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Friday 9th August, 2024

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Good morning. Let us start our business but before that, I understand the Leader of the House, although we are dealing with questions, wants to move a Motion regarding the order on today's Order Paper.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Good morning Mr Speaker. The best good morning of the world, not only of Botswana, goes to Letsile.

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

MR TSOGWANE: Having said that Mr Speaker, I wish, understanding the Standing Order that permits the change of business, to move that we change today's business so that we start with the good news of a statement which will be made by the Honourable Minister. I move accordingly Mr Speaker. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. So that you are not confused, what is being moved relates to what you would have seen as an Addendum to the Order Paper, putting on the Order Paper, the statement that the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture. That is the statement the Leader of the House is talking about, to take precedence when it comes to statements so that it goes up.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

THEME: SUBCONTRACTING POLICY FOR BATSWANA OWNED COMPANIES

Asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (i) to provide updated information on the number of projects awarded to Chinese-owned companies and the total value of such projects under his ministry since the year 2020, as of the most recent data available;

- (ii) if there is any data or records available regarding the extent to which the 30 per cent subcontracting policy for Batswana-owned companies has been fulfilled in these projects and if so, could the Minister provide those details;
- (iii) to elaborate on the reasons for any variations that may occur between the contracted sum and the end sum paid for in these projects and if there are any specific examples or statistics available regarding these variations;
- (iv) considering the Minister's mention of difficulties in retrieving information due to COVID-19 related office closures, could he provide a timeline or plan for when the missing data on end sums paid for these projects will be available and accessible;
- (v) in light of the Minister's acknowledgement that records on the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of these companies have not been maintained, could he share plans to establish and maintain such records in the future to ensure transparency and accountability in similar projects; and
- (vi) are there any specific guidelines or mechanisms in place to monitor and evaluate the Corporate Social Responsibility contributions of companies involved in these projects and if so, could the Minister provide details on how these are implemented and enforced.

MR M. REATILE (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke botse potso ya ntlha kwa ministry wa ga Motlotlegi Eric Motibisi Molale. Ke dumela gore potso e Mr Speaker, re kile ra e bua thata le motlotlegi mo pakeng e e fetileng. Tota e le gore o ne a supa gore dikarabo o na le tsone go ya ka manontlhotlhlo...

MR MOATLHODI: On a point of procedure. Ke a leboga Morena wa me. Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisayo tsa Palamente, may the peace and mercy of God bless His Excellency the President and the people of this country. Fa Motlotlegi Leader of the House a sutisa the Motion pertaining to the change of the Order Paper per Standing Order 30.2, I was of the understanding that your good self will permit the Honourable Minister responsible for Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to be the first in presenting his statement. Then thereafter the questions could follow.



MR SPEAKER: Thank you Deputy Speaker, you are totally mistaken.

MR REATILE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re tota ke se ka ka ja nako e ntsi mo potsong e ka gore re e kwadilwe ka botswerere jo bo kalo, le Honourable Molale ke dumela gore o e arabile ka matsetseleko a a kalo. Jaanong ke mo neye nako ya gore a e ale a re arabe, re le re kgone gore re mmotse *follow-up questions*.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): Mr Speaker, I greet you this morning and my congratulation runs to Letsile Tebogo and his family.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the number of projects awarded to Chinese-owned companies by my ministry since 2020 is three. The three comprise two building construction and one road construction. The total value of these projects is P972, 700, 000.00 and these are broken down as follows;
- (a) The construction of the office building for the Ministry of Finance on Plot 4724 in Gaborone awarded to Colic Construction in 2022 at the cost of P141, 993, 000.00
- (b) The construction of a new police station in Letlhakane *la* Orapa awarded to Heli Construction and Engineering which is in a joint venture with Mido Construction. This was awarded in 2021 at the cost of P155, 000, 000.00. This I must emphasise is a 50/50 joint venture between the two that I have mentioned and noting that Mido Construction is a 100 per cent citizen-owned company.
- (c) The construction of Mandunyane-Shashemooke-Borolong-Chadibe-Mathangwane road including access roads to adjacent villages such as Natale, Makobo and others was awarded to Unik Construction in June 2023 at a cost of P675, 731, 000.00
- (ii) Mr Speaker, there is data available Honourable Reatile, on the 30 per cent subcontracting policy for Batswana-owned companies to be assisted or subcontracted by non-citizen contractors and the information is just follows:
- (a) For the building *ya* Ministry of Finance, there is only one citizen company that has been subcontracted mainly to do brickwork at the cost of P33, 303, 000.00 representing 30.84 per cent. The project commenced in August 2023 and is currently at 57 per cent against 65 per cent.
- (b) For the joint venture between Heli and Mido, the subcontracting is not a requirement as it already includes 50 per cent for the citizen company but that nevertheless, if there is need for further subcontracting, the policy will allow that with the citizen sub-contractors. This work is currently at 96 per cent against the 100 per cent.
- (c) Regarding the construction of Mandunyane-Mathangwane road, the contractor is yet to engage citizen sub-contractors as per the policy. The total value and percentage of sub-contracted works is still to be determined since the project has just commenced and sub-contracting is expected to be part of that commencement.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, we cannot elaborate on the reasons for any variations that may occur between the contracted sum and the end sum paid in these projects, because so far *garise re bone* any request for variation. The two projects that are in the early stages of implementation have no variations that have arisen. Letlhakane Police project, though at 96 per cent has no variations to date. However, for those that have commenced, I cannot rule out the possibility of variations occurring. For example, the cost of bitumen is rising exponentially, within the last four months, it has risen by 60 per cent. There is a possibility that there will be variations that may occur.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, the previous response to this question as was answered by Honourable Segokgo, never indicated that there were difficulties in retrieving information. I need to reiterate that there were two questions that were asked and none of those indicated to have any missing data. At the time the first question was (a) the names, number and total number of projects/tenders awarded to Chinese companies for the past seven years; and that data was available, and (b) was the amount spent on Corporate Social Investment (CSI) by each company relative to the tenders awarded so far. The responses included the list of projects as requested, and the fact that my ministry did not keep records on Corporate Social Investments. When we do not keep records, it does not mean that data is not available, it is because we have not been doing that all the time.



- (v) Mr Speaker, I had submitted to Cabinet two documents, the Project Governance Framework proposal and the Maintenance Governance Framework proposal which define in detail processes and procedures for managing various aspects of projects, and in this instance, we have included some aspects of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that companies would now be compelled to respond to. Once Cabinet has approved those, we will start implementing such.
- (vi) As indicated in the response above, my ministry will start maintaining CSR records once the frameworks that I am talking about, which have suggested the inclusion of Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in the reporting format will then commence as necessary. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR REATILE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Tla ke go leboge Tona ka karabo ya gago. Ke ne ke re gongwe o re fetise fa Tona, ka gore le ya go dira guidelines tse o sa tswang go bua ka tsone, tse o setseng o di isitse kwa Cabinet, motho fa a ka tlhaloganya gore ka fa di tlaabong di tla ntse ka teng, go tlaabo go na le threshold ya gore yone CSR re solo fela gore mo go Billion Pula, rakonteraka o ka spend bokae mo CSR?*

Ya bobedi Tona, ke ne ke batla go itse gore a go a kgonagala ka fa melao le melawana e ntseng ka teng gore Motswana yo o ka tswang a bone tender a dira tsela kana dikago ka fa go tlaabong go ntse ka teng, o ka sub-contract kompone ya motswakwa gore a bo a tla go dira tiro e e ntseng jalo, e le gore jaanong go supa gore ene he is fronting? Ke ne ke re o tle o re tlhwatwetse yone eo Tona. Nkaraba. *Thank you sir:*

MR MOLALE: Ke tlaa go araba tota Morolong wetsho. Ya CSR gore re akantse jang, e santse e le kwa, a re se ka ra e ja maoko. *Once the governance framework is known, it will be given to all ministries, district councils, and everybody who has interest in, le bone bo radikontekra. This was work that took a lot of time to do ka gore there was consultation, even the private sector and all that, jaanong ke selo se e leng gore kwa bofelong ke tsaya gore e ya go nna sa rona rotlhe.*

Sub-contracting ga e tshwane le fronting; fronting ke fa Honourable Hikuama a re o na le konteraka a fiwe tiro, e re tlholang re e bona e diragala, e re a sena go e fiwa, behind the scenes a bo a bitsa motswakwa a tla

go mo neela. Ke gore a rekietsa motswakwa konteraka ya rona. *In the governance framework, ke yone e ke tlaa ntshang sephirinyana sa yone, golo foo re batla go go kaba gore e re fela fa re bona motho a dira jalo, re bo re cancel konteraka eo re ya go e neela a deserving Motswana who is not fronting.*

Jaanong sub-contracting, fa Motswana a filwe tiro go na le a specialist sub-contracting requirements e gongwe e seyong mono, mma ke fe sekai sa dipatela like issues of oxygen and other gases go di phatlalatsa le sepatela, fa go sena Motswana like we have seen fa Moshupa Hospital, ke gone that citizen contractor a ka sub-contract a non-citizen. It is only on specialist needs. Re bona jalo le mo dipateleng ke e fa se sengwe sekai, bogolo jang regarding machinery e e dirisiwang mo go alafeng batho, mme ordinary construction re a gana. E bo e re fa go tlhokafala, re dire mo gotweng nominated sub-contracting. Re re fa e le gore ga o bone Batswana, ke ba tlhophua mo go ba. That is how we do it. I thank you sir:

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke a go leboga Honourable Molale ka dikarabo tsa gago, le mmotsi wa potso. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke botse gore a go na le maikaelelo mangwe a Puso go fetola seemo se re bonang e le gore mo NDP 11 mo mading a P3.6 billion, 75 per cent which is P2.7 billion a duetse dikompone tsa batswakwa, fa o tshwantshanya le 22 per cent yo o neetsweng Batswana kana P784 million? It is a great discrepancy; 75 per cent, 22 per cent. Gore a go na le maikaelelo a gore seemo se se fetoge? Bogolo jang ke lebile gore go lebega e le gore yone construction e generally e, ga se rocket science ka gore o fitlhela e le gore Batswana ba le bantsi ba setse ba fitlhile kwa go reng ba ka aga buildings, ditsela, dikago ka go farologana.

E bile a o a lemoga gore mo ditirong tse dingwe tse Puso e di neetseng dikompone tsa maChina, ba kgona gore tota fa o assess tiro e ba e dirang, let us say ke pipeline, I know it is not your ministry but ke part ya ga Goromente, o kgona go fitlhela kompone ya mo China e filwe gore e tsenye pipeline.

Fa o re o a lebelela gore it has subcontracted dikompone dife, o fitlhela e le gore Indians ke bone ba dirang cold welding, South Africans ba dira electrical, including bo pump stations. O bo o fitlhela e le gore, tota fela boammaaruri ke gore kompone e yone e hiritswe go epa mosele. Ke gore e neetswe this job go epa mosele, effectively. Jaanong ke re a dikgang tse o a di lemoga?



Mo subcontracting it may appear on paper that dikompone tse dingwe tse tsa maChina subcontract tsa Batswana, mme in actual fact, a o a lemoga, a o a itse gore ba bangwe would have subcontracted maChina ba ba nang le bo Omang, ba e leng Batswana, naturalised citizens. Two; Bangwe ba bone would have subcontracted batho ba e leng gore are fronting for them. Ke gore company has won a tender, go bo gotwe it has subcontracted, mme in actual fact e le gore motho wa kompone eo has fronted. Mo e leng gore fa o ka tlhotlhomisa o ka lemoga gore motho yo has fronted, whether you go to the accounts, offices, whether you do what. Do you have any mechanism to police fronting because it is rampant in this country? I have made these allegations in this Parliament, ka ba ka supa tsela ya gore go ka iwa kae. I gave one example ya company, ka ba ka bua le kwa diofising tsa yone gore e has fronted on their subcontract. I do not think anything has been done.

Finally, Honourable Minister ka 1999 you abolished foreign exchange controls. Meaning that the P2.7 billion that you paid foreign companies for National Development Plan (NDP) 11, the Minister of Finance could not inform this House on the percentage of the P2.7 billion invested in Botswana or the amount that has been repatriated as profit outside. Lebaka la teng le legolo ke gone gore, foreign exchange controls were abolished in 1999. Jaanong ke re ke go botse Tona gore, a go mo maikaelelong a ga Goromento gore at least for ba e leng gore tota they are not for all intent and purposes foreign investors, e le ba ba fenyang tenders, are we not going to require them through law and regulations, gore a portion of their payment e nne invested mo Botswana? Ga re ise re fitlhe koo. Ke kgang e ke e ngangileng le Honourable Matambo ga re a dumalana, Rre Matsheka le Honourable Serame. A Goromento o na le maikaelelo a gore...even though she has abolished foreign exchange controls, mme gongwe she should revise that policy, especially for those who win multimillion Pula tenders, gore a portion of what they get as profit be invested locally and not wholly repatriated? Ke utlwa ya Community Social Responsibility (CSR) ya bopelotlhomogi, but I am not more on that, I am on investment. Ke a leboga.

MR MOLALE: Mr Speaker, ke a leboga. Ke leboga le mmotsi wa dipotso tse. Mr Speaker, mma ke boeole kgang ya me ya maloba gore nna ke itse Standing Order se re, short and precise supplementary question. Jaanong fa ke bodiwa dipotso di le seven interspersed with statements, how am I expected to grasp all that is

being said. E bo e re ke sena go araba mo ke kgonneng, go bo gotwe ga o a araba gotlhe. No, I am just a mortal, I have some absorption and retention capacity e e rileng. I cannot be expected to react beyond the dictates of normalcy.

Mr Speaker, re fetola seemo. I have made several statements here fa re simolola the Development Manager Model, gore re ya kae, e le kgang e ya go fetola seemo, not only on giving Batswana more work. Ka re le fa re fetola seemo fa ga go reye gore Batswakwa ga ba na go fiwa ditiro, but giving Batswana more and more work. Re buile gape gore re fetola seemo sa gore re bone gore there is quality, time management and cost management. Ke buile in this Parliament.

Foreign companies, yes we are an open economy. Fela jaaka Honourable Members you know gore we have companies tsa Batswana tse e leng gore they are operating outside Botswana. Jaanong fa re ka itsa batho go tla mo ga rona re solo fela gore ba rona ba tlaa ya kwa... Maloba fa ke dira statement fa ka kgang ya allegation e go neng go buiwa gore Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) and DM go rileng, go rileng, ke buile gore, that company that was alleged jalo is operating in Canada. Ke bua gore, company eo fela because of this mere allegation, they are going to cancel it kwa Canada. Jaanong fa re tla ka dilo tse di ntseng jalo fa a bo o kare re direla bana ba rona ba ba kwa ntle... Another company tse tsa DMs tse di leng fa it is HNSB, ya mosimane wa kwa Tonota, Ramahobo. He cut his teeth in the construction industry kwa South Africa kwano a sa kgona go tsena. We brought them back, they are here and he is doing a good job. He is one of the first DMs whose projects have been approved through the maximum guarantee price. Nata-Gweta road re ya go e bula very soon. He is performing and many others; Okavango, gatwe e bidiwa eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Okavango...
(inaudible)...

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

MR MOLALE: Whatever. Nnyaa, e seng e e fa Radisele, ya bo Mohutsiwa le Gabana. It is doing a good job. Their matching up guarantee price ya the A3 has been agreed and we are ready to break ground. They are doing a good job. We are bringing them here. Ba ne ba le kwa ntla e le gore kwano jaanong are pushed kwa ntla. Thanks to the BDP forward thinking ya gore re dire molao wa Economic Inclusion, re bo re gatelela gore ga re re Motswana wa sekei re re targeted citizen.



We are targeting *ka re itsa gone gore jaanong go tlaabo go tswea mo* China *yo o nang le* Omang *go bo gotwe ke* citizen. We are targeting citizens *ba re bonang gore ke bone* who are deserving. That is the law that we passed.

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

MR MOLALE: *O se ka wa seka quarry ya gago ya* Maope we are working on that. Just relax... (laughter!)...

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

MR MOLALE: I know everything about these things. We are working on it Honourable Mathoothe. You will soon have your quarry, selling to us *fa re dira A1*, dualling it, you will be supplying as much as you can.

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

MR MOLALE: *Ka re* we are working on that. *Ke gore le ene o sentse ka* to subcontract them *mo lease ya gagwe* or whatever happened. I do not know what happened. We are working on it *rraetsho*, do not worry.

Mr Speaker, *fa re tla mo* the 75 per cent versus 25 per cent, maybe we should go a little bit further. *Fa go buiwa ka* 75 per cent most of the construction materials comprise cement, we import cement, all of it. *Ke buile mo Palamenteng e go feta gararo gore re na le line kwa Lethakeng le Serorome, re na le ash kwa Morupule* and other ingredients *tse di ka dirang cement, ke kopa* and calling upon Batswana and my colleagues in this House *gore re rotloetse gore go dirwe cement mo* Botswana. If that plant is not forthcoming, *ka gore e e kwa Matsiloje ba dira* 100 bags a day, that is not even a drop in the ocean, *ga se sepe*. So, *ke cement, then fa re se tsaya kwa ntle go raya gore* 75 per cent *yo o mmuang* Honourable Keorapetse is part of that.

Steel; *tshipi, fa go agiwa bogolo jang* the built environments, as well as roads, it is imported.

Then bitumen *e ke buileng ka yone*, the sole supplier *mo* Southern Africa is a company *e bidiwa Tosas*. Since March this year they have been escalating prices, so between March and now we had a 65 per cent escalation in price. That means expatriation of money to get bitumen. We had even contacted other people elsewhere, and we think we are going to be making a breakthrough, *ka gore ke buile le* Honourable Kgafela *le* Honourable Moagi *gore re bone* alternative sources. Not only alternative sources, but also alternative technologies to do road construction and we have found them. We have done

them on striations we will keep doing them on striations and then starting. *Re na le* such *kwa Namibia le* South Africa, so that we drift away from bitumen where we see a monopolistic kind of tendency, *e e diragalang* in the supply of the product.

I have said in this Parliament before Honourable Keorapetse *gore*, when we started the first North South Carrier (NSC) we imported Bangladeshi people to do coded welding. *Ra ba ra kopa gore* at the time through the Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF), *go dirwe* coded welding courses here. *Ga ke itse gore re ne ra tsamaya go ya go ema fa kae*, but *fa e leng gore* we still import coded welders *go raya gore* we must work very fast. There was a time when I was Debswana Chairperson, *ke kopa*...

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

MR MOLALE: Yeah! *Ke ne ke sa dire diphaletšhe kana* Tsabana, I was working very hard for this country.

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

MR MOLALE: Of course, for the benefit *ya* Botswana. There was a time where we even suggested *gore Jwaneng Technical College e tswe ke moepo* such that, we extend the threshold of the courses *tse di dirwang* to include even coded welding. That was to be discussed further between the Ministries of Education *le wa* Mining, I do not know how far they have gone.

Tota ya naturalised citizens *ke e arabile gore no*, that is why *re tsile* ka Economic Inclusion Act...

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

MR MOLALE: *Ee, ya* fronting, *ke e arabile*. Even the governance frameworks *tse re di dirang tse*, we are trying to close the gaps. One of the problems *tse re neng ra nna le tsone ka* Citizen Economic, was that 30 per cent reservation *e* the wording *e neng ya re tsosetsa mathata, ka gore batho ba ne ba re no, ka fa le e kwadileng ka teng le supa fela gore* it can be up to 30 per cent. So, we caused that wording *e tšhentšhiwe gore e nne* 30 per cent *go ya kwa godimo*. *Bone ba ne ba bua gore* wording caps at 30 per cent. So, these are the changes that we are doing, *re fetola seemo*.

Ya foreign exchange, ke eng o sa e lebaganye le Mma Serame?

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



MR MOLALE: Ee, ke tloga ke mo senyetsa kgang, a bo a ntshupa ka monwana. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition (LOO).

MR KEORAPETSE: *Further clarification.* Ke dire tatediso ya gore, a mme go na le seelo kana sekale se re ka reng a contractor o targeted citizen inclusion compliant. Ke botsisiwa se ke gore, fa ke bua ka molao wa Black Economic Empowerment Policy which is backed by the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and Regulations, go na le matrix wa teng wa gore who is compliant, who is not compliant. A re na le dielo tsa gore yo ke yo complaint, yo ke yo o seng complaint. Ke buisiwa se ke gore, o fitlhela e le gore motho o neetswe tiro ya Puso, mme fa o re o lebelela the suppliers, the sub-contracting le the entire project fela fa Batswana ba neng ka ungewelwa teng, ga ba ungewelwe. Jaanong ke re, are you in the process of developing that matrix of gauging compliance. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister.

MR MOLALE: Thank you. At the moment, very little is done, because the Procurement Act requires gore go nne le end of activity report. I believe gore ke yone e re ka e atolosang to cover all aspects, ka gore e botsa tsele le tsele fela mme it is kind of narrow.

That will be supported by the frameworks tse ke neng ke bua ka tsone, ka gore it would also even help the contracting ministries to know in advance gore what is expected of them. This end of activity report should also help in compliance gore in the future fa go abiwa ditiro, re bone ba ba seng compliant re ba ntshe re tsenye ba ba compliant.

Lastly, as in the case of the Development Managers (DMs) we have said these DM's must build capacity ya Citizen Targeted Construction Companies gore di tswe mo go bo D, di ye kwa go bo E, such that we grow the base ya large companies mo Botswana. That in part we answer your question ya repatriation to foreign countries. I thank you sir.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

PROGRESS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BNLS HEADQUATERS

MR M. G. J. MOTSAMAI (GHANZI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to state:

- (i) progress in the construction of the Botswana National Library Services (BNLS) headquarters;

(ii) how much was used for the design of this building; and

(iii) if the plot still exists at Central Business District (CBD) where it was to be located.

MINISTER OF YOUTH, GENDER, SPORT AND CULTURE (MR RAKGARE): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker, mo mosong wa gompieno. Moso wa boitumelo Mr Speaker, moso o rotlhe re le Batswana re ipelang re bopagane, re bopagantswe ke phenyo ya ngwana wa rona Letsile Tebogo. Ke dumela gore e tlaa re kgantjana o mphe sebaka Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re bue le Batswana re ba leboge ka tiro e ntle e letseng e diragetse bosigo jo re bo tsogang.

(i) Mr Speaker, construction of the Botswana National Library Service Headquarters has not commenced as anticipated, owing to issues relating to availability of suitable land to undertake a national project of such magnitude and stature.

(ii) *Sa bobedi* Mr Speaker, an approximate total amount of Thirty-Nine Million and Thirty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eleven Pula and Seventy-Six Thebe (P39,039,711.76) was used in the project design. This total amount is accounted for as follows: Sixteen Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Four Pula and Nineteen Thebe (P16,944,504.19) was paid for Architectural Services, Eight Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand and Twenty-Two Thebe (P8,329,399.22) was paid for Engineering Services (Civil and Structural), Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Seven Pula and Ninety-Nine Thebe (P4,989,977.99) was used for Mechanical Engineering Services, while Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pula and Sixty-Eight Thebe (P4,984,250.68) was paid for Electrical Engineering Services, Three Million Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Pula and Sixty-Eight Thebe (P3,791,579.68) was paid for Quantity Survey Services.

As previously mentioned, the main obstacle to the project was land. In 2015, the Government made the decision to repossess all undeveloped plots allocated to Government Ministries and Agencies within the Central Business District (CBD).



(iii) We are currently working with the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs to try and normalise *seemo se re iphitlhelang re le mo go sone*. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re Tona ke go leboge, gape le nna ke gata fa o ntseng o gata teng, wa ga mma ke galaletse ngwana yo o letseng a dirile mathaithai maabane. Ke go leboge gobo le wena o ne o na le seabe sa go mo ema nokeng.

Mma ke tswelele ka potso ke re a ga le bone madiadia a go tlhoka lefatshe a gongwe le ka bo le dirile tsela nngwe ya gore go dirwe *waiver to allocate* lefatshe ke *ministry* o o maleba? A ga le bone a tlaa dira gore motlhlang le bona lefatshe e bo e le gore *project* ya go aga *headquarters* a bo e le gore e tura phetelela le go feta, mme seo gongwe se bowe gape se padise gongwe le ka letlhoko la madi?

Ya bobedi ke ya gore a mme tota wa re ke dumele thata fela gore lefatshe ga le yo, gotlhellele ga le yo fa le ka agang teng, fa e le gore mo nakong ya gompieno ke le Motswana ke ntse jaana ke bona dikompone tse di tona di goroga, ke sa reye gore di molato, ba neelwa lefatshe ba aga *malls* e metona? Ke bo ke ka wela fela ka gore *waivers* di fiwa fa go rileng, gore nnyaa mme selo se ke sa botlhokwa a go agiwe Batswana ba tlhabologe?

Staff sa *library* o se ka wa lebala gore kana fa se le fale, re batla se tlhabologa ka gore e rile le ba kgaoganya la re le batla gore le ba tsholetse? Ke a leboga.

MR RAKGARE: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re mogolole *Honourable Motsamai*, gompieno *I am in a good mood*, jaanong ke tlide go go araba fela. O itse gore le fa o ka nthumola, ke tlide go itidimalela ka gore ke a bo ke bona gore o tlala thumolano.

Kgang e ya lefatshe e motlotlegi ke tlhalositse gore re mo puisanong le ba lephata le le maleba le le abang lefatshe gore ba kgone go re thusa. Ba ne ba re file lefatshe mo CBD, mme ya re fa Puso e sena go tsaya tshwetso ka 2015 ya gore dikago tsotlhe tsa Puso tse go neng go akantswe gore di ka agiwa fale, di sutele go sele, go bo go raya gore jaanong kana re simolola go tsena mo dipuisanong tsa gore mme re ka bona lefatshe kae. Kana kgang ga se lefatshe fela, madi a mangwe a setse a dule a a dirisitsweng mo dilong tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone, mme jaanong go tshwanetse go tswe madi

a kago a re tshwanetseng go a kopa kwa Pusong a bo a tla a feta mo Palamenteng. Re mo tseleng ya go dira jalo Motlotlegi Mopalamente.

Ya gore madi a tlaa ya kwa godimo ke boammaaruri, mme kana fa a ise a nne teng a go aga mo nakong ya gompieno ga go na gore re ka reng. Re ikgomotsa ka gore ditiro tse dingwe tse di neng di tshwanetse go dirwa, jaaka ke ntse ke tlhalosa, di ne tsa dirwa ka nako eo jaanong mo go setseng ke gone fela gore a bo e le gore re bona madi a kago re bo re simolola go aga.

Fa o ne o utlwa ke re jaanong go na le thumolano ke gore o ne o re ka re o dumele gore ke boammaaruri lefatshe ga le yo ga re kgone go le bona, mme re bona bangwe ba fiwa lefatshe, ga ke ba itse ba ba fiwang lefatshe, kgang ya ntlha ke yone eo. Sa bobedi ga ke abe lefatshe, jaanong ga se mo o ka tlang o ntebaganya le dikgang tse e leng gore gongwe ga di amane gope le kgang e re buang ka yone mogulole Motlotlegi Motsamai.

Jaanong e ya bodiredi ke dumela gore go na le potso e ke setseng ke e bone ya gago e e tlang, ke tlaa e araba fela go le maleba ka nako ya teng ka gore dikgang tsa bodiredi di dintsi thata. Fela se ke ka se go rayang ke gore re kgathala ka bodiredi jwa rona jo bo berekang mo *libraries* tsa rona, re itse letlhoko le le leng teng, bana ba Modimo ba rona dikgang tsa bone tsa *promotions* di saletse kwa morago, mme e le ka ntata ya *structure* se re nang le sone gompieno. Ga go na ope wa bone, *librarians* ba rona le botlhe ba ba dirang mo *libraries* tsa rona yo o tshwanelwang ke gore a ba a le mo seemong se a leng mo go sone. Ke ba etetse botlhe lefatshe le la Botswana ka bophara, ofisi nngwe le nngwe ya bone ke e tsene, mme ke utlwa selelo se. Ke itse matshwenyego a bone, mme mo nakong ya gompieno re leka go dira bojolhe gore re baakanye mathata a ba leng mo go one. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND BRIGADES

MR O. RAMOGAPI (PALAPYE): asked the Minister of Education and Skills Development to apprise this Honourable House on technical colleges and brigades stating the following:

- (i) the total number of students who graduate in Trade Test B the whole of Botswana per year;
- (ii) the total number of students who progress to National Craft Certificate per year;
- (iii) the total number of students who fail to progress to the next level per year;



- (iv) what the ministry is doing regarding students who are unable to progress to the next level due to shortage of spaces despite passing Trade Test B;
- (v) why the Minister is not building a new Technical college; and
- (vi) what the ministry is doing about the shortage of equipment, practical materials, tools and lecturers' accommodation.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR LESASO):

Mr Speaker, the Honourable Member has asked a question and did not state the timeframe, I therefore would like to inform the House that I will be answering the questions i, ii and iii confining myself to the past five years (2019 to 2023).

- (i) Mr Speaker, a total of 7,061 students were enrolled in the Trade Test B across 22 trades for the past five years, out of which 4,311 students graduated, as per the statistics outline below;

Academic year	No of students enrolled	No of students who graduated	Percentage
2019	1 086	671	61%
2020	894	723	80%
2021	46	42	91%
2022	2 726	2 062	75%
2023	1 086	813	74%
Total	7 061	4 311	61%

This translates into an average of 61 per cent of students graduating with Trade Test B in the past five years.

- (ii) From the total number of 4,311 students who graduated with Trade Test B 3,869 students progressed to National Craft Certificate in the past five years.
- (iii) A total of 422 students failed to progress to the next level National Craft Certificate (NCC), which translates to 10.2 per cent of the students who graduated at Trade Test B.

It is important to note that Trade Test B is an exit point wherein students who completed in the previous years can apply to be enrolled for NCC, hence the numbers of enrolments into NCC exceed the number of students who graduated with Trade Test B.

- (iv) Mr Speaker, my ministry is aligning its current Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) curriculum with the National Credit Qualification Framework (NCQF). This dispensation will cater for these students as all TVET institutions will be offering programmes up to the NCQF Level 5, which is equivalent to National Craft Certificate (NCC). In the current setup, there are only 10 brigades and three Diploma-offering Technical Colleges out of the 40 that offer NCC.
- (v) Mr Speaker, as indicated above, my ministry has started the transformation of TVET which is ... (Interruptions)... *o a bo o tla motho o ... (Inaudible) ... o kare o legala jaana.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o re legakabe, ke wena o ka bitswang legakabe.

MR LESASO: ...anticipated to increase access and transition across all TVET learning programmes levels (Level III, IV, V, VI). Therefore, our priority right now is to ensure optimal use of existing institutions before we can build more.

- (vi) The procurement of workshop equipment to accommodate the new curricula has to a large extent been achieved save for a few programmes with queries during the procurement process (carpentry, plumbing and electrical). Otherwise practical materials, small tools and equipment are always catered for in the recurrent budget, and



institutions are duly assisted as per their needs. Staff accommodation is an area where we are still challenged as a ministry but we continue to explore ways of alleviating this problem. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Honourable Lesaso. Jaaka Batswana botlhe Mr Speaker, le ba Palapye ba itumeletse Tebogo Letsile fela thata, ba re ke fetisetse malebo kwa go Honourable Rakgare. Go simolola kwa Mogome, Mokgware, Radisele, Topisi, Moreomabele le Palapye, re a leboga Minister.

Honourable Minister Lesaso, ke a go leboga thata ka karabo e ya gago. Se ke se itumelelang ke gore re ne re le mmogo kwa Palapye Technical College, dilo tse dingwe o di iponetse ka matlho a gago tota. *Honourable Minister,* mme gone a tota o a itse gore palo ya bana ba ba salelang kwa morago ba palelwa ke go ya kwa National Craft Certificate (NCC), ba felela go padile gotlhelele ka gore go tsewa a *limited number?* Go tswa foo ngwaga o o latelang, go na le ba bangwe gape who graduate. Yone e o neng o e bua o re e ka nna bo 10 per cent, go raya gore ba ngwaga o o latelang gape ba palelwa ke go ya kwa pele fa gongwe e le ka mathata a gore gotwe ba kwale interview. Jaanong fa gotwe ba kwale interview, kana bale ba setse ba rusitse bale, ba lebetse. Ba bašha ba ba neng ba fetsa ba kgona go e pasa ba bo ba feta. Ke re mathata ao o dira eng ka one Honourable Minister?

Gape ke re Tona, ke utlwile o re ga o kgone go aga dikole tse dingwe tse di šha. Ke go botse gore mme tota Tona, a Puso ya gago e a lemoga fela sentlesentle gore technical colleges tse di agilwe bo 40 years ago? Di ne di agiwa ke ba Germany e le donation jaaka tsa bo Palapye, Selebi Phikwe, Jwaneng le Maun. A up to now re ka bo re sena technical colleges tse dingwe to cater for mathata a bana ba ba e leng gore tota ba a oketsegae go ya ka dipalo tsa gago Honourable Minister?

Tota e e tlhomolang pelo e ke reng o e bone ka matlho Honourable Minister wa bo wa ba soloftesa ke ya equipment. Ke ne ke na le wena tota, ke a go akgola ka go etela dikole foo. Tona, are you aware gore tota mme go tlhoka materials tse di dirang practical tsa bo carpentry, tota ke maphata otlhe? Kana go tlhoka materials tse go ba dira gore ba se ka ba dira practical e e nang le boleng. Ke re are you aware gore golo mo go re gogela kwa go reng re felele re produce bana ba ba senang quality ka gore ga ba a fiwa enough training, e e leng gore e tlhoka materials? Honourable Minister,

to the extend ya gore le fa go kwalwa exams, bana ba technical colleges tota ba a sokola. O fitlhele e le gore le tsone tsa exam ga di yo. Go a mamaisiwa gore ba kwale exams ka tsone. Ke re o ikaelela go dira jang ka bothata jo Honourable Minister?

Ga ke a go utlwa sentle ka ya boroko jwa barutabana gore it is a serious concern. Ga ke itse gore ke eng o ne o sa e arabe, ga ke a go utlwa gotlhelele. Gongwe legale o e arabile ga ke a go utlwa Honourable Minister. Kgang e ke neng ke batla go botsa ka yone ke gore ke eng le sa fe barutabana bogolo housing allowance gore le bone ba tshwane le batho ba bangwe ba ga Goromenta ba e leng gore ba kgona go e fiwa ba bo ba bereka? Ke a go leboga Honourable Minister. Thank you so much.

MR LESASO: Kana jaanong o boditse dipotso tse di šha. Legale ke tlaa di araba tsala ya me o se ka wa tshwenyega. Limited access ya bana from brigade ba ya kwa bo NCC, I think I have acknowledged gore ke yone challenge e re e lebileng ka bo ka bua gore we are in the process of transforming TVET education gore re improve access mo dikoleng.

We appreciate gore re tlhaela workshops, classrooms le qualified lecturers ba e leng gore they could increase access ya bana go ya kwa from trade go ya kwa go NCC. There is a programme that we are undertaking ya go bona gore re expand institutions and availability ya equipment and tools so that bana ba kgone gore ba ithute ba kgone to access all these. We realised that a lot of students ba felela gape mo go Form 3, ba e leng gore they could access these institutions, ba ntse ba tlhaela. Go ntse go sena diphatlha. Ke go soloftesa gore programme eo has been undertaken ya gore re baakanye what these students need to do to access institutions.

Material o o tlhaelang, I think ke tlhalositse gape gore by and large, re rekile material and equipment. Mathata a a ntseng a le teng e ne e le gore as we procure new equipment, go raya gore there has to be a parallel programme ya go ruta lecturers gape on the use of these equipment. Le yone ke challenge e re ntseng re na le yone ka gore equipment ya teng fa gongwe e a rekwa re ise re ba train gore ba tle ba e dirise e bo e nna foo e sa kgone go dirisiwa. Ke yone challenge e e leng teng.

Gape mathata a mangwe ke transition e re neng re na le yone. Fa o ka lebelela gore we had to take the brigades from Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs re di tlisa kwa go rona. So, transition e ke yone e e re tsereng nako gape go na le COVID in the process e e neng ya emisa tiro.



Jaaka ke ne ke go supegetsa dipalo tse di neng di tsena ka 2021, bana ba ba neng ba ile sekoleng ba ne ba le 46 fela, 42 ke yone e bo e graduate. So, ke one mathata a re neng re na le one. Re ne re sena *the necessary tools* tsa gore re *prepare bana for learning outside classrooms*. So, go raya gore ke nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore di ne tsa re diya gore re kgone go tswelela. Mme fela ke a go sololetsa gore *brigades* ke tsone re di fang *priority and we have engaged a consultant that will look into this to see gore re tle re baakanye brigades di nne to a level and transforming even the name, brigades will be given a different name* ya gore di kgone gore to attract bana ba le bantsi. Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Tshwara tsa accommodation. Sorry Mr Speaker.*

MR LESASO: Kana golo mo ga *accommodation is part of this expansion e ke buang ka yone. As we build more classrooms, there will be holistic approach* ya gore re *expand brigades into vocational institutions tse e leng gore they would be attractive, ka gore le a e itse that stigma ya brigade, something that has been causing a lot of challenges to attract even qualified staff* gore ba kgone go ya teng koo. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us move on to the next item. I understand the Honourable Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture wishes to make a statement.

STATEMENT BOTSWANA'S HISTORIC PERFORMANCE AT PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

MINISTER OF YOUTH, GENDER, SPORT AND CULTURE (MR RAKGARE): Mr Speaker, thank you very much for granting us this opportunity to make a statement on a historic achievement by Botswana at the ongoing Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Mr Speaker, never in my life have I felt this proud to be a Motswana, and I am very confident that I am not the only one.

I speak with a great conviction for not only was my phone ringing non-stop last night, and I suppose the same for many Honourable Members here, both social and mainstream media were abuzz with congratulatory and feel good messages all relating to the historic achievement by Letsile "Schoolboy" Tebogo and Team Botswana at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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

MR RAKGARE: The calls, messages and social media posts that are continuing even to this hour are from both the young and old, people of different religious beliefs and political affiliations; people in Botswana, African continent and beyond. The celebratory mood is contagious and continues.

Mr Speaker, while we have never doubted our athletes' talent, dedication and perseverance and have known for a long time that there was something special and unique about our current cohort of athletes, some of us were speaking of a gold medal from Paris in hushed tones, expecting it to come as a surprise to many knowing how difficult it is to win an Olympic Gold medal. Schoolboy has made it look as easy as a breeze.

It is no wonder Mr Speaker, as a nation that we are overjoyed by what happened last night; where an otherwise small and obscure nation with a population of just two million people conquered the world; bringing glory to Batswana, shining the spotlight on Botswana and indeed etching our beloved country into the annals of Olympic and sport history.

Today we stand united in joy and pride as we honour the remarkable achievements of Team Botswana, especially Letsile Schoolboy Tebogo, the first Motswana to win an Olympic Gold Medal and the first African to win a gold medal in the 200 metres event at the Olympic Games. Congratulations Schoolboy, Congratulations Team Botswana!

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

MR RAKGARE: Team Botswana's success Mr Speaker, at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games is not just a personal victory but a victory for every Motswana and African. In particular, Letsile has shown us the power of determination, resilience and belief in oneself. His performance on the global stage has inspired not only upcoming athletes, but many young people in our nation and indeed the continent to dream big and to work hard to turn those dreams into reality.

Letsile's journey to this moment has not been easy. It has been filled with countless hours of training, sacrifices and overcoming personal challenges. Yet through it all, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment and unyielding spirit. His stellar performance in Paris against the world's best is a true testament to his extraordinary talent and dedication.



As we celebrate this momentous occasion Mr Speaker, we also acknowledge and express our heartfelt gratitude to those who have supported him along the way; the Government of the Republic of Botswana, all political and civic leaders across parties and organisations, the private sector including Debswana, Orange, Okavango Diamond Company (ODC) who joined the Government of Botswana in putting money into Team Botswana's preparation for Paris, Letsile's coaches, his family, friends and all the mentors who believed in him and encouraged him to aim high. I am standing here Mr Speaker, suspecting that the First National Bank of Botswana (FNBB) Chief Executive Officers (CEO) *Rre Steve Bogatsu* and his team might be thinking of something to do for this team. I think *gongwe e tlaa re mo bogaufing, re utlwe sengwe* as they always do.

We also thank Choppies who have pledged incentives and rewards towards Team Botswana as great motivation.

Letsile's success is a collective success that has been built on the foundation of support and encouragement from those around him. Who would ever forget the unwavering support and cheerleading Letsile's mother gave during his races...

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

MR RAKGARE: ...from travelling with the youngster around the world to managing his diet and character. Letsile's mother is an angel looking down on him with pride and joy. She dedicated her life to making sure her son; our diamond, Botswana's diamond understood what it meant to be an elite athlete, both on and off track. We thank her for a job well done in raising an incredible athlete in Letsile "Schoolboy" Tebogo.

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

MR RAKGARE: Mr Speaker, I do not know if I should say it is strange or interesting that *Mme Seratiwa Tebogo*, the mother to our diamond; the departed mother to our hero, the new African record holder and indeed the Olympic Champion was born in 1980; *Mmagwe Letsile*, the year of our first participation as Botswana in the Olympic Games. Since then and until her timely departure a few months ago, Botswana had never won an Olympic Gold medal and now in the year of her passing, her son has gifted us one. May her soul continue to rest in peace.

Batswana *betsho*, our journey with Letsile dates many years back with milestones that include the World U20 Athletics Championships in Kenya and Colombia in 2021 and 2022 respectively, the World Athletics Championships and many other competitions. Letsile has been consistent and self-disciplined throughout the journey. Letsile has not only won a gold medal; he has won the hearts of millions of people across the world.

As we look to the future, this victory serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the next generation of athletes, artists and leaders. Letsile has set a new standard of excellence and we are confident that his success will inspire many other young people to follow in his footsteps. As Botswana Government, we have identified sport and the creative sector as one of the eight priority areas of transforming our economy during National Development Plan (NDP) 12 and this Letsile moment is a sure sign that yes, we can, and yes, we will.

In recognising this exceptional performance, Letsile is entitled to receive amongst other things from the Government of Botswana;

- P25 000.00 which was not there *mo nakong e e fetileng* for the Top 8 finish in the 100 metre (m) race; and
- P50 000.00 for setting an African record in 200m.
- A housing in a place of his choice in Botswana for the podium finish.

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

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Correction Minister. Mr Speaker, forgive me for rising late but I have collected a few views from colleagues, I think it was a slip of the tongue. I think I have heard clearly my colleague saying "Letsile's mother's," he ought to have said untimely death, untimely departure, but I think by the slip of the tongue, he said "timely departure." If your Hansard could record, it is the slip of the tongue, it must be untimely not timely. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kgafela. I thought you would let it slide.

MR RAKGARE: Thank you very much Honourable Kgafela. The correction is welcome and I am so sorry Mr Speaker *fa e le gore ke buile jalo. Ga ke ikuthwe* Mr Speaker *le o utlwa ke bua jaana. Ke boitumelo fela jo bo seng kana ka sepe, mo gongwe ke tlaa felela ke dira diphoso.*



Mr Speaker, in addition to the above *jaaka ke supile gore* he will receive from the Government of Botswana;

- P25 000.00 for the Top Eight finish in the 100 metres race; and
- P50 000.00 for setting an African record in 200 metres.
- A housing unit in a place of his choice in Botswana for the podium finish. High cost house, five bedrooms, we will give him se se mo tshwanetseng.

The above are in addition to the P30, 000.00 qualification bonus, the P8,333.33 monthly upkeep stipend since his qualification and the P 5,000.00 appearance fee, all of which he has already been paid.

As I conclude, let us all join together to congratulate Letsile Tebogo and Team Botswana on their historic achievement. Letsile's legacy will be remembered for generations to come, and the impact will be felt far beyond the world of athletics. Letsile has made us proud, and for that, we say thank you. Congratulations Team Botswana, and to Letsile Tebogo, our golden hero, our diamond, may your future endeavors be as bright and successful as this remarkable moment. *A Pula e ne!*

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

MR RAKGARE: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa ka boikokobetso gore ke soboke ka puo ya rona ya Setswana fa o ntetla, Batswana ba gaetsho ba kgone go utlw.

MR SPEAKER: Please!

MR RAKGARE: Ke leboga thata. Ke ne ke re Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, sa ntlha mma re leboge sebaka se o se re neetseng gore re kgone go buisa Batswana mo mosong wa gompieno, e le gore bosigo jo re bo tsogang, re tsoga jaana ka boitumelo jo bo kwa godimo. E le gore ngwana wa rona wa motabogi, Letsile Tebogo, o letse a dira diaba bosigo jwa maabane mme a re dira motlotlo, a dira ditso kwa metshamekong e e tsweletseng ya Olympics kwa lefatsheng la France, kwa toropong ya Paris. Ngwana yo wa Batswana o letse a kgonne go fenza seetsele sa gauta kwa mabelong one a mo lebelong la 200 metres. Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Motswana o rile "tlogatloga e tloga gale, modisa wa kgomo o bolola natso fa thupa ya tsone re e kgetla di eme." Se se sale se itshupile *Mr Speaker*, re se bona mo go Letsile e

santse e le mmotlana. Ke gakologelwa sentle Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore ka ngwaga wa 2021 Letsile Tebogo o ne a ile go emela lefatshe la Botswana kwa lefatsheng la Kenya. O ne a le dingwaga fela di le lesome le boferabobedi mme gone koo o ne a tla ka *medals* di le pedi. Ke gone fa lefatshe le neng la simolola go itse Letsile Tebogo.

Ke santse ke gakologelwa sentle Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ka rulaganya dijo tsa motshegare le ene le mme mmaagwe, a mowa wa ga mme mmaagwe o robale ka kagiso, le malomaagwe. A tlide a apere *uniform* ya gagwe ya Gaborone Senior Secondary (GSS), e le ngwananyana mme fa o mo leba, o bona gore fa re aga sekgantshwane se e tlaareng mo isagong, se beye lefatshe la Botswana mo *map*. O letse a dirile jalo Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re mo rolela huthe le bothle ba ba dirileng le ene. Bakatisi ba gagwe, bothle ba lelwapa la gagwe segolobogolo jang mme mmaagwe yo o sa tlholeng a le mo botshelong, gore o ne a tshegeditse ngwana wa gagwe go fitlhelela mo nakong ya gompieno. Ngwana wa gagwe o ithutile go le gontsi mo go ene.

Re leboga barotloetsi Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re leboga Puso. Kwa bofelong re leboga Batswana ka kakaretso ka dikgalaletso tsa bone le kemonokeng e e seng kana ka sepe e ba e supileng fa e sale jaaka re simolola go lemoga sekgantshwane se sa rona. Ba sa supe kemonokeng e mo go ene fela, ba e supa le mo go ba bangwe ba akaretsa batabogi bothle ba re nang le bone gone kwa Paris ba e leng karolo ya setlhophya sa rona se se ileng go re emela kwa metshamekong ya Olympics monongwaga. Se Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, se tshwanetse go re tshwaraganya re le Batswana, le gone mo Ntlong e ya gago ya Palamente. Re leboge bothle ba ba mo Ntlong yone e ka gore re itse sentle gore dipe tse di buiwang fa mongwe le mongwe o a bo a bua go tswa mo pelong, maikaelelo e le gore re age, re se ka ra thuba. Kamoso re bone Batswana yo o phophomang ka ditshono, yo e tlaareng kamoso batho ba ditshaba tse dingwe ba bo ba mo meletsa mathe. Re bone Batswana ba rona ba kgonne go tswelela pele.

Ka bofelong *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke supa gore mo katlegong e ya sekgantshwane sa rona, teemane ya rona Letsile Tebogo, Puso jaaka re ne ra dira mo dingwageng tse tharo tse di fetileng, ra baakanya gone mo re reng ke go leboga batabogi ba rona, batshameki ba rona fa ba tswa kwa metshamekong, re ne ra baakanya one mokwalo o. Mo nakong ya gompieno ga go sa tlhole



go tshwana le pele Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Pele go ne go sa tlwaelesega e bile go seyo, pele ga Motlotlegi mong wa rona Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, *His Excellency Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi* a mpha thomo e. E ne e re fa bana ba rona ba le kwa Olympics jaana, la ntlha fela ba ne ba sa bone sepe gore ngwana wa rona a bo a kgonne go *qualify for final*. Gone moo re ne ra kgona go baya seelo sa P25, 000 gore ope yo o gorogang kwa makgaola kgannyaeng o ya go bona madi one ao, e le sa ntlha se re se tsentseng.

Sa bobedi, Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ra re go na le gone go roba *records* mo re itseng gore go nna go buiwa, fa ngwana wa rona a dirile diaba jaaka a dirile jaana, re tlaa oketsa mo go se se neng se ntse se le teng. Pele ga re goroga go ne go na le madi a a kana ka P10, 000 a a neng a neelwa bana ba rona fa a tlhomile *record* e ntsha. Gone moo *Mr Speaker*, re ne ra tsenya madi a a kana ka P40, 000 fa godimo ya nna P50, 000 for setting a new record re lebile Africa. Go raya gore *world record* madi ao one a kwa godimo go na le a.

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, pele ga Tautona a re tlhoma mo setilong se re leng mo go sone nna le *Honourable Buti Billy*, e ne e re fa ngwana wa Motswana a tswa kwa Olympics a tsile ka *medal* wa *bronze*, Puso e bo e mo leboga ka madi a a kana ka P50, 000.

Re ne ra phimola moo ra re e ya go nna Ntlo e e jang madi a a kanang ka P550, 000.00.

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

MR RAKGARE: *For a silver medal*, re ne re leboga bana ba rona ka madi a a kana ka P75, 000.00, ra bo re re morago ga dingwaga tse nne ngwana wa rona a ipaakanya, a iteka go le thata, re ntsha P75, 000.00 yo re mo emisetsa ka ntlo e e jang madi a a kana ka P700, 000.00.

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

MR RAKGARE: Sa bofelo *Mr Speaker*, ra bo re re mme kana re kwadile gore ope wa rona ngwana yo o bonang *medal* wa gauta kwa Olympics re ya go mo neela P100, 000.00. Ke bo ke re mo ga go a lekana, ra nna le puisano le Khuduthamaga ya ga Tautona. Matona a a ga Tautona *Mr Speaker*, le Mapalamente a a rona, mme seo sa rurifadiwa ke yone Palamente yone e jaaka ke ne ke bua gore katlego e ke ya rona rotlhe re le Puso le kganetso e le mo teng. Ra sutisa P100, 000.00 o wa

gold medal ra re re ya go neela ope yo o tswang kwa Olympics re ntsha P100, 000.00 re batla P1, 000, 000.00 kana go feta go mo rekela ntlo e, e le tsaya tanki, e le tebogo go tswa mo Pusong ya lefatshe la Botswana.

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

MR RAKGARE: Mo godimo ga moo, go ne go ntse go sena sepe se re se neelang bana ba rona ba ba yang Olympics ba e leng gore ba kgonne go iponela phatlha koo, ra bo re simolodisa madi a a kana ka P30, 000.00 gore fela fa o kgona go iponela phatlha kwa Olympics, madi one ao re a go a neela re go lebogela gore o dirile ka natla gore o kgone go bona patlha eo. Mo godimo ga moo, go ne go sena sone *stipend* se ke neng ke bua ka sone sa P8, 333.00. Ra bo re mme kana fa motshameki wa rona a sena go nna a iponela phatlha, go tshwanetse go nne le one madi a itshetso, mme ra bo re *introduce this* P8, 333.00. Tseo ke tsotlhe tse e leng gore di dirilwe ke Puso ya ga Letsile Tebogo. Di dirwa ke Puso jaana kemonokeng e le teng mo Batswaneng bottlhe ka gore madi a ke a bone. Re dira se *on behalf of* Batswana.

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke lebogela sebaka se o se mphileng mongwame. Ke itse gore le wena o tletse boitumelo. Re letse re buile bosigo ke kopa gore a ke ka buisa Batswana, mme go ne go pala gore o mphetole, e le boitumelo fela jo bo seng kana ka sepe mo go wena *Mr Speaker*. *I thank you Mr Speaker and I thank Honourable Members for their attention.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, I have to remind you about the rules because I suspect from the excitements that you want to do something which is not permissible in terms of the rules. The rules are after a Minister makes a statement, you can ask questions for clarification not parallel statements. *Re setse re itse gore go na le boitumelo*. These are the rules; questions. That is the Standing Order, *ga e tswe mo go nna*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ga go na *procedure* ya sepe, reetsa. Ke le bolela *the rules as they stand*.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR KEORAPETSE): *Mr Speaker, I move in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 so that we relax the rules a bit so that tota re ka a kgwa Tona dikgaba mme re galaletsos mogaka yo wa lefatshe la rona. Ka gore the*



rules di tlie go re pinelela, jaanong go nna o kare ga re mmotse dipotso. Ke kopa jalo tlhe batlotlegi gore a re dumalaneng gore a re beeleng fa thoko Standing Order seo so that we tweak it so that we can congratulate in a very short time gongwe bo two to three minutes. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Leader of the Opposition has made a proposal gore ka gore re mo boitumelong, ke eng re sa seegele ka fa thoko temana e e itsang ope go bua di sele ntle ga go botsa potso fa o sa tlhaloganyeng teng gore bogolo le fa e le two minutes, o ka latlhela mabapi le kgang e e fa pele ga rona e, e e tlisitsweng ke Tona Rakgare.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MORWAENG): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re fela mongwame ke go gakolole gore we have another statement here. Kopo ya me ke ikobile mongwame, ka tlotlo e e kalokalo ke re ka yone thulaganyo e re nang le yone ka dinako tsotlhe mo Palamenteng yone ya go botsa short questions, in my opinion e ntse e sufficient, ke a tshaba mongwame gore otherwise re tlaa iphitlhela e le gore jaanong ka o a itse gore kgetsi ya puo ga e tlale, re tlaa lala fa. Kopo ya me mongwame ke gore, a re sale morago tsamaiso yone e re nang le yone ya gore yo o botsang a botse short questions jaaka fa go ntse gore re tsene mo go tse dingwe.

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

MR MORWAENG: Ka rialo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Why o re kganelo?

MR SPEAKER: O a gana, a ga le mo utlwe?

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

MR SPEAKER: Ee, o a gana. Jaanong ga o ka ke wa mo omanya ka gore ga a dumalane. No, Honourable Member has a right to say Motion has been put to the House, I do not agree because go na le mathata a, le a, le a. Perfectly understandable.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DR KWAPE): Procedure Mr Speaker. Nnyaa, ke utlwa Motlotlegi Morwaeng. Mr Speaker, ke re golo mo ke lantha go diragala. Le fa re bua jaana, re tlaabo re dira ditso go bua lantha golo mo go diragetse mo Palamenteng e. Ke kopa gore Motlotlegi Morwaeng ka gore nako ke 10:30 a.m.

o mme re shobotlenyana golo mo, Mr Speaker, o tlaabo a lebeletse gore o se ka wa tlhoka go dira statement se o se dirang, mme tsweetswee mma re shobotlenyana, kana ngwana yo wa rona yo. O tlaa fiwa nako, ka kopo Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ke a go leboga. Ke dumela gore se se builweng ke Honourable Kwape se siame. Gongwe re ka bua gore gongwe two minutes go itsa batho go nna baleele. Fa re kare two minutes, o bo o ntsha statement or congratulatory message wa gago a bo o nna fa fatshe gore e se ka ya nna nako e e leng gore go tswa mo go wena gore o ema go le kae. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: I think Honourable Members, it is where I am going to put the question. I read the mood quiet clearly, and I would then lead the discussion ke lebile nako le gore this is not the only item on the Order Paper. Nobody is going to go beyond two minutes. So in your votes, know that the maximum number under the Motion moved by LOO, maximum minutes that will be allowed will be two minutes. The question is to suspend the Standing Order. The Motion is that the Standing Order limiting us to questions only be suspended.

Question put and agreed to.

MINISTER OF YOUTH, GENDER, SPORT AND CULTURE (MR RAKGARE): Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, o tlaa intshwarela gongwe ke tlaa le latlha, mme ke ne ke batla go dira kopo mongwame.

Ke simolole ka go dira kopo e mo go His Honour the Vice President and the Leader of the House le batlotlegi ka kwano gore, tota bagaetsho a business ya rona e nne tsotlhe tse dintle tse ngwana wa rona a di dirileng. I am afraid fa e ka re re fetsa fa re bo re tsena mo go tse dingwe, di ka re kgaoganya. Ga ke itse, mme ke tshosiwa ke gore... Mr Speaker, ke ka itumela fa e ka re re tswa mo Ntlong e re bo re tswa re itumetse jaaka o bona boitumelo jo, re tshwaragane jaaka re tshwaragane. Ke a kopa ke khubame gore, a re ka se ke re felele fela mo go yone kgang e re e tshotseng e Mr Speaker, ke ne ke kopa ke khubame.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, you have agreed on the Motion relating to the statement made by Honourable Rakgare. There is another request, the request being so that the mood it is not just in this House, but rather across the country, should not be spoiled by anything we do in this House today. Why do we not adjourn?



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

MR SPEAKER: Reetsa, I am interpreting so that *o se ka wa tlhopha o sa its'e gore go ne gotweng*. Why do we not adjourn after we finish dealing with this statement.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): *Mr Speaker I am scared because I am not sure what the other statement is holding for us. So, without the knowledge of the other statement, it would be very dangerous for us to say, we just end the business with this particular statement. The mood we can maintain, the happiness we can maintain and I do not think it is going to last for today only, this mood will last forever. We must maintain it. I think we do not need to pre-empt the other statement. It might also bring more joy to Batswana as much as this one. So, ke ne ke re gongwe re se ka ra kgoreletsa statement se sengwe. If there was no statement, then I will understand, le tse dingwe tse re itseng gore fa gongwe ga di maleba. Di tlaa nna di ntse di fitlhelela, but I think let us not... kana gatwe boitumelo jo bo feteletseng fa gongwe le jone bo ka nna jwa nna le bodiphatsa. Re bo re itebala re lebala dilo tse dingwe tse di botlhokwa mo botshelong. Re itumetse, re tlaa itumela, re tlaa tswelela re itumela Mr Speaker. Mme kana Tona Morwaeng o na le tse dingwe dikgang tse re sa itseng gore di tlisa boitumelo jo bo kae. Jaanong ke re gongwe re se ka ra nganga ka eo Mr Speaker; ke kope fela Motlotlegi Rakgare gongwe o ne a ka gogela kwa morago go tlholo re ntse re e ja nako ka votes tsa mo re ka dumalanang fela gore, nnyaa mme a re tsweleleng re bue ka yone e ka two minutes jaaka re neetswe two minutes, go fitlhelela Speaker a bona gore nakonyana e e setseng e lekane gore statement sengwe se ka dirwa. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of the House. Honourable Rakgare.

MR RAKGARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Motsamaisa Ntlo e Mr Speaker, kana the Leader of the House o a buile, ke gogela morago puo ya me ya pele.*

MR MOTAOSANE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ntle sa ntla fela ke leboge Tona gore a bo a tlile go re buisa jaana a re lekodisa ka ngwana wa rona ka fa a dirileng ka teng kwa mafatsheng a a tsididi.

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

MR MOTAOSANE: Honourable Moatlhodi fa a ne a sa nkgoreletse. Ke leboge thatathata ka fa ngwana wa rona a dirileng ka teng. O ntse a itshupa. Gongwe fela

nna ke batla go baya potso mo go Tona gore, a ko a re tlhalosetse tota gore gone mme *as a ministry* go tloga fela jaaka a sale a tsaya ka 2019, o dirile gole kana ka eng, o dirile eng se se lekileng gore *athletes* tsa rona di kgone gore di ipone le tsone di kgona go amogela seemo sa gore fa ba dira dilo tse di tshwanetseng ba ka goroga kwa re tshwanetseng teng?

E nngwe jaaka re bua ke ya *school sports*, gore *how far is he with the school sports situation, because* gone jaana Tebogo ke sone sekai sa gore fa *development* e dirilwe go tswa kwa tlase e ka dira gore motho a nne jaana? Ke bo ke gakolole gape gore, kana batho ba, gone gore re nne le mabala a a tshwanetseng, jaaka *stadium* sa Thamaga ke ntse ke kopa Tona gore *stadium* sele se nonofile, re setse re itiretseng sengwenyana, o re gopola leng ka sone, e tle e re gongwe le rona re ntshe *athletes* tse di ntseng jaana? Ba ba sa itseng Thamaga mongwe wa metse e e tswang kgakala e na le *athletes* tse di botoka thata. *You can remember* bo Wilson Theleso, Rre Ramoseka Ditiro Keitseope, *a number of them* ba teng. Jaanong mme ga re na fa re direlang teng sentle ke re, e re o e sekaseka, o atolose, o bo o re bolelele gore gone mme kwa Thamaga o ya go re thusa leng mongwame ka *stadium* sa rona? Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DR KWAPE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*: Go tulwe gompieno re bue boitumelo, mme rra ke batla go galaetsa Tona ka tse o di re roletseng. Ke go leboge ka tiro e ntle e le e dirang kwa lephateng la gago. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go leboga batsadi ba ga Letsile Tebogo. Kana ngwana yo ka e bile o tswa kwa kgaolong e ke e emetseng ke tshwaragane le Motlotlegi Letsholo, mmaagwe o tsalwa kwa Goora Tebogo, mme o tlogola kwa goora Mohutsiwa. Jaanong ke batla go leboga batho bao gore ba re tsaletse lekaba le letseng le dirile gore bosigo jono betsho jotlhe mogala wa me ba mafatshe a sele ba ne ba nteletsa. Ke belaela gore *meeting* o o tlaa tsenang wa mafatshe a sele e tlaabo e le nna fela sekgantshwane ka go tlaabo go buiwa ka Letsile Tebogo. Gape ke batla go leboga kgaitsadie, o na le kgaitsadie yo o santseng a le mmotlana, maloba ba ne ba tabogile ba batla go ya go mmona ka matlho, ke letse ke tlhomamiseditswe gore ba kgonne go goroga kwa Fora. Ke batla go leboga bakatisi, fa gongwe re a ba lebala Tona. Potso e ke tlaa e lebaganyang le wena ke gore, o ntse o di tlhomaganya fa dilo tse di yang go ba di ba neelwang, mokatisi Rre Mosimanyana le ba bangwe, bone la reng ka bone? Kana Motswana o e tle a re, "kgaka ke na mebala, mebala e bonwa dikgakaneng." Kgakana ke e e tlharaladitse mebala. Ke batla go leboga



gape Batswana ka kakaretso ka kemonokeng le setho sa bone sa Setswana, le dikgwebo tsa Botswana tse di neng tsa rotloetsa ngwana yo. Kanye o ya go itsewe, moAmerica o bidiwa Kanye West o kile a rata gore Kanye a itsewe. Jaanong ga se ga dipotso, fa o re Kanye ga gona ope yo o tlaa itseng. Kwa bofelong ke batla gore nna le Motlotlegi Letsholo, le fa go se ka fa re neng re batla ka teng, re leboga thata gore e tlaa re ngwana yo a le kwa gae go nne le kwa a tlaa iphuthololang maoto teng, *stadium* se teng, o tlaa se atolosa Mokgatla. Ke leboga thata, a ngwana yo a tle ka pula!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Pula!

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ka nako e khutshwane, mma ke se ka ka bua a mantsi ke simolole ke tlhamalale ke re, re itumelela katlego ya ga Letsile. Ke katlego ya mongwe le mongwe mo lefatsheng le la Botswana le lefatshe ka bophara, *continent* ya Africa. Go a tle gotwe le fa katlego e le thata e se mongwe le mongwe yo o kgonang go atlega, mme ga gona yo o sa e rateng, mongwe le mongwe ke yo o batlang gore a amanngwe le katlego. Le nna gompieno ke batla go amanngwa le katlego eo ya ga Letsile. E bile phakela fa re tsena fa *I was joking* ke re, e bile ke tlhoafetse gore gompieno ke oketsa leina la me, ke le oketsa ka Letsile Tebogo.

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

MR HIKUAMA: ...Gore ke ikamanye le katlego e.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Batho betsho, mma ke tswelele ka go supa gore mo boemong jwa *party* e ke e emetseng, ya Botswana Congress Party (BCP) re ikamanya le katlego e. Re eleletsa Letsile Tebogo katlego ya go ya kwa godimo le gore a itumele, a tshware lefatshe la rona sentle. *He became our ambassador* mo lefatsheng lotlhe ka bophara, o gaisitse Tona wa mafatshe a sele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go gaisa Kwape.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ke dilo tse di utlwlang. Golo mo go supa dilo tse di ntsi, fa o atlega *in sports*, jaaka ke le mokatisi wa mabelo, selo sa ntlha ke *discipline*. Go supa gore le ene o na le boitshwaro jo bo rileng, gore a tle a kgone go fitlhelela jaana, *because* fa a sena *discipline he will never win anything*. A tswelele ka botho jo le go reetsa ba ba mo katisang.

Re itumelele re bo lebogise botlhe ba ba nnileng le seabe mo go reng a atlege mo go se a se dirileng. Re itumetse fela thata, a boitumelo jo bo tswelele bo re kopanya re le lefatshe la Botswana, *across the political parties*.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo boemong jwa ba *Constituency* ya Selebi Phikwe West, mo boemong jwa phathi ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ke tlise *congratulatory message* mo katlegong e e kanakana ya sekgantshwane sa rona e bong Letsile Tebogo, ke re *well done Schoolboy, you have made Botswana proud*.

Ke ise malebo kwa go ba ba nnileng le seabe, *technical team, coach* ya gagwe, ba ba dirang le ene, *ministry* wa ga *Honourable Rakgare*, ke re re a le leboga batho betsho. Jaanong ke re, a *school sport* e boe bagaetsho re ye go tsoma bo Letsile Tebogo ba ba ntsi, ba gone koo, re ka ba *unearth* ka *school sport*. Jaanong a re se tsosoloseng bagaetsho, a re tsweng fa re ye go batla bo Letsile Tebogo ba bangwe.

Ke batla go tsaya nako e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke re, Tona Rakgare le dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi, bagaetsho ngwana ke yoo a a tlhokomelwe. Go na le ba bangwe ba ba nang le ene, batho ba ke setlhopho, le bone le se ka la ba lebala kwa morago ba ba tsamaileng le ene, a le bone ba bone sengwe.

Batswana ke a le leboga ka kemonokeng e e kanakana. Ke leboga thata ka fa ke boneng le tla ka *admin* wa British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) a tshela ka teng, o bona gone moo mo e reng Letsile Tebogo a fentse re bo re bona jaanong go tsentswe setshwantsho sa o sele go buiwa ka ene, mme go na le *champion* ya 200metres (m). Ke leboga Batswana, ba ne ba tla ba kgokgoetsa *admin* wa BBC Facebook page, ba tla ka ene a tshela, e bile a baakanya seo.

Se sengwe ke gore, re a go leboga Schoolboy, jaanong re na le thamalakane e ntsha mo Botswana ya gore "sa tsena se tlolatlola, sa tswa se le mo *wheelchair*," re bone ka fa a dirileng ka teng, re a mo leboga. Re bone mongwe a tlolatlola jaaka *popcorn*, mme re a leboga ka fa a dirileng ka teng. *Congratulations* Letsile Tebogo! Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Nte re go leboge le wena *Mr Speaker*, go bo o letleletse gore go nne le puisano ya go nna jaana.



Re leboge *Minister Rre Rakgare*, go bo a re agetse sealogane se, botsadi re a le leboga jaaka le setse le lebogilwe ke ba bangwe, gore le bo le alositse sealogane se e tlaa nang sekgantshwane sa Botswana le lefatshe ka kakaretso go ya go ileng.

E re fa re ntse jalo, re ithuta go le go ntsi. Re se ka ra lebala gape le Tautona wa lefatshe le, Tautona wa rona Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, le ene o fetisitse ditebogo mo *social media* ka dikgang tse di bothhokwa tse.

Fa ke rialo *Mr Speaker* ke re, ga ke go leboge fela Rre Letsile Tebogo. Ke batla gore ke tseye mafoko mangwe a re ithutang go le go ntsi mo go ba bawkadi le tse ba di kwalang. Ke a tseye ke a atolose, ke a amany thata le se o se dirileng, mo ka Sekgoa gotweng *to dedicate the literature which I came across, to Letsile Tebogo today. The literature is from a book e e buang ka Power of Character in Leadership. I will quote the book by Dr Myles Munroe ka fa a neng a bua ka teng, a aga setho ka gore character ga e elwe sekoleng e a agwa, ke sengwe sa boitsholo jo re tshwanetseng gore re itse gore bo botlhokwa. Dedicating that literature Mr Speaker, may you allow me to quote the literature that I want to dedicate to sekgantshwane sa rona, mo go tlaa agang le rona go aga le mongwe le mongwe. Mr Speaker if you may allow, "Here are some of the areas in which our character will be tested;*

- *Our commitment, standards, in relation to something or someone.*
- *Our loyalty to our convictions when we are under pressure.*
- *Our dedication to the values we promised we would never violate.*
- *Our faithfulness to what is right and just.*
- *Our honesty and integrity."*

Ke dingwe tsa *characters* tse di neng di buiwa. Mafoko a fa o a amanya sentle le se Tona a neng a se bua fa kgantele, se tsamaelana sentle gore re bona fa boitsholo jwa maemo a a kwa godimo. *Thank you Mr Speaker, re a leboga Batswana le lefatshe ka kakaretso. Thank you.*

MR MOATLHODI: Ke a go leboga morena wa me Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Bakaulengwe ba setse ba lebogile, ke emetse dintlha tse pedi, ke go kope Motlotlegi Rraarona Tona Rakgare, a

e re o tsena kwa *Cabinet* o kope letsatsi le la *August* go simologa *next year* e nne *holiday*, gore banana, batabogi le *sportsmen* tsa rona ba rotloetsege. Lefatshe la rona ngwaga le ngwaga ka di 8th *August* re bo re itse gore letsatsi le re le diretswe ke rraetsho Letsile Tebogo.

Ntlha ya bofelo Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke na le tsala ya me e nngwe e ke e ratang thata, fa ke bua le ene ke mo raya ke re o lelota, o lelota thata. Ke tshwenngwa ke dikompone dingwe tsa lefatshe le, di lelota thata. Kwa South Africa mosadi mongwe yo o neng a siana thata yole, Semenza, e rile fa a goroga dikompone tse di humileng thata, ke gopola ya Mercedes-Benz, ba mo rekela Mercedes-Benz o o matsabatsaba. A bahumi ba lefatshe le, ke fa sekai ka bone ba dikoloi, ba tlogele bolota. Ke batla go bona ba ntshitse koloi fela e e manobonobo e neelwe Letsile, ba ba tsamaileng le ene mongwe le mongwe le fa a ka fiwa Corolla, Corolla, Corolla, Corolla, mme Letsile a fiwe e e manobonobo. Ke gore dikompone tsa mono di lelota, ke kopa fela gore a ba lese lelota.

Ke tsaya sebaka se Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fela jaaka bakaulengwe ba me go leboga ba bothle le go leboga le one Modimo tota. Seabe se mafatshe a ba a se eletsa, mme Modimo o bone go tshwanela gore se tle mo Botswana. Ke leboga Modimo wa rona.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*: Le nna ke ise malebo go simolola ka Tona wa Banana, gore golo ka koo re ipela ka wena, ka gore o ngwana wa rona. O ile ka koo o supa gore kwa o tswang teng go na le thuto e e ka solegelang lefatshe la Botswana molemo.

Ke batha gape ke leboge botsadi jwa ga Letsile, gore ba bo ba re neetse ngwana wa mofuta oo o o sa tshwaneng le ba bangwe. Legale bone ba teng, bana ba teng Tona le kwa merakeng tota. Ke utlwile *honourable* a bua ka gore a re boeleng kwa dikoleng re leke *to search for* bana ba ba ka kgonang. Ga ba kwa dikoleng fela, ba teng kwa merakeng go a tabogiwa. Re bona ba Masai kwa Kenya kwa, ba bangwe ba selwa mo merakeng, mme e le batabogi tota. Ke re Tona fa re le mo letsomong la *to search, we should search thoroughly*. Ngwana yo wa rona Letsile o dirile dikgakgamatso, re bone gore o thubile rre yo mongwe mpa-sebete, a kanama, gatwe o dule ka *wheelchair* go tswa foo, santlhoko. Ke golo mo re le Batswana re sa go tlwaelang gore motho wa sebopego sa Sekgoa o ka le atumela wa le tsosa fa fatshe ka lebelo, mme re a mo lebogisa.



Ke kope gore Tona, ke utlwile o balolola *incentives* gone fa, ke dumela gore le fa re sena madi, go kwa tlasenyana. Leka gore o riane ka gore le ba batona ba ka nna ba iteka, ga se gore ke bana fela, bo *Honourable Molale* le ba bangwe ba ka tsena mo go tse dingwe, e seng mabelo fela, le bone ba nna le *incentives*.

Ya bofelo Tona, re se ka ra lebelela mabelo fela, re lebelele *other sport codes* tse go nang le banana ba e leng gore ga re ba neela tse di tshwanetseng, ba ka kgona gore ba re totomatse re le lefatshe. Ke a leboga.

MR BROOKS: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke leboge motabogi wa lefatshe, yo o tswang go tseela Botswana seetsele. Ke bo ke leboge thata ba ba neng ba mo rotloetsa, *the technical team* le *coach* ya bone. Segolobogolo re leboge Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana go romela molaetsa kwa maranyaneng le mo lefatsheng lotlhe a itumelela sekgantshwane sa rona. Mo go faphegileng re leboge lephata, ke dumela gore ditsetlana tse di ntseng di buiwa ke *Minister* fa, ke tsone tse di mo rutang, di mmula matlho, gore boammaaruri re tshwanetse go tla ka ditsela tse di faphegileng, tse di tseneletseng, go thusa le go ribolola mabelo a a kwa dikgaolong.

Re bua jaana kwa dikgaolong tsa Kgalagadi re na le bana ba ba tabogang fela jaaka Letsile jaana. Re ntse re gonyeditse dinala jaaka nkwe re le lephata. Re tshwanetse gore jaanong re akanye thata gore re tlisa jang mabelo a kwa dikgaolong le kwa dikgaolwaneng, gongwe le jaaka metshameko e mengwe ya dibolo, re e tsenye mo tsuaneng ya *this constituency tournaments* tse di dirwang. Bana ba ka ipopa ditlhophha mo dikgaolwaneng le kwa magaeng, ya nna mabelo a ba ka gaisanang *at that level*, go bo go ntse go thatoga jaana *Mr Speaker*.

La bofelo *Mr Speaker*, go botlhokwa thata gore jaanong re simolola go akanya thata gore re simolola leng mabelo kwa dikoleng. Rona rotlhe ba re leng fa *Honourable Motsamai* a le mo teng, re tabogile kwa dikoleng, e bile ene o ne a bina mo mmolong, a binela bo boipuso, ke sekgantshwane sa mmino ga a le fa *Mr Speaker*. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse re lekang gore re di ribolole, lephata le ntse le tswaletse bana kwa ntle, le tswaletse talente e e tswang kwa Modimong kwa ntle. A re emeng ka dinao *Minister* re akanye bontle. *We should think outside the box. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR BALOPI: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke simolole fela mo boemong jwa me le ba lelwapa la me ba Gaborone North le *the club*

that I run for, Striders Club ya Gaborone, re galaletse Tona Rakgare, Puso ya Botswana le ba lelwapa botlhe ba ba ntseng ba nankolwa fano le ba ba rotloeditseg, ba betile lekawana le gotweng Letsile Tebogo, gore le bo le kgonne go dira jaaka le dirile jaana *Mr Speaker*.

Ke ne ke batla go botsa Tona potso fela e khutshwane ke mo reye ke re, ke eng tota se o ka tsepamisang mogopolo wa gago mo go sone gore o bue gore go tsile jang kana go diregile eng gore re bo re fitlheletse fa re fitlheletseng teng fa, phitlhelelo e e kanakana e Rre Rakgare?

Ya bobedi, *Mr Rakgare*, go tswa goo-Lowe, fa re ntse re bua ka batabogi, re lemogile gore mo *sporting codes* tsa rona tsotlhe, ntswa go na le maiteko a a tseneletseng mo go tsone tsotlhe, mme mo mabelong re lemogile gore re ntse re iteka go menagane, re tlisa dietsele mo dinakong tse di farologaneng, mme se a ga o bone e le kgwethlo ya rona gore re le Botswana, ka gore e bile re fitlheletse phithelelo e e seng kana ka sepe ya 200m, *Gold medal in an Olympic*, e bile re sia ba e leng gore gatwe ke *Number one* mo lefatsheng, a ga o bone gore ke nako ya gore re age *an athletic facility* ya maemo a a kwa godimodimo, re tswe fela mo go tse dingwe tse dintsintsi gore re kgone go ngoka bana ba rona gore ba tsepamise moko wa bone le mogopolo wa bone mo lebelong?

Ke tsaya ke re re le lefatshe bagaetsho, ntswa re na le dikgantshwane tse di farologaneng, go lemosegile fela go tswa kgakala gore mo mabelong gone, *we have the genes* kana we have sengwe se re nang le sone se se re thusang go taboga. Ke ne ke akanya gore ke nako ya gore re age lebala le, re bitse dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi, di nne le seabe, re bo re le bitsa ka Letsile Tebogo because it will position us from a blending perspective also as a nation. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Le nna mma ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge ngwana wa rona bontle jo a bo dirileng, gore o tabogile fela thata, o tsere lefatshe la rona a le baya mo mmpeng. Ke tshwanetse gape ka leboga le mme mmaagwe. Fa o ka reetsa dingwe tsa *interviews* tse a kileng a di dira, o ka bona gore e ne e le motsadi yo o neng a le gaufi thata le ngwana, ka gore go na le fa a neng a tthalosa teng gore o simolotse pele e le motshameki wa bolo, mme a bona gore mabelo ke one a a botoka. Go raya gore o ne a a fa kgakololo e e rileng mo ngwaneng wa gagwe. Se e tlaa nna sekao le mo batsading ba bangwe gore a re nneng gaufi le bana ba rona. Go botlhokwa thata gore mo go goleng ga bana, ga re batsadi ba bo ba ntse ba



le gaufi ka gore ba ka fa bokao jo bo rileng, jo e leng gore kwa bofelong, bo tlaa sologela lefatshe molemo jaaka re bona gompieno Letsile Tebogo a beile lefatshe la Botswana mo mmepeng.

E bile se gape se tlaa fa bokao jwa gore Goromenta a simolole go tsenya thata madi mo go tsa mabelo, ka gore go a supega gore ke gone kwa re ka dirang botoka teng. Ke dumalane thata le mokwaledi wa pele wa Domkrag, Rre Balopi gore a bo a supile gore gongwe go botlhokwa thata gore re nne le *stadiums* tse di rileng, re di age kwa Maun, kwa Makgadikgading, e re fa ba mafatshe a sele ba tlie go tshameka metshameko, bojanala le jone bo bo bo ntse bo rotloetseg. Ke raya gore ka bokhutshwane re a leboga thata re le lefatshe la Botswana, e tlaa nna *weekend* e e monate thata, e e re tshwaraganyang re le Batswana. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR LETSHOLO: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Ntlo. Le nna ke ne ke re ke eme jaana fela go supa boitumelo, le go akgola wa gaMaila a Bobela, wa ga Matshaba le Kgomo, go bo a re tlottomaditse mo go kanakana.

Mr Speaker, ke kope Tona jaana gore mo dinakong tsa go nna jaana, go botlhokwa gore a tseye sebaka go ruta setshaba gore Puso gore e tle e goroge mo nakong e re leng mo go yone ya boitumelo, e a bo e tsentse letsogo go le kae. Go dira gore re kgone go bona re le batho ba re rotloetsang sentle, ka bangwe ba ba buelang fa thoko ba ka re nnyaa, re itumela fela re bona go le molemo. Jaanong go botlhokwa gore Tona a re tlhalosetse, a re supegetse gore re kgone go itumela thata.

Gape ke kope Tona gore a tseye sebaka se go re lemotsa, go re ruta boeteledipele ka se se diragetseng, gore kana phitlhelelo e e ntseng jaana, gone e a bo e se ya motho a le mongwefela. Go a bo go na le *team* e e dirisanyang le motshameki kana motabogi a tshwana le Letsile, gore re itse gore le ene o na le mokatisi, yo e bileng re ntse e utlwa gore o ntse a tsaya boikatiso jwa ga Letsile ka tlhwaafalo, dinako tse dingwe a nna le ene kwa lelwapeng la gagwe, a bona go tlhaela golo gongwe. Jaanong gore Tona a supe boeteledipele jo gore re a itse mme e bile re a bona. Re ba akgole botlhie ka setlhophia.

Mr Speaker, ke kope jaana gore gongwe ke nako ya gore Tona le ene a supe gore a mme go na le maikaelelo mo Pusong go ka lemoga dikompone tse di thusang, di kgotlhatsa batho ba tshwana le bo Letsile, jaaka re

utlwile gore nngwe e e bidiwang Choppies ya re e ya go mo neela P1 *million*, gore a ga go na gore ba ka thusiwa jang, *being incentivised* le gore ba tswelele ka go dira jalo.

Mr Speaker, kwa bokhutlong, dikatso kana ditebogo tse ba di bonang, a le tsone di ka se ka tsa nna le *the tax incentive, not being taxed*, ka gore go raya gore P1 *million* yo o tswang kwa Choppies yo, Letsile o ya go tshwanelwa ke gore a ntshe sengwenyana a duela lekgetho, gore gongwe re e lebe ka go sele. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ka bonako jo bo rileng fela, le nna ke supe boitumelo jo bo fetang selekanyo mo boemong jwa batho ba Kgaolo ya Ghanzi South. Ke rotloetse ke bo ke akgole Mmaagwe Tebogo Letsile, mowa wa gagwe o tlaa robala ka kagiso, gore o re godiseditse sekgantshwane. Gape ke akgole le ba lesika, ba ba neng ba le gautshwane le ene, ke bo ke akgole le ba motse wa Kanye *Mr Speaker*, gore ba re tlhokomeletse ngwana, a tsena sekole, a nna le gore a nne le tsebe, ke selo se re tshwanetseng ra akgola morafe wa Kanye ka sone.

Mr Speaker, Goromenta gongwe a se ka a lebala, gongwe a se ka a sekaseka jaaka mongwe a buile, tota re na le bana ba e leng gore re sale re tswa kgakala re le ba Botswana National Front (BNF) mo Pamphlet No.1 re bua gore bagaetsho thuto ga e a tshwanelo go nna ya go bua Sekgoa fela, re tshwanetse ra leka ka sengwe le sengwe go bona gore motho o boelwa ke se a se kgonang. Ke ka moo ke rotloetsa gore Goromenta a lebe le kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, a lebe koo Charles Hill, *stadiums* di kgone go nna teng. Bana ba iphutholole maoto ba siame ba kgone gore ba supe bokgabane *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ka supa gape gore go fenya ga ga Tebogo Letsile go tlaa re bulela dikgoro re le Batswana. Jaanong tsotlhe tse re di dirang gompieno a re nneng re akanya fa re batla go tswa mo tseleng ya go dira dilo re re kana re itshenya leina mme leina la rona le ne le pagamela. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng re di akanye ba rotlhie re le Batswana, re le mo Palamenteng e le mo go tsamaiseng lefatshe. Re leke tse di *positive* go isa lefatshe kwa pele.

Jaaka bangwe ba buile, go bothhokwa thata go tlhokomela *team* mme e bile ga go gontle fela gore re akanye gore o ka neelwa koloi. Fa go kgonagala o ka neelwa polase *Mr Speaker* ka gore koloi e nna le dikotsi tse dintsintsi nako le nako. Ba neeleng polase e na le dikgomo ba kgone gore ba tswelele *Mr Speaker*. Ke kaya go ba disetsa. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.



MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MOAGI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga batlotlegi. Re boitumelo bongwefela, ngwana wa rona o re diretse go tlala ka diatla. Re leboga thata kgodiso, re leboga thata tsepamo eo, e sale kwa a neng a ntse a simolola teng. E bile golo mo go tlhagola tsela e e supang gore tota go tshwanetse gore go dirwe eng gore re bo re fitlheletse mo seemong sa gompieno. Ke re kana go dira jaana, pele fela re tshwanetse ra itse gore jaanong go tshwanetse gore go take leina la gagwe gore a tle a kgone gore le ene a tswele kwa gongwe, bangwe ba mmone. Ke gakolola Batswana bagaetsho gore re tlhakatlhakanya maina a mme nna ke bona go ngomola pelo. Leina le ke Letsile Tebogo, jaanong o fitlhela re ntse re re Tebogo Letsile go reng. Re mo senyetsa *branding* ya leina la gagwe. A ko re tsamayeng le lone fela sentle, ke maina gagwe otlhe ee, mme a re a tsamaise ka fa a ntseng ka teng.

Ke bo ke rotloetsa Motlotlegi Tona ke re gantsi mo gongwe jaaka bana ba nna le tse, re tlaa ba neela tsotlhe dithuto tsa kwa mabelong tsa ka fa eng re bo re tlogela tsa ka fa matshelong. Jaaka a simolola a attlaganelwa ke dilo le tse dingwe jaana, a re e tle re tla re thusa ka koo le gone gore mamphemphe a ba a bonang a ba bone bogakolodi jo bo rileng. Re a itse gore *period* e ya bo mabelo ke e khutshwane. E re fa a tswa foo a bo a setse a itse gore o na le dipeeletso tse di rileng a tle a tsweletse a nne a *academies* e le dipeeletso tse e ka reng le ene kamoso a bo a ruta bana ba rona go tsweleta gore ba dire bontle bo.

Ke re fela ke re le nna mo boemong jwa ba gaMalete le Batswana ka kakaretso ka kwano, re leboge mme re itumele le Letsile Tebogo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY: *Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand here as the Chairman of the Committee on Youth, Sports Development and Culture in the Parliament of Botswana. Ke re le nna ke tseye monyetla o on behalf of the Committee, residents of Gaborone Central and my family to commend sekgantshwane se sa rona se Letsile Tebogo.*

Mafoko a builwe Mr Speaker but le nna I want to thank the Tebogo family for this champion that they have raised and particularly for being with him in the very tragic time when his mother, Seratiwa, passed away. I think le rona re le Batswana re ne ra mo support tota, ke le akgole gone foo.

Ke akgole le Puso *Mr Speaker*, jaaka Honourable Letsholo a ntse a botsa gore *how much have they done*. Rona re le ba *Committee* re a itse *how much the Government has done in enabling these athletes and I think it is right* gore Minister le ene a tle a e atolose.

Jaaka go builwe *Mr Speaker*, Coach Dose le ene re se ka ra mo lebala *in this moment, he has done so much to empower these young athletes*. Jaaka Honourable Letsholo a bua, le kwa ga bona kwa Maun o agile small rooms tse e leng gore o a tle a ba tseye bone bo Letsile ba ya go nna le ene gone koo. Le ene re mo akgole *at this moment*. Re se ka ra lebala le bone *who set this path* jaaka bo Nigel Amos, re itse gore ba fetile fa, ke bone ba ntlha gore fa *this platform of being in the Olympic final*. Le bone re ba gopole. Re gopole le tsone *corporations* jaaka bo Debswana, Okavango Diamond Company (ODC) le Orange. Gape re boelele kgang e ya *corporate social responsibility* gore *our companies have do more and should not be urged by us* gore ba itse gore *they have to be part of this united and proud nation*.

Minister, this thing ya diplomatic passport e na le go tlhofotsa travel. Maybe you should talk to Honourable Kwape and consider people like Letsile, Nigel Amos, Amantle Montsho le sekgantshwane sa rona sa kwa Setho-se-Teng DJ Ngwazi because they travel this world as ambassadors of this country. They should also be accorded this diplomatic passport. Thank you.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke batla gore ke simolole ka go leboga Honourable Minister Rakgare. Tota fa a sale a tsaya maemo a gagwe a bana kwa ntle ba dira sentle. Le *incentive* re bona e le botokanyana e nna e oketseg...

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Boammaaruri jone ga re re bo bue, ke bona e kare ba bangwe ga ba rate go mmua fela gore nnyaa mme gone fa o dira sentle le mo go tse dingwe tsa bo kgwele ya dinao.

Mr Speaker, batho ba Mogome, Mokgwari le Radisele ba kgaolo e ke e emetseng ba itumetse fela thata. Makoro, Potikwane go tsena ka Leboana, Bonwakatlako, Sajwe, Dikabeyana, Dikabea, Topisi le Moreomabele ba tlisa malebogo a a seng kana ka sepe. Batho ba Palapye botlhe ka kakaretso rra ba rile fa e le gore o tle o tshameke le Rakgare ka fa le tshamekang ka teng, gompieno o mmue bontle fela. Ke dira fela jalo rraetsho ka gore re a bo re romilwe ke batho re re rraetsho Batswana ba itumetse mme se se re itumedisang thata ke gore boipelo



jo jwa rona re bo tshwaraganetse re le Batswana. Golo moo go tlaa re baya mo mme peng (*map*) fela thata gore le fa re ka farologana ka ditumelo tsa rona mme fa go tla go tsena fa e leng gore re dirile teng re le setshaba re tshwanelwa ke gore re tshwaragane teng re le setshaba, re tshwanelwa ke gore re dire fela jalo *Mr Speaker*. Golo mo go tlaa re isa golo gongwe.

Jaaka ba bangwe ba buile *Honourable Minister*, batho fa ba dirile e le *team*, re a bona gore yo mongwe o re tletse ka kopi mme ba bangwe kana ba dira se sengwe fale ba bangwe ba dira se sengwe fela. A re se kang ra lebala *team* yotlhe. Re ne re tshameka re le *team*, re kgonne re le *team*, jaanong a re ba gopole fela jalo. Tanki.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Le nna mma ke ise malebo kwa Pusong ya ga Tautona Masisi, bogolo jang Tona yo o lebaganyeng go bo re ntse le sekgantshwane se. Ke ise malebo kwa lewapeng la ga Letsile Tebogo le mme mmaagwe yo o sa tswang go re tlogela maloba go bo ba re tsaletse ngwana wa setswerere. Ke mo leboge ene Letsile ka sebele le ba a neng a na le bone ba mo thusa gore a nne le *morale* wa gore a bereke ka botlalo a dire tiro ka botlalo. Jaaka Rre Ramogapi a ntse a bua, batshameki ka ene le fa ba tla ba sa tsaya sepe, fa a ne a le nosi, gongwe o ka bo a se ka a nna le *morale* o o kwa godimo oo ka gore fa a na le ba bangwe bagabone le fa ba tla ba sa tsaya sepe, mme fela ba thusitse gore a ye go fitlhelela fa a leng teng.

Ke batla go bua ka mokatisi wa gagwe. Le ene ke mo leboge fela thata ke bo ke re mo boemong jwa Barolong bothle gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng, le leboge mosimanyana wa segwai gore a bo a re thusitse gore re nne le naledi e e kanakana e.

O simolotse a na le ngwana yo a sokola mme e le gore o na le kgwethlo e tona ya gore o bona teemanne mme a batla gore e tswe e nne sengwe se se rileng. Ke mo leboga thata jaaka Rre Ramogapi a ntse a bua, le ene gongwe go se ka ga lejwa fela gore go ne go ile ba ba tabogang. Mokatisi, *the psychologist* le ba bangwe, a re ba tsenyeng mo le bone ba nne le diabe tse di lemogiwang, ba bo ba lebogiwa ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Ka one mafoko ao, ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo.

MR SPEAKER: You are the last speaker.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MS GOFHAMODIMO): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke ntse fa fatshe ka bomo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, ke emetse bomme ba Palamente e letsatsi leno. Bomme ga ba yo fa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ba fekeeditswe ke boitumelo kwa ba leng teng, ba a lela. Selelo sa ga mme se supa boitumelo kwa ba leng teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke sone se ba seyong fa. Le nna ke ntse ke ntse fa fatshe rra, ke palelwla fela ke boitumelo jo bo leng mo go nna. Maoto a gana go ema mme ke lebile ke re a borre ba bue ba tsatsanke ngwana yo, ba tsatsanke tiro e e diragetseng mme ke tie ke garele. Ke ne ke ntse jalo rra, jaaka fa a ntshutetse rre jaana o ne a itse gore ke mo laetse gore ke nna sebui sa bofelo. Mafoko a builwe rra, otlhe a mantle, le nna ke a gatisetsa, ga go tlhokafale gore ke a boelele. Tona, o buile gore kana *sport and culture* ke nngwe ya *sectors* tse *eight* tse Goromenta a di tshwaileng. Go ntshitswe dikakanyo tse dintsi tse ke tsayang gore e tlaa nna tsone *your guide* jaaka fa e bile megopolis e bewa fa fatshe ya go dira lenaneo le le latelang la NDP 12.

Ke fetsa fela ka gore ke re bomme, ke tlisitse boitumelo jwa lona kwano. Sa bofelo mafoko a ke a ntshang mo teng ga ba ba kanakana ba ba dirileng tiro e e kana ba ba setseng ba nankotswe, ke re mokatisi mafoko ke ao, o pelokgale, o re diretse sekgantshwane se re ikgantshang ka sone letsatsi leno.

MR RAKGARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ba re ke lele, ke tlaa lela *Mr Speaker*, mathata ke gore dikeledi tsa me di kgakalanyana mme ke boitumelo fela. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke simolole ka gore fa e le gore batlotlegi ga ba ise ba bone le Batswana ba ba ka tswang ba reeditse kwa ba leng teng, ene Letsile gape ka *eleven* jaana, metsotsonyana e e fetileng e, o ne a le karolo ya setlhophya sa rona; *relay team*, 400 by 400. *We just got Position 1*, re fetetse kwa *final*.

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

MR RAKGARE: Kamoso batlotlegi, 9:00 p.m. bana ba ba rona ba tlaabo ba taboga makgaola kgang. Ga re batle gore re tloge re segele ngwana thari mpeng mme kana kwa Bahamas kwa dikgaisanong tsa mabelo lefatshe lotlhe, re kgonne go tsaya *a goal medal*, a le mo teng Letsile Tebogo. Jaanong bana ke bao, ke ba lona *Honourable Gobotswang*. Bana ke bao *Honourable Kedikilwe*, *Honourable Nkawana*, ke ba lona. Bana ke bao batsadi, *Honourable Brooks*, *Honourable Balopi*, ke ba lona, ba tlhokana le gore re tswelele re ba fe lerato, re ba rapelele.

Mr Speaker, mma ke...



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

MR RAKGARE: Utlwa fela *Mr Speaker*, dikgang tse di monate, le fa e le gore Palamente ga e a tshwanela go feta loago la *pledges*. Rre Balopi ke yo, Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Gaborone North, Mokwaledimogolo wa pele wa Domkrag yo ke mo ratang thata, ke santse ke mo rata thata le gompieno, a re o ya go neela Letsile Tebogo kgomo o a e ntsha mo Palamenteng jaaka a riana *Mr Speaker*.

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

MR RAKGARE: *Mr Speaker*, dipotso di ne di le matsorotsoro mme se se monate ke gore bontsi e ne e le ditebogo. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke simolole fela ka go leboga Batlotlegi Mapalamente, ke ba leboge tshwaragano e ke e bonang mo letsatsing la gompieno, e ke e supileng kgantele. Ke bo ke ba lebogela le puo e ntle e ba e buileng mme go sa supafale *Mr Speaker*, gore re bua re tswa mo diphathing tse di farologanyeng tsa sepolotiki. Re bua re le Batswana, re tshwaragane, re itumetse mme re ntse re itse gore re farologana ka mebala ya sepolotiki.

*Honourable Motaosane o ne a re ke tsharabolole gore re dirile eng; go gontsi *Mr Speaker*, ga ke dumele gore o ka tswelela o nthata jaaka o ntse o nthata fa e le gore ke ka ya go ja nako ya gago yotlhe. Ke ne ke re a re simolole fela ka katlego ya rona ya ntlha Honourable Ramogapi ya gore kana re ntse re leka go bua le bogogi jwa lefatshe mme bo reetsa. E le gore sa ntlha fela Puso ya rona e lemoge gore metshameko e tlhokana le madi. Se se neng se le botlhokonyana e ne ya re fela fa re goroga, go bo go nna le COVID-19 for two years, go raya gore dilo di boela kwa morago. E rile fela fa re sena go boela mo seemong re le economy, Puso go supa gore e reetsa se re se buang, monongwaga Budget ya 2024/2025 re tswa kwa go P141, 298, 370 e le madi a a neng a neelwa sector ya sport. Re kwa go P261, 508, 215 e le koketsego e e seng kana ka sepe e re iseng re ko re tsamae re e bone in the history of Botswana sport, e le Goromente wa rona.*

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

MR RAKGARE: Ke yone katlego ya ntlha e ke batlang go simolola ka yone ka gore Honourable Motaosane o ne a re ke ipue. Kana gape ga ke nosi *Mr Speaker*, ke dira le Honourable Buti Billy mme ka fa tlase ga rona, go na le a capable Permanent Secretary (PS) Mme Bridget John, gammogo le ba a dirang le bone ba

ba ka fa tlase ga gagwe. Go na le Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) e e teletseng pele ke Rre Marumo Moruli, go na le Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) e e teletseng pele ke Colonel Botsang Tshenyego. Go na le Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) e e teletseng pele ke Rre Bantsi. Go bo go nna le volunteers mo metshamekong ya rona, ba ba teletseng pele different national sporting associations ka go farologana, affiliates tsa Botswana National Sport Commission. Go na gape le barotloetsi; Batswana, supporters ba e leng gore fa selo se diragala se le maswe, ba a rogana mo bo Facebook jalo le jalo, mme e se kgang ya gore e a bo e le maikaelelo, e le lerato la go batla gore mme gone a re lekeng go dira dilo ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. E le dikgakololo le ntswa tse dingwe di tla e le gore di a bo di sa tle sentle.

Sengwe gape se ke batlang go se dira *Mr Speaker*, ke go leboga ba ba fetileng. Ke leboga go menagane PS wa rona wa pele Rre Ramokate, Deputy PS wa rona wa pele Rre Bruno Paledi, monna yo o lerato *Mr Speaker*, yo o neng a lebagane le metshameko. O dirile gotlhe; ka nako ya COVID-19, e ne ya re fa re buisana re akantshana, re bo re latela Puso re re re kopa madi a a kana ka P70 million, bana ba rona ba mo mathateng; artists, athletes, jalo le jalo mme ga re ka ke ra ba tlogela fela ba ntse jalo. Re bo re fiwa madi a a kana ka P70 million re nna re pitlaganya re neela batshameki ba rona, mongwe le mongwe o ne a neelwa P2, 500 yo o professional a latlhegetswe ke income ka ntata ya COVID-19. Artists le bone jalo re ba neela, re gaisitse mafatshe a le mantsi *Mr Speaker*; mo go reng re thus ka nako ya COVID-19.

Mo nakong ya gompieno *Mr Speaker*, dingwe tsa tse e leng gore re di kgonne, ke tshwaragano magareng ga lephata la rona le maphata a mangwe. As we speak, *Mr Speaker*, re na le tshwaragano le lephata la ga Honourable Dr Dikoloti, yo a neng a re atla fa re mo raya re re, "Minister, re na le Alcohol Levy mme re kopa madi a a kana ka P10 million gore re tshwaragane monna wa Modimo gore preparation ya setlhophha sa rona e nne yone." Honourable Dikoloti ga a re swabisa ka pela ka gore he is one of the greatest supporters of sport in our country. O ne a ntsha madi a a kana ka P10 million. Re na le lenaneo le le bitswang Play Sober Win Strong. Ke madi a re a dirisitseng mo lenaneong le. Lenaneo le ke gore re tsamaye re ise team e ya rona kwa Batswaneng. E bile gape these athletes go na le madi a ba a bonang mo teng e le a appearance fees because re batla go humisa our athletes. Ke one maikaelelo a rona. Ke leboge Dr Dikoloti ka tsela e e ntse jalo.



Se sengwe *Honourable Motaosane* se re se dirileng ke go leka bojotlhe gore ba *private sector* ba atamele metshameko. Ke tlaa go fa sekai; e ne ya re ka 2021 morago ga kgakololo Dr Gobotswang ya ga Nigel Amos, e rile fela re sena go tlhongwa mo setilong se, a bo a tla a bo a re, “Tona, ke tlile go go dumedisa mme ke kopa gore re dire jaana; ke kopa gore fa o tsena go nne le phetogo.” Nako le nako dikompone fa re tlile ka *medals*, ba tla ba tshotse matshetse, madi a a seng kana sepe. O a bona gone golo moo re a go batla. Ga go na selo se se botlhokwa jaaka fa re simolola go ipaakanyetsa *competition*, a bo e le gore madi a teng. Dikompone tse di tshwanetse di thus Puso. Gone moo ka e ne e le sengwe se ke neng ke setse ke kile ka se anya golo gongwe, ka bo ke se tsaya ra bo re re, “kompone ya Debswana, bana ke ba ba kwa Tokyo, ba sa tswa go fonya *medal* wa rona wa *bronze 4x4 relay*, jaanong re kopa le lebe kgang ke e.” Ke batla *to single out* Mma Mothibatsela kwa Debswana as *Corporate Services Manager*. O ne a ntheetsa a bo a re, “*Minister*, re ya go buisana le BNSC, re tlaa bona gore re dira jang. *Mr Speaker*, e ne ya re ka ngwaga wa 2021 *team* ya rona e tswa kwa Olympics kwa Tokyo, Debswana a bo e ntsha madi a a kana ka P9 million ba re, madi a *will go towards preparations for Paris 2024*. Re fa re leng teng fa ka ntata ya tshwaragano yone e, le ba ba ba tshwanang le Debswana. Ke batla go ba leboga go menagane boeteledipele jwa bone jotlhe fela le Mma Mothibatsela.

Tse dingwe *Mr Speaker*, ke tlile go di araba jaaka ke ntse ke tsweletse jaana le ba bangwe. Rre Motaosane le ba bangwe ba buile ka metshameko kwa dikoleng. Re setse re simolotse *Mr Speaker*. *We have over 15 schools* tse di setseng di simolotse. Se se botlhokwa se ke tshwanetseng ke se supe ke se; batlotlegi, kgang e, e ne e se mothlofo. Ga re a goroga fa gore re simolole, go ne go le mothlofo. Batsayakarolo ba bantsi, re ne re buisana fa gongwe go pala, re boela kwa morago. Mo gongwe re kopana le masigo le bone ba ba eteletseng pele *trade unions* tsa rona.

Ke batla go tsaya nako e *Mr Speaker* ke leboge Moeteledipele wa Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) Rre Radikole. Ke leboge Moeteledipele wa Botswana Teachers Union (BTU) Rre Oitsile. Ke ba leboge thata e le bo Tautona ba me. E ne ya re go le dingalo, ke ba raya ke re, “le batsadi ba me, lefatshe le ke la rona, bana ba ke ba rona, ke kopa re nne fa fatshe re bue”, ra bua mme ga se ka ga wela. Fa re leng teng *Mr Speaker*; ke gore katlego re kare e teng ka gore metshameko mo dikoleng go na

le kwa e simolotseng teng mme re ntse re tsweletse. E tlaare pele ga Palamente e wela, ke bo ke e fa pego mo Palamenteng gore re setse re thinkgetse gongwe le gongwe, metshameko kwa dikoleng e boetse.

Se se monate le go feta ke gore re ntse re ntsha madi re le Puso a a yang kwa dikoleng e le a metshameko, mme e le a mabotlana *Mr Speaker: Ministry wa Education* o ntse o neelwa madi a a kana ka P3 million e le one fela a a neng a neelwa *for* metshameko kwa dikoleng. E rile fa re sena go nna re e kopa e tla kwa go rona, ra buisana le ba Lephata la Madi *to say this can never be enough* mme ga go a siama gore *Ministry wa Education* o nne o tsaya fale, o tlopola fale, o thusa ka fa ka gore *there is need*. Rona re dumela gore re tshwanetse re *budget for sport* kwa dikoleng. Ke bua jaana e le gore Puso e ntshitse madi a a kana ka P55 million a a yang kwa metshamekong e e kwa dikoleng *this financial year*. Golo moo ke katlego e tona mo go rona. Re dumela gore go wetse.

Rre Motaosane o ne a bua ka *stadium* sa Thamaga, nnyaa re tlaa se bua seo Mokgatla. Re a dumalana gore sone se tlhokana le gore re bone gore re dira jang ka sone.

Dr Kwape e ne e le go leboga batsadi ba ga Letsile, e bile gape o buile ka mokatisi wa ga Letsile. Re re batlotlegi botlhe fela ba ba buileng ka Dose Mosimanyane, re a le leboga batlotlegi. Go matshwanedi gore tota fela re dire jalo, re mo leboge go menagane. E bile gape o buile le ka *stadium* sa Kanye sa kwa gaMaila gore mme se se monate ke gore se gaufi le go wela. Le sone jalo ke sengwe sa bokao jwa gore *indeed this Government is committed* mo goreng re tlhabolole metshameko le gone kwa magaeng.

Honourable Hikuama o ne a tlhalosa sengwe se se botlhokwa *Mr Speaker*. O ne a bua ka *discipline*. A bua gore e bile gape *success* e e tshwanetse e re tshwaraganye. *Discipline* e a buang ka yone go botlhokwa thata gore bana ba rona re ba rute le gore, gore o kgone gore kgatlego e e nne fela e ntse e le kwa mankalengkaleng, *you have got to be disciplined, you must respect people, humility* e tshwanetse e nne kwa godimo ga sengwe le sengwe. Dilo tse ke tse e leng gore mo metshamekong di a rutwa. Jaaka re simolola metshameko kwa dikoleng, re batla gore re ba tshire ba santse ba le babotlana. Dilo tse re kgone go di ba ruta. Re ruta bana ba rona ba santse ba le babotlana le dikgang tsa *financial literacy*. Re ba ruta ka dilo tse di tshwanang le *brand management*. Ba itse gore kamoso e tlaabo e le Letsile mme o tshwanetse a itse gore go itshwara ka tsela e e ntseng jang.



Leader of the Opposition (LOO) o ne a bua ka *technical team and everyone gore e se ka ya lebalwa*. Re a leboga LOO. O buile ka *school sport*, ke e arabile. *Private companies* le tsone jalo di tshwanetse di thuse. Ke kgang e a nnang a e bua makgetho a le mantsi. O buile gape le ka *saga* ya British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). *Well, personally fa ke leng teng, ke akanya gore because they did not have senepe sa ga Letsile sa a tshotse medal, that is why ba tsentse sa yole ka gore o ne a setse a fentse medal wa 100 metres.* Ke kakanyo fela mme se Batswana ba neng ba se dirile, re dumela gore e ne e le kgakololo e e maleba mo go bone ba BBC.

His Honour the Vice President (VP), Leader of the House, he is one of the greatest supporters wa metshameko mo lefatsheng la rona Mr Speaker, ka tsotlhe tse a nang le tsone. O nna a eme metshameko nokeng ka puo ya gagwe le ditiro tsa gagwe. Re a mo leboga. Re mo lebogela thotloetsa ya gagwe le gore kwa bothokong o nna a af a dikgakololo tse di botlhokwa thata tse di re gorositseng gone fa re leng teng.

Deputy Speaker, Mr Speaker o ne a bua ka kgang ya gore let us declare August 8 a holiday. Ke tseela gore ba ba maleba *Mr Speaker; ba reeditse, bagolo ba tlaa thusa. His Honour is here, Honourable Morwaeng is here ba reeditse, ba tlaa nthusa kgang.* Ke santse ke le ngwana *Mr Speaker; kgang e e bokete mme e botlhokwa thata gore e sekegelwe tsebe.* Fa dithata e ne e le tsa me, ke ka bo ke sa bolo go dira jalo maabane bosigo pele fa Letsile a tsewe dinepe.

Deputy Speaker o ne a bua gore dikompone tse dingwe di lelota. Di ntsha madi o kare ba a patelediwa. Gone golo mo ga go a siama. Ke batla go mo tlatsa ke re, se ke boammaaruri. Re tshwanetse re tswelele re dira bojotlhe go bua le bone jaaka re tsweletse re ntse re ba rotloetsa. Ga re batle go ba tsosetsa modumo ka gore madi a ba a dirile ka Batswana, ba a dirile mo Botswana. Madi ke a ba a dirang jalo, ba na le *commitments* tse di rileng *Mr Speaker.* Re ya go tswelela re ntse re buisanya le bone sentle gore ba itse gore metshameko e teng.

Rre Nkawana o ne a leboga. O lebogile botlhe ba e leng batsayakarolo. A bua gore re ye go fata talente kwa moding, re ye go e batla gone koo. Ke dumalana le ene *Mr Speaker.* E bile a bua gore *these incentives* di kwa tlase. Rre Nkawana, sedibeng go iwa kwa tsela motsadi wa me. Ke tlhalositse fa gore *when I took over the reins kwa ministry* ka 2021, e ne e re fa o fentse *a gold medal*, o bo o bona P100, 000.00.

Jaanong gompieno ke ntlo ya madi a a kana ka P1 million le go feta. Ke dumela gore golo mo ke katlego. Ke tlhalositse kgantele gore re ne re sena gone gore re ka go lebogela gore *you qualified for Olympics. I introduced P30, 000 e le incentive ya gore you have qualified.* Re ne re sena P8, 300 wa kgwedi le kgwedi wa gore fa o sena *to qualify, re simolola go go neela P8, 300 gore o se ka wa sokola o ntse o ipaakanyetsa Olympics.*

Seo ke se sesha se e leng gore re ne ra se simolodisa. Re ne re sena P25, 000 o e leng gore fa o taboga kana fa o goroga kwa *final*, o fetsa mo *top eight* jaaka Letsile a dirile, re ka go mo neela. E ne e le *zero, we are at P25, 000.* Letsatsi le letsatsi bana ba rona ba gatisa madi a itshetso. Madi a e ne e le \$30 ka letsatsi, *we doubled madi ao to \$60.* Go raya gore ka letsatsi mo godimo ga se ba ntseng ba se tsaya, ba ne ba gatisa madi a a kana ka P850 fa re isa kwa Dipuleng. Ke maiteko a re a dirileng, mme re a dumela gore bana ba rona ba tshwanetswe ke se se fetang sone se. *That is why Rre Nkawana ke ne ke leboga Dr Dikoloti go menagane, ke mo lebogela gore re ne re re we want to complement se re se dirileng se ka sengwenyana se re se bonang kwa Alcohol Levy gore bana ba ba rona ba ka gore ke dikgantshwane tsa rona, ba nne ba oketse mo go se e leng gore ba a se bona, re ba neele that appearance fee ya gore ba bo ba tsamaya ba ipontsha Batswana.*

Re tlaabo re tswelela, re ya go ya kwa bo Francistown ka sone setlhophha sone se, ba Francistown ba ipaakanye. Re ya go ya kwa bo Maun, kwa ene Coach Dose a tswang teng; *coach* ya ga Letsile, kwa go tswang bo Leungo Scotch teng. Re ya go ya koo re isa *team* e ya rona kwa go bone. Jaaka bana ba ba rona ba ya kwa jaana ba tlaabo ba tswa kwa di Olympic, ba bona *appearance fees* madi a a kana ka P10, 000 per appearance, e ntse e le gone gore *we want to enrich our athletes.* E le se e leng gore re tla ka sone *Mr Speaker.*

Rre Nkawana o ne a re re lebelele *other sporting codes.* Re ntse re sena *leagues* Rre Nkawana, kompone ya Mascom e ne e ntse e rotloetsa *league* ya rona ya *volleyball*, ba ne ba boela kwa morago. Re ne re ntse re na le ba Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNeT) *sponsoring league* ya rona ya *softball*, ba ne ba boela kwa morago. Re ne re ntse re na le kompone ya Spar, *they were sponsoring netball*, ba ne ba boela kwa morago. Bana ba rona ba basetsana, *they are doing very well;* The Mares, fa re tsena kwa *national team*, mme ga go na *league* mo Botswana ya kgwele ya dinao ya bomme.



What we did as a Government ra re fa re sena go bona increment yone e ya madi a rona a metshameko, we are going to sponsor league ya volleyball ya borre le bo mme; softball ya borre le bomme, le league ya netball ya bomme. E bile gape we are going to sponsor league ya bomme ya kgwele ya dinao. E le gone go leka go tlhagolela tsela dikompone kwa ntle kwa gore ba kgone go bona gore mme golo mo go botlhokwa. Goromente ga a ka ke a dira a le nosi. Ke one maiteko ao Rre Nkawana e le go lemoga gone ka fa e leng gore lethloko le ntse ka teng.

Honourable Brooks o ne a re a re lebelele kwa dikgaolong. Ke dumalana le wena mongwame, ke mafoko a o nnang o a bua gangwe le gape. Re a a lebogela, mme e bile gape re leboga gore o lebogetse Tautona ka molaetsa wa gagwe.

Honourable Balopi pledged a cow towards Letsile Tebogo. E bile gape o ne a leboga mongwe le mongwe, mme a bua kgang e nngwe e e botlhokwa Mr Speaker; a re gone mme re gorositswe ke eng fa. Jaanong ke batla go busetsa potso e ya ga Honourable Balopi kwa go ene ka gore ke itse gore mafoko a ke a re a tlwaetseng ka ene. Ke mongwe wa batho ba ke ba tlolthaga thata mo goreng tshwaragano e tshwanetse gore e nne teng. Re kgonne ka tshwaragano Honourable Balopi. Fela se o neng o se bua, bakatisi, barotloetsi, botsadi jwa ga Letsile, Goromente, gammogo le Batswana, babegadikgang; ba rothle re gorogile fa re gorogileng teng ka ntata ya tshwaragano yone e, e ke itseng gore o e rera bobe, e bile o e rata bobe.

O buile kgang e nngwe e e botlhokwa, *a facility* e e tlaa supang gore indeed we are country of athletics. Se se tllang mo tlhaloganyong ya me ke gore we need a high performance centre; lefelo le e leng gore le na le sengwe le sengwe. Jaaka ke bua le lona jaana Mr Speaker, I was talking to Nijel Amos yesterday, he is in Potchefstroom kwa South Africa, kwa High Performance Centre, we do not have one mo lefatsheng la rona. Mma Gofhamodimo o ntse a bua ka kgang ya NDP 12. Re tsile go dira bojotlhe, re setse re simolotse gore re ye go nna le kago ya mofuta o ya manobonobo e e leng gore re tshwanetse gore re e tlhome golo gongwe. Our athletes ba tswa Maun, North East mme bontsi jwa bone they are doing very well. Our athletes ba tswa mo lefatsheng la Botswana, Letsile o tswa kwa Kanye, Baboloki Thebe; one of the finest athletes we ever had mo lefatsheng la rona, o tswa kwa Kgatleng. Re tshwanetse re ye go batla lefelo re bo re ya go tlhoma kago e kwa go lone Mr Speaker. Go botlhokwa fela thata, mme re tlaa dira bojotlhe gore go diragale.

Honourable Mathoothe o ne a leboga mmaarona yo o re tsholetseng sekgantshwane; Seratiwa Tebogo, mme re re le rona fela jalo re batla gore re gatelele mafoko a gagwe.

Honourable Letsholo le ene o buile mafoko a a botlhokwa Mr Speaker a re, mme gone re dira go le kae re le Puso. A kopa gore ke tlhalose gore mme gone go diragala jang kgang yone e ya dikompone ya support jalo le jalo, ka gore ba bangwe ba re mme kana fa team e goroga ke gone batho ba bonalang. Ke re kana ke yone kgang e ke neng ke e bua ya gore le fa a ne a bua ka Puso, gore kana re dirile, ke ntse ke atolosa gore le kae, mme ga ke dumele gore go na le ope yo o tlaa reng Goromente ke mabina go tsholwa, ka nako e re tlaabong re tsamaya re ya go amogela sekgantshwane sa rona. Ope a se ka a tla a re mme ke bao jaanong ke gone re ba bonang. Ke ntse ke tlhalosa gore re ntse re dira eng re le Puso. Tota fela ga re tlhokane le any negativity, ngwana wa rona o dirile bontle, re tshwanetse re tshwaragane le go ya pele.

Rre Letsholo o ne a botsa gape gore dikompone tse di ntseng di thusa re ya go dira jang ka tsone. Ke tsaya gore eo ke e re tlaa e buang mo nakong e e tllang, mme fela kana dikompone ba dira letseno mo lefatsheng la rona ka lefatshe la rona, ka Batswana. Jaanong tebogo e tona ke gore re tswelele re ba eme nokeng, bone ba e leng gore ba ntsha dithoto tsa bone gore bana ba rona ba bone these incentives.

Rre Letsholo o ne a bua gape ka gone gore kana golo mo is a team effort, re gakolole Batswana gore botlhokwa jwa go tshwaragana bo fa kae.

Mo metshamekong fela jaaka re etle re utlwe gotwe Mothusa Tautona o tsamaile le his entourage to Kenya kana to Malawi kana kae, an athlete le ene e tlhokane le entourage around ene motabogi ene yo kana motshameki yoo. Dietician or nutritionist, physician, and the medical doctor, you need batho botlhe around you. Batho ba botlhe gammogo le ba e leng gore re ne re eme ngwana yo wa rona nokeng, we played a role mo goreng re bo re le fa re leng teng. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke go lebogelete potso eo Honourable Letsholo.

Honourable Motlamai le ene o ne a leboga a re phathi ya bone le yone e buile. Ee, kana ke buile gore re Batswana rothle mo lefatsheng le la rona le, re dirile, jaanong ga ke batle re itsontsonka ka diphathi ka gore ga ke batle gore kgantele ke bo ke re Domkrag e dirile jaana, mme le ntse le utlwa gore Domkrag e dirile. A jaanong re se



ka ra tloga ra bua ka dipampiri. Kana *pamphlets* re tlaa felela mo go yone *pamphlet*, mme e le gore go dira Puso e re leng mo go yone e e leng gore janong se re se dirang, ke se se bonalang. Re batla gore *Honourable Motsamai*, kamoso e re morago ga dingwaga tse 45 tse di tlango, o bo o na le balekane ba gago gongwe o tsamaya ka thobane, ke go eleletsa botshelo jo bo leeble mogolole. E le gore jaanong o ba bolelala gore “*I coached Letsile*,” kana e tlaabo gakere jaanong foo e le gore gongwe o motsadi thata mo gongwe o a o bua tse, o re o a riana mme o bo o felela o riana. “*I coached Letsile*” ka 2024, ke ne ke le mokatisi wa gagwe, mme ke le mo Botswana, ke mo katisa a le gone kwa Paris, ra kgona go bona *medal*. ” Ke ne ke re tsone tse *Honourable Motsamai*, ke dikgang tse di botlhokwa tse o di buileng, mme gape o ne o re mafoko a a botlhokwa *Honourable Motsamai*.

O kare re ne re le mmogo moso wa gompieno, ke ne ke buisa ba National Arts Council of Botswana, pele ga ke tla kwano, ke ba raya ke re katlego ya ga Letsile e tshwanetse e re gakolole gore sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang, re tshwanetse re se dire ka maatlametlo re se dire ka bonokopila, re se dire re itse gore re mo lefatsheng la sekgantshwane se e leng gore ga se batle sepe fela kwa ntleng ga *a gold medal*. Sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang, e tshwanetse e bo e le sengwe se e tlaa reng kamoso fa o leba kwa morago, o bo ka se ipelela.

Honourable Moagi o ne a bua ka leina la ga Letsile, ngwana yo wa rona o bidiwa Letsile Tebogo, Tebogo ke sefane sa gagwe. Ke tseela gore ke sone se nneng *Honourable Lefoko Moagi* a se bua gore, a re nne re se ka ya ne gongwe ba bangwe re kopakopanya, leina ke Letsile, sefane ke Tebogo. Ke dumela gore o ne o raya jalo mogolole Molete. O ne a supa gape fela jaaka mongwe wa batlotlegi a buile gore, tota bana ba re tshwanetse re ba rute *humility, leadership, boeteledipele*. E bile o bo tlhoka thata le go feta fa o le mo seemong sa ga Letsile, ka gore mathlo otlhe a mo go ene. Mme ke sa re ye monna wa mo Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF), ke raya gore mathlo a batho otlhe a mo go ene.

Honourable Healy le ene o ne a leboga lelwapa la ga Letsile, a leboga Goromente, a leboga Dose, mme e bile gape a leboga le Nigel Amos. Ke setse ke buile ka gore Nigel Amos nngwe ya dikgakololo tsa gagwe di re fitlisitse fa re leng teng gompieno. Letsile o kgonne go bona *medal* wa gauta ka dingwe tsa dikgakololo tse re di filweng re le boeteledipele ke Nigel Amos. Mme *Honourable Healy* selo se se nekgatlhileng le go feta, se se tswelelang se re kgatlha ke gore, ngwana yo wa rona

o ikapesa folaga ya lefatshe la Botswana *with pride*. Selo sa ntlha o itse gore ke Motswana, ga a re ke na le tse di ntshwenyang, ka gore tseo di teng mo mongwe le mongwe yo e leng gore ke motshameki. Dikgwethlo di teng ga di kitla di tlhogagal, mme o tsaya folaga ya rona a e apara *with pride*. Ke ene ngwana wa Motswana tota yo o supang gore ke Motswana yo o *proud* ka Botswana jwa gagwe, o tlaa tswelela a dira jalo.

Ya *diplomatic passport* le yone re e buile, dikgang tseo ke tse re setseng re kile ra di bua le bo *Honourable Dr Kwape*, mme re tlaa tswelela re ntse re bua ka tsone.

Honourable Ramogapi o ne a leboga, mme e bile a nteboga a re o batla go gaisa ba bangwe, ke a leboga mogolole. Gongwe mafoko a gago ke gore, re tshela mmogo *Honourable Ramogapi*, o nkgonne tota, ke sone se o reng, o a leboga. Le ba kgaolo ya gago rra re amogela ditebogo tseo, dikgalaletso tseo. Mme re re Modimo a go segofatse *Honourable Ramogapi*.

Honourable Molale le ene fela jalo o ne a bua ka mokatisi. Motlotlegi Mme Mma Gofhamodimo o ne a bua ka NDP 12, mme e bile a bua ka bomme. Letsile Tebogo o tlisitswe mo lefatsheng ke mme. Mme re tshwanetse re leboge bomme bao ba ba neng ba godisa Mmaagwe Letsile, Seratiwa Tebogo, ba ba nnile mme wa selebego le serodumo sa gagwe a bo a felela a re tlisetsa sekgantshwane se, a se re godisetsa, se bo se nna ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Re ba leboge fela botlhe.

Mr Speaker, ke re ke leboge ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke go leboge kwa bofelong gore o bo o re file sebaka sa gore re bue le Batswana, o re letleletse mo Ntlong ya gago gore re atolose kgang e. Re batla re go leboge go menagane. Mme batlotlegi ke lebogile thata ka dikakgelo tsa lona, Modimo a re segofatse, Modimo a segofatse lefatshe la Botswana.

**STATEMENT
WITHDRAWAL OF BILLS**

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MORWAENG): Rraetsho Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente mma ke go leboge mongwame gore o bo o ile wa mpha sebaka sa gore mo letsatsing la gompieno ke tle fano gore ke dire polelo e ke tlaabong ke e dira. Ke leboga thata mongwame. Mme sa ntlha ke leboge gore, jaaka Motlotlegi Rre Rakgare a ne a tswa fa, a bua ka thulaganyo ya ngwana wa rona Letsile Tebogo, ke re ke supe fela gore, Motlotlegi Mogolo Rraetsho Tautona



Dr Masisi wa lefatshe le, mookamedi mogolo, o tsere tshwetso ya gore mo letsatsing la gompieno e tlaa re fa go iwa *to lunch* jaana re bo re filwe *holiday* kana *leave* ya letsatsi la gompieno go tswa ka 1:00 p.m. mo ditirong tsotlhe tsa rona tsa Puso.

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

MR MORWAENG: *Ke re Motlotlegi Mogolo o bonye go lebanye gore Letsile Tebogo a tlotlwelo jalo mo gompienong, mme dikgolo di e tla. Ka tsela eo bodirelapuso jotlhе kwa le leng teng itseng gore moeteledipele wa lefatshe le molemong wa go kgothatsa ngwana wa rona le go supa kemonokeng mo go ene o bonye gore re tseye le half-day go simolola ka 1:00 p.m. jaana gore re bo re tshaisa kwa ditirong batho betsho. Ke a le golola mo boemong jwa ga Tautona.*

Mr Speaker, *ke ikobile mongwame polelo ya me e khutshwane, ke a kopa gore ke e bale ka puo ya seeng ke bo ke e ranola. Ga go nke go ntseye metsotso e metlhano.*

Mr Speaker, as you are aware, I presented the following Bills for First Reading on the 29th July, 2024, that is;

- (a) Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 12 of 2024);
- (b) Former Vice-Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) Bill, 2024 (No. 13 of 2024); and
- (c) Ministers and National Assembly Gratuities and Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No.14 of 2024).

Mr Speaker, Section 86 of the Constitution provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution, this Parliament, has the power to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of Botswana.

In addition, Section 87(6) of the Constitution of Botswana provides that “no law made by Parliament shall come into operation until it has been published in the Gazette.” This important and prescriptive consultative step is meant to afford the citizens of this country the opportunity to internalise the proposed legislation before Parliament passes it.

Mr Speaker, as much as we have the Constitutional mandate to make laws in this Parliament, we are also required to consult. Standing Order 72.3 prescribes that “no Bill (other than an Appropriation Bill) shall be read a second time earlier than 30 days after the day

on which it was read a first time or, if in the case of a Bill presented by a Minister or Assistant Minister a draft thereof was published in the Gazette before it was presented, 30 days after such publication.”

This Standing Order is crucial because those 30 days of publication underscore the significance of public engagement, and it is for us to consult such that when Bills are debated, the feedback from our constituents is taken on board. It is the people who elected us, and who we represent in this Assembly, that we are obliged to listen to. As a country that respects, upholds and adheres to the Rule of Law, it is critical that we discharge our mandate in line with the oath of this noble office, the oath of allegiance as required of us by the Constitution.

Mr Speaker, it is not a secret that there has been a lot of feedback about these Bills from some members of the public and civil society organisations in Botswana Society. As such, and as you are all aware, on the 3rd August 2024, I made a public statement of the decision to withdraw these Bills from Parliament.

Since we need to recognise the importance of the public voice in our law-making process, it is necessary that we pause and allow for further consultations to appreciate the views of the people of Botswana in relation to these matters. In the public interest and as a consultative and listening Government, we have to listen to the people of this Republic.

It is against this backdrop Mr Speaker, that in accordance with Standing Order 85.1, I move to withdraw the following three Bills from this Winter Meeting of Parliament:

- (a) Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 12 of 2024);
- (b) Former Vice Presidents (Pensions and Retirement Benefits) Bill, 2024 (No 13 of 2024); and
- (c) Ministers and National Assembly Gratuities and Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No 14 of 2024).

Fa o ntetla mongwame Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke kopa ke ikobile gore a o ka ntetla ke garele ka puo ya Setswana gore botsadi kwa gae bo nkutlwе.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.



MR MORWAENG: Ke a leboga mongwame. Ke fano Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente mo bogompienong, jaaka re itse rotlhe gore e rile ka di 29 tsa ga *July*, ka tla mo Palamenteng e, ka tlisa melao e le meraro, e e amanang le *pensions* tsa bo Tautona ba pele, Bathusa Tautona ba pele, le o mongwe o o amanang le Matona le Mapalamente mabapi le *pensions* tsa bone.

Ke ile ka tlisa melao e *Mr Speaker*, jaaka re itse rotlhe gore Palamente eno ke yone fela e e nang le dithata le tetla ya go dira melao mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana. Gore re dire melao mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana, re e tlisa mo Palamenteng, go na le bukana e e bidiwang Gazette, e e supang gore re tshwanetse *to gazette* Melao-kakanyetso e kwa bukeng e gotweng Gazette eo, e bileng e re tlamang gore e tshwanetse go nna koo malatsi a le masome a mararo, mabaka a teng e le gore Batswana ba bale, ba iponne, ba kgone gore le bone ba nne le seabe mo dikakgelong tsa bone go bona gore bone ba bona jang melao e.

Se se leng teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tshwanetse ke supe gore ke ile ya re ka di *three* tsa kgwedi e re leng mo go yone e, ka ya kwa *radio* le *television* ka ya go tlhalosetsa Batswana bagaetsho gore Melao-kakanyetso e meraro eo, e re neng re e tlisitse kwa Palamenteng, re utlwile ka fa batho bagarona ba ileng ba akgela ka teng, ka re ne re itse e bile e le tsamaiso mo lefatsheng la rona, gore fa Batswana ba bona Gazette e bua ka molao, ba tshwanetse go nna le seabe ka dikakgelo mo molaong oo.

Se se diragetseng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ile ka ya kwa Botswana Television (BTV), ka ya go tlhalosetsa Batswana gore ke ya *to withdraw* Melao-kakanyetso e ke buang ka yone eo. Ke ile ka soloftsa Batswana jalo, e bile ke sone se mo bogompienong ke dirang jalo. Ke tshwanetse ke supe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore, mabaka a gore re boele Melao-kakanyetso e kwa morago, ke gore re utlwile bagarona, re utwile dikakgelo tsa Batswana, e bile re le Puso e e reetsang, e e tsibogang fa re lemoga sengwe, re bona ka fa bagarona ba neng ba dirisa tshwanelo ya bone ka teng go akgela mo melaong-kakanyetsong eo, ra bona gore nnyaa re tshwanetse re dire jaaka bagarona ba eletsa, re boele melao e kwa morago. Gore dipuisanyo di nne teng sentle, ka tsela eo re se ka ra tla ka molao o Batswana ba nang le bothata le one mo sebakeng sa gompieno.

Ka le kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke sone se se dirileng gore re felele mo letsatsing la gompieno re le fano, re dira jaaka re dira. Kgankgolo e le morero, go reetsa batho, go

tsiboga fa batho ba Botswana ba bua gore re Puso e e reetsang, ka gore re puso ya batho ka batho. Ga batho ba bua ga re ba reediwe, re ba reeditse. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, in terms of the rules of the House, the Standing Orders, when the Minister makes the statement, it is permissible to ask short questions for a purpose of elucidation. If anybody who has a question, this should be the time.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*. *Minister*, ga ke go tlhaloganye sentle, ga ke go tshware sentle ka gore ke a go utlwa gore wa re *you are withdrawing it*. Jaanong ga ke a go tlhaloganye sentle gore, *in your withdrawal*, e tlaa re mo bogautshwaneng o bo o boa o e busetsa gape fa o sena go nna o utlwa Batswana. Ka gore ke utlwa o re nnyaa o santse o ya *to consult* pele.

E nngwe ke go botse gore, ke eng o ne o e tlisa o sa botsa Batswana pele, ka gore kgang e ya *to consult* e tswa kgakala ka nako ya ga Tautona wa nthla Sir Seretse Khama. Nako eo, rona re ne re itse gore *consultation* ya teng Matona ba tsamaya motse le motse ba buisa diphuthego tsa Kgotsa. Jaanong ke botse gore pharologanyo gatwe ke eng, le gore re soloftle gore mme e tlaa boa leng, a mo ngwageng one o kana mo nakong e e tlang ele re tswa kwa ditlhophong. Fa e le gore Puso e tlaabo e ntse e le yone e, re soloftle gore mme e tlaa boa. Kgang e tona ke gore, tota e boa leng? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, do you want to take a couple of them?

MR MORWAENG: Ee rra, ke kopa jalo mongwame.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, Tona, ke botse gore mme gone morero fela wa *Bills* tse tharo tse o neng o batla go di tlisa mo Palamenteng tse, o ne o o tshwaretse kwa kae, o rera le bomang gore *Bills* tse di felele di le mo Palamenteng, ka gore le Mapalamente ga o ise o ko o ba bitse e le baemedi ba batho. A ke *Bill* fela e le e akantseng kwa Khuduthamageng, e bo e tla e tlhamaleletse mo Palamenteng e sena morero. Jaanong wa re o batla go ya go rera, o batla go ya go rera le mang, ka sebopego sefe ka *Bills* tse tharo tse.



Se kana se supa gape gore go raya gore o santse o na le maikaelelo a gore *Bills* tse di ka boela mo Palamenteng, mme rra Batswana kana ba ne ba le *clear*, ga ke itse gore a mme o ba utlwile sentle, ba *clear*. Ga ba dumele gore sone se o neng o re o a se kopa ka *these Bill*, ke selo se se ka amogelesegang sa dintlhakgolo tse o neng o di tsentse mo *Bill*, tsa bo Tautona ba pele le Mothusa Tautona.

Sa bobedi Tona ke go botse gore, a ko o mpolelele gore mo mathateng a a kanakana a letlhoko la ditiro le lehuma, bogolo jang lethoko la ditiro mo bananeng le le tsamayang kwa go bo 34.4 *per cent*, mo gareng ga lehuma, ga ke itse gore a le tsamaya kwa go 17 *per cent*, le le kanakana, itsholelo ka nako e gotwe Gross Domestic Product (GDP) e godile ka zero *per cent*...

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition (LOO), be careful. We do not have time for statements. Whatever knowledge you have about *lehuma gope*, we are dealing with the statement of the Minister withdrawing the Bills.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke amogela kgakololo ya gago Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Go tla jang gore mo mathateng a a kanakana a Batswana ba leng mo go one, *economic hardship* go nne le kakanyo ya gore o ne o ka tlisa *Bills* tsa mofuta oo? Kakanyo eo o ne o e tsaya kae? Ke a leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE: Tona, ka *statement* se o se ntshang se o supang gore o utlwile ngongorego ya Batswana, ba supa lesherekere le re leng mo go lone, a o dumalana le bone ka tsotlhe tse ba di buang, ke sone se se dirileng gore o boele *Bills* tse o neng o tlie le tsone morago?

MR MORWAENG: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Rre Kedikilwe fa a bua, fa e le gore a ke mo utlwile sentle a re a ke dumalana le Batswana, ke dirisitse lefoko mongwame Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore re utlwile. Batswana ba buile, ba ntshitse maikutlo a bone. Tsamaiso ya rona re le Puso ya morero e re reetsang batho, fa re utlwile batho ba bua re dira molao, ke tsamaiso ya gore batho ba nne le dikagelo tsa bone mme re ba utlwile. Go boela kwa morago mo ke gone mo go supang gore re Puso e e tsibogang e e reetsang. Fa re ne re se Puso e e reetsang, re ka bo re sa dira jalo Motlotlegi Kedikilwe. Jaanong nkutlwfa ke tlhalosa, jaaka ke tlhaloseditse setshaba le gompieno jaana ke le fano mo Palamenteng, re di boela

morago ka mabaka a gore re utlwile Batswana ka fa ba buileng ka teng. Re Puso ya morero, ke sekai le sekao sa gore re dumela mo morerong, e bile fa batho ba bua re a ba utlwile.

Motlotlegi Ramogapi o ne a re, a re boela kwa morago go ya *to consult*, ke eng re ne re tlisa *Bill* e fa, a re ne re sa *consult*. Ke tsaya gore di a tshwana, se se teng ra re re Puso e e dumelang mo morerong, fa batho ba bua re a ba reetsa. Tirafalo e e dirafetseng e ke sekai le bosupi jo bo papametseng gore re Puso e e reetsang. Fa go ka bo go sa mna jalo re ka bo re sa reetsa, mme re reeditse. Fa o bona re dira molao, o ya *to be gazetted*, ke nngwe ya ditsela tsa *consultation*. Molao o isitswe kwa...

MR RAMOGAPI: On a point of correction. Honourable Minister ga a nkutlwfa sentle. Potso ya me ke ne ke re ka gore wa re *Bill* e ya *benefits* tsa ga Tautona o batla *to consult*, ke eng o ne o sa *consult at the initial stage*? Potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi ke ne ke re a o santse o na le maikaelelo a gore o e tlise re santse re le gone fa, fa o fetsa *to consult* kana o tlaa e tlisa morago ga ditlhopho? Ke botsa jaana ka gore go na le batlhalefi bangwe ba ba reng kana Domkrag e tshaba gore *Bill* e e tsene ka gore go iwa kwa ditlhophong, mme fa re tswa ditlhopong e tlaabo e tla. Jaanong o tlhatswetse dikgang tse ruri. Ke a leboga.

MR MORWAENG: Rre Ramogapi ka ke kile ka utlwile o ikaya fa o le morutegi, ba supa gore go na le pharologanyo fa gare ga *defer and withdraw*. Mafoko a a Sekgoa, ka o morutegi morwarre, fa o ka bula *dictionary* wa a tlhaloganya, ke ka go raya ka re se re se dirileng fa o re re ne re sa *consult* ra re we *have consulted but go a bonala, through consultation* e re ntseng le yone, e e letlwang ke tsamaiso ya Palamente le tsamaiso ya go dira molao gore *you gazette for 30 days, deliberately* gore batho ba akgela. Molao o dirwa jalo, mme batho ba re myaa e *consultation* ga re a kgotsofalela jaaka o bua, *that is why* re re kgang ya mofuta o ke e e batlang thulaganyo e e tseneletseng, fa e ka dirwa. Kgotsfala fa re re re utlwile Batswana, Batswana ba buile, rona re le Domkrag, re le Goromento yo o mo setilong, fa Motswana a bua re a mo reetsa. *That is why* Batswana ba dira se e leng tshwanelo ya bone go akgela *on the Bill*, re ba *consult* e le tsamaiso, dilo tse Motlotlegi Ramogapi di diretswe gone moo. Se Batswana ba se dirileng gompieno ba akgela mo *Bill they were simply doing their rights and re le Puso re ne re tlamega go reetsa. Re reeditse, we have withdrawn the Bill*, ga e yo ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng.

O ne o bua ka bangwe ba o reng ke bomaitseanape...



MR RAMOGAPI: *On a point of procedure.* Tanki Honourable Speaker. O kare ga a nkutlwé sentle jaanong ga a nkarabe sentle. Mafoko a mabedi a *to withdraw* le *defer* ke a tlhaloganya sentle. Selo le fa o se boetse morago, *you still have an opportunity to reinstate it*. Jaanong ke go botsa gore a o tlaa tla o e busetsa? Ke yone potso ya me. Ga ke re ga ke tlhaloganya mafoko a mabedi a, ke tlhaloganya sentle, ke a dirisitse sentle. Kana e bile gompieno ke dira PhD fa o re ke morutegi o bolelela ruri. Mafoko a mabedi a ke a utlwa sentle, ke a tlhaloganya sentle. Jaanong ka bokhutshwanyane fela a o tlaa tla o e busetsa gape? Ke tsaya gore *Mr Speaker* o a ntłhaloganya ka gore le fa e le *case* kwa *court* o ka e *withdraw*, mme nako nngwe *you reinstate it* o re jaanong ke bone bosupi ke busetsa *case* e. E ne e le yone potso ya me fela. Ke a leboga.

MR MORWAENG: Motlotlegi Ramogapi o le tsala ya me, ke go tlhagisa ka PhD tsa bo *one-man university*, o di ele tlhoko. Ke itse ba le mmalwa ba ba di tshotseng, ke ka ba *mention* mme ga ke na go dira jalo.

Batswana ba re tshephe, re ba utlwile. Ke a itse le fa gongwe ke ne ke sa tshwanelo go bua jalo gore bangwe ba ne ba eletsa gore re ka bo re sa reetsa Batswana, re utlwile se Batswana ba rona ba se buang, re Puso e e reetsang. O boditse potso gore a mme Rre Morwaeng e tlaa re re santse re le fa, o bo o busa *Bill* e gape, ke go utlwile sentle *sir*. Ke go arabe gore nnyaa Rre Ramogapi, *I have withdrawn this*, ke utlwile Batswana, ke dumela mo morerong. A Batswana ba re tshephe, ra re re e buseditse kwa morago. Se Batswana ba neng ba se dira ke tshwanelo ya bone gore fa Puso e na le Molao-kakanyetso ba akgele, ba akgetse, re reeditse.

Batswana ba badile mo mafarathatlheng ka rona, ke morero o montle rraetsho o ba tshwanetseng ba ikopele diatla gore re santse re setse *democracy* ya rona morago, re a e diragatsa. Ba santse ba na le lentswe mo Pusong ya bone, ke Puso e e reetsang, selo se ba tshwanetse go se itumelela.

Then motlotlegi yo mongwe o ne a botsa a re morero o dirilwe kae. Ke ntse ke tlhalosa tsamaiso ya go dira molao, tsamaiso ya molao e dirwa jalo mme fa go tlhogega, further consultation. Jaaka ke bua, dipuisanyo di ka nna teng *but* se ke se tlhomamisetsang Batswana ke re, re utlwile, Batswana ba a itse gore re tswa kgakala re le batho ba morero le bone. E bile Batswana ba itse gore ga re ba okise jaaka Motlotlegi Rre Ramogapi a re bangwe bomaitseanape, ga ke itse gore a ke bone ba bo *one man university*, ba re re tlaa di busetsa gape. Rre

Ramogapi, Puso e e tswa kgakala e tsamaisa lefatshe, ga re tseye *chance*. Ra re utlwile Batswana, ba re dikgang tsa mofuta o ga ba dumalane le tsone ka mabaka. Kgang e go tweng ra re *it is not the right time* ka gore go iwa ditlhophong, nnyaa, ga se yone, kgangkgolo ke morero o ba ga rona ba reng e rile fa re rera le bone *through the Gazette* ba tlhalosa gore nnyaa. Mabaka a Batswana bone ba ne ba re seemo sa rona ka fa re bonang ka teng gone jaana, ga re bone go lebane. Fa Batswana ba bua jalo ba akanya gore ga re mo seemong gone jaana sa go tlhokomela botsadi ba rona ba seemo seo ba ba neng ba le mo maemong ao. Ka gore bodiredi jo re se ka ra lebala Rre Ramogapi gore boammaaruri ke gore ba na le ditiro tse ba di dirang tse rotlhe re itseng e bile re eletsa gore le fa ba dule mo ditilong ba kgone go thusega. Se lebale gore *report* ya ga Rre Gaongalelwé e ne e bua e reng ka Mapalamente, Matona, Makhanselara le bomang, se lebale dilo tseo. Batswana ba re nnyaa, gone jaana ga se yone nako ya go dira jalo. Ke yone nako e re buang ka yone re re Batswana re ba utlwile ba rialo ba re seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng motlotlegi, re name re eme pele ka mo. *For them* e le Batswana, ga se *priority* gone jaana and re dumalana le bone. Re Puso e e reetsang, selo se re tshwanetse batho ba se lebogelete gore ga re Puso e e sa reetseng. Ke a leboga.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT – DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Waiving Requirements by Land Boards to Advertise Available Civic and Community Plots

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Moatlhodi has an urgent Motion to move in terms of Standing Order 60.1. Honourable Moatlhodi.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Procedure.* *Mr Speaker, Motion o o urgent wa ga Honourable Moatlhodi o tshwana le wa me mo Order Paper o o mo line, Motion number 17.* O utswile o wa me a bo a tsenya kwa go wa gagwe a re o *urgent* mme *it is against the Standing Order.* Se tlhamaletse sa re ga e kake ya re *business* e nngwe e le teng mo Order Paper yo mongwe a bo a e etelela pele a tla a re go *urgent*. Ke raya gore ke o *Mr Speaker*; o tlhamaletse fela le one o bua ka go neela dikereke 30 per cent ya ditsha. Le ene a rialo a ntse a o bona gore wa me o fodile jaanong a re nna mma ke ye go nna botoka ke ye kwa pele ga ga Ramogapi. Ke tsaya gore o a o bona. O tshwere Order Paper foo *Mr Speaker. Number 17, o o buang gore ‘That this Honourable House requests*



Government to set a quota of at least 30 per cent for land allocation to churches on advertised plots and further demarcate plots to be specifically allocated to churches only.’ Jaanong o tshwana fela ka gore otlhe o bua ka gore go neelwe dikereke lefatshe. Le ene a re 30 per cent e neelwe lefatshe. The objective is just the same, o fetotse mafoko fela fale le fale gore mma ke phamolele Honourable Ramogapi. Ke tsaya gore o sale a o sala a o tsaya nako ya fa a santse a le ka fa go rona kwa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Mr Speaker. A ko o mo tsenye mo tseleng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Ramogapi, o itse tsamaiso?

MR RAMOGAPI: ...(Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, tse tsa bogodu jwa lona, ga go na ka fe tsenang teng...

MR RAMOGAPI: ...(Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ke bua ka Standing Orders gore a o a di itse. You know, some people would know the Standing Orders but they have absolutely no idea how they should be applied, none. Whether you cross, ba bangwe ba ya ka kwa o bo o re heelang, o mo sekgweng. O itse fela gore gore you have no idea what you are talking about...

MR RAMOGAPI: ...(Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: O reetse pele. Nnyaa, ke raya le fa e le. Jaanong fa o ne o utlwa ke re Honourable Ramogapi, tse tsa gore mang o utswile kwa go mang, ga se tsa me, o batla go nkgolega, ke tsa lona. Fa e le gore wa gago o kwa number 17, kana e ne e sa bonwa, *let us deal with this thing in terms of our Standing Orders.*

MR RAMOGAPI: *Procedure.* Ke tsaya gore fa e le gore ga o dumalane le nna kana go na le tsela e nngwe, a re kope bogakolodi mo go *Counsel* wa rona ka gore tota le fa ke sa *quote* Standing Order, sone se *clear* gore fa go na le *item*... re ne ra e *discuss* pele nako ya ga... ga ke itse gore ke Honourable Saleshando le Peggy Serame e le gore Motion o ntse o teng. Yo mongwe a bo a tla a re jaanong ke tla ka o o *urgent*, re bo re re nnyaa bagaetsho, ga go dirwe jalo. Kana wa me o teng o tlie pele. Jaanong wa ga Honourable Moatlhodi o o tlisa letsatsi leno ka *urgency*, wa me o ntse o le teng o fodile mo Order Paper.

MR SPEAKER: No, Honourable Ramogapi, you are not allowed to debate, I will tell you all the things we discussed *gore* whether *nako e e tserweng* for this urgent

Motion to come one, *ga kere o a utlwa gore ka reng*, for this urgent Motion to come, *a o santse o na le* urgency *ya teng*. It had not come today, you can go and look at the records in the Parliament, this Motion had not come today. *Ke tswa mo go tsa bogodu, ga ke tsene mo go tsone.*

The next thing Honourable Ramogapi is that whether or not the matter is urgent, *fa o ne o badile sone* Standing Order *se ba bangwe ba ntseng ba re 50, e bile ba sa e bala*, you will know that there is a question for this House. This Motion is for the adjournment, if the House thus agree, *go tlola dilo tse di leng teng go ya kwa go one o*, which will be with your permission.

Sa boraro Honourable Ramogapi, fa e le gore wena le Mokhurutshe wa gaeno le a dumalana ka bo 30 per cent, ga se nako e o tlaa bonang *chance ya to debate Motion o wa Number 17* fa e le gore ke ka dumalana le *the urgency*. *The question here is that it is for this House, fa o ne o ntshupegetsa o re there is this Standing Order which does not allow for an urgent Motion to be brought when there is something else which is not urgent but which is on the Order Paper, ke ne ka go reetsa. Sometimes you ought to read these Standing Orders with understanding of their application.* Re mmogo? *Do not just read the Standing Order, read with understanding gore naare golo fa go batla go dirwa eng. The reading ke Sekgoa, anybody can read that, le bana ba Standard 6 tota ba ka bala but the application is a totally different matter.*

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): *Procedure.* Nnyaa mme Advocate Ramogapi o re latsa nageng fela Mr Speaker, because mo ditsamaisong tsa Palamente, go tlhola go diragala gantsi. Fa gongwe go nna le Bill, for example Bill ya ga Rre Kekgonegile, e e leng gore go na le Bill ya ga Tona, re ne re e buisanya gone fa. Ga gotwe kana Bill e nngwefela ke yone ya ga Minister, go laola fela gore Ntlo yone e tsaya tshwetso e gotweng mang. Gape fa o ya kwa go Speaker ka kgang, ene o lebile gore a mme e botlhokwa, a bo a e sekaseka, a bo a tlisa mo go lona. Ga a simolole a batla gore mme kgang e a e kile ya buiwa leng, e kae mo Order Paper. O re diela nako. Gape go thusiwa wena, fa e le gore Motion o ke wa gago, *why should you worry?* Ga o batle gore o tle ka bofeso?

MR SPEAKER: *Ke ne ke batla re utlwana fela gore* I have asked the question that just in case there is a Standing Order which Honourable Ramogapi thinks we ought to have paid more attention to, we should have disallowed the bringing of Motion for urgent



adjournment. Honourable Members, the rule is that we allow Honourable Deputy Speaker to speak to the urgency so that we should then put the question.

MR MOATLHODI (TONOTA): Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Pele ga ke simolola, ke pelo botlhoko thata gore Rraetsho Ramogapi a ntheye a re ke legodu. *I pray he withdraws that.*

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa intshwarele Botate. Intshwarele malome. Ke ikobile, ga ke motho yo ke manganga. Ke gore ga gona lefoko le ke ka le dirisang. Ke ne ke raya fela gore o tsile ka nna pele mme o bo o o tsaya. Jaanong lone lefoko leo ga ke itse gore ke ka dirisa lefe. Gongwe o ka nthusa ka lone fela. Ke gore ke ne ke batla gore ke re o ntseetse mogopol o o ntse o le teng. *It was not intentional. You know how much I respect you. I withdraw sir.*

MR MOTSAMAI: *Procedure. Mr Speaker, fa ke re ke leba Ntlo, go lebega e le gore ga re yo gotlhelele, quorum ga e yo. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra tswelela re buisa mogopol o sena quorum. Ke gore re sekaseke, re bone gore go a tweng fa go ntse jaana. Tanki Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Motsamai. Honourable Motsamai, we are 17 here, they are five joined here virtually. I know *ga o ba bone, ga o itse ka bone. A re kopanye dipalo*, probably we are running short of one.

Order! Honourable Members, according to my watch, it is past 12:30 p.m. May I call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion for adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ka gore nako ya letsatsi leno e setse e tshaile, ke kope batlotlegi gore dipuisanyo tsa gompieno di eme gone fa.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:33 p.m. until Monday 12th August, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.



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