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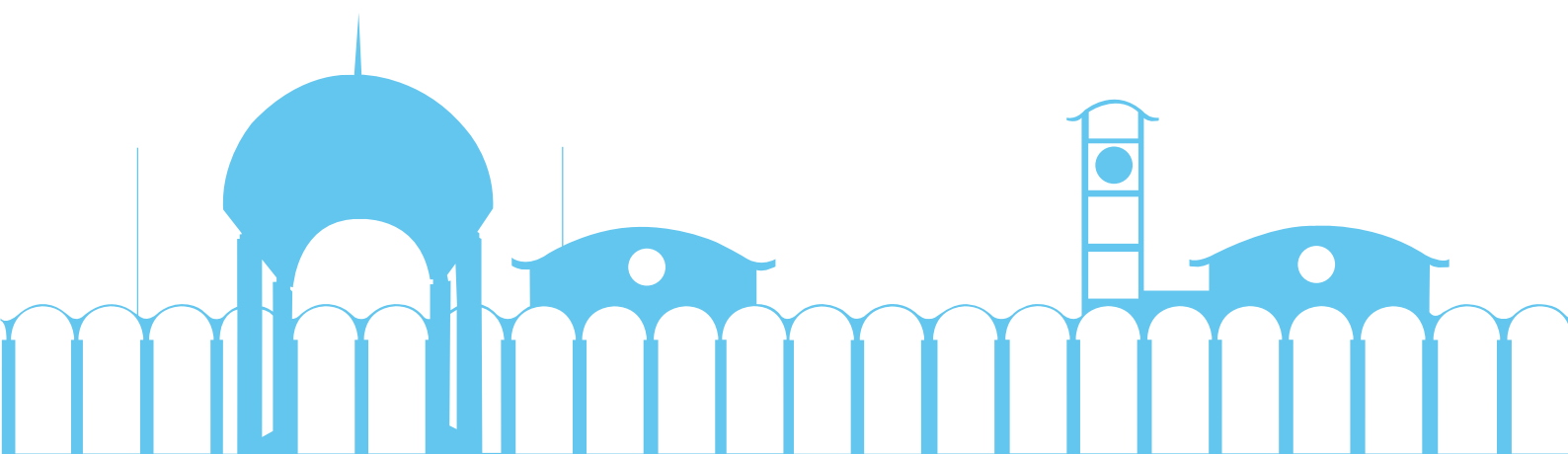
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Monday 7th July, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker*, ke na le seemonyana ka kwano.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *O siame*, you are disturbing Parliament.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O ne o re *you may be seated*, jaanong go lebega ke tlaa palelwa ke go nna fa fatshe...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...ka setilo se, e rile fela ke re ke nna fa fatshe, se bo se mpha one mathata. Ga ke itse gore a ke Arafat kana ke mang.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Let me confer with the Clerk. Clerk, honourable needs assistance with his chair. Sergeant at Arms, *mo thuse ka setilo se se loose foo*.

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Afternoon Honourable Members.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Afternoon Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Ee, ba bangwe ga le dumele, ga ke itse gore mathata ke eng*. Afternoon Honourable Members.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Afternoon Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Welcome back to the Third Meeting of our First Session, as the 13th Parliament. This will be our last normal meeting in this session, we may have a special meeting as you know, we will discuss this further at the General Assembly.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR SPEAKER: Let me start first with the announcement that I am sure all of you would have seen the notice regarding the health of the Leader of the Opposition (LOO), and as a result, I am pleased to inform you that Honourable Taolo Boipuso Lucas, MP for Bobirwa, has been appointed Acting Leader of the Opposition until the 16th July, 2025. So, Honourable Lucas is Acting LOO. *Ga ke mmone fa setilong sa gagwe, mme le fa le mmona, le itse gore ke Acting LOO*.

The second announcement Honourable Members, regards appointment of senior staff officials in Parliament, first is the Director Executive Support in the Speaker's Office, Ms Tuduetso Madi, second would be the Assistant Director, Executive Support, Office of the Deputy Speaker, *ene ke Yvonne Kgwarae*, third would be the Assistant Director Executive Support, Office of the Leader of Opposition, *ene ke Gogontlejang Morokotso*. *Ke tsaya gore maina ke a tshwere sentle, mme ke one ao. Jaanong ke bone ba ba tlaabong ba bereka le baeteledipele ba lona mo Ntlong e. Fa gongwe fa le ba bona ba tsamaya mo, le se ka la tsaya gore* they are strangers in the House, they would have been authorised by the Speaker.

If you look at the Order Paper today also as an announcement, you would notice that there is no Bill, even though it may appear to you that some Bills would have matured, especially the Private Bill by Leader of the Opposition Honourable Dumelang Saleshando. Also, there is the corrigendum. The announcement is on my determination regarding the Private Bill submitted by Honourable Dumelang Saleshando, and the determination is that we would not proceed with the Bill because the processing of the Bill has not conformed with Standing Order 71.8 and 71.9. *Ke tsaya gore le na le Standing Orders tsa lona Batlotlegi, mme for your benefit, let me read out Standing Order 71.8 and 71.9; "The National Assembly shall only proceed with the presentation of Private Bill, subsequent to the Speaker first having determined that the Bill conforms to the requirements laid down in this order, and to the requirements of Section 88 and 89 of the Constitution. 71.9; "The printing and publishing of a Private Member's Bill in the Gazette shall be the responsibility of the Clerk, and following the publication of the Bill in the Gazette, the progress of the Bill shall be the same as that followed in respect of Government Bills. So, these are the Standing Orders, and I only saw the Bill after it*

was gazetted, but I never decided on whether the Bill conforms with this order, or with the requirements of Section 88 and 89.

It is very important to understand this point, I am not saying that the Leader of the Opposition was wrong in anyhow he processed the Bill. What I am saying is that I as the Speaker, before the Bill was gazetted, I have never made a determination in terms of Standing Order 71.8 and I can also say as the matter of fact that the Clerk has also neither conformed with Standing Order 71.9. Honourable Members, this is an announcement, it is not a matter for debate. So, I will engage further with Honourable Leader of the Opposition regarding the processing of the Bill. So, in this meeting, we will not proceed with discussing that Bill until this process has been followed. *A ke a utlwala?*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Jaanong* Honourable Members, Standing Orders *tsa lona le di bale thata le di tlhaloganye*. Standing Order 38.1, this is with regards to the corrigendum; I will engage with Honourable Lesedi, but Honourable Dr Gobotswang would recall that he asked the question and we had to discuss it before it got into the Order Paper. The question by Honourable Lesedi has to conform with Standing Order 38.1. So, I will engage with him so that he conforms with the Standing Orders before his question can be asked. Remember 38.2, “if the Speaker is of the opinion that a question of which a Member has given notice or which a Member seeks to ask without question infringes on any of the provisions of these Standing Orders applicable to questions he or she may direct, that is the Speaker, (a) that the question be modified so as to remove the words or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the relevant Standing Order. (b) That the question be disallowed in its entirety.”

I am not normally inclined to (b), I am inclined to discussing with you Honourable Members as I did with Honourable Gobotswang. He had agreed that we modify certain portions of the question so that they are consistent to the Standing Orders. This is why this question is removed from today’s Order Paper. As I say, I know Honourable Lesedi together with Honourable Mabuse Pule and Honourable Monageng are in France, *ba tlaa boa beke e e tlang*.

Honourable Members, let us now proceed to the business of today and deal with questions. *Nanabelelang kwa ditlong batlotlegi*.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

KILO 70 CAMP

MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) what the Government intends doing with Kilo 70 camp in the Okavango East in which a lot of modern houses were built;
- (ii) how much was spent for their construction; and
- (iii) how long these houses have been there without being occupied.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Thank you Mr Speaker. Government intends to maintain Kilo 70 camp and the Botswana-Namibia border cordon fence as a strategic infrastructure not only for use by my ministry, but by other Government agencies such as the defence and security agents.

The camp was established following the outbreak of Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) or cattle lung disease in the disease control Zone 2 (Ngami, Okavango) in 1995 as part of the disease control infrastructure to prevent re-introduction of the disease from Namibia. The project included the construction of staff houses at the camp and was completed in 2002.

Although the outbreak was eradicated and the CBPP free status restored in 1996, the risk of re-introduction of the disease persists even today, as the northern parts of Namibia and the southern parts of Angola remain endemic for this devastating disease. Furthermore, other important trans-boundary diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and goat plaque are most likely to be introduced into Botswana via these countries.

Mr Speaker, regrettably, the allocated budget for maintenance of disease control infrastructure is seldom adequate, and falls far short of what is required. However, my ministry will continue to seek innovative and more sustainable ways of maintaining disease control infrastructure, including partnerships with the private sector and communities living along the infrastructure.

Mr Speaker, the cost of construction of the camp which comprises 11 two-roomed houses, one three bed roomed house, one storeroom and two daisy loo toilets was approximately P400,000,00.

Mr Speaker, the camp has been vacant since 2014 after the staff were relocated to other areas on welfare basis, when it proved difficult to provide for their basic needs such as water, transport and security. I thank you.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go utlwa Tona ka fa o buang ka teng. Legale ke botse gore a mme o a itse gore matlo a gompiano a dirisiwa ke *poachers*? *When you say* le tlhokomologile matlo a ka 2014, *even this morning* go ne go tsewa *poachers* mo teng. Matlo a a dirisiwa ke *poachers* from Namibia.

Sa bobedi; a mme o a itse gore matlo a *still* gape a dirisiwa ke Namibians and Zambians ba ba utswang dikgomo gompiano mo kgaolong ya me ba di tlhagisa kwa, *they spend a night there? That is their halfway station.* Ke re ke go botse tsone tseo Tona gore a mme o a di lemoga ka go tlogela matlo *for more than 10 years* a sa dirisiwe gore a re tlisetsa selo se se sa siamang mo kgaolong? Tanki.

MR SPEAKER: *Order!* Honourable Disho, ka fa o buang ka teng ke tshwenngwa ke banni ba o ba buang ba mafatshe a mabedi ka gore go ka tloga ga tsenya ketsaetsego ka o bua ka mafatshe a re dirisanyang e bile re bapile le one. Jaanong *unless* o bua ka motho yo o tlaabong a bonwe molato mo lekgotlatshekelong e bile le *citizenship* ya gagwe e tlhomamisitswe, ke gone o ka letlelesegang go bua jalo. Fa e le dipelaelo jaaka o bua ga o ka ke wa bua jalo. Jaanong ke batla o boela morago *part* ya maNamibia le maZambia ba o reng ba utswa dikgomo. *I want that part withdrawn.*

MR DISHO: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ga ke itse gore *are you aware of this place that I am talking about. That is Number 1. Number 2; I am not withdrawing that Mr Speaker, because* ke *cases* tse re nang natso. Mapodise ba rona ba na le bosupi jone jo. Le gompiano jaana masole ba tshwere dikgang tse di mo diatleng tsa bone. Ke *issues* tse di mo diatleng tsa mapodise, *we cannot withdraw this Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Ga o nkutlwe. Honourable Disho, se ke se buang ka re fa o bua e le *allegations*, *but if it has been determined by a competent court that* go na le batho *who have poached on such and such a date* ba bolaile tlou kana ba utswile dikgomo, *I have got no problem with you stating that fact.* Jaanong fa o e bua e le *allegations* jalo e nna dingalo. *Unless you can state here that as a matter of fact* go na le kgang ke e, e e amang maNamibia le maZambia ka go utswa dikgomo jaaka o bua, e seng e le *allegations* fela. Fa e le *wild*

allegations go ka nna le diphatsa tsa gore *now this Parliament allows its Members of Parliament (MPs) to make wild accusations against the neighbours.*

MR DISHO: Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore ke tlaa e tlhalosa jang. Ke ne ke re dikgang tse ke tse e leng gore mapodise le ba molao ba na natso. Kwa Zambia *three years ago* bangwe ba tshwerwe e bile ba bangwe dikgomo tsa bone di bolailwe teng re tswa go di bona. Ke ka go tsisetsa bosupi jwa se, *more than 15 cases.* Ga gona Mopalamente yo o sa itseng. Ke wena fela Mr Speaker, o sa itseng. Rre Mohwasa ke mmoleletse, o itse kgang e. The Honourable Vice President (VP) ke mo tlhaloseditse dikgang tse, o a di itse. *I have made report even to the Office of the President (OP),* ba a di itse. Ke wena fela o sa di itseng o le mongwe Mr Speaker, mo Ntlong e. Ke supe gore dikgang tse ke tse di tshosang. Le maabane ba letse ba utswa tse dingwe, ba tshwerwe ba mo diatleng tsa mapodise *as we speak.* Ba dirisa *exactly the same houses* tsa ga Rre Dikoloti tse a di beileng mo nageng, tse ke botsang ka tsone. Rre Dikoloti matlo a a dirisiwa ke *poachers* gompiano. Matlo a a ko a dirisiwe, a go tsennngwe mapodise mo go one, *at least* ba tlhotlhomise dikgang tse.

MR SPEAKER: Mme o utlwetse.

MR DISHO: Ee rra. Tanki, ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: O utlwetse. Ke ne ke tshwenngwa fela ke gore o ne o e bua e le *allegations.* Fa e le gore o e bua *as a matter of fact that these are the cases that have been dealt with,* le gore wa re e bile o ka ntlisetsa le bosupi ga ke na mathata. E bile o ntlisetse bosupi joo jaaka o ntse o paka gore ga ke itse, nnyaa, ga ke itse, ga ke itse ka yone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: No, nte a arabe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On the same matter before he answers because *go lebege go na le* confusion.

MR SPEAKER: Ke biditse Minister, mma Minister a arabe Honourable Motaosane.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke leboge Motlotlegi Disho ka dipotso tsa gagwe tsa motlaleletsa tse mme tsotlhe ke di arabileng fa ke e fa karabo ya potso ya gagwe e ke neng ke e bua ke etile ka leleme. Mme go e tlhalosa jaanong ka Sengwaketse rra, ke buile gore re

a itse gore bothata jo o bo buang bo teng. Bothata jo bo bakilwe ke gore mo lebakeng le le leele, dikgang tse tsa diterata le mo re neng re go dirisa go thusa go tlhokomela diterata, di ne di tlhokomologilwe di sena madi a a lekanetseng gore di bo di ka tswela di diragadiwa. Re ntshitse batho koo ka lebaka la gore go bo go ne go tlhabela le gore re ise ditlamelo kwa go bone, mme ke buile ka tšhomi gore re tla ka mofuta o o farologaneng wa go netefatsa gore re tswela re diragatsa gone mo e leng gore go re bereketse mo lebakeng fa go tla go tsena mo taolong matlhoko a leruo. Ke bo ke bua gore re tshwaragane, re tshwaragane le Tona Mohwasa le maphata a gagwe otlhe gore re dire ka mo gotlhe mo go tlhokafalang gore re babalele melelwane ya rona, re babalele leruo la rona, bogolo jang la ba e leng gore ba ruetse bo bapa le melelwane. Ke a itse thata, setlhako se o se rweleng ke se rwele kwa kgaolong ya me, se a mpabalela, se babalela morwadi. Ke dumela gore thulaganyo e ke e tshwereng le Rre Mohwasa ya go babalela melelwane, ya go babalela leruo, le wena o le mo teng, re tlaa e tshwaraganela. Bangwe ba lona jaaka le tlaabo le le mo dikomiting tsa Palamente tse di farologaneng jaaka tsa bo *Climate* jalojalo, fa le ntse le tsamaya le falala, buang le bahaladi gore lebaka la go bo *fences* tsa rona di kgautlhane, di kgautlhantswe ke lebaka la gore go bo go na le phetogo loapi e e dirang gore diphologolo tsa naga kgapetsakgapetsa di bo di kgasisa terata ka bokete jo di di kgasisiseng ka jone. Ke a go leboga rra.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker. Honourable Minister*, mma ke botse jaana, a o lemoga gore matlo a le a phuagantseng a le le lephata, ga se fela kwa go buiwang teng kwa go Motlotlegi Rre Disho, *it is along in many other parts of the country*, go tsenya le kwa Dobe, go na le matlo a mofuta one o, le kwa bo Phalaphala le dikgaolo tsotlhe ka bontsi mo lefatsheng la Botswana? Matlo one a a phuagantsweng a a lephata la gago, a o a itse gore a teng e bile a le na le *plan*? Potso ya me ke gore a mme le na le *plan* ya go a busetsa mo tirisong, e e ka sireletsang diemo tse di buiwang ke *Honourable Disho*? Kana matlo a a dirisitse madi a setšhaba, mme fa o bona a latlheletswe a le mo sekgweng fela jalo, go le raya go reng le le Puso, e bile batho ba solofele gore a ka tsena mo tirisong e e ka busetsang lefatshe le mo lebakeng le le kae fa e le gore go na le thulaganyo? E ne e le dipotso tse ke neng ke re gongwe o di re tlhatswetse.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nte ke go leboga Motlotlegi Hikuama. Mo go arabeng, ke ne ke akareditse dikgang

tse o di buang. Ke batla gore le nkutlweng batlotlegi, mo lebakeng le le leele, Lephata la Temothu le tswa kgakala le kopa go okelediwa madi go tswela le *maintain that which we proposed to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as a mitigation measure* ya go laola twantsho matlhoko a a leruo e e leng *compartmentalisation* kana *the cordon fences*. *For the longest*, di ntse di sa bone madi a a tshwanetseng, ke sone se o bonang gompieno le tlaa dumalanang le nna gore di kgasitse, lefatshe le lotlhe di kgasitse. Puso e e eme ka dinao *to prioritise* gore *cordon fences*, a ke matlo a *pickets* kana eng... Ke ne ke le kwa Bobirwa, ke tswa go bona matlo a gore ke matlo a e leng gore jaanong manaba a nna mo go one kana botlhe ba ba dirang tiro epe e e leng gore ga se yone e e tshwanetseng. *At least* e bile kwa Bobirwa ka gore re lomaganeng le ba Office of the President (OP), bangwe ba e leng gore ba re thusa go lwantsha go utswiwa ga leruo, ba a a dirisa mme keletso ke gore re atolose golo mo gore re bone gore re a dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Gompieno re mo seemong se e leng gore madi ao ga a yo, *that is why I have said we are also exploring partnerships* tse e leng gore *they are forthcoming, that is why* ke go raya ke re le fetole leleme fa le tsamaya *because a lot of that which we see is as a result of climate change*. *So, we need to look out for climate financing to find better ways to maintain our fences, to maintain our status* sa malwetse. Jaaka ke ne ke go bolelela le gore le kwa go wena Motlotledi Disho, re santse re le *at risk from our neighbouring countries* for Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP). *So, go botlhokwa gore mme golo mo re go tshwaraganele, le lona Mapalamente le le mo teng. Re go tshwaraganele gore re lwantshe go sireletsa mo re nang le gone re le lefatshe. Re tlaa tswela.*

Ke dumela gore *session* e e tlang ya madi, le ya go gana go fetisa *budget* ya madi go sena madi a diterata mo teng *that covers* mo gotlhe ka gore le itse botlhoko jwa teng fa bo ka re tlela. *Thank you.*

DR DOW: *Further supplementary.* *Thank you Mr Speaker. Minister*, wa re ga go na madi, ke gone fa re leng teng gompieno. Wa re e tlaa re o tliša *budget* re bo re gana go go fa madi, ke go botse gore wena fa o lebile sepatšhe se gotweng se makgwakgwa le *priorities* tse di kanakana tse, fa o bona madi a a tlišeng go tla ka one o a kgaoganya maphata a otlhe a ngwaga o o tlang, fa ke re wena ke raya o le *Cabinet*, o le Goramente, a a tsile go lekana gore a ba a dire se *Honourable Disho* a neng a bua ka sone? A ke re wa re re tliše go gana rona? A o tliše go tla ka madi a teng fa o lebile *all the other priorities*? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Nte ke go leboge thata *Mother of the House*, mme o ntetlelele ke se ka ka segela ngwana thari mpeng a ise a belegwe, o e tlogele, nako ya teng e tlaa tla.

Ke go file *options* tse pedi, ke buile gore ke ya go tla ka *budget*, ke go file *option* ya gore jaaka le ntse le tsamaya le kopana le balekane ba lona, itseng gore re fa re leng teng ka sebaka sa gore re ne re kopa madi, re sa neelwe madi a a lekaneng. Mme go na le *alternative ways* tsa *to raise* madi go tla go baakanya gone mo re itseng gore *it matters a lot to all of us. Through our partnerships, we are going all out to lure them and show them* gore *impact* ya *climate change* mo go laoleng malwetse a rona a leruo e re amile go le kana ka eng mme e bile keletso ke gore rotlhe le lona kwa le leng teng, ope wa lona a se ka a ikogela morago *Honourable* Disho gore re tle re kgone go babalela batho ba kwa Nhabe. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members*, a ko le iphe nako le bale Standing Orders. Standing Order 58.5 *on behaviour of Members in the House*, “*A Member shall not pass in front of a Member who is speaking.*” Go raya gore gompiano fela fa yo mongwe a eme a bua o bo o feta fa pele ga gagwe, o tswela kwa ntle, ke gone jaaka ke tlaabo ke go kobile o tsamaetse ruri.

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Clarification-nyana Mr Speaker. I wanted clarity Mr Speaker from you.

MR SPEAKER: A o raya mo go yone e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone?

MR MOTAOSANE: Nnyaa, e re neng re tswa mo go yone.

MR SPEAKER: Ka potso?

MR MOTAOSANE: Yes sir.

MR SPEAKER: Re sale e fetile *Honourable* Motaosane, re mo *Question 2*.

WATER SHORTAGE IN LOBATSE

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state:

- (i) if he is aware of water shortage in Lobatse; and
- (ii) plans in place to address the situation.

MR SPEAKER: Minister of Water and Human Settlement.

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

MR SPEAKER: Gongwe ba mo tseleng.

SEWERAGE TENDER IN RAMFURWA WARD

MR P. M. SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs:

- (i) if he is aware: (a) of a sewerage tender that was awarded by the Council in Ramfurwa Ward in 2011; (b) that the company did not complete the work; (c) that the P4 Million that was budgeted for the tender is still in Government coffers; and
- (ii) if he will consider sending this money to Water Department to continue with the project and help Ramfurwa residents.

Later Date.

NARDI

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware that the process of merging public entities to constitute the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) experienced critical challenges. The Minister should specifically state:

- (i) whether the National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) in Kanye has been fully integrated into NARDI and explain why it continues to have a care taker;
- (ii) if assets from NFTRC were fully transferred to NARDI;
- (iii) if he is aware that since 2022 there are researchers from NFTRC who continue to be paid salaries they remain staying at home because they opted not to be relocated to NARDI;
- (iv) if he is aware that Farm Technicians were given employment offer letters that were later retracted and to state the reasons for doing so; and
- (v) what he is doing to remedy the situation at NARDI.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke itumelele potso ya ga Motlotlegi Gobotswang.*



Mr Speaker, I am aware that there are transitional challenges experienced in merging the legacy entities that constitute National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI). My office is currently employing relevant measures to ensure that the process is concluded in a fair, just, transparent and amicable manner. Mr Speaker, National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) is not fully integrated in NARDI as there are still some pending legal issues with some employees who have not transitioned into NARDI hence the need of the caretaker to facilitate the process to its conclusion. When the NFTRC employees took NARDI to court over its alleged unfair conditions of appointment, they had cited three respondents namely; NFTRC, Ministry of Agriculture and NARDI, but the Industrial Court ruled that NARDI had no locus standi in the matter hence its removal from the case. This compelled the ministry to continue with the appointment of the NFTRC caretaker to coordinate the activities of legacy entity until its closure.

(i) Mr Speaker, the assets from NFTRC have not fully been transferred to NARDI, however, NARDI occupies the premises and its fully utilising the assets. The transfer of ownership process has not been concluded owing to pending transitional issues. These include employees who have not yet accepted NARDI offers and their related court cases.

(ii) I am aware that since 2022, there are three NFTRC researchers who were offered appointments by NARDI, but did not accept the offers. They had queried certain terms and conditions of their employment requesting that they be changed despite that these were informed by NARDI policies. According to the high-level agreement reached between the ministry and trade unions, the merger process provided for an appeal structure for the aggrieved employees.

As a result, the affected researchers lodged their appeals with the ministry. While the ministry was still attending to the matter they escalated their issues to the courts of law. In realising that the matter was taking too long to be resolved, while these employees continue to be paid salaries, the Permanent Secretary (PS) issued a letter in April of 2024 requesting them to indicate the acceptance of their offers of employment from NARDI within 10 working days, failing which NARDI was to be authorised to proceed as it deems fit to fill the positions for optimal operational efficiency.

The PS's decision was prompted by the fact that the three researchers were not providing labour on account that

NFTRC has ceased to provide service, while NARDI could not absorb them before acceptance of their offers. The Industrial Court ruled that the PS's action as tantamount to contempt of court hence the office did not proceed with the intended action.

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has since constituted an appeal committee to deal with this matter.

(iii) I am aware that there were farm technicians who were given employment offer letters that were later retracted. The background to this is that, in implementing the merger, the NARDI Board of Directors had resolved that all employees who previously earned salaries higher than the mid-point of the corresponding NARDI salary bands should not be absorbed because of budgetary constraints. It however transpired that there were farm technicians within that category who were absorbed by NARDI because of the incorrect information provided by the legacy entity. The inconsistency was only identified when the affected employees started to query their salaries and provided the institute with their correct salaries which were exceeding their respective salary bands at NARDI. To promote consistency the institute retracted their offers of appointment.

(iv) I wish to assure this Honourable House that my ministry has taken firm steps in addressing these issues. This includes the ongoing transfer of ownership of assets. My ministry commits to implementing decisions of the courts as soon as the matter is closed. I thank you.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Minister ka dikarabo tsa gago. O ne o bua gore NFTRC is fully utilised. A o a itse gore fa re bua ka NFTRC, e e nang le motho yo o amogelang madi a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) a a lekanang le a NARDI, mme staff se le kwa lelwapeng? A kgang e o a e tlhaloganya? Ga ke a go utlwa sentle o wela. A o a itse gore go na le babereki ba le bararo ba e saleng ka 2022 ba bo ba le kwa malwapeng, mme o ba duela kgwedi le kgwedi ba sa theoge?le?

A o a itse gore caretaker o tsamaya ka payslips tsa makalana a mabedi a a farologaneng, e leng NARDI le NFTRC? Gone mme ka gore go na le transfer agreement, mathata ke eng...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Gobotswang, without disturbing your flow, fa o re o tsamaya ka payslips tse

pedi ya NARDI le NFTRC, maybe you should clarify so that when he answers...

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ee rra. Bontlha bongwe jwa *salary* ya gagwe o duelwa ke NFTRC, jo bongwe ke NARDI ka fa go ntseng ka teng. A o a lemoga gore kgang e tota ya *merger* e tsere lebaka, mme go lebega gore mabaka a mangwe e ka tswa e le gore ga go salwe morago *the transfer agreement* le *to set appeal* fela gore batho ba ikuele? *In terms of timeline*, wa re kgang e o ikaelela gore o e fetse leng?

Potso ya bofelo, a mme ka fa dilo di tsamayang ka teng kwa NFTRC fa o lebile, le o reeditse dikgang tsa teng ka fa di tobekaneng ka teng, ga o akanye gore go nne le *audit*, *Auditor General* a ko a dupe *in a special way* gore go diragala eng kwa NARDI? Dikgang tsa teng ga ke ka di nyanyabolola fa, *Mr Speaker* o ka nna a nkobela kwa ntle, tse di masisi tse di diragalang kwa NARDI, tse di batlang gore di tlhomamisiwe, re bo re itse boammaaruri le mo e seng boammaaruri. A mme ga o bone gore nako e gorogile ya gore NARDI go tsennngwe leitlho *to trigger the audit*, e seng *forensic audit*, *Auditor General* wa rona fela, a ko a ye go bona gore a mme le ditsamaiso a di salwa morago tsa madi a setšhaba kwa NARDI? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ke ne ke re mme fa le ntsha dikgang tse di masisi le setse morago tsamaiso ya Standing Orders, ga ke ka ke ka le kobela kwa ntle. Fa le setse morago fela bukana e ya lona, ga go na le fa e le mathata.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge Motlotlegi Gobotswang, *the Shadow Minister of Lands and Agriculture* ka potso e, le ka letshwenyego le le tshwentseng Batswana botlhe ka bophara. Le re tshwentse thata re le lephata ka gore NARDI ke yone mokwatla wa se re tsileng go se dira mo go diragatseng mananeo ka gore, *there is no how we are going to come up with our programmes without proper research and development*.

Boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ke gore, golo fa rra *we deal with a lot of legacy issues*, boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ke gore, *it was advised, though not done* gore ga go na jaaka o ka dira bokopano jo go se na *Appeals Committee* and it was never done. Mme o nkutlwile mo karabong ke go bolelela gore ke nngwe ya tse e leng gore morago ga gore dikgang tse tsotlhe di tle kwa go rona le Tona Chimbombi, ra fefogela gore *Appeals Committee* e diragadiwe. O gakologelwe gape gore, kana baikuedi

ba setse ba isitse kgang ya bone kwa Kgotlatshekelo, ga re batle go kgopakgopetsana le *process* ya bone. Boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ke gore, le bone baikuedi bao ba tlele kwa go nna, bangwe ke batlhophi kwa kgaolong ya me, ba tlele kwa go nna ba mpolelela gore re ba batlisisa, re lapisiwa ke go ja madi a Puso re sa bereke, re kopa *your intervention*. Mme kana dilo tse tsotlhe *there are process to them*. Ga go na ope yo o ka kganelang gore ka tsela epe go akanngwe kana go tliwe ka thulaganyo ya gore dilo di dupiwe kwa NARDI. Ke tshwanelo ya rona re le kwano, ke tshwanelo ya Motswana mongwe le mongwe go itse gore madi a bone a setšhaba a dirisiwa jang. Ga gona ope yo o kgalang thulaganyo eo Motlotlegi Gobotswang. E tshwana fela jaaka le wena o ntse o kgona go nna o nanabelela kwa NARDI o ya go okomela, o ya *meetings* teng. *I know you are all doing it in good faith, because o ne o batla go itse information, so that you can come and ask and we engage and then we share with the nation here*.

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

DR DIKOLOTI: Nnyaa, a re reetsaneng. Se ke se buileng ke gore, kgang ya *this merger* e tona go feta mo o go buang fela e bile ka NFTRC. *When you look at the veterinary laboratories we have lost a lot of veterinarians who have even left to New Zealand, because they did not agree with that which was proposed. So this merger alone has costed us as a Government a lot. We are very happy that now, with how we have approached it le Tona Chimbombi, we see a bigger light at the end of the tunnel* mo go yone ka gore, se tlhokana le NARDI e e itsetsepetseng, e e berekang gore go diragadiwa ga mananeo a rona go kgone go tle go welana sentle.

Without discussing batho, kgang ya *caretaker* ke thulaganyo e nngwe e e leng gore go ne go sena gore NFTRC e ka tswalwa gotlhelele jang, e santse e na le *assets as even* baikuedi, *because we needed to close this chapter; but also* gone go se na gore re ka e tlhokomologa. Go ne go tlhokafala le gore go nne le tsela ya gore, mme *that which is happening* go diragale sentle ka tshwanelo ya gone. Ke dilo dingwe tse e leng gore Motlotlegi Gobotswang re tlaa tswelela re ntse re gakololana, o tlaa tswelela le wena o nna matlho a rona ka koo. Tse ba ka go di bolelelang ba sa re di bolelele, o di tlise kwano, ka gore kgang e tona e o e batlang ke tharabololo ya mathata a a leng teng ka gore matshelo a batho a mo teng. *We have heard people* ba ba latlhegetsweng ke matshelo ka lebaka la gore ba bo ba ne ba bona thulaganyo e e sa diragadiwa sentle. Ke tlaa dumalana le wena gore re a itse gore mashi a tswa

thobeng a le phepha, selabe se nna se tla le motsaya kgamelo fela. Ke tsaya gore re utlwane mokaulengwe wa me. ke a go leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *On a point of procedure.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*, mme re go dumedise, re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise Batswana lefatshe ka bophara. *Mr Speaker* re ne re re ka *the relevant* Standing Order re kope gore re fete dipotso ka ke tsone fela letsatsi jeno. Fa ba se na go nna ba dumela ke tlaa tla ke kopa *supplementary*.

MR SPEAKER: *Batla the Standing Order ke tlaa go bitsa to move Motion wa teng.* You may look at 130.1 and 40.7, those are the two. I will call you so that you follow that...(inaudible)...

MR LEKAU: *On a point of procedure. Good afternoon.* Ke ne ke re gongwe o ntsenye mo tseleng fela *Mr Speaker*. Go na le potso e e neng e botswa ke *Honourable* Gobotswang, jaanong fa re dira *supplementary* mme potso e bo e sa kgone go arabesega e dirwa jang? Ke ne ke na le *interest* mo kgannyeng ya *payslips*, ke utlwa e kare ga e a arabesega. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Tona o tlaa tla a e araba.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke go dumedise, ke dumedise Mapalamente a Botswana. Ke re a *Minister* o a itse gore *building* e e neng e dirisiwa ke NFTRC kwa Kanye, *a very big building*, e tlogetswe fela ga e dirisiwe gone jaana, mme NARDI e hirisitse mo Gaborone ka madi fela a a seng kana ka sepe? A kgang e o a itse, a ba na le maikaelelo a go...Gongwe ka ga go na madi ba boele kwa Kanye ka gore *they own the building, they are not going to pay rent*, ba tswe mo *building* e e leng gore ba duela madi a a seng kana ka sepe kgwedi le kgwedi ba duela *rent*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, o arabe le ya *payslips*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ya *payslips* *Mr Speaker* ga ke na karabo ya gore di pedi kana jang, mme ga ke dumele. Ke na le pelaelo ya gore mo gongwe e ka tswa e le *allowance* ya bo *caretaker*, *there is no how there can be two payslip,s* ga ke ise ke bone go diragala, mme kana go teng, ke mo ke tlaa go botsolotsang le nna. Ke utlwile a e botsa a bo a e relelela kana o ne a batla gore motho yoo o na le *allowance* e nngwe...

MR SPEAKER: Mme fa ke mo reeditse o ne a e botsa fela sentle gore o e tlhalose wena.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ga ke itse gore go na le *payslips* tse pedi, mme ke itse gore ke...

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

DR DIKOLOTI: O gakologelwe *Mr Speaker*, NFTRC ga e na kwa e tsayang madi teng kwa ntle ga NARDI, NFTRC e tsaya madi kwa NARDI. Jaanong ga ke itse gore NFTRC e mo neela *payslip* jang ka fale, e tsaya madi kwa NARDI jang, mme ke tlaa ya go batlisisa *further* go bona gore a *payslips* di pedi. Akere kgang ke *payslips* gore a di pedi, ke tlaa tlhola gore a *payslips* tsa teng di pedi.

Ke itse thata gore NARDI e ntse e hirisitse *buildings* kwa Block 10; *it is an issue that we have taken up with them*, mme e bile ba mo *process* ya go ipaakanyetsa gore ba kgaogane go ya kwa Sebele, *because we also have* Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory e e nang le diofisi tse e leng gore di mo seemong se se siameng fela. Gone go na le *some certain issues* kwa Sebele tse e leng gore *they are working on them, but they have promised us because I think their contract or lease* e fela ka *September* kwa ba hirisitseng teng. Mme ba solofeditse thata gore ga ba na go tswaledisa kwa ba ntseng ba le teng, ba ya go boela kwa dikantorong tsa bone. *We will be very happy even if they can consider NFTRC again, because compound* ya teng e tswelletse e a dirisiwa *not to the full as it used to and* Kgosi Malope le *Honourable* Phologolo ba ka itumela thata go bona phuduga eo, ka gore *it will serve the Kanye Constituency very well*. Gape *these parastatals* ga re di se ka tsa tlala mo Gaborone, kwa di ka nnang le *impact* teng di ye teng, gore re kgone go bona ditiro tsa bone. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* *Mr Speaker*, jaanong *Honourable Minister* o kare o tlaa re tsenya mo sekgweng. Kana NFTRC *is an independent entity* (seka-kompone) e foo, NARDI ke e e ka reng lephata la ga Goromente (*parastatal*). Jaanong *Minister*, a wa re madi a le a neetseng NARDI, mangwe a yone e a tsere e bo e ya go duela mongwe kwa NFTRC? *Is that what you are saying?* E le gore ditsamaiso tsa madi tsa reng gone foo, ka gore se ke se buang ke gore, go na le kamogelo e a e tsayang *under* NARDI, go bo go nna le kamogelo e nngwe *under* NFTRC. Jaanong ke tshwenngwa ke gore o bo o re madi a NFTRC ba a tsaya kwa NARDI jang?

DR DIKOLOTI: Re sietse kwa setswaneng *Mr Speaker*, re bua ka dikamogelo, kamogelo e ka nna *allowance*, e ka nna eng, e se mo go tswang ka *payslip*.

Golo foo re go tlhaloganye sentle. Mme mo go teng, mo Rre Gobotswang le ene a go boditseng ke gore, go na le kompone ya Puso e gotweng NARDI (*parastatal*) e e dirilweng ka lekalana le gotweng NFTRC, Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory le Botswana Agricultural Research; makalana a mararo a ke one a a bopileng lekalana le gotweng NARDI.

Jaanong kwa NFTRC ga re a kgona go e tswala yotlhe, ka gore go na le batho mo teng ba bararo ba e leng *part of the assets* tsa NFTRC tse di re paledisitseng gore re e tswale. NFTRC gompiano ga gona kwa e tsayang madi teng ntle ga NARDI, *because* ke lekalana le le neng le dira NARDI. Ke ne ke leka go tlhalosa jalo, ga ke itse legale gore kgotsa wena mo go kgoneng ga gago kwa o neng o tsaya *information* teng, ba ne ba go sebeditse gore NFTRC e tsaya kae madi, kgotsa golo mo ke ka go batlisisa go ya pele, go itse gore go na le sengwe se se diragalang. NFTRC ke ya Puso le yone, dilo tse tsotlhe tse go nang le fa di sa tsamayeng sentle teng, di tshwanetse go ntshiwa Motlotlegi Gobotswang. Batho ba itse boammaaruri re kgone go baakanya, re se ka ra tlogela dilo tse di epesegela jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, I understand that Honourable Kekgonegile has a procedural Motion to move.

BUSINESS MOTION

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Re na le mathata a ditilo malatsi a, di batla go fetolwa. *Mr Speaker, I stand* ka Standing Order 130.1, ke *request for an urgent Motion* wa gore a Palamente e tswelale ka dipotso go feta nako e e beilweng ya malatsi otlhe. Gore re fetse dipotso tsa letsatsi leno tse di mo Order Paper. *I move Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to.**

PROCESSES OF INHERITANCE RIGHTS AND CLAIMS

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to state if he:

- (i) is aware that the dispensation and process of awarding lost inheritance rights and claims is fraught with delays that at times lead to wastage and loss of value of the deceased's estate;
- (ii) will embark on corrective measures to improve the efficiency of processing inheritance rights and claims; and
- (iii) will be amenable to legislative reforms that shall include traditional leaders in the processing of

inheritance rights and claims to mitigate current delays in processing same.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Thank you Mr Speaker, good afternoon. Mr Speaker, *ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong e e fano. Karabo e balega jaana;*

The Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services has prioritised a holistic review of the justice system, seeking to improve capacities across the criminal justice sector to better play for delivery, identify and solve implementation challenges and account for delivery of high quality, timely, fair and accessible criminal justice..., *ke araba efe jaanong?* No, this has been later dated Mr Speaker, *go raya gore ke araba e e kwa pele.* It is not ready, we will provide as the request from the Member.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, ga ke a utlwa gore wa reng.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke ne ke araba ya *number 9*.

MR SPEAKER: O arabela eng ya *number 9*?

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke raya gore *answer* ke ya *number 9*, go raya gore ke ne ke bala e sele *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, bala e e leng yone.

MR RAMAOTWANA: E e leng yone re dumalane le *Honourable Member* gore e tlaa nna *later date*.

MR SPEAKER: When he stood up he called question 6, he has never said later date. As far as I remember, the only Honourable Member who later dated a question was Honourable Segokgo.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker, Honourable Ramaotwana is a lawyer*, o itse gore tumalano go tewa eng. O ntshwara ka dibaki fela fa ke tsena fa a re, ke bo ke re nnyaa, o tlaa tla o itlhalosetsa setšhaba. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Tshere, tshere! *Honourable Lucas*. Go raya gore *Honourable Minister* ga a ipaakanya, jaanong go tlhoka go ipaakanyetsa karabo e a bo a sa go bolelele nako e le teng. Go raya gore o tlaa ya go batla karabo e, a tle a arabe potso e. O ka e araba leng *Honourable Minister?*

MR RAMAOTWANA: According to the alleged ambush, we had agreed that Wednesday this week it will be ready.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Motaosane, *kana ke ntse ke bua le lona* Honourable Members *ka* Standing Order 58.2, a Member shall not cross the aisle of the House, you have crossed the aisle. Honourable Members, *ke one a ke a buang gore* please, familiarise yourselves with Standing Order 58, *gakere re utlwane? Go na le map* Honourable Members *wa lona mo Ntlong gore le ntse jang, le gore* aisles *di tsamaya jang*. Even on the opposition side, it is clearly demarcated *gore aisles di tsamaya jang*, so do not cross aisles, *tsweetswee*. Honourable Ramaotwana, *o ne o santse o bua*.

MR NKAWANA: *Procedure*. Kana ke gore *Mr Speaker*, ga o a botsa Honourable Motaosane gore a o tlodile kana jang. O dirile *ruling* o sa itse gore ene maikaelelo a gagwe ke eng, o ka bo o mmoditse gore a o tlodile *or not*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, fa go na le maikaelelo mangwe Honourable Members, a laolwa ke Molaomotho le Standing Orders. Ke tsone tse di tlaa nkitsiseng gore a go ka tswa go na le diphetogo kana maikaelelo mangwe a a leng teng. *I am sure* le itse Molaomotho wa lona, *it regulates* ka se o se buang, le Standing Orders tsa lona. So tsweetswee Honourable Members, ke dumela gore o ne a tsietsegile fela, mme go tlaa siama. Honourable Ramaotwana, wa re o tlaa araba leng potso ya ga Honourable Lucas?

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Re ne re dumalane gore e tlaa tla Laboraro wa beke e.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, kana *you keep on saying* le ne le dumalane. O utlwile gore Honourable Lucas a reng? A re ga le a dumalana o mo gogile fela ka baki a tsena fale gore heela, ga ke a ipaakanya o tle o *later date*.

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ka letsa, go raya gore ke ne ke letsa ka *phone* e a sa e itseng, ke bo ke ya go ema fa kgorong, ke bo ke kopana le ene ke mo raya ke re, ke ntse ke letsa ka *phone* e o sa e itseng, ka kgang ya gore karabo ga e *ready*. A bo a re e tlaa tla leng, ke bo ke mo raya ke re Laboraro wa beke e e tlaabo e siame.

Later Date.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MOSHUPA AGRICULTURAL SHOW

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to give a detailed

report on how much was spent on the previous Moshupa Agricultural Show and to further state:

- (i) the number of parastatals and Government departments that participated in the show and how much each spent; and
- (ii) how much was used in the infrastructural development of the showground and reasons why the same gesture was not extended to Molepolole Agricultural Show.

Later Date.

ZIBALIANJA AREA

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to state the status of Zibalianja area; and whether Zibalianja area has been transferred from the Chobe District to the North West District, if so, when the transfer occurred and the justification for such transfer.

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you and good afternoon Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa gore ke tsoge ke mo e neela kamoso. Ke a leboga.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: I am aware that Honourable Minister is in France on official duty, so, General Mokgware is acting. *O tlaa tliša karabo*. Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule, Member for Kgatleng East, I know he is also in France. *Ke mang yo o mo e tseelang?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

SIVIYA HEALTH POST

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on the status of Siviya Health post and if there are any intentions to upgrade it to a clinic since the population size allows for that dispensation.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: This question will be redirected. Remember Honourable Members, a decision was taken to move clinics to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, so, that is the reason for redirection. It will be re-directed. It will be answered.

NATIONAL HOUSING SCHEME

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to consider prioritising Mogoditshane amongst the first villages where the National Housing Scheme will be commissioned and implemented as stated in the 2025/2026 Budget Speech, given that a good number of Government employees such as teachers, members of the disciplined forces and those working in other Government offices in Gaborone reside in Mogoditshane and;

- (i) that these Government employees have stable income and are able and willing to settle in fast developing villages like Mogoditshane;
- (ii) is the Government considering subsidising rentals for teachers living in the Greater Gaborone so as to alleviate severe shortage of accommodation while awaiting for the Government Housing Scheme to be implemented.

Later Date.

POWER CUTS

MR R. M. LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) why there are always power cuts beyond Jwaneng towards and into Kgalagadi North villages every time it rains; and
- (ii) measures in place to curb this.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR KELEBENG): Minister o boile fale, o nkopile gore ke mo e tseele.

MR SPEAKER: No, no, no, *gakere* she was seated there?

MR KELEBENG: Go lebega a na le *emergency*-nyana.

MR SPEAKER: Emergency *ya eng e sa itsisiwa* Speaker? Honourable Members...

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, fa Tona a na le *emergency*, a itsise *Speaker*. *Gakere* le na le baeteledipele fa. Fa Honourable Leader of the House a seyo, the most senior Minister ke Honourable Tshere, please. Honourable Kelebeng for Honourable Kenewendo.

MR KELEBENG: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Kgang ya motlakase o o kgaogang e e diragalang kwa Jwaneng kana mo dikgaolong tsa Kgalagadi; se se diragalang *Mr Speaker* ke gore, go boammaaruri go na le mathata a go kgaoga ga motlakase mo dikgaolong tse, bogolo jang fa go na le dipula kana seemo sa loapi se se sa nnang sentle. Boammaaruri ke gore, go dirwa ke dipale tse di tsofetseng tse di setseng di senyegile. Jaanong ga di kgone go itsetsepela sentle. Di dirwa fa gongwe ke go nna le *lightning strikes* mo go tsone. Mo gongwe mo go diragalang ke diphefo tsa matsubutsubu tse di tshabelelang kgaolo ya Sekoma, mme di dire jalo gore go nne le mathata a motlakase. Mo gongwe e nne ditlhare tse di welang *line* ya motlakase.

Mr Speaker, go na le se se setseng se diriwa ke Puso, ke ba Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) go leka go tokafatsa seemo se se diragalang kwa dikgaolong tsa Jwaneng-Kang. Go setse e le gore ba berekela mo go 66 kilovolt lives le Kang-Hukuntsi 33 kilovolt lives. Mo go lekeng go tlamela se se diragalang gone kwa dikgaolong tseo, go ema ka *June* jaana, go setse go dirilwe *lines* tse di tsamayang kwa go 140 kilometers (km) mo go 170 yo o tlhokafalang gore a baakanngwe. E le maikaelelo a BPC gore ba tlamele tse di dirang gore re nne le kgaogo ya motlakase. Ba BPC ba supa gore *they have committed that by November* ba tlaabo ba setse ba weditse tiro eo. Go na le tsa *to replace* dipale. *Out of 36* ya dipale tse di tshwanetseng *to be replaced*, di le 25 di setse di baakantswe mo tseleng ya Kang-Hukuntsi. Tiro e, ba solofetse gore e fele ka *July 2025*, kgwedi e e fela.

Mo gongwe ke *to upgrade* kana mo ba go bitsang *protection devices* jaaka e le gore tsela ya Kang-Hukuntsi ya 33 kilovolt, ba tshwanetse ba *enhance* go nonofa ga *overhead line* ya *that network*. Mo gongwe ke *the earth shield wire installation* e e leng gore ba BPC ba setse ba kgonne gore ba *source about 5 km* go tswa kwa *other regions* gore ba *install*.

Thulaganyo ke gore *by August*, e bo e setse e wetse ya *earth wire installation*. Maiteko a mangwe a a tlang a sesha ke gore, dipale tse di a tsofala, e bile di itewa ke seemo sa loapi thata. Maikaelelo a a tswelletseng ke gore, *wooden poles be replaced by concrete poles* mo e leng gore *it is a long-term strategy* sa BPC gore ba tlamele dilo tseo.

Mo gongwe ke *stability* sa *system*, mme maiteko a teng a sale a simolola ka *March* go fitlha *June*. Kwa go nang le mathata a motlakase teng, se se supafalang ke gore, ga go sa tlhole go na le dikgang tse di tshwanang

le tseo. Maikaelelo a BPC ke go netefatsa gore go nna le tshisibalo le *stability* mo maitekong a bone a go isa motlakase kwa Batswaneng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, mabaka a o a buang le mathata a potso e, go lebega a le lefatshe lotlhe. *Are there any non-uniform mitigation factors as per districts tse e leng gore the ministry is putting in place?* Fa e le gore kwa Maun le rona motlakase o kgaoga golo go le gongwefela beke le beke, kwa Kgalagadi o kgaoga golo go le gongwefela beke le beke, a e ntse ke dipula, kana ke *systematic load-shedding?* Tanki.

MR KELEBENG: Tota ka bokhutshwane fela se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore, go ya ka fa ba BPC ba supang ka teng, mathata a, a tshwana lefatshe ka bophara. O setse a arabile gore mathata a tshwana lefatshe ka bophara. Se re ka se tlhalosang fela ke gore, mathata ao le *mitigation* a diragatswa lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara.

MR BARONGWANG: *Supplementary.* *Ke utlwa o bua ka poles tse di dirilweng ka concrete, do you have plans to manufacture these concrete poles mo Botswana because as we speak currently, those poles are imported from South Africa? Do you have plans to make sure that poles tseo di a dirwa mo Botswana gore Batswana le bone ba tle ba di dire, ba nne le sebaka sa go itirela business? Ke a leboga.*

MR KELEBENG: Tota go ka nna molemo, e bile go siame gore re bone Batswana ba kgona go dira *those concrete poles*. Ke tse e leng gore ba *ministry* ba tlaa di amogela thata fa go ka nna le maiteko ao, a dirwa mo Botswana.

MR JACOBS: Point of procedure. I thank you Mr Speaker. *Kana Mr Speaker*, I do not know if you are aware that your authority here is being played with. *Ke raya gore re botsa dipotso fa mme bo Minister ba seyo.* We have crisis in Lobatse, there has been no water for seven months *kwa Lobatse.* *Tota go dirwa jang Mr Speaker? Le wena tota stand put to your authority Mr Speaker, please!*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable Jacobs*, wela dibete. Bo Tona ba metsi ga ba yo fa, mme ke tsaya gore go ntse go arabiwa dipotso *Honourable Member*. Ke tsaya gore ba na le mabaka, ba tlaa tla ba a ntlhalosetsa gore ke eng ba seyo fa. *Leader of the House* le ene o teng fa, *he can shed light on...*

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

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, le se ka la re dipotso di sa arabiwe, dipotso di ntse di arabiwa *Honourable Members*, mathata fela ke e.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tlaa ke simolole ka go dumedisela Mapalamente botlhe ba ba leng fano re sena go tsaya *break*. Ke re ka boikokobetso, Rre Ramogapi o tlhalositse fa a tlaabo a seyo gompiano ka gore o baakanyetsa tiro ya *ministry* wa bone kamoso. Phosego e e teng ke gore o ne a se ka a tlogela karabo. Mothusi wa gagwe ga a yo mo lefatsheng mo nakong ya gompiano. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Leader of the House*, I think o dire kgakololo ya gore ope Tona yo o tlaabong a seyo, a itsise *office* ya ga *Speaker*. Ba itse tsamaiso ya teng le bone gore go tsamaiwa jang, ka gore ke na le ya ga *Honourable Moswaane* le ya ga *Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi*. So, ba tota ke ba go ka tweng *they are absent without apology*. Ke tsaya gore gongwe ba boleletse wena o le moeteledipele wa Ntlo, nna ga ke itse gore a ga ba yo fa, mme a re se baakanyeng seemo sa teng.

CHILD-FRIENDLY COURTS

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services if there are any plans to establish Child-Friendly Courts equipped with specialised personnel, child-sensitive procedures and appropriate facilities to handle cases involving minors considering the sensitive nature of child-related cases and the need for a safe, supportive judicial environment; and to further state if:

- (i) there are any ongoing assessments or feasibility studies to determine the need for such courts across the country;
- (ii) any steps are being taken to ensure trained personnel such as child psychologists, social workers and legal experts, are available to support children throughout judicial proceedings; and
- (iii) his ministry has or aims to explore best practices from other countries that have successfully implemented Child-Friendly Courts.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.* Mr Speaker *le batlotlegi ba ba fano, ke ba dumedisela, mme karabo e ntse jaana;*

- (a) The Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services has prioritised a holistic review of the justice system seeking to improve capacities across the criminal justice sector, to better plan for delivery identify and solve implementation challenges and account for delivery of high quality, timely, fair and accessible criminal justice services. Therefore, a qualitative situation analysis for reform which assesses the state of child-friendly justices in Botswana was conducted and completed in July 2023. The purpose of the survey was necessitated by Government's efforts to reform the child-friendliness of its juvenile justice in order to uphold and protect children's rights stipulated in the Children's Act as well as international treaties. This research study is to ensure that we have a justice system that guarantees the respect and effective implementation of all children's rights at the highest attainable level considering the child's level of maturity, understanding circumstances of their cases.
- (b) In addition to the research study, and with the support of the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) the ministry hosted the first national symposium on a child friendly justice in Botswana in August 2023 to augment stakeholder engagement on the child friendly justice systems reforms.
- (c) The findings of the research study and the symposium were then developed into a child friendly justice system roadmap that would guide implementation of the recommendations. The roadmap prioritises the enhancement of child-friendly justice system in Botswana, ensuring that justice system is responsive to cases involving children and upholds their human rights.

Mr Speaker, the law particularly Section 39 of the Children's Act No. 8 of 2009, recognizes the need for Child-Friendly Courts and has since designated every Magistrate Court as Children's Court. With the recommendations from the assessment done, it is envisaged that the Magistrate Court will be further refurbished to accommodate the requirements and specification. Mr Speaker, for further information, Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services and that of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, we are also collaborating to further augment the needs of the children in Botswana so that they have a reformatory institution where they would not stay in prisons but at those reformatory institutions. Mr Speaker, in July

2024, as part of the implementation of the roadmap, the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services with the support of UNICEF and the British Council conducted a training of magistrates, prosecutors, social workers, health workers, prisons and law enforcement officers on how to handle children's cases as they administer justice. The implementation plan envisages many more trainings with assistance from implementation partners of those in the children's criminal justice system for continuous improvement and enhancement. The ministry will continue to explore options to ensure that the courts are child friendly. To this end, benchmarking exercise will be conducted in due course to facilitate the establishment of Child-Friendly Courts that align even with the international standards just to augment what we have currently. That exercise will be imperative. We thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, good afternoon. Ke botsa Minister gore a o a itse rraetsho gore go na le mokgwa fela o o tlwaelesegileng mo Dikgotlatshekelong tsa rona gore bosekisi bo diye kgang ya ngwana yo o dingwaga tse di kwa tlase go fitlhela a tshwara dingwaga tse di 18 kana go feta foo, a bo a sekisiwa gotwe ke mogolo jaanong ga a sekisiwe e le ngwana? A golo mo ga go dire gore tsone ditshwanelo tse go buiwang ka tsone mo potsong e, di bo di sa kgone gore di mo solegele molemo fa e le gore bosekisi bo dia kgang ka bomo gore a tle a sekisiwe e le mogolo, go bo gotwe nnyaa jaanong o godile molao o wa *Children's Act does not apply* mo go wena? Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a leboga Honourable Member. Go kile ga nna le sone seemo sa go nna jalo, se e leng gore le Makgotlatshekelo a ile a se kgala gore ba se ka ba letlelela gore motho a nne dingwaga tse e leng gore jaanong o latlhegelwa ke tshwanelo kana *benefit* e a ka bong a e bone a santse a le mo dingwageng tsone tseo. Le rona re a ba gakolola gore ba se ka ba dira jalo. Ke sone se ke reng *ministry* wa rona, wa *Basic Education* le wa *Local Government and Traditional Affairs* re mo maitekong a go netefatsa gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe yo e leng gore molao wa *Children's Act* wa re ga a a tshwanela go bo a le mo kgolegelong, ba isiwe *at a centre* e e leng ya bana ba bo ba tswelela le dikole, ke selo se e leng gore *we have been assigned by Cabinet* gore re ye go se dira, re leka gone go hema sone seemo sa go nna jalo sa gore go se ka ga tsuololwa ditshwanelo tsa bana, ba ka bo ba tshwanetse gore ba akole ditshwanelo tsa bone ka fa molaong e le bana,

ba bo ba diiwa gore ba nne bagolo ba kgone go tla go sekisediwa melato e ba e dirileng e le bana. Seo re a se lemoga motlotlegi, *we are attending to it*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Supplementary honourable...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke nna ka kwano.

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

MR SPEAKER: Acting Leader of the Opposition (LOO).

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re kana molao o wa bana o na le dingwaga di le 16 mme go lebega go ise go dirwe sepe fela *along child-friendly court*. Fa nne gongwe motho a ka go botsa a go baya *on the spot* gore re lebile nako e e kae ya gore gongwe re bo re ka nna le *child-friendly courts*? Ke a tle ke utlwe Tautona Boko a bua gore *he wants to change this country spectacularly in three years*, a mme e ka tswa e ka nna *standard* se re ka se dirisang gore gongwe *in three years*, re tlaabo re bona *child-friendly courts*? E le ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi; fa o bua ka *interventions* tse di dirilweng ke utlwa o bua ka *research* o bo o bua ka *symposium*. Kana tseo ga re ise re goroge sentle gore re baakanye seemo se. Ke ne ke batla go itse gore fa o bua ka *Magistrate Courts* gore di tshwanetse *to be refurbished* di nne *child-friendly*, o akantse eng? Le ne le akantse *to refurbish* ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore di nne *child-friendly*? E se ka ya nna mafoko fela a Sekgoa a a thata a bo *refurbished*, re batla go itse gore o raya o akantse eng re tle re kgone go sekaseka gore a mme go ka diragala?

Sa boraro e bile e le sa bofelo ke gore go na le batho ba *Honourable Pule* yo o neng a le kwa Pusong ele a ba buang gore go na le bo *child psychologist, pediatrics, social workers and others*. A mme re mo thulaganyong ya gore batho bao gompiano re bo re ba rutuntsha kgotsa re ba batlela phatlha mo *establishment* ya *ministry* wa gago gore ba tle ba kgone go tsamaisa lenaneo le la *child-friendly courts*? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Rre Lucas. Kgang ya gore a mme jaaka Tautona a re tshwanetse go fetola lefatshe mo dingwageng tse tharo, a mme re tlaa bona le yone phetogo ya *child-friendly courts*? Ke maikaelelo a rona gore dingwaga tseo re bo re setse re diragaditse maikaelelo a re buang ka one gore di bo di le teng di tsamaisiwa, di bereka.

E nngwe ya re tota fa re re batla gore di bo di le *friendly and refurbished* re raya eng? Re raya gore ngwana a nne le sephiri, a kgone go phuthologa fa a neela bosupi *as a victim* ka se se diragetseng. A se ka a tshoswa ke batho ba ba foo, diagent kana ke kago e lebega e *intimidate*. Ke gore go nne *friendly such that* a kgone go bona e kare o kwa lelwapeng a phuthologe, a kgone go wela dibete, a bo a ka ntsha bosupi jwa gagwe go sena sepe *that intimidate him/her as an environment in the court*.

Ke sone se re akantseng gore re tsamaele gone koo ka gore mo bogompionong se se teng ke gore fa *children's court* fa e *sit*, go tshwanetse gore gotwe *the court sitting camera* gore jaanong re ntsha batho ba ba sa amegeng go sala *the presiding officer*, ba bosekisi, mosupi le molatofadiwa. Fa gongwe o itlbele e le gore bana fa ba lebagane le molatofadiwa gongwe e le motho yo o ntseng jang o ka *intimidate* ngwana, mme go na le gone gore a bo a tla a tseelwa kwa sephirinyaneng, a bo a bua jaaka e kare o mo *box* gore a kgone go wela dibete. O fitlhela e le gore *environment* e e foo ga a kgone go phuthologa le fa mmaboipelego a na le ene. Ke sone se re batlang go dira gore fa madi a re letla, a bone e kete o kwa lelwapeng a bona *some toys* a kgona gore a phuthologe. A wele dibete, a bone gore ga a mo lefelong le le tshosang, o kwa lelwapeng o ka nna a phuthologa a fe bosupi jwa gagwe. Ke yone toro e e leng gore fa re bua ka tsone tseo, re a bo re raya seemo sa go nna jalo.

Ya *psychologists and other experts*, ke yone e re neng re bua gore mo *training* e akaretsa dilo tseo gore re tlhoka batho ba go nna jalo ba e leng gore fa o ka lebelela, re bua ka dikgang tsa bo go fetola setho re aga motho sesha. Go na le *concept* e bidiwang gotwe Botho *cautions* gore re ba rutuntshe ba age sesha. Ba ka agiwa sesha ke *psychologists and other experts* ba ba agang maikutlo a bone, ba wele ba se ka ba itse gore re tshosa motho ka thupa fela, ba itse fela gore re ka aga motho a bona gore golo mo go *wrong or right*. A kgone go bona gore fa ke dira jaana ga ke dire sentle, e le gone go leka gore ba agege ba kgone go nna mo seemong se se lekaneng. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MS MANYENENG: *Supplementary*. Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke a e utlwa ya *children's court*. Kwa Boys Prisons kwa Moshupa, ke tsaya gore bana ba ba kwa bale ke bana mme se se diragalang ga go diragale re le Puso ya ditshwanelo ka fa ba tshwerweng ka teng mo teng.

...(Inaudible)... a mantsi *Honourable Minister*, ga ba seke ka nako e e tshwanetseng gore ba seke, fa e le

gore ba bonwe molato ba atlholwe kana fa ba sa bonwa molato ba tswe. Ba ntse fela ga ba seke. Ke gore ke e tsenya mo goreng gone foo go thusa jang? Le fa e le gore ga gona *those friendly courts by now*, a ga gona moakanya wa gore ba thusiwe *because* ba lelela gore *cases* tsa bone *they are mixed* le tsa ba batona ba ba ka kwa *maximum, so line* ya teng e ba baya ka fa mosing.

Sa bobedi ke gore bana bale *they are allowed* gore ba ithute ba le mo teng mme ga gona dithuto tse ba di eletsang. O batla go dira Junior Certificate (JC) kana *Form 5, especially* ba bo *Form 5* ba sokodisiwa ke gore ga gona barutabana ba ba yang ka kwa go ya go ba ruta. Ke gore ke leka gore ditshwanelo tse re buang ka tsone tseo, fela fa ba santse ba le mo teng ba ka fa mosing mo e leng gore go akanya ga bongwana go a fetoga jaanong ba akanya di sele *because* ga a adimiwe nako e a e batlang ya go tsena sekole.

The other thing ke gore le yone ya gore *psychologists like Honourable* Mabuse a buile ga ba yo, ke kakanyo ya gore ba ka nna teng. Ga ke itse gore e sa le e nna leng mme ga go lebege go ntse jalo. Ga ba sugege ka gore fa o ile teng o ba etetse, leitho la gago le lentšhotšho o kgona go bona gore yo mongwe o iname fela le fa o bua jaana. Ke gore a re lekeng ba santse ba le mo Boys Prison, e re fa e le gore *the friendly courts will come later* mme a bo e fitlhela e le gore le bone kwa ga ba a swa maikutlo ka gore *they have been remanded for a very long time*. Fa o ka tsena kwa Boys Prisons, ba bantsi ba feta ba ba athlotsweng ba ba iseng ba seke. Tanki.

MR RAMAOTWANA: *Thank you Honourable Member for Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe and Deputy Speaker.* Ya Boys Prison ke tseela gore re e rarabolotse. Go ne go na le bana fa re ile kwa le First Lady, *one of them was about 12 years* mme ra boa ra gakolola gore ga lo ka ke lwa baya bana ba dingwaga tse di kalo mo toronkong go kgatlhanong le molao wa Children's Act le melao e mengwe e e teng mo lefatsheng leno. Go ne ga dirwa maiteko a gore ba kgotlatshekelo ba dire gore jaanong ba fiwe *bail* ba emele kwa ntle. Ke sone se se diragetseng. E ya bana ba ba kopanngwang le bagolo, le yone molao o ntse jalo wa re fa ke le ngwana kgang ya me e le gore gongwe ke belaesega gore ke dirile molato le mogolo, go raya gore kgang ya me *should be separated from* mogolo, ke kgone go ya go sekela kwa *children's court*, mogolo a ye kwa bagolo ba sekelang teng *under the normal court*. So molao o ntse jalo gore ga ba a tshwanela gore ba kopanngwe ka gore go ka tla ga se ka ga nna gone. Gape molao o bo o tswela o re

fa e leng kgang e e leng gore ga go kgonagale gore *they can be separated* ka gore gongwe dikgang tsa teng di lomagane, go raya gore jaanong *court* e tlaa tswela e le *children's court*, go bo go raya gore mogolo yoo o tsile go seka le ngwana mo *children's court* e sa ye kwa *the normal court* e e tshwanetseng gore ba sekele teng.

Ke yone tsamaiso e e tshwanetseng go nna teng. Fa e le gore ga ba dire jalo, re tlaa tsenya leitho re bone gore a mme ba sala molao morago ka fa o buang ka teng gore o farologanngwe gore bana ba sekele kwa baneng, bagolo ba ye kwa bagolong.

Ya dithuto ke tseela gore mo bosheng jaana re ne re ntse re bua ka gore bana ba tshwanetse go ya dikoleng. *Assignment* e re e filweng beke e e fetileng kwa Khuduthamageng (*Cabinet*) e e eteletsweng pele ke Motlotlegi *Minister* Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, ke yone ya gore re ya go netefatsa gore bana ba se ka ya re fa ba dirile molato a bo a bewa mo toronkong, a sa ye sekoleng. Ke sone se re reng re baakanya lefelo le le kwa Molepolole le e leng gore e ya go nna *reformatory centre*, bana ba nna teng, ba ya sekoleng gore ba fetse dithuto tsa bone ka fa tsamaisong ya molao. Ke se e leng gore re se dumalane, re tshwanetse gore re ye go se diragatsa gore go nne jalo.

Ya *psychologists*, ba a tlhela, ke a dumela, ga re na nabo ka dipalo tse di ntsi mme bone ba teng ka gore bangwe ba bone ba mo dikgolegolong tse dingwe, o fitlhela gongwe motho a *cover* mafelo a le mantsi kana ditoronko tse di ntsi ka lebaka la gore ba a tlhela, ga ba palo e e kalo. Ke bone ba ba eteletsweng kwa pele dikgang tsa *to counsel* kana tsa go rutuntsha gore ba alafe mewa ya bone, ba dira *rehabilitation and reintegration processes or exercises*. Ba eteletsweng pele ke *psychologists* ba na le *social workers*. Mathata ke gore ga ba palo kae, ke sone se ke reng o fitlhela motho e le gore gongwe *covers a wider scope* kana dikgolegelo tse di ntsi. *Mr Speaker, I thank you.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Last supplementary Mr Speaker.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke botse Tona, o bua ka tlhelo, gongwe go ne go batla... kana fa re bua ka bana, re bua ka bokamoso jwa lefatshhe. Gongwe go ne go batla o tlhatlhamologa gore fa go na le tlhelo e ya *psychologists, social workers* le *related rehabilitation fields* mo lephateng le, o dira go le kae, o ikaelela go dira jang? Re tlaa bona leng seemo sa teng se fetogile? Fa le ka dira sengwe, *then number of offenders going forward* e ya go fokotsega ka gore *these are future habitual offenders but if you curb the reoffences* tsa

bone mo nakong ya gompieno, go ya go fokotsega, le dira go le kae?

Ya bobedi o ne o bua ka gore Molepolole le baakanya sengwe teng *for* bana, e se kgolegelo *per se*, kgolegelo ga e a tshwanela *to be associated* le bana, e le sengwe fela se se tsamaelang gone foo, ke tlhoka leina la Setswana, go nna Motswana wa dipampiri ke mathata. Motho o ka botsa gore mme jaanong kwa bokone kana legare la lefatshe, le dira go le kae gore *the same facilities* di kgone go nna teng? Tanki.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Member for Maun East*. Tlhaelo ya *psychologists*, ke ka se ke ke arabe gore ba tlaa lekana leng ka gore e laolwa ke gore ba kae mo mmaketeng (*market*). Fa re ya go ba tsoma gore re ba *engage*, re ba hire, kana e le *outsourcing*, go raya gore... Kana mo gongwe motho o kgona gore nna ke siame *covering a wider scope* ke le *private psychologist*. So, go raya gore sone seo, se tlaa laolwa ke dipalo tsa bone mo mmaketeng gore re ka kgona bokae. Mme maikaelelo ke gore jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re re dumalane gore bana kwa ba leng teng fa ba thulana le molao, ba isiwe kwa Ikago Reformatory Centre kana School of Industry. Gona le gore ba bewa mo ditoronkong, ke gore ba ye go tsena sekole, ba bo ba rutwa le tse dingwe tsa diatla ka fa gape ba agiwa sešha, *being rehabilitated* ba ntse ba tswelela ka sekole, ba se ka ba bewa mo ditoronkong ba sa ye sekoleng. Go raya gore kwa ba tlaabong ba le teng, re ya go ba tsoma *while* re santse re batla ditsompelo gore re anamise le lefatshe one madirelo a a ntseng jalo a *industries* tsa bana kana *reformatory centres*. Re ya go dira jalo.

E nngwe ya batho ba e leng gore ba a *reoffend*, dipalo tse di teng di supa gore re ne re na le 1,430 *convicts*. *Statistics* di supa gore mo *that* 1,400 *convicts* ba ba neng ba setse ba feditse melato ya bone kana ba dule mo ditoronkong, *only* 30 *reoffended*. Go raya gore ba ba neng ba feditse melato ya bone ba tsena mo setšhabeng mme mo palong e e kalo go bo go raya gore 2 *per cent* fela ke yone e e leng gore e a *reoffend*.

Mo maitekong a rona, e re neng re e atlhaatlha e re lebileng gore re e dire ke ya gore gongwe re lebe loago la rona gore fa motho a dirile molato, fa a sena *to serve the sentence*, go tlaabo go raya gore re mo leba re le setšhaba o kare ke gogo re bo re mo time le ditiro ka gore o tswa toronkong. E bo e le gore jaanong *they reoffend* ka lebaka la gore ga re ba amogele ra bo ra ba neela le ditiro gore ba kgone go itshetsa, ba se ka ba boela kwa morago. Ke yone thuto e e leng gore re batla go e tsenya

le melao e e kgoreletsang... gore ka o a bo a nnile kwa toronkong, *why should we punish him or her again* fa a tsena mo setšhabeng re bo re mo dira o kare jaanong re a mo *isolate*? Re leka go ba agisanya le setšhaba le gore ba kgone gore fa ba tswela kwa ntle ba ye go kopana le setšhaba. *Reintegration* le *the society* e nne *seamless*, go se ka gatwe nnyaa “fa o mmona a le fale ke legodu, fa o mmona a le fale ke sennanne.” Jaanong gore *stigma* seo re se ntshe gore ba kgone gore ba se ka ba *reoffend*, ke gore re ba amogele gape re ba neele ditiro.

Jaaka fa ba rutwa bo *vocational training* kwa ditoronkong jaana, bo go betla, bo go dira eng, go aga eng, ba neelwe ditiro gore ba se ka ba ya go bolawa ke bodutu ba bo ba utswa ba boela kwa ditoronkong. Ke sone se e leng gore re a se rotloetsa gore go dirwe jalo, re simolole go dira jalo gore ba se ka ba nna jalo. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the answer by Honourable Minister Nelson Ramaotwana completes the Order Paper, that is all what we had for today.

In closing, let me just announce that you are invited to a General Assembly meeting to be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. We will meet here in the Chamber. I do not think our usual venue is available for the meeting, unless I am advised to the contrary. So, let us meet here tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

The Business Advisory Committee met today in the morning and has recommendations to recommend to the General Assembly for your adoption, variation or rejection. So, *a re kopaneng*, but basically it is to look at the Parliament Business *le gore* Meeting *o wa rona o ya go tsamaya jang wa mariga*.

Secondly, there will be briefings by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs on Bills and policies to be discussed. So, *tsweetsweeng a re kopaneng kamoso ka nako ya lesome*.

Mme ka tiro ya rona ya letsatsi la gompieno e wetse, ke tlaa kopa Leader of the House, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, *gore a ntshe Tshutiso ya gore re phatlalale*.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke

kopa gore ka phuthego ya gompiano e ile bokhutlong ka dipuisanyo tsa yone, ke sutise gore re emise dipuisanyo tsa rona tsa letsatsi gone fa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 3:39 p.m. until Tuesday 8th July, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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