa lenaneo le, go tlaabo go lebilwe seemo sa gore a bo e le gore Batswana, gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng, le bone ba bone gore lenaneo le le ba akareditse? E seng seemo se o tlaa fitlhelang dikgaolo tse dingwe lehuma la teng e le la nta ya tlhogo tse dingwe o kare tsona di a tshutshuma. A ke sengwe se le tlaabong le se etse tlhoko rraetsho? Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *On a point of procedure*. Ke a leboga mongwame. Ke ne ke re o nthuse *Mr Speaker*, re baakanye *record*. Kana golo fa potso e e lebisitswe *the Leader of the House*. Jaanong fa e le gore go ya go tshwarelela Rre Kelebeng e le ene *Acting Leader of the House*, Rre Mohwasa a seyo, Motlotlegi Mophuting e le *Acting Minister for State President, who is going to answer?* Ke belaela gore *we did not capture it* sentle *Mr Speaker*. Ke motho yo ke batlang *record* e tsamaya sentle kwa Hansard, a e botswa *Minister for State President* kana e botswa *the Leader of the House?* *Complication* ke yone e ke e buang eo, fa re di *capture* jaana. Legale le tlaa nthuta.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Maele, thank you for raising that matter. I do know if it was during our time during the 11th Parliament or it was during the 12th Parliament where the Standing Order was amended. Remember, this was a compromised position from requests to have the President answer questions in Parliament. So now the compromise position then became that the Vice President (VP) will answer questions but remember the VP doubled as the Leader of the House.

When it was drafted, it was drafted as the Leader of the House's Question Time but what sort of eluded us at the time was that in the past we have Leaders of the House who were not VPs such that when the drafters drafted it and when we agreed, it became an amendment or an addition for Leader of the House's Question Time because it was assumed that the VP will answer on behalf of the President.



In the Standing Orders what we have right now is the Leader of the House's Question Time. Now we have Honourable Mohwasa the Leader of the House which is why in terms of our rules of order and procedure... I thought I should provide that background.

Standing Order 40 (b), "there shall be asking of questions by Members to the Leader of the House on issues of national, regional and international importance on every other Thursday.

Standing Order 30.1 (g) and the procedure that applies to Standing Order 40 (A) shall with necessary modifications, apply to this Standing Order." Thank you.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole fela ka go tlhalosa seemo mabapi le mananeo a ditlhabololo go ya ka melao ya Botswana.

- (i) Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Molao wa Botlhamo wa 2024 wa Ditogamaano tsa Setšhaba o fa sebaka sa go dirwa ga molao wa ditlhabololo tsa setšhaba. Go ya ka temana ya bo masome a mabedi le bongwe (21) (1) ya Molao wa Ditogamaano tsa Setšhaba wa Botlhamo wa ngwaga wa 2024, thomo ya Lekalana la Ditogamaano tsa setšhaba ke go lomaganya tiro ya go kwala le go diragatsa Lenaneo la Setšhaba la Ditlhabololo, gammogo le go baakanyetsa tsotlhe mo nakong e Tona a ka e laolang.

Temana ya bo 21 (3) ya molao e tlhalosa jaana:

Lenaneo la Ditlhabolo le tlaa supa:

- (a) Tse di tlhomilweng kwa pele mo thulaganyong ya tsa matshelo le itsholelo mo Botswana.
 - (b) Mananeo a lebaka le le khutshwane, le le fa gare le la nako e telele.
 - (c) Botsipa jwa go diragatsa Lenaneo la Ditlhabololo mo nakong e e beilweng le;
 - (d) Mekgwa epe fela e e ka tlhokafalang go kgontsha go diragadiwa ka botlalo ga Lenaneo la Ditlhabololo la Setšhaba.
- (ii) Fa thulaganyo yotlhe e e tlhalosang tsotlhe e sena go wela ya Lenaneo la Ditlhabololo la Setšhaba la bo lesome le bobedi; tshwetso e ne ya tsewa ke Palamente e, go dia go baakanyetsa Lenaneo la Ditlhabololo la bo lesome le bobedi ka go atolosa

go diragadiwa ga Lenaneo la Motshelakgabo la bobedi ka dikgwedi di supa, go simolola ka Moranang go tsena ka Phalane monongwaga. Go tla go fitlha fa, ditherisanyo tse di tseeneletseng di setse di dirilwe ka lekalana la NPC, mme mekwalo ya ntlha e setse e simolotswe. Ke itumela go fa pego ya gore maduo a a tshwana le mo lenaneo la Botswana la go fetola itsholelo ya rona. Le a itse fa go na le thulaganyo e gompiano mokaulengwe a neng a bua ka yone ya maphakela ya Botswana Economic Transformation Program (BETP), le tlaa tsenngwa mo Lenaneong la Ditlhabololo la Setšhaba go tsenya lentswana la botsipa jo bo tseeneletseng mo molaong wa rona wa ditlhabololo. BETP ke lenaneo la dibeke di le lesome le bobedi (12) le le simolotseng ka kgwedi ya Phukwi e tlhola gangwe monongwaga.

Thulaganyo ya lenaneo e eme jaana; go simolola ka Phukwi a tlhola masome le botlhamo go fitlhelela Phatwe a tlhola borobabobedi, 2025 go tlaabo go kopiwa megopolo mo setšhabeng. Mabaka ke go letla Batswana go ntsha megopolo go ka sekasekwa. Kgwedi ya Phukwi e le masome a mabedi le boraro go ne go na le thuto-se-ka-dipuisanyo ya Khuduthamaga ya Matona. Mabaka e le go dumalana ka matshwenyego le dikgang tsa mokatakata tse di tshwenyang, le go itebaganya le tsone go ya ka botlhokwa jwa tsone. Phatwe a tlhola lesome le bongwe go fitlhelela kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola metso e le metlhamo, e tlaabo e le diphuthego tsa matshelo le itsholelo. Maikaelelo e le go tlhomamisa le go baakanya thulaganyo e e tsepameng ya go itebaganya le dikgwetlho tse le go di baakanya go beilwe nako, tse di tlaa lebiwang thata e le gore tiro nngwe le nngwe e eteletswe pele ke mang.

Ke tsaya gore fa ke riana ke ntse ke rulaganya dithulaganyo ka o ne o kopa le *programme*. Kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola borataro go fitlhelela e le masome a mararo, e tlaabo e le tshoboko ya maduo otlhe a tiro le go tlhomamisa mokwalo wa ntlha. Go simolola ka kgwedi ya Phatwe go tlaabo go lebeleletswe mokwalo wa ntlha le go buisana ka one ka maikaelelo a go amogelwa ke Palamente. Go tlhalosetsa Palamente pharologanyo fa gare ga lenaneo la ditlhabololo ya setšhaba le thulaganyo ya phetolo ya setšhaba le go ntseng go buiwa ka one, ke maikaelelo a mangwe a a teng a ke tlaa tlhalosang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lenaneo la NDP le tlaa akaretsa dintlha tsa lenaneo la phetolo ya seemo sa itsholelo la BETP, BETP ke bontlha bongwe ja NDP 12. Fa ke supa pharologanyo ya mananeo a mabedi a,



ke ka supa se; lenaneo la ditlhabololo la setšhaba le supa dikeletso, mme le ikaegile thata ka tebelopele, le rulaganya dintlha ka tebelopele ya dikeletso ka bokamoso jwa lefatshe la Botswana. Ka fa letlhakoreng le lengwe lenaneo la go fetola itsholelo ya setšhaba, BETP le ikaegile ka go diragatsa le go gatelela go diragatsa ditiro tse di rileng ka maphata le makalana a Puso ka go farologana. Lenaneo la NDP le tlhomile kwa pele tiragatso ya mananeo ka kakaretso a itsholelo, tsa matshelo a batho le tsa ngwao, fa BETP ka fa ntlheng e nngwe e tlhoma mananeo a a tlhophilweng, e bile a na le nako ya gore a bo a diragaditswe leng, e bile maduo a ka kalwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e bile go bonala.

Lenaneo la NDP ga le ntshe dintlha ka bongwe ka bongwe, go tlhalosa go tsepame ka tse di tshwanetseng tsa dirwa mo BETP. Yone e dira mo go papametseng fa e rerisana le banaleseabe le ga mmogo le go nna e tlhalosetsa setšhaba ka tse di kgonngweng le tse di setseng e le dikgwetlho.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go botlhokwa go tlhologanya gore tebelopele, lenaneo le ditlhabololo kana sepe fela seelo sa Puso e se ipeelang se tshwanelwa sa salwa morago ka go diragadiwa, le go ka tsewa ka mothala gore a mme gone maduo a bonala. Se se tlaa tlhomamisa ditsholofetso tsa dimpapiri kana mekwalo fela go tsamaelana le se Tautona a se buileng fa a simolodisa lenaneo la phetolo itsholelo ya Botswana. Fa ke soboka karabo ke gore, lenaneo la phetolo itsholelo, NTP le diragatsa lenaneo la ditlhabololo la setšhaba la NDP.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kgaoganyo ya ditiro tsa ditlhabololo e akaretse lenaneo le le lebang matlhoki a mafelo a ka go farologana. Lenaneo la NDP 12 le tlaa dirisa bosupi jwa dikitso tse di kgobokantsweng ka dintlha di tshwana le seemo sa lehuma, go tlhoka ditiro, go bona ditlamelo le dipharologanyo tsa ditlhabololo, go kgona go supa dikgaolo tse di saletseng kwa morago mo ditlhabololong. Se se tlaa thusa go aba ditiro tsa ditlhabololo sentle mo dikgaolong tsotlhe go lebilwe palo ya batho, batlhoki le ditiro tsa ditlhabololo tse di ka dirwang mo kgaolong eo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable* o ne a leka go bua Setswana a bala, go ne go le thata. Jaanong go ne go re thatafaletsa le go utlwa gore a reng, mme fela mma ke re, ga ke a utlwa o wela sentle gore wa re National Development Plan 12 e ya go simologa leng? A ko o wele sentle ke go utlwe sentle

gore wa re e ya go simologa leng? Kgang e ya BETP, fa gongwe le a ne le re ke *strategy*, fa gongwe le re ke *programme*. Sentlentle *transitional programme* e la re ke eng? Se sengwe gape se se sa itlhaloseng ke gore wa re, *programme* e ya *transformation* e ya go tswelela *for 12 months* mme o kare gape o e tla o re *transformation programme* e ke yone e tshwanetseng gore e bo e tlhotlheletsa NDP 12. Jaanong mo dikgweding tse 12 go tlaabo go tsamaya go le *parallel*, di tlaabo di tsamaya di bapile, kana sentlentle go ya go bereka ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

Kgang e nngwe ke ya *Transition National Development Plan*, kana rotlhe jaaka re ntse jaana, *projects* tsa rona di ne tsa ema tse di mo *Transition National Development Plan*, di emisitswe ke *Development Model*. A go raya gore *projects* tse tsotlhe jaaka di ne di se *implemented*, di ya go tsena mo lenaneong la bo 12 la NDP? Fa di ya go tsena fela tsotlhe jaaka di ntse *to be implemented* ka gore batlhophi ba rona ba a šwegašwega, e bile go na le *anxiety* le go tshwenyega mo go ntsi gore a mme *projects* tsa rona di teng? Fa o tsena kwa Chadibe ba go botsa gore sekole sa rona sa bobedi a se tlaa nna teng? Ramokgonami, a sekole sa bobedi se tlaa nna teng? Pilikwe, a *clinic* e re neng re e solofeditswe e tlaa nna teng? Fa o tsena Letlorenge, a sekole sa rona se tlaa agiwa jaanong, kana go tlaabo go ile fela jalo ka gore go tsena lenaneo le le ntšha? Re kopa gore go tlhalosege golo foo gore go tlaa diragala jang? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, Rre Gobotswang o ka bo a tlhalosa fela gore o setse a tlaaologile Setswana, gongwe ke bale ka Sekgoa *if you allow me* ka gore... ke leka go tlhalosa...

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

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, ga o ka ke wa re ke dia nako, nako e a neng a botsa fa a toolosa o ne o sa bone go diiwa nako. Jaanong ke re ke tlhalose ka gore maikaelelo ke gore o bone molaetsa rraetsho, gongwe o kgaleme bagaeno le bone ba itshware.

Sa ntlha o ne o bua ka *projects* tse di *outstanding*. Fa le ka gakologelwa maloba fa re le kwa Palapye, ga ke itse gore a o ne o le teng, re ntse re tsamaya lefatshe le lotlhe re kopana le ba dikgaolo tsotlhe re le raya re re tsamayang le ye go dira megopolo e mešha le dikgang tse le neng le eleditse gore di ka bo di ne di tsene mo National Development Plans (NDPs) tse di fetileng tse di kwa morago, di tsenyeng gape gore re tle re gatelele pele. Ke ne ke tsaya gore le dirile jalo. Fa godimo ga



moo, le ba *Local Government* ba ntse ba dira *the District Development Plans (DDPs)*. Jaanong tumelo ya me ke gore, fa go na le thulaganyo nngwe e o itseng gore e saletse kwa morago mo kgaolong, le tlaa dira gore e tle e tsenngwe mo NDP 12.

Jaanong ke fete ka e *Mr Speaker*; o ne a re ke tlhalose gape ka *Transitional Development Plan*. Jaaka re ne re le fa Rre Gobotswang, re dumalane gore *Transitional Plan* ya ngwaga o e tlike go tswela e ya go felela ka *October*. Then *the first of November* go tlaabo go tsena NDP 12. Jaanong se ke neng ke re ke se tlhalose ke gore, se re neng re ntse re se bua se ke tsayang gore gongwe le tshwanetse le se tlhaloseditswe mo mosong wa gompiano ke gore, tse di tlaabong di tswa mo *Economic Transformation Programme*, di tlaabo di tsenngwa mo NDP 12 go thusa gore e tsenngwe *energy* e nne mashetla, e bile go na le botsipa jo bo fa godimonyana gore re se ka ra nna le NDP 12 e e keteng e nna lolea.

Botswana Economic Transformation Programme *is an intensive 12 weeks exercise* e e simolotseng ka di 1 tsa ga *July*. E sale e simolotse ka 1st *July*, jaaka gompiano e ne e akaretsa le lona le le Mapalamente. Se ke neng ke re ke a se bua ke gore, fa e re 15th *July* go fitlhelela 8th *August*, ke thulaganyo e go neng go tsewa megopolo mo go lona e ke neng ke tlhalosa gore go ntse go tsamaiwa le lefatshe le go tsewa megopolo. 23rd *July* e ne e le thulaganyo e go neng go kopane ba Khuduthamaga. 11th *August* go fitlhelela 5th *September*; go tlaabo go na le mo gotweng *the Economic and Social Labs*. Maikaelelo a yone ke gore go dirwe thulaganyo ya gore go ya go diragatswa go fetola itsholelo jang, e bile go lebeletswe le Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) le gore le batho ba kgone gore ba tseye maikarabelo mo *projects* tsa Puso. 6th *September* go fitlhela 30th *September* go tlaabo go kgobokannngwa, kana e le *consolidation and stakeholders' validation of the draft plan*, e o botsang ka yone ya NDP 12. *October* tsholofelo ke gore Palamente Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e bo e kopana kwano kwa go tlaa tlang go nna le *presentation*, go bo go nna le *debate ya the Draft Plan for approval*, gore ka 1st *November* a bo re nna le NDP 12 e e tlaabong e tsentse megopolo e go solofetsweng gore le bo le e ntshitse kwa dikgaolong. Ke solofela fa ke go arabile motlotlegi.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, kana potso e e bodiwa gangwefela mo dibekeng tse pedi. *In the past* fa *Leader of the House* a ikopetse *to be excused* kana a le *absent* kana a re *later date*, di a tlhomagana

dibeke tsa teng *such that* fa re kopane *6 weeks like it is likely to be in this case, we make sure that there are at least 3 questions*. Ke re fa e le gore re fetsa beke e e tlang, le *reconcile* gore a mme re weditse *slots* tse maloko a Palamente a neng a di letlelelwa go mmotsa. E ne e le fela kopo ya gore re tle re e baakanye pele fa re phatlalala. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, indeed we will do that. Honourable Leader of the Opposition we will reconcile to see how many were answered.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, tota ga ke itse gore *Honourable* Salakae a re re mo reng. Ga ke itse gore a o nyatsa wena *Mr Speaker*, Palamente kana o nyatsa Batswana. *Honourable* Salakae ga a dire sentle *Mr Speaker*. O dira *assurances* fela tse di lolea tse a itseng gore ga a ka ke a di dira, mme a bo a sa boele kwa go wena, ga ke itse legale gore a o boetse kwa go wena a go itekodisa, a itoloka kana jang.

Gompiano o siile, mme o letse a re solofeditse gore re tlaa fitlhela *report* ya Development Manager (DM) Model gone mo. Re ne re tsaya gore re ya go fitlhela *copies* mo tafoleng, gompiano ga di yo. *Mr Speaker* gagamatsa setoropo, golo fa o a nyadiwa. Rre yole gompiano ga ke itse gore a ga go na Standing Order, *the relevant Standing Order Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gore a o nna *sanctioned* kana go dirwa jang fa motho a dira jaaka *Honourable* Salakae. *Mr Speaker*, re thuse. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, let me just find out from the Leader of the House. I understand there was an assurance made by Honourable Salakae, that he will furnish the Members with the report *ya DM* model.

MR MOHWASA: Go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*. Se ke neng ke se itse ke buile le Rre Salakae, maabane fa re tla re begela Mothusa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ka taelo e a neng a e dirile gore go tshwanetse gore go tle go diragatswe jaaka motlotlegi a ne a solofeditse. Re ne ra dumalana maabane a mo fa sebaka sa gore a bue, a bo a solofetsa Ntlo e gore o tlaa tla a e ntsha.

Se ke bonang e le bothata se re neng re farologana le bakaulengwe le gompiano ke gore, o ne a rile o tlaa e ntsha, kgang e ne e le gore a o ne a rile o tlaa e ntsha fano. Fa ke utlwa bangwe, se ke tsayang gore mongwe o ka e *confirm*, ba ne ba rile o tlaa e isa kwa go wena. E ke neng ke e itse e ne e le gore o tlike go e dira *public*, ke sa itse gore a o tlaa dira ka thulaganyo ya go e isa kwa go wena kana jang. Se e leng boammaaruri se teng

ke gore, re ne re dumalane gore maabane e tlaa tla e ntshiwa motlotlegi. Ke a leboga *Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Se se sa weleng ke gore* is the report available, can it be shared with Members? I have not checked with the Clerk if I have a copy in my office. *Kana fa ke reeditse* Honourable Salakae *maabane* when he made this assurance, one of the things that he said was that *kana* reports *fa gongwe* to recover the printing cost *go nna le fee*. *Jaanong* he was to establish whether that will be the process of obtaining the report. Secondly, he was also to ascertain whether it could be made available *e le* soft copy. I do not know if we know anything.

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore fa gongwe e ka tswa e le fela gongwe e le ditshwarego ka tota ga a yo go itlhalosa. Ke tsaya gore o ne a dirile *an undertaking from what I am told* gore o tlaa tla a tlisa fa. Ke tseye maikarabelo *Mr Speaker*, gore re tle re tlise *copy* kwa go wena gore fa batlotlegi ba tla fa mo mosong, fa go na le kgang ya *costs* ke tsaya gore gongwe o ka re direla meriti gore ba bone *those copies*.

MR SPEAKER: *Tsweetswee fa go kgonega le tlise e le* soft copy, so that we share. We are trying to go paperless. Let us go to the Presentation of Government Bills.

First Readings

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

ANTI-DOPING BILL, 2025 (NO. 18 OF 2025)

(Minister of Sport and Arts)

MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3, that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, we had a discussion earlier, so, you are proceeding on a Certificate of Urgency?

MR KELEBENG: I have to motivate it Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Alright, go ahead and motivate.

MR KELEBENG: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Bill has not matured, as it was only published in the Government Gazette of 23rd of July, 2025. The Bill is of great national significance and comes at a critical time for Botswana sport. We have witnessed a worrying rise in doping cases in recent years, which undermines the integrity of our sporting achievement, puts our athletes' health at risk, threatens the country's reputation and standing in the international sporting community.

Furthermore, as Botswana prepares to host and participate in major upcoming international events, such as the 2026 World Athletics Relays, the need to demonstrate our commitment to clean sport has never been more urgent. Moreover, this proposed legislation will significantly enhance the credibility and integrity of Botswana sport. Sport is recognised as a key pillar of economic transformation and has the potential to drive the economic growth. Investment in clean sport is therefore, a necessary component of our broader Development Agenda. It is essential that Botswana positions itself as a country that values fairness, equality and athlete welfare. More importantly, the Government of Botswana continues to make significant investment in the area of high-performance sport to enable the talented young Batswana to benefit from the multibillion Pula global sport industry. Young Batswana can only have long and fruitful careers in high performance sport if they are clean. The Ministry of Sports and Arts has a distinct responsibility. On behalf of Government to ensure that the health and careers of the young Batswana are protected from the scourge of doping in sport, I propose that this Parliament deals with this important matter forthwith. I believe Honourable Members will agree that it is indeed overdue.

Mr Speaker, Botswana acceded to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Convention against doping in sport on the 6th of 2009.

In recognition of the importance of clean sport, and the need to protect the fundamental rights of the athletes to participate in the doping free sport. In doing so, the country committed to taking legislative regulatory and administrative measures to give full effect to the whole anti-doping code. This include the development of national laws to prohibit the use of performance enhancing substances and the establishment of appropriate institutional frameworks to enforce such laws. The World Anti-Doping Code requires a clear separation between implementing agencies and



regulatory oversight authorities to ensure independence, fairness and accountability in the anti-doping matters.

The current setup where the anti-doping provisions are housed within Botswana National Sport Council (BNSC) Act 2014, while the BNSC is an implementing agency undermines this principle. Approval of the request for the amendment of the BNSC Act 2014 will migrate the anti-doping provisions from the BNSC Act 2014, into the standalone Anti-Doping Bill thus avoiding overlaps or duplication.

Mr Speaker, additionally, the Anti-Doping Bill allow for the establishment of a legally recognised, dedicated and independent National Anti-Doping Organisation to serve as the primary authority on the anti-doping matters in Botswana. This would improve the effectiveness and credibility of the National Anti-Doping Programme by aligning governance structures with international best practices, as Botswana prepares to participate in the significant global sporting events such as the 2026 World Athletics Relays. In light of recent doping cases involving our athletes, the need for the dedicated anti-doping legislation has become urgent and necessary.

Mr Speaker, for these reasons, rising doping cases in local sport, international commitment, upcoming global events and alignment with the National Development goals, it is crucial that this Bill is heard before Parliament to address these pressing issues aligned with global standard, and ensure a comprehensive legislative framework that supports our sport persons and national development.

The proposed legislation is no longer just a compliance issue, it is an urgent matter of national integrity, public health and international credibility. It is essential Botswana moves swiftly to pass this Bill, establish a properly resourced anti-doping framework, in line with international best practices, and protect the future of sport in the country. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, *mma ke le gakolole dilo tse pedi* before I put the question. One is that Honourable Assistant Minister of Health's sunglasses are not a fashion statement. He has been certified by doctors to wear them against the bright light for a number of days until he feels better.

Secondly, as you may be aware, in your rules of order and procedure, I will once you have, if you give the Minister leave, I will ask him "when for Second Reading?" My discussions with him earlier today were

that it would be on a later date. Which would come next week after he briefs the General Assembly. Again, the discussions we had, are not binding to the House. You will vote however you so wish, and he will also indicate whether is later date or a different date. So, I will put the question.

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke eleletse Mothusa Tona wa Botsogo, botsogo jo bo botoka, kana go raya gore ditlhaelo tse tsa dipilisi, di amile kwa tlhogong pele.

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

MR SALESHANDO: *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa go gakolola Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ka mowa o o iketlileng. Kgang e re neng re thamaana le yone thata gantsi le bo Rre Tshere ba santse ba le ka kwano le Domkrag, ke melao e e tsiwang ka lepotlapotla. Ga e re thuse ka sepe. Go le gantsi melao ya teng, e boa e boela kwano morago ga nako e tlaa go baakangwa, *that is our experience*. Re se ka ra lebelela gore fa gotwe go *gazette*, go bo go fiwe batho sebaka, go raya gore rona re ye go bua le batho kwa dikgaolong.

Ga go na ope fa yo o ka nthayang a re ene o na le botlhale jwa dikgang tsa bo *doping*. Re batho fela ba tshwana le mo gotweng ka gore ene ke *Minister in the land of the blind, the one eyed is key*, re tlaabo re reeditse ene gore ke ene mmantswitswidi, mme boammaaruri e le gore tota ga se gore o farologana le rona mo go kalo.

Le one molao wa teng fela fa o lebelelwa, ga o mokhutshwane, *it is not a short law, some of the pages* re fitlhela o beilwe mo ditafoleng tsa rona gone jaana. *In the past*, Palamente tse di fetileng, *Ministers* ba ne ba isa *Bills* kwa Mapalamenteng ba le kwa dikgaolong ba ba bolelela gore fa le tla Palamenteng, le solofele go fitlhela melao e le e buisanya. Nna mo go pharegwang fa pele ga tafole go bo gotwe e bile go *urgent*, feta o tempe o saene, fa e le gore le tsewelela jalo, a re dumalaneng gore *new* Botswana tota go raya gore o tshwana fela le *the old* Botswana. Ga re a fuduga mo moweng, mo tsamaisong ya seDomkrag e re e tlwaetseng. *Some of the pages are even unclear*, ga o ka ke wa di bala, *you just look at* bo page B.498, *you cannot read a thing. It is supposed to have annexures*, ga diyo, *so*, e tlaabo e le thibang, thibang.

Ga ke dumalane le gore a molao o diriwe ka lepotlapotla. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*: Ke ne ke re ke simolole fela ka go supa gore ke eme nokeng gore molao o, o tsiwiwe ka potlako. Mo mafokong a a neng *Minister* a a bua, o tlhalositse thata gore go na le tiro e tona e e tlang ka 2026 *World Athletics Relay*. Re a itse fela gore mo dikgannyeng tse tsa *sports*, go na le mathata a *anti-doping*. Batho ba dirisa dilo tse di sa dirisiweng gore ba itokafatse mo go direng tiro e ya *sports*, batho ba dirisa dilo tse e leng gore le mo mebeleng ya bone ga di a siama. Jaanong fa *Minister* a re raya a re o tsisa moletlo kana tiro e tona ngwaga o o tlang ka 2026, go bo go fitlhelwa e le gore rona ga re a ipaakanya, e le gore jaanong batho ba tlaabo ba ntse ba re, “kwa Botswana re ka itirela fela jaaka re batla” go sena molao o re tla kgonang gore re bo re ba raya re re mo Botswana ga go itirelelwe, re tlaabo re sa direle Botswana sentle.

Ke gone mo ke reng ke ema molao o nokeng gore o tle ka lepotlapotla re tle re bone gore mme pele ga *World Athletics Relay* e tla, makgwere a ka tswa a le fa kae re tle re kgone go o baakanya gona le gore re bo re simolola re re tlaa tla re o bona gongwe ka bo *November*, e bo e le gore gongwe diphoso re ya go di lemoga e le gore jaanong *relays* tsa rona di setse di gorogile, re bo re iphitlhela o kare ga re a tlhalefa sentle re le Palamente. *So*, ka mabaka one ao Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke dumela gore molao o o tle ka lepotlapotla. Re tlaa nna re ntse re dira fela jaaka re etle re dire, re nna re e bala re itsentsa *under pressure*.

Sports malatsing a *is the way to go*, fa re ka ipolelela gore e tlaa re dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse re bo re sa di tseye ka tlhwaafalo re di tsaya ka lepotlapotla, *punishing ourselves*, re bala go feta jaaka re tlhola re bala, re tla a bo re sa itirele sentle. *Sports is the way to go, therefore, I support the Minister Mr Speaker* gore molao o tle *on a certificate of urgency*. Ke a leboga.

THE PRESIDENT (MR BOKO): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke eme fela go tlhatswa sengwe, go se ka ga tloga ga timelwa kana ga timetsanwa.

Urgency, ke selo se se teng e bile se go nang le dinako tse se tlhokafalang gore se dirisiwe, e bile go a tlhaloganyesega gore ga se dirisiwe dinako tsothle, e bile ga se dirisege motlhofo. Le kwa makgotleng a ditsheko *you can approach the court on urgency*, go a letlelesega e bile go a tlhaloganyesega, mme e bile ga se seDomkrag *to approach a court on urgency*. *It is a recognized and acceptable process and procedure*

intended to address certain exigencies that cannot be addressed in due course. Ka jalo, *urgency* e na le mabaka a e tlisiwang ka one. Ke ne ke re ke *disabuse any Member here of any notion that will bring any Bill here on urgency* ke seDomkrag.

MR SALESHANDO: *Elucidation. Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you Your Excellency. I think you totally miss the point*. Ga se kgang yame gore ga go ka ke ga kgonagala go nna le *urgency*, *this thing* ya mathata a *doping*, *it is not urgent* mo Botswana. Re tswa kwa dikgaolong tse di nang le di *athletes*, *we have athletes like Amantle Montsho, who were affected years back, so*, ga se mo gotweng kana jaanong go na le mathata a matona, *something new has happened. We knew about this athletics thing ...*

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

MR SALESHANDO: ...for quite some time back, we knew about these hostings. All I am saying is there have been many instances even under Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), *fa re dumalaneng le bone gore fa go urgent. Mo e reng ke lebelela fela ke bo ke ipotsa gore ka re ntse re bua ka athletics and everything for quite some time, where is the urgency? This one is self-created, le mo molaong I am sure go a tle go nne le mo go ganwang gotwe* this is self-created urgency. We are dealing here with self-created urgency. I thank you.

MR BOKO: Thank you very much. Urgency can arise because there is a new set of circumstances that render something that would otherwise not have been urgent; urgent at that material time. This seems to me to be such a situation where in the normal course this Bill would have been brought through the regular processes as laid out, but there is an activity that was not there before that is now facing the country to host, and these hostings are matters that you have to contest for, and it is only when you have been duly awarded that you now must look at your own circumstances and those circumstances in critical respect are not circumstances of the making of any one of them here. It is anything, I hear even in the tone of what you are saying a *mea culpa*, you are saying we are all culpable because you were here. You ought as a legislator to have anticipated some of these problems anyway, you did not. None of us did. So, the situation has befallen us, all of us, yourself included, who could very well have reasonably foreseen it because you were a Member of Parliament. So, let us not ascribe any blame and point accusatory fingers. Let us wrestle with the situation that is in front of us now. We have to



deal with this matter as a matter of urgency because the situation now impels us; that is the first part.

The second part is, at any rate what this Bill seeks to do is to domesticate an international legal framework. That of course we could have domesticated, we could have incorporated into our legislation, we have not. That is where we are, the world expects of us that as we now presented ourselves to host, we must now regularize this legal situation and domesticate those international requirements and standard protocols that opt to regulate the very activity that we have been awarded. So, I think bickering here over who should have done what, when is not going to help us. In fact, it will consume a lot of the time. This House is now seized with this matter. We can bicker about these things outside, at another time, we do not have the convenience and the luxury of such engagements, with the greatest respect and trepidation in the matter so sensitive and serious. Thank you.

MR MABEO (GAMALETE): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Nna ga ke dumalane le *urgency for purpose of urgency*. Ga ke a utlwa gore gatwe *what is so urgent about this piece of legislation before us*. Ga ke tshware gore gatwe bothata bo fa kae, (i) *the world relays are already coming here*, ga se mo go ka tweng molao o, o ka di emisa ka gore *that is done*. (ii) Gore re tle re kgone to deal with issues tse di ntseng jaana tse di *technical* jaana, nna ke berekile kwa *sports*. *When the anti-doping agency e le ka fa tlase ga Botswana National Olympic Committee where I was working*, ke tshloganya *issues* tse le botlhokwa jwa tsone. Ke itse gore go botlhokwa gore re ye to engage ba *sports*, re ba utlwe gore ba reng. Gatwe bothata ke eng, lepotlapotla le ke la eng? Ga ke tshware gore gatwe lepotlapotla ke la eng, le gone bothata ke eng.

Le tswa to launch school sports kwa Lobatse mme barutabana le unions ga ba na le lona. Ke batla go wela mo goreng lepotlapotla...

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

MR MABEO: Ga ke tshabe go go araba rraetsho, ke tlaa go araba.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mabeo, do not address side remarks. Address the Chairperson.

MR MABEO: Ee, o ntshireletse ka gore nna ga ke ba tshabe gotlhelele.

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

MR MABEO: Ga ke go tshabe nna.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, order! Order!

MR MABEO: I will take you head-on.

MR SPEAKER: Le a bo le tswa mo tseleng gakere.

MR MABEO: *I am not afraid of you Honourable Ramogapi*. Rra, a ko le tlogeleng go dira tse tsa bo lepotlapotla. *Whatever this urgency that you are talking about, I have not heard anything solid, comprehensive, compelling us to delay this thing* gore re tle re kgone to consult, re tle le *the finest legislation*. Ga ke bone gore gatwe bothata bo fa kae golo fa. *At least tshlaloa gore wa re matsapa di a tsaya kae ka gore ga ke a utlwa gore wa reng?* Ga go na sepe se se nwelelelang se o se buileng.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not think this is a law over which we should belabour and fear engagement on the basis *ya gore* it is not urgent. The urgency has already been quite detailed as to what makes it urgent. Now my point to our colleagues is this, we are domesticating an International Treaty that is in a way already there. Now what we seek to do is to incorporate it into our own law. *Ke a utlwa gore le batla go bue ka technical aspects tsa gore* we are not experts, we need to do this and that. I do not think you quite require to be an expert *wa sport law* or doping even. If you look into the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Treaty that we look to domesticate, you will find that it is an international instrument that has already gone through a lot of legal eyes, *tse e le gore* you are not really going to change much.

If you need to change anything at all since you say you will need time and do all these things, you can always bring it later as additional aspects to the law that is already there. Sometimes we fight because it is actually fashionable and cool to fight. I do not think it is one of those times. Like it has been said already, *fa e le gore ope o dumela gore mongwe o diegile*, it is not people who are here as first-time legislators, it is actually people who were in the House prior. As such, Honourable Kelebeng is coming in as some sort of saving grace to come and demonstrate to us what we should have done long ago. So we should actually allow him to help us as we do this and help the country. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke eme



fela ke supe gore sengwe sa dikgang tse di dirang gore gongwe ke bo ke ka dumalana gore re di bewe pele, ke kgang ya gore kana ngwaga o o tlang ka 2026, re na le *World Athletics Relays* e Tona o neng a ntse a bua ka yone. Seo jaanong se raya gore molao o o neng o ntse o seyo, jaanong re o tlise ka lepotlapotla ka gore fa o bua ka 2026, o bua ka kamoso. Jaanong sengwe sa dilo tse gongwe di yang go nna botlhoko ke fa e le gore gongwe jaanong *opportunity* eo re ya go e amogiwa ka lebaka la gore mengwe ya melao re tlaabo re sena yone.

Nna fa ke lebeletse kgang ya 2026 re le mo go 2025, ke dumalana le gore *urgency* e botlhokwa gore re tle re *debate* molao, re o fetise fa re o fetisa. Jaaka ke ne ke bua gore fa re ya go amogiwa *opportunity* ya *to host relays* tseo, go ya go tla go kokonela Motswana mongwe le mongwe. E bile kwa ntle ga go amogiwa dikgang tseo, kana fa re bua ka dikgang tsa *doping*, re bua ka *standard* se se *international*, e seng mo e leng gore ke ga Botswana fela.

You can imagine fa e le gore koo go tlaabo jaanong go sa dirwe tse di tshwanetseng, ditagi di gogiwa, re sa kgone go lebagana le dikgang tse di tshwanetseng tse mafatshe a mangwe a di dirang. Jaanong ka go rialo ke dumalana, ke sa reye gore kana go buile mang. Fa ke e lebelela ke bona go na le *urgency* ya gore re ka *debate* molao o, ra bona ka fa o tlang ka teng. Fa re o fetisa re o fetise, fa re o gana, re o gane mme ke dumalana le gore re o beye pele. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke eme fela ke supe gore *indeed* ke dumalana le molao o. Lebaka la ntlha ke gore bagarona ka kwa ba batla go tlhakatlhakanya gore ba tle ba tshege, ba re ba paletswe ke go dira molao. Ke eng ba ne ba sa o dire ka...

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of order.* Kana go *clear* gore *Honourable* Motsamai Motsamai ga a tlhaloganye le gore go buiwa ka eng. *Clearly* ga a tlhaloganye gore re bua ka eng;

- (i) Ga gotwe a o dumalana le molao. Ene fa a simolola a re ke dumalana le molao. Ga re *debate* molao fa wa *doping*, go buiwa ka *urgency*. O nne o ithuta go reetsa pele fa e le gore ga o a kgona go bala.
- (ii) Wa re re gana ka gore re batla tlhakatlhakano. Ga re batle tlhakatlhakano, *we have vested interest*, re na le bana ba ba mo *sports*. So re batla molao o o

siameng re ba o direle. Ga re tle fela re tabogile re bo re re gatwe re beye monwana fa kae jaaka wena o batla go dira.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of Opposition (LOO), I do not think it is a point of order. *O kabo o mmaakanyeditse* gore the debate is on the urgency. Secondly; *ke tsaya* gore he is debating and he is within his rights *ka gore go raya* gore in his considered opinion, *ke gore gongwe go diege, ba tle ba sa dire sentle le bo le tshega. Ke raya se a se buang.* So it is not a point of order.

MR MOTSAMAI: Fa a wela LOO *Mr Speaker*, fa o mo reeditse a simolola o a ntlaoa a re ga go buiwe ka molao. Fa a wela a re molao o. Ga ke itse gore o raya ofe o a reng ga go buiwe ka one? Jaanong ke ne ke re *Mr Speaker*...

MR PULE: *Point of order.* *Mr Speaker*, tsamaiso e e ntseng jaana e e dirwang ke bo *Honourable* Motsamai ga ke e batle. Ga e ka ke ya re o dirile *ruling* a bo a emelela jaanong a batla *to defend*. Kana jaanong o ganetsana le wena. O kgalemile jaanong ene o tswelletse o leka go itlhatswa. *He is out of order.* Ga a tseye ditaello tsa gago. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *The point of order* e ke neng ke dira *ruling* mo go yone, e ne e le e e neng e buiwa ke LOO. Ene o ntse o tswelletse o mo *debate* ya gagwe, *he is pursuing his line of debate.*

MR MOTSAMAI: Kana batho fa ba ka tla ba phuthega ba fitlhela e le gore go tlhakatlhakano mme re dumetse *to host*, ba tlaa ipotsa gore re lefatshe la mofuta mang. Go na le ditsamaiso, a ke tse di bonako kana tse di bonya tsa gore re ipaakanye *Mr Speaker*.

E nngwe ke gore kana go bo go tsile go tshwarelwa mo go rona, go raya sengwe se setona, mo e leng gore le fa o ka ema jaana wa raya ba kganetso wa re ntshang madi mo dikgetsing tsa lona le a neele lefatshe le kgone go iketsha mo manokonokong a itsholelo, madi ao ga a yo mo go nna, ga a yo mo go bone. *So* batho ba ba tlisa dilo di le dintsi. *Hosting* go tlisa dilo di le dintsi, go tsentse le go tsosolosa itsholelo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ga ke na nako papa, iketle pele.

Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, fa ke re ba gakaletse gore re sa dire sentle, ba bo ba tla ba re ke bao ba paletswe, e bile batho ba dule kwa ba nole dilo tse ba sa tshwanelang



go di nwa ba bo ba tsenelela lebelo. Ba ne ba le kae ba sa dire melao gore batho ba ba kgone *to be screened* go bonwa gore a ba mo boitekanelong fa ba *compete* le ba bangwe? Rre Saleshando yo o itseng sengwe le sengwe, yo o tiholang a bala, o tlaabo e se ene yo o di arabelang, di tlaabo di arabelwa ke rona. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *le e buile, ga le dumalane gotlhelele*. So, I will put the question so that you vote. The question is that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

Question put and **agreed to**.

Second Reading - **Later Date**.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, I understand the Minister of Sport and Arts has yet another Bill to present, which to my understanding, it is consequent.

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

**BOTSWANA NATIONAL SPORTS
COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2025 (NO. 17 OF 2025)**

(Minister of Sport and Arts)

**MOTION TO PROCEED ON A BILL AS
A MATTER OF URGENCY**

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 72.3 that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency.

Mr Speaker, the Bill has not matured as it was only published in the Government Gazette on the 23rd July 2025. The objective of the Bill is to amend the Botswana National Sports Commission Act, amendment of Section 2 Cap 60:01- deletion of Part X of the Act and amendment of Section 43 of the Act in order to provide for the Anti-Doping Bill 2025. I propose that this Parliament deal with this matter forthwith. I believe Honourable Members will agree that it is overdue.

Mr Speaker, in finalising the proposed Anti-Doping Bill, it became clear that some provisions in the BNSC Act 2014, overlapped or duplicate what the new Anti-Doping Bill seeks to establish. This include powers related to anti-doping implementation and enforcement. This legislation, most importantly amends the aforementioned Sections by providing migration of

all anti-doping related provisions from the BNSC Act 2014 into the Anti-Doping Bill 2025 to avoid legal and functional duplication and ensure proper institutional alignment as a consequence to the amendment of the Anti-Doping Bill 2025.

Mr Speaker, at present, anti-doping provisions are housed within BNSC Act of 2014. While this framework has provided a starting point for anti-doping efforts, it is no longer fit for purpose under the current requirements of the Convention and the World Anti-Doping Code.

Furthermore, the BNSC by design is an implementing agency responsible for sport development. However, the World Anti-Doping Code requires a clear separation between implementation and regulatory oversight to ensure independence, fairness and accountability in anti-doping matters. It is therefore inappropriate for the BNSC to continue exercising both roles as it contravenes international standards and create a conflict of interest that undermines the credibility of the national anti-doping programme. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Bill be proceeded with under a Certificate of Urgency. As I have reminded you and as the Minister has indicated, this should be a consequential amendment.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke ema fa ke dumalana le mokaulengwe Rre Kelebeng gore *Bill* e e tle ka *Certificate of Urgency* ka lebaka la gore ke e e bitswang gotwe ke *consequential amendment*. E tla *as a result of* gore re batla go dira molao o o tlaabong o itebaganya le *anti-doping*. Go raya gore re baakanye melao e mengwe e e latelang gore e kgone gore e tsenye molao o mo teng.

Mr Speaker, se se raya gore go ne go na le *a vacuum*, go sena molao o o neng o le teng go ka laola ditsamaiso tsotlhe tsa *anti-doping*. Jaanong ka go ne go na le *vacuum*, re tshwanelwa ke gore re thibe leroba le le neng le le teng kana le le teng mo bogompionong jaana. Leroba le re le lemoga jaana ka gore re le UDC, re tsaya Puso maabane jaana ka *October*. Fa e le gone re tsayang Puso, re bo re re re batla go isa Batswana kwa pele gore re tlise metshameko mo gae, re fitlhela e le gore melao e mengwe e ka re kgoreletsa, re e baakanye ka bofefo. Ke ka moo re tlang ka mabaka a gore paakanyo e e mokaulengwe a tlang ka yone e dirwe ka bofefo gore Batswana ba tle ba itumele, ba bone e le lantlha ka Puso

ya UDC go na le Metshameko ya Bodišhaba ya *Relay* mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Nna ka kitso le kakanyo ya me, ke lantlha tsala ya me...

MR SPEAKER: *E go tshwere* Honourable Minister. Honourable Minister K. F. C. Motshegwa.

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

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mabaka ke a a setseng a beilwe ke Tona wa Metshameko le Bodiragatsi gore molao o re neng re bua ka one e rile go ithapolola, wa kgoma melao e mengwe. Jaanong ke sone se go leng matshwanedi gore le one o e bo e le gore o goroga gore o buisanngwe ka Setlankana sa Potlako. Mabaka magolo e le gore kana metshameko go na le batho ba e leng gore ba beile mo go one e le go itshetsa mme metshameko e le mhama mongwe wa itsholelo o e leng gore re ka tlhabolola lefatsho, ra tokafatsa lefatsho ka one. Le ba e leng gore kwa dikoleng kana matshelo a bone ga ba a ka ba tsaya tsela e ya thuto, bone Modimo o ne o ba neile talente ya metshameko, go botlhokwa gore re tseye metshameko tsia. Re tsaya metshameko tsia ka go dira gore melao e e amanang le dikgang tsa metshameko kana *the regulatory framework*, e bo e le gore ke e tsamaelanang le dinako tsa gompiano le tse e leng gore di kaiwa ke boditšhabatšhaba. Gone moo, go tlaa re thusa gore go ya pele *with this regulatory framework*, re bo re ka kgona go ruta batshameki ba rona ka tsela e e ntseng jalo le Batswana ka kakaretso. E bo e le gore e dira se re ka reng *a culture ya sportsmanship* e e itebaganyang le boitshwaro le boikgapho jo e leng gore ga bo ka ke jwa khutshwafatsa malatsi a motshameki mo mererong yone eo.

Ke wela ka gore kana tiro ya Palamente ke go dira melao, mme go raya gore go tlaa dikgwetlho tse di farologanyeng, tse dingwe go tlaa re re dire molao re iketlile ka nako e e iketlileng, tse dingwe di tlaa re re dire melao ka potlako. Ke dilo tse e leng gore re tlaa di dira mmogo ka popagano le tirisano re le Mapalamente matlhakore otlhe ka ntata ya gore re rwele boikarabelo mo Batswaneng ka go dira melao. Jaaka ke bua, go tlaa tla mabaka a a farologanyeng a a tlaa re tlamang gore re bo re dira melao ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke wele ka gore ke ema gore go nne le potlako. Ke a leboga.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *I must say while this piece of legislation is an international law or requirement, I do not support the matter of urgency.* Mabaka a me ke a a latelang; ke dumela gore

the World Athletics Relays already re setse re e filwe molao o o seyo. Ga se mo re ka rayang Batswana ra re tlhokana le molao o gore *games* tse di nne teng. Mabaka a a latelang ke gore *that World Athletics* e tllile go nna teng ka *May*, mme re santse re na le nako ya gore re ka *consult* batho ra bo ra dira molao o pele ga *May* ka gore re tllile go boela fa ka *November*. Ka jalo, ke dumela gore go botlhokwa gore re ye *to consult other sporting codes*. Betsho, fela jaaka *Mr President* a sa tswa go bua, *matters of urgency* di a dirwa mme, ga di a tshwanela gore di dirwe fela dinako tsoatlhe. Ga re ganane le *matter of urgency* fa go tlhokafalang teng. Ke rona ba re neng re le fa re *support matter of urgency* go buiwa ka gore re adime madi. Se re tsenye mafoko ganong gore re batla gore sepe se pale, *this is coming in May. We are coming back here in November; no matter how much we twist our tongue in English, it does not change the fact. Thank you.*

THE PRESIDENT (MR BOKO): Ke ne ke re ke tlhatswe fela jalo, ke utlwa tsala ya me fa, fa molao o dirwa go na le *certain institutions that must necessarily be established pursuant to that law in order to give effect to it*. Fa o e leba gore dikgaisano di ka *May*, go raya gore re na le nako pele ga gompiano le *May*, gongwe o fosa go lemoga gore mme go sala molao o morago le go diragatsa ditlhokego tse re le kang go di *domesticate*, go tllile go re batla gore go nne dingwe tse re di dirang. Makalana mangwe a re a tlhomang a a ileng go batla ditsompelo dingwe gore a tlhomiwe, go bo go tlhomamisege gore a tsamaisiwa sentle, go bo go batliwe le batho, go nne le sebaka sa go ka ba *recruit*, ba ba tllileng go tsamaisa jalo, go bo go batliwe le ditsompelo tsa gore fa batho ba le mono, *samples* di ka tsewa jang mo go bone ka tsela e e babalesegileng, e e tsamaelanang le ditsamaiso tse di amogelesegang tsa boditšhabatšhaba. Re se ka ra e leba re e lebelo gaufi, molao o fa o dirwa gompiano, go raya gore jaanong o tlaa fa sebaka sa gore go bo go ka dirwa tse di tlhokegang. Go bo go ka thapiwa ba ba tshwanetseng, go bo go batliwa sepe se e tlaareng ka nako e jaanong dikgaisano di diragala, sengwe le sengwe jaaka ba e tle ba bue, ba re se malala-a-laotswe. Ga se ka ke sa nna malala-a-laotswe e le gore jaanong re dira molao a bo e re kamoso mo nakong e e khutshwane go bo go re tlama gore re bo re setse re diragaditse tse di tlhokegang. Ke sa ntlha se ke neng ke re ke se fetise.

...Silence...

MR BOKO: *Sa bobedi fela e le tshedimoso, fa re domesticate an international convention as we are doing*



now, we are effectively accepting legislation that has already been passed internationally. We have first been required to sign, to accede to that convention. Having acceded and there is a process under public international law, what accession is all about or signature to an international legal instrument. Then there is ratification where the state now must deposit an instrument of ratification with the international body seized with the enforcement of that convention. Then because *rona* in the public international law space as a jurisdiction, *re mo gotweng* a dualistic. If it were South Africa, the fact of accession, signature and ratification would have immediately meant *gore* it binds...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

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

MR BOKO: No, I will give him... *Fa e ne e le* South Africa which is monistic state, *fela fa ba* sign internationally, it assumes the force of law in their country. We are a dualistic state meaning we accede, we ratify, but we must then domesticate and this is what we are doing. When we domesticate, we are effectively incorporating into our domestic legislation, that we already had ratified, that which we already are committed. When that happens, there is very little as a country that we can do, *ke sone se mokaulengwe o kgonang go bona* under issues *tsa bo* money laundering *ba kgona go tsoga letsatsi leno ba* Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) *kana ba* Financial Action Task Force (FATF), *ba re raya ba re, melao ya lona e tshwanetse e fetoge, e seng jalo re ka le* blacklist. *Fa ba rile jalo maabane go le bosigo, re tshwanetse e re fa le tlhaba la letsatsi leno re bo re itsenya mo lesomong.* These things happen, that type of legislation is effectively if you like, imposed. There is very little that we can do about it.

Ke ne ke re re e utlwe jalo so that where it is an issue of domestication *re e tlhaloganye, e se ka ya nna o kare ke megopolo ya rona.* We are effectively bringing ourselves formally into line with an international legal regime that binds us. If we do not do that, they can withdraw at any time. So, *ke ne ke re dilo tse re di tlhalose di bo di tlhalosege jalo, re di tlhaloganye jalo. Mokaulengwe, ke go fe jaanong o ka batla* clarification.

MR AARON: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga *Mr President* ka tshedimosetso eo. Jaanong ka o re tlhaloseditse *gore re setse re saenitse tumalano e,* le mafatshefatshe ka jalo re patelesega *gore re diragatse*

se, ga re tlhokane le go ka consult our sporting codes. Go raya gore we are here to rubberstamp? Confirm.

MR BOKO: O ka nna wa dirisa lefoko leo la *gore we are here to rubberstamp, you could use that, it will be a fair observation. You know why? When it is now part of an international legal regime, that if we are to continue to participate, we can opt out and say ga re sa tlhole re participate, bo Letsile Tebogo ba ka tsamaela koo, sengwe le sengwe, a go nne se se nnang, we have that notionally that election to make. We cannot make that election because of the enormity of the consequences tse di ka re welang, effectively when that international regime says do this, we must rubberstamp, if I may use the words that you used. Go na le diemo bakaulengwe tse e leng gore as a country, we do not have a choice, that is why ke ne ke go fa sekai sa bo ESAAMLG. E bile e o bona go santse go na le nako, ESAAMLG can tell us bosigo jwa gompiano, and if you do not comply they will flag you. They will greylist you, they will blacklist you. That is why gompiano go na le anti-money laundering, go nna go lebilwe. Fa letsatsi le tlhaba re a check gore a ba ntshitse sepe gompiano, a ba tsentse mongwe mo list le rona re tle re... So, moo tota o fitlhela re sena le fa e le choice ngwana wa ga mme. Re a rubberstamp fa e le gore re ka e amogela fela e sa re tlhabise ditlhong. Re tshwanetse go itse gore ka dinako tse dingwe mo tsamaisong ya dilo tse tsa lefatshe le tirisano ya rona le mafatshe a mangwe, especially under a regime that binds many countries, we will be required from time to time to rubberstamp. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.*

MR SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): *I think we are getting to the end of this debate, mme kgang kana e rile ke e simolola ka re ke le gakolola ka mowa o o wetseng. Rre Wynter Mmolotsi o a goroga o fitlhela UDC e omana le gore ba se ka ba kgalemelwa gore se nne le dira melao ka lepotlapotla. Hansard ya Palamente e e fetileng, ke bua ke lebile Rre Mmolotsi ka ke a itse gore ke ka ya go tla ka pages di feta 100 kwa a neng a kgalemela Domkrag ka urgency, a ba bolelela gore e mentsi melao e e dirilweng jaana e bo e boa e tla e sekwasekwa sesha e sa siama. Ke lebagana le ene. Ga ke batle ba ba tsosang modumo mo go ntse gotwe ke lantlha under UDC re bona go nna le competition ya mafatshefatshe. O ipotsa gore motho o ntse a tshela kae, ka gore ba ntse ba taboga mono bo Letsile Tebogo. Athlete gape Honourable Ramogapi ga go tewe fela yo o tabogang, wena ke tlhaloganya gore o e tsaya jalo.*

Bagaetsho go na le lebaka la *gore ke eng gotwe publish* molao o bo o letlelela batho sebaka sa *gore ba*

o ithute. Ga re direle fela ba gompiano, re dire melao e e lebetse le kwa pele. *I really want to urge you* gore le fa re farologana mme re nne re farologanela mo boammaarung. Le kgang ya gore fa molao o sa fete ga re ka ke ra reka *equipment, with due respect it cannot be true*. Ga go na se se re kganelang gore re ye go reka, re bule *labs* tse di tlhokafalang molao o o seyo. Jaanong fa re raya Batswana re re, nnyaa, kana fa re sa dire jaana ga re ka ke ra bona *equipment* jaaka ke ntse ke reeditse go buiwa fa, *that cannot be true*. Le dirisa mabaka a e seng one. Fa le ka itlwaetsa mo tsamaisong ya lona gore fela fa e le gore le batla selo le dumalane ka le na le dipalo, ga se lona ba ntlha go nna le dipalo mo Palamenteng e, le bo le robelela selo le se batla. *I can understand* ba ba *on Cabinet* ba bua jaaka *Assistant Minister of Health*, ka gore ba iphile nako ba o badile. Rona *the law-making body*, ke o fitlhela mo tafoleng e gompiano. Lona *backbenchers be careful* ka fa le tlaabong le ntse le dirisiwa ka teng go ya kwa pele. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka *Honourable Saleshando* go raya gore o ne a lebagane le nna mme a leka go bua dikgang tse di senang boammaaruri, boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gone gore, mo tsamaong ya rona *as the new administration* jaaka ke ne ke tlhola ke ntse ke tlhalosa le nako e ke neng ke santse ke na le lona ka koo, tlhaloso e tona ke gore, *reforms* ka bontsi tse di tshwanelwang ke gore di dirwe di simolola pele ka paakanyo ya molao. *It should be expected* gore *as the new administration*, go na le melao e e yang go tla ka *urgency* le e e yang go tla ka tsamaiso e e tlwaetsweng. Jaanong go tlaa gagamatsa gore fa e le gore le a lemoga bakaulengwe gone gore go a patikesege gore molao o tle ka diamaramara, e bo e le gore le tlele go nna le bua pina ele fela, *otherwise* fa e le gore re ya go itebaganya le gore melao *should be published* fela yotlhe, go raya gore tseo tse di tshwanelwang ke go dirwa ka bofefo mme di baakanyeditswe molao, ga di na go dirwa. Fa di sena go nna di pala go dirwa, ke lona gape ba le tlaabong le le ba ntlha go kuela kwa godimo le re ke bao ba a palelwa.

Jaanong ke re bakaulengwe, le a utlwa gore Tona o bua ka dikgang tsa *competitions* tse di tlang ngwaga o o tlang *that we need to prepare for*. Ga re na maikaelelo ape a gore re tle re paledise *competition* e e ntseng jaana ka gore melao e bo e sa baakanngwa. Tautona o ntse a leka go le tlhalosetsa ka tsela e e motlhofo mo go feteletseng, ya gone gore go raya eng, mo gongwe e le *just a free lesson*, ya gore *if we have already ratified*, go raya fela

gone gore, jaaka mokaulengwe Aaron a ne a re o a sotla a re go raya gore *they are rubberstamping*. Tota Tautona o tlhalosa gore, ee, fa e le gore *we have already ratified*, go raya gore *we have already agreed*. *Therefore, if we bring it here, we rubberstamp*. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke dumalana le gore *we should support* Tona gore dilo tse di tle di tsamaye sentle ka fa re eletsang ka teng. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable Saleshando* le ene o tlaa amogela.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tota ke ne ke sa eletse gore ke bue ka ke tsaya gore Tautona o a sobokile otlhe ka botswerere. Fela kgang e ke neng ke batla go e gatelela ke gore, kana Tona jaaka a kopa gore e bewe fa pele ga rona, molao o fetisiwe ka bonako, o ne a kopa gape gore molao o jaanong o tlaa feta beke e e tlang, re bo re tla go bitsa Palamente le Mapalamente ba le mmogo ka thulaganyo ya tsamaiso ya Palamente gore re bitse le *officers* ba tle go re tlhalosetsa ka molao o *before we debate it*. Ke bona gore golo mo gongwe ba go tlodisa matlho. Go ya go nna le tsamaiso eo ya Palamente, e e leng gore *it is Parliamentary Caucus* ka fa tlwaelong. Jaanong kana tsamaiso ya go dira molao ke yone eo *Mr Speaker*. Ka gore fa go nna le *Parliamentary Caucus*, re ya go tsaya megopolo e mengwe. Molao o e ka nna ya re kwa pheleletsong a bo o fetogile gotlhelele ka fa o tlileng o ntse ka teng. E le tsamaiso ya gore fa re ntse re *debate* jaana, ba tseye megopolo re tle re nonotshe molao. Ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ga ba reye gore go raya gore re tswelela ka one gone jaana jaaka re bua. Re santse re ya go nna le tshedimotsetso e e feteletseng e e tlang ka badirelapuso. Ke tsaya gore a pelo tsa bone di wele. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke rile ke wa bofelo. Le e toutile kgang ya *urgency*. Le ntse ga le dumalane. *Honourable Members, the question is that the Bill be proceeded with under a certificate of urgency.*

Question put and agreed to.

Second Reading - **Later Date.**

MR SPEAKER: Order, Honourable Members. Honourable Members, that concludes the business of today. My advice to you is this... I am reminded that Honourable Minister Mohwasa seeks to make a very short statement. I have read the statement. I think this is in terms of Standing Order 41. The Leader of the House wishes to make a short statement.



STATEMENT

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Tla ke simolole* Mr Speaker by indicating *gore* the hard copy of the DM Report will be dropped to the secretary before the end of the day. A hard copy will be availed and the Minister of Infrastructure will also avail a soft copy for Members of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I rise to make an urgent statement regarding the tendency by some Members of Parliament to mention names of public figures or members of the public to attack their characters, conduct and the general airing of unproven allegations against them. While Members of Parliament have freedom to speak on matters of public interest, this freedom is not absolute. They must adhere to the Standing Orders of the National Assembly that prevent them from attacking, accusing or imputing corruption and other improper motives on individuals who are not present in this House to defend themselves. This is clearly articulated in Standing Order 38.1 “Contents of Questions” and 57.6 “Contents of Speeches”, respectively.

In conclusion, I wish to implore Members of Parliament to adhere to these procedures that we have set Mr Speaker for ourselves. *Ke a leboga. Se siame* or you wish to clarify in Setswana? Is it okay?

...Silence...

MR MOHWASA: Ke ka e tlhalosa ka Setswana bagaetsho. Bagaetsho, go na le seemo se se tshwenyang se go nang le bangwe ba e leng gore mo setšhabeng ba ntse ba ngongorega ka fa Mapalamente ba nang le go bua ka bone ka teng, mme e bile ba bua le maina a bone mo Palamenteng. Palamente e e leng gore bone ga se maloko a yone, e bile ba sena sebaka sa gore le bone ba kgone go itshireletsa kana ba arabele tse di a bong di buiwa ka bone. Tsholofelo ke gore, motho fa go buiwa sengwe ka ene, a nne le sebaka sa gore le ene o ka kgona go ikarabela mo go tse di tlaabong di buiwa. Ka gore fa gongwe fa o bua ka motho sengwe se e leng gore gongwe ga a kgone go ikarabela, kana fa gongwe o fitlhela o bua selo se se senang boammaaruri. Mme ga re yo o amogelang dikgang a di amogele a di tsaya mo matlhakoreng otlhe ka bobedi.

Jaanong kopo fela ke gore, Mapalamente ka ke tsaya gore ba itse Standing Orders tsa bone ba di badile, a

ba leke gore ba ikamanye le tsone, re fe Ntlo e seriti se se e tshwanetseng ka go emisa go nna re buabua ka ba bangwe ba e leng gore ga se maloko a Ntlo e, bogolo jang re bua maina a bone e bile re bua tse di bosula ka bone. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, Standing Order 41.3 “no debate may arise on such a statement, but the Speaker may in his or her discretion allow short questions to be put to the Minister making the statement for the purpose of elucidating it.” *Gakere le a utlwa* “for the purpose of elucidating the statement.” *Jaanong, ka e ne e le statement fela se se khutshwane se ke tsayang gore se tlhamaletse, ga ke dumele gore go na le any elucidation e e tlhokafalang.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure. Mr Speaker, *re kopa elucidation tse dikhutshwane.*

MR SPEAKER: Tlaa ke go utlwe *Honourable Hikuama*, o ne o reng? O se ka wa ya kwa potsong, gakere ga ke ise ke tseye tshwetso ya gore *will I allow the questions*

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ke batla gore kana mme go na le *some grey areas* mo *statement* se se khutshwane seo, se ke neng ke batla gore gongwe a tlhatswe go nne *clear to the House and the general public.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I will allow short questions as the Standing Order 41.3 provides. Short questions, no debates, short questions. Honourable Opposition Whip.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker:* Ke leboga le Tautona gore a bo a reeditse go buiwa dikgang tse di monate kana tse di botlhoko. *Honourable Minister,* o bua kgang e e utlwalang e e bileng ke dumalana le yone, gore ga go na ope yo o tshwanetseng gore a tsuololwe, bogolo jang a sena tshono ya go ikarabela. Se ke neng ke kopa gore o se tlhatswe ke gore, a mme mo Palamenteng e re leng mo go yone e, go na le yo o kileng a tsuolola modirelapuso mongwe ka leina, mme *Speakers* ba lebelela fela go ntse jalo ba sa kgaleme? A go kile ga diragala kana ke selo se o belaelang e bile o tlhagisa o dira mo gotweng *cautioning*, kana selo se se diragetseng? *That is what I want to understand.* Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore o ne o batla go tsaya di le mmalwanyana *Leader of the House?* Ke bona go na le bo *Honourable Morolong, I do not know who else may be interested?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke nna wa bofelo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: ...(Inaudible)...

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, tlaa ke di tseye tsotlhe, fa e le gore di pedi ke ka di tsaya tsotlhe.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Morolong.

MR MOROLONG: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota le nna ke lebogela gore *Minister* a bo a re baya pele kgang e, e botlhokwa fela thata. Maloba fa re nganga *Bill* e re neng re bua ka *trusts*, batlotlegi ba ne ba kgona go bua fela gore Molaodi kwa kgaolong ya me, ba bua ka madi a jewang ba mo nyalanya le kgang ya teng. Le fa ba ne ba sa bue leina, Molaodi kwa kgaolong ya Kgatleng o mongwefela, fa ke ka bua ka ene ka *portfolio* e a leng mo go yone e le Molaodi *implicating them* mo dikgannyeng tse di ntseng jalo, ga se golo mo go ka jesang batho monate. Ke bona kgang e e tlhamaletse fela bagaetsho, a re iphapheng mo dilong tse di ntseng jalo.

Nako e re e jang Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re bua dikgang tse le go nganga ka gore a molao o o *urgent* kana ga o *urgent*, nna bagaetsho go ntiela gore re fe batho metsi kwa kgaolong ya me, le sepatela se ba se tlhokang. Kgang e e tlhamaletse ga e tlhoke go potiwa ka fa le ka fa. A re ithuteng go amogela re ye kwa pele bagaetsho. Re na le *business* e ntsi fa pele ga rona, e re tshwanetsweng go tsena mo go yone. Ke ne ke tswalela kgang e, re ka phatlalala.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the House o ne a rile o ka tsaya tse pedi, o kare that was a comment.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore Ntlo e ne e kete e a dumalana, ke sa tseye gore e tsaya dithata tsa gago *if you allow me Mr Speaker* gore e nne wa bofelo.

Jaanong ke ne ke re kana ga ke bue sepe se sešha, ke bua se ke tsayang gore batlotlegi ba a se itse, re a se tlhaloganya. Se ke se buang ke gore a re dire mo gotweng, “molaakgosi o a e itaela.” A re amogeleng re diragatse se se mo mokwalong re se tlotle. Re a itse le gone gompiano jaana bagaetsho jaaka mongwe a ne a bua ka Balaodi, go na le bangwe maloko ba rona ba ba neng ba kgona gore e bile le gone kwa go tshwanang le dikomiti tsa Palamente ka gore le tsone e ntse ke Palamente. Ba ne ba dira dingwe tse fa gongwe di bayang batho ka fa go sa nnang sentle.

Ke tsaya gore mongwe le mongwe o na le tshwanelo bagaetsho, gore fa e le gore go na le sengwe se se supafalang gore ga a dira sengwe sentle, go na le makalana a Puso a a ka kgonang gore a bo a ka itebaganya le bosula jo mongwe a bo dirileng. Jaanong fa re dirisa *platforms* tsa go nna jalo gore e bo e le gore jaanong ke tsone tse batho ba yang go sekisiwa mme ba sa nne le seemo sa gore ba ya go ikarabela, kana ba ya go lebiwa melato ba sa kgone gore ba ikarabele. Ga re age mowa o montle, kamoso e tsoga e le wena, ke bua *an allegation that cannot be subjected to scrutiny and* e ka lekelediwa, *because* ke na le *platform* e ke nang le yone.

Jaanong e ne e le kgakololo e ke tsayang gore re ka bo re dumalana rotlhe gore a re direng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ka gore gone go na le gore fa gongwe fa re tshwanetse gore re amogele gore fa re le fa, go na le ba ba tlaa tsayang tshwetso ya gore le fa tsamaiso e ntse jaana re bo re sa e sale morago. Re tshwanetse re go amogele gore e a bo e le ka fa ba tsereng tshwetso gore bone ba tswelela ba dira dilo ka teng. Ke ne ke gakolola e bile ke sa bue ka tsamaiso e e leng gore ke tla ke e rwele ke tswa kwa lwapeng, ke bua yone e e fano e e leng gore ke ya Standing Orders tse di re tsamaisang. Se se re tsamaisang fa se sa go siamela, o itse gore yo mongwe le ene se se go siametseng le ene ga se a mo siamela. Ke sone se go nang le molao o mongwe o o tsileng gore dira gore rotlhe re bo re ya go kgobokana foo re bo re o sala morago. Ga ke bue se sešha *Mr Speaker*; ke ne ke gakolola. *That is why* ke tsere nako ya gore ke bue e bile ke nopole Standing Orders. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*: Tona re a go utlwa, mma re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise botsadi kwa gae. Tona re a go utlwa, o farologanya jang fa gare ga go bua dikgang mo Palamenteng, Mopalamente a le *within the mandate ya checks and balances* tse e leng gore *this arm of Government* e tshwanelwa ke go di dira? A mme gone jaaka ba go raya jalo, a o lemoga gore tsone dikomiti tseo tsa Palamente, tse o batlang go di ntsha ka loso legolo, setšhaba se itumeletse gore di kgonne go ntshetsa kwa ntle, tshenyetso-setšhaba, e e leng gore gone gompiano jaana itsholelo ya rona la re e mo mathateng ka yone? A wa re go siame fela gore le fa dikomiti tse, le fa Mapalamente ba bona gore yo o tshwereng fa a tshwereng teng o dule mo tseleng, ba se ka ba bua, ba re go siame fela gore lefatshe le tswelele le wela tlase? A mme o tlhaloganya gore Standing Order seo, sa re fa o bua, *in general terms* o sa bue leina la ga ope, ga go molato, ke tshwanelo ya gore go ka buiwa



jalo? A maemo a motho ka ke ofisi, ke leina? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the House, you want to take a few or...

MR MOHWASA: *Mr Speaker*, ke bona e kete jaanong re tlile go bua dikgang di sele. Rre Morolong o tlhalositse gore fa Molaodi; ka fa gongwe go bua nnete fa ke batla gore ke tlhalose ke bo ke re monna yo o nnang go lebagana le Rre Tshere yo motelele, yo o neng a sa beola moriri, ga go tlhokafale gore go bo gotwe eng, o a bona gore o bua ka Rre Kekgonengile. Jaanong se ke neng ke se bua fa gotwe Molaodi mo kgaolong, mongwe le mongwe fa o na le Molaodi mo *district* o mongwefela mo kgaolong a fa e le sekai.

Se ke neng ke se bua ke ne ke re...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOHWASA: ...ba e kwala ba e isa kwa badirelapusong. Nna ka re, mongwe le mongwe, le batho ba dikgwebo. Ga re a tshwanela gore re bo re bua ka batho ka fa re nnang re go bua ka teng. Mma ke go fe sekai; maabane Rre Moalosi o ne a gaketse go buiwa ka kgang e neng Tona wa Botsogo ka gore ga go na madi, *the way* a neng a bua ka teng ka kgang ya kwa go dirwang teng *dialysis*, o ne a bua e bile a...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure Mr Speaker*. Maabane ga ke ise ke bue.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga go ipuelwe fela jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa procedure ke kgalemele rre yo.

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

MR SPEAKER: I am denying you that opportunity.

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

MR MOHWASA: Ke sone se ke neng ke se bua. O ne a bua batho ka maina, le ka *businesses* tsa batho gone fa. *It creates an impression* ya gore batho bao e kare madi a a neng a ntse a dirisiwa, a ne a kgobokanela mo go bone. Ka fa re buang mafoko ka teng bagaetsho, ka fa re a tlhotlhang ka teng, re itse gore a re tlotlaneng re le setšhaba. Dilo tse ka fa re buang ka teng, ke tsone tse di tsenyang tšhakgalo, letlhoo le kilo ka mafoko a re a bayang ka teng. A re ithuteng go rulaganya mafoko sentle. O a bona fela go ise go ye gope, le tšhakgalo ya gagwe e le gore ke e e sa nnang sentle.

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

MR MOHWASA: Jaanong a re weleng dibete. Re se ka ra nna ka mowa o o ntseng jalo. Ga go re age re le setšhaba. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bo ke dumedisa Tautona. Ke leboga thata gore a bo a tsile, e bile bannanyana ba bangwe ba ntse ba lofa, ba teng jaanong. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kgang e e builweng, e botlhokwa thata. Ke tsietsega golo gongwe ka gore ke ne ke rile ke tsile go mmosa gore a o bua ka dikgang tse di buelwang mo Palamenteng kana tse di buiwang kwa ntle? Re phaketse re na le dithuto tse di seng kana ka sepe Tautona, tse re di lebogelang. Mothusa Tautona o ne a le kwa, go buiwa ka *reconciliation because* rona ba bangwe gompiano jaana, re setse re tshaba go tla Palamenteng. Fa re le kwa re tlaabong re le teng, go tlaabo go ntse gotwe, “legodu ke wena! Legodu ke wena!” Dikgang tseo fa o ka di lebelela Tautona, phakela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente fa di buiwa, ke fa ke akanya. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone, go na le ba bangwe ba ba ba reng, ke kile ka utlwa rre yo mongwe a bua mo seterateng a re, “o a itse nna moDomkrag fa ke mo leba fela jaana, e kare ke ka mmolaya.”

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

MR PULE: Ke dilo tse e leng gore *they bring hate* mo *society*. Tautona, ke kopa o kgalemele Mapalamente a gago. Dikgang tseo ba di rata thata, tsa go bua dipuo tse e seng tsone. Gompiano ke phaketse ke tewa ke yo mongwe jaana, ga ke ka ke ka mmua ka leina ka gore ke tsala ya me. Fa go buiwa ka kgang ya ga Rre Moagi phakela, e neng gotwe madi a mo jolong...

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

MR PULE: ...a nthaya a re, “re utlwile gotwe o ne a re o itatlhela mo letamong.” Rre Mohwasa, mafoko a gago rraetsho, ke a a rata. Nako e tsile Tautona ya gore *portfolio committees* tsa Palamente di nne *televised, real time*. *So that* motho yo o tlaabong a bua o mongwe, a le kwa a le teng le fa gotwe re na le *immunity*, le ene a itse gore ke mang yo o neng a bua ka ene, a reng. Ke raya gore ke dilo tse di botlhokwa thata. Mafoko a gago rraetsho, ke a agela mosako. O tlhalose gore a o raya fela mo Palamenteng? Mo Palamenteng re na le *the Standing Orders* tse di tsamaisiwang ke Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, yo e leng gore tiro ya gagwe ke go kgalemela batho ba ba dirang jalo. Ga ke itse gore a o bulela gone kwa dikomiting fela kana le mo

diseterateng? Bagaetsho, a ko re lekeng gore re itseyeng sentle re le batho. Motho fela fa a re, Mabuse ke legodu, *and* ke ikitse gore ga ke legodu, *that thing hurts me*. Ba bangwe ka gore re mapantsola, e bile re tswa kwa dikgaolong tse di nang le botsotsi, ke ka nna ka go akanyetsa mewa fela e sa siamang ya gore ke ye go go batlela botsotsi...

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

MR PULE: ...ba go *sort*. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ga re batle go di dira Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga.

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

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Nkawana, le botse dipotso tse di khutshwane, jaanong lona le bua go le go leele.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge gore Tautona a bo a na le rona gompiono, e bile e kare go na le tshisibalo *on both sides of the aisle*. Ke ne ke re Tona wa Ofisi ya ga Tautona, ka re a gakololana, e le kakanyo fela, le wena o amogele dikgakololo tse di tla a tswang ka kwano fa e le gore di na le boleng. Kgang e o re e bayang pele, kakanyo ya me e nthaya e re, ke boammaaruri jo bo tletseng, jo bo sa jelweng pheko. *The Speakership* o tshela a re bolelela ka jone. Ke na le letshogo la gore re tloga re sa kgaoganye Motsamaisi wa Palamente le babusi. Ga ke itse gore *which is right or wrong*, ga ke re *you are wrong*. Re gakololane, re se ka ra tloga re iphitlhela re tseetse batsamaisi ba Palamente tiro. Fa e le gore ka epe tsela, ke ka bua mongwe ka leina, ke tsaya gore *Speaker* fa a le teng o tshwanetse a ntseele dikgato, a nkemise a mpolelela gore ga go dirwe jalo. Ke raya gore fa e le gore ga ke a latlhega, e le kgakololo jaaka le wena o re gakolola. Ke a e amogela but gongwe *it is coming from a different office*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: I will take the last one.

MR MABEO: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Minister* ke go utlwile, ke dumalana le wena 100 *per cent*. E bile go kwadilwe mo melaong ya Palamente gore go dirwa jang. Ke tsiediwa ke selo se le sengwefela, gore kwa Public Accounts Committee (PAC), komiti e ke mo go yone, go kwalwa maina a batho a re a buang, re bitsa. Ga ke itse gore a le rona o re tsenya mo teng kana o raya jang? *Reports* tse re di lebelelang, di kwala maina a batho. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re a bitse fa re di *discuss*. Ke utlwile o bua ka dikomiti, o ne o raya mo Palamenteng fela kana jang? Ga ke tshware gore wa re rona re tlaa dira jang

kwa PAC. Go tswa goo-Lowe, PAC e bua maina a batho ka gore a bo a kwadilwe foo. Le la gago le ka tlhagelela foo, le lone ke tsile go le bitsa.

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

MR MABEO: (ii) A mme fa e le gore golo mo ke bothata jo bo kalo, *which warranted a statement from yourself*, a go na le mongwe kana bangwe ba o kileng wa kopana le *Speaker* gore le ba kgalemele kana le ba tsenye mo tseleng gore mme go dirwa jaana, ga go dirwe jaana? Ke go rotloetsa gore o dire jalo fa e le gore ga o ise o dire jalo.

(iii) *Statement* sa gago se a mmakatsa thata, e kare ke bothata jo botona, ke ipotsa gore o romilwe ke mang *Minister*, ene yo o mo direlang tiro yo?

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Mabeo.

MR MABEO: O tle go botsa dipotso tseo.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mabeo! Honourable Mabeo!

MR MABEO: Ke mang yo o go romileng kwano gore o tle go botsa dilo tseo?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the House, you may completely disregard his questions. Honourable Mabeo, let me bring your attention to Standing Order 41, "any Minister can make a statement." This also applies to the Leader of the Opposition (LOO) if you take Standing Order 41.1.2. *Ba ka dira* statement *fa ba lebeletse seemo*. I am sure Honourable Lucas has done so, when he was acting LOO. Honourable Saleshando has done so, numerous times when he was LOO. I have done so, when I was LOO. So, *le bo* Minister, Dr Modise was here recently. Honourable Motshegwa was here making a statement. You are imputing improper motive *fa e le gore wa re* statement *se* Honourable Leader of the House *a se fang*.

The tradition of this House is that Leader of the House in addition to what is provided for under Standing Order 8, which provides for the functions of the Leader of the House. I have penned a piece in the Sunday Standard about the role of that office. *Fa a bona dilo di tswa mo tseleng, ga go pale gore o ka tla fa a gakolola*, that has been the tradition in this House. Honourable Mabeo, I did not approve of your imputation of improper motive *ya gore o ka re* Leader of the House *o romilwe ka gore* you have been having the General Assembly, *jaaka ya letsatsi leno* which was packed. This is a matter that I



had wished to address you Honourable Members on, because I have also received complaints about how some people were disparaged in Parliament, in committees when they have not been given the opportunity to defend themselves. It has come to my office.

The only impediment because others wanted actually to take legal action, but unfortunately the law prevents them to do so, because you are under immunity when you are in committees and when you are in Parliament. So *ke sone se ba reng* Speaker protect us, because *le a itse, ke* principles, I am sure those of you who have done administrative law, constitutional law, hear the other side. You cannot make or address findings on anyone when you have not given them audience to make representation, assess the evidence against them, cross-examine witnesses and so forth.

So, as I say, this is a matter which my intention was to address *kwa* General Assembly. *Jaanong ka gore re fa*, Leader of the House *o tlaa araba dipotso*. *Ke ne ke rile* Honourable Mabeo *ke ene wa bofelo*. *Jaanong o senya kgang ya gagwe fela ka* to impute improper motive and say *go raya gore* Leader of the House *o ka tswa a romilwe*. Leader of the House, *e tswale* Mongwato.

MR MOHWASA: Bangwe ba re a *withdraw*, mme ke ne ke re a re mo amogeleng. Fa re le mo botshelong, re tshwanetse re tlhologanye gore re na le batho ba re tshwanetseng go amogela ka fa ba dirang ka teng, e bile re tshele le bone.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MOHWASA: Jaanong ke tsaya gore re tlaa itlwaetsa go tshela le wena mokaulengwe.

Rre Pule o ne a re mafoko a a lebisitswe mang, mafoko a a lebisitswe rona.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore a *statement* se Tona a se buang se, sa “a re mo amogele, o ntse jalo, o ntse jaaka a ntse,” ga ke itse gore a wena o bona se siame fela, mo e leng gore ga o ka ke wa mo raya o re nnyaa, Mopalamente ga a buisiwe jalo? Ke raya gore *if you were* go tsamaisa Ntlo e *in all fairness*, o lebile *sides* tsotlhe gore fa yo mongwe a dirile phoso o mo emisa, le yo mongwe fa a dirile phoso o tshwanelwa ke go mo gakolola gore nnyaa, mme ga o bue sentle, *just like* o ne o gakolola yo mongwe. Ke dumela gore o tshwanelwa ke go dira jalo *Mr Speaker*, that is the first.

The second issue Mr Speaker ke gore, go a bo go re gakgamatsa gore *we are here in Parliament, we debate, we deliberate on every day basis under your supervision, your guidance*, tsamaiso ya gago, gakere ke raya wena le *Deputy*, but ga e ise e re nako epe fela le re wena *withdraw that*, motho ga a yo mo Palamenteng, se mmuise jalo a seyo fa, ga a ka ke a kgona. *Then comes this statement, and then you verify the statement to say* o bua nnete, le nna *I have received*. *I think Mr Speaker*, e batla gore gongwe go ne go siame re ka bo re e buile kwa General Assembly *rather than* re bo re e bua mo setšhabeng re riana *because* re supywa ka monwana. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re ikarabele fa pele ga setšhaba. Ga go a siama.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, kana le a bo le batla go tsosa kgotlhang mme e seyo. *Honourable Members, statement sa ga Leader of the House* ke tsaya gore se tlhamaletse fela. Fa o ka ya kwa Hansard fela ya fa e sa le re simolola, go na le ba ke ba kotetseng gore nnyaa, o se ka wa bua ka motho a seyo fa go ikarabela. *I have done so. I have ruled*. Jaanong le itse gore mathata ke eng? Mathata a mangwe a ke a lemogang ke gore o tlaabo o buile jalo, ba bangwe ba tlaabo ba ya *to cut clip* gone fela fa o buang teng fela, ga ba ka ke ba tsenya gore *Speaker* jaanong o ne a re o *withdraw*, ba tsenya yone *clip* e fela, e bo e nna gore go raya gore se ke se se buiwang kwa Palamenteng. Malatsing a *the difficulty also* ke gone gore *even if I can rule that those words be expunged from the Hansard, but unfortunately video yone will go viral*. So, *it is against that, that this statement is timely, relevant and* ke dumela gore se lebane. Ke sone se ke se amogetseng gore *Leader of the House* a tle ka sone fa.

Jaanong *Honourable Member*, o ne o bua ka e *the Leader of the House* a re re amogele *Honourable Mabeo*. Nna ke ne ke tsaya gore se a se buang ke gone gore ka nna *I have ruled* gore kana se a se buileng kwa bofelong *now it has vitiated whatever he has done and* gongwe a se *disregard*, ke ne ke tsaya gore se a se buang ke gone nnyaa, mme a re amogele, o tlaa *respond* mo go se a se buileng. Fa a ya go tsena kwa go arabeng, ke ne ke ya go mo emisa gore nnyaa, ke rile ene ke mo tsetse tshwanelo eo. So, ga a ka ke a *respond* mo go tse a di boditseng.

THE PRESIDENT (MR BOKO): *Procedure*. Thank you very much *Mr Speaker*. *Ke ne ke re* the practice of naming and making remarks of and concerning individuals who are not in this House and often remarks of a defamatory nature, often accusatory nature,

imputing impropriety to those individuals, that practice is actually expressly prohibited by the Standing Orders. That is the first.

The second is that every Member of Parliament, because this is the law that regulates these proceedings, not only is expected to know, but is deemed to know, because we say to the people out there, ignorance of the law is no excuse. We say to a Member of Parliament, ignorance of the provisions of the Standing Orders is actually very damning. It should not happen. You are the lawmaker, you made the law, these Standing Orders were made by yourselves, they bind you, because you made them, you know them, and when you turn around and you violate them, that is a grave offence and they are violated where despite they express prohibition, these remarks keep being made.

My concern is not that the Speaker calls the person to order, my concern is that the remarks are made at all. They should not be. In fact, it may very well be deliberate intended to defame under colour of Parliamentary privilege. When you know you should not and you stand up in Parliament and you actually do, then you are deliberately transgressing the law, that is malicious conduct in my humble view. I am raising this so that we try and mediate, we try and self-regulate. It is a different thing where emotions are high between us here, and there are heated exchanges amongst us. It is a different ball game, but where we stand up in the cause of our submissions and we make statements of and concerning individuals who are not here, knowing fully well we should not do that, that is something that should be discouraged. That is the first thing I wanted to raise.

Second is in part to respond to what Rre Pule has said. We have certain views often concerning each other, where we now accuse anyone of us of wrongdoing and wrongdoing of a criminal nature, that is a very serious accusation. One that we must not make lightly, it does not matter how much you hate or you may not like the person, it is always very important to operate within a medium of civility of respect, self-restraint. *Fa ke bua le wena kwa ntle ke go tlaopa, ke ka go buisa ka tsela e e rileng* because *nna le wena re buisana kana re tlaopana jalo*. That is different from now standing in the context of a very serious discourse and making some of these remarks often concerning others. *Le tsona tsa bogodu, fa gongwe re ikotele bagarona* because *o ka bua gore dilo ga di a dirwa sentle, o ka ba wa supa ka bosupi gore mme golo fa o kare ga go a dirwa sentle o sa kgobe, o sa nyenyafatse*.

I think *mo Palamenteng focus ya rona tota* should always be on identifying what the problem is, *re farologane ka gore nna ke le Rre Mabeo, ke bona e le gore bothata jo re ka bo rarabolola kana jwa rarabologa thata...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker*, a ko o ntshireletse. Golo fale ga ke itse gore gatwe ke rileng. Tautona...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Mabeo*, ga go buiwe jalo mo Palamenteng.

MR BOKO: Nna ke bua le wena fela ka o tsala ya me. Ke foo fela, ga ke mo go go sotleng.

MR MABEO: *On a point of procedure*. Ke kopa gore Tautona a se ka a bua ka nna...

MR SPEAKER: Ema pele *Honourable Mabeo*, kana *the President is standing on a point of procedure*. Ke batla gore a wele, o bo o tla o tsena ka ya gago.

MR MABEO: Alright, no problem.

MR BOKO: Gongwe ke boele morago leina la ga Rre Mabeo, ke re Rre Hikuama, gore re se ka ra nna le dikgogakogano. Ke re fa re bua re ikotele, re farologane ka gore go farologana gone go tshwanetse go diragale. Ke a go rotloetsa. Fa re farologana, a re nne re tsena mo go reng mme yo o bona dilo jaana, nna ke di bona jaana re a farologana ka fa re di bonang ka teng mme mabaka a gagwe a a dirang gore a bone ka fa a bonang ka teng ke a.

Mabaka a mangwe e kgona go nna gore *factually you are wrong*, o tshwere *information* e e *wrong*, ke yone e e go dirisang gore o bue jalo. Yo o go reeditse fa a ne a ka bona *information* a e dumela jaaka e ntse, o ne a ka bona jaaka wena. Se re tshwanetseng go se dira ke go supa gore *information* e o e tshwereng o berekela mo go yone, ga e boammaaruri e fosagetse jaana. Ke gone jaanong dipuisanyo tsa rona e tlaa nna tse di itebagantseng le dikgang tota ka boammaaruri.

Nna ke mo go rotloetseng gore re se ka ra kgobana, ra sotlana, ra nyenyafatsana. Go tswerefala ka go parola le go kgobana, golo ga teng go re isa kwa tlase. E bile ga go na setswerere sa go ka kgoba ba bangwe go gaisa se sengwe. Dilo tse bagarona fa re le baeteledipele, bogolo jang re bua fa pele ga setšhaba, re tshwanetse re rute setšhaba, e re le bone fa ba buisana kwa ntle, ba kgone go anya sengwe ka fa rona re buisanang ka teng le go tlotlana re ntse re sa dumalane. Bagarona, a e re fa re bua



ka dinako tsotlhe, re ikamanye le go itse gore Standing Orders di re kganela gore re ka dira eng. Fa re dira sone se gotweng re se ka ra se dira, *Speaker* a bo a kgalema mme wena o buile, lefoko gantsi ga le boe. Ke sone se jaanong dipuo tsa teng e nna tsone tse gotweng *they are trending*. *Let us trend* ka dilo tse di ka re agang, tse di supang *respect for each other*, tse di ka supegetsang setšhaba sa rona gore go farologana go siame go a rotloediwa, mme go tlotlana re ntse re farologana go bothokwa. Ke ne ke re ke rialo fela bagarona.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Applause!)

MR MOHWASA: Ke ne ke re ke soboke Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke lebogela mafoko a gago Tautona, ke tsaya gore o ne o leka go garela dikgang tse ba neng ba di bua. Ke tsaya gore o garetse ka botswerere.

Ya ga Rre Pule ya gore dikgang tse di lebagane le bomang, ke ne re ke dikgang tsa rona rotlhe, dintlha tsotlhe. Ga se gore go lebeleetswe ntlha e e ka koo fela. E nngwe mongwe yo o neng a bua ke Rre Nkawana, ke dikgang tse di lehang go tsenya phefo fa gare ga botsamaisi jwa Palamente le rona ka kwano. Ke leboga *Mr Speaker*, ka ke tsaya gore o arabile sentle ka kgang ya gore fa *Speaker* a le teng, nna ke mang yo ke tlaa tlang ke bua? Kana ka bokhutshwane ke sone se o lehang go se bua mogolole. Gongwe ke dirisa mafoko a a bokete mme ke tsaya gore re a tlhaloganyana mme fa re sa tlhaloganyane, re tlaa tla re bua kwa ntle. Wena ga re na bothata le go ka tsaya dikgang.

Kgang e nngwe bagaetsho ke tla kwa bokhutlong, re ka tlhola re bua ka tsele le tsele mme se setona ke gore re na le katakasima e e re tsamaisang (Standing Orders). A re di tshetseng, re buisaneng sentle. E bile le fa e le gore go na le mongwe yo o neng a dirisitse mafoko a a sa nngang jalo a le ka kwano, le ene go a mo ama. Mathata a teng ke gore fa re bua re le ka kwano, re tsaya gore go a bo go lebilwe ba ba ka koo; nnyaa. Ke tsaya gore fa re le fa, re batho ba le bangwefela, re tshwanetse go nna le ka mowa o o ntseng jalo wa go gakololana. E bile se se leng phoso ke fa o ka gakolola yo e seng wa gaeno, o bo o tlogela wa gaeno. Fa o dira jalo o a bo o sa mo direle boammaaruri. Ke tsaya gore mafoko a utlwetse *Mr Speaker*, a re itekeng go ya kwa pele.

Selo se sengwe se ke ka se buang *Mr Speaker*, ke gore fa yo mongwe a bua, ga re nke re reetsana go utlwa mafoko a gagwe. Fa re ka nna re ema re reetsana pele, go ne go ka re thusa *because* le wena o ne o ka sela sengwe mo teng. Jaanong re itlhaganelela fela gore re

tsenane ganong, go bo go sa nne sentle. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, *re tlile kwa bokhutlong jwa dipuisanyo tsa letsatsi la gompieno*. I shall now call upon the Leader of the House, to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Kamoso go Labotlhano *Honourable Members*, tsweetswee a re kopaneng fa phakela ka 9:00 a.m.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until Friday 8th August, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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