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Thursday 3rd March, 2022

THE ASSEMBLY met at 11:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

* * * *

MR SPEAKER (MR MOATLHODI): *Order!* A re tshubeng dipone tsa rona Batlotlegi Mapalamente. *Good morning Honourable Members.* A re simololeng tiro ya moso wa gompiano.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

APPROPRIATION (2022/2023) BILL,
2022 (NO. 2 OF 2022)

ORGANISATION 0500 - MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
FOOD SECURITY

(Resumed Debate)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR MOATLHODI): Honourable Members, when the House adjourned yesterday evening, Honourable Dr Letsholathebe was on the floor and he was left with one minute.

Just a minute Honourable Minister. ...*(Inaudible)*... Please, continue Honourable Member.

MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR LETSHOLATHEBE): *Thank you.* Ke re ke leboge. Ke ne ke santse ke bua ka banana ke re ba tlhoka gore re ba rotloetse gore le bone ba tsene mo temothuong. Banana gantsi ba fela pelo fa e le gore dilo tse di diragalang kana mananeo a tsaya nako. Ke neela sekai ka bana ba ba kwa Shashe Bridge, ba ba neng ba ikaeletse, ba ikgobokantse ba le lesome ba batla go lema mme ba ne ba ngongorega ka kgang ya gore go a diega fa ba re ba kopa dithuso tse ba tlholang ba utlwa re bua ka ga tsone, ga ba di bone ka nako.

Sengwe se ke neng ke batla go feta ka sone ka bonako ke kgang ya *wildlife-human beings conflict*, gore golo kwa re na le bothata jo bo seng kana ka sepe jwa ditlou kwa Tati East. Le dinonyane, ga ke itse gore di bidiwa eng mme ka Sekalaka re e bitsa wale, e e neng e le gore e tseneletse dithotse e di tsaya di santse di tlhometswe mo mmung.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Masogo.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Masogo a e leng gore a ne a tsenelela dithotse di santse di lemilwe. Se se tšile go diragala fa jaaka re ne re bone dipula di le dintsi kwa kgaolong ya rona, ga re solofele sepe ka gore di ne tsa tsena fa le fa.

Ke leboegele nako e o e mphileng *Mr Chairperson*, ke re ke ema Tona nokeng mo kopong ya gagwe ya madi. Go yeng kwa pele a a lebelele dikgang tse ke di mmeileng kwa pele. Ke a leboga thata malome, ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MR MOLALE): Ke a leboga mogwagwadiake *Mr Chairperson*, *good morning*, le Mapalamente ka kakaretso ke a dumedisisa.

Ke ne ke re ke latlhele ka bokhutshwane mo pegong ya ga Tona Gare ya temothuo. Ke tlaa nna ke tsweledisa kgang ya me ya *the village economy* ka gore ke batla gore go tsene mo go rona rotlhe gore fa re bua ka itsholelo ya lefatshe, re e simolola kwa motseng, ga re e simolole mo Gaborone. *The hinterland must support the centre to grow the economy* mme fa e le gore *we grow the economy* go tswa mo Gaborone go sena *support* e e tswang *from the hinterland*, then there will be this *dichotomy in growth* e re e bonang gompiano.

The Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (ERTP) e re neng ra e bua ka 2020, ka fa nna ke neng ke e utlwa ka teng *it was agriculture based*, and it was *not a mistake for it to be agriculture based*. Fa re bua ka temothuo, *we are talking a critical mass of people* ba e leng gore *they can be selected, groomed and grown from small, medium to high production sectors*, e le gore re e dira jaana gape re lebile diphetogo mo temothuong lefatshe ka bophara. Gompiano jaana dijo di a tlhabela mo lefatsheng, e seng mo Botswana fela, *the world over* mme ke gone fa re ka bong re tsaya tshono teng ya go godisa itsholelo ya magae ka go tsaya dijo kwa magaeng koo re bo re di *export* ka gore *one of the key cornerstones* tsa ERTP e ne e le *export-led growth*. Golo fa o kare go santse go re sita e bile go bonya.

Technological innovations tse re buang ka tsone *is not rocket science*. Ke go leka go tla ka ditlamelo tse di tlaa re thusang gore re kgone *to increase our yields from one tonne per hectare to bo seven tonnes per hectare*. Ke dilo tse e leng gore *they are real*. Fa o leba lefatshe le le tshwanang le Zambia, *five years ago* ba ne ba sena



production, gompiano they are exporting ka gore they ventured into technological innovations mo e leng gore we weed using chemicals, we use dipeo tsa boleng jo bo rileng.

Selo se sengwe se ke kileng ka bua ka sone *one or two years back* ke gore rona mono re gana dipeo tsa Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) mme fa dijo tsa rona di tlhabela re sa lema sentle, re reka dijo kwa mafatsheng a sele tse e leng gore ke di GMO. Fa e le gore ga re batle GMO, *let us be flat across* gore ga re e batle. Tumelo ya me ke gore GMO, *the world over* e a dirisiwa mme e bile e kgona go oketsa *yield* mo masimo *from one tonne per hectare* e re e bonang go fitlhelela kwa go *seven tonnes per hectare*, e e ka dirang thata fela gore go nne le *food self-sufficiency* mo Botswana.

Kgang ya bobedi e o e buang Tona Gare *is at Paragraph 21*, o bua ka *extension* mme ga o wele. *Extension* bogolo jang ya temothuo ke yone *basis for the resuscitation of village economies*. Fa morui a batla go rekisa kgomo, o tshwanetse gore a e rekise ka bofefo. Fa molemi a batla go rekisa dijo tsa gagwe, o tshwanetse gore a di rekise. *Systems have been put in place* gore dilo tse di kgone go dirwa go thusiwe balemi-barui mme go thata ka ntata ya *extension service* e e seyong.

Maloba jaana, *ploughing season* fa e simologa ka *September*, dikonteraka tsa *temporary* balemisi di ne di fela *and it took you about two to three months to fill them*. Potso ya ntlha ke gore, tse di neng di ntse di le teng, di le *permanent* di ile kae. *Why do we employ temporary ones in the middle of the ploughing season?* Golo mo go supa gore sengwe *has gone amiss*, re tshwanetse ra baakanya dilo tseo ka gore fa batho ba ba seyo ba, *then there is no way* re ka buang ka go godisa itsholelo ya magae, ka gore *agriculture is the agrarian base for growth* ya itsholelo mo motseng.

Jaanong ke kopa gore golo fa re go baakanye ka gore dilo tse ga re a bolo go di bua, mme o kare ga go wele. Balemisi ba tshwanetse go nna teng. *Extension areas must not be based on the number of villages, but on the number of farms or farmers to be assisted*. Gompiano mo *ministry* wa gago, o fitlhela molemisi a bereka (*cover*) metse e le *eight*, mokenti a bereka e le *five*. *Then there are invidious comparisons* mo *ministry* wa gago gore golo fa ga re tsewe ka tekatekanyo. Dilo tse re tshwanetse ra di baakanya ka gore *they are within our hands; they are within our grasp*. Re leke *to reorganise our extension boundaries, basing them on the ability of the extension worker to assist a certain number of*

farmers at any given time. Including le yone *transport* e o e umakang, mme ga o bue ka botlalo gore o ya go e dira jang. Dilo tse ke ne ke tsaya gore di ka baakangwa. Go kile ga bo go na le tsamaiso ya gore batho ba ba ithekele dikoloi ka Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) gore ba tle ba *claim mileage, but when the system was abused, we willy-nilly closed everything*. Re sa lebe gore fa e leng gore re ka go tswala ke fa kae, fa re ka go tlogelang ke fa kae. *I believe extension workers must be given the opportunity*, re itse *radius of the operations* gore e re fa ba ka re ba dira *fraud*, re kgone go ba bona ka bofefo gore nnyaa, fa ga se gone. Ga o ka ke wa *claim mileage* o o kana, o ne o dira eng, o ne o ile kae kgakalagakala.

Ya bofelo *Mr Chairperson, research*; re kile ra bo re na le golo mo gotweng Seed Multiplication Unit. Mo re neng re itirela peo ya rona, re na le balemi ba ba neng ba dira peo, Goromente a bo a e tsaya a e neela balemi, e e neng e dira sentle fela. *We know* bo Segalane, phofu, jalojalo, *good breed* ya dipeo. Ga go tlhole go utlwala, fa e sale Seed Co e tsena le bo eng, jaanong *we rely on imported seeds* tse e leng gore jaanong ga se gone. *We had gone a long way*.

Le mo leruong tota, re ne re na le bo Mosi *breed, which has been tried and tested*, ke ya *climate* ya rona. Jaanong dilo tse *are just dying off slowly, slowly*. Go dira gore jaanong itsholelo ya magae e we, ka gore balemi ba ba neng ba konterakilwe ke Goromente gore ba lemele Goromente dipeo tse, ga ba tlhole ba nna le madi a ba neng ba a bona go le pele. *Economy* e a wa ka gore e bile re tsaya kwa ntle ga Botswana, bo Seed Co, ba kae.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you Rre Molale. Ke utlwa bothoko mo go maswe when you talk about this. Do you remember when the Minister last year, promised us* gore balemi ba dipeo tsa Setswana, ba neetswe dikonteraka gore ba tswelele ba leme dipeo, mme ga go lebege go diragala? Sekai, Phudukudu Farming Cluster e e ntlha ya Jwaneng. *Thank you sir*.

MR MOLALE: Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke bua gore re lemoga gore go bonya golo fa. Gone maikaelelo a teng, mme go bonya, ga go diragale. *We are losing an opportunity*. Ke yone *opportunity cost* e ke buang ka yone.

Sabofelo *Mr Chairperson*, ke *infrastructure* kwa *production areas*. Tota fela golo mo go a tshwenya. E bile ke go gakolole Tona Gare gore, re ne ra simolola



project ya *silos* kwa Mosisedi, kwa Mokgomane, tsa *storage*. Fa e ntse e tswelotse, go bo go tsewa madi a isiwa go sele. Golo foo ga go a siama ka gore ke tsaya gore Palamente fa e abile madi, e re ke a lefelo le, ke yone fela e ka rebolang gore a ntshiwe koo, a isiwe go sele. Re eletsa gore *project* ya rona e boe, e tswelole ka gore go tsaya dilo re di isa kgakala, mme re le mo *production zone* e e tshwanang le e...

Ditsela; re lebogela motlakase, mme ditsela re a di tlhoka ka gore...

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Le fa le tlhoka ditsela, mme your time is up Honourable Minister. Thank you very much.*

MR TSHERE (MAHALAPYE WEST): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke ne ke batla go latlhela la mmotlana mo dikgannyeng tsa temothuo. Santlha ke itebagantse le *crops*, ka gore kana ke tlhola ke bua fa gore batho ba Mahalapye ke balemi-barui go tswa goo-Lowe. Modulasetilo, re na le bothata jo botona mo kgaolong ya Mahalapye. Ga ke itse gore a ke kgang ya lefatshe lotlhe. Go na le kgang e tona ya mohero. Go na le mehero e mesha, e re neng re sa e tlwaela, o mongwe o kare mothataganyane jaana, ke setlhare fela se a gola, se nna seleele, go tswa fa se bo se nna le bongapanyana le go tlhabanyana. Setlhare se fa o se lebeletse, fela fa o lema, jaaka re ne re lema jaaka pula e ne e na, setlhare se se a mela, se tlala mo tshimong, mme ga o ka ke wa ba wa bona le fa e le thobo epe. Kwa Mahalapye ke sone seemo se re se bonang.

Setlhatshana se, le fa ke re ke sa seeng, se na le lebaka le le leele se ntse se le teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, kana ke goletse mo temong. Go lebega e le gore ba bangwe ba akanya gore mohero o o tla le dipeo tse re di neelwang ke Goromente. Ba bangwe ba akanya gore se tla le menontshane e re e neelwang ke Goromente, mme selo se ga re se ele tlhoko. Lephata la Temothuo, go lebega ba le *so defenceless* mo go yone kgang e ya mohero o o jang dijwalo tsa rona mo Kgaolong ya Legare ka tsela e e gakgamatsang.

Ke kile ka e bua nako nngwe, mme e sa tswa e le phepa, ke bua gore kana re na le bothata, re katela dipeo, mme fela ga go tswa, go tswa mohero o e leng gore rona ga re kgone go o laola, ga re itse gore o lwaola jang, e bile o re apesitse kobo ka letshoba. Yone e ya dipeo jaaka *Honourable* Molao a ntse a bua, kana re ne re na le Seed Multiplication Unit mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re kile ra bua jaaka *Honourable* Motaosane a bua, gore

dikonteraka di teng tse di filweng dikonteraka tsa gore jaanong di oketse dipeo tsa rona tsa Setswana, gore re se ka ra tsaya dipeo kwa ntle ga lefatshe la rona, mo e leng gore di tla gantsi ka tsone dilabe tse di ntseng jaana.

Kana re ka tlhaloganya gore dilo tsa *food security* le tse dingwe ke ntwana. Ke ntwana mo re beileng mo go bone, ka jaaka gompiano jaana, ke tlaa go fa sekai, gone jaana akere re emisitse *vegetables* gore di se ka tsa tsena mo lefatsheng la Botswana, mme ke go bolelele sengwe jaanong se re se bonang kwa Mahalapye. Jaanong dipeo ga di yo, ba emisitse go tlisa dipeo mo lefatsheng la Botswana ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Le fa o re batho ba ye go lema jaana, ga go na dipeo, ga go na mo e leng gore ba ya go lema jaana, ga gore e rile fa ba sena go nna ba lemoga gore lona le gana *produces* di tsena, bone ba bo ba emisa dipeo ka gore dipeo le menontshane ga re e itirele. Re di tsaya kwa ntle, re *rely* mo go bone, jaanong ba emisitse dilo tseo.

So lenaneo le le ka bo lone, ga re a le akanya sentle, ga nna le *a win-win situation* le batho ba ba ntseng ba re fa *such produce*. Ke a itse gore Mothusana Tona, e seng *to this agriculture*, ke ene a neng a le kwa pele mo dikgannyeng tse, mme o dirile phoso Modulasetilo, ka go emisa gone foo ka bonako. Re ka bo re ne ra lebelela, ra tataisa yone Seed Multiplication Unit, ba dire dikonteraka tsa go dira dipeo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ra rurifatsa gore re na le dipeo tse di lolameng, *security reserve*. Re tshwanetse re nne le *a security reserve for seeds*. E seng jalo re tlile go bolawa ke tlala Modulasetilo wa komiti e. Re tlile go bolawa ke tlala re le lefatshe, ka gore jaaka ba emisa dipeo jaana, fa go latela la bobedi, ba tlile go tlisa dipeo tse e seng tsone, tse di tlileng go folotsa mo masimong a rona. Re tlile go tswelolela re bolawa le ke tlala, Goromente a ntsha P1700 kana ke bokae ka tema go lemela balemi ba ba botlana kwa motseng wa Mahalapye le masimo a a mabapi. Ga re na go tswa ka sepe Modulasetilo, ka gore ga re a lebelela kgang ya dipeo, ka gore *produce* e simolola kwa dipeong. Ke gone kwa re tshwanetseng re rurifatse gore re na le dipeo tsa boleng, tse di ka emelanang le diemo tsa ka kwano tsa gompiano jaaka *Honourable* Molale a ntse a bua. Fa *we are failing*, ga gona dipeo tse di tlang, thobo e re e rekisang le dipotata tse di ka tlang mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ka gore ga re ka ke ra nna le tsamaiso ya gore re ka di lema jang.

Se ke kgwetlho *Mr Chairperson, together with* mehero e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone gore, a Lephata la *Agriculture* le eme ka dinao. Golo moo go dirisiwa bokete thata ke gore, balemi ba re neng re ba itse ba *extension*, ga re sa tlhola re ba bona kwa masimong a rona, gotlhelele. Ga



re sa tlhola re ba bona mo re ka ba tlhalosetsang, ba bona seemo se re leng mo go sone kwa masimong. Ga re ba bone. Ga re o ye kwa *agriculture* jaaka bakaulengwe ba tlhola ba bua, fa o tsena kwa *agriculture* ga gona koloi, molemisi le ene o tlaabo a goga dinao gore a ka tsamaya ka koloi ya gago, go utlwala. O bo o fitlhela molemi o apesitswe kobo ka letshoba ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke bona re sa tsamaye sentle kwa Lephatheng la Temothuo, a ko re emeng ka dinao, re itse gore re tshwere kgang e e masisi, e e buang ka dijo. Fa re sa ele tlhoko kgang ya dijo fa *Mr Chairperson*, kwa botsogong re itse gore fa re sa leme ra ja dijo tse di nang le dikotla tse di lolameng, go raya gore mo dingwageng tse di tlang, re tlaabo re nwa jaanong e le dipilisi. Re tlile go tshwanelwa ke go nwa dipilisi, re reka dipilisi tse di ka re fang dikotla tse re ka bong re na le tsone, re di itemetse mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Se se a tshwenya le ka fa botsogong.

Ke batla go digela ka ya *Animal Husbandry*, ka kgang ya dikgomo, le yone e teng kwa motseng wa Mahalapye, re a rua, mme rona ga re amane thata le go rekisa dikgomo tse di tshelang kwa ntle ga lefatshe la Botswana. Kgang e ke a e utlwa, e bile ke a tlhaloganya ka fa e sologelang molemo barui ba kwa Gantsi le Kgalagadi jalo. Se ke phoso e tona Modulasetilo, ka gore kana gompieno jaaka re ntsha kgomo, *Honourable Matsheka* a lela ka kgang ya Leather Park, re bo re e neela batho ba sele kwa lefatsheng le sele, re e rekisa e le kgomo fela o kare re rekisa nama jaana, re latlhile ditswa-kgomong tse dintsi mo go maswe, tse gompieno jaanong go rayang gore di akolwa ke baditshaba. Re le lefatshe fa re rekisa kgomo eo, *Honourable Brooks* fa a rekisa kgomo eo kwa South Africa, ga gona gope fa go buiwang ka letlalo, moswang, dinaka le menyetsane e e ka dirang dilo tse dintsi. *The by-products* tse di tswang mo kgomong, tse re neng re solofela gore fa re neng re tsamaya teng kwa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), re ne re tshwanetse gore jaanong re tsene mo Leather Park, le mo ditswa-kgomong, re dire ditiro ka ditswa-kgomong. Re boetse kwa moragorago mo re tsamaisang kgomo e ntse fela jalo. Ga gona le fa e le moswang kana eng se o ka se jang. Morui ga a je le fa e le sepe, mo kgomong ya gagwe. Kgomo e o e rekisang ga se tlhwatlhwa ya yone e re tshwanetseng re ka bo re e anywa mo kgomong ya morui. Se se a tshwenya, a ko re se lebelele ka bophara.

Ke ne ke tshwenyega thata maabane ke utlwa Tona a re, nnyaa jaanong re okeditse ka *another two years*, re oketsa ka *another two years* go latlha dilo tse di ka bong di re thusa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. A ko re

emele BMC ka dinao. Kgang ya BMC ke a bona e thata thata, mo e leng gore le fa gotwe go a tweng, mme ga gona boeteledipele gone kwa. Go na le lebaka go sena boeteledipele, *accounts* tsa teng di sokame. Le fa re kopana le bone kwa komiting kwa, ga o utlwe gore ba reng. Re ne ra ba busa e bile maloba, e le gore ga ba bue le fa e le sepe, ga gona le fa e le ope *who accounts* kwa BMC, ke golo mo go itsamaisang fela. *Mr Chairperson*, fa e le gore re ka tsamaya jaana, re ya *to reverse the gains* tse di dirilweng ke ba ba tlileng pele ga rona. Re tshwanetse re ele tlhoko gore ga re busetse lefatshe le kwa morago, mo re tlileng go felela re tshwana o kare ke gone re tsayang Puso, mme re ne re etse dilo tlhoko thata kwa ntlheng. Batlapele ba ba neng ba le fa ba re busa, ba ne ba etse dilo tse tlhoko. A ko re e leng dilo tse tlhoko.

Tona a ko o eme ka dinao ka kgang e ya *agriculture*. Ga ke gane, a re tswelele re rekisa dikgomo kwa ntle, mme a re ele tlhoko gore golo foo go bolaya lefatshe mo go feteletseng, mo re se nang ditswa-kgomong tse re ka di dirisang e le *raw material for beneficiation and industries* tse di ka dirang... Ke atle ke utlwe *Honourable George Andreck*, Mokhanselara wa Mahalapye, o ka go bolelela ka kgomo a bo a go bolelela le ka menyatsane e dira *lip balm*, dilo tse dintsi tse di dirang *products* tse di farologanyeng, tse re neng re ka ugwelwa mo go tsone, ra dira *firms* tse di ka dirang jalo *Mr Chairperson*. Selo se se a ntshwenya tota, gore ga re ele tlhoko gore re busetsa lefatshe le kwa morago.

Kgang ya mehero; a ko Lephata la *Agriculture* le emele kgang ya mehero ka dinao, ka gore mehero e ke yone e e dirang gore re se ka ra nna le thobo e e lekanyeng *Mr Chairperson*. Se se a tshwenya ka fa Lephata la Temothuo, e kareng ga le tsibogele dikgang tse. Tse di itsiweng fela sentle gore ke mokokotlo wa itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana le botsogo ka kakaretso jwa batho ba Botswana. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Le rona re lebogile Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Mahalapye Bophirima, Thomadithotse, Parwe le sekole sa Leetile di le mo teng. *Honourable Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development*.

MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR SHAMUKUNDI): Ke a go leboga Modulasetilo. Ke simolole ke leboge Tona Gare go bo a re beile pele kopo e ya gagwe. E bile ke supe gore ke mo ema nokeng mo kopong ya gagwe.



Modulasetilo, go builwe dintlha di le dintsi, ke eletsa gore ke tlhamalale *straight* kwa kgaolong ya me, ke babise *Minister* ditsebe ka dikgang tse di buiwang thata ke balemi-barui mo kgaolong ya me ya bothlophi ya Chobe. E tlaabo e se la ntlha Modulasetilo ke bua ka letlhoko la an Artificial Insemination (AI) Centre mo kgaolong. Ke belaela gore ka *December* le ka State of the Nation Address (SONA) ke ne ka bua ntlha e, ka gore tota re na le keletso e ntsi Modulasetilo ya gore re tlhabolole seemo sa leruo la Kgaolo ya Chobe.

Re a itse, ke rona fela mo Botswana, ba kgaolo *that does not benefit* mo dimmarakeng tse e leng gore dikgaolong tse dingwe *benefit* mo go tsona *because of* Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). O fitlhela boleng jwa leruo la rona bo ile kwa tlase. Se ...*(silence)*... *centres* tsa gagwe jaaka a di anamisa le Botswana, le kwa Kgaolong ya Chobe re nne le AI Centre. Ka gore ga re kgone *to export* leruo la rona gope, *we have a local market which we are servicing* ya mo Chobe *generally*, e barui ba rona ba dikgomo ba nang le keletso e ntsi gore go nne le thuso ya AI. Fa gongwe fa go rekiwa dipoo *outside FMD areas*, o fitlhela di sa dire sentle mo kgaolong e e leng ya FMD. Fa re dirile ...*(silence)*... *vaccination regime* e e tlhwaafetseng, di ka tla tsa *adapt* botoka tsa tlhabolola *breed* jwa Kgaolo ya Chobe *Mr Chairperson*.

Horticultural development; ke rata le fa Tona ke go leboga, ka *ban ya importation of some fruits and vegetables*. Ga ke itse gore bakaulengwe ba bangwe *Mr Chairperson*, kgang e ba tshwenya ka eng. *This is a huge opportunity*, ke a itse gore re palelwa ke *to meet demand* mo nakong ya gompiano, mme Botswana *will occupy space* se. Ba tlaa tsena mo temong, ba tlaa dira gore dijo di nne teng, re kgone go jesa lefatshe la rona. Ke ne ke utlwa *Honourable* Tshere kgantele a supa gore re ya go nna le tlhalelo ya dijawalo jaana. *Mr Chairperson*, *it is an opportunity for* Botswana. Tlhalelo nngwe le nngwe Botswana ba tshwanetse go bona gore *it is an opportunity*, ba tsene mo go yone. Go kile ga nna le tlhalelo bogologolo re palelwa ke *to meet demand* ya *poultry*, dikoko fela tsa dikoko. Mo nakong ya gompiano *you can see* gore *there is self-sufficiency*. Mo nakong ya gompiano *as an independent state*, *we should not be crying* gore ba bangwe *will punish us*, re tlaa se ke re bone *the seeds*. Re tshwanetse go itirela *the seeds* mo nakong ya gompiano. *All the vegetables we have to meet the demands*, lefatshe le teng. Botswana ba ba kgonang go dira jalo ba teng. *That is all you have to do* *Honourable Minister*. *Let us ramp up programmes* tse di thusang Botswana go tsena mo temong, *particularly* ya *horticulture*.

MR MOSWAANE: *Clarification. Thank you.* O e tshwere sentle *Comrade Minister*. Go na le mathata a gore, e re ntswa mogopolo o le montle wa gore re itirele dijo, mme o kare jaanong ke *punishment* mo Batswaneng. Ga go na *any supplier* yo o *local* yo o *ready to provide potatoes in Botswana as we speak*. Re ne re ntse re itse gore di tswalwa fa ba budusitse, gotwe re tswala ka gore bale ba *ready*. Jaanong gompiano ga go na le fa e le sepe *for the past three months* mme re tswetse fela ka dikgoka gore mang o a lela kana ga a lele. Botswana ba ba ntseng ba itshetsa ka dipotata ba tswetswe madirelo a bone. Bana ga ba a kgona go reka *uniform*, wa reng ka seo Tona? Bana ba tsamaya ba le makgasa kwa dikoleng. Mmaboi le ene o a ba busa a re, “nnyaa, tsamayang le ye go rekisa ditapole jaaka le ntse le rekisa.”

MR SHAMUKUNI: *Honourable Member*, go ya ka nna, *this is a temporary inconvenience*. Botswana *farmers will step in, to ramp production* ya dipotata. *We just need two or three seasons* re rotloeditse Botswana. Dipotata di tlaa nna teng ka gore *potential* e teng go setse go itshupile. Fa o ya kwa Ghanzi, *nobody thought* gore mmu ole o ka ntsha dipotata tse di kanakana mme ba di ntshitse. Kwa Pandamatenga go na le *farmer* yo o lemanng dipotata, *tonnes* fela tse di seng kana ka sepe. Re ba fe *opportunity* ya gore ba oketse mo ba go lemanng *so that gradually* le Botswana ba bangwe ba nne le *opportunity* ya go lema. Ba oketse *capacity* ya *to meet demand* ya rona. Ke tseela gore *we are on cause, there is absolutely no reason* ya *to panic*.

Infrastructure in production areas; *Mr Chairperson*, le yone *it is key* ka gore *without access* go ya go nna thata *to ramp up production* e ya kwa godimo. Fa o ka lebelela *areas* tse di tshwanang le dipolase tsa Kaka, kwa metlhabeng e e seng kana ka sepe, ke gore go ya teng fela ke kgwetlho. Golo moo go ya *to compromise production* ka tsela nngwe. Fa ke boela kwa kgaolong ya me ya Chobe, fa ke bua ka *production areas* ba bangwe ba akanya Panda fela. Go na le *areas* tsa Chobe West tsa mebu e mengwe e mentle thata *Mr Chairperson*. *If it can be accessed* ka dinako tse di siameng, kana *it is accessed* ka dinako tsa dipula, Botswana ba ka ntsha dijo fela tse di tlhwaafetseng. Mafelo a Chituzamatako *Mr Chairperson*, o a a itse. Mafelo a Isizwe, Nangombe le Huhuwe, ke a e leng gore fa go nnile le *access* ya go iwa teng go lengwe, nnyaa, sengwe se ka tswa se se tlhwaafetseng.



Infrastructure; Honourable Minister, le yone ke kopa gore o tle o e emele ka dinao fela thata. *Minister*, o buile ka *project* e nngwe e e bothokwa thata mo kgaolong ya me ya Zambezi Integrated Agro-Commercial Project (ZIACP). *Project* e, re digela *almost* dingwaga tse 20 re bua ka yone. Dingwaga tse pedi tse di fetileng o ne o tla mo Palamenteng o kopa *almost* P5 million ya gore o hire a *Transactional Advisor*. O kare le mo ngwageng wa gompiano o tla ka kopo eo, ke a itse gore re tlaa go mo neela P5 million for a *Transactional Advisor*, mme ke ne ke re e bonya *project* e. Ke *project* e e ka fetolang seemo sa kgaolo ya Chobe, sa rona fela sa bokgoni jwa go ijesa. Ke *project* ya seemo se se kwa godimo e ke tlaa kopang thata *Minister* gore a lephata la gago le e emele ka dinao. *There is almost 40 000 hectares of land lying idle* e e leng gore ba *land board* ba setse ba re e file. *Minister* Mzwinila o setse a re e file. Ga re kgone go e tsenya mo tirisong ka gore o kare re emetse metsi gore a ya go tswa kwa Kazungula a tla kwa Pandamatenga. *We are doing well* ka *rainfed agriculture* gompiano mo Pandamatenga. Kopo ya me ke gore, jaaka o na le 40 000 *hectares* jaana, a *process* ya gore *farms* tse di abiwe e simolole. Batho ba fiwe *those farms* pula e santse e le teng. *We are doing well* ka *rainfed agriculture*. A re feng batho *farms* ba leme. *Infrastructure* ya metsi e tlaa goroga e ba fitlhela ba lema. Re tlaabo re ba file *an opportunity* ya go simolola go jesa lefatshe la rona. Ka a le kalo *Honourable Minister*, ke eme nokeng kopo ya gago. O sekegele thata dikgang tsa balemi ba kgaolo ya me ya Chobe. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MINISTER OF NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS MOKGETHI): Thank you Mr Chairperson. I will skip my opportunity since I had already made my contribution in my response to the Budget Speech. Thank you.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much Honourable Minister. May God bless you.

MR BROOKS (K GALAGADI SOUTH): *Thank you Mr Chairperson. Good afternoon Honourable Members.* Mma ke tlhamalale fela ke tsene mo puong ya me mo mosong ono *Mr Chairperson*. Ke supe gore ka boammaaruri kopo ya ga Tona Gare ke e ema nokeng ke sa ošhaošhe, ke lebile kgaolo ya Kgalagadi ka bophara. Ke simolole go mo lebogela maiteko a mantle a a dirileng kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi Borwa, segolobogolo fa Tautona a sena go tswa kwa Bray ngogola, a sena go solofetsa batho ba Bray gore re tshwanetse go simolola polase ya Banyana. Ke batla go mo lebogela gore o ne a ema ka dinao a tsaya puo ya ga Tautona ka mašhetla a

bona gore batho ba Bray ba neelwa sekidinyana sa bone kwa Banyana. Ke leboge gore fa godimo ga moo a boa gape a tla go ntsha madi a a ka tshwarang P5.7 million go ya go leka go tlhabolola polase eo. Ke bua jaana beke e e neng e feta re ne re tlhoma *machine* e e neng e tsile go epa, re sena go ya go batla badupi. Maabane wa maabane *Mr Chairperson* re bona re ntsha metsi a a ka tshwarang 15 *cubic* kwa Bray e le metsi a a monate kwa polaseng e ya *community* ya Bray. Golo mo *Mr Chairperson*, ke maiteko a ke reng ruri rraetsho, o kgonne go utlwa selelo sa me fa ke sale ke tsena mo Palamenteng. O kgonne go reetsa kopo e e neng ya buiwa ke Tautona fa a ne a buisa phuthego kwa Bray.

Le ene Tautona ke mo leboge gore e ne ya re a le gone koo a solofetsa batho ba Bray gore fa sediba se tswelotse go epiwa o tlaabo a epa se sengwe. Ke re Tona kopa Tautona gore ka *machines* e santse e le fale a epe sediba *which he has pledged to* batho ba Bray re tle re kgone gore re nne le *backup borehole*. Re se ka ra tloga ra itumelela mo re go bonyeng e bo e re kamoso... kana ga re laole se se kwa tlase ga lefatshe, re bo re bua a sele kamoso.

Ke se ka ka lebala *team* ya Kgalagadi rraetsho e e neng e na le Motshwarelela *District Agriculture Coordinator*, Rraetsho Mabetshu le Mmaetsho Nancy Mmereki, batho ba ba neng ba tswa setlhabelo tota ba sa robale ba batla go bona batho ba Bray ba sutetse fa pelenyana. Ba dirile gotlhe mo ba ka go lehang go bona gore *project* e nna mo seemong se e leng mo go sone. Mma ke tseye nako e ke le leboge ke bo ke itumelele *team* ya *agriculture* ya Kgalagadi otlhe fela ke re Modimo ke yoo o tlaa tswelela ka go le okeletsa.

Kana fa re bua ka temothuo jaaka Rraetsho Molale a sa tswa go bua, re bua kwa Batswana ba jang teng, kwa ba ikaegileng teng. Jaanong *Mr Chairperson*, fa re ka se ke re eme ka dinao re le *ministry* o o lemanyeng go etelela dikgaolo ka go farologana, re anama le tsone, re utlwa dilelo tsa Batswana, ga re ka ke ra fitlhelela fa ba batlang teng kana ra *drive* maikaelelo a a tswang kgakala a le gone mo lefatsheng la Botswana a gore re ipelege ka go ijesa re le Batswana. Ke mo kope gore a ko a etele dipolase tse. A etele polase e ke buang ka ga yone, ya Lobu le e nngwe ke ele ya Swakara go bona gore go tswa ka nako e ba neng ba le koo ka yone go tla go tsena gompiano, *production* e tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, dikgwetlho tse re kopanang le tsone re le kwa Khawa ke tse di ntseng jang. Re tshwanetse ra nna re ntse re le teng re leka go thusanya *Mr Chairperson*.



Mr Chairperson, ke mo lebogetse gore o ne a bona go tshwanela gore a oketse thekiso ya leruo kwa Afrika Borwa. Re a itse gore re rata le re sa rate, go na le *mixed feelings* mo go tsone tse. *Those who benefit* segolobogolo ke ba ba ntseng BMC e ba beile ka kwa mosing dingwaga tsotlhe tsa go nna teng ga yone. Ke batla go raya Tona ke re 2023 ke kamoso, dira *policy* e e bulegileng ya gore ba ba batlang go rekisa kwa ntle ba ye go rekisa kwa ntle, ba ba batlang go rekisa *locally, they should sell locally. These are their produce*, ga se tsa rona le wena. Ke tsa beng ba tsone ba ba di bereketseng ka mefufutso ya phatla tsa bone. Ba tlaa ikgethela gore mme gone ba eletsa go ka ya go rekiswa kae. Ke leboga thata gore le yone BMC re letse re bona mabane e tlhatlosa *the weaner price* go tswa kwa e leng teng go fitlhelela bo 42 kana bo 46, *subject to be corrected* mo go yone e *Mr Chairperson*. Le gone moo, *it was just a three-month thing* se e leng gore ga go na motho yo o ka reng a mo go ya go nna *sustainable*, go ya go dira jang re lebile *challenges* tsa BMC. *All in all, produce* tsa batho ba Kgalagadi jaanong di kgona gore ba duele dibanka, ba eme ka dinao ba adime madi kwa bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) le National Development Bank (NDB) ba sa oshaošhe ba itse gore ba tlaa a busa ka gore go na le thekiso le mmaraka golo gongwe. Le fa go ntse jalo, letshogo ke gore kana jaaka re tswaletse merogo jaaka Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba sa tswa go bua gone fa, re ka nna ya re kamoso ra iphitlhela re le ka kwa mosing, mafatshe a re a tswaletse gore ba se ka ba re neela merogo a bo ba tswaletse nama ya kgomo *Mr Chairperson*. Dilo tse re tshwanetse re di *balance*. Le ene Tona wa Madi Mma Serame a lemoge gore a golo mo ga go ka ke ga ama tumalano ya gagwe ya Southern African Customs Union (SACU) kwa a ntseng a bona morokotsonyana teng, a bona ledi le le tlhabololang lefatshe le la Botswana.

Mr Chairperson, ke batla go leboga thata gore ke bona Tona a tla ka lenaneo la go leka go thusa *to subsidise* theko ya diphoko ka tsela e e ntseng jalo e le go atisa leruo le le sesane, diphoko le diphelefu. A a le atolosetse le kwa dikgomong. Botswana ba tshwanetse *to produce*. Ba tshwanetse go ipelafatsa ka *produce* tsa bone, Goromente a ba ema nokeng ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. Dipoo le tsone di fiwe *subsidised price* gore re nne le *breed* jo re ka ikgantshang ra ipelafatsa ka jone. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse ke neng ke re se ka ka feta ke sa di lebogela Tona.

E nngwe *Mr Chairperson*, ke yone ya gore o ne a bua ka kgwetho ya letlhoko la mašhi kana dikgomo tsa mašhi. Ke batla gore ke kope fela gore kana re tswa

kgakala re le Kgalagadi go tswa goo Lowe re na le dikgomo tse re itseng gore re kgona go nwa mašhi mo go tsone. Re tshwanetse ya re fa re bona go pala fa, re se ka ra itebaganya fela le *these big dairies*, re ye kwa Batswaneng re ba dire *clusters* ba game dikgomo tsa bone jaaka e le nako ya letlhabula jaana dikgomo di tsala. Go nne le gone gore mašhi a a tsewe a rekisediwe dishopo. Go nne le mongwe wa *agriculture* yo o thusang *in this area* e Botswana ba tlaa kgonang go bona madinyana a bone. Ditsela di tlhabololwe.

Fa re lebile gore Tona a re o rekisitse 205 685 *live cattle across the borders* tse di mo fileng *over a billion*, fa re *assume* gore kgomo e le nngwefela e ne e tsamaya ka P5000.00, *weaner* eo, *4 per cent that has been charged* gone foo, o setse a dirile *very close to P100 million* mo lebakeng le a le supileng. Go raya gore go bothokwa gore Botswana jaanong ba tsenyediwe *internet* le ditsela, ba leke go thusiwa gore ba itlhabololole totatota. Ke gone jaanong re tlaa lemogang gore *indeed this 4 per cent* o Motswana a kgethiswang kgomo ya gagwe, e bopama, e nonne, e le maswe, e le ntle, o tlaa kgona go ema ka dinao a re, “ditlamelo ke tse di etla, ditsela di etla, ke kgona gore jaanong ke thuse Goromente golo gongwe.” Re tlaabo re kgone gore re fokotse *this bill* ya letlhoko e e kanakana e e leng gore jaanong rotlhe re lebile diatla tsa ga Goromente bosigo le motshegare. *We need to come up* ka *plans* tse di ntseng jalo.

Mr Chairperson, dilo tse ke tse ke neng ke re gongwe ke bue le Tona ka tsone ke itse gore o ya go kgona go di dira. Le kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi, ga go na *transport*. Fa a ka tsena kwa *Veterinary*, diteraka di tletse, dikoloi di eme ga ba na *transport*. *The area is vast*, mme ga go na *transport* e e ba thusang. Keletso ya me ke gore a re neeleng bakenti kana maphata a *agriculture transport* gore ba kgone gore ba thuse batho ka bofefo jo bo kalokalo gore ba kgone gore ba intshetse dijo, ba ikemele go sena oshaošha yo ke bonang re mmokamokela kana re ya kwa go ene. *Thank you very much sir*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Your time is up Honourable Member. Thank you very much.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): Procedure Mr Chairperson. Mr Chairperson, I am very sorry, at the time when you called me *ke ne ke na le mathata* a network. Since this morning I have been having a problem. So *ke ne ke re ke lelets* ba Information Technology (IT) *gore ba tle go nthusa*. I just wanted to say I am available.



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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Let us have order please.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Chamber! Let us go back to the Chamber.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Let us have order please Honourable Keorapetse! Unfortunately the train has gone Honourable Minister. The train has gone, we are almost on our last contributor. The chat shows that Dr Gobotswang is back. Is that right?

DR GOBOTSWANG: Yes, Mr Speaker.

MR CHAIRPERSON: ...(Inaudible)...to come on time, please come in time. Please, go ahead Honourable Member, you have seven minutes.

DR GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke leboge ba Letlhagodi Cluster ba ba tlhotseng ba rolela *cluster* ya bone ba Letoreng, Matlhako le Ditshoswaneng. Mme ke taboge ka gore ga ke na nako, ke tabogele fela mo go tsa kgaolo ke supe gore, bagaetsho kana go ne go dirilwe *service centre* mo Sefhare, jaanong tota e nna bo mmamanthwane, go na le gore e dire se tota se e tshwanetseng. Jaanong kgang e nngwe e e teng mo kgaolong, ke tsaya gore ke dikgaolo tsotlhe, ke ya *extension* ya bo ralephalo le balemisi. Kana ka fa go ntseng ka teng, go raya gore *budget* e ntsi e ya kwa *salaries* tsa bo ralephalo le balemisi. Mme tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba di dirise, didirisiwa ga gona *budget*. Go raya gore re duelela babereki ba e leng gore tota ga ba ka ke ba kgona go dira tiro e ba e tshwanetseng, mme tiro ya teng e le ntsi, mo re nang le dikgaolo tse di tlhokanang le balemisi gongwe ba le babedi, mme o tlaa fitlhela e le gore molemisi o mongwe fela. Kgang e e tshwanang le ya Ramokgonami, molemisi a le kwa Ramokgonami, ba Maape ba sheleketla. O bo o ya kwa Pilikwe, e le gore ralephalo wa teng ke moka a nnang fela kwa Pilikwe, ga a kgone *to cover* Mhalapitsa ka gore kgang ke gore ga ba neelwe ditsompelo, ga ba na *transport* e ba tshwanetseng gore ba e thusane gone foo. Fela jaaka maphata a mangwe, tota fela go botlhokwa thata gore go tsenngwe madi mo ditlamelong tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba di dirise *Mr Chairperson*.

Go na le kgang ya matamo, mo kgaolong ya rona re emetse matamo, re sale re a emetse. Fa a ka nna teng go ka re thusa thata. Kgang e nngwe fela ke gore, gongwe go dirisiwe Ipelegeng go thusa gore go diriwe matamo a mangwe ka Ipelegeng, gone moo go ka thusa fela thata.

Fa ke boela dikgannyeng tsa setšhaba bagaetsho, kgang e ya gore go bo go emisitswe *vegetables* go tswa kwa ntle, ke kgang e e leng gore ke kgaruru. E amile batho, e amile baji-bareki, e amile bommaditafole. Ke gore ga re ka ke ra itlhokomolosa, mme ga se kgang e ntšha e ya go tswala meelwane. Kgang fela ke gore, ba ba amegang ba tshwanetse ba bo ba boleletswe ka nako gore ipaakanye, ka gore re mo seemong se balemi ba bangwe ba rekisang dipotata kwa mafatsheng a sele, mme di tlhela mo Botswana. Sone seo fela se raya gore ke mathata. Batho ba na le dipelaelo tsa gore *some of you Ministers are conflicted*. Kgang ke gore bangwe ba Matona go belaelwa gore ba mo kgwebong e, ba batla go dira madi mo gompiano jaana, kgetsi ya ditapole e ne e le P65, gompiano ke P130, mme go belaelwa bangwe ba lona Matona gore ba mo kgwebong e. Jaanong ba dira madi ka ditsela tse di gagamatsang. Mme le tshwanetse gore le baakanye dilo tse bagaetsho. Fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tsa go dira dijo bagaetsho, nnyaa bagaetsho a re amogeleng gore Domkrag ga e ka ke ya kgona go jesa lefatshe, 55 *years* re tsamaya mo 39 *per cent* ya dijo tse re neng re di ja, lesika la mabele le bo mmidi fela jalo. Fa e le gore ...(Inaudible)... go raya re ka tswela ka Domkrag, re tshwanetse gore e bo e ka kgona go re jesa ka 2077, dingwaga tsa 2077 marapo a rona bontsi jwa rona a tlaabo a setse a le masweu. *So* ga re ka ke ra tswela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Se se teng se sengwe ke gore, re tshwanetse go tsenya madi mo temong le leruo. Ba mafatshefatshe ba dumela gore re tshwanetse gore re bo re ka tsenya 10 *per cent* ya *budget* ya rona mo temong le leruo, gore re ntshe dijo tse di lekaneng. E bile ga go sa tlhole go buiwa ka dijo fela tse di lekaneng, go buiwa ka dijo tse di nang le dikotla, jaaka *Honourable* Tshere a ne a bua gore, rona ba botsogo re dumela gore re tshwanetse go tsamaela mo goreng jaanong re bo re sa bue fela ka gore re feditse tlala, batho ba jele, ba kgotshe. E tshwanetse gore e bo e le dijo tse di metswako, tse di ka sireletsang batho mo malwetseng a a farologanyeng. Fa re ka dira jalo e tlaabo e le sengwe se se botlhokwa thata.

Re le Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ra re, a re lebeleleleng dijawo tse dingwe tse e leng gore *they are called high value cash crops*, tse di tshwanang le tsa *hemp*. Gompiano le tsamaya mo le bolelela batho gore hei! *hemp* ke motokwane, mme kgotlakgolo ya ditsheko e supile gore e tshwanetse gore e lemiwe mo Botswana. Re ka simolola ditekeletso, ra tsamaelana le mafatshe a mangwe kwa a yang teng. Ga re ka ke ra tlhola re boela morago mafatshe a mangwe a ya pele.



Selo se se tona se re se tlhaelang ke gore e bo e le gore ga re na *policy* ya *agriculture* gone jaanong jaana. Re santse re e emetse, ga re itse gore e tlaa tla leng. Kana ke yone e e tshwanetseng go tlhotlheletsa *programmes* tse dingwe tsa *agriculture*. Ga re ka ke ra tswelela ka *policy* ya 1991 e e neng e bua ka bo *food security*, mme rona o kare *language* ya rona ke *food self-sufficiency*. Dilo tseo re tshwanetse go di tlhologanya, mme re dire ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Jaanong selo se sengwe ke gore, go na le kgang e ya gore go tlaa baakanngwa maphata gore a tsamaelane. Lephata le re tshwanetseng gore re le sekaseke ke gore, lephata tota le le tshwanetseng gore le nne teng ke la *Agriculture and Rural Development*, ke lone leina le le tshwanetseng lephata le, ka gore ditlhabololo tsa dikgaolo ga di ye kwa *Local Government*, dikgaolo di ka tlhabololwa fela ke *agriculture*. So ga o ka ke wa re *Local Government and Rural Development*, tota fela eo e tshwanetse e bidiwe *social welfare*, ka gore tiro ya yone e tona ke bo Village Development Committee (VDC), batlhoki le banalebogole. *So it has nothing to do with development* jaaka re tshwanetse go tlhologanya gore e bo batho ba ka hirwa, ga nna le *firms*. Re dumela gore temo le leruo ke tsone tse di tshwanetseng go bo e le konokono.

Fa ke tsena mo Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID), LIMID bagaetsho e teng, mme e a fokola. E fokola ka gore le yone e tswana fela le *extension*. Batho ba teng ba a bereka mo LIMID, mme ga ba fiwe ditsompelo tsa gore ba ka kgona go tsamaya mo ba thusa, ba a fa bogakolodi. Go bo go raya gore jaanong tota fela go raya gore re ba duelela *salaries*, ba nna fela kwa Ramokgonami, ka gore LIMID mo go rona e kwa Ramokgonami, mme ga ba kgone go dira tiro ya bone. Dilo tse re tshwanetse gore tota re di tlhwaafalele, re tsenye madi fa go tshwanetseng. Re tsenye madi gore batho ba *extension*, *research* le LIMID ba dire tiro ya bone. Se se teng ke gore, fa re ya kwa pele bagaetsho jaaka go buiwa ka Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agriculture Development (ISPAAD) kana lenaneo le le ntšha la temo le leruo, re tshwanetse tota re lebelele gore re se ka ra tla ka, "*one cap fits all*." Re tshwanetse go itse gore lenaneo fa le tla le tshwanetse go itebaganya le ditlhopho tse di farologanyeng, ka gore balemi ba farologanye, mme ba na le letlhoko le le farologanyeng. *This will...*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Your time is up Honourable Member, your time is up!

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Assistant Minister Pule, are you there?

MR PULE: Yes, I am Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Rraagwe* Neo, *ke setse ka exactly five minutes*. I am tempted to donate to you my Minister. Go ahead Honourable Minister.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(MR PULE): I am going to use it, thank you very much Mr Chairperson. Thank you so much Mr Chairperson, for allowing me that five minutes, I think I will have done a lot of work. Mr Chairperson, allow me *fela la ntsha* to preamble my debate *ka go tlhalosa gore tota* as the ruling party, we have got promises *tse re re dirileng* in our manifesto. I can see Minister *wa* Agriculture actually talking about those promises. *Fa ke bala* report *ya gagwe o bua ka* one of the promises *tse re dirileng*, if you allow me to read it out Mr Chairperson, quoting verbatim from the manifesto.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Please do, Honourable Minister.

MR PULE: E e reng, "*increase support for establishment of farmer producer groups and cooperatives throughout the country, and then fully fund the fisheries development programme to ISPAAD for improved subsistence and commercial farming*". Ke ne ke re fela *without any further ado* ke tlhalose gore, ke dilo tse re di batlang kwa Kgaolong ya rona ya Mochudi East, fa ke bua le wena jaana ke na le setlhopho sa banna le basadi ba e leng gore *they have a potential of supporting* Goromente wa rona kana Batswana ka go ba lemela *vegetables* tse di tlaa rekisiwang mo kgaolong ya Kgatleng yotlhe le mebaraka e mengwe.

Re na le *farmers* tse di kwa kgaolong e nngwe e bidiwa Matlhage, *along the Notwane River, and along the river villages and batho* ba ka fa ba ntseng ka teng, ba eme ka dinao ba emetse fela gore *Ministry of Agriculture* le *financiers* tse re nang le tsone, ba ba neele madi *to turn* Mochudi East *into a potential horticultural hub*. Tota ga re ipone tsapa, re a itse gore re ka kgona re le ba Mochudi gore re dire tiro ya go nna jaana. Selo fela se ke se bonang se tlhela Tona mo kgaolong ya rona mabapi le dilo tsa temothuo, ke gore fa ke lebelele dilo, badirelapuso ga ba rekise mananeo a Pusō ka fa ke solofelang ka teng. Ke tsaya gore mananeo a Pusō



should be looked at as Government investments, tse e leng gore tota should be marketed to an extent ya gore mongwe le mongwe a bone phatlha ya gore o ka tsena fa kae. Otherwise re na le mathata a gore batho ba go nna jaana ba e leng gore tota they are very keen; ba batla go dira horticultural projects kwa dikgaolong, ga ba kgone go thusiwa sentle and facilitated gore ba nne le access to information e e ka thusang gore ba dire jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarity Minister.

MR PULE: *Mr Chairperson, fa ke lebelela Ministry of Agriculture, challenge e nngwe e e leng gore o na le yone thata ke kgang ya monitoring and evaluation of projects tse di neelwang Batswana mo Kgaolong ya rona ya Kgatleng. I think we need more strengths in the monitoring and evaluation of programmes tse re nang le tsone. Fa e le gore gompiano re santse re le mo mathateng a gore demand ya mashi mo Botswana is still at 65 million litres and we are only able to provide more than 7 million litres, re santse re saletse kwa morago mme re na le Bakgatla ba ba ikaletseng gore bone ba ka rua dikgomo.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Chairperson.

MR PULE: Gongwe ke ka gakolola Tona gore a se ka a lebelela fela dikgang tsa gore ke le Mabuse Pule ke tshwanetse gore ke nne le dikgomo di le 1,000 gore ke kgone go ntsha mashi. Re na le batho ba ba ka dirang value chains, ba nna le dikgomo di ka tshwara bo 10, five, 15, 20 jalo fela, go bo go nna le ba ba gamang...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Sorry Honourable Minister Pule, we have frozen your time. We want to hear Honourable Motsamai on what his procedure is about. Honourable Member for Ghanzi South, what is your procedure?

MR MOTSAMAI: *Procedure. Mr Chairperson, procedure ya Ntlo e ke gore re se ka ra nna re tlhasela batho ba ba seyong, ba ba ka se keng ba kgone go ikarabela. Ke utlwa selemo sa ga Honourable Pule but I am concerned gore a bue gore badirelapuso mo diofising ga ba rekise mananeo a ga Goromente mme nna ke itse gore batho bao ke bone ba ba rekisang mananeo; ke bone ba ba latelang batho. Mr Chairperson, a tlhamalale fela a bue gore Goromente o tswa ka mananeo a a senang boammaaruri, badirelapuso fa gongwe ba palelwe ke gore ba ye kwa bathong ka gore mananeo a a pala.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: You have made your point...

MR MOTSAMAI: Ba tla ka mananeo ba sena madi.

MR CHAIRPERSON: You have made your point and in that way, you have really relieved Minister Pule; *ga a na molato gotlhelele. Nna tlhaselo ke e utlwa mo go wena.* Honourable Minister, you have one more minute.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga mongwame. *Thank you very much Rra Nkamo, you have saved me from Motsamai.* O a kgalema e bile e ntse e le ene a sotla gape. Ke itse a ntse fela jalo. Ke ne ke sa re badirelapuso ga ba rekise mananeo, ka re *they are not doing enough* and ke a itse gore go na le mathata a resources tse di tshwanang le bo transport to reach out to mafelo mangwe a ba tshwanetseng gore ba ye kwa go one, bogolo jang a e leng gore ke a temothuo ka re itse gore a mo dikgweng, a kgakala jalo le jalojalo. Ke bua golo mo ke na le boammaaruri. Gongwe kwa kgaolong ya gagwe ene ba a kgona, nna kwa go nna ga ba kgone mme ga se gore ga ba rate, ke kgang ya gore ga ba na ditsompelo tsa go dira jalo. Ke sone se ke kopang Tona gore a leke go ba ema nokeng gore tota *they should market programmes tsa Ministry of Agriculture enough; go out there and teach people.* Ba neele batho flyers, ba tshware diphuthego le go dira workshops so that we can promote access to these programmes. Kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Kgatleng we are ready to take projects tse e leng gore are offered by Ministry of Agriculture, se se tlhokafalang fela ke gore re batla support e e tletseng from Lephata la Temothuo. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister for you using your five minutes. Honourable Minister Karabo Socraat Gare, *Rraagwe* Leatile, please respond to the debate.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY (MR GARE):

Ke a go leboga Mr Chairperson, ke bo ke leboga le Mapalamente ka dikakgelo tsa bone ka go farologana. Ga ke itse gore a ke tlaa kgona go ba fetola botlhe ke lebile nako e ke nang le yone but ke tlaa leka ka bojotlhe gore ke leke go tsibogela dikakgelo tsa bone. Ke simolola jalo ka Honourable Modukanele ka tse a neng a di bua kana a fetola ka tsone. O ne a bua kgang e ke dumelang gore Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe yo o neng a emelela a bua, o ne a bua ka yone; kgang ya extension service. Go boammaaruri gore totatota temothuo ga e ka ke ya bona maduo e bile ga e ka ke ya ya gope e le gore tota extension service ya rona e a tlhabela. Ke dilo tse re le kang ka bojotlhe le ka ditsompelo tse re nang le tsone go netefatsa gore re nna



le batho ba kwa dikgaolong. Ke sone se re dumelang gore *model* wa rona o re batlang *to adopt* wa *clusters*, o ka re thusa ka gore *cluster* o tlaa fitlhela e tsentse balemi ba le bantsi mme fa e le gore e foo, e kgona *to be serviced by* motho a le mongwefela. Go kgona gore go re thusa *to address* lethoko le kana matshwenyego a.

Gape o buile ka kgang ya Lotsane Irrigation Scheme e le gore ke dumalana le ene e bile nna le ene re kile ra bua ka yone gore re tshwanetse go batla nako re ye go e bona, re buisane gore tota re ka e thusa jang jaaka a ne a bua gore e ka thusa *the local economy to develop the value chains* jalojalo.

O buile gape ka kgang ya *new ISPAAD* gore re lebelele thata kgang ya *output*. Re tlhola re e bua jalo *Honourable Member* gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore lenaneo le re tlaa tlang ka lona kana ISPAAD e re tlaa tlang ka yone, e bo e itebagantse le yone kgang ya gore maduo a temo kana tse re di ntshang kwa temong, di bo di feta ditshenyegogo tsa rona tse re di tsentseng mo temong eo. Mo bogompionong ke go fa e le sekai fela, *we spend* madi a mantsi mme o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *in terms of harvest or output*, re bona bo 47 per cent mo e dirang gore e se ka ya nna *sustainable*.

Fa ke tswelela *Mr Chairperson*, ke ya kwa go *Honourable Regoeng*, o ne a bua thata ka kgang ya *food security* gore ga se yone fela *but agriculture* e ka re direla dijo. Re ka e dirisa go dira mebereko ka gore ke mhama o o nang le *value chains* tse dintsi. Re ka o dirisa go dira mo gotweng *import substitution* mo e leng gore le gone go tlaabo go dira gore madi a a ntseng a tswela kwa ntle, a tle *to be spent* mo garona *and therefore create jobs for* batho ba rona.

O ne a bua ka *diversifying economy*, ke dumalana le ene mo go tse a neng a di bua. O ne a re mo *Budget Performance Review*, gongwe go na le dilo dingwe tse re di tlogetseng. *Honourable Member*, ke dumalana le wena gore ga re a bua gotlhe mo re go dirileng re le *ministry* mo *budget* e e fetileng mme kana tota gompiono re a bo re lebagane thata le kgang ya gore re tle go kopa madi *and* nako e re e dirisang go tla go bega *budget* ya rona, *it is only 20 minutes*, so go thata gore o kgone *to fully articulate in detail* dikgang tsa *performance* ya *financial year* e e fetileng.

O ne o bua ka kgang ya go tlhela ga mashi, gore totatota go utlwiswa bothoko gore e bo re santse re le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana, *yet* e ne e le dilo tse re di ipeileng pele. Gone le fa go le thata ka mabaka a a ditsompelo, ga re ka ke ra itsapa go...

Go na le mongwe yo *speaker* sa gagwe se re kgoreletsang. *Honourable Nkawana*, tshwara *speaker* sa gago.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister, I could not agree more with you. *Bagaetsho*, please switch off your gadgets. You are interfering with the flow of debate of the Minister of Agriculture. Please! Honourable Minister, please continue with your debate.

MR GARE: Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya gore re iphile *targets*. Go boammaaruri gore gongwe re ka tswa re sa kgone kana re sa fitlhelela mme gone ga re kitla re itsapa gore re nne re ipeela seelo go leka go bona gore dilo tse re di dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Re ka se ke re bereke fela re sa supe gore tota re eletsa go fitlhelela ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Ke tsaya gore mo gongwe e ne e le dikgakololo fela gore re bereke thata le batho ba *Ministry of Lands* because ga re ka ke ra bua ka go ntsha dijo, e le gore mme ga re na kwa batho ba lemanang teng.

O ne a bua ka kgang ya gore Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), re leke go tshwaragana le yone go leka go bona gore re tokafatsa maduo a go ntsha dijo ka gore *it is an institution* e e itebagantseng le dikgang tsa *research* jaaka bangwe ba ne ba bua ka dipeo. Ke dilo tse ba ka re thusang gore re itirele dipeo, re tlhabolole leruo la rona, re dire leruo le le ka kgonang gore le bo le kgona go itshwarelela mo dipakeng tsa rona tse re nang le tsone ka kwano.

O buile gape ka kgang ya Zambezi le ya *transactional advisor*. Go boammaaruri gore gongwe ee, go bonyanyana, *but* dilo tse di bothokwa gore *process* re se ka ra e *circumvent*, kana ra e *short-circuit*, kana ra e tlolela mopakwana, gore re netefatse gore e se ka ya re kamoso gongwe ka go thuba lebelo kana ka go taboga ga rona, re bo re fitlhela re dirile diphoso tse gongwe jaanong di yang *to cause us* ditshenyegelo tse dintsi go feta tse re neng re ka tswa re ka di *face* mo gompionong.

O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya Botswana Animal Information and Traceability System (BAITS), e ke dumalanang le ene gore e na le kgwetlho. Kana kgwetlho ya yone, *system* ya BAITS e siame fela, mathata ke gore maranyane a rona gongwe ga a mo seemong se se rileng sa gore a ka kgona gore a e tshegetse sentle. Re tshwaragane le ba Department of Information Technology (DIT) go leka go netefatsa gore seemo sa rona sa BAITS se wele dinako tsotlhe, se se ka sa tlhola se boelela.



Mr Chairperson, fa ke tswelera Motlotlegi Mathoothe, o ne a supa gore pego e lebege e le ntle, mathata a rona ke kgang ya *implementation*. Ke tsaya gore e ne e le kgang ya go gakolola fela a supa gore re tshwanetse go tshwaraganela boeteledipele le batsayakarolo botlhe go netefatsa gore kgang ya *implementation*, ga e re se ke se begileng gompiano gore ke ya go se dira, a bo e le gore ngwaga o o tlang, ke boa ke se bega gape gore ke ya go se dira.

O ne a bua ka kgang ya *animal production* gore batho ba tsenya dikopo bogolo jang kwa LIMID, mme go tsaya lebaka gore re ba neele diruiwa tsa bone kana tse ba di kopileng. Boammaaruri jwa teng ke gore kgang ya *small stock*, e tswana fela le ya dikgomo, *numbers* tsa rona ga di kgotsofatse, di kwa tlase thata, *so* go felela go dira gore a bo e ka re re nna bonya ka gore fa gongwe le lone leruo le re le rekang, le a bo le seyo. Ke kgakolola ke e tsere, re tlaabo re ntse re bona gore re ka dira jang ka mo re nang le gone.

O ne a bua ka kgang ya *milk processing* kwa Serowe gore go bonya, mme jaaka ke ne ke bua, kana dikgang tsa theko le thekiso, kana *assets disposal and procurement*, ke dilo tse di nang le melao e e leng gore totatota, go botlhokwa gore le fa re dira, re se ka ra e tlolela mopakwana ka gore kamoso e tlaabo e nna dikgang tse nna le ene jaanong, re tlaabong re palelwa ke go araba Batswana gore re ne re re re dira eng.

A bua ka kgang ya go reka dikgomo, *no*, mme re ne re sa re go reka dikgomo, re ne re re, re ya go reka *semen* gore Batswana ba di reke ka a *subsidised prices* go oketsa *their milking herd*.

Dikgang tsa matamo go boammaaruri, bonnyenyane jo re nang le jone, re tlaa leka ka bojotlhe go bona gore re ka dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya Tautona Lodge, e ke tsayang gore *Mr Chairperson*, kgang e e toutilwe ka lebaka, re tloga re e latswa thata e bo e tswa bololo. *Honourable Minister* Morwaeng, o ne a tla gone fa e le *Minister's Question Time* a e araba ka bophara, *so* ke kopa gore ke se ka ka nama ke akgetse mo go yone ka gore kwa bofelong, e tlaabo e le ...*(Interruptions!)*...

Jaanong ke tswelera ke tsena mo dikakgelong tsa *His Honour the Vice President (VP)*. *His Honour the VP*, o ne a supa jalo gore pego kana kopo ya rona e tlisa tsholofelo, e bile a supa gore ka thulaganyo ya Rural Development Council, temothuo ke nngwe ya dilo tse re di beetseng kwa godimo, le nna ke dumela jalo ka gore

ke leloko la Rural Development Council. Ke dumela thata gore temothuo e ka ntsha lehuma kwa dikgaolong, e ka tlisa botshelo kwa dikgaolong, e ka tsosolosa itsholelo ya dikgaolo. Ke dumela gore ke sone se go leng botlhokwa gore a bo re nna le tse di tlhokafalang, go netefatsa gore temothuo ya rona e a tswelera, e direga sentle kwa dikgaolong, go netefatsa gore dilo tse tsotlhe di re fa maduo a re a batlang.

O ne a bua gape kana a laela jalo gore re tshwanetse go bereka le *Ministry wa Environment le Ministry of Lands*. Ke supe fela gore ga re felele fela foo *Your Honour the VP*, re ikaelela gape go nonotsha kana go oketsa tirisano-mmogo ya rona le *Ministry of Trade because* tse re di ntshang mo temothuong, di tshwanetse gore di bo di na le *market*, and go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa *markets*, *Ministry wa Trade*, ke one o o mo maamong a mantle go ka re gakolola le go re bontsha gore re ka dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Jaaka ke ne ke supa mo pegong ya me, dikgang tsa Southern African Customs Union (SACU) tsa European Free Trade Association (EFTA), batho ba *trade* ke bone ba di tshwereng e bile ba di tlhaloganya botoka.

Ke supa jalo gore mo godimo ga tse o neng o gakolola ka tsone *Your Honour*, *we will also enhance or* re godise thata tirisano ya rona thata le *Ministry of Trade*.

O ne o gakolola gape ka dikgang tsa *cordon fences* gore re leke go di baakanya. Wa bo wa gakolola gape gore kgang ya lefatshe, bogolo jang dipolase tse re nang le tsone tse e leng gore ga di mo tirisong, re netefatse gore banana ba a tsena mo teng, gore ba kgone go ntsha maduo, ba kgone gore le bone ba leme *because* bontsi jwa bone, ba sokola ka dikgang tsa lefatshe. Wa ba wa supa gape gore re tshwanetse go tokafatsa leruo la rona ka dikgang tsa go tsenya mo gotweng *mobile* Artificial Insemination (AI) *facilities*, tse ke dumelang gore fa nne madi a dumela, ke dilo tse re ka di lebelelang go netefatsa gore re kgaolela Batswana mosepele wa gore ba tseye dikgomo ba di ise kwa AI *camps* tsa rona ka ditshenyegelo tse di kalokalo. Ke dilo tse re tlaabong re di lebeletse, re leka go bona gore re ka dira jang.

Wa bo wa supa gape gore batho ba sokodisiwa ke kgang ya gore *market* ga di yo mo dikgaolong tsa bone, bogolo jang thata matlhabelo, re a e amogela kgakolola eo *Your Honour*, re tlaa leka ka bojotlhe, bogolo jang thata *in conjunction with the private sector*.

O ne wa ba wa bua gape ka kgang ya Lobu gore go lekiwe gore re e *duplicate* kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe. Ke supe fela gore re na le Impala kwa Francistown, re



na le Setata le dikgaolo tse dingwe tse re di lebeletseng go netefatsa gore re ya go nna le seemo se se ntseng jalo sa gore re kgone go oketsa leruo la rona le le sesane, le re dumelang gore le bogadi jo bo gaufi thata go gaisa gongwe dikgomo.

Mr Chairperson, Honourable Leuwe o ne a bua jalo gore tota kgaolo ya gagwe fela e ikaegile thata ka temothuo, so go botlhokwa thata gore re leke gore re mo eme nokeng le ene a je sengwenyana. Ke mo solofetsa jalo gore jaaka ke a tle ke bue le ene, ke bo ke mo etele kwa kgaolong, re tlaa dira gotlhe mo re ka go kgonang jaaka e le gore o tlhola a bua thata ka kgang ya Phuduhudu Cluster e e nang le bokgoni jwa gore e ntshe dijo tse dintsi, bogolo jang thata dinawa, ke mo reye ke re re tlaabo re ntse re na le ene mo re le *ministry* go leka go netefatsa gore re mo ema nokeng kwa kgaolong.

A bua ka kgang ya *graduates*, gore *graduates* di teng, ga se mo e ka bong e le gore gongwe re bua ka kgang ya go tlhela ga *extension services*. Re tshwaragane le ba Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM), le bagarona ka kwano go netefatsa gore *graduates are absorbed* mo *system* go leka go netefatsa gore tsotlhe di nna teng tse di tlhokafalang *in terms of extension services*.

O ne a bua ka kgang ya madi a *horticulture* gore *low uptake* e ka tswa e dirwa ke gore gongwe ga re amogele *contribution in kind*. Ke amogetse mo *speech* sa me gore *the low uptake* e nnile teng, mme re ntse fa fatshe re... (*Interruptions*)... gore re ka e dira jang gore re netefatse gore re...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR GARE: Ke tlaa go tsenya abuti, ba setse ba le ba ntsinyana. O ne a supile gore kgaolo e tshwana le Khudumelapye, ba setse ba le malala a laotswe gore ba tle go thusiwa ka dikgang tsa *clusters*, ke mo reye ke re re teng, re tlaa ba etela re ye go bona gore re ka dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

Honourable Motsamai, o ne a supa jalo gore tota ene o dumela gore *this 4 per cent* ya *levy* e tshwanetse gore a bo e le gore totatota jaanong e *benefit directly the farmers*, bogolo jang baruakgomo ba ba le baganweng ke kgang ya lekgetho la *4 per cent*. Ke dilo tse re di nnseng fa fatshe, go leka go bona gore *beef sector* yotlhe e tokafala jang, go netefatsa gore baruakgomo kwa bofelelong, a bo e le gore ba bona dipoelo tse di rileng mo dikgomong tsa bone.

O ne a supa fela gore lefatshe le tswe ka bonako, ke tsaya gore *Honourable Mzwini* fa a tla a bega, o tlaa nkgwa kgaba go bona gore kgang ya gore lefatshe le tswe ka bonako gore batho ba se ka ba ne ba diega, go tla go lema kana go rua, go ka dirwa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

O ne a bua gape gore *we should consider* kgang ya go dira *medical aid for* badisa, ke dumela gore tota re tshwanetse go tshwaragana le *private sector*, golo mo ke *opportunity* e gore *private sector* e ka tsenang mo teng, ya leka go bona gore e ka thusa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

A bua ka kgang ya CEDA le *security*, ke tsaya gore *Ministry of Trade* have captured this comment, le bone e tlaa re fa ba tla ba bega tsa bone, ba kgone go akgela kana go ntsha lefoko mo kgannyeng ya gore CEDA ka dikgang tsa *security* go dirwe ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

A bua gape ka dikgang tsa *infrastructure* go ya kwa *production areas*, a bua ka kgang ya Information and Communications Technology (ICT), motlakase le ditsela, tota fa go ne go kgonagala, madi a dumela, re ka bo re netefatsa gore dilo tse tsotlhe di a dirwa, go dira gore temothuo e nne *attractive to* banana gore motho a se ka a eletsa go tla Gaborone a le kwa morakeng, e le gore ga a na *internet, they do not have anything for communication* a le kwa polaseng kana kwa morakeng.

O ne wa bua gape ka tiriso ya *private vets*, jaaka batho ba kgona go isiwa kwa go *private doctor*. Gongwe le rona re simolole go sekaseka go bona gore le leruo re kgona go le neela *private vets*. Ke tsaya gore ke kgakololo, re tlaa bona gore re ka e tshwaraganela ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

Artificial Insemination (AI) Ncojane, re ne re le teng mmogo *Honourable Motsamai*, sediba se ise se phungwe, ke itumelela gore o kgarameditse, ke seo se setse se phuntswe.

Honourable Dr Letsholathebe le ene o ne a supa fa a ema pego nokeng, mme a supa gore re tshwanetse re tlhwaafalele kgang ya *paradigm shift on the agricultural sector*. Gore totatota *the only way* re ka kgonang go bona dipoelo tse di rileng, ke gore go nne le pharologanyo e e rileng, re se ka ra dira dilo jaaka re ntse re di dira malatsi otlhe. A bua gape a lebogela kgang ya *live export*, e re dumalana gore *it is just a relief* gore *in the meantime* re santse re leka go baakanya dilo tse dingwe, barui ba se ka



ba tlhoka go boelwe ke sepe gotlhelele mo dikgomong tsa bone. Rona re dumela gore *as a temporary measure*, ke kgato e e maduo a a bonalang, ke sa reye gore gotlhelele ga e na *consequences* tse dingwe.

Re leka ka bojotlhe gore re baakanye Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), ke tsaya gore maduo le maiteko a rona a a bonala. Batlotlegi ba ka ikgakolola gore la bofelo BMC e kgona go duela *within 14 days* ke leng e bile e ntsha ditlhwatlhwa tse di botoka ke leng. Ke dilo tse re di dirileng re le *ministry* mo dingwaganyaneng tse re leng fa, mo go supang gore sengwe sone se tlaa ya teng *Mr Chairperson*.

O ne a bua ka kgang ya Tati East, e le nna ke a e itse, re kile ra ya koo mmogo. A bua ka *farms* gore di tshwanetse *to be paddocked*, go tsenngwe batho mo teng. A bua ka *farm* e a reng e gaufi le Matsiloje, gore e foo fela foo, e a ija ga e na tirisio. Re tlaa e buisana motlotlegi, go bona gore re ka thusana jang gore e tsene mo tirisong. A boa a leboga babereki ba kgaolo ya gagwe gore, *at least they communicate*, ba a thusana, ke selo se se molemo thata, re se leboegele.

O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya matamo le ene gore, matamo a tshwanetse gore a tlhabololwe ka gore ke one a re a lebeleletseng go nosa leruo le go dira temo kwa dikgaolong. A bua ka ditsela mo kgaolong e tshwana Ditladi, tse ke di itseng, ke dumalana le ene. Ke kgang fela ya gore ditsompelo ke tsone fa gongwe di dirang gore re se ka ra thusa, ka gore di a bo di tlhaela. A bua ka kgang ya gore *technology* re tshwanetse re e *adopt* mo *agriculture*. Ke dumalana le ene 100 *per cent* gore, dilo tse dingwe tse go ka nna motlhofo fa kgang ya *technology* re e tsentsa mo teng.

Dikgang tse dingwe *Mr Chairperson*, Mapalamente ke tlaa ba kopa gore ba ntetlelele ke di tlole, ka gore tse dingwe di ne di boelela fela. Dikgang di tshwana tsa diphapang fa gare ga batho le diphologolo. Ke dikgang tse Mapalamente ba ka nna babedi, bararo ba buileng ka tsone. O buile gape ka dikgang tsa bo masogo jalojalo, *Mr Chairperson* ke dikgang tse re di utlwang, re tlaabo re ntse re di buisana le batlotlegi go bona gore re ka thusana jang mo go tsone.

Fa ke tsena mo go *Honourable* Molale, o ne a bua ka kgang ya gore ERTP *was agri-based*. A supa gore ke yone e e ka thusang batho ba le bantsi kwa dikgaolong, go tokafatsa itsholelo ya bone. Go tlhaela ga dijo le go dira meberekodi ka kgonwa fela ke temothuo. A supa fela gore re tshwanetse *to optimise* kana re dirise

thata kgang ya *technology*, *to enhance output* kana go tokafatsa maduo gore gompiano re ntsha bokana mo *hectare*, mme fa re ka tsena mo kgannyeng ya go dirisa *technology*, re ka kgona gore re ntshe go le botokanyana.

A bua ka kgang ya Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), e ke tsayang gore re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re tle re e buisane re le Ntlo e, go bona gore re ka e dira jang gore re a di *adopt*, re a di dirisa. Re kgone gore go tokafatse *output* kana thobo ya rona mo garona.

Kgang ya *extension service* e ke tsayang gore e boelela gantsintsi, go raya gore go na le bothata mo kgannyeng ya *extension service*. Re e tsere e le mofago *Mr Chairperson*, go netefatsa gore re tokafatsa seemo sa *extension service*. Re tlaa leka ka bojotlhe, re tlaa tshwaragana re dirisa *hybrids*, re tlhakanya *temporary* le ba ba *permanent* go leka go netefatsa gore dikgaolo ga di babalelwe, jaaka a ne a supa gore o tlaa fitlhela kgaolo e nngwe e le tona, mme e neetwe molemisi yo mongwefela, e nngwe e nnyennyane e neetswe balemisi ba babedi. Ke dilo tse re tlaa di nnelang fa fatshe re di lebelela go bona gore re di baakanya ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

Ke dumalana le wena gotlhelele motlotlegi fa o bua ka kgang ya *research* gore, e ka re thusa gore dikgang tsa dipeo, go tlhabolola leruo la rona le tse tsotlhe tse, di ka kgona gore di nne botoka kana di dire ka bonako kana sentle, fa re tsentsa *research* kana re e tsere ka tlhwaafalo. Se se tlele go tlhokana le gore le lebelele *budget* e le e mphang gompiano gore e kana ka eng, fa gongwe bokoa jwa rona ke kgang ya gore madi o fitlhela a tlhaela.

Re bua gape ka kgang ya *storage* sa Mokgomane le Mosisedi. Ke dumalana le ene gore re tlaa e nneela fa fatshe re le *ministry*, re boele kwa go ene motlotlegi go netefatsa gore re bua ka dikgang tse go bona gore re di dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang, re e *sort* jang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Clarification Minister*, o se ka wa lebala.

MR GARE: Ga ke a lebala motlotlegi, ke lebile nako. *Honourable* Tshere o ne a bua ka kgang ya mehero, e ke tsayang gore ke nngwe ya dilo tse jaaka ke sa tswa go bua ka *research*, di amana thata le dikgang tsa *research* go bona gore bothata ke eng. O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya *seed multiplication* e le yone e setseng e builwe ke batlotlegi ba bangwe. A supa fela gore gongwe go ne go le phoso gore re bo re emisitse tse di tswang kwa ntle ka bonako jo bo kalokalo, mme ke mo supegetse



gore re buisana le banaleseabe. Bošheng jaana re ne re le kwa BUAN, re kopane le balemi, *hawkers, traders*, le *retailers* re leka go buisana gore kgang e ya rona ya *import ban*, re ka e dira jang gore manokonoko a teng a se ka a nna a a feteletseng.

Le ene o ne a buile ka kgang ya go ntshetsa dikgomo kwa ntle. Gongwe fela pele ke bua motlotlegi, ke kgang e e *temporary*. Re dumela gore fa re ka kgona go fetsa dilo tsa rona ka bonako, go tlaa kgonagala gore e bo re kgona go busetsa dilo tsa rona mo tseleng.

Mr Chairperson, gongwe ke fe a le mongwe *clarification* ke bo ke tswela.

MR MOSWAANE: *Clarification. Honourable Minister*; ke go utlwe sentle ka *this import ban* ya *fruits and vegetables*. A wa itse sentle gore e ntse e le boremelelo jwa kgwebo ya batho ba ba bidiwang gotwe *the informal sector*; ba ba ka tshwarang diketekete tse di fetang lesome le botlhano mo lefatsheng la Botswana? A o lemogile gore mo nakong ya gompiano bontsi jwa bone ba tswetse ka seemo se?

Re utlwisise gore go na le mabarebare mangwe mo *Government Enclave*, a gore *you banned fruits and vegetables* ka gore go na le tlhoko kutlwisisano fa gare ga lona le lefatsheng la South Africa, ka gore *they accommodated* Tautona wa pele, mme jaanong le batla go ba bakolola go sekae? O e tlhatswe ntlha e, e tle e kgone re thuse Batswana.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le re lapisa ka tshela waitse!

MR MOSWAANE: Re e utlwisise. E nngwe o e tlhatswe ya bofelo ke ya gore Matona ba ka tshwara lesome, ba a lema le bone ke baji-barekisi, ba tsaya tshwetso mo *Cabinet* go emisa. Jaanong *have they declared their interests* tsa go lema, ba kgoreletsa bahumanegi? *Thank you.*

MR GARE: *Mr Chairperson*, pele fa ke tsenya *Honourable Moswaane*, ke ne ke sa tswa go supa gore dikgang tse ke dikgang tsa morero. Re ne re na le batho ba *informal sector*; *retailers* le *farmers*, re buisana re leka go bona gore re ka tswa ka tharabololo e e ntseng jang. Tse dingwe ga ke na go akgela mo go tsone, gore go na le mabarebare. Ke mabarebare, a re a tlogele e le mabarebare a a ntseng jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR GARE: Jaanong fa ke tswela *Mr Chairperson*...

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

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Please you are disturbing the Minister.

MR GARE: You should park them *Mr Chairperson*, they are disturbing us.

MR CHAIRPERSON: I will park them.

MR GARE: *Honourable* Shamukuni o ne a supa gore lethoko la AI kwa kgaolong ya gagwe, gongwe re tshwanetse gore re le sekaseke, re bone gore a nne le AI. Le gore go tliša dipoo kwa dikgaolong tse e seng tsa Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), di kgona go nna le bothata. *We have noted it* motlotlegi, re tlaa bona gore re e dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang go leka go netefatsa gore jaaka o ne o bua gore mokenti kana kalafi e nne e e rileng, gore di kgone *to adapt*.

O ne o gatelela kgang ya gore go tswela *borders*, e tliša *opportunity* e tona thata *for* Batswana gore ba kgone go tsena mo kgwebong eo.

Ke supe gore mo kgannyeng ya *import ban* *Mr Chairperson*, batlotlegi fa ba ka tsamaya ba ya kwa CEDA *and get portfolio* ya *horticulture*, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *almost all of them are in arrears* mme gotwe mmakete o teng. Potso ke gore go dirwa ke eng? Ke batla ke e tlogelele batlotlegi gore e re fa re ntse re kgala *import ban*, re bo re tlhaloganya gore mme go babalela Batswana ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. O ne o bua ka kgang ya *to ramp up programmes* tsa rona bogolo jang go leka go netefatsa gore re nne le mananeo a a re thusang gore re ntshe *cereal* ka bonako kana ka bokete jo bo tshwanetseng. O ne o supa ka lefatsheng le o setseng o le filwe la 40 000 *hectares*. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Mzwini o ne a go reeditse fa o kopa gore le abiwe. Agro-Zambezi e tlaa le fitlhela le ntse le tswela. Ke tsaya gore e nngwe e ne e le kgakololo fela gore re tsholetse dinao mo kgannyeng ya *to appoint Transaction Advisor for the Zambezi Project*. Ga re a e lebala, re e tshwaraganetse thata le ba *Ministry of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services*. Ke dumela gore *Honourable* Mzwini e tlaa fa a tla ka pego ya gagwe, a le kgwe dikgaba ka kgang ya teng.

Honourable Brooks; ke tsaya gore le wena o ne o leboga ka fa *ministry* o go thusitseng ka teng. Re a leboga. *Staff* sa *Agriculture* re tlaa ba bolelela gore o ba lebogile. Ba ba go boneng, ba go bone o ba leboga. O ne o bua ka



kgang ya *import ban* gore re leke *to balance it*. Re se ka ra lebala gore le rona re tsaya dilo kwa bathong ba bangwe. *This is a trade issue*, ke tsaya gore re dirile re lebeletse gore ga re fatlhe ope ka mokgwa ope, ka fa re neng re tswala ka teng. O buile ka letlhoko la mashi gore re tshwaragane le Batswana ba ikopanye le dikoporase gore re a tseye kwa go bone. Ke tsaya gore e ne e le kgakololo motlotlegi.

Motlotlegi Gobotswang; o ne a bua thata ka kgang ya *service centre* gore e tshwanetse e baakangwe. E nne mo seemong se e tlaa dirang se e se diretsweng. Ke dumalana le ene gore ke dikgang tse re di lebeletseng go netefatsa gore *service centre* e, e a siama. O ne a bua ka kgang ya *extension service* gore e a tlaaela tota. Re senke madi go batla ditlamelo tse di thusang batho ba ba berekang *as extension workers*. A bua ka kgang ya matamo, ke mo reye ke re, bonnyennyane jo re nang le jone, re tlaa leka go bona gore re dira jang. Re bua le *Ministry of Local Government* go bona gore Ipelegeng e re thuse mo dikgannyeng tsa go dira matamo. O ne a bua ka go emisa merogo kana dijwalo dingwe go tsena mo gae. Re a tlhaloganya gore go ne go tshwanetse go nna le dikgwetlho.

Mo maitemogelong a me, ka ke kile ka nna kwa *Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry* malatsinyana, re ne re na le kgwetlho e e tshwanang fa re emisa kgang ya metsi. Go ne go na le dikgang tse dintsi, "hei! metsi a Batswana a a nkgwa, a rileng." Gompiano re setse re bua e le gore ga go na metsi a re a tsayang kwa ntle. Ke dumela gore golo mo, re tlile go go neneketsa, re go tsamaisa sentle go fitlhelela dingongora tsotlhe di a fokotsega. Rotlhe re itumele gore tshwetso ya go emisa go tsaya dilwana kwa ntle, e siame.

O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya gore go tshwanetse gore go tsennngwe madi, *at least 10 per cent of the Budget* e isiwe kwa *Ministry of Agriculture*. Re tshwanetse ra lebelela gore mme gone fa re tsenya *10 per cent of the Budget* kwa *Agriculture*, go diragala eng *to the rest of the system* ya Puso? Ke sone se leng gore le fa e ka tswa e le keletso, mme gompiano ke sa arabele *Minister of Finance*, o tshwanetse wa lebelela gore go ya go diragala eng fa o tsaya *10 per cent* o e tsenya kwa *Ministry of Agriculture*? Go ya go diragala eng ka *other sectors*; *Health, Education* jalojalo. Go ya go diragala ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang?

Kgang ya *high value crops*; but ene o ne a bua ka *hemp specifically* but we have got many *high value crops* tse e leng gore *we promote them*, re a di thusa gore re di dire.

O ne a bua gape ka kgang ya gore Lephata la Temothuo le tshwanetse go baakangwe. Go na le thulaganyo ya *rationalisation* ya di ...

MR REATILE: *On a point of procedure. Mr Chairperson, ke tsena gone fa Minister a tswang teng ke mo raya ke re, ka gore ke wena o saenetseng Malabo Protocol e e buang gore 10 per cent of the Budget e tshwanetse to be allocated to Agriculture, gompiano you distance yourself. Ke mang yo o tshwanetseng a bone gore Malabo Protocol is implemented? I thank you sir.*

MR CHAIRPERSON: Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tona, *when you distance yourself* jaana, ke mang yo o emang foo?

MR GARE: *Thank you Mr Chairperson. I am not distancing myself. Ke ne ke supa gore ke kgang e ke e amogelang mme fa ke le teng, I am part of Government. Ke mongwe wa baeteledipele ba lefatshe. Ke tshwanetse ke lebelele gore fa le tsenya 10 per cent gone jaana, go diragala eng. Dipalo di fa pele ga rona batlotlegi gompiano, a re boneng gore fa re tsaya 10 per cent wa Budget ya gompiano re mo isa kwa Agriculture, what happens to system yotlhe jaaka ke ne ke e fa sekai ka health? Ga ke reye gore I am distancing myself. Ke ne ke supa gore ga re ise re nne mo seemong sa gore re ka kgona go dira 10 per cent. Ke bo ke supa gore a ke arabele Minister of Finance. Ke tsaya gore le a ntlhaloganya batlotlegi, le lona le tshwere dibala makgolo, le ka balela foo la bona gore 10 per cent o tlaa dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.*

Honourable Member Pule; ke go utlwile gore o batla go dira gore Mochudi East e nne *horticultural hub*. Ke tsaya gore ke kgakolo e ntle thata.

Mr Chairperson, I therefore, move that the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Pula (P1,443,299,400) under Recurrent Estimates and the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million Pula (P959,000,000) under Development Estimates be approved and stand as part of the Schedule and estimates. I thank you Mr Chairperson.

Question put and agreed to.

ORGANISATION 0600 - MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION

MR CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Members, please note that two hours 50 minutes have been allocated to this organisation and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debate at 1640 hours today and the question will be put at 1700 hours today.



MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MR MOLAO): *Ke a leboga.* Mr Chairperson, I am pleased to present my ministry's Committee of Supply Speech for the financial year 2022/2023. Firstly, I wish to share with this Honorable House, progress made by my ministry in the delivery of quality basic education during the last 12 months.

REVIEW OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MINISTRY

In total, the Ministry of Basic Education was allocated a Budget of Ten Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven Pula Only (P10,754,302,507) for both the Recurrent and Development Budgets for the 2021/2022 financial year.

The amount of One Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty Million Pula (P1,230,000,000) was allocated for Development. Out of this, the ministry has expended Three Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Pula (P353,031,330). This denotes a 28.7 per cent expenditure of the budget as at end of February 2022.

The low expenditure is mostly associated with delays emanating from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and limited project and project management capacity.

Development Budget funds were employed to implement five programmes under my ministry, namely; Ministry of Basic Education (MoBE) Computerisation, Secondary Education, Special Education, MoBE Consultancies, and support to Botswana Examination Council (BEC), the details of which I will speak to in a short while.

An amount of Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven Pula (P9,524,302,570) was allocated for Recurrent Budget. Out of this, the ministry has spent Eight Billion, Five Million, Three Hundred and Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Nine Pula (P8,005,309,109). This denotes an 84 per cent expenditure of the budget as at end of February 2022.

COVID-19 IN EDUCATION

Mr Chairperson, despite the challenges of COVID-19, the ministry continues to create a safe environment for teaching and learning. To augment the effort to create a safe learning environment, my ministry continues to collaborate with the Ministry of Health and Wellness

in its national vaccination rollout campaign. As result a total of 118,626 students and school personnel received 1st dose while 55,576 of both categories are fully vaccinated. Mr Chairperson, my ministry continues to provide psychosocial support aimed at improving emotional and general well-being of learners and staff through interventions aimed at capacitation, mental readiness, motivation and empowerment to deal with the effects of COVID-19. Both face to face and online counselling have been and will continue to be offered to staff and learners affected by COVID-19. As at January 2022, a total of 7745 learners and 2523 staff members have been provided with psychosocial support through the expertise of citizen-owned companies. To augment, the guidance and counseling programmes are offered in schools.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

In 2021, 46, 984 candidates in both public and private schools sat for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) compared to 46,063 in 2020. The overall percentage pass at grades A to E stood at 83.58 per cent whilst the credit pass rate (A to C grades) stood at 72 per cent indicating a slide decline of 1.44 per cent compared to 73.44 per cent in 2020.

Mr Chairperson, 46,232 candidates set for Junior Certificate (JC) in 2021, compared to 43 883 in 2020 indicating an increase of 0.95 per cent. The overall pass rate at grade E or better stands at 72 per cent in 2021 compared to 80.72 per cent in 2020; a significant decline of 8.72 per cent. At grade C or better the credit pass rate is 32.6 per cent (2021) compared to 33.16 per cent in 2020; a decline of 0.56 per cent. Comparing 2021 JC results with those of 2020, a decline in performance is also observed across grades with the exception of the Merit grade, where 13 candidates satisfied the award in 2021 compared to 11 in 2020.

Mr Chairperson, the Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) results for 2021 have just been released. A total of 37 629 candidates sat for the examination in 2021 compared to 36 557 in 2020 and 97.09 per cent of them obtained Grade G or better in 6 syllabuses which is a slight increase from 96.39 per cent in 2020. Proportion of candidates obtaining Grade E or better declined from 65.36 per cent in 2020 to 64.04 per cent in 2021. Those who obtained credit pass (Grade C or better) increased from 21.17 per cent in 2020 to 21.20 per cent in 2021. Overall the performance of candidates has remained the same compared with 2020.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN (ETSSP)

Mr Chairperson, the ministry continues to roll out the Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan (ETSSP) roadmap for transforming education and supporting the alignment from a resource based to a knowledge-based economy. Through the implementation of the ETSSP, my ministry continues to with the extensive review of the curriculum and other flagship programmes including the rollout of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), School Leadership Management and Training, as well as the development of an Outcome Based Education (OBE) curriculum at all levels of basic education.

Mr Chairperson, my ministry has completed the development of a Learner Profiling Framework and its associated training manual and implementation guidelines. Profiling of learners across all education levels; that is pre-primary, primary and secondary education is expected to be rolled out during the financial year 2022/23. The major outcome of learner profiling is to support outcome-based education as well as ensure targeted interventions and appropriate placement for learners.

The ministry has also developed the School Leadership Management Programmes, Teacher Education and In-service Professional Development and system to ensure the continuous improvement and delivery of quality education. To promote professionalism in teaching and maintenance of quality standards, my ministry has established the Botswana Teaching Professionals Council (BOTEKO). The BOTEKO board is in the process of establishing the Council, which is expected to be operational during the 2022/ 23 financial year. The BOTEKO organisational structure with job profiles and a remuneration policy have been completed, while the recruitment of the Registrar and other members of staff is expected to be finalised by the end of the current financial year.

PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

Mr Chairperson, as at the end of 2021 calendar year, 639 (84.7 per cent) primary schools were offering the first year of pre-primary education with another 54 primary schools expected to introduce the programme in 2022. For the remaining primary schools, an alternative readiness programme, being the Standard One Orientation Programme (Tshipidi Tonto), is implemented. This is

a six weeks programme which is meant to familiarise children with the learning environment before they start Standard One in the following year.

In an effort to ensure programme roll out to all primary schools, the ministry is leveraging on partnerships with development partners and the private sector. To date, classrooms for pre-primary have been constructed in Mababe and Gumare in North West District, Kavimba in Chobe District, Hunhukwe in Kgalagadi District, Sekhutlane and Lorolwane in Southern District, West Hanahai in Ghanzi District, and Oodi in Kgatleng District. My ministry is also working with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to develop a Private Public Partnership model aimed at increasing access to ECCD. The model is expected to be ready for implementation in National Development Plan (NDP) 12.

In an endeavor to promote inclusive education, my ministry has been working with the University of Botswana, developing the Botswana languages policy in education to guide the use of local languages as of medium of instruction at the lower levels of primary education. Consultations on the draft policy have been concluded and implementation modalities are being finalised to implement these programmes fully from January 2023.

Mr Chairperson, Botswana continues to do well in the provision of access to basic education with 99.7 per cent of eligible children in schools. My ministry in collaboration with UNICEF is currently developing a Remediation and Enrichment Programme Framework geared towards addressing challenges of learning in Botswana with local relevance for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools. This programme is expected to ensure that no child is left behind as my ministry strives towards provision quality inclusive education.

My ministry is also working with the British Council to roll out the Reading Challenge Programme in primary schools to inculcate a reading culture among children and assist them develop high order thinking skills.

SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Mr Chairperson, the ongoing procurement for the 412 pre-fabricated classrooms targeting overcrowded junior secondary schools across the country has been challenged by both contract management and bidder



queries. So far, only 74 classrooms have already been handed over to schools for usage while 118 classrooms (for 25 schools) have started in various schools and are expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2022/23.

In addition, five expansion projects are ongoing at Selolwe, Kalamare, Mphuthe, Bonwatlou and Goldmine Junior Secondary Schools. Kalamare and Bonwatlou expansions are progressing, while Selolwe and Mphuthe have stalled. For Selolwe JSS expansion, the ministry has terminated the contract for the non-performing mechanical sub-contractor and currently an assessment is prepared to tender for the remaining works. However, with respect to Mphuthe JSS expansion the legal dispute is yet to be resolved. At Goldmine JSS, building works and electrical works are at adjudication and award stage whereas mechanical works have been recommended for re-tender.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mr Chairperson, in order to successfully mitigate the impact of COVID-19, the ministry adopted a phased - in approach to the opening of schools. This enabled schools with special education units to adequately prepare for learners with severe to profound disabilities. The ministry instituted targeted inspections of special education units and special schools to ensure that there was maximum compliance with COVID-19 protocols as this cohort is highly vulnerable. This resulted in significant increase in the number of learners within the severe to profound disability spectrum who safely returned and attended school in 2021 as compared to the year 2020.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The ministry is committed to improve access and participation of all children to basic education. This commitment can only be realized by removing barriers that may result from impairments, environment, attitudes, linguistic and health status through provision of targeted policies, programmes and interventions that address the unique and diverse needs among the school going population.

To this end, the Special Education Policy which is aimed at domesticating and operationalising the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities is being developed. The policy will enable effective participation of children with disabilities in basic education through

the provision of guidelines and standards of operation and provision in this critical area of education. Mr Chairperson, due to time I will skip other areas and go to the proposed budget for the ministry for 2022/2023

2022/23 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE MINISTRY

Mr Chairperson, allow me to now present the budget proposals for my ministry for the financial year 2022/23. The proposed budget amounts to Ten Billion, Eight Hundred and Four Million, Eight Hundred and Ten Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Pula Only (P10,804,810,130.00) of which Nine Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty Pula (P9,867,966,950.00) is for the Recurrent Budget while Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Pula Only, (P936,843,180.00) or 8.7 per cent is for the Development Budget.

RECURRENT BUDGET

Mr Chairperson, once again the largest proportion of the ministry's Recurrent Budget is allocated to Personnel Emoluments at 80.5 per cent of the budget amounting to P7,939,738,790.00 while subventions to parastatals amount to P202,504,840.00 representing 2.1 per cent of the ministry's total recurrent budget. The remaining 17.5 per cent amounting to P1,725,723,320.00 is for the operational costs of the ministry's departments, regional offices, schools as well as the welfare of students, including their feeding, procurement of their textbooks and payment of utilities.

Budget allocation by departments requested for the financial year 2022/2023 for the recurrent expenditure is as follows:

0601: Headquarters – P996,643,340.00

The proposed budget for this department is Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Pula only (P996,643,340.00). Out of this amount, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Pula only (P636,916,310.00) or 63.9 per cent will cater for personal emoluments of department's staff whereas P201,504,840.00 representing 20.2 per cent of the department's budget will cater for the operations of Botswana Examinations Council (BEC). The remaining balance will be used for other operational costs of the department.



0604: Out of School Education and Training – P86, 470,570.00

Mr Chairperson, Eight-Sixty Million, Four Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Pula (P86,470,570.00). This is because the department's budget for textbooks, food, rations and hostel charges amounting to P13,066,790.00 was transferred to the department of Secondary Education to help in the enhancement of service delivery in the regions.

0605: Curriculum Development and Evaluation – P23, 752,390

My request for this department is Twenty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Pula only (P23,752,390) out of the Ministry's total Recurrent Budget. This is a decrease of 2.5 per cent in the department's budget compared to the previous year's budget of.

0606: Department of Teaching Service Management -P6, 689,769,820.00

My request for this department is Six Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Pula only (P6,689,769,820.00) of the ministry's Recurrent Budget. The sum of P6,639,006,830.00 or 99.2 per cent of the department's budget is allocated to personnel emoluments mainly for payment of teachers' salaries and allowances. This is an increase of 4.9 per cent, compared to the previous year's budget of P6,376,191,040.00. This increase is attributable to the posts that the department was awarded to convert 1,701 temporary teachers who were hired under the Department of Secondary Education to permanent and pensionable teachers.

0607: Department of Pre and Primary Education – P36, 705,220.00

The sum of Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Pula only (P36,705,220.00) is requested for this department. This is the ministry's total Recurrent Budget. There is a decrease of P66,688,470 representing 64.5 per cent in the department's budget compared to the previous year's budget of P103,393,690.00.

0608: Department of Secondary Education – P1,957,642,210.00

I propose to spend One Billion, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Pula only (P1,957,642,210.00)

under this Department. This represents an increase of 8.3 per cent from last year's budget. This was as a result of an additional Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety Pula (P332,675,890.00) for personal emoluments to absorb an additional 3,500 temporary teachers to P&P. The rest of the funding will be utilized towards maintenance of school buildings, service charges, student textbooks, stationery, school feeding programme and other running costs of the department and secondary schools.

0610: Department of Technical Services – P40,008,520

My proposed budget for this department is Forty Million and Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Pula only (P40,008,520.00) or 0.4 per cent of the ministry's Recurrent Budget. There has been a slight increase of 1.5 per cent compared to the previous year's budget.

Mr Chairperson, if you allow again, so that I skip other paragraphs in view of the time constraints. I will happily do so.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Move.

MR MOLAO: Mr Chairperson, having allowed me to skip other paragraphs.

Maintenance of Senior Secondary Schools (P45,000, 000): In line with Government policy of refurbishment of facilities, my ministry is requesting P45,000, 000 to kick-start maintenance of dilapidated facilities at Madiba, Shoshong, Lotsane, Moeding and Matshekge Senior Schools.

Mr Chairperson, this concludes my presentation of the 2022/23 Recurrent and Development Budget requests for my ministry. I therefore, move that the sum of P9,867,966,950.00 under the Recurrent Budget and P936,843,180.00 under Development Budget be approved and stand part of the schedule of the 2022/23 Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2022); for Organisation 0600. I so move Mr Chairperson.

MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Order! Honourable Members, the matter is now open for debate. Ke batla a ikwadisa fela. His Honourable Caterpillar Kainangura Hikuama, Rraagwe Operi, ikwadise fela nnaka.*

MR HIKUAMA (NGAMI): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e bile o le Modulasetilo wa komiti e. Ke simolole ka go akgela ka lephata le la Thuto.



MR CHAIRPERSON: *Order! Order!* Ke ne ke batla o ikwadisa fela gore kwa Nxauau le Habu ba utlwe gore o teng mo Palamenteng. *As it is now 1 o'clock Honourable Members, we are going to temporarily stop our business here for today, re bo re tsamaya re ya go kopa sengwe fa e le gore se ka bonala mme ke dumela se tlaa bonala. We must be here exactly 2 o'clock so that Morena wa me ga a sokole ka quorum. Bon appétit Honourable Members.*

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 1:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 2:00 P.M.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Pray be seated. Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us resume our business of today, this time starting with the questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

SELF HELP HOUSING AGENCY SCHEME

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Infrastructure and Housing Development to state:

- (i) the total number of applicants for the Self Help Housing Agency Scheme (SHHA) who are awaiting allocation by the Gaborone City Council, as well as the City of Francistown Council;
- (ii) the age analysis on the waiting list; and
- (iii) when applicants who have been on the waiting list for over 10 years, if any, should expect to have their applications processed.

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MR MOLALE): Thank you Mr Speaker, and good afternoon. Thank you Honourable Saleshando, and good afternoon to all of us.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Gaborone City Council has a waiting list of 11, 071 applicants as at January 2022. The city of Francistown has 12, 746 applicants as at January 2022. This is for SHHA applications only.
- (ii) The most recent application for Gaborone was received in 2004, and on the list the oldest is 1990. For Francistown, the oldest application was in 1993 and the most recent was in 2021. I am further informed that in 2004, Gaborone City Council placed a moratorium not to accept any new SHHA applications due to non-availability of land.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, allocation of plots is dependent on availability of land. On account of shortage of land in the two cities, it will be difficult to state when applicants who have been on the waiting list for more than 10 years will have their allocations processed. You will note Mr Speaker, that for both cities, the land around those cities is privately owned and for us to acquire it, we have to enter into lengthy negotiations and in some instances, attempts have been made to purchase like the Forest Hill, a land belonging to the church and we could not come to any agreement because we could not agree on a price, and the same applies for Francistown. So it is very difficult to then say at any given point in time, there will be land for both Gaborone and Francistown for people to start being allocated such.

Notwithstanding the above Mr Speaker, and appreciating these challenges of obtaining plots in urban areas, Government and in particular my ministry, is considering several options of how to deal with the issues of providing housing for low income areas, and this includes the possibility of having high density affordable housing units in urban areas to enable SHHA beneficiaries to purchase housing units through the turnkey method. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Saleshando.

MR SALESHANDO: *Thank you Mr Speaker, I hope ke tlaa utlwala ka gore maranyane a bothatanyana. Potso ya me fela mo go Minister ke gore ke eng le ne le teng, le letlelela Party ya Domkrag go solofetsa batho gore morago ga ditlhopho tsa 2019, ba ba itsholelo e e kwa tlase ba tlaa fiwa lefatshe, le ntse le itse gore le na le ba ba nang le more 20 years ba ikopetse re sa kgone go ba neela? E bile ga le na plan ya gore ba ba nang le bo 30 years ba letile, le ya go ba fa leng? Why did you allow for such a false promise to the electorates?*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister.

MR MOLALE: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.* The Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Government does not give false promises. The promises that we give, we strive by all means to always fulfil and where we have not, we always bravely go back to the people to tell them why we have not. In this instance, I have specifically said we are looking at a number of options that will help to house the low income categories of people, including high-rise buildings that will through sectional title deeds, the law which we have, be able to give to people or sell to buy land to have houses. It should be recalled that



land is a finite resource, there will come a time when we will not be able to allocate any further land because there will be no more land. That notwithstanding Mr Speaker, the Government has many other options of not only providing housing in Gaborone. Where there will be land, it will be allocated to people. Where there are schemes, they will be made available to people.

Right now we have the GEMVAS, middle income housing scheme, the C4 and below housing scheme, SHHA turnkey and many others. What we are saying is that people will be allocated land when they need it and when it is available. Availability as in the case of Gaborone and Francistown is dependent upon us negotiating with land owners around Gaborone and Francistown so that we can avail more land. We have done that in the past successfully and in the instance where that land will not be available, parcel in the vicinities of Gaborone and Francistown and other towns which can be acquired so that people are allocated land. We know of plans around the Seuwane area near the Police College, where land has been earmarked for allocation to several income categories within the vicinity of Ramotswa, Gaborone, Lobatse and so forth. We know *gore* recently Government acquired Ledumadumane for the same purpose. So this is a process which is ongoing and as and when land is found and acquired, is then allocated to beneficiaries. It is not the false promise, it is something that is ongoing that we have done and we shall continue to do. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mmolotsi.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tona, o a lemoga *gore* tota *to keep* batho mo *waiting list* dingwaga di le masome a mararo, ke selo fela se se supang go palelwa ga ga Goromente? Kana dingwaga tse di masome a mararo, ke yone *productive life* ya mmereki e e leng *gore by that time*, gongwe a bo a setse a tlogetse tiro ka bogodi (*retired*) and *after retirement*, re solofela *gore* o tlaa ikagela ka eng fa o tla o mo neela setsha? Motho yo wa 1993, go raya *gore* ke motho yo o ikopetseng (*applied*) ke le kwa Tirelo Setšhaba, jaanong bona *gore* ke setse ke le fa kae, morago ga dingwaga tse di kana. Ya bofelo ke *gore* a mme ga o bone *gore* gongwe kgang ya *gore* re nne le lefatshe le le senang beng, beng ba lone ba seyo mono, go tlile go re direla mathata? Ke eng re sa tsenye lekgetho mo go lone *gore* beng ba lone ba ketefalelwe, ba felele ba le *eager to negotiate* *gore* ba re neele lone lefatshe le? Ya bofelo ke ya *gore*, o ne o bua ka *gore*

le akanya go dira *sectional titles* *gore* batho ba tle ba kgone *gore* ba nne foo ka bontsi. A o a lemoga Tona *gore* Goromente mo nakong ya gompiano, o palelwa ke *gore*, go na le *flats* tse Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) e nang le kgatlhego ya *gore* e di rekise, go pala *gore* molao o baakannngwe fela *gore flats* tsa BHC di rekisiwe? Go na le dingwaga go ntse gotwe go tlaa lekiwa *gore* go baakannngwe. Honourable Kgafela o ... (*Interruptions*)...le wena o mo tseleng o a tsamaya, go ntse go pala *gore* golo mo go diragale. Jaanong o bona *gore* tota le tlaa kgona eng?

MR MOLALE: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Botswana yo ga ke itse *gore* re mo nna rotlhe, mme re leba dilo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke bolelela Palamente e *gore* lefatshe fa le bonwe, le ya baakannngwa le bo le abiwa. Ke tlhalositse *gore* mo ditoropong tse pedi tse, ga ke ka ke ka baya nako ya *gore* e tlaa re lefatshe le bonwe, batho ba neelwe ditsha ka nako efe e e rileng, mme ke tlhalositse *gore* mo godimo ga moo, go na le mananeo a mangwe a a dirwang a batho ba ka a dirisang e se *gore* ba fiwa ditsha fela mo Gaborone. Boammaaruri ke *gore* rotlhe ba re mo Ntlong e, re ka tswa re nna mo Gaborone, mme re na le medi kwa re tswang teng, kwa meding eo, re kgona go bona madi a dikadimo. Fa o le modirelapuso, o adimiwa ka GEMVAS, le a mangwe a *lower income categories*, fa o le Motswana fela o adimiwa ka SHAA Turnkey kana SHAA e le ya *building materials' loans* kana o ya kwa dibankeng, kwa Building Society ka *gore* go a letlelesega jaanong *gore* le mo *Tribal Land*, go ka dirwa ditiro tsa go nna jalo *gore* batho ba nne le bonno. Ga go reye *gore* fa lefatshe le seyo mo Francistown le Gaborone, go a bo go padile; Goromente a paletswe. *That is why* a a fa Batswana *options* tse dintsi tse di leng teng tseo, mme e bile re a itse *gore* le rona ba re mo Palamenteng, *we have benefited from those options* e re ntswa re nna kwa Francistown kana mo Gaborone, re agile kwa re tswang teng. *People have options and they will remain so* ka *gore* gongwe le gongwe fa o leng teng mo Botswana, go go fa tshono ya *gore* le wena o kgone go nna le fa o ka nngang teng. Re a itse *gore* mo ditoropong gantsi, matlo a direlwa *gore* batho ba nne le *business* e nne sengwe se se ka ba tshetsang. Ga go thona, ee, go siame mme fa lefatshe le seyo, a re lekeng maano a mangwe; maano ga a site.

Ya bobedi ya lekgetho, nnyaa, ke ne ke kopa *gore* o ye go e botsa Rre Mzwinila le yone ya *sectional title deeds*, mme fela se ke itseng ke utlwa *gore* molao o teng wa *sectional title deeds*. Fa e le *gore* go na le fa o sa siamang teng, go ka dirwa ka bofelo *gore* o baakannngwe



gore batho ba reke *flats*, mme se ke se itseng ke gore batho ba setse ba reka *flats* mo Gaborone. Ga ke itse fa go na le se se padisang gore motho a reke *flat*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo.

MOLEPOLOLE IHS

MR O. REGOENG (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology to state:

- (i) if he is aware that Molepolole Institute of Health and Sciences (IHS) which was built to offer among others, programmes such as Ophthalmic, Midwifery, Family Welfare Planning is not running them and that the buildings have not been optimally used over the last 10 years which is a heavy cost to Government, if so when will this be rectified;
- (ii) is there any plan to put that facility into full use, if yes, the Minister should state when.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MR LESASO): Good afternoon Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Honourable Regoeng and Honourable Members.

- (i) Mr Speaker, I am aware that the buildings for the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) in Molepolole have not been optimally used over the last 10 years. This is because of several reasons:
 - (a) The Midwifery training in Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) Molepolole was stopped as a result of the rationalisation exercise which occurred in 2011. Initially, the midwifery training was offered in all the five IHS in Francistown, Serowe, Gaborone, Lobatse and Molepolole and the two Mission Institutions in Bamalete Lutheran Hospital of Nursing and Kanye Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) College of Nursing, which were then under the Ministry of Health and Wellness. The Midwifery Programme experienced a critical shortage of lecturers with midwifery qualifications. Additionally, the midwifery training involved clinical attachments in specialised units such as antenatal care high risk and special care bed unit, neonatal care high risk, which are only available in the two referral hospitals of Nyangabgwe and Princess Marina Hospitals and are shared by all institutions offering midwifery training. This

resulted in reducing the number of institutions offering midwifery training to four institutions, the IHS in Francistown, Gaborone, Bamalete Lutheran School of Nursing and Kanye SDA College of Nursing. It is against this background that the ministry does not intend to restart midwifery training in Molepolole due to those factors.

- (b) Ophthalmic Nursing Programme training halted in 2015 due to critical shortage of staff as the programme is highly specialised in the area of ophthalmology. Currently, there are three lecturers developed at Masters' level and the programme has been undergoing curriculum review and upgrading in line with the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) and the National Credit and Qualification Framework (NCQF). The ministry is anticipating initiating ophthalmic nursing programme in 2023/2024 academic year as the curriculum is in the final stage of approval by professional regulatory bodies for endorsement before submission to BQA.
- (c) The Family Planning Welfare educators, which I thought you meant Honourable Member, was offered by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and was phased out. In order to optimally utilise the buildings at IHS Molepolole, the ministry is working on increasing intake of the General Nursing Programme and reinstate offering the Ophthalmic Nursing and Community Health Nursing Programmes. The institution was also affected by the COVID-19 pandemic which required social distancing, hence reduction in intakes. These measures are expected to achieve 75 per cent utilisation by 2023/2024 academic year.
 - (ii) Mr Speaker, the ministry is working towards rationalisation of programmes across the IHS and the move is expected to facilitate full utilisation of the IHS Molepolole facility. I thank you Mr Speaker and I thank you Honourable Member.

MR REGOENG: *Supplementary.* Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga *Minister* ka karabo eo. Ke tshwanetse gore ke tthamalale ke re ga e a nkgotsofatsa rraetsho ka mabaka a gore ga le ka ke la ya go kgaola *training ya midwifery*, fa kwa dipateleng tsa Molepolole le *clinics* tsa kwa Molepolole le tsa Shoshong, go na le *shortage* e e kwa godimo ya baoki. Ke sone se e sa nkgotsofatseng ka sone.



Sa bobedi, sekole se se sa le se agiwa 10 *years ago or more*, ke na le tumelo ya gore go tshwanetswe go go batlilwe batho ba ba yang go bereka koo, ba ruta *as instructors* kana *lecturers*, mme fa e le gore re santse re tlhabela ka batho ba ba ka rutang, ke selo se se tlhabisang ditlhong gore tota e rile fa se ya go agiwa, madi a a kana a a dirisitsweng mo teng, ke eng a ne a sa dirisiwe pele *to train* batho ba ba ka yang go tsena kwa go yone e e tshwanang le yone e e ntseng jalo?

Ya bofelo *Minister* ke gore, ke ne ke rile o tlhalose gore fa e le gore *there is any plan in the near future* ya gore sekole sele se ye go dirisiwa, o tlhalose gore leng. E se ka ya nna fela gore go tlaa dirwa jalo ka gore kgang e ya go tlaa dirwa jalo, re tswa kgakala re ntse re bua ka yone. O tlhalose gore tota wa re o raya *programme* e simolola nako mang, ngwaga mang? *So that* batho ba Molepolole ba tle ba itse gore sekole se se kwa sele, ga se ye go nna boiphitlhelo jwa ba ba senyang, mme se ya go dirisiwa go solegela lefatsho mosola.

Sa bofelo rra, jaanong ka ke fa *it is just a white elephant, maintenance* wa sekole sele kana wa *facility* ele, a o a itse gore ke bokae, e bile la bofelo o e dira ke leng? Gompiano jaana go nna ditonki, dipodi, bommamantshwane ba iphitlha moo. Ke a leboga.

MR LESASO: *Thank you Honourable Member. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke tlhalose gore ke ne ke re *training* ya *midwives* e tlaa simolola ka 2023/2024, *as part of rationalisation and restructuring* e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone. Ke tlhalose gore bo *midwife* ba, ga se gore go ntse go sa dirwe *training*, mathata ke gore o a itse gore *most of our nurses* ba re neng re ntse na le bone, ba ileng kwa mafatsheng a sele, ba ba neng ba tlogela. Jaanong mathata a a neng a diragala ke gore, re ne ra tlhoka bone batho ba ba ba rutuntshang, gore re kgone gore re ba oketse ka palo e re neng re ba tlhoka mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Ya *maintenance* ke *challenge* e re nang le yone *Honourable Member*, e re ...*(Interruptions)*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...*(Inaudible)*...
Regoeng?

MR LESASO: Rra?

MR SPEAKER: ...*(Inaudible)*... o arabe.

MR REGOENG: *Ke reeditse* Honourable Member.

MR LESASO: Ee, ga ke itse gore yo o akgelang yo ka o paletswa ke go go araba, ene a reng.

Ke bua ka *maintenance* Honourable Regoeng gore, ke one mathata a re buang ka one a madi. *We are trying to find means and ways* tsa go bona madi, gore re baakanye *buildings* tse di nne mo seemong se di ka dirisiwang. Re go utlwile ka ngongorego le matshwenyego a gago, re tle re tseye dikgato tsa gore re se baakanye. Ke a leboga.

MR REGOENG: *Further supplementary.* Ke ne ke go boditse potso ya gore, a sekole se fa se agiwa ka madi a mantsi a go agilweng ka one *Honourable Minister*, go ne go ntse go sena *plan* e e lebeleletsweng pele gore re ya go tlhoka batho ba ba ka tsamaisang sekole se? Fa e le gore ba ne ba ise ba nne teng, *plan* e e ne ya dirwa jang, madi a sa tsewe ga ya go rutiwa batho bao pele fa se agiwa?

MR LESASO: Ke tlhalose *Honourable* Regoeng ke re, sekole se fa se agiwa jaaka ke ne ke bua gore di agilwe di le dintsi la ntlha, go ne go na le Francistown, Serowe, Gaborone, Lobatse, Molepolole le *two mission institutions* tse di neng di le teng. Fa se agiwa tshimologong ya teng e ne e le gore *they will be offering those courses*, mme go fitlhetswe e le gore bontsi jwa tsone *offer the same thing*, go bo go raya gore barutabana ba a tlhabela ba ba ka di rutang. Fa gotwe *rationalisation* go raya gore sa Molepolole se ntshiwa *from the list which offers courses* tse. Go raya gore se bo se sala se eme, *problem* e bo e nna gore *to continue other courses*, go tlhabela *lecturers* gore se tsewedise. *Provision of lecturers* e ne e le teng, *but eventually* go bo go nna le *shortage* jaaka di ne di le dintsi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to state:

- (i) the number of people who have benefitted from the following Government schemes/programmes since April 2020;
 - (a) Presidential Housing Appeal;
 - (b) Poverty Eradication Programme;
- (ii) which scheme/programme has been suspended, when it was suspended and for how long; and
- (iii) if any of the schemes/programmes have been upgraded and rolled out to cushion the poor and unemployed against the impact of COVID-19.

...*Silence*...



MR LESEDI: *Dumilani* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke supe gore potso e ya boraro, *Minister* o nkopile ka ditsela tsotlhe gore o tlaa e araba *next week*.

Later Date.

**BOILER AT MMADINARE SENIOR
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Basic Education if he is aware that there is a boiler at Mmadinare Senior Secondary School which has been there since construction but has never worked; if so, to state:

- (i) reasons why the problem has not been attended to; and
- (ii) if there is any interim plan to provide students with warm water now and during winter time.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MS MAKWINJA): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you *motlotlegi*. Mr Speaker, my ministry is aware that there is a boiler at Mmadinare Senior Secondary School, which has not been functional for a long time. The boiler is part of the mechanical installations provided with a solar heating system for the kitchen, girls and boys hostels in our schools. The solar system at the school has only functioned for a period of less than two years since commissioning.

The solar heating systems has been bedeviled by problems including issues arising from dissolved salts in the water and vandalism. This has been exacerbated by lack of planned maintenance programme.

- (i) Mr Speaker my ministry has not been able to refurbish all of the Solar Systems installed in our schools, including that of Mmadinare Senior Secondary School, due to the prohibitive cost of the repairs and replacement of vandalised solar components.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the school currently heats water for the students in the winter months using firewood which as we all know is really not sustainable nor efficient.

Mr Speaker, my ministry is currently piloting a redesign of an existing solar system, to see if it can be more resilient and cost effective for Government. My ministry is also looking into alternative designs of heating systems which could possibly see a move away from

centralised heating systems in schools in preference for stand-alone units, that have been found to work much better than centralised units.

My ministry will attend to schools on a case by case basis, depending on the extent of the damage and the intervention best suited to ameliorate the situation. Mmadinare Senior Secondary School will also be attended to during this period of 2022/2023 financial year about to set in. I thank you.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, go lebega mathata a gago a le mantsi thata. Ke ipotsa gore o tlaa goroga leng gore o kgone go thusa sekole sa Mmadinare, ka gore re raletse COVID-19, bana ba sekole sa teng ba sena metsi a a bothitho, *hygiene conditions* di le bosula jalo, ka gore fa go sena metsi a a bothitho bana ga ba kgone go tlhapa. Wa re o ya go dira leng ka bofefo jo bo rileng, ka gore mariga ke a a tsene?

Mr Speaker, e bile *Minister* o bua gore ke bone ba ba rotloetsang go rwalela dikgong mo go ediwang Batswana mo kgaolong ya rona, ba sa di reke mo go ba ba di rekisang. A mme o bona go siame gore Puso ya bone e bo e kganela batho go rwalela dikgong, mme bone ba rwalela dikgong ba ya go gotsa kwa sekoleng sa Mmadinare? *That is number two.*

Number three, kana sekole sele sa Mmadinare *Minister*, se na le *hostels or beds* di le 500, 250 *for girls and 250 for boys*, tse e leng gore *since* sekole se bulwa kgotsa se agiwa, *they have never been occupied*. Potso ya me ke gore, fa e le gore le santse le palelwa ke bothithonyana jwa ba ba leng teng, 500 o o santseng a setse, le ya go mo kgona jang? Le gore *these hostels* di ya go tsena batho leng? Ke yone *the white elephant* e e ntseng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Regoeng, e *hostels* di saleng di nna teng, di robala ditonki, dinku, le bommamanthwane jaaka go buiwa. Wena *Minister*, maikaelelo a lona ke eng, ke yone *corruption* ya gore dilo di a dirwa, madi fa a tserwe fa le setse le tsere *cuts*, go tswa foo ga le dirise *resources* tsa ga Goromente sentle? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nkawana *my brother*, le wena o setse o tsenwe ke mowa o?

MS MAKWINJA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ya *cuts* ga ke e itse ntate, mme se ke ka se go bolelelang *Mr Speaker* ke gore tota mathata a Rre Nkawana a a buang, ke mathata a mo dikoleng tsotlhe. *Hygiene is compromised*, ga se seemo se re le ba *ministry* re se rotloetsang. Le rona dipelo tsa rona di botlhoko thata,



ka gore bana ba ke ba rona. Mo marigeng jaaka a tla jaana, ke tsona ditshotlego tse re leakang ka bojotle re le *ministry*. Re leka go bona gore a go ka nna le metlhale e mengwe gore re tsenye *standalone units* gore bana ba se ka ba nna mo tshotlegong e ba mo go yone. Ga se Mmadinare fela, dikole tsa rona go na le mathata. Re tshwanetse ra se ka ra a fitlha. Re a solofela gore re tlaa nna re batla metlhale e. Gongwe e ka re mariga a ise a tsene, ra dira sengwe fa e le gore go ka kgonega. Ke dilo tse di re tshwenyang fela thata.

E nngwe ya gore re na le *hostels* tse di sa nneng bana gore re tlile go dira jang ka tsona; *we hope to add classrooms* kwa Mmadinare Senior Secondary School. *Hostels* tse di dirisiwe *so that* re fenye seemo se. Gompieno jaaka o bua, o kare ke *white elephants*. Ke sone se re leakang go se dira. Re a e itse *problem* e, re ntse re e tšhotlhatšhotlha, mme go tlaa direga motlotlegi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, o itse gore ke na le go tsietsaga fa gongwe fa le araba dipotso because you seem to be not sure* gore le tlaa dira eng mme *it looks like you have known* gore go na le diemo tse mo dikoleng. *You are not coming out clear* gore tota tota la re le ya go dira eng? Karabo e o e fang labofelo *Minister* jaaka o re go buiwa ka *extra hostels* tse di senang ope, le akanya go aga *classrooms, that does not make the answer clear as to what really transpired* gore di nne *unoccupied*. Ga ke tlhaloganye gore *what is the difference* *Minister*. A ko o nne *clear and give us timelines as to when you are going to be looking at this issue? It is across the country* mo dikoleng jaaka o bua. Letlhoko le teng mo dikoleng, *when do you intend to try ... (Inaudible) ... for all? Thank you Honourable Minister.*

MS MAKWINJA: Ke a go leboga motlotlegi. Ke a go utlwa gore wa reng ntate. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore ga re na madi. Ke sone se ke reng *we are hoping* ka gore *we are banking on* NDP 12, e e tlaa simololang ka 2023/2024. Ke dingwe tse re di lebileng gore re ka di tsenya mo teng. Ke sone se ke reng *in terms of expansion*, go na le tse e leng gore *they are clear*, di mo *plan*. *We are doing those expansions this year, but others depending* mo letlhokong le *priority* ya teng, re tlile go tsenya mo NDP 12. Ga ke ka ke ka go raya ka re e tsene ka gore ke dilo tse re santseng re dira *plan* le *strategy* sa teng in view of the coming NDP 12.

STATUS OF MEDICINES IN HEALTH FACILITIES

MR D. TSHERE (MAHALAPYE WEST): asked the Minister of Health and Wellness to apprise this Honourable House on status of medicines (drugs), reagents and sundries in our health facilities and further explain the following:

- (i) what are the required stock levels (both maximum and minimum) at Central Medical Stores (CMS);
- (ii) what is the availability of essential and vital medicines as a percentage of demand;
- (iii) which medicines, reagents, and sundries are mostly affected;
- (iv) what could be the long term effect of this lapse in the supply chain;
- (v) what is the short term plan and long term plan aimed at addressing this problem;
- (vi) what is the ministry going to do differently to make sure this does not happen again;
- (vii) what is the ministry's position in relation to abuse or misuse of medicines (drugs);
- (viii) what is the ministry's position in relation to the use of non-medicinal interventions in disease treatment and prevention;
- (ix) staff compliment at CMS and explain if it is sufficient to carry out the needful for drug availability.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITSWE): *Thank you so much Mr Speaker and good afternoon.* Rre Tshere, ke go dumedise Modulasetilo wa Komiti ya Botsogo. *Mr Speaker, potso e e telele fela thata, I will summarise. Mr Speaker, the current status sa availability ya melemo kwa Central Medical Stores (CMS) stands at 40 per cent, reagents 51 per cent; sundries mo the hospital supplies are standing at 47 per cent. This gives a total average ya 46 per cent availability.*

- (i) *Mr Speaker, the maximum and minimum stock levels are established in the shelf's life of the product and the average delivery times. For most of the products, the maximum stock levels are six months and the minimum is three months. Antiretroviral (ARVs) the maximum stock levels is eight months and the minimum is six months. Go na le products with a short shelf life, mo go tshwanang*



le *reagents* jaana, tse di senyegegang ka bonako mo sebakeng se se kwa tlase ga ngwaga. Tseo re di romela *straight* kwa di dirisiwang teng re sa di beye mo CMS ka gore di senyega ka bofelo.

- (ii) *Currently availability* ya *vital drugs* e tlhokafala tota. *It is 38 per cent and essential medicines* tse di tlhokafalang mme e seng go tshwana le *vital drugs* are 35 per cent.
- (iii) *Mr Speaker, medicines for treatment of asthma and other Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension, diabetes and cancer drugs, are mostly affected.*
- (iv) Batho fa ba tlodisa melemo, ba sa e tseye, re a itse gore go ama ka fa kalafi ya bone e tswang ka teng. Ke gone mo re reng fa melemo e, e seyo, *condition* ya bone *can deteriorate* kana ra felela re latlhegelwa ke matshelo fa bolwetse bo sa laolwe.
- (v) *Procurement plan; go leka go fokotsa shortage* e ya melemo e, ke supe gore *six months' waiver* re ne ra e fiwa ke ba theko ya melemo, mo gotweng Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPDAB) gore re tswelele re reka melemo e. Gore re iphithole re le fa, dikonteraka tse re ntseng re na le tsone tsa CMS *expired* ka nako e re neng re tsena mo COVID. Re ne ra kopa *waiver* go okeletsa dikonteraka tsa batho ba ba ntseng ba re fa melemo. Ke gone mo re filweng *six months* e e leng gore *large products* di a goroga kwa CMS. *Already* melemo *that we ordered* e a goroga. *Another waiver was approved last week and orders* di simolotse gore go rekwe melemo e mengwe go ya kwa pele. District Health Management Teams (DHMTs) *have been sub-warranted*, re di file madi gore ba dire *micro-procurement*. Ba reke *in the private sector at their respective localities* gore ba thuse fa re itseng gore ga go a lekana *Mr Speaker*. Re supe gore *submission of approval* ya *procurement, for other nine months, stock waivers* le yone re e lebeletse jaaka re bua le lona jaana. Go tsholetsa seemo sa *shortage* ya melemo, re emetse *tenders to be floated* ka kgwedi ya *March*. Tse di telele di tsaya *three to four years* jalo, re na le *a supply contract and a framework contract*. *In order to address challenges* tse mokaulengwe a di supileng *Mr Speaker*, Goromente o tswelsetse ka *to engage the pharmaceutical companies* go bona gore a ba ka se ke ba re tshuse go tlisa *manufacturing* mo lefatsheng le la rona.

- (vi) *In order to address challenges of medicine on common chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and cancer, the Ministry of Health and Wellness is increasing sites for dispensing medicines for chronic medication.* Re oketsa mo *sites* tse re ntseng re na natso kwa Nyangabgwe le Gaborone, tse balwetse ba tlaabong ba bonwa ke bongaka ba ga Goromente, ba bo ba ya kwa *private pharmacy* go itseela melemo gone ka koo *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, di 3 tsa ga *February* re ne re oketsa kwa Molepolole. *Programme* e a gola; Mahalapye, Serowe, Palapye, Selebi Phikwe and Maun e ya go simolola ka di 30 tsa ga *April*. *We will be enrolling* gore batsadi ba rona ba ba tlileng go bona bongaka ba ye go tsaya melemo kwa *pharmacies* tse di ikemetseng. Le rona go tlaa re fokoletsa ...*(Inaudible)*...

- (vii) *Mr Speaker, Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) ke yone gatekeeper* ya gore a melemo e e tsenang mo lefatsheng la rona e sireletsegile, ke e e ka dirisiwang mo bathong le mo diphologolong tse di fitlhelwang mo lefatsheng la rona mme di sa kgotlele botsogo jwa motho le jwa diphologolo. Ba tswelsetse ba dira *public education and programmes as a way of strengthening awareness of the negative effects of medicine abuse and misuse*. *My ministry* le one o tswelsetse through *Health Promotion Division* go nna ba dira *public education on safe use of medicines*.
- (viii) *My ministry has made a deliberate effort to lean more towards preventative approach to health and wellness. This refers to lifestyle changes comprising diet modification, exercise, regular check-ups for early detection of diseases.* Re rotloetsa batho gore ba fetole ka fa ba tshelang ka teng, ba nne ba tla ba itlhatlhuba nako le nako *Mr Speaker*.

We are busy availing equipped testing centres, trained human resource, recreational parks, timely interventions and feedback to customers. Tse ke tse re tswelsetse re ntse re di dira.

- (ix) *Mr Speaker, CMS e na le 61 officers* ba ba farologanyeng ka maemo; *Acting Director, Manager, Procurement unit has 22 officers, Logistics Management Unit has 13 officers, Quality Assurance Unit has six officers, Contract Management Unit has two officers and Information Technology has four officers.*



Mme e bile ka yone *the National Reset Agenda*, re tswelitse *Mr Speaker* ka go leka go dirisa maranyane gore le one ...*(Inaudible)*... *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Gape ke tlhalose gore kana potso e ne e tsene e le *Minister's Question, unfortunately* e ne ya felela e tsena e le *a normal question*, jaanong re ka bo re na le nako ya go e bua.

Mr Speaker, mma ke lemotshe Tona gore ke dumela gore o tllile go dumalana le nna gore dipalo tse o ntseng o di fa Palamente gone jaana tse di supang gore melemo e tsamaya fa kae di tlhabisa ditlhong ka gore *vital medicines and essential medicines, we are talking* gore re ka bo re bua re le kwa go bo 80 or 90 per cent availability. Gompiano re bua 35 per cent, 38 per cent. Tona, a golo mo o bona e le sengwe se go ka tweng *Ministry of Health* o eme ka dinao?

...**Silence**...

MR TSHERE: *So*, fa e le gore kwa *Ministry* koo ga gona ope yo o kgonang go tlhaloganya gore o tshwanetse a botse eng kana a rabiwe jang le sa tlhaloganye gore go diragala eng, *then* go raya gore ba ya go le lebelela fela e nna o kare o a bina fela foo *Minister*, go sena sepe se se diragalang. *How do you let* gore availability of *vital medicines* e goroge below 50 per cent and you do not bring that to the attention of Parliament gore e go thuse? *How is that possible?* *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhabilwe ke ditlhong thata. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go a pala ka bo Lelatisitswe.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker*. Ke supe jaana gore *we have addressed* Palamente maloba ka seemo sa melemo gore se ntse jang le maneneo a re a beileng pele. Kana *percentage* e re e buang ke *availability* ya rona at CMS. Dikgwetlho tsotlhe tse di re beileng fa re leng teng, ke tseela jalo gore ke tse re di buileng mo Ntlong e. *We have plans* tse re di beileng pele gore fa melemo e seyo, re neetse DHMTs gore di ithekele melemo. Ke dingwe tse re neng re supa jalo. Ke supe jalo jaaka mokaulengwe a bua gore ke seemo se se tlhobaetsang thata gore re bo re le mo seemong sa melemo e e kalo. Golo mo tota go dirwa ke gore rona re le lefatshe, *we are not manufacturing*. COVID e ne e tswetswe *the manufacturing plants* lefatshe le lotlhe. Gompiano re iphitlhela e le gore *we are now are the receiving end*. Rona fa re leng jaanong

mafatshe a santse a ikgotsofatsa pele koo ka *demands and COVID multiplied our monthly demand by six times*. Fa e le gore re ntse re dirisa *paracetamols 60 per day, it doubled*. Ke sone se re iphitlhelang re le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana.

Jaaka ke setse ke buile *Mr Speaker*, re eme ka dinao go leka go baakanya seemo ka tsotlhe tse re ka di kgonang.

LOCAL TOURISM

MR S. N. MOABI (TATI WEST): asked the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism:

- (i) what strategies have been put in place to attract local tourists in order to boost local tourism;
- (ii) what capacity building and skills development programmes exist for capacitating the districts and Local Government officials about tourism strategies; and
- (iii) whether her ministry has mechanisms in place to reach rural areas for the purpose of involving rural communities in the tourism space; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details.

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND TOURISM (MR MODUKANELE): Thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Moabi for the question and good afternoon Members of this House. Mr Speaker, the answer is a bit long but I will run through it *ka bonako*

- (i) Mr Speaker, my ministry recognises the importance of the local market in boosting domestic tourism. The resurgence of the tourism industry has to this end been a result of concerted efforts of my ministry through Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) and the private sector through the Tourism Associations as well as tour operators. The private sector being hosts of tourists in the various establishments, and resultantly being the ones that sell packages. Facilitation has therefore been done to ensure that the private sector is able to sell packages and host guests.

The following are high level strategies that are being employed by my ministry in order to boost local tourism:

- (a) Destination promotion for various destinations continues to be done through Botswana Television as well as online and social media targeting the local market.



- (b) During COVID-19 travel restrictions, special dispensation in the form of special holiday permits was implemented. This was to cushion local operators against the pandemic's economic impact.
- (c) BTO invites industry players through public media to register various local tourism packages for publishing in the annual Sales Guide and Packages brochure. Packages included in the brochure are discounted to attract the local market to travel the country. It must be noted though Mr Speaker that the industry is encouraged to extend reduced rates to the local market and this is done eventually at the discretion of the operator based on their operational costs.
- (d) Mr Speaker, travel by the local market is further stimulated through events. To this end, my ministry through BTO has therefore partnered with local events promoters for the publishing of a local calendar of events which will facilitate ease of planning by the local market to various events for the year 2022. For instance, the recent FNB Kazungula Bridge Marathon is one event that my ministry supported and we observed spillover economic benefit to the Chobe...

...Silence...

MR MODUKANELE: ...Physical Planning Unit, District Economic Diversification Committee in the full council. This is with the aim to;

- (1) Share information and provide progress updates of tourism development strategies and initiatives across the districts.
- (2) Participate in Youth Development Fund workshops to educate and raise awareness on opportunities that exist through Tourism Product Diversification investment initiatives, such as Dams Tourism which is implemented at different major dams within the country.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, my ministry through BTO develops and implements joint venture Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) projects across the country as part of local economic development and conservation through tourism development. My ministry has made a deliberate and strategic decision to reserve tourism zones/sites at Letsibogo, Thune and Shashe Dams for the

already existing Community Based Organisations (CBOs) located near the respective dams as part of ensuring that these communities benefit from the Dams Tourism initiative.

Furthermore, workshops were conducted for Mmadinare Development Trust, MOLEMA Community Trust and Mmandunyane Development Trust respectively in 2021. These workshops were aimed at capacitating the local communities on the tourism investment in the dams, as well as the possible investment models that can be adopted for the disposal of their tourism sites.

Mr Speaker, let me end by sharing that in the new financial year 2022/23, my ministry through BTO will initiate capacity building workshops for communities as part of the implementation of the Botswana Eco-Tourism certification standards and the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) standards, which will assist the communities to better manage their respective community projects. I thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Members.

MR MOABI: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a go leboga Tona ka karabo ya gago. Le fa e le bophara, o e arabile, mme ga ke a utlwa gope o umaka tsa kgaolo ya me tse ke neng ke eleditse gore o ka di araba. Ke utlwile o umaka ka matamo a e leng gore gongwe go dirwa dam tourism o supile Shashe, Letsibogo le a mangwe. Ke ne ke ikaletse gore jaaka potso e e tla ka Mopalamente wa Tati West, o tllile go e araba o lebagane le tse dingwe tse di amang kgaolo ya me. Ke na le Ntimbale, ke ne ke solofetse gore e tlaare o araba o ame dam tourism ya kwa Ntimbale, gore mme golo gongwe re tlaa bona le yone kamoso, jaaka o ne o supa fa bo Letsibogo ba simolotse, ke ne ke solofetse gore le yone o tlaa e ama. Mme ga o a e ama. Tona, mo kgaolong ya me re dikgaolo dingwe tse di nang le matlotlo a tlhologo, le lodges, guest houses di teng mo dikgaolong tsa rona. Fa o ka lebelela re santse re emelela gone fa re ya Francistown re ya go tsaya licences. Motho yo o kwa Nata le Tutume, o santse a letela licence ya guest house kana lodge kwa Francistown. Re ya go bona leng Tona lephata la gago le anama ka lefatshe le tsamaya le dira diofisi fa go tshwanetseng teng? Ke go fa sekai, fa ke bua ka North East District, we are not a sub district, we are a fully-fledged district, mme re santse re bona dilo ka bontsi tse di tswang mo lephateng la gago re di isa Francistown. Ga o bone e le nako ya gore gongwe kwa Masunga kwa North East District le*



ye go isa ofisi ya lona ya *tourism* teng? Dikgaolo tse di tshwanang Tutume, Nata, ka gore di gautshwane le Masunga di bo di ka tsaya *licence* kwa Masunga. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MODUKANELE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go leboge fela thata *Honourable Member for Tati West, Rre Moabi*. Potso ya ntlha ya Ntimbale, tsholofelo ya me ke gore, o kare letsatsi lengwe e bo e le nngwe ya matamo a e leng gore *will benefit from the initiatives* tse di tshwanang tse. Kana wena le nna ke tsaya gore *on many things, we share the similar issues*, tsholofelo ya me ke gore matamo a tswana bo Lotsane, Ntimbale, e tlaare fa dilo di ntse di ya kwa pele le tsone *initiatives* tse di tshwanang tse di felele di a ama. Ke a itse thata gore go na le dikgang tsa *lot of historical sites in your constituency* tse e leng gore *could benefit from tourism initiatives*. Tla ke supe ya bofelo e o neng o e bua ya *issues* tsa *licensing*, motho o ka solofela *gore going forward*, e tlaare re ntse re isa ditlamelo kwa bathong, kana *if we talk of decentralisation in all our encompassing sites*, kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi tsholofelo ke gore, gone kwa mafelong a a tshwanang a o sa tswang go a bua *Honourable Member*, bo Lerala, dilo tse dingwe di bo di sa tlhole di latelwa kwa bo Palapye kana Francistown. Batho ba bo ba bona thuso gongwe kwa mafelong a tswana Masunga, bo Tutume, jaaka o bua. Kana jaaka ke e tle ke bue, dilo tse dingwe tota *is not an event, it is a process*, re tlaa goroga koo *in the fullness of time*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

ASSEMBLY IN COMMITTEE

(CHAIRPERSON in the Chair)

APPROPRIATION (2022/2023) BILL, 2022 (NO. 2 OF 2022)

ORGANISATION 0600 - MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION

(Resumed Debate)

MR CHAIRPERSON (MR SKELEMANI): Order! Order! Honourable Members, when the House adjourned *re ya go batla borakanelo*, Honourable Hikuama was on the floor, and he was just going to start.

MR HIKUAMA (NGAMI): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke re ke tsewelele le nna ke akgele mo ikopelong ya ga Tona wa Thuto. Ke simolole ka go supa gore, kana baitseanape ba thuto ba supa gore thuto *is one of the best*

equaliser. Ke gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng ba raya gore e kgona go fetsa dipharologanyo fa gare ga batho, e kgona go dirisiwa go ka lwantsha lehuma, *to create* ditiro. Ke gore *it is a basis for job creation and elimination of poverty*. Ga o ka ntetlelela *to quote Mr Chairperson Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it states that, "Everyone has the right to education and that education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms."* Se se supa gore thuto ke tshwanelo ya setho, e bile e setse e bonwe ke ba lekgotla la ditšhaba gore ke tshwanelo ya setho. Ka jalo, ke sone se United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. (UNESCO) e supang gore ga e a tshwanela go rekisiwa kana e duelelwe. Kana Puso e kgethise kana e duedise batho go anywa thuto mo lefatsheng la bone. Se ke batlang go se bua ke gore, ga ke eletse gore mo lefatsheng la Botswana re tshwanetse ra dira gore thuto e duelelwe. Ke sone se re leng UDC re dumelang gore thuto *must be free and compulsory*, gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone go e akola *and access it*.

Fa mongwe le mongwe a na le tshwanelo mo thutong, a bo o tlisa dilo tsa gore e duelelwe, go raya gore bontsi jwa batho ba ya go tlhalelwa ke thuto. Thuto e botlhokwa thata mo matshelong a rona e bile e tshwanetse gore e akolwe ke mongwe le mongwe jaaka ke setse ke buile, a bo e nna ya boleng jo bo kwa godimo. Boleng jo bo kwa godimo re bo kala ka eng? Boleng jo bo kwa godimo mo thutong ga re bo kale ka gore wena yo e ntshang a bo o bua gore ke ntsha thuto ya maemo a a kwa godimo. E tshwanetse gore e bonwe ka ene yo o e akolang; dialogane di supagale gore fa di sena go anywa thuto e di e anywang e, ba kgona go itepatepanya le matshele kana dikgwetlho tsa botshelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ba kgona go itirela ditiro ka tsela e e ntseng jang *and polished* sentle. Thuto e tshwanetse ya betla motho gore a kgone go itepatepanya le botshelo, a ipoloke, a itshetse sentle le go lwantsha malwetse jalojalo.

Jaanong re ka dira jang re le lefatsheng ka madi a re a filweng a? Rona re buile gore thuto gore e akolwe ke mongwe le mongwe sentle ke gore a *connectivity* kwa dikoleng di dirwe gore go atolosa thuto ka maranyane go akolwe ke mongwe le mongwe, le ke yo o kwa kgaolong tota. Jaanong o ya go fitlhela e le gore re saletse kwa morago mo go gokeleng dikole. Ga ke itse gore *tablets* tse di buiwang gore di ya go abiwa, di tshwanetse gore di abiwe mme di fitlhele dikole di le mo seemong sa go ka dirisa maranyane ka gore fa di sa gokelwa sentle mo mafaratlhatlheng a maranyane, thuto e ya maranyane e tlaabo e le letsapa la lefela mo dikgaolong ka bontsi.



Ke leboge gore re setse re dumalana re le boeteledipele jwa lefatshe la Botswana. Re leboge COVID-19 gore e kgonne go bula ba *party* e e busang matlho. E ba lemositse dilo tse di botlhokwa tse ba neng ba re gongwe ga di ka ke tsa kgona go diragala. Gompiano ba a dumela gore di ka dirwa jaaka go fokotsa *class* go e neela palo e e lekaneng, morutabana a lebagana le palo e e lebaganeng le *to provide tablets*. Re setse re dumalana, jaanong ke kgang ya gore re fefose tema e gore batho ba tle ba kgone go akola.

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng ra se dira gore bana ba rona ba se ka ba kgoreletsega fa ba anya thuto ke *provision of sanitary pads*. Jaaka re bua re le ba UDC, ra re kana *period* ke selo se se *natural* mme se a kgoreletsa. Se kgoreletsa bana ba basetsana, se kgoreletsa le madi a o neng o ka a dirisa mo dilong di sele go tokafatsa matshelo a gago jaanong a ya gone koo. Jaanong ra re a go simololwe re akanye gore *sanitary pads* re ya go di aba mo dikoleng, e nne tshwetso e re e tsayang re le Lephata le la Thuto.

Nako ka ke e e ya siana *Mr Chairperson*, sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se baya leitlho re le ba Lephata la Thuto ke *satellite schools*. *Satellite schools* ka fa di latlheletsweng ka teng kana ka fa di dirwang ka teng e kete go a ikgololwa. Ga di dirwe gore di tle di akolwe ke ba ba di direlwang. Di a dirwa, ga di nne le *classrooms*, le barutabana ba ba isiwang koo ke ba ba sa hirweng ka *permanent and pensionable*, ke ma-*temporary* e bile ga ba nne le maroko. Seemo se se tshwanetse gore se baakannngwe.

Se sengwe se motho a ka se akgelang gone mo Lephatheng le la Thuto, go ne go buiwa go simolola ka 2020 gotwe 2021 re tlaa simolodisa go ruta dipuo tse di farologaneng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Le gompiano jaana ga go a supafala le on *budget* ya ga Tona gore ba dira eng ka yone, ba hirile barutabana ba ba kae, ba ya go dira eng go netefatsa gore diteme tse gotweng di a simolodisiwa ngwaga one o tse 13 jaaka re setse re boleletswe, di ya go rutwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, a barutabana ba bonetse, *budget* ya bone ke bokae?

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng ra se lebelela Modulasetilo ke *Special Education*. *Special Education* ga re e tseye ka tlhoafalo mme bontsi jwa bana ba latlhegelwa ke thuto gone fa ka gore ga re netefatse gore didirisiwa tse di tlhokwang ke banalebogole le ba ba ithutang ka thata kwa dikoleng, di dirwe gore di nne *compatible*

with their needs. Selo se re tshwanetse re se beye leitlho Tona, re bone gore ga re neele *Special Education Units* a bo re sa di *equip*, le dikole tse di filweng yone e gore di rute dilo tse, a bo di sa thusiwe ka sepe.

Kgang e nngwe ya bofelo e motho a tshwanetseng a e ame ke ya *maintenance of schools*. Dikole tsa rona di setse di fetogile makgasa mo di tlhokang, jaaka ke setse ke go utlwile o umaka gore go nne le *a vigorous programme* ya go netefatsa gore dikompone tse di fiwang go baakanya dikole, di baakanya ka nako gore re sireletse dikole tse ka gore e kete di ne di fetoga go nna matlotla. Gape re ka e amanya le boroko jwa barutabana. Barutabana ba tshwanetse gore ba agelwe boroko jo bo ka ba kgontshang gore ba dire tiro ya bone ba phuthulogile, e bile ba sena dikgoreletsi tse di ba dirang gore ba ye kwa tironng ba sa itumela.

Se sengwe se re ka se buang Modulasetilo, ke dituelo tse di kwa tlase thata tsa barutabana. Fa e le gore *we want to transform our economy from resource-based to knowledge-based*, re tshwanetse ra dira thuto gore e gogele bontsi jwa batho, e nne se e leng gore batho fa ba tsene mo go yone ba a itumela, le dituelo tsa bone di supe gore *that is the route that we want to take*. Re duele barutabana sentle.

MR MOSWAANE: *Clarification*. A o itse gore bana ba batho ba ba sa berekeng mo nakong ya gompiano, diketekete ga ba mo sekoleng ka gore ba kolota *school fees* go tswa kwa go *Form 3*, jaanong Bagokgo ba batla madi a Parent Teachers Association (PTA) le *school fees*, *release letters* di a pala gore bana ba ye kwa go *Form 4*? A selo se se tsamaisana le ka fa rona re ikemiseditseng ka teng re le UDC? *Thank you*.

MR HIKUAMA: E seng UDC fela, ga se tsamaisane le lone lekgotla la mafatshefatshe la gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse gore a akole thuto e bile a se ka a kgorelediwa mo thutong. Le Tona o tshwanetse a diragatse ka gore ba kile ba solofetsa botsadi gore ga gona ngwana ope yo o ka kobiwang ka gore botsadi ga bo a duela. A ba diragatse *policy* eo, ba sekise ba ba sa duelang jaaka ba ne ba solofeditse.

Se se tshwanetseng gore re se gatelele Modulasetilo, ke botlhokatebe mo dikoleng. Botlhokatebe mo dikoleng bo ya kwa godimo, bo ya magoletsa mo bo setseng bo kgoreletsa le bone barutabana go ruta, le tsone dithuto gore di tsene mo go ba bangwe sentle. Dikgang tse di tshwanetse gore re di emele ka dinao, re batle metlhale ya go bona gore re ka di lwantsha jang. E dirwa ke gore



gantsi *deployment of schools managers* ga e dirwe go lebelelwa bokgoni. Ga ke itse gore go lebelelwa eng. Kgantele batho ba palelwa le ke gone go tsamaisa dikole, a bo go raya gore dikole di a gagoga, bana ba setse ba itirelela, le melao e e leng gore ga e eme nokeng *a conducive learning environment*. Dilo tse Tona re tshwanetse gore re di beye leitlho, re netefatse gore re a di tokafatsa.

Ya bofelo e ke batlang go bua ka yone ke ya ETSSP, jaaka dikole tsa kwa Maun, tsa bo Moeng, *programmes that equip skills* mo bathong re tshwanetse ra di tlhoafalela. E se ka ya nnela go nna *pilots projects for long. It has to be pilot projects and rolled out to other districts and schools so that* bana ba Botswana ka bophara, ba akole dilo tse. Re dira se re se batlang, re betla dialogane tse di tlaa itshetsang, tse di tlaa kgonang go re direla ditiro le go kgonang go itepatepanya le matshelo a segompiano.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Hikuama. Thank you very much.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MR LESASO): *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Ke go leboge gore o bo o mphile nako e gore ke akgele mo puong ya ga Tona jaaka a ne a bega madi a ngwaga ono a a tlaa dirisang go tlhabolola thuto mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke simolole ka go mo lebogela ditiro tse o neng a re di solofetsa, tse a tsweletseng a di dira mo kgaolong ya rona ya Shoshong pele. Sekole sa Shoshong *Senior Secondary* tota ke itumetse gore ke nngwe ya dikole tse tlhano tse a di ntsheditseng madi a a kana ka P45 *million*. Ke tsaya gore se...

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: You are lost Minister.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lesaso.

MR LESASO: ...ya kwa Kalamare, e ke tlaa itumelelang, mme ke le sebetse se molangwana ka gore *project* e e sale e simologa, mme tota e na le mathata a gore ga e fele. Re ne re sofeletse gore e ka bo e fedile *last year* ka *November*, mme go lebelega e le gore mathata a teng ke a *supervision* a a e itsang go fela. Tona a tsenye leitlho mo *projects* tse a tsenyang madi a a kanakana, le bodiredi bo sa supe gore tota bo na le letsogo le le tseneletseng la go lebelela *projects* gore di fele. Ke nngwe ya dilo

tse di tshwenyang ka gore bana ba ba tswang kwa bo Mosolotshane, Mmutlane le Bonwapitse, ba ba ka bong ba ya kwa Kalamare *who are going to stay at school*, ba nna gaufi le batsadi ba bone, ba a patelesega gore ba ye kgakala mo dikoleng di sele, go a ba tshwenya. Jaanong go a tshwenya fa bana ba setse ba tsamaela kgakala, mme gotwe *hostel* e ka bo e sa bolo go fela, ke mathata a re santseng re na le one. Ke leboge thata Tona, o ne wa tsenyetsa bana ba Mokgenene le ba Poloka *solar fields* tse di neng tsa kgonang go tlisa motlakase mo dikoleng tsa bone, Rre Moagi a santse a saletse fa moragonyana ka go tlisa motlakase o re o solofetseng wa *power*, gore bana ba ka bona motlakasenyanana o ba ka tshubang mo dikoleng tsa bone, ke kगतelo pele e re e amogelang Rre Molao. Le a re lekela gone mo kgaolong ele, le kwa Moralane le tsenya motlakase o o tswa kwa *power* mo sekoleng, ke nngwe ya dilo tse re di lebogelang. Ke tshwanetse go bua ka dilo tse di tshwenyang; *existing infrastructure* Rre Molao, tota fa le ne le ka dira gore mo malatsing a gompiano, re tseye madi a re a abang, re lebagane thata le go baakanya dikago tse di teng tsa lefatsheng la Botswana. Fa o ka bona *senior secondary schools* tse di agilweng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga ke itse gore re abelela gore a ke 32 kana di kae. O bo o abelela sekole se le sengwe fela ke P500 *million*, o tlaa bona gore ke madi a kae a a tsentsweng mo dikoleng, tse di senyegang ka ntata ya go tlhoka tlhokomelesego ya tsone, fa gongwe re ne re ka tsaya madi a, ra a lebisa a re a beileng ngwaga o, e le one a go tlhabolola, go baakanya dikago, go tsenya didirisiwa tse di ka thusang barutabana gore ba rute le go baakanya fa barutabana ba nnang teng gompiano.

Madi a a ka bong a ka tlhokafala go aga tse le di tlhokang, re a isa kwa go Public Private Partnerships (PPP) gore ba age dikole, *classrooms* le matlo a barutabana a ma sha. Go ne go ka thusa gore jone bonnyennyane jo re nang le jone, bogolo e nne jwa paakanyo. Bogolo gape se ke se kopang Tona, ke gore fa re ne re ka nna le *a proper functional asset and facility management system* ya sennelaruri mo dikgaolwaneng, fa o ne o ka akanya fela gore re ka nna le *facility* eo fela e le teng mo Shoshong, e ka thusa dikole tsa Shoshong Senior Secondary, *junior secondary* le *primary* tseo e le gore e mo motseng oo fela, go na le ba *plumbing, electrical, building* le *mechanical* *who are supervised by* motho fela yo o *specialised*, yo o ka kgonang go ba direla tiro e, ba sa kgone go tswa kwa ntle ga kgaolo, e le gore ba kgonang go fa ba bidiwa kwa *senior secondary* le *junior secondary* ba ya teng, *facilitated* ka madi a re ka a bolokang a gantsi a senyegang mo metsing. Gompiano



senior secondary ya Shoshong e dirisa madi a a kanaka P1, 3 million a month, go duela metsi, o ipotsa gore madi a a kalokalo a tswa kae, ke dilo tse re tshwanetse go di lebelela Tona go bona madi a a kalokalo a dirisiwang mo metsing, go diragala eng. Pipes di a thubega, kana barutabana ga se batho ba ba baakanyang pipes mo teng ga dikole, mme Water Utilities, *your responsibility is to supply water from outside* fa ba bayang meter teng, mo teng ga sekole, batho ba Modimo, ga ba itse sepe gore pipes di tsamaya fa kae, *infrastructure* ya sekole le *system* ya pipe ya sewerage, ga go na ope yo o itseng gore go fa kae, jaanong re kopa thuso gore le bone gore le ka baakanya dilo tseo gore re kgone go boloka wastage e kana, re kgone go boloka madi a Goromente a a senyegang a a kanakana mo dilong tse di dutlang. Ke ne ke re re lebelele gape kgang e e teng ya *integrating facilities* gore halls tse di kanakana, a le ka se ke la kgona go di kgaoganya gore fa e le gore matlwana a borutelo a a tlhabela, di kgone to accommodate classes tse dingwe, ba kgone go tsenela mo go tsone, di kgone go thusa fa go tlhaelang teng.

Indiscipline e e neng e buiwa ke Honourable Hikuama le yone re e lebelele ka ngwao ya rona ya Setswana. Re lekile segompiano sa sekgoanyana se se buiwang, se gotweng bana ba na le ditshwanelo, a ko re lekeng go bona gore ngwao ya rona ya Setswana e e re godisitseng, re ne re itse gore fa ngwana a sa utlwe, o tsewa jang, re bone gore re boele kwa morago, re kgone go buisanya le ba ngwao ya Setswana, re le Batswana, re bua segarona gore re ka thusa jang bana ba ba sa utlweng. Ga re ka ke ra kgona bana ba ba nnang ba tshosetsa barutabana le bana ba bangwe, mme ba sa ithute, thuto e kwa tlase ka ntata ya bana ba ba sa utlweng ba. Gompiano a re lebeleleng gape kgang ya gore bodiredi jwa bongaka kana baoki; dikole kana di na le batho ba bantsi nako le nako. Gompiano fa o lebeletse Shoshong Senior Secondary School, e na le bana ba sekole ba le almost a thousand, tota go tlhoafalelwe gore dikole tse di tona tse di kalo, di nne le baoki ba ba nnang foo, go ka fokotsa gore bana ba ba tshabang sekole, ba se ka ba ne ba ipata ba re ba ya sepatela, ba kgone go thusediwa gone foo. Gape fa e le gore go na le *pandemics* tse di tshwanang le tsone tse gore go kgonwe to contain malwetse, bana ba se ka ba tsamaya ba ntse ba re ba ya dipatela, ba ya go batla mekento. Ke dilo tse di ka thusang fa e le gore re ka di atumetsa bana mo dikoleng gore thuto e direlwe mo teng. Re na le letlhoko Tona gompiano, regional education office ya rona ga e yo, mme ke ne ke re gongwe ke yone e o ka e akanyetsang mo go PPP, gore re itlhaganelele, mongwe a e age, re kgone go e

hirisa, bodiredi jwa thuto bo tle gaufi mo Shoshong, ka gore jaaka le utlwile gore Shoshong e ya go nna *sub-district*, e tshwanetse gore e nne le *the facilities* tse di ntseng jaana.

Go na le dikole gompiano tse dintsi, Shoshong e na le dikole di ka nna bo five. Gape le itlhaganelele kgang ya Mahutagane gore le e okeletse, jaaka le ne le kaile gore e tlaa tshwana le sekole sa Mahupu se se tlaa tsamayang from form one up to form five, ke nngwe ya dilo tse re di tlhokang. Mahutagane jaaka go sale go buiwa gore e ka nna le *boarding facility*, e ne e ka thusa bana ba ba tswang kwa bo Otse le Mokgenene, ba ba tsamayang ba ya dikoleng kwa bo Ramokgonami, Lecheng le Maunatlala, ba e leng gore gompiano fa ba tsena kwa, *culture difference* ke mathata a ba lebagang le one, ga go tshwane le fa ba ne ba le gaufi le batsadi ba bone, ba kgone go ba kgalemela ba le gaufi. Itlhaganelele kgang ya Mahutagane gore e nne *boarding facility*. Kalamare e fele ka bonako e tle e kgone to absorb bana ba se ka ba ya kwa kgakala, ba nne gaufi le batsadi ba bone, gore ba kgone go ba thusa le botlhoka tsebe jo ba bo dirang ba ile gone koo, bo kgone go fokotsega. Fa ke batla go feleletsa Mr Speaker; ka nako ke e le yone e itlhaganetse thata, tota matshwenyego a me ke batla go a busetsa mo kgang ya *supervision* ya projects. Ke utlwile o bua Tona gore le na le mathata a *management* a projects, tota kgang e ga ke bone gore e tswa fa kae ka gore ga ke bone project nngwe le nngwe fa e ka nna *resourced* ka sengwe le sengwe, le yone *supervision* gore batho ba ba tshwanetseng go lebelela projects ba nne gaufi le tiro, ba se ka ba nna ba bereka ba tswa mo Gaborone, ba tswa mo *air conditioners*, ba bo ba re ba ya to supervise projects, ba ya go sekaseka fela kgwedi e fela. Ga go a siama, ga o ka ke wa tshela madi a a kana ka P100 million, o bo o a tlogela, o bo o tla go nna mo Gaborone, o bo o re o tle go nna o eta fela kgwedi e fela, o tla tlhola rakonteraka gore o bereka jang. Ke golo mo e leng gore ga go a re siamela mo lefatsheng le, a re simololeng go itse gore when you initiate project e ntseng jalo ya madi a a kalokalo, e tlhoka gore e nne le batho ba ba nnang mo site, ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba e tlhokomelele foo. Ba e tlaa nnang matlho a gago le wena o le Tona at that site.

Ga ba a tshwanela gore ba ete, ba e neele rakonteraka, ba bo ba boa ba tla go nna mo diofising, ba bo ba re ba tlaa nna ba tla go tlhola rakonteraka kgwedi e fela. Golo mo ga se golo mo go siameng, ga ke ise ke bone project e dirwang e sena motho yo o tshwanetseng gore a nne gone foo a e lebelele. Le fa o aga ntlo ya



gago, o tshwanetse gore o nne foo, o batle mongwe yo o lebelelang gore motho yo o go agelang ntlo, o e aga jang. Tshenyego e kanakana, e dirwa ke gore *we lack supervision, we are failing to build this supervision component as part of the project*, e tshwanetse gore nne le bodiredi *in the projects*, bodiredi jo bo tla go nna bo lebeletse bo rakonteraka gore *projects* di dirwe ka nako e e tshwanetseng gore e dirwe. Ke ne ke re ka mafoko a a kalo, ka nako e khutshwane *Mr Speaker*; ke dumalana le kopo ya ga Tona gore a madi a a neelwe, a dire se a batlang go se dira ka one. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MORWAENG): Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke a ikokobetsa Rraarona, ke tlotla boeteledipele jotlehe jo bo leng fa. Sa ntlha ke eme fela ke tlhalose gore, ke ema nokeng kopo e ya mokaulengwe wa me Tona wa Thuto go tswa kwa Moding, go sena pelaelo epe.

Betsho, kana thuto go tswa kwa moding ke one modi wa botshelo ka bophara. Thuto ya rona go tswa kwa moding, ke yone e tota fa madi a ne a le teng, bontsi jwa madi a ka bo a ile kwa go yone. Re dirwa fela, ke a dumela, ke letlhoko la madi. Thuto, bomolemo jwa yone ka fa e tshwerweng sentle ka teng ke Rre Molao le ba ba mo thusang, Puso, barutabana le botlhe ba ba amegang mo thutong, boammaaruri ke gore go a bonala gore sengwe se a direga, bogolo jang re lebile kgang e re tswang mo seemong sa COVID-19, le mororo re ntse re se raletse. Re ile ra bona ba Lephata la *Basic Education*, Rre Molao le barutabana *throughout the country* ba leka ka fa ba lelang ka teng mo dikgwetlhong tse ba neng ba le mo go tsone, kana tse ba mo go tsone.

Re tshwanetse re leboge Rre Molao, barutabana, bana ba sekole, le batsadi ka maiteko a ba a dirileng, le mororo ba ne ba raletse dikgwetlho tse di kanakana. Re leboge *all the communities*, ka gore go na le ba re ba bitsang PTA, ba e leng batsadi ba ba berekang dikole tse le barutabana. Re tshwanetse re ba rolele futshe, bogolo jang mo dikgaolong tsa gaetsho tsa Molepolole, bogolo jang Molepolole Borwa ka fa re feletseng re dira (*perform*) ka teng, le mororo re ne re raletse dikgwetlho tse di kalo.

Re bone dikole tsa rona Modulasetilo, di leka. Sekole se tshwana le Kgari Sechele, se tswa kwa go *position number 28 last year*; mo gompionong se ya kwa go 20 e bile go lebega gore se ntse se ya kwa pele. Ke belaela gore se ntse se totobela kwa pele, se tlaa tokafala. Ke

leboga Mogokgo yo o mo sekoleng le barutabana ba sekole sa Kgari Sechele. Ke leboga le ba *education* kwa Molepolole, maiteko a ba a dirang ba tshwanetse gore ba rolelwe futshe. E seng bone fela, go ntse le phetogo e ntsi thata Modulasetilo, le mororo go sa lekana. Ke bone maduo a *junior secondary schools* tsa gaetsho kwa Molepolole Borwa, ba Dithejwane, Sedumedi, Masilo, Boitshoko le *primaries* tsa Molepolole Borwa ka bo *nine* jwa tsone, a tokafala. Mo go nthaya gore barutabana ba o ba isitseng kwa dikoleng tsa Molepolole Rre Molao, re ba rolela futshe, re ba tsaya tsia e bile re a ba leboga. Re a ba rotloetsa gore a ba tswelile ka fa ba dirileng ka teng, ba ka kgona go dira go feta foo, gore re nne motlotlo ka bone.

Rre Molao, go na le mathatanyana a a tlhokang gore a tle a salwe morago mo dikoleng *in general*. Ke lebile thata kgaolo ya gaetsho ya Molepolole Borwa gore o ya go fitlhela dikole go lebega gore dikago ga di tlhokomelesege, di senyegela kwa pele, ga di baakanngwe ka nako. Ntlha e Rre Molao, wena le maphata a a maleba, a ke ba *buildings* kana khansele, a re emeng ka dinao go bona gore re somarela dikole tsa rona. Barutabana kana tiro ya bone ke go tsena kwa ba ruta, tota ga ba ka ke ba kgona fa dikole di sa tlhokomelesege, di sa babalesege. Ntlha e ke tshwanetse ke supe gore, gongwe re ya go tlamega go bona gore ba thusiwa jang gore dikole tsa rona tsa Molepolole Borwa *in particular*, se ke dumelang gore gongwe ga se Molepolole Borwa fela, le mo dikgaolong tse dingwe go ka tswa go ntse jalo. Re tlhofofatse tsela e dikole di ka baakanngwang ka yone, dikole di tshwana le Kgari Sechele le tse ke ntseng ke di bua tse, go nne bonolo mo go ba ba foo gore go ka nna jang gore gongwe re batle tsela e *maintenance* o ka boelang mo dikoleng gape fa go ka kgonega. Ke dumela gore ba *Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development* le lona ba *Basic Education*, ke ntlha e le ka tlang la thusa sentle thata mo go yone.

Ntlha e nngwe ke re maroko, bogolo jang a barutabana ba rona, le one re tle re a sekaseke go bona gore re ya go thusana jang go bona gore seemo sa bone se a tokafala gore fa ba nnang teng, ba nne ka tsela e ba ka kgonang gore ba re thuse go gaisa ka fa ba re thusang ka teng. Mo kgaolong ya me ke lesego ka gore bontsi jwa barutabana, tota botlhe fela barutabana ba ba mo dikoleng tsa gaetsho tsa Molepolole Borwa kana Molepolole ka bophara, ke bona e le batho ba ba nang le maikarabelo, ba ba tsereng maikano a bone a go ruta tota.

Ke tshwanetse ke go akgole Rre Molao, e bile fa o utlwa ke re fa madi a ne a le teng o kare a ka bo a neetswe lephata le gore le re agele bana go tswa kwa tlase, gore



bana ba rona fa ba ya kwa *university* ba bo ba siame sentle. Go simolola teng fela kwa tlase kwa moding kwa go bo mapimpane, go tseba kwa *primary, junior, senior secondary* gore e re jaanong ba ya *university*, ba bo ba bodule sentle. Maikaelelo le maikemisetso e nne gore, re rute bana ba rona ba felele botlhe ba le *qualified* ka tsela e ba ka felelang re ba isa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, jaaka mono re bona ditšhaba tse dingwe ba le mo garona gompiano.

Ke dumela gore ke se se ka kgonegang, re leboe re bo re eme nokeng kopo ya gago gore tota o tshwanetse go neelwa madi a. Fa a ne a le teng, o ka bo o neelwa go feta fa gore o ye go dira tse dintsi mo *education*, ka gore *education* ke yone e e ka nyeletsang lehuma go gaisa. *Education* fa re e bone ba rotlhe mo lefatsheng la rona, re ka kgona gore re itshetse, re tshetse bana ba rona, lefatshela rona re bo re boloke lefatshela rona. Ga re ka ke ra bua ka *knowledge-based economy*, fa re sena *this basic education*. Ka tsela eo ke re thuto go tswa kwa moding, lephata le la ga Rre Molao, boammaaruri ke gore go maleba gore ba neelwe madi jalo.

Re lemoga gore Puso ya Domkrag, ya ga Motlotlegi Rraetsho Masisi e tlhwaafetse, ka gore gompiano go na le mo re go bitsang SmartBots, *village connectivity*. Maikaelelo a *village connectivity*, ke go a go gokela (*connect*) *internet almost throughout the country*. Go gokela *internet* e kwa magaeng, mpo Dikgotleng, dikoleng le *clinics*. Mo ke nngwe ya tsela e e tlaa kgonang gore e thuse *education* ya rona, le fa bangwe ba ne ba lela ba re *Ministry for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration*, gompiano o neetswe madi. Nnyaa, tsala ya me Hikuama, madi a ke gore a ye kwa *village connectivity*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MORWAENG: Yes, sir.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Yes, Your Honour.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): *Clarification.* Tona a re tlhalosetse e le a *senior Minister* gore, bangwe ba rona re buile ka *education in general*, gompiano re bo re neela ba bangwe gore ba bule ka yone *at sectoral*. A mme Tona o tlaa latela *notes* kwa go Mma Serame, go ya go di tsaya gore ya rona megopolo e se ka ya bo e latlhegile, e ile go sele e sa ya kwa go *Minister* yo o lebaganeng? Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR MORWAENG: Ke a leboga Mothusi Mookamedi. Puso e e tsaya thuto tsia thata, jaaka re lemoga gore ka *village connectivity* e, e ya go solegela ngwana mongwe le mongwe molemo; bana ba kwa Ngami, Okavango, Bobonong, Francistown South, Molepolole *and everywhere*. Ka tsela eo re tshwanetse go ema kopo e nokeng.

Language Policy e e santseng e betliwa mo Botswana, mo gompionong e ya *Education Language Policy* go a supega gore Puso e tlhwaafetse, gore keletso ke gore e re *by 2023*, kgang e ya diteme tse di farologaneng mo Botswana, bana ba bo ba ka kgona gore ba rutiwe ka tsone fale le fale. *Of course* re tshwanetse re itse gore go na le tshimologo, ga e ka ke ya re go simologiwa fela Motlotlegi Rre Hikuama, go bo go le *perfect*. Go simologa golo gongwe. Ke maitlamo a *party* ya Domkrag gore gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng la Botswana, re ye go tlisa *languages* tse kwa bathong bagarona, bana ba rona ba rutiwa jalo. *I support the Motion.*

MR REATILE (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): *Mr Chairperson*, le nna ke eme fa ke buise kopo ya madi a ga Motlotlegi Tona Molao. Kgang e ke tshwanetseng ke simolole ka yone, *Honourable* Molao, fa ke fiwa sebaka mo Palamenteng e, o tshwanetse o mporofite gore kgwetlhogolo ya me ke eng? Selelo se ke tlaabong ke tla ka sone ke sefe? Ke se bua dipaka tsotlhe, mme go lebeba go retela. Motlotlegi, ga o batle go tsibogela dilelo tse ke di supang e le tsa bodiredi jwa gago jo bo berekelang mo kgaolong ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. O a itse gore gompiano jaana, ke netefaditse gore ke go kwalele mokwalo. Ke go lemotsha gore kopela batho ba ba berekelang kwa metseng e e kwa tennyanteng madi. Mabaka ke gore, ga re ka ke ra nna *uniform* re le bodirelapuso. Batho ba ba berekelang foo e le ba dikhansele, o a go fitlhela ba filwe *accommodation*. Badirelapuso ba gago Tona, ba ba berekelang mo motseng o o tshwanang le wa Khakhea... Kgang e, ke santse ke tlaa e bua go fitlhelela o e amogela gore e a tshela, le wena o e bona. Ba botlhe Puso e ba kgaogantse le *families* tsa bone *deliberately* ka mabaka a gore ga e a ba fa boroko. Jaanong batho ba Tona, re tshwanetse re dumalane gore fa re ba isitse kwa Khakhea, mme go sena fa bana ba bone ba nnang teng, ba patelesega go ba batlela maroko kwa Jwaneng le Gaborone. *During weekends* ba latela bana ba bone go ya go ba lekola. Kwa Khakhea a *person who does not share accommodation* ke Mogokgo le mothusi wa gagwe, *the rest of* Molongwa Community *share accommodation*. *They share accommodation* mo matlong a o a itseng Tona, a a kana ka *box* tsa *matches* fa



ba nnang teng. Mogokgo go na le gore a bereke le batho ba ba itumetseng, o bereka go tshereganya dikubetsano tse di diragalang mo dikgannyeng tsa *to share*. Tona, ke dumela gore le fa o kile wa tsaya tshwetso ya gore mo maikutlong a gago ga o batle *to provide* batho bale *accommodation*, tota se o neng o batla *to punish us* ka sone, ba se utlwile morena. Ba tlaa simolola ba gogoba, ba go tlotla ke ba eteletse pele. *Provide accommodation* e e maleba kwa bathong ba Molongwa.

Tona, ke go bolelele gore re na le senyama. Senyama se re nang naso ke gore dikompone tse le tlang ka tsone le re di a go re direla *classrooms* re setse ka *slab* fela ba ile. Ga re itse le gore ba utlwala kae? Ga go na kgato epe e le e tsayang. Re ipotsa gore gatwe motho yo o jang le dikompone tse di kwa *Education* ke mang? Nako le nako le bereka *to salute for* motho yo o sekeng a tselwa dikgato, setšhaba sa Botswana se boga. Motho yo la re o le kolota eng kana le mo kolota eng fa le ka se ke le mo reye le re, re thiboge letsatsi monna wa Modimo o jele o lekantse, kana mme o jele o lekantse? Botswana ba tshwanetse go bona se se ba tshwanetseng, e bong *accommodation* le ditlamelo. Bana ga go na fa ba robalang teng, maroko a a tlhaela. Ga go na ope yo o kgonang gore a neelwe madi, a dire dikago tsa go nna jalo. Barutabana ga go na fa ba robalang teng ka gore ga go na yo o neelwang madi, a bo a ba direla dikago.

O a itse gore ke ne ke santse ke bua ka Molongwa, mme fa o tsena kwa Mabutsane, le yone o a e itse. Ga go tlhokagale gore ke go e bolelele. Ke wena o ka bolelelang Palamente le Botswana seemo se o sa tswang go se bona kwa Mabutsane, ka matlhotlhapelo a motho a tsere madi, a duelelwa *over 70 per cent*, tiro e a e dirileng yone e le khokhae go tswa mo *foundation* e le *23 per cent*. Potso ke gore yo a neng a mo duela o tseetswe kgato efe? Ga go na ope yo o ka mo tselang kgato. Ke ba ba ratiwang, ba ba a bong ba rumilwe gore ba gopele itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana ba le mo diofising. Jaanong o ka bona maleo a re a direlang Botswana. Re aga dikutlobotlhoko tse di feteletseng mo dipelong tsa Botswana. Kamoso Botswana ga ba na go re lebala ka ditiro tsa rona, *and* ba tlaa re gakologelwa ka ditiro tsa rona.

Tona, le fa ke sa tswa go bua ka dikgang tse di ntseng jaana, ke tshwanetse ke leboge gore ga go na letsatsi lepe le e leng badirelapuso le barutabana ba ba berekelang mo kgaolong ele ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane, bogolo jang ba Maiteko Junior, sekole sa bone se tle kwa mogatleng. Ga se seditse sa mogatla. Go raya gore ba a leka. O bona gore fa ba ne ba ka neelwa ditlamelo jaaka dikole

tse dingwe, metlholo re ne re tlaa e bona e diragala mo dikoleng tse. Mathata ke gore *ministry* wa gago le Puso ba tsere tshwetso gore kwa Jwaneng-Mabutsane, ga go na sepe se se tlaa diragalelang Botswana ba ba nang le tshwanelo, e bile ba kgetha mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ga ke na dikgang tse dintsi tse ke tlaa tlang ke di bua le wena. Ke tlaa tshela ke touta tsone tse motlotlegi go fitlhelela tonki e mela dinaka. Gongwe e tlaare letsatsi lengwe jaaka bangwe ba etle ba opele ba re, “morena o ba etele bana botlhe ba leffing, lesedi le ba tlhabele ka bophara jwa lefatshe,” o tlaa nna mongwe wa bone rra, lesedi le tlaa go tlhabela fa le tlhabela ba bangwe. Ke tsone dilo tse ke ratang go di bua ke sa kgwe mathe. Kutlobotlhoko e ke rata gore Botswana ba ba nthomileng ba Jwaneng-Mabutsane, ba itse gore ga go na sepe se o se dirang, mme ke go e neela nako le nako ka metlha le ka dipaka.

Se sengwe Tona se ke batlang o se sekaseke, a re ba sokodise mo borokong, metsi mo sekoleng a nne teng. Gompiano jaana madinyana a ba ka nnang le one ke gore ba tshwanetse ba ye go reke metsi ba hira *browsers* di ba tshela. Bana ba Modimo ba tshela botshelo jwa Botswana a ise a bone boipuso. Fa gotwe batho ba a ipusa mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga ba itse gore go tewa gore ba ipusa ka eng. Ba santse ba le mo Botswaneng wa *before* 1966. Go a pala gore ba tsamaye le batho ba ba jang boipuso jwa lefatshe la Botswana jo ba bo boneng ka 1966. Ba tswaleletswe mo sekgweng, kwa ntle ga ba itse gore puso ya batho ka batho mo go jeng makgetho a gago ka tshwanelo mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go tewa eng. Ke dilo tse ba di utlwalelang mo baagisanying, fa ba tshelang teng dilo tse ga ba di bone.

Ke tsone dikgang tse ke batlang gore Tona, ke di go bolelele. Ke ntse ke di touta ke di boelela, gongwe e tlaare letsatsi lengwe, o tseye tshwetso ka gore ke dikgang tse o di itseng. O ntsholofeditse gore dikole tse, o setse o di bonetse madi, konteraka *is on site*, motlha wa gompiano ga go na sepe se se diragalang. Ke bua jaana Tona e le gore o itse mokwalo o ke o kwaletseng ofisi ya gago. Ga se dikgang tse ke buang le wena fela. Ke go kwaletse ke bua ka kgang ya gore batho ba, re ka ba kopela kwa DPSM gore ba neelwe madi *to augment salary* ya bone. Ke batho ba ba berekelang go nna mo tseleng ba ya go tlhola *families* tsa bone jaaka re le Puso re ba kgaogantse le bone. Gompiano jaana ga o ise o fetole mokwalo wa go nna jalo Tona. Ke sone se o bonang dikgang tse re ka bong re di buile ka mekwalo, gompiano ke di tlisa fa. Ke di tlisa fa ka mabaka a gore o bona mokwalo, o bo o tsaya o o gagola kana o a o reng,



o o latlhela kwa. Ga ke bue ka nna, ke bua ka batho ba o ba tshephisitseng gore o tlaa ba tlhokomela o le Tona. O tshephisitse Batswana gore thuto go tswa moding, o tlaa bona gore o e tlamela ka sengwe le sengwe le bodiredi jwa teng. Ke tsone dikgang tse o itseng gore ke di buile le wena motlotlegi. Ke di bua jaana mo Ntlong e gore ke nne le basupi. Lekwalo la ga Luke 24:48 la re, “lona le basupi ba dilo tse,” kgang e ke e bua le wena jaana Palamente e, e le basupi. Batswana ba lefatshe ba ba latelang dikgang tsa Palamente e le basupi gore kgang e, o ka tswa o itibisitse go sele, o itswetse ditsebe mme o e boleletswe.

Le fa o ka itswala ditsebe, yone o e utlwa ka pelo ka mabaka a gore ke bua go tswa boteng teng jwa pelo ya me, ga ke bue kgang e e leng gore ke ya dipounama. Ke lantlha ke bona batho ba bifelwa ka fa ba bifelwang ka teng ke *ministry* wa gago, o o eteletsweng ke wena Tona.

Batho ba dikole tse, fa o ne o ise o ye, ke ka bo ke e tlaa re letsatsi la fa o ya o tlaa ngomoga pelo, mme ka gore o a itse, ke gore ke mo gotweng jaanong ke tsholeditse diatla. Ke tlaa tswelela pele ke bua dikgang tse Tona ke ntse ke kua fela matsogo a me a le mo tlhogong, gore jaanong gongwe e ka re letsatsi lengwe o tlhomoge pelo fa e le gore o ka kgona go tlhomoga pelo, ka gore batho ba bangwe re bua le bone rra ba le dipelo di thata. Jaanong ga ke batle go dumela gore o mongwe wa batho ba ba dipelo dithata, gongwe o motho yo o kgonang go tlhomoga pelo. Ke re ke go bolelele dikgang tse gore nnyaa, seemo se se leng kwa se maswe, se batla Tona a ema ka dinao, a se bereka, a se fetola. *Mr Chairperson*, ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE):

Ke a leboga Modulasetilo. Ke leboga Tona. Ga ke itse gore ene mogolole ke mo leboga ke re ke mo lebogela eng thata, mme fela o tlisitse *budget* fa pele ga rona. Go nna thata gore o leboga, segolobogolo fa motho o bona e le gore o ngathogangwa bonnyennyane jo bo ngathogangwang, mme o itse gore wena o tlaetswe kana o tlogetswe, ga ke itse gore ke ka e tlhalosa ke reng.

Ke eletsang gore ke simolole ka go leka go kopa Tona gore mo go tse tsotlhe tse o di buile, bogolo jang ke lebeletse *your Recurrent Budget*, fa go na le sengwe se se tshwanetseng ke gore o le Tona o se ele tlhoko go bona gore bana ba gago ba dire ka manontlhotlho ba sena sepe se se ba kgoreletsang, ke *welfare* ya bone, bogolo jang barutabana. Barutabana ba tshwere tiro e e bokete

ya go leka go aga motho go tswa kwa bonaneng. E mo agela gore jaaka re ntse re bua ka go tswa mo seemong se re leng mo go sone sa go batla go isa itsholelo ya rona fa godimonyana *through knowledge-based economy*, e tlhaba gore o lebe barutabana gore bone ba e leng gore ke bone ba ka diragatsang maikaelelo a a rona a, fa ba leng teng ba tsogile jang, ba tshela jang, ba berekela ka fa tlase ga diemo tse di ntseng jang. Ke buisiwa se ke gore nako e ntsi barutabana o fitlhela ba ngongorega le ka dilo tse e leng gore tota ga di a tshwanela gotlhelele gore ba ka bo ba ngongorega ka tsone. Golo go tshwana le bo go duelwa *overtime* tsa fa ba dirile ditiro tse dingwe tse di ka kwa ntle jaaka ba tle ba ye kwa *sports*. Barutabana ba kolotiwa dilo tse di tshwanang le *transfer allowances* le tse dingwe fela jalo tse ba go diretseng ka mabogo a bone. Jaanong dilo tse fa re sa di ele tlhoko, go diga *morale* wa barutabana.

E nngwe e ke eletsang gore gongwe o e lebe thata fa go tla ka fa barutabaneng, ke boroko. Kana boroko jwa barutabana kwa *primary schools* bogolo jang, ke a itse gore *Ministry* wa *Local Government* ke one o fang boroko joo. *But* ke batla go go kopa ke bo ke go khubamela ka mangole, *the welfare* ya barutabana ke boikarabelo jwa gago o le Tona wa Thuto. *Ministry of Local Government* ga o ke o bo o neelwa madi ape a a lekaneng, segolobogolo fa go tla ka fa *Development Budget*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore jaaka le wena o tla o na le *Development Budget* ya gago, o ka le baleba fa ba *Local Government* ba pitlaganeng teng wa leka go thusa ka go leka gore o ba neele madi ba agele barutabana ba gago boroko kwa dikgaolong tse di tlhokafalang, segolobogolo jang tse barutabana ba teng go senang kwa ba ka bonang boroko teng kwa ntle ga ba neetswe boroko ke Puso fela. *I have said this many times*, mme ke tlaa go boelela. Ke kope gore a ko e re mo ngwageng o fela jaaka o bua ka madi a, o iphe nakonyana fela ya gore o bone ba *Ministry of Local Government* ba go ise kwa dikoleng tse dipotlana tsa Kotolaname, Lesilakgokong, Gobuamang le Nkwane go bona matlhoki a a leng teng. Ke bua dikole tse jaana e se gore di gaisa dipe, mme se se botlhoko ke gore fa o ya kwa bo Kotolaname le Lesilakgokong, ga gona kwa ba ka hirisanng teng. Jaanong ke ne ke re ka gore tota dikgang tsa boikarabelo jwa *welfare* ya barutabana, ke *ministry* wa gago o o tshwanetseng go bona gore o dira jang. A ko o eme ka dinao.

Tona, ke itumelela gore le a bua gone fa gore le tlile *to maintain*. Kana kgang e ya *maintenance* wa dikole, dikole di makgasa tsotlhe, ga gona sekole sepe se gotweng se



botoka kana se gaisa se sengwe kwa ntle ga se sešha. Ke kopa gore a ke e re o ngathogana *cake* e, o gopole dikole tsa kgaolo ya Thamaga-Kumakwane. Selebego sa sekole se tshwana le sa Kontle Primary School, Monare Primary School le Gakgatla ga se a nna sentle, mme e bile se tlhokana le gore go okediwe *classrooms*. Tse di teng di tokafadiwe ka gore ga gona sepe se se siameng mo dikoleng tse. *You go to* Magalapedi Primary School, ba santse ba tlhabela ka *classes* fela tse di gagamatsang mo e leng gore tota le fa o re o ba kgaoganya, o fokotsa bana *in the classrooms*, go raya gore o ya go boa o nna le *more streams* tse di rutelwang kwa ntle ga *classrooms*. Jaanong ke go kope Tona.

Ka gore nako ke e ke bona gore e pitlagane, ke tabogele kwa *stationery* kwa dikoleng. O a itse gore *it is amazing*, dilo tse tsa dibuka fa di santse di le kwa *Local Government, we never had this problem but now that* di kwa go lona go na le mathata a a tthatlaganyeng, dikole ga di na *stationery*. Ga go na dibuka le *exercise books* kwa dikoleng. Ke gore ga gona sepe se se teng mo e leng gore nako e ntsi barutabana ba tsaya nako bana ba sena dibuka, mme re tswelitse gore bana re eletsa gore ba rutwe, ba dire *assignments*, ba tseye *textbooks* ba kgone *to refer* mo sengweng. Dilo tse *Minister*, go nna bokete gore e re barutabana le bone fa ba sa ntshe maduo, re kgone go ba *judge* kana go ba *gauge* gore a mme ba dira tiro ya bone ka fa re solofetseng ka teng, ka gore tota fa o neetse motho tiro, o neela motho o re tlhagola o bo o sa mo neele garawe, go tshwana le ntse o sa dire sepe. Go tshwana le o ntse o sa mo raya wa re tlhagola. Jaanong ka tsweetswee, a ko re itebaganye le dilo tse.

Go tshwana le *photocopying machines* mo dikoleng, ga gona *photocopiers* mo dikoleng. Ke mathata fa o ya kwa dikoleng di tshwana le bo Kotolaname, ga gona *photocopiers*. Batho ba Modimo fa ba kwadisa *exams* ke gore ba tsamaye ba ye go kopa kwa dikoleng tse dingwe, golo gongwe kgakala ka gore ga gona tsela. Ga gona sekole sepe se se gaufi le bone jaaka e le gore *the nearest school to them* ke Lesilakgokong, mo e leng gore o ya go fitlhela se sena sepe fela jaaka sone. Dilo tse ga di re beye sentle Tona. E nngwe e ntse e ntse jalo o tlaa fitlhela e le gore le kwa *junior schools* re tshwere bothata joo. Ga re itse gore tota jaanong fa e leng gore le lebagane le gone totatota, ke fa kae ka gore fa e le gore o fitlhela *junior schools* le tsone di sena ditsompelo, *primary schools* di sena ditsompelo, tota jaanong gatwe fa le bua ka bo *maintenance, supply of*

stationery kana sepe fela se se amanang le morutabana, le isa kae ditsompelo tseo fa di sa goroge kwa dikoleng? Jaanong ke ne ke re a ko o ye go lebaleba kgang e o tlhwaafetse Tona.

E nngwe e ke e kopang, e re ke ntse ke bua ke go gakolole gore kana batho ba Thamaga ba sale ba solofediwa *unified school*. Se se nkamileng le go feta mo bogompienong ke gore bana *have been admitted* kwa Moshupa Secondary mme ga ba nne mo sekoleng. Ba tswa kwa dikoleng tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Gakgatla, ba nna kwa bo Kubung. Go solofelwa gore lona le le *ministry* le rile Moshupa e tsaya Thamaga fela, mme bana ba ba ne ba tsena kwa *junior schools* tsa Thamaga, bo Ramaphate. Jaanong ga gona kwa ba nnang teng. Ga ba fiwe boroko kwa sekoleng *and* o ka ipotsa gore fa motsadi a iperekela Ipelegeng e e tlang gangwefela *after five months*, o ka pega ngwana go tswa kwa Gakgatla jang go ya go tsena kwa Moshupa. *It means* letsatsi le letsatsi o tlhokana le *a minimum of P50* gore a pege ngwana a ye koo. Le gone kwa go senang *a reliable transport* e e ka tsayang ngwana ya mo ntsha kwa Gakgatla e tlhamalala e ya ga Moshupa. Ke gore *he or she has to hike* a fologa kwa Molepolole *junction, and hike* a fologa kwa Thamaga *and hike again* a ya Moshupa. O duela bokae, nako e mo emetse fa kae gore a ye go tsena kwa sekoleng? Jaanong a ko e re fela rra mo *development plan* e e tlang e o papamatse fela gore 2023/2024 Thamaga Unified School e tlaabo e simolola. Fa e le gore golo moo o ne o ise o go tsenye mo lenaneong, ke go kope ke go khubametse ka mangole *this time around* gore tsweetswee a ko o thuse batho ba Thamaga.

Le bone batsadi ba ba kwa Thamaga bale ga se botlhe ba ba kgonang go duelela bana *combis* go ya Moshupa Secondary. Bana ba rona fa e le gore ba ne ba ntse ba tsewa e le bana ba ba sa utlweng, nnyaa golo moo go fetogile. Bana ba rona *should board* kwa Moshupa, go leswe go tsewa bana kwa Jwaneng. A ba isiwe le bone kwa dikoleng tsa bo Goodhope, ba ntshiwe fa bana ba rona ba tshwanetseng go tsena teng, le bone ba nna le tshiamelo ya *boarding* ka tsweetswee.

Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*, nako e ke mathata waitse.

MR LEUWE (TAKATOKWANE): *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Ke a dumedisa batlotlegi mo tshokologong ya letsatsi. Ke a go dumedisa Tona wa Thuto.

Re utlwile kopo ya gago Tona wa thuto e e anameng ka o fa gare ga naka tsa nare rraetsho, ka gore tota o aname le lefatshe le lotlhe...



MR CHAIRPERSON: You are hardly audible.

MR LEUWE: O santse a lwa le maranyane a teng. Ga go ise go nne botoka *Mr Chairperson*?

MR CHAIRPERSON: Go botoka.

MR LEUWE: Ke a leboga *sir*. Mma ke tswellele ke re, lefatshe le lotlhe le na le dikole tse di ka fa tlase ga ga Tona Molao. Mme di na le dikgweho tse dintsi thata, jaaka gongwe ke eletsa gore mo bogompioneng e re pele fa ke simolola pego ya me ke supe gore ke rolela ba sekole sa Mahupu hutshe. Ke rolela Tona mogokgo le *staff* sotlhe sa kwa Mahupu hutshe ka fa ba dirileng bontle ka teng. Le Rre Botlhasitse yo e leng ene *Director* mo kgaolong ya rona, ke mo rolela hutshe ka lenaneo la gagwe le a neng a le dirile le a le bitsang a re ke lone, *Operation Maduo*. *Operation Maduo* e re bereketse thata, e bile go supa gore gongwe fa re ka e atolosetsa le kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe e ka re berekela, ka gore tota ba a bo ba lomile tomo, go supafala gore ba eletsa go ntsha maduo a ba a ntshitseng gompiono. Re a le lebogisa bagaetsho, mme le tswellele le leke fela thata jalo, le tshware fela jalo le kamoso.

Ke eletsa go supa Tona gore re na le seemo kwa Kgaolong ya Takatokwane, bogolo jang kwa Sekoleng sa Mphuthe. Bolwetse jo bo neng bo le kwa Salajwe go lebega bo tsene kwa Mphuthe gape. Bana ba boetse kwa gae, ba boetse kwa malwapeng, ba bo Sesung, Ditshegwane, Letlhakeng, ntateng ya bolwetse jo. Mme ga re ise re utlwe pego fela sentle gore gatwe go diragala eng, fela jaaka *we were updated* ka thulaganyo e e neng e le kwa sekoleng sa Lempu kwa Salajwe. Kopo ke gore, fa go nna jaana a re nne re itsisiwa le rona, re se ka ra ya go kopana le bana fela ba le kwa malwapeng, e le gore botsadi jaanong ga bo itse gore bo ka dira eng ka bone. Le gompiono jaana batsadi ba na le dingongora tsa gore ga ba itse gore ba dire eng ka bana, *they are not updated*. Ke kopa gore re tsibogele ngang e e ntseng jalo.

Gone fela jaaka ke ne ke bua, dikole tsa Kgaolo ya Takatokwane di na le dikgwetlho, di na le dikgwetlho tsa boroko jwa barutabana. Mongwe le mongwe re solofela gore *they should deliver* fa a itumetse, a thamile, a tsoga fa go siameng, a rutela fa go siameng. Mo dikgaolong tsa me fa o tsena kwa motseng o tshwane le ya bo Dutlwe go santse go na le *classrooms* Tona di le botlhano tse di rutelang kwa ntle. Ke dumela gore seemo seo re setse re fetile mo go sone. Ga go sa tlhola go na le ope yoo a ka rutelwang fa ntle bagaetsho re bo re solofela maduo a nametsang Tona. A re tsibogele seemo seo, re leke go se baakanya.

Kana e bile jaanong ba simolole go bua dikgang tse di supang gore tota setlhako se ba babaletse tsa gore, mme fa o tsena kwa dikoleng tse di kwa toropong ga o ka ke wa fitlhela bana ba rutelwa kwa ntle. A re lekeng go tsibogela seemo seo, le go fedisa dikgang tse di ntseng jalo.

Fa o tsena kwa sekoleng se tshwana le bo Ditshegwane Primary, o ya go fitlhela go na le *teachers' quarters* di le 12, barutabana *all in all* ba le 29. O bo o ipotsa gore fa barutabana ba le 29, *teachers' quarters* di le 12, se se diragalang ke eng. Ba nna jang mo matlong ao. Bogolo jang re lebile gore kana kwa dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le metse selegae, o tlaa fitlhela le jone boroko tota jwa go hirisa Tona gore ba kgone go iphirisetsa matlo, bo seyo. Go sena gore ba ka bo bona kae, o utlwa gotwe ba ya go hirisa kwa bo Letlhakeng. *They commute from* Letlhakeng ba ya kwa Sesung, Ditshegwane le Metsibotlhoko. Golo moo ga go re beye sentle Tona, e bile ga o beye le bone barutabana sentle mo e ka reng kamoso ra tsoga re ba supa ka monwana re batla maduo a a phepha mo go bone.

Tona re na le seemo sa *transfers* kwa kgaolong ya rona. Re na le batho ba e leng gore ga ba a bolo go nna koo, e bile ba setse ba tsena le mo mafufeng le ditshole tsa motse mo e leng gore tiro ya bone ga ba sa tlhola ba e dira ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Gongwe re kope gore go nne le thulaganyo fela e re a tleng re e bone e diragala kwa botsogong. Re a itse gore kwa barutabaneng ba bantsi thata. Le fa ba ka se ka ba tsaya lebaka le le khutshwane jaaka ba botsogo, gongwe go akanngwe gore le bone ba se ka ba diega. Kgantele ba tsena mo lefufeng le tshole ya Setswana, mo e tlaa reng kgantele o bo o utlwa motsadi a re, kana wa me ngwana o itewa ka gore gatwe, go ntse jaana le jaana, ka gore yo o setse jaanong e le ngwana wa mo motseng, o tsamaelana le lefufa la motse. *A transfers* di leke go diragala.

Fa go na le sengwe se se utlwisang botlhoko Tona ke fa ba ikopela, ba ikopela gore ke kopa *to swap* le semangmang, o kwa boketekete. Go tsaya lebaka le ke ipotsang gore...ka *when you swap* ga go a tshwanela gore go nne dingalo, go tshwanetse gore go nne motlhofo fela, motho a fapaane le yo mongwe. Bogolo jang mabaka a bone a *to swap* o fitlhela ba gatelela thata mo kgannyeng ya gore ba eletsa gore ba nne gaufi thata le *spouses* tsa bone. Fela jaaka le mo melawaneng ya rona ya khiri re eletsa gore motho a se ka a nna kgakalagkakala thata le *spouse* sa gagwe. Jaanong fa e le gore ba ikopela *swapping*, a go se ka ga nna dingalo thata jaaka gongwe e le *voluntary* mo re tlaabong re simolola re akanya gore re ntsha mang kwa boketekete.



Selo se sengwe se se utlwisang botlhoko le go feta kwa kgaolong ya rona ke gore *transfers* fa di diragala Tona, go tsaya lebaka gore ba ba tswang ka kwano ba goroge kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Dikgang tse mo gongwe di dirwa ke bo boroko, ditsela tse di sa siamang, *poor network*, jaanong dilo tse ke tsone tse di dirang gore maduo a rona a nne a ntse a wela kwa tlase le go feta. Ke eletsang gore Tona fela mo nngweng ya dikgang tse ke eletsang go di go lebogela, maabane ke ne ke na le Mothusa Tona kwa Takatokwane re ile go ba lebogela gore ba dirile tiro e ntle, re tswa go fitlhela ithutuntsho e tswetse ya go ruta ka maranyane. Re lebogela selo seo thata rraetsho e bile le gore re bo re se bona mo bogompnenong se simolola kwa morago, e seng kwa pele jaaka re itse gore dinako tse tsotlhe gantsi re kopana le dikgang di simolola kwa botlhaba di ya kwa bophirima. Go re bontsha gore e tlaa re jaanong fa go simolola go rutwa, le rona re bo re le mo leroleng leo la go ya go ruta. Re letse re fitlhela e bile re bona, re bo re bontshiwa bana ba rona le barutabana ba sekole sa rona kwa Mahupu ba rutuntshiwa. Re eletsang gore o kare jaanong go ka atologela kwa dikoleng tse dingwe; *that was a senior secondary*. Jaanong le *junior schools* a go wele kwa go tsone, go fetele le kwa *primary schools* go tle go dire gore *foundation* ka gore e kwa *primary*, ba simolole teng le sengwe le sengwe ba ye kwa godimo le sone. Re se ka ra bona go simolola kwa godimo, kgantele o bo o ya go kopana le *computer* o setse o omeletse o sa kgone go e tshwara sentle. Bana ba segompnenong ba tsholwa fela ba le botlhale thata ba itse dilo tse tsa maranyane, fa re ka e simolola fela sentle kwa *primary schools*, ke dumela gore e ya gore a tsena fa *junior school*, a bo a setse a le *expert* ya teng a itse gore o ka e tshamekisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, o ka rutege botoka jang.

Ke leboga botlha ba ba nnileng le seabe go thusa kwa Takatokwane ka *donations*. Ba kgonne ka *donations*, go na le ba ba neng ba *donate* dibuka mme e bile go na le ba bangwe ba ba santseng ba ya go di *donate* mo mafelong a kgwedi yone e. Ke a ba lebogisa ba ise ba bo ba goroge le gore le ba bangwe ba dire fela jalo, ba bone gore go botlhokwa gore dikole tse di kwa ntle tse re di eme nokeng, le tsone di tle di dire fela jaaka tse di kwa ditropong. Go supafala sentle ka botlalo gore thuto ga e tsamae ka gore o wa letso lefe mme e bile ga e tsamae ka gore o fa kae. Fa e le gore ngwana o kgona go tsaya A* a le fa gare ga mpa ya naga kwa boketekete, a mo tseisiwa ke morutabana fela yo o tshwanang le wa kwa toropong, go raya gore tota fa re ka tlhoafalela thuto Tona, go ka nna le kwa re yang teng.

Ke eletsang go go ema nokeng ka kopo ya gago mo mading a gore o a neelwe, o tle o ye go dira dilelo tse ke ntseng ke di bua tsa Kgaolo ya Takatokwane, le bone ba tle ba tshwane le bana ba malwapa a mangwe. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

DR TSHABANG (NKANGE): *Thank you Mr Chairperson*, go mpha sebaka, le nna ke tle ke akgele mo kgannyeng ya *Ministry of Basic Education*. Selo sa ntlha ke simolole fela ka kgang ya *results* tsa rona go tswa kwa *primary school*, o fitlhela di le botoka, di le dintle. *Then* fa o *progress to Junior Certificate (JC)*, seemo sa teng se a fokotsega, bontle le go kgatlhisa ga teng go a fokotsega. *The more you progress to senior secondary school kwa Form 5, results become a big concern*. Ke ne ke re gongwe *this increase in failure rate Rre Molao*, a ko o e lebelebe thata, o e tsenye leitho *because* ga e re eme sentle. Go sa re ema sentle ga teng ke gore *in the education system*, go supa gore *education* ya rona e dira mo gotweng *elimination process*. E tsamaya ka bana sentle, e tla e ba *eliminate* mo tseleng e ba latlhela mo gotweng *human resource wastage*. Ke kopa gore o e lebelele ka leitho le le ntshotsho.

Maloba gape fa re bua kgang ya *chemical weapons*, ke ne ka ntsha kgang ya gore *chemicals and other materials are not in a safe mode and standards, especially* mo dikoleng. Le tsere *laboratories* la di *turn into classes*, le bo le isa *all these materials into uncontrolled spaces*. Gongwe o e lebelele thata fa bana ba rona ba tswelela ba a nwa methanol jalo, *they access harmful substances that are supposed to be used for experiments, but they experiment them* ka mebele ya bone. Ke kgang e o tshwanetseng gore o e lebelele.

The other thing, there is a developing trend mo dikoleng gompnenong ya *indiscipline* ya bana. Re bona barutabana ba tlhaselwa ke bana, bana ba dirisa *substances* tse di bogale ba a nwa majalwa, ba palelwa ke go obamela melao ya sekole. Gongwe le tsere dithata ka bontsi mo barutabaneng le mo tsamaisong ya dikole. Re kopa gore le busetse dithata tse dingwe kwa dikoleng mo barutabaneng. Tota ke tsaya gore *corporal punishment is very debatable these days but* e ne e na le *its own purposes that it served* fa e le gore e dirwa sentle, e se gore e dirisiwa fela go bolaya bana. E ne e na le *its own way of disciplining students*.

Mo *budget* ya gago rraetsho Molao, re batla gore *at least* o nne le *portion* e e *significant* e o ka e tsenyang *to maintain* dikole. Ke selelo fela mo dikoleng tsa *primary* le *secondary*, o fitlhela e le gore *there is dilapidation in*



schools, classroom ceilings di a wa. Dikole tse dingwe fa re di *inspect* o tsena fela o le Mopalamente, le wena o tlhabiwa ke ditlhong o fitlhela e le gore *floor* ya teng dikhutikhuti. Le tsone *potholes* tsa ditsela di setse di tletse mo dikoleng, ke gore ke *potholes, potholes* fela. *Desks* tse di dirisiwang ke bana tota *it is a shame*, ditilo le tsone tota ga di a nna sentle Rre Molao. Ke tsaya gore fa o ntse o tsaya *tours*, dilo tse o a di bona. Re kopa gore o di tsibogele, le madi a o a fiwang re a itse gore ga a *enough* mme a ko go bonale gore o na le madi a o a isang kwa *maintenance*. *We need attractive schools, we need* dikole tse e leng gore le wena fa o tsena, o utlwa o na le *psychology* ya gore o ka ithuta. Bana le bone fa ba bona go le *dilapidated*, ba tsaya gore thuto le yone ga e na mosola e *dilapidated* jaaka dikole di lebega.

Go na le kgang ya *local languages*, go ruta bana *in the local areas* ka *local language* ya bone. *We were expecting* it gore e simolole ka *January or February this year* fa dikole di bulwa mme re bona gore *it has been postponed to some unknown dates*. A ko o tswela fa ntle Rre Molao o tlhalose fela sentle gore go diragetse eng, *stage* se se diileng ke sefe, go diile eng. Gape o *communicate* le batsadi fela sentle gore kgang e fa e santse e le teng, e diilwe ke eng ka gore fa re ntse re tsamaya ba a re botsa, *especially* kwa dikgaolong tsa rona kwa bo Nkange Constituency kwa e leng gore tota *it is predominantly Kalanga language*. Ba batla gore gongwe Sekalala se ka bo se simolotswe go rutwa, *they had raised their hopes* gore se ka rutiwa. Fa re tsamaya mo Kgotla *meetings*, ba a re botsa gore jaanong le dirile jang ka go rutwa ga *local language* mo dikoleng. Go didimetse fela, *we expected* gore o ka bo o tlike ka *statement* kana wa tlhalosetsa batsadi gore madi a a tlhela, fa e le gore a a tlhela, re go kopele mo *this budget*. Re utlwa go didimetse fela, re sa itse gore tota mme kgang ke eng.

Kgang e nngwe ke *Preschool Education Programme*, le yone tota Rre Molao *it looks like it is sporadic*. Go fale le fale, *it is not a programme* e e itshetletseng. Fa o tsena mo sekoleng sele e teng, fa o tsena mo go sele ga e yo, fa o tsena fale gongwe go na le *class* e e *reserved for* bananyana; *it is not uniform*. Gongwe tla ka a *programme* fela e e tlhamaletseng e re e itseng. Le fa e le gore ke *two months*, e nne *two months across the schools*, go na le ka fa e dirwang ka teng. Fa e le gore ke *half a year*, re itse gore e teng, mongwe le mongwe a nne le *legitimate expectation*. Ga go a tshwanela gore kwa Maitengwe Primary School e bo e le teng, kwa Thini Primary School e seyo, o sa itse gore tota mme ke eng re sena *programme* fela e e nitameng. Ke a itse

gore go na le *shortage* ya *classrooms, backlog* ya go agiwa ga *classrooms* mme moo go supafale gore le wena o tshwanetse o eme ka dinao. Tota *this pre-school programme* e botlhokwa thata ka gore *it introduces* bana mo *education system, in a seamless way*. Ke tsaya gore e botlhokwa thata o e lebelele, *especially that our education* le yone malatsi a, o kare e a nyatsega, e ya kwa tlase.

Go na le kgang e e tshwenyang Rre Molao, *through you Honourable Chairperson*, ya bana ba ba tswang mo sekoleng ba imile. Kana fa o le kwa *primary or JC mainly* fa o bona ba tswa ba le gone *at that stage, majority of them*, ke ba ba *under 18*, go supa gore ba kopanetse dikobo le batho ba ba nang le boikarabelo mo ba ka tshwarwang, ba sekisediwa go robala le bana ba ba *under age*. A re e lebelele. Ke a itse gore ga le na *prosecuting powers*, mme le na le *details* tsa gore ngwana motsadi wa gagwe ke mang, le na le gore kgang fa e tsile jaana, le a e bega (*report*). Lona le thuse go bega kwa mapodiseng le ba boipelego gore dikgang tse re kgone *to arrest them in time*. O fitlhela e le gore bana ba dule mo sekoleng, mme *there is no follow up*, ga go na yo o sekang le yo o tshwerweng. Ke tsaya gore tota *as the Minister, you are the custodian* ya gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe o na le *right* ya go tsena sekole, ya go nna *protected against sex pests*. Ke wena *custodian* ya go sireletsa bana *from being used* botlhaswa. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e dikole di tshwanetseng go e lebelela, mme le wena o le mo teng Rre Molao.

Go na le kgang ya gore *during COVID*, go ne go dirilwe *COVID protocols* kwa dikoleng, *washing basins*, le fa re tlhaloganya gore di ne di tla ka *Ministry of Local Government*, mme *most of them are dilapidated now*. *Majority of them are not working*. *Water systems are not running, some have been vandalised*, mme dikole di palelwa ke *to maintain those things*. *It looks like the ministry has turned a blind eye into such protocols*. Le yone *social distancing* mo dikoleng ga e yo. Dikole ga di na metsi *most of the time*. Fa motse o sena metsi, re ne re *expect* gore dikole go ka tla *water bowser*; *but it looks like* Goramente o goga dinao. Sekole se kgona go tsamaya *a day or two* se sena metsi. Fa gongwe dikole tse di tshwanang le bo McConnell, fa go tlisiwa *water bowser*; mo *boarding school the following day* metsi ga a yo ka gore *we have a lot of students in boarding schools*. Ke kopa gore le e lebelele thata ka gore *it compromises hygiene and also* e nna *an opportune environment for the spreading* ya COVID. Ba ne ba re ke go kope ka gore ke wena Mopalamente wa Shashe



West, gore Nkange e na le McConnell, Nata e na le Nata, Masunga e na le Masunga, gongwe le wena ka gore o Tona, o ba lebelele, ba Shashe West, a *Unified Secondary School*. E se ka ya nna fela ka gore e tlaa re fa o le ngwana wa bone, nako nngwe o bo o tswa o sa ba tlogelela le fa e le sekole se segolwane. Ba a kopa, ba a lela. Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*.

MR MOABI (TATI WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Chairperson*. Ke kopa o tle o ntetlelele ke ke se ka ka tshuba *camera*, maranyane a me fa ke leng teng, ga a monate sentle. Ke go dumedise le batlotlegi mo Ntlong e, bodiredi jwa rona le Botswana ka kakaretso. Ke go leboga Dr Letsholathebe go bo o mphile tshono kana *slot* sa gago rra.

Gongwe Modulasetilo, ke simolole ke leboga ba Masunga Senior, re e bone maloba fa maduo a tswa a Form 5, e le yone *number one*, e bile e se lantlha. Ke gantsinyana re fitlhela e le kwa godimo, e tsere *number one* mo lefatsheng ka bophara. Selo seo re a se lebogela. Re leboga barutabana, bodiredi le batsadi ba bana ba ba tsenang kwa Masunga Senior. Fa o bona ngwana a dira sentle kwa sekoleng, o a bo a na le batsadi kana fa a tswang teng, go na le molao. Ke sa lebelele batlhokomedu ba lephata le, Tona Molao le Mothusi wa gagwe, Mma Makwinja. Kana fa bana ba dira sentle ka fa ba dirang sentle ka teng, le lona go lebega le na le seabe, le dira tiro ka botswapelo. Ke le leboga.

Gongwe fa ke santse ke le mo kgannyeng ya Masunga Senior le dikole dingwe mo Botswana tse di dirang sentle. Ke na le letshwenyego, barutabana jaaka maloba, ke ne ke le gone fa, ga ba na boroko. Ke ne ke supa maloba gone fa, ba na le matlo a le 55, mme fela bone fa o ka lebelele palo ya bone, ba *more than* 105. Fa o ka lebelele batho ba ba le bararo, ba dirisa *sitting room* e *one* le *kitchen* e *one*, o fitlhela go sa nna sentle.

Ke gone gongwe mo tshimologong, ke supe fa ke ema nokeng kopo ya ga Tona. Ke e ema nokeng jaana, le nna ke lebile gore gongwe selemo sa me sa Masunga Senior, e tlaa re ke sena go go ema nokeng jaana, le ene a akanyetswe a ka ya gongwe go ba agela matlo a boroko Modulasetilo.

Gongwe jaaka ke supile, ke ema nokeng kopo ya ga *Honourable* Molao, Tona Mme Serame o ntshitse madi jaana, gore a ye go dirisiwa. Lephata le ke lephata lengwe le dinako tse dingwe fa ke lebelele dibuka tsa teng, ke bangwe ba ba a tleng ba buse madi. Dinako tse dingwe go a diragala *Minister* gore batho ba buse madi, mme e

se ka keletso ya gago. A re ye go tsenya leitlho thata mo go busiweng ga madi jaaka ke a tle ke bone go diragala. Ke dingwe dikgang tse o tlaa fitlhelang maphata a busa madi jaaka ke ne ke utlwa maloba go kaiwa gore dinako tse dingwe, go a bo go sena lefatshe kana go sena dingwe. Kana fa o bona fa gongwe go sena lefatshe fa go agiwang teng, re tshwanetse ra tlhaloganya gore go na le bangwe ba ba nang le lefatshe, ba ba tlhokanang le dithuso tsa mofuta oo. Ke raya gore dikgang tsa mofuta o re tle re di lebelele.

Mr Chairperson, motse wa Masunga o godile, mme re santse re na le *primary* e nngwefela. Fa re ka lebelele mo *Central* mo lefatsheng la rona, o tlaa fitlhela metse e mengwe e fetiwa ke Masunga, e na le *primary schools* tse pedi kana go feta bobedi. Ke dingwe tse ke batlang gore re tle re di lebelele, bogolo jang fa re ya kwa NDP 12. A re tle re lebelele kgang e Tona, gore Masunga gongwe go ka nna le *primary* ya bobedi. Re a lela mo kgaolong ya rona, *classrooms* di a tlhela. Ga re na *administration block* mo Masunga *like* Masunga le yone o fitlhela barutabana fa ba berekelang teng, go se monate. Dikgang tse ke batla gore re tle re di lebelele tse di tshwanang le tsone tse.

Re santse re bona bana mo kgaolong ya me, ba tsamaya sekgele sa 14 *kilometres* (km), 7 km phakela, 7 km maitseboa kwa Ramoja, Maruje, Mainjane le Pelaelo. Re bona ba tsamaya sekgele se se kalo. Ke tseela gore ke dingwe tse ke di lebileng kwa pele gore mme fa go ka nna le madi, le bone ba tle ba akanyediwe, ba direlwe *hostels*. Tota dinako tse dingwe ngwana fa gotwe ga a dire sentle kwa sekoleng, fa gongwe ba bolawa ke mesepele e e kalo.

Mongwe o ne a santse a bua ka bana ba ba tsewang kgakala. Mo kgaolong ya me, re na le mathata a bana ba o tlaa fitlhelang gongwe ba tsewa kwa bo Nata, ba bangwe ba tsewa kwa Mogoditshane. Kana o tlaa fitlhela batsadi ba sena ditsompelo tsa gore bana ba ka pagama sekgele se se kalo gongwe ngwana a ya kwa Mogoditshane, go sena gope fa a nnang teng, a ya Nata go sena gope fa a nnang teng. Kana *senior schools* tse le di dirileng mo dikgaolong, tse di teng tse tota ke tseela gore di ne di direlwa gore di tle di fokotse mesepele ya bana. Kgang e a re tle re e lebelele, bana ba teng kwa bo Sekakangwe, kgaolo e yotlha ba ile Nata, mme o tlaa fitlhela golo moo go tshwenya, batsadi ba rona ba sena se ba se tshwereng, o fitlhela go le dingalo.

Mr Chairperson, ke a itse Tona o a eletsa gore gongwe go ka diragala jaaka ene a batla. Gongwe le ene o eletsa gore a diragatse maikemisetso le maikaelelo a ga



Tautona. E ne ya re ngwaga wa 2020, fa ke sa fose, Tona o ne a tla mo Ntlong e, a supa fa go na le *porta cabins* di le 413 tse a neng a di solofetsa gore o tlaa tla go di dira. Tse dingwe di ne di tshwanetse tsa ya kwa bo Shashe West, Nata/Gweta le Nkange, mme le gompiano fa ke lebelela dipalo tse ke neng ke di supa, go dirilwe *porta cabins* tse di 71. Tona, ke a itse gore ga se keletso ya gago, mme *in future* fa e le gore dilo tse di tshwanang le tsone tse ga di diragale jaaka o re solofeditse, tla mo Ntlong e jaaka re go file madi gore o ye go di dira, o tle o re lekodise. E se ka ya nna e kare kana dinako tse dingwe re itse sengwe le sengwe Tona. Tla o re lekodise gore mme jaaka ke ne ke le solofeditse gore *porta cabins* di tlaa nna 413, mo go *two years*, ke dirile di le 71, mme mabaka ke a, le a. Tona ka golo fa ke bua ka mathata a a teng le wena o a bona, ga ke na go boka mathata jaaka ke etle ke bue, ke tlaa bua ka mathata, ke bo ke tla ka ditharabololo.

Minister Lesaso o ne a santse a supa *officers* ba gongwe ba leng mo Gaborone, *who go to sites* nako nngwe. Fa o ka lebelela lephata la gago, ke sa le ntshe ka lesa legolo, la Department of Technical Services (DTS), ke kopa o tsenye leitlho le le tseneletseng. Mathata a tswa kwa DTS. *Projects* tse di sa feleng di tswa kwa DTS. Fa go ne go kgonagala, gongwe o ka bo o ntsha ditiro tse o bo o di isa kwa *Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing Development*, kana *decentralise* ditiro tse, *then each and every region* e bo e itirela ditiro. O bona *centralising* ditiro jaaka di dirwa mo Gaborone, motho o baakanya a *Bill of Quantity document* a le mo Gaborone, a bo a solofela gore motho yo o kwa Kasane a ye *to supervise* tiro ya gagwe, e a sa itseng gore *documents* di dirilwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke tsone ditiegi tse di diragalang mo lephateng la gago.

Ke sone se ke reng ke bua ka mathata, ke tla ka tharabololo. Ntsha ditiro tseo mo DTS, kana *decentralize them* di ye kwa *regions, region* nngwe le nngwe e tle e itirele ditiro tsa yone. Fa o ka bo o dirile jalo *Minister*, o ka bo o dumalana le nna, tiro e ka bo e fedile. Bana ba gago ke bone ba dirang gore re go lebe ka leitlho o kare o palelwa ke tiro, mme wena ke a itse gore ga o palelwe ke tiro. O dira tiro ya gago ka botswapelo Tona, mme bana ba gago ba DTS, ga gona sa bone se se tsamayang sentle *Mr Chairperson*. DTS ke lengwe lephata kana lekalana le le tlhakatlhakanyang dikgang tsa *tenders*. *I just want to say that*, e bile ke sa lobe sepe.

Kwa Zwenshambe Junior Secondary School (JSS), re na le rakonteraka yo o tseneng *on site* ka July 2018. O ne a tshwanetse go tsaya *six months*, fa ke bua le

wena jaana, o santse a le *on site*, o na le *three years* a le *on site*, mme DTS e didimetse fela. Gape kompone ya rakonteraka yoo, ka tsamaiso o ne a tshwanetse go lopiwa Liquidated and Ascertained Damages (LADs), mme *they are not charged*, motho *is on site for three years instead of six months*. Tona, tsenya leitlho mo lephateng le, ke lone le kamoso e tlaa reng re leba, re bone o kare dilo ga di tsamaye sentle mo lephateng la gago, mme e le lephata le *Mr Chairperson*.

Mr Chairperson, fa ke wela ka nako ke e e ntshwere, kwa Zwenshambe JSS re na le tlhaelo ya barutabana. *Mathematics* re na le barutabana ba le babedi *instead of four*, ke kopa gore gongwe o tle o re thuse. Barutabana ba English ba tshwanetse go nna *four*, mme ba bararo, go tlhaela *one, Agriculture* go tshwanetse ga nna le barutabana ba le babedi, go tlhaela *one*, barutabana ba *Science* ba tshwanetse go nna *four*, ba bararo go tlhaela *one*, Religious Education (RE); barutabana ba tshwanetse go nna *three* go tlhaela *one*. Tota re mo nakong e gompiano jaana re sa tshwanelang ke go nna re tlhaela kana re lela ka barutabana. Ke dingwe tse ke batlang gore Tona, fa o leng teng o tle o di lebelela.

Ke gatelela kgang e Tona jaaka fa o lebelela, mongwe le mongwe ke yo o lelang ka ditiro tse di sa feleng. Ke a itse Tona, Permanent Secretary (PS) o kile a tla kwa Zwenshambe JSS, le wena kgang e o a e itse e bile o e leka bosigo le motshegare. Gongwe bana ba gago ga ba nke ba go utlwa jaaka ba re utlwa, mme jaanong ka gore letsatsi leno re ikuetse re le Mapalamente, ya go tsaya kgato e e maleba. Fa e le gore ga go diragale sentle kwa DTS, tsaya kgato e e maleba. *When a person does not deliver the way they are supposed to*, o tshwanetse a bo a sa batle tiro, batla yo mongwe kana tsenya yo mongwe yo o tlaa berekelang lefatshe le le Batswana. DTS Tona, ke eletsa gore fa e re *July*, sengwe se bo se supagetse mo lephateng le la gago Tona.

Mr Chairperson, ka go rialo ka nako e tšhaile, ke a go leboga. Fiwa madi ao Tona, o ye go bereka. Ke a leboga.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Moabi. Honourable Minister Mokgethi?

MINISTER OF NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION AND GENDER AFFAIRS (MS MOKGETHI): Thank you Mr Chairperson. Mr Chairperson!

MR CHAIRPERSON: Mma?

MS MOKGETHI: Did you call Anna Mokgethi?



MR CHAIRPERSON: I did.

MS MOKGETHI: *Oh! Thank you so much Mr Chairperson. Ke go lebogetse sebaka sa gore le nna ke tshwaele mo pegong e re e beilweng pele ke Honourable Molao, the Minister of Basic Education.*

Ke batla gore ke tseye sebaka se ke bue ka dintlha tse pedi fela, tse ke bonang di le botlhokwa Modulasetilo. Go na le kgang e e botlhokwatlhokwa, e Tona a e amileng mo *paragraph* 11 ya pego ya gagwe, ya *learner profiling framework*. Letsatsi la gompiano ke letsatsi le ke duduetsang, ke leboga, ke supang boitumelo ka tshwetso e tonatona e, e supa kgatelopele mo mohameng wa thuto.

Modulasetilo, ke lebaka le le telele jaanong re bua ka bana ba rona ba e leng *Degree holders* kana *graduates*, mme ba sa bone ditiro. *They are roaming the streets, because essentially go na le a mismatch* fa gare ga dithuto tse ba di boneng kwa *university* le mmaraka wa ditiro. Tshwetso e e tserweng e ya *learner profiling*, ke tsaya gore ke e tlaa re betlelang bokamoso jo bo lolameng, jo bo yang go dira gore bana ba Batswana ba intshe mo lehumeng. Bana ba Batswana ba kgone go bona ditiro tse ba di rutetsweng, bana ba ba filweng *the necessary skills* gore ba emele dipaka tsa segompiano.

Se rona re se batlang ke *educational reforms*, tse di tlhokegang go isa itsholelo ya rona kwa pele. Se se supa fa re le mo tseleng ya go fetola ka fa thuto ya rona e ntseng ka teng. Gape *educational reforms* e a tlhokega, gore re kgone go itebaganya kana go itepatepanya le dikgwetlho tsa kwelotlase ya maduo a thuto, a re ntseng re a bona. Re tlhoka gore re simolole go lebaleba dikitso tse bana ba rona ba nang le tsone, e bile ba di kgatlhegela. Re tlhoka go itebaganya le thuto e e kgatlhegelang ditalente tse bana ba rona ba nang le tsone. Gore ngwana o na le bokgoni jwa eng, talente ya gagwe e mo go eng, a ngwana yoo, o abetswe bokgoni jwa go nna *carpenter, a welder*, moopedi kana modiragatsi.

Nako e gorogile Modulasetilo, gore fa re lemoga fa ngwana a na le kgatlhego mo go tsa mmimo, bodiragatsi kgotsa tsa mabelo le metshameko, re dire ka bojotlhe go ema ngwana yoo nokeng. Re mo rotloetse e bile re dire gore ditlamelo tsotlhe tse ba di tlhokang mabapi le talente ya gagwe, di nne teng ka dinako tsotlhe. Re tlhoka gape gore re tsose serodumo sa ditiro tsa diatla.

Modulasetilo, fa o ka leba mafatshe a a tshwanang le Jeremane; ke lefatshe le le dirang dikoloi tsa Mercedes Benz, Volkswagen (VW) jalojalo. Itsholelo ya bone ga

e a bolo go ikaega ka ditiro tse. *Artisan skills* ke tsone tse di isitseng serodumo le itsholelo tsa lefatshe la Jeremane kwa godimo, *by equipping* banni ba bone *or their citizens with artisan skills*.

Bana ba rona Modulasetilo *have been subjected to over-theoretical and academic education*. Ke sone se ke reng letsatsi le ke a duduetsa, e bile ke a itumela gore jaanong re gatela pele mo itsholelong ya rona. Re tshwanetse re tsose serodumo sa ditiro tsa diatla. Re fe *vocational training institutions* seriti se se maleba gore bana ba di kgatlhegele, e seng mo nakong e re bonang gore bana ba ba nang le ditalente, ba ba tsena kwa *vocational training centre*, ke gore *have been spat out by the education system*. Ke bana ba gotweng *they have failed. These children are ashamed because they are taken to be failures; academic failures*. Ke tsaya gore ngwana wa mofuta o o ntseng jaana, fa a feditse *Form 3* kana *Form 5*, o tlaa itumela ka gore o tlaabo a na le maduo a a nametsang, a a mo itumedisang. Maduo a a tlaa mo fang *confidence*, e seng gore a fetse *Form 5* ya gagwe a le *shamed because he has been spat out by the education system and taken to be a failure*. Ke leboga thata Tona ka kgato e ntlentle e e tserweng mabapi le dikgang tse ke ntseng ke bua ka tsone. Bana ba rona ba ba nang le dikitso tse di tlhokang go atolosiwa ka *vocational training*, le bone ba rotloeduwe go nna le bopelokgale jwa go sa tlhabiwe ke ditlhong mabapi le ditshwetso tsa bone. Se se ka thusa gore maduo a rona a thuto a fetoge mo go nametsang pelo. *This is the way to go Honourable Minister. I congratulate you for having taken this step.*

Go na le kgang e ke batlang go e ama Modulasetilo mabapi le *violence* mo dikoleng; tiriso ya dikgoka mo dikoleng. Bana ba rona *on a daily basis are subjected to violence*. Bana ba ba *under the age of 18* letsatsi le letsatsi *are subjected to violence*. Go dirisiwa dikgoka kgatlhanong le bone. Dipatlisiso di supa gore *24 per cent* ya bana ba basetsana ba a kgokgontshiwa *under the age of 18*. Bana ba le *43 per cent* ba basimane *under the age of 18 are subjected to violence*. Ke supe Modulasetilo gore dipatlisiso tse fa bana ba bodiwa gore ba bone kgokgontsho la ntlha kae, ba supa gore ba e bone mo batsading ba bone le mo batlhokomeding ba bone *or adult care givers*. Re bua ka masika *and other adults in the community*. *Information* e, ke e tsaya mo *report on Violence against Children Survey* e e dirilweng ke ba *Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development*. Bagolo ba ba akaretsa bagolo mo *community*, barutabana, mapodise, batho le bana ba bangwe mo dikoleng. Go na



le bosupi jwa gore kgokgontsho e, e felela e ama bana le mo bokamosong jwa bone. Gompiano *we are fighting this scourge* ya Gender Based Violence (GBV). *We are fighting the scourge* ya gore ke eng batho ba le dikgoka, *but the root cause of* dikgoka tse di kanakana ke bana ba ba kgokgontshitsweng ba le ba nnyennyane.

Ke batla go remelela mo kgannyeng ya barutabana ba ba kgokgontshang bana ka go ba betsa ka dilo tse di farologanyeng; *by clapping them*, go ba raga...

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much Honourable Minister. We just have a couple of minutes; Honourable Dr Letsholathebe.

MS MOKGETHI: Rra?

MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR LETSHOLATHEBE): *Thank you Mr Chairperson.* Mma ke go leboge go bo o mphile tshono ya go akgela mo puong e re e beilweng pele ke *Honourable* Molao. Ke mo lebogise puo ya gagwe e e ntle, e ke tsayang gore e tlaa re thusa go ya kwa pele. E tlaa re kgontsha kgang ya *a knowledge-based economy*. *Mr Chairperson*, ke leboge botlhe ba ba dirang le ene, barutabana, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) le ba bangwe. *Indeed*, fa re ka tswelera re dira jaana, re tlaa ya golo gongwe.

Mr Chairperson, ministry o o tswelera ka go ntsha *policies* tse di ka re tokafaletsang thuto ya rona mme tse dingwe di setse di fetilwe ke nako. Ke go rotloetse Tona gore o nne o di lebelele ka di santse di na le dingwe tse di botlhokwa mo teng. ETSSP Tona, *through you Mr Chairperson*, ke nngwe e e santseng e na le dilo tse dintsi tse re ka akolang (*benefit*) mo go tsone. Dikgang tsa *early childhood* tse re neng re di tsaya mo teng, ke dingwe tse di tlaa tokafatsang (*improve*) *confidence* ya bana ba sekole gore ba rutiwe ka teme ya bommaabone, gape ba tsene sekole ba santse ba le ba nnyennyane. Ke sengwe se se tlaa ba neelang *confidence going forward*. Sengwe se re se lemogang, dikole ga di na *classrooms* tsa bana ba ba tshwanang le bao. Dikole di tlhaelwa ke *classrooms* le bana ba bangwe. Fa o leba motse o tshwana le wa Sekokwe, bana ba tlola tsela *or a main road going to* Matsiloje ba latela sekole ba le ba nnyennyane. Tona, ke a go kopa gore re lebelele gore re ka se ke ra nna le sekole se se simololang ka *Standard 1 to Standard 4* kwa Sekokwe gore bana ba se ka ba tloga ba tshaba sekole. Re setse re supile gore bana ba ba tsamayang *kilometres* tse ditelele ba felela ba tshaba sekole ka gore ba phakela ba latela sekole kgakala.

Metse e e gaufi le Francistown or Greater Francistown *villages*, ba na le bothata jwa *classrooms*. Metse e tshwana le Mabudzane, Matshelagabedi le Tati Siding, ba na le bothata jo bo seng kana ka sepe. O fitlhela o tlhomola pelo bana ba busiwa gotwe ga go na phatlha.

Outcome-based education; Modulasetilo, ke nngwe e ke go iteelang legofi, ke go lebogele gore o bo o e dirisitse Tona. E ka re thusa gore re tokafatse *education* ya rona. *We may not take it as it is*, re ka e lebelela ka gore e a tura mme ra e tokafatsa re lebeletse jaaka mafatshe a tshwana le Zimbabwe, *they took the outcome-based education*, ba bo ba e fetola fale le fale *to suit pockets* tsa bone le fa ba tswang teng. Le lona fela jalo, se tshabe Tona; *let us go for it. I always insist* gore *we need to take bold decisions*. Re tshwanetse re tseye ditshwetso tse Batswana ba tlaa bonang gore re batla go ya kwa pele. Sengwe se se ka re thusang *is an interactive curriculum*. Bana ba malatsi a ba borega ka bonako *and they need to be involved* fa go tla kwa thutong ya bone. Re tlhola re ba bona ba bina mo godimo ga ditafole mo go supa gore *they have a lot of energy*. *So, let us keep them busy; learner-centred type of teaching* gore ba rutiwe, ba eteletse pele mo thutong ya bone. Se se ka kgonagala fa o ka nna le barutabana ba le bantsi jaaka ke bona o o leka ka *teaching assistants as they are now necessary in every class*. Fa o ka lebelela, *English Mediums do well because* go na le *teaching assistants in every class*. Go fokotsa *class size*, a re tsweleng fela jalo. COVID *has pushed us from our anoxia* mme a re tsweleng re fokotse gore bana ba rutiwe ka *this learner-centred type of teaching*. Ke sengwe se re ka se dirang le go ruta ngwana ka se a se ratang, e bile a se kgona. Dikgang tse, o leka go di lebelela kwa Maun le Moeng. Ngwana fa a rata *agriculture*, a re tsweleng re mo rute *agriculture, accounts*, le Development Studies (DVS) gore e re a ya go tsamaisa *business* ya gagwe ya *agriculture*, a bo a itse *the discipline*.

Kgang ya *digitisation* mo dikoleng; ke lebogele Puso gore e ya go tsenya maranyane mo dikoleng. Se se ya go re thusa ka bana ba malatsi a, ba rata maranyane. *Let us use that*. Le barutabana ba ba leng foo, go kile ga bo go na le selo gotwe *in-service training and* University of Botswana (UB) *used to have in-service training*. A re di simolole mme le rona ka kwano kwa *tertiary*, re tlaa buisana le ba Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) *or* UB gore ba di simolole.

Gangwe le gape barutabana ba boele kwa sekoleng go ithuta dilo tse ba ka di dirisang go ruta bana ba gompiano ka gore tota fa o sale o rutuntshitswe bogologolo e ka



nna ya re o boela *classroom* o batla go dirisa *chalk and board* ba bo ba sa tlhole ba nna le kgatlhego le se o se dirang.

Ke re *counselling also*, thupa ga e sa tlhole e dirisiwa jaaka pele. Ke ne ke le morutabana, ke ne ke dumela mo thupeng mme gompieno ke tsaya gore *I could be a different teacher, but unfortunately* ga re a ka ra e replace ka a good *counselling*.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. It is time to call upon the Minister of Basic Education to reply to the debate.

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MR MOLAO): Thank you Mr Chairperson. Ke simolole ke lebogele kemonokeng ya Mapalamente, ke bo ke ya le bone ka bongwe ka bongwe ka fa ke ka kgonang ka teng. Honourable Hikuama, gongwe ke simolole ka kgang e o sa e buang mme ke itse gore e nna e le teng mo dipounameng tsa gago ya motlakase wa Makakung wa *solar*. Ke go tlhomamisetse gore re ne ra tsaya tshwetso gore kwa Makakung ga re tsenye *solar*. Se se neng sa dirwa ke *reticulation* ya megala gore re emele Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) go gokela motlakase kwa Makakung. *The solar component, solar plant* e ntshitswe e ile kwa Tsodilo Primary e bile e setse e bereka. Ke re gongwe e nne sengwe se o se itseng gore ga re a ya go tsenya *solar* jaaka re ne re akantse pele. Gongwe ke sengwe se o neng o sa se itemogela gore re baakantse ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Kgang ya *free education*; o ne o bua ka *free and compulsory*. Re farologana fa go '*compulsory*,' mme re dumela gore re diragatsa *free education* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re lengwe la mafatshe a a palo potlana a a diragatsang thuto e. Le kwa mafatsheng tota a a tlhabologileng a a humileng, bontsi jwa thuto bo a duelelwa mme rona re ne ra tswelela ka tsela e re leng mo go yone. Gone re tshwanetse ra tlhologanya gore dikgwetlho di teng. Fa e le gore batsadi ga ba ka ke ba nna le seabe mo thutong ya bana ba bone, ke gone fa gongwe o bonang maduo a nna a wela kwa tlase ka gore batsadi fa gongwe ba itlhokomolosa thuto ya bana ba re Goromente o teng. Jaanong selo se re tshwanetse gore re le baetedipele re rotloetse batsadi gore ba inakanye le thuto, ba nne le seabe mo thutong ka fa ba ka kgonang ka teng go rotloetsa bana ba bone.

School connectivity le yone ke thulaganyo e e teng. Re tswetse go ya go gokela maranyane kwa metseng ka SmartBots jaaka Tona Morwaeng a ne a bua. E

tleabo e goroga in all *public places; primary schools, junior secondary le senior secondary schools* e le *bandwidth* e e fa godimo; 50 *megabits at primary, 60 at junior secondary and 100 at senior secondary*. Ke selo se re yang go se dira, re dira gone gore go ruta ka tsa maranyane le tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang di tle di kgonagale sentle.

Class sizes le yone ke tlhomamise gore kana ga se tlholo-ntšha, Revised National Policy on Education (RNPE) sale e buile ka *class sizes*. Re diragatsa sone se se mo maitlamong a RNPE. Ke selo se se ntseng se le teng. Ga se tlhagoge maabane ka UDC, RNPE e dirilwe, UDC e bo e e tsaya e ise e bo e akanyediwe.

Satellite primary schools; re dumele gore re tshwaraganetse tiro e le ba *Local Government*. Kana mme re tshwanetse ra tlhologanya gore *satellite primary schools are temporary structures until* di kwadisiwa go nna sekole se se tletseng, jaanong ke gone o tlaa bonang gore dikago tse di dirisiwang, ditsompelo tse di dirisiwang ga di ka ke tsa tshwana le kwa sekoleng se a bo se setse se kwadisitswe ka tlhomamo gore ke sekole. Barutabana ba ba yang teng ke ba ba rutetsweng tiro ba ba tshwanang fela le ba ba kwa dikolong tse dingwe e bile ba ntsha maduo fela a a kwa godimo a a tshwanang le a barutabana ba ba kwa dikolong tse dingwe. E tlaa re fa di ntse di gola *organically* go iketlilwe, *settlements* tse di leng mo go tsone di ntse di gola, le tsone di tlaa felela di tlhomama di nna dikole tse di itshetletseng.

E ya go ruta ka teme ya *local language* kana *mother tongue*; maabane kana re ne re kopane le Komiti ya tsa Thuto, e Motlotlegi Rre Hikuama a leng leloko la yone. Ke a tle ke bo ke tsaya gore fa re kopane jaana re a bo re raya gore re buisane dikgang tsotlhe, e re fa re tla kwa Ntlong, Mapalamente ba ba mo komiting e bo e le gore jaanong ba re ema nokeng, ga ba fetoge ba bua se sele se nneng gongwe re ne re sa se buisana kwa maabane. Jaanong ke ne ke tla fa gongwe ke gakgamala fa Motlotlegi Hikuama a bua ke re, "ao! mme re letse re le mmogo maabane dilo tse ra di buisana, jaanong fa a di bua e kete go go šha mo go ene tota go a bo mabaka a teng e le eng?" Gongwe e tlaa nna sengwe se re tshwanetseng gore re se tokafatse go ya pele gore fa re kopane kwa dikomiting re bo re solofela gore bakaulengwe ba ba mo dikomiting tseo jaanong fa re tla kwa Palamenteng re thusana kgang, ba baya dikgang ka tsela e e leng gore re letse re di buisantse ka teng re le kwa bothokong, e se ka ya nna e kete ke selo se sešha se ba kopanang le sone *in the House*.



Mme ya go ruta e re letse re tlhalositse gore kana go ne go na le *Draft Policy* e re neng ra tsamaya ra ya go buisana le setšhaba re bo re tshwanelwa ke gore morago ga foo re ye kwa Khuduthamageng (*Cabinet*). Re ne ra ya kwa Khuduthamageng mme ra fiwa tetla ya *consultation*. Re a itse gore *August last year* go ne ga nna le *lockdown* ka nako ya COVID fa dipalo di ntse di ya kwa godimo. Sone seo se ne sa emisa *consultation*, go bo go raya gore tsotlhe tse re neng re di ikaeletse le tsone di a ema. Selo se ke letse ke se tlhaloseditse ba komiti, Rre Hikuama, re se tlhalositse gore re ne ra kgorelediwa ke *lockdown* e e neng ya emisa *consultation*. E rile morago ga *lockdown* ra boa, ke arabela le Dr Tshabang kwa pele, gore morago ga foo, re ne ra boa ra tlhotlha dikgang ka fa *consultation* e neng ya dirwa ka teng go buisantswe le dikhansela tsotlhe le Dikgotla *meeting* mo metseng e mentsintsi ya lefatshe la Botswana. Re ne ra boela kwa Khuduthamageng go ya go neela pego ya gore *consultation* e tsamaile jang. Jaanong *Cabinet* e re file tetla kgotsa *it has adopted report* ka fa e neng e ntse ka teng, mme re bo re dumalana. Selo se e leng gore ke batla go se gatelela, ke letse ke se tlhalositse le maabane kwa komiting gore ngwaga o jaanong re tlaabo re o dirisetsa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rona re ne re seyo kwa komiting.

MR MOLAO: ...fa kae. Ikatle Moswaane. Re tlaabo re ipaakanya, go baakanya barutabana *and all the materials* o o tlhokafalang gore tiro e re ye go e simolodisa. Re tlaabo re e simolodisa ka tlhomamo ka *January 2023* e le gore sengwe le sengwe *is now in place*. Ke sone se ke tshwanetseng gore ke se gatelele gore re tswelsetse ga re a boela kwa morago e bile ga go na fa e leng gore re a go boela kwa morago teng. Jaanong ngwaga o re tlaabo re o dirisetsa *for all preparations that are necessary* gore e re re simolola *programme* ka *January 2023* e bo e le gore sengwe le sengwe se eme sentle. Ke sone se e leng gore re tshwanetse ra se tlhologanya le batsadi kwa gae ba se tlhologanye gore ga re ka ke ra boela *programme* e morago ka gope. Ke maikaelelo a rona re le Puso ka re itse maduo a a ka tswang mo go yone.

Kgang ya *discipline* mo dikoleng; kana re aga re bua re re *behaviour* e bana ba e supang *at school level is a mirror image of what they see in the society*. Fa gongwe re na le go bua re bo re tsaya dikole re di *isolate* re tsaya gore bana ba supa maitseo le maitsholo a e seng one ba le kwa sekoleng fela re lebala gore... fela jaaka Motlotlegi Mma Mokgethi a ne a bua gore *research* e supa gore

bana ba a supa gore kgokgontsho ya ntlha ba e bona kwa malwapeng, *the society* e ba tshelang mo go yone. Jaanong *expectation* ya me ke gore e re re le fa re le bagolo re le Mapalamente e re fa re bua ka *indiscipline* mo dikoleng, *we should talk about it not in isolation*, re *reflect* le *the society* e re tshelang mo go yone. Keletso ya rona ke gore *all stakeholders must be on board* go thusa *education sector* le barutabana go bopa bana ka gore dikole ga di ka ke tsa kgona di le nosi. Le yone *corporal punishment*, ga e ka ke ya kgona e le nosi. Ga e ka ke ya re batsadi le kwa lelwapeng le rona ba ba gone fa e le gore ga re otlhae bana ba rona ka thupa kwa malwapeng a rona e bo e le gore ra re ba ye go otlhaiwa ke mongwe go sele ka thupa re tle re thusiwe. *But corporal punishment* ga e a emisiwa e teng, mme go dirwa ka thulaganyo e e siameng e e leng gore e feletsa bana ba sa gobadiwa ke barutabana kgotsa ke ope yo o a bong a *apply corporal punishment*.

Re aga re bua re re, le kwa gae batsadi le bogosi, *they must be involved* ba re thuse go busetsa bana mo tseleng, ka gore le ditagi di setse di le teng mo dikoleng. Mo gongwe bana ba itshwara ka tsela e e seng yone, e le gore *they are under the influence of drugs* tse e leng gore dilo tse fa gongwe di a bo di tswa kwa malwapeng. Jaanong ke re ke e fetise go le kalo.

Rre Lesaso, re itse tse di diragalang kwa Shoshong Senior, re ipaakanyeditse gore re ye go thusa ka *maintenance* teng koo. *Project* ya Kalamare Junior le yone e tswelsetse, le fa e le bonya, re solofetse gore ka *June* e bo e wela ngwaga o. Motlakase wa *solar* kwa bo Mokgenene, Poloka, gammogo le Moralane, ke dilo tse re solofelang gore di tlaa thusa go tsamaisa thuto mo metseng e e leng gore ke metse e e santseng e le kwa tennyanateng kana e saletse kwa morago ka ditlhabologo.

Maintenance of facilities; o ne o bua gore fa gongwe re lebe gore *existing* kana *maintenance* re batle batho ba ba mo *the localities* go leka go re thusa ka *maintenance*, ka *their different skills*, ba phuthwe. Ke mogopolo, ke tsaya gore re ka o lebelela ra o dirisa, *not only as education but the entire Government system*. Re ntse re leka gore kwa *the junior or secondary schools* re ise bokete ja madi a *maintenance*, bogolo a dirisiwe ke *regions*, bagokgo, go leka go dira *maintenance* o ba ka o kgonang mo dikoleng tsa rona ka go farologana.

Partitioning of halls go dira *classes*, mo gongwe go a dirwa, mme kwa re iseng re goroge teng *we will get there*, le wena o buile ka *discipline* mo dikoleng,



resident nurses in big schools. Go na le tse dingwe tse re setseng re na le bone, gore re tlhokomelela bana, mme re tlaa nna re ntse re atolosa re ya kwa dikoleng tse dingwe, bogolo *the big schools* jaaka bo Shoshong Senior le tse dingwe.

Kgang ya Mahutagane e utlwetse. *Supervision of projects* gore *people should supervise* ba le *on the ground, they should not supervise* ba tswa kwa Gaborone. Ke sengwe se re se tsayang tsia, re tlaa se sala morago.

Rre Morwaeng, ke supe fela gore kemo nokeng ya gago le o le Mopalamente kwa Kgaolong ya Molepolole, le bogogi ja thuto kwa Molepolole, ke sengwe se e leng gore *it is noticeable.* Ke dumela gore se tlaa re thusa go tswelala se tokafatsa maduo go ya kwa pele. Re dumela gore *the quality of teachers and teaching* jaaka re simolodisa Botswana Teaching Professionals Council (BOTECO) *that will be registering* barutabana, e ba *license*, e dira le dikgang tsotlhe tsa *discipline.* E tlaa tla e re thusa le yone go boa e aga thuto ya rona go aga bodiredi go tlhologanya tiro ya bone, le go e dira ka fa go tshwanetseng go dirwa ka teng.

SmartBots jaaka ke setse ke buile, e re e tshwaraganetseng... *it is coordinated* go tswa kwa lephateng la gago, ke setse ke buile gore *bandwidth* e e yang kwa dikoleng tsa rona ke e e farologaneng, 50, 60, 100 go tswa *primary, junior,* go ya kwa *senior secondary.* Ke bo ke tlaaletsa gore ngwaga o *all our senior secondary schools* e bo e le gore botlhe ba simolola go amogela Information and Communication Technology (ICT) *gadgets* le gone go rutiwa go ruta ka tsone, jaaka Rre Leuwe a ne a bua gore o fitlhetse *training* kwa Mahupu. Mme e tlaare fa re fetsa ka *senior secondary schools* re bo re fologela kwa *junior secondary schools,* re bo re ya go goroga kwa *primary schools.* Ke sengwe se re tswelentseng, re phutholotse mosepele mo go sone.

Rre Reatile, mma re dumele gore tlhalelo ga e kwa Jwaneng-Mabutsane fela, e bile kgaolo eo ga e ntshiwe ka lesa legolo go bo e le Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Re a itse ka ditlhalo tse di teng kwa bo Molongwa, Maiteko, Morama le bo Kgosimpe. Gongwe ke tlhalose gore re dirile thulaganyo ya *porta cabin classes* kwa Mogale e le *three by two,* go raya gore ga di ntse jaana di *six* kwa Mogale. Kwa Morama *one by two,* ke *classrooms* tse pedi. Kgosimpe *one by two,* ke *classrooms* tse pedi. Molongwa *is two by two,* go raya gore ke *classrooms* tse *four.* Maiteko *one by two,* ke *classrooms* tse pedi. Re oketsa re ntse re tsibogela tlhalelo e, re sa lebelela

gore ke Kgaolo ya Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Gongwe ke go tlhalosetse gore kwa Mogale re lebile gore *we are at design stage* ya matlo a boroko kwa Mogale a re dumelang gore fa sengwe le sengwe se tsamaile sentle, *before end of this year* re tshwanetse re bo re setse re ile kwa *construction, from* bo *August, September* go ya kwa pele.

MR REATILE: *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re o santse o le foo motlotlegi, mo kgannyeng ya *classes* jaaka o di bua, kwa Molongwa ga go na sepe motlotlegi, ke *slab* fela, konteraka ga re itse le kwa e leng teng. Le fa ba ba leng kwa sekoleng ba re ba a botsa, gatwe *the supervisors* ba kwa Gaborone, mme ga ba re neele *updates.* Re na le mathata ka kgang ya *technical unit* ya gago morena, ga gona sepe se se diragalang. *Information* e ba go e nayang e *khokhae.*

MR MOLAO: Nnyaa, o utlwetse, ga ke a re di fedile. Se ke neng ke se bua ke gore, kgang ya rona ke gore re dira *classes* di le *three by two* kwa Mogale, jaaka ke ne ke di bua. *They are at different stages of procurement.* Ga ke a re di fedile, mme ke tsibogo e re neng re e tsibogela gore re baakanye seemo. Maiteko, matlo a a wang a le a konteraka e e sa leng e tlogetse, *we have to terminate.* Re a itse gore fa go tsewa dikgato tsa *termination, these are legal issues,* di tsaya lebaka, mme fela ke ka go tlhomamisetse gore *we have an ongoing* Invitation to Tender (ITT) e re setseng re e dira *to engage BHC amongst others,* gore ba ye go re baakanyetsa seemo sa Maiteko. Ke selo se e leng gore mo ngwageng o re tsenang mo go one o se tlaabo se diragala, matlo a Maiteko *are going to be demolished* go agiwa seshu, ka gore rakonteraka yoo o tlogetse tiro e sa dirwa ka fa e neng e tshwanetse ka teng. *There are some challenges* tse re nnileng le tsone, mme fela Maiteko e tlaa baakangwa mo ngwageng o re leng mo go one o.

Rre Motaosane, ke tsaya gore bakaulengwe ba ne ba etla ba bua... kana re tshwaraganetse *infrastructure* bogolo jang *at primary* le ba *Local Government.* Ke tsaya gore mogolole Rre Autlwetse le bathusi ba gagwe ba ne ba ntse ba tsaya *notes* le bone, le fa re ise re tsene kwa lephateng la gagwe gore dikole di tshwana bo Kotolaname, Lesilakgokong jalo, di tlhoka maroko a barutabana le *classrooms,* ka gore ka palo gotlhe fa re lebile rona, re tlhoka *accommodation,* matlo a feta 5000 a barutabana *countrywide.* Ke sengwe se re lebileng *programme* e re le kang go e dira ya Public Private Partnership (PPP), re setse re le *at a procurement stage of a transactional advisor* go re thusa ka yone PPP,



go aga matlo a barutabana, a le *more than* 5000. A e leng gore *countrywide* re tlaabo re leka go a gorosa kwa barutabana ba tlhokang teng. Mme jaaka re tshwaraganetse tiro le ba *Local Government*, ba ntse le bone ba reeditse ba tsaya *notes*, ba tlaa re thusa ka kgang ya maroko le *classrooms backlog eradication, especially at primary schools* jaaka o ne o tlhalosa.

Kgang ya Thamaga, bana ba ba tsenang kwa Moshupa, ke kgang e re e tsayang tsia *honourable*, re tlaa e lebelela *and see* gore *how can we assist* Thamaga le Moshupa Senior *as we go into* NDP 12.

Rre Leuwe, Mahupu ke selo se re se lebogelang, *they did very well*. Go a supa gore ga gona lefatshe gope kwa gotweng go na le bana ba ba seng botlhale. Go tswa fela mo go reng bodiredi le botsadi foo ba a bo ba tshwere tiro ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Bana botlhe lefatshe ka bophara, ba na le *potential* ya go pasa fela sentle go sa lebelelwa gore ba kwa toropong, go sa lebelelwa gore ba mo lefelong le le ntseng jang. Jaanong thotoetso ya gago le batsadi ba sekole se sa Mahupu, *is very noticeable*, gammogo le baeteledipele ba thuto kwa Kweneng, *something* se e leng gore *we are noting* ka fa ba dirang ka teng. Re tlaa bua kwa bothokong *honourable* ka kgang ya bolwetse jo o neng o bo bua ka Salajwe le Mphuthe, gore gatwe go diragala eng, mma ke se ka ka e araba teng fa.

Transfers and overstays; ke nngwe ya dilo tse di re tshwarisitseng bothata. Bodiredi gantsi ga ba rate go ya kwa dikgaolong. Ba utlwana le go nna *in urban and peri-urban areas*. E bo e le gore *when they are being transferred*, go tsaya lebaka e le gore *people are digging in*, ga ba batle go suta. Ke kgang e re tshelang le yone letsatsi le letsatsi *in this ministry as a big employer*. Re leka ditsela tsotlhe tsa go bona gore batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa ntle, le bone ba nna le sebaka sa go tla gaufi le bo Gaborone kgotsa le kwa ditoropong, ba se ka ba nnela kwa ruri. *It is a struggle* se re tlaa tlhokang gore re se thusanye mmogo ka gore kgabagare fa re ntse re ba kgarametsa, e nna dikgang tsa gore gongwe ga re ba sekegele tsebe kgotsa ga re ba tseye sentle. Fela gone *we will continue to try and implement a fair and equitable transfer system* for mongwe le mongwe.

Dr Tshabang go boammaaruri, kana le sone *space allocation as you come from primary schools*, re tsaya bana *up to 97 per cent*. Fa o ya kwa godimo kwa *junior secondary*, selo santlha diphatlha di simolola go fokotsega, dipalo di bo di ya kwa tlase tsa bana ba *junior secondary*. Fa o ya kwa *senior secondary*, diphatlha le

gone di bo di ntse di fokotsega. *It is something that is well-known* mme fa re ntse re dira *school expansion* ka bonya ka bonya, ke gone go oketsa diphatlha tsa *junior secondary* le tsa *senior secondary*.

Gape thulaganyo ya *outcome based education* le *pathways*, e tlaa tla le yone e re thusa go bula diphatlha tse dingwe le gone go tokafatsa maduo ka bana ba tlaabo ba sala morago *career path* e e leng gore *they show most potential* mo go yone, jaaka re setse re simolotse kwa bo Moeng le Maun Senior. Re dumela gore *we will soon be cascading this across the country* jaaka re ntse re tsweletse gore bana ka yone *learner profiling* e e neng Motlotlegi Mokgethi a e bua, e bo e ka supa bana *where their area of interest and competences are*. E bo e le gore bana ba *they are channeled to where they can perform better*. Ke sengwe se se leng teng.

Handling of chemicals in schools and laboratories tse e leng gore *they are base classrooms* ke selo se se teng, re a se tsibogela. *You will see* gore *in the plan* e re nang le yone, *we are continuing to build laboratories* mo dikoleng ka go farologana. Go bonya, ke tshwanetse ka amogela mme *that is really where we are going to go* leka gore *science-based subjects* le tsone bana ba kgone go rutelwa fa go siameng teng, le *handling of chemicals* e tle e kgone go tokafala.

O buile ka *discipline versus corporal punishment*. Ke tsaya gore le wena o ne o feta ka yone gore *it is something that we can debate* mme fela re tshwanetse rotlhe ra tshwaraganela go tsamaisa thuto re le mmogo, re sa lebelela kwa dikoleng fela.

Maintenance le one o tlhoka *attention*. Jaaka ke buile pele, ra re re isa *part of money to schools directly* go dira *maintenance* o ba ka o kgonang, *even of furniture*. Ke setse ke buile le ba maphata a a farologanyeng *in regions* gore *the old furniture* e o fitlhelang fa gongwe go latlhetswe kwa morago ga *classrooms*, e tshwanetse gore e tsewe, re batle *artisans* mo motseng. Ba baakanye ditafole le ditilo, di boele mo tirisong *because a lot of these furniture can still be re-used*. Ke sengwe se se setseng se tsweletse, se a dirwa go leka gore *furniture* e tle e se ka ya tlhaela ka fa e ntseng gongwe e tlhaela ka teng.

Ya *languages* ke tsaya gore ke ne ke setse ke fetile ka yone mme ke gatelela *honourable* gore le wena o ye go e thusa kwa gae gore ga re re *for now as Phase 1*, re ya go ruta *these languages as standalone subjects*. Ra re e ya go nna *medium of instruction*. Fa e le gore ke



kwa Bokalaka, re ya go ruta ka Sekalaka, ga se gore re ya go ruta Sekalaka *as a subject* jaaka Setswana kgotsa Sekgoa e le *Phase 1*. Tumelo ke *gore going forward once the system has stabilised*, ke gone e tlaa reng kwa *Phase 2* e bo e le gore jaanong *rollout* ya gore *these languages can be introduced as subject on their own*, e bo e ka tsena. Re tlhalosetse batsadi gore re ya go ruta ka diteme tse, *local languages* e le *medium of instruction at lower primary up to Standard 3*, e se *subjects* tse di ikemetseng ka nosi.

Pre-primary rollout gongwe ke supe gore *for now we are at 84.7 per cent* fa re lebeletse *all our primary schools* lefatshe ka bophara; 639. Re solofetse gore 54 e bo le yone e simolodisa mo ngwageng one o, e bo e le gore *we add it to the 639* ka tumelo ya gore jaaka re ntse re tswela. E tlaa re le ngwaga o o tlang e bo gongwe re ka wetsa *all our primary schools, then we increase* dingwaga gore *from one year* e re e dirang gompiano, e nne dingwaga tse pedi. Gape re lebile gore ba ba iseng ba simolole, ga ba na *classes* tsa go simolola, go na le *orientation* e e dirwang ya bo *six weeks*, e bana ba *are being orientated in different schools* tse e leng gore ga di ise di simolole *pre-primary* gore e re ba simolola *Standard 1*, ba bo ba setse ba tlwaetse *the school environment*. Ke sengwe se se ntseng se diragala.

Teenage pregnancies, go kopane gotlhe le yone *indiscipline*. Kana re a *report* mme le batsadi le bone ba tshwanetse gore ba *report*. Rona fa re le kwa dikoleng ga re na go itse gore ngwana o emisitswe ke mang. Re tlaa bona ngwana a imile kgotsa a sa tle sekoleng, e re re botsa batsadi gore ngwana o kae, go be go fitlhelwa e le gore o imile. Ke sengwe se re se lebileng, *we have opened up* gore fa ngwana a imile o ka kgona go tswela a le mo sekoleng *up to a stage where* o gaufi le go belega. A bo a ka ya go belega a neelwa a *certain duration*, a bo a ka kgona go boa a tla go tsweledisa dithuto tsa gagwe. Re sa dire jaaka bogologolo mo e neng e re ngwana fa a imile a bo a kojwa mo sekoleng. Re dira se *as a response* ya gore bana ba re se ka ra ba latlha, le bone ba tle ba kgone go tswela ba ithuta mme fela re ka kgona dilo tse re le mmogo le *public education* e le mo teng.

Kgang tsa COVID-19 *protocols* tse dilo di senyegileng, ke boammaaruri dilo tse di teng mme re leka go di tsibogela *in different ways*.

Rre Moabi, Masunga Senior *being one of the good performing schools*, ke selo se re se lebogelang. *It is also a testament* ya gore bana ga go kgathalesse gore

ba kwa motseng-selegae, fa *management* le barutabana ba dira tiro ya bone, batsadi le bone ba tsentse lebogo, bana *are able to perform*.

Kgang ke yone ya *supervision of projects*, ya boroko, kgang ke *second primary probably* kwa Masunga mme ke tsaya gore *as we go to NDP 12*, ke dingwe tse re tshwaraganeng le ba *Local Government*, di tlaa lebelelwa.

Boarding in some junior secondary schools tsa kgaolo ya gago ke kgang e re e itseng, e re e lebileng go bona gore ke dife tse re ka thusang ka *hostel accommodation* fa re ka kgonang teng.

Kgang ya Zwenshambe, *performance* ya konteraka e kwa, le yone *it is getting due attention*. Ke tsaya gore mo nakong e khutshwane *we will update you* gore *what measures are we putting in place* go baakanya seemo, ga mmogo le kgang ya gore barutabana ba a tlhela.

We have been doing staff audit mo dikoleng ka go farologana go leka go bona gore a barutabana mo dikoleng tse *are they adequately staffed*. Ke dingwe tse e tlaa reng *audit* e wela, re bo re setse re bona gore ditlhaelo fa di leng teng, di ka tswa di le fa kae. Gone kwa Zwenshambe go a supafala gore *some of the teachers* ba ba neng gongwe go tilwe ba a tlhela, *are already in place but will give you further information* ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Ke tsaya gore ya ga Motlotlegi Mokgethi o ne a remeletse thata mo go yone ya *leaner profiling* le gore e ka re neela maduo a a ntseng jang. Ke selo se e leng gore *programme* ya rona ya General Curriculum and Assessment Framework (GCAF) le yone *improvement* ya *education outcome based*, e tlaa re tlisetsa maduo one a.

Dr Letsholathebe ke ya kwa bofelong, kgang ya Sekukwe e utlwetse. *We will liaise* le bagarona ba *Local Government* and see gore gatwe go ka dirwa gotweng ka yone *settlement* eo. Bagaetsho, re itse gore go na le *settlements* tse dintsi *all over the places*, tse bana ba tsamayang lebaka le le leele mme go nna go lekwa le fa go sa lekane.

Ka bokhutshwane ke di akgele fela jalo, tse dingwe *we will give further details to* Mapalamente jaaka re ntse re tswela mme re dumela gore tsotlhe di tlaa apara tshiamo.

Mr Chairperson, ke tsaya gore ke di arabile ka fa ke



neng ke ka kgona ka teng. Fela kwa bofelong, gongwe motho a ka gatelela fela gore *having attended to most of the queries raised by Honourable Members, Mr Chairperson*, ke kope gore *the sum of P9, 867,966,950 under the Recurrent Budget and P936,843,180 under the Development Budget be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the 2022/23 Appropriation Bill (No. 1 of 2022)*, for Head 0600. Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson.

Question put and **agreed to.**

ORGANISATION 0700 - MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

MR CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order! Honourable Members, you should note that 2 hours 50 minutes have allocated to this organisation, and I shall call upon the Honourable Minister to reply to the debates at 1615 hours on Monday the 7th of March. The question would be put at 1643 hours. May I call upon the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to present.

MINISTER OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Mr Chairperson, I am happy to present my ministry's budget performance for the 2021/22 financial year and proposals for the 2022/2023 financial year, to this Honourable Committee. My ministry has introduced several interventions to promote business operational sustenance.

Through the Letlhabile product implemented by the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), a total of 7 914 businesses have been funded at an investment value of P37 million, sustaining 7 914 jobs as at September 2021. CEDA also introduced repayment holidays and restructured loans as a mitigation measure to support businesses. As at end of September 2021, total restructured accounts amounted to P288 million.

Mr Chairperson, my ministry has been allocated P700 million under Industry Support Facility and to date, a total of P140.2 million (20 per cent) has been disbursed by CEDA, Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and Botswana Development Corporation (BDC).

To date P19.5 million has been disbursed to 128 businesses under CEDA. Of this amount, manufacturing investment amounted to P3.1 million which funded 20 businesses, while the remaining P16.2 million financed 108 businesses trading in services. Furthermore, LEA has to date, disbursed a total of P45.713 million to 45 713 enterprises.

BDC on the other hand has disbursed P75 million as equity injection and loan restructuring to large enterprises. Furthermore, seven applications valued at P162 million have been approved and currently being disbursed to companies. BDC is also at an advanced stage of assessment with different companies for additional uptake of the Industry Support Facility, amounting to P200 million.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

In an endeavour to promote industrial development, my ministry has developed the following Statutory Instruments to stimulate investment and to create jobs during the current financial year;

(i) Restriction on the importation of maize extruded snacks, the Statutory Instrument came into effect in June 2021 and my ministry is facilitating two companies which are in the process of setting up new facilities with an estimated investment of P40 million. The companies are expected to be operational by end of this financial year.

(ii) Restriction on the importation of School Uniform. The Statutory Instrument aims to build competitiveness and sustainability of the textile and clothing industry in this country. Since coming into effect in September 2021, the retail sector is engaging the local manufacturers by sharing their requirements to meet their supply.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

The CEDA Revised Guidelines which were launched in July 2020 continue to appeal to Batswana, and in the process cultivating the desired entrepreneurial spirit. The Guidelines offer relaxed lending terms such as favourable interest rates, increased repayment period from 15 to 20 years and a maximum interest free moratorium of up to 48 months on loans. Since the Guidelines were launched in July 2020 up to September 2021, loans amounting to P1.1 billion have been approved. Out of this amount, P296 million was approved during the 1st half of 2021/2022 financial year. A total of 1 460 businesses have been approved since the commencement of the new Guidelines and 2 373 jobs were created while additional 1 538 were sustained.

My ministry continues to promote formation, registration and inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship among Cooperative businesses. In November 2021, my ministry through CEDA launched the Co-operative Fund. The Fund, Mr Chairperson, finances equipment, assets



acquisition and working capital among others, and can disburse up to P50 million, based on the viability of the project. I wish to pause here and encourage Cooperative Societies, to take advantage of this Fund to grow their businesses.

The Economic Inclusion Act, 2021 was passed by Parliament during its July 2021 sitting and was assented into Law in October 2021. The objective of the Act is to promote participation of the targeted citizen in the development of the country. The establishment of the Office of the Coordinator for Economic Empowerment and development of the Economic Inclusion Regulations are at an advanced stage. Implementation Mr Chairperson, is planned to commence on the 1st April 2022.

Mr Chairperson, may it please you, to further inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship in this country, Government has approved the strategy for growing the Middle Class in August 2021. The Strategy aims to facilitate the middle class to focus their managerial and expert knowledge to develop Middle Class businesses and to create jobs, particularly for the youth. Preparations are ongoing to commence implementation of the strategy in April 2022.

SMALL, MICRO AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMMEs) DEVELOPMENT

A majority of citizen owned businesses fall in the SMMEs category. These have their footprints in the remotest areas of the country, and provide livelihood for these communities. It is for this reason that my ministry is continuing to engage the private sector to facilitate market entry, to unlock opportunities for SMMEs. As at December 2021, market access have been secured for goods valued at P98.8 million.

Further, the SMMEs have been assisted to meet the listing requirements which enabled them to supply the retailers with Personal Protective Equipment and medical consumables. Consequently, revenue grew significantly by 102 per cent from P43.2 million realised in 2019/2020 to P98.8 million in 2020/2021 financial year.

The Supplier Development Programme continues to make strides in increasing accessibility of locally produced goods and services. 100 SMMEs have enrolled in the programme and have undergone mentorship to help them implement best practices in order to grow their businesses.

Consequently, a total of P133 million worth of goods and services were produced by local SMMEs during 2021/22 financial year, which is a significant growth compared to P25.902 million realised in 2020/2021.

#PushaBW is a national initiative which my ministry through Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) is implementing to increase accessibility of locally produced goods to consumers. In this regard, BITC has partnered with a locally-based e-commerce store. The store was officially launched on the 1st March 2021 under the “The Official PushaBW Store” and has so far listed over 250 products out of a target of 500 products.

INVESTMENT PROMOTION

Mr Chairperson, from April 2021 to December 2021, total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) stood at P951.42 million against a target of P975 million. Further, a total of P1.606 million worth of Domestic Investment and expansions was realised against a target of P1.125 million. This resulted in the creation of 4 227 jobs against a target of 1 500 during the same period.

Implementation of the Leather Industry Park has been delayed, Mr Chairperson, mainly on account of the relocation of the project from the old site to the new site, as well as the change of its scope. The site of the project has been changed to meet green credentials and relevant international audit protocols to ensure the use of clean technologies; the scope had to be amended to ensure viability of the whole project. These changes Mr Chairperson, will require undertaking preparatory work, including, engineering designs to facilitate implementation of the project at the new site.

Since the approval of the SPEDU Revitalisation Strategy in 2017, SPEDU has created Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four (2 874) jobs through Forty-Seven (47) companies. Out of this total, Eight Hundred and Five (805) jobs were created in the 2021/2022 financial year.

The Online Business Registration System has further greatly improved ease of doing business due to the 24-hour turnaround time name reservation, business name and company registration. Customers continue to enjoy this service anytime of the day in the comfort of their homes and this has resulted in an increase in revenue.

Export Promotion

Mr Chairperson, in an effort to secure markets for locally manufactured goods and services in external markets, trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area



(AfCFTA) Agreement which was launched on the 1st January, 2021, has not commenced due to outstanding negotiations on Rules of Origin and Tariffs. The negotiations are expected to be concluded before end of the calendar year and Botswana will only accede to the agreement once the negotiation have been concluded. Notwithstanding that, my ministry is currently engaging the private sector to ensure their readiness to trade under the AfCFTA. To facilitate implementation of this agreement, my ministry has secured technical assistance from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, for development of the AfCFTA National Implementation Strategy for Botswana. The Strategy is expected to identify comparative advantages for Botswana in the AfCFTA and this is planned to be completed in 2022.

Budget Utilisation

Mr Chairperson, it has been brought to my attention that my time is now running out.

MR CHAIRPERSON: ...(Inaudible)...

MR KGAFELA: A proposed budget for the financial year is P1, 065, 055, 083. Now, this figure of P178, 174, 377 from the current year's budget of this amount is being proposed...

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

MR KGAFELA: I beg your pardon Mr Chairperson. This figure which we are proposing is made up of P951, 891, 040...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: BoZuma ba bantsi mo *ministry*.

MR KGAFELA: P151, 891, 040 and P113, 664, 043 for the Development Budget.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Zuma!

MR KGAFELA: As stated above, the proposed 2022/2023 Recurrent Budget estimates for my ministry represents a decrease from last year's budget by 2 per cent. A significant decrease in the Recurrent Budget occurred under budget allocation to ministries and parastatal organisations. Out of the 11 parastatal organisations, I am proposing a Recurrent Budget amounting to P730, 940, 650. In respect of the five departments under my ministry, I am proposing P220, 990, 390. Out of the department's proposed Recurrent Budget of P139, 444, 240, goes to the ministry's personal emoluments, and P81, 516, 100 goes to other operational charges.

Mr Chairperson, Development Budget proposal is P113, 664, 043. It will cater for the ministry's computerisation project, leather industry park, the development of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), common facilities, doing business and Transactional Advisor for SEZs. The largest share of my ministry's Development Budget, which is P66, 464, 043.00 is allocated for the development of the SEZs projects.

Conclusion

This concludes my presentation Mr Chairperson. I therefore move that the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand and Forty Pula (P951, 891, 040) under the Recurrent Budget and the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand and Forty-Three Pula (P113, 664, 043) under the Development Budget for Organisation 0700 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2022/2023. I move accordingly Mr Chairperson. I thank you.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Minister. The floor is open Honourable Members.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORT AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT (MR BILLY):

Ke a leboga gompiano o le Modulasetilo. Modulasetilo, mma ke tseye sebaka se ke eme Tona nokeng mo go batleng madi ga gagwe. Ke ne ke mo reeditse a tlhalosa ka fa madi a tlhokafalang ka teng le tiriso ya one. Rraetsho, fa o ka lebelela gore mo nakong e re leng mo go yone, lefatshe le wetswe ke seru sa COVID-19. Go matshwanedi gore ba *Investment, Trade and Industry* ba tle ka ditsela tse di faphegileng, ba sekaseke ditsamaiso go tsholetsa itsholelo, ka Sekgoa ba re ke *economic policies and strategies*. Di ikaletse go tokafatsa ka fa Goromente a dirisang madi ka teng, pheletsong ya teng ke gore a tokafatse matshelo a setšhaba. Ditiro tse e leng gore *they are bulk of development projects*, di isiwe kwa *the citizens* tsa lefatshe le go leka go tokafatsa itsholelo ya bone.

Modulasetilo, fa o lebelela tokafatso e, re ka e dira ka methale e farologanyeng. Mothale o mongwe o re ka o dirisang ke wa go dira gore re tsibogele *licences*, di fiwe ka bonako, batho ba se ka ba re felela pelo. Fa o ka lebelela *the investors*, ba na le lenyora la go bona ba beeditse mo lefatsheng a Botswana ba lebeletse dilo tse di farologanyeng le itshireletso. Ba lebeletse gape gore fa a beeditse mo Botswana, Goromente



ga a fetoge ka letsatsi, Goramente o latedisa tumalano ya gore ka dingwaga tse *five* o ya ditlhophong, kana lefatshe le ya di tlhophong.

Jaanong sone seo, a re lebeleng mafatshe a re bapileng le one kana a re nang le one mo *region* gore bone ba tokafatsa jang go ntsha *licences* tsa bone tsa dikgwebo. Lefatshe la Rwanda le tsaya *seven hours*, mme ba Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) ba tsaya *24 hours and* kwa Dubai *is only five hours*. Sone seo Modulasetilo, Tona, go go bontsha gore fa re ka se ke re fetole diemo tse re tlaa salela kwa morago fela thata mo e leng gore pheletsong ke gore re bo re ka palelwa ke *investors* tse di kgatlhegelang *to come and invest* mo lefatsheng la rona. Malatsi a mafatshe ba lebelela mafatshe a a itekang mo ditumalanong le go sireletsa dikgwebo tsa beng ba tsone.

Rraetsho, fa o lebelela toropo ya Francistown, e na le... kana sale ba BITC ba dira *a Special Economic Zone (SEZ)* mme fa o ka se lebelela, go setse go feditswe *the master plan*. Jaaka batho ba aga ba mpotsa gore, “ka gore le feditse *master plan* ya SEZ, mathata ke eng, matsapa di a tsaya kae? Ke eng jaanong o kare le boetse morago tumalano ya lona e e neng e le ntle go le kalo?”

Fa o ka lebelela rraetsho ke gore re na le lefatshe le kana ka *1,000 hectares* le mo go lone re ka dirang dikgwebo tse di farologaneng. *So*, go botlhokwa gore re tabogele go diragatsa SEZ ele. Fa e le go re bothata ke madi, se re ka lekang gore re se dire ke gore re tshwanetse re tokafatse ka *phases*, re re mo *hectares* tse re bo re ka dira go le kana; *hectares* di le tharo kana di le pedi fela jalo.

Modulasetilo, fa o ka lebelela fa re dira ka SEZ, go na le gore re bo re lebelela *infrastructure* e e ka thusang gore se re batlang go se dira koo se diragale motlhofo. Re tshwanetse gore re tokafatse ditsela. *Most of* ditsela tse di mo Francistown e nne *dual carriageways so that* go tsamaege motlhofo. *Sewerage* le yone, motlakase, le metsi mo toropong le one a tshwanetse gore a tokafadiwe gore diemo tseo di kgone go tsamaisiwa motlhofo.

Rraetsho Modulasetilo, ba toropo ya Francistown, Makhanselara ba ntshitse Tshutiso e e ba neng ba re Francistown le yone e direlwe *a special package* go tshwana fela le *region* ya SPEDU e ka gore Francistown o babaletse ke letlhoko la ditiro, go tswalwa ga meepo le lehuma tse di tsetsweng ke go tswalwa ga meepo. Fa re ka direlwa *special package* e e tshwanang le ya kwa SPEDU *region*, go ka nna botoka fela thata. Gongwe

gape Francistown e tsenngwe mo SPEDU ka gore fa o ka lebelela *proximity* ya yone le Phikwe, ke selo se le sengwefela se ke tsayang gore re ka hira dipalo tse di seng kana ka sepe ka tsa batho. Fa o ka lebelela Goramente le meepo, *they are the biggest employers* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *So*, fa meepo e tswetswe, go raya gore itsholelo ya batho ba Francistown e ya kwa tlase fela thata.

Ke ntse ke lebeletse mo Francistown, matshwenyego a mangwe a re nang le one Modulasetilo ke gore ga gona fa batho ba direlang teng kana *operational spaces*. Ke tlhalosetse Tona gore go botlhokwa gore go dirwe *factory shells* kwa Francistown ka *investors* ba re ba na le lenyora la go tla mo Francistown, e nne *opportunity* e ba Francistown ba ka e ka se dirisang kana go oka bajanala. Sone seo se ka leka go tokafatsa itsholelo ya Francistown fela thata.

Se sengwe gape ke gore gongwe re tokafatse ka fa re *prioritise* ditiro tsa rona ka teng. *Priority* re e neele *the local investors because we have local investors* mo lefatsheng la rona ba ba nang le madi a a seng kana ka sepe. Ba ke kopanang le bone ba ntlhalosetsa gore re na le madi mme ga re fiwe *opportunities* tse leng gore *we can invest* madi a rona mo go tsone. Sone seo se botlhokwa gore le se lebelele ka tsela nngwe; re se ka ra nna re bua ka Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) fela re lebala gore *local investment* le yone e botlhokwa fela thata. *The Francistowners have invested in Gaborone, so* ga ba ka ke ba palelwa *to go and invest* mo toropong ya Francistown *and create jobs for* Batswana.

Re tshwanetse gape re lebelele *recovery strategy* sa rona gore a mme se tsamaelana le se re tlhokang. Toropo ya Francistown e gaufi le... e ka bona *market* o motona mo Southern African Development Community (SADC) *region* ka gore Francistown fa o tswa mo go ene jaaka ke tlhola ke tlhalosa, o ya kwa mafatsheng. *It is the shortest way to cover SADC because* mafatshe a mantsi a SADC a tswa *from the north of* Francistown. Gape re na le lefatshe, metsi, *rail, air and* ditsela jaaka ke sa tswa go tlhalosa. *So*, ke *opportunities* tse di teng. *For manufacturing and logistics* mo Francistown, go motlhofo le gone go ka di dira go sena sigkoreletsi se se kalo.

Mma ke taboge ke go leboge rraetsho ka dikgang tsa gore CEDA e dirile eng jaaka bo Letlhabile le *to support informal sector* ka gore ba ne ba wetswe ke seru sone seo. Ke leke go tlhalosa ka *value chain* e ke e bonang mo *informal sector*; segolo jang mo *vegetables*.



Goromente le rona *should show commitment* e e nang le *accuracy* ya gore fa re tswala kwa molelwane re setse re itse gore batho ba ba tlhokanang le *vegetables* ba kae, ba ka di bona kae, go ka nna motlhofo jang gore ba di bone, ba ba di lemang ba ka kgona *to supply* mo nakong e e kae. Ke sengwe se se botlhokwa gore re se lebelele thata. Ke dumalana le gore go tshwanetse gore go tswalwe *to empower our people* mme re tshwanetse gore fa re tswala re dire ditshekatsheko kana fa re ntse re tswetse jaana, ga go pale gore re boele kwa morago ka ditshekatsheko go buisana le bone go bona gore go botoka go ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang go nale gore ba nne jaaka ba ntse. Fa o lebelela toropo e e amilweng ke go tswalwa ga meepo e e tshwanang le ya Francistown, re tlhokana le *informal sector* go leka go tokafatsa itsholelo ya batho ba Francistown.

Francistown Local Authority, ka gore e bile e dirile molao wa *decentralisation*, ba tshwanetse gore le bone ba dire *a strategy* se se tsamaelanang le *national strategy* go leka go akaretse *informal sector* go bona gore e gweba fa go siameng teng *and* ba akaretse *its future* mo *plans* tsa bone go leka go e tokafatsa. Ke tsaya gore *the informal sector is the third largest employer* mo lefatsheng la Botswana fa morago ga meepo le Goromente. Ke a leboga Modulasetilo.

MR CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Letsholo will be followed by Honourable Nkawana.

MR LETSHOLO (KANYE NORTH): *Ke a leboga Mr Chairperson. O tlaa intshwarela go bua o sa mpone, internet e ntshwere ka diwašhene.*

Anyway Mr Chairperson, thank you very much for this opportunity to respond to the speech by Honourable Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry which enables us to support the ministry's budget as presented, as I so do Honourable Chairperson. Due to the constraint of time, I will focus on the points the Minister raised in relation to jobs, State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and balance of trade.

With respect to balance of trade, Honourable Chair, we need to understand that our country cannot run trade deficits forever. The matter of balance of trade deficit is extremely important yet the Minister's speech seemed to simply gloss over it. We need to understand what is being planned to close this gap. We need to understand what the ministry is planning on promoting and growing exports, how they intend to go about it, and when we

should expect to see results. What is clear is that diamonds continue to play a key role in dominating exports, which speaks to the level of diversification, or lack thereof. We need to understand the balance of trade without diamonds and see what effect this has and what the opportunities are. This analysis can and should inform the strategies of the ministry going forward.

Regarding SOEs Honourable Chair, it is my view that the ministry should really have long consolidated their SOE's following both internal and external advice. There have been proposals to merge CEDA and LEA; to merge BITC/SPEDU/Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA); and also to progress Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) into a true Botswana investment holding company. Notwithstanding these Honourable Chair, it appears that most of the ministry's State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) are still dependent on Government subvention, yet there have been proposals to force commercialisation of many of them. As an example, CEDA was expected to be self-sufficient after 10 years of operation, 21 years later CEDA still depends on a Government subvention. Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency gets free money from Government and charges for its loan facilities. Where is the return on that investment Honourable Chairperson? The ministry must table a clear plan for the consolidation and self-sufficiency for its SOEs.

Honourable Chairperson, the aspect of job creation is extremely important more so that it is a key election pledge by the BDP. In our elections manifesto on page 33, we stated, I quote, "in the next five years, the BDP will seek to facilitate the creation of jobs in unprecedented numbers, including jobs in the digital economy, the financial and other services sector, and mineral beneficiation and manufacturing."

It was however disheartening to observe that the Budget Speech made absolutely no mention of strategies and policies to accelerate employment. I stand to be corrected, but my observation is that aside from Section 9 where the Minister of Finance and Economic Development explains that unemployment has risen from 17 per cent to 23 per cent there is no other mention of unemployment in the entire paper. This cannot be good Honourable Chairperson, and we may be accused or perceived to have abandoned Botswana, especially the youth, whose unemployment is actually closer to 30 or even 35 per cent. This is our biggest challenge and deserves significant attention in the budget.



Mr Chairperson, I actually wonder if we have a jobs strategy, but if we do, we need to understand who owns the jobs Key Performance Indicator (KPI). Is it the Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Finance, Office of the President, Local Government or the Strategy Office? Without clear ownership then accountability is lost and progress will be impossible. We need a mechanism to coordinate job creation, facilitation, and monitoring. Yes Government is enabling or facilitating job creation, but this must be done in a comprehensive manner with coordination across all players. My suggestion therefore is that the Ministry of Trade should set up a multi-disciplinary or cross-functional team that includes the private sector, to strategise, coordinate, facilitate, monitor and report on the job creation KPI. If we are serious about job creation, then we must make this a priority through our actions and not just our words.

Jobs require growth in mass-employment activities such as manufacturing and tourism etcetera. Botswana as we all know does not have a manufacturing base and our tourism is low volume and high value, which all translate to lower employment. So when the Ministry of Finance talks about deep structural change, this is it. We need to deal with this narrow economy and lack of manufacturing activity. Botswana's stated objective in the NDP is export-led growth, but we have unfortunately been unsuccessful in growing manufacturing, think of Lobatse Clay Works; Palapye Glass Factory; Hyundai Car Plant; Lobatse Tile, Honourable Chairperson the list is long. What I believe is that we can promote manufacturing, but it appears to not be our strength. Perhaps we can do better in services and we can then scale it up to offer a huge employment base similar to Mauritius and Seychelles who have achieved 9 per cent and 4 per cent unemployment respectively, predominately due to tourism-related services. What is clear is that we need serious economic intelligence.

Honourable Chairperson, in a country and small country as ours, we have to be deliberate about shaping our economy and its business environment. We have to be deliberate because our market is unique. We simply cannot allow the economy and business environment to be dominated by a handful of people. We need more private sector to run different industries and different sectors of our economy. Monopolies kill the economy because the supply chain just does not grow.

Honourable Chairperson, in this context it really cannot be acceptable for Supermarket X to be in retail and then also have wholesale or distribution businesses.

The wholesale or distribution licences enable the supermarket to buy at exceedingly reduced prices due to their bulk procurement. It then becomes unfair for that supermarket to use that price advantage to undercut other independent local competitors also in retail. This is completely uncompetitive and must attract the attention of the Competition Authority.

Honourable Chairperson, really why should supermarkets chains farm chickens and sell their own *menoto le dintshu*? Why should supermarket owners grow their *merogo* and sell them in their own shops? Honourable Chairperson, whereas in other countries this concept of vertical integration would be acceptable, in Botswana it wreaks havoc in the economy, it enables a handful of players to dominate all the sectors of the economy. We have to revisit our licensing regime, so that businesses with the same beneficial owners cannot have trading licences that cut across the value chain.

Honourable Chairperson, another developing market shift is that of wholesalers getting into the bottle store business. At these bottle stores of theirs they sell at wholesale prices and undercut independent and struggling Botswana bottle store owners. Supporters of this move do so on the basis that these wholesalers have employed many Botswana, but this cannot be acceptable because in the process they kill local Botswana businesses and harm competition. Botswana cannot be doomed to being employees for life, they should also be enabled and empowered to be business owners. In view of this, and in order to give Botswana an opportunity to participate in the alcohol industry I propose that *dimausu* be allowed to sell alcohol on a take away basis.

As I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to urge the Minister and call for some kind of SMMEs Business Council, independent of Business Botswana, so that the issues and concerns of SMMEs are effectively channelled to Government. If Business Botswana represents the interest of big businesses such as Sefalana or Barloworld and also that of a young Motswana who has just started his own business through CEDA, one of the entities is bound to suffer, in most likelihood that of the young Motswana. We just need an independent association of small and medium sized businesses solely focused on promoting their unique interests. I thank you Honourable Chairperson.

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): *Thank you Mr Chairperson. O tlaa intshwarela ka gore video*



ya me ga e na go bonala. Ke re ke akgele, mafoko a me a lebagane le pego ya ga Tona jaaka a ne a re e baya pele.

MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Order! Order! Order Honourable Members, it is now six o'clock, may I call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment, and Honourable Nkawana will continue on Monday.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tlaa kopa gore Motlotlegi Rakgare a gacolole Motlotlegi Nkawana ka *Monday*, kana ke mogolo o ka tloga a lebala gore o ne a tshwere *floor*. Mme ka go rialo *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa kopa gore Ntlo e jaanong jaaka o kopile, e ye bokhutlong.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:03 p.m. until Friday 4th March, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



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