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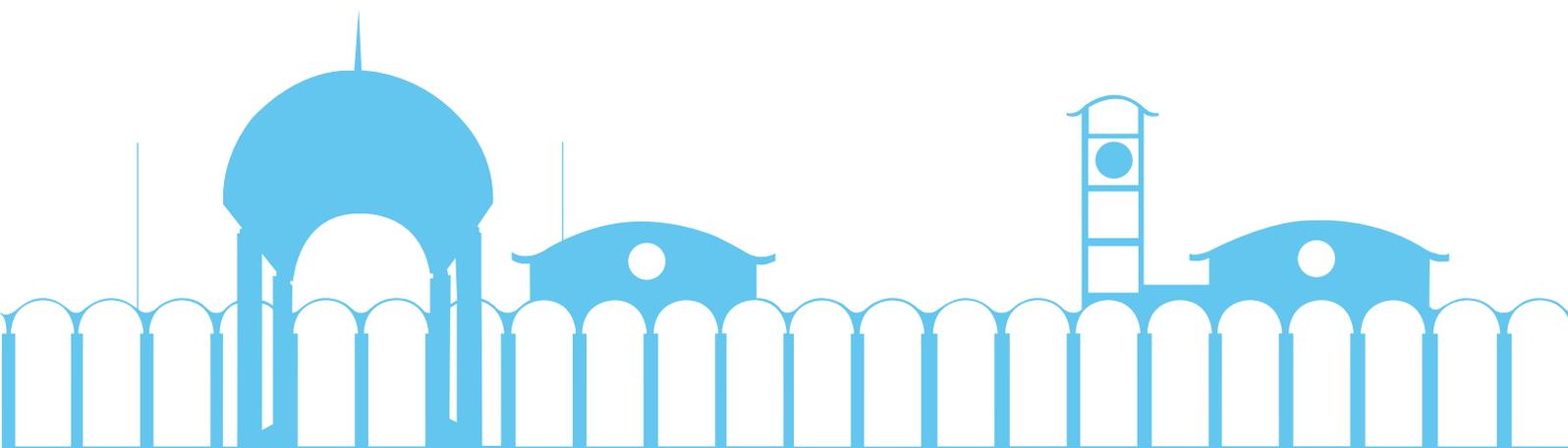
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Tuesday 11th February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, order Honourable Pule. Honourable Members, good afternoon. Honourable Members, let me greet you this afternoon. May I draw your attention to Standing Order 86.2 that after the Motion for the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill has been proposed which I did yesterday, the debate thereon shall not commence until one clear day has elapsed, and thereafter no more than 10 further days shall be allotted for the Second Reading of the Bill. The debate when resumed shall be continued to the financial and economic state of Botswana and the general principles on Government policies and administration as indicated by the Bill and Estimates. So Honourable Members, this therefore means that today is a clear day, *go raya gore letsatsi leno ga re buisanye Appropriation Bill, kana ke re budget, e nna clear day. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke fetise kitsiso eo. Le kopane, le buile ka time allocations, go raya gore kamoso re tlaabo re simolola go buisanya kabo ya madi a setšhaba.*

MR PULE: *Point of procedure.* Ke a go dumedisa Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke dumedise le batlotlegi botlhe ba ba fa. Ke santse ke na le *confusion*-nyana motlotlegi, kana maloba re kile ra bona o tla o sa rwala kuane e tshweu, mme maabane re ne re bona gape o e boetse, jaanong gompiano ga o e rwala. Nna ke le ngwana wa gago, *I am confused*, ga ke itse gore a... ka ke itse gore ga o e rate le e seng. A re solofele go go bona o ntse o e boela malatsi a mangwe, a mangwe o e tlogela? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule, certainly it is not a point of procedure.* Batlotlegi, ke ithaya ke re re buisantse kgang eo, ga se e e ka re latsang ntle. Re buile

fela gore kapari e nngwe eo e tlaa nna mo gotweng ke *ceremonial*. Ke tsaya gore re lebeletse gore le Baatlhodi fa ba athola kwa Kgotlengkgolo ya Ditsheko, bontsi jwa nako ba tla fela ba apere *gown* e ntsho, mme fa e le ka letsatsi la pulo ya ditsheko, ba tlaa tla ba apere dipurapura go simolola kwa tlhogong go ya go felela kwa...

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

MR SPEAKER: *Ceremonial, that is the key word.* Re utlwane ga kere *Honourable Pule*?

MR PULE: ...(Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: Ee. Bagaetsho, go na le *corrigendum*, *that corrigendum* e ntsha *two items; the Motion as per our agreement in the General Assembly this morning* mme ya bobedi ke potso ya ga *Honourable Digwa*. Ke tsaya gore le a bona gore le ene ga a yo fale mme legale ke ka mabaka a mangwe.

Honourable Members, let us start the business of today with questions. Re ya kwa dipotsong, *Honourable Mosanana, Member for Kanye East.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

KANYE SDA COLLEGE OF NURSING

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Higher Education:

- (i) whether there is any financial assistance given to Kanye Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) College of Nursing;
- (ii) if he is aware of the 43 nurses who were dismissed following their payment demands for the work done at the college; and
- (iii) how are they assisting these former employees in this regard.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): Thank you Mr Speaker, *ngwaga o mosha bakaulengwe.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, the Kanye Seventh-Day Adventist College of Nursing (KSDACON) receives financial assistance from the Government. The total budget allocated to the college amounts to P24,000,000.00, which is disbursed on a quarterly basis at P6,000,000.00 per quarter.

The disbursement process is usually initiated upon by the college submitting a formal request, accompanied by all the necessary supporting documents, such as financial statements. These documents are required to substantiate the request and ensure accountability for the utilisation of public funds provided to the institution.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, I am not aware of the dismissal of the 43 nurses by the Kanye Seventh-Day Adventist College of Nursing following their payment demands. This is likely because, at the time these dismissals occurred, the college was operating independently from Government support, and the matter was managed privately between the institution and its management. The only official numbers however, regarding individuals dismissed at the time, as provided by the college is 33 employees and as detailed below.

Lecturers	Cleaners	Catering staff	Grounds man	Maintenance Officers	Support staff	Laundryman
6	9	10	1	2	4	1

Of the six lecturers, five were nurse lecturers and one an Information Technology lecturer.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, I must point out that, to date, the ministry has not been formally engaged on the matter of the dismissed employees. I wish to highlight that the dismissals in question could have occurred as a result of employer-employee working conditions and employment contracts, which were private arrangements at the time. The Government, therefore, was not privy to these agreements.

I am therefore unable at this point to definitively state how the dismissed employees could be assisted, since the matter is still on going, as the affected former employees have filed a case with the Industrial Court following mediation on 20th September, 2024. *Ke a leboga mongwame.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Supplementary Honourable Mosanana. Honourable Members, I think you would recall what had happened, just in case anyone maybe wanted to say this question was answered, *re ne re sa wela*, I am sure we all know, we recall the events.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you my Minister. Golo fa Mr Speaker, batho ba ke dumalana le Minister ka fa a ntseng a balolola dipalo tsa bone ka teng le gore they are 33, not 43. Jaanong kgang e e leng teng fa ke gore batho ba ba ne ba kopa gore kgang e ka gore e setse e le kwa Makgotlatshekelo, e boe koo because e ya go ba tsaya lebaka and for that matter jaaka fa re bua jaana Mr Speaker le wena Minister, go na le mongwe yo o setseng a tlhokafetse mo go bone batho ba ba buiwang ba. Mo go rayang gore ke...*

MR SPEAKER: Ask your supplementary question. If there is something that you need clarified, put it as a question.

MR MOSANANA: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Potso ke gore Minister re dira eng ka kgang e e ntseng jaana gore batho ba ba Modimo ba tle ba busiwe ka gore tota fela kgang ya bone ba batla go busediwa mo tirong? Kgang e nngwe e ne e le gore go na le Memorandum of Understanding o o saennweng ka March 2024 mme bone ba kobilwe ka June 2024. So, ba batla go itse gore ba busediwa leng mo tirong. A Goromente ga a bone go tshwanela gore batho ba ba Modimo ba ba sotlegang mo go kanakana ba busediwe mo tirong? I thank you.*

MR MAELE: *Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Thank you so much for your questions. Mr Speaker, ke boammaaruri babereki ba isitse kgang kwa Industrial Court. E bile gape go tlaa tsaya lebaka jaaka re itse gore dikgetsi di tsaya lebaka kwa dikgotlatshekelong tsa rona. Mathata a a leng teng ke gore ke bone ba isitseng kgang teng koo, jaanong gore gongwe e bo e le gore rona re le ministry, re ka suggest gore re tle go bua, e ka nna bone if they can actually withdraw case ya bone, kana ra tla ra nna fa fatshe ra bona gore a re ka dira mo gotweng settlement out of court. Ke tlhalositse fa re le kwa ministry gore fa e le gore bana kana babereki ba, they are willing gore ba ka tla ra nna fa fatshe ra bua, go ka buiwa, e re ntswa gone, ke batla to underline fa motlotlegi, e re ntswa gone tota dikgang di sa amane le Goromente, re ne re dumela gore re ka thusa fela ka bogolo jwa rona gore re bagolo, mme tota dikgang ke tsa bone le Sepatela sa Sabata. Ke laetse gore fa e le gore go kopiwa thuso ya rona, a re thuseng fela ka bogolo jwa rona gongwe re ka kgona go bona a win-win situation, but tota kgang yone ke ya Sabata.*

MoU o dirilwe ka *March*, 2024 o e neng e le gore jaanong *we are taking over* Sabata. Se se diragetseng ke gore re simolotse go e tsaya fela ka *April*, 2024 re fitlhela e le gore jaanong go setse go na le tlhakatlhakano, go na le dikgang mo tafoleng tse go neng go buiwa ka tsone go sa dumalanwe ka tsone tse di tsamaelanang le mabaka a pereko. Jaanong ga di a diragala ka nako ya rona, di diragetse ka nako e neng e le gore go ne go laola bone ba Sepatela sa Sabata. *So*, ka go tlhoka lesego tota kgang ke ya bone, le kwa *court* e kwadisitswe e le bone le babereki e seng Goromente. *Like I am saying, we are willing to assist* motlotlegi. *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary. Tanki Mr Speaker.* Mma re dumedise batlotlegi le setšhaba. Tona re lebogela karabo, mme motho o ka botsa kana Goromente yo, ke Goromente wa ditshwanelo tsa batho. Re a bona kwa Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) kwa go neng go senyegile teng le a baakanya. *Budget Speech* e ne e bua ka bo Central Medical Stores (CMS) le Development Manager Model (DM) go lekiwa go baakangwa tseo. Fa go tla ka fa babereking, le nna *proactive* go le kae? Mo go fetileng mo, ditshwanelo tsa babereki di gatakilwe fela thata. A mme ga o bone jaaka o re fa ba ka e folosa kwa le ka buisana, kana *they will need assurance* ya gore le ka buisana, a mme ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore gongwe *ministry* wa gago o *reach out to* babereki ba, gore go leke go fefosiwa go leka go sidila maikutlo le go baakanya diemo, pereko e bepe, sepatela se bereke.

MR MAELE: Ke a leboga *sir*. Ke lebogela potso ya gago e bile e dira gore re tle kgone go sedimosa karabo ya rona sentle ka gore e rile fa ke etetse Motlotlegi Mosanana kwa *brigade* ya bone e e kwa Kanye, bangwe ba bone ba ne ba tla kwa go nna e le gore ba ne ba utlwaletse gore ke tlaabo ke le koo. Ke ne ka bua gore kana re *open* gore re ka bua, fa e le gore le batla *to engage us*, re bueng ka kgang e, le ka tla ra ithulaganya ra bona gore a re ka e *settle out of court*. Tota *what I am trying to say simply* ke gore *we extended an olive branch* gore fa e le gore ba batla gore re nne fa fatshe, re bo re nna fa fatshe re bo re ka bua. Jaanong nako ya teng fa ke bua le bone ba ne ba se mmogo, mme ke ne ka ba kopa gore ya go nnang mmogo le bo le dumalana ka moonno wa gore le batla gore re tle re bue. *There is still no problem, we can even discuss it parallel* e le gore ga ba ise ba *withdraw*, e bo e le gore fa ba bona gore go na le *prospects* tse di siameng, *then they can go and withdraw after possibly we have signed settlement of*

agreement. At this point in time, ga ise ba boele kwa go nna *even though I have said to them that we are open to listen to issues* tsa bone, re bone gore re ka thusa *college* e e kwa Kanye jang. E re ntswa gone ke ntse ke batla gore ke gatelele, tota mathata ke a bale ga se a ga Goromente, re tlaabo re thusa fela ka bogolwane le gone fela jaaka o ne o bua motlotlegi gore tota re batla gore ditshwanelo tsa babereki le tsone di tlotliwe. Ke a leboga mongwame. *Thank you sir.*

POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECTS AND WEALTH CREATION IN SELEBI PHIKWE EAST

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to provide quantitative information on the status of poverty alleviation projects in Selebi Phikwe East and to state the level of wealth creation particularly for the informal sector.

Later Date.

TAU MANTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to apprise this Honourable House on the state of Tau Manthe Primary School and in particular if he is aware that:

- (i) the school is very old with a complement of 1120 pupils versus 37 teachers;
- (ii) there are 22 classrooms out of which three are too small and were built way back through the Ipelegeng programme;
- (iii) 13 classes are taught in the open under trees;
- (iv) there are no desks, chairs, staffroom, teachers' offices, textbooks and exercise books at the school;
- (v) the school has no boundary fence and that animals roam the school and vehicles and people trespass the school;
- (vi) the toilets (pit latrines) are dilapidated;
- (vii) the kitchen has no dining hall and the electric cooking pots are not working hence meals are cooked outside using three legged pots; and
- (viii) teachers are not promoted hence no motivation.

Later Date.

LETLHAKENG-KAUDWANE ROAD

BRIG. D. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to apprise this Honourable House on the procurement status and management of Letlhakeng-Kaudwane tarred road and further state:

- (i) the total cost of the project;
- (ii) the quantum of labour force to be employed/ deployed during the same road construction;
- (iii) when construction of the road will commence; and
- (iv) the estimated time of completion.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke rata ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise *the Honourable House*. Ke bo gape ke dumedise batho ba kwa Boteti East...*(Interruptions)*... ke bone ba nthomileng *so*, go botlhokwa...

MR SPEAKER: Ignore the side remarks, you will waste our time.

MR ATAMELANG: Mr Speaker, allow me to inform the Honourable Member that the planned construction works for this project will cover a distance of 95 kilometres (km) from Letlhakeng to Kaudwane and it was planned to be delivered through the DM. We must indicate that the review of the DM started on 13th January 2025 upon establishment of the task-team. The review is scheduled for completion within 40 days, therefore the outcome of this review will map a way forward.

Mr Speaker, as Honourable Members will recall, there was a change of Task-team Chairmanship following the resignation of the then chair due to a perceived conflict of interest when the work initiated. However, we must report that a replacement has been recruited.

Mr Speaker, the ministry must however, inform the House that:

- (i) the estimated cost of the project is P1.2 billion, this is pre-review findings.
- (ii) the quantum of labour force to be employed will only be known when subcontractors responsible for the road construction works are engaged and the recruitment of the required labour is initiated.

(iii) the construction activities on this road have not yet started, and currently, the project is at feasibility stages (concept design and project viability) which is expected to be completed *ka* May 2025. These activities among others, include engaging utility companies such as *ba metsi le ba motlakase*, regarding relocation of their services and in addition, possible expropriation activities along the proposed road.

(iv) the estimated time of completion is currently unknown given the current stage of the project, this can only be estimated once the project designs have been completed together with the findings *tsa* review. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Honourable Minister, wa reng, a wa re review ga e ise e simologe, *are you still recruiting* modulasetilo? *How long is it going to take for you to recruit the chairperson of the taskforce*, go le tsaya lebaka le le kae?

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

DR GOBOTSWANG: O mo itaya tsebe *Honourable Motsamai*. E le gore sentlentle go le tsaya lebaka le le kae go batla modulasetilo?

Ya bobedi, gone mme maikaelelo a lona ke gore *review* e e fele leng, kana le re tshwaretse dikole, le a itse, dikole tsa bo Chadibe le Ramokgonami di mo teng? *Review* e sentlentle le batla gore e bo e fedile leng ka gore e tshwere ditiro, e tshwere dikole tsa rona le ditsela? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*:

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mme kana dipotso tse o di botsang ke di buile *just now*, *less than a minute*...

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

MR ATAMELANG: Re rile *the task team has been formed* ka di 13th January, 40 days. *That is the duration ya the review process*. Re bo re bua gore go nnile le *the resignation ya the chairman wa task team*, mme *he/she has been recruited*. Ke karabo ya gago ya bobedi *sir*, ga ke itse gore ke tlaabo ke tlogetse efe. Mme fela dipotso tse o di boditseng ke di buile. *I can read them again if you allow me* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: No, no!

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga.

CIVIL SERVANTS IN SELEBI PHIKWE

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to apprise this Honourable House on the number of civil servants working in Selebi Phikwe and the number of houses available to them for accommodation purposes and further state:

- (i) the number of staff housed in official houses versus those renting accommodation;
- (ii) the number of those who share accommodation, inclusive of married couples who also share accommodation; and
- (iii) the waiting period for those with no official accommodation inclusive of married couples.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Kaizer go tswa kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe ka potso ya gago ya batho ba toropo ya Selebi Phikwe. *Mr Speaker*, mo bogompionong jaana batho ba ba tlhokang boroko le babereki ba ba mo Selebi Phikwe ba 2,553. Mme mo go bone ba ba ba 1,248 ke ba fela re ka reng boroko bo teng mo teng, ba bangwe boroko ga bo yo.

Officers ba ba bitswang gotwe ke *public service officers* ba 2,553 ba ba berekang mo Selebi Phikwe. Mme mo go bone ba go na le... *figures* tse di na le go tsietsatsietsa tsa ga Kaizer...(Laughter!)... o tlaa nthusa kana ke *shadow* ya me, go tlaa re o nthuse monna *figure*-nyana tse.

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Mme *Mr Speaker*, mo dipalong tse go na le dipalo tsa matlo a e leng gore a *available*, a a leng teng a le 1,248. Mo go one matlo a go na le a le 26 a go supagalang gore ga a baakanyesege kana a senyegile mo e leng gore go thata gore ba a baakanye. *Mr Speaker*, *plans* kana maano a go baakanya matlo a go supagala gore go a tura fela thata, go tlaa re ke a sekaseke le nna ke bone gore a mme fa gotwe a a tura go tewa gore ga go na bokankanyetso gotlhelele.

Mr Speaker, badirelapuso ba le 1,331 ba na le boroko, mme ba le 1,080 ba rentisa boroko kwa ntle. Jaanong se se raya gore ba le 142 ke bone ba ba nngang kwa ntle. Dipalo tse gape di supa gore 212 *officers* ba ba amegileng segolo-bobe ke barutabana. Ke tshwanetse go supa gore bone ba ba 212 ba ke buang gore ke barutabana ba, ke

ba tsenya fela mo teng ka gore molao wa gompiono wa *public service* le one wa re barutabana ba mo teng, mme fela gone matlo a bone ga a wele ka fa tlase ga *ministry* wa rona. Ke a a bitswang gotwe ke *institutional houses*, a laolwa ke *Ministry wa Basic Education* ka fa go ntseng ka teng.

Mr Speaker, *waiting list* e e leng teng gompiono jaana e tsamaya kwa go 439 baikopedi. Mme *waiting list* e e sale e tswa kwa go 2017. *Priority* e e leng gore...ba ba mo *priority list were submitted* ka ngwaga wa 2020. Ba e leng gore ke gone ba neng ba tsenya, e bile gape go tsewa gotwe ba ke ba ba ka bonang boroko ka bofefo, go simolola, ke ba ba welang mo ngwageng wa 2020. Jaanong mo godimo ga foo *Mr Speaker*, bone ba go na le ba re ka reng ke *essential service provider applicants* ba bontsi jwa bone *have submitted* ka ngwaga wa 2023.

Mr Speaker, ke ne ke bala ka bonya ka ke ne ke leka gore ke ntshe kwa Sekgoeng ke ise kwa Setswaneng, ke tlaa tla ke go neela potso e.

Ke batla ke tlhalose gape gore, jaaka *Vice President and Minister of Finance* a ne a supa gore Puso e e ikaelela gore e age matlo ka Bonno National Housing Scheme, re tsweletse *Mr Speaker* re buisana le ba *private companies*. Re tsweletse, re batla *to engage* Batswana ba bangwe ba gongwe le bone ba ka batlang go ikagela matlo gore ba bo ba ka a hirisa, re kgone go ba thusa ba itsele *schemes* tsa bone, ba age matlo, ba bo ba a hirisa. Jaanong tse ke maiteko a go ya kwa pele go bona gore boroko bo nne teng, jaaka e le gore ke *priority* ya rona go bona gore tota re lemogile gore boroko bo a tlhela.

Mme se re yang go se dira, re ya go lebelela kwa boroko bo tlhelaeng teng thata, gongwe fa e le gore re simolola ka ditoropo go bo go raya gore e tlaa nna bo Gaborone, Francistown, Selebi Phikwe, mafelo a tota e tlaa reng fa go dirwa *assessment needs* kana letlhoko re bo re bona gore mme fa boroko bo tlhela teng thata, re bo re aga matlo a sebopego seo, a re a bitsang re re Bonno National Housing, e le lenaneo le lesa le le tlang ka phathi e ntšha. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary*. Tla ke leboge *Minister* wa me yo ke mo ratang thata, *Honourable* Ramogapi, e bile ke mo tlhatlame. Re tliile go bereka mmogo *Honourable Minister*.

Mme ke re ke go fetise fa, potso ya bobedi o kare ga o a e araba *Minister*; dipalo tsa boroko *that is shared*, segolobogolo jang re itebagantse le ba ba tsereng ka fa semolaong. Ga ke a utlwa o e papamatsa.

E nngwe ya bobedi *Minister* ke gore, ke utlwile o bua ka kgang ya barutabana gore boroko jwa bone jwa bofelo ba bo bona ba ba *on the queue* go tswa *since* 2017. Jaanong ke batla gore ka gore ke wena o tlileng ka kgang eo, ke go botse gore a o a itse gore fa go tla kwa borokong jwa barutabana, la bofelo matlo a barutabana, segolobogolo a Bagokgo a agiwa kwa Selebi Phikwe e ne e le ka 2016. Go tswa 2016 go fitlhelela gompiano ga go ise go agiwe le fa e le matlo ape. Le fa ntswa phiro ya bodiredi e ile kwa godimo. Jaanong re solofele leng matlo a barutabana le bodiredi *Honourable Minister*?

E nngwe ya boraro ke gore, ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka *criteria* ya go aga matlo, e bile o bua ka letlhoko thata. Kana kwa Selebi Phikwe le fa letlhoko le le teng, mme fa gongwe *you need to reward excellence*, fa go tla kwa dikgannyeng tsa thuto. Phikwe ke nngwe ya toropo e e dirang botoka thata mo lefatsheng la Botswana fa go tla kwa go tsa thuto, jaanong ka re sena matlo a barutabana mo lenaneong la gago le, *when are you rewarding us for* maduo a mantle a a kanakana *Honourable Minister*?

Ya bofelo ke gore, kana re na le matlo *Honourable Minister* a BCL. Ga ke itse gore a o kile wa tshwaragana le Motlotlegi Kenewendo fa go tla kwa dikgannyeng tse, ka gore matlo a koame kwa a e leng gore a mangwe ga a dirisiwe. Jaanong gona le gore matlo a le a rekise, ga se gore jaanong ke le a tseye le a neele bodirelapuso jo bo kanakana jo bo senang boroko? Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang ya *shared accommodation*, o ne a rile *including those that are sharing*. Jaanong e wela ka fa tlase ga palo ya 1331 *public officers*, ba e leng gore ba mo teng.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, kana se a se botsang ke gore batho ba o ka ba supang o re *they are sharing accommodation*, mme ke ba e leng gore ba tsere, palo ya bone ke bokae?

MR RAMOGAPI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Potso ya *number 2* e ne e re *the number of those who share accommodation, inclusive of married couples who share accommodation*. Mo go yone eo *Mr Speaker*, e rile fa ba tloga ba bo ba nthaya ba re nnyaa ba e tsentse fela mo teng, mme ke ne ka ba kopa gore ba tle ba go neele ya ba e leng gore tota *they share accommodation*, ba se ka ba e tlhakanya fela, ba e kgaoganye. Jaanong ba nkopetse molaodi gore a tle a e tsenye, mme e tlaa re fa ke tswa fa ke tsamaye le wena kwa ofising ka gore molaodi o ne a santse a e baakanya kwa kgaolong motlotlegi.

E tlaa re fa re tswa fa mmogo ka gore o mothusi wa me *Honourable Kaizer*, e bile re tshwanetse gore re tle re kopane, *we have long made an appointment* go raya gore ke yone *opportunity* ya gore ga re tswa fa o tle o e bone. Kgang ke go kgaoganyana fela, palo ke yone eo, gore mme re itse gore *those who share* ba kae. Le nna ke ne ke setse ke ba boditse kwa ofising gore nnyaa, golo fa ga le a tsenya ya *sharing accommodation*. *So they are working on it*.

Kana dipotso tse di tla ka lepotlapotla bakaulengwe. Ke dilo dingwe tse re tshwanetseng gore re di itse, bodiredi re tshwanetse gore re ba akgole ba di baakanya ka bofefo jo bo gagamatsang.

Ya barutabana gore ba tlaa agelwa matlo leng, jaaka ke ne ke bua gore e re ntswa e se ya rona, mme kana potso yone e rile bodiredi, molao wa gompiano o tsenya barutabana mo teng. Tota yone ke ya ga Mma Mokoka, gore ba tlaa aga leng, *budgets* ke tsa bone. Ke tsaya gore yo o mo tshwareletseng ka gore ga a yo fa, le nna ka gore re selo se le sengwefela, re tlaa tla re e tshwaraganela go botsa gore mme tota le eletsa go agela leng barutabana, ka gore selelo se motlotlegi ke sa lefatshe ka bophara. Potso ya gago e tlhamaletse fela, le nna kana o a e mpoletsa ke *Minister* ga ka ke ka botsa. Ke a go leboga ka seo.

Kgang e nngwe o ne o bua gore, e ntse e le ka fa barutabaneng o tlaa fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe le go neela batho *excellence award* fela ya boroko bogolo, go ka thusa. Ke dumalana le wena thata gore o bua boammaaruri jo bo sa jelweng pheko. Fa ke ka go fa sekai, mohumagadi wa me jaaka o itse Mma Ramogapi o ne a ruta kwa Makhubu, o dirile diaba e le Mogokgo. O a bo a biditse gape, bana ba pasitse.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR RAMOGAPI: Ene le barutabana ba gagwe, ba ntse ba tlhaelwa boroko, go sena fa boroko ba bo bonang teng. Ke raya gore kgang ya gago motlotlegi e botlhokwa thata.

Kgang ya BCL *houses*; ke eng ba sa re a neele. Mo Pusong e e fetileng, ba ne ba kile ba dira thulaganyo ya gore Puso e tlaa reka, ka fa ba neng ba re solofetsa ka teng. Ke tsaya gore ka gore kgaityadiake o teng fa Mma Kenewendo, jaanong go raya gore e tlaa re fa re tswa fa le ene re bo re nna fa fatshe gape re bone gore kana potso ke e e botlhokwa e, a go ne go setse go kile ga dirwa sengwenyana. *Former Member of Parliament (MP) Rre Keorapetse* o ne a kile a botsa ka yone, ga segiwa tema

gatwe nnyaa mme go tlaa dirwa sengwenyana, Puso e tlaa reka, batho ba tlaa bona matlo. Jaanong ke gore re tle re dire *follow-up* gore a mme golo fale sengwe se ne se dirilwe kana ga go ise go dirwe, re tsamaya fa kae ka yone, rona re tlaa itshimololela eng re le Puso e ntsha mabapi le matlo ao, ka gore le yone e botlhokwa fela jalo. Ga gore matlo a mangwe a nne ka fa go fitlhelela a nna *abandoned* go nna le tsheny, mme batho ba ka bo ba a dirisa. *I therefore thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, order! Honourable Ramogapi, please invoke Standing Order 41.2 and make a very, very short statement, less than five minutes to answer his question *ya* the number of couples who live in shared accommodation. It is very, very important to disaggregate those figures.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Ee* Mr Speaker, I will do that at a later date. Thank you so much.

MR SPEAKER: Would that allay your concerns Honourable Kaizer?

MR KAIZER: Yes Mr Speaker. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Go emiwa ka dinao fa go buiwa le nna rraetsho.

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

MR KAIZER: ...*(Laughter!)*... *Ee*, go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore puo eo e ka re thusa thata mo go arabeng potso e e fa. Ke a leboga.

BUSINESS MOTION

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa go emelela ka Standing Order 130.1, re kope gore re seegele kwa thoko Standing Order 40.7 *that limits* dipotso *to 45 minutes*, gore re fetse dipotso *Mr Speaker. I move accordingly.*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, Honourable Tshere has moved in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Standing Order 40.7 which limits your question time to 45 minutes.

Honourable Members, *ga ke tseye gore go tlhokafala gore a ntshe mabaka* because as you can see, our business today is just questions. The corrigendum has removed question 12 and the Motion. So, obviously the idea is to dispense with questions. *Ke tlaa bona ka lona gore go na le yo o ganang.* The floor is open before the question.

...*Silence...*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, the question is that you suspend the Standing Order 40.7 invoking Standing Order 130.1 so that you complete today's Order Paper.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Mma re mmoitse, o tlaa e utlwa a ntse kwa a leng teng.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on! Hang on Honourable Hikuama! Honourable Tshere, what happened to your colleague?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a boa.

MR SPEAKER: O tsene kae, mo seemelong?

MR TSHERE: O ne a tsena ka fa. O ne a tsaya gore *question ya gagwe e fedile Mr Speaker. I am sorry.* Gakere go raya gore go bo go tsena dipotso.

MR SPEAKER: No, it is not. Ask him to come back.

MR TSHERE: Yes sir.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on! Hang on! Honourable Minister Ramogapi, *re ne re ise re fetse.* Go raya gore the procedure disrupted your rhythm, that is why you may have thought we are done, we are not done. There is a supplementary question from Honourable Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona. Ke lebogela dikarabo tsa gago, e bile re leboqe le ene yo o boditseng potso. Potso ya me ya motlaleletsa ke gore, a Tona o lemoga gore mo mafelong mangwe, bogolo jang a ditropo; bo Francistown le Gaborone, modirelapuso ga a fiwe boroko e le gone a tlhlongwang, o bona boroko fela *on transfer?* A ke seemo se o se tlhaloganyang? Fa e le gore o a se tlhaloganyana, le ikaelela go se baakanya leng? Fa motho e le gone a hirwang, ke gone a tlhokang boroko go gaisa ka gore o a bo a sena gope kwa a ka nnang teng. A sena sepe se a ka se dirisang, e le gone a le kang go ikaga le go itshetlela mo botshelong. Ke ene yo o tlhokang boroko go gaisa yo o ntseng a le teng. Seemo se le ikaeletse go se baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Hikuama. O botsa potso e e tlhamaletseng motlotlegi. O boletsatsa Batswana. Bagaetsho, go bua boammaaruri, se Rre

Hikuama a se buang, ke boammaaruri, e bile ke a lemoga. Batho ka bontsi ba ba tlhongwang gone foo, a simolola a tsena mo badirelapusong, ga a na boroko. Badirelapuso fa gongwe *are transferred*, ba bo ba kalela ba se na boroko. Ba bangwe e bo e nna o kare ba gana *transfers* mme tota ba sa e gane, e le gore ga go na kwa ba robalang teng. Ba bangwe go bo go felela go ama *performance*. Jaaka o re re ikaelela go dira eng, re lomile molomo wa tlase gore le fa go ka nna jang, le fa pula e ka na, re tshwanetse re dire sengwe ka seemo se. E se gore ke bua sepolotiki fa ke re Puso e, e solofeditse gore e ya go aga matlo a le 100 000 *in five years*, maikaelelo e le gore e alafe seemo se.

Ga ke batle *to pre-empt* dilo tse dingwe *Mr Speaker*. Fa ke re re lomile molomo wa tlase, re bereka bosigo le motshegare. Golo gongwe mo bogaufing, re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore fa re feditse ditumalano tsa rona le bangwe, re ribolole matlo. Gongwe e tlaa tla ka Tautona, ke se ka ka tloga ka ba etelela pele. Ke raya gore re e tsaya *very seriously* kgang e ka gore, e ama badirelapuso fela thata, e ama le *performance*.

Fa re bua ka modirelapuso bagaetsho, re bua ka *economy* ya lefatshe. Fa a sa kgone go bereka, itsholelo e felela e nyeketlana. Tota a re nneng mmogo mo seemong se, re thusane. Le lona Mapalamente le bone gore selelo se se tona se fa kae. Re se ka ra iphitlhela re sia le ditoropo, kwa magaeng go le botlhoko. Mo toropong o ka hirisa ntlo mme kwa gae ga go na le fa e le kwa o ka hirisang teng. Go bo gotwe modirelapuso a ye koo, gongwe o ka bona ntlo ya Village Development Committee (VDC), le yone e seyo. Kgang e o e ntshang Rre Hikuama, e botlhokwa thata. *Thank you*.

MR NKAWANA: *On a point of procedure*. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke ikokobeditse. Ke na le temogo ya gore Matona a mantsi *do not own* dikarabo. E bile fa ba ntse ba tswelsetse, ba tlaabo ba simolola ba tshwaya phoso badirelapuso, sekai ke *honourable* yo o neng a nna fa fatshe a ntse a re Molaodi mang o rile, o rile. E le gore tota fela ga se bone fa ba palelwa ke go araba. Ke ne ke re o thuse gone foo gore ba simolole goitse gore le bone ba *responsible*, ga se badirelapuso. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members*. Ee, *Honourable* Nkawana, ke a go utlwa. Ke tlaabo ke ba reeditse ka kelotlhoko. Ke jaaka o utlwa ke laotse gore *Honourable* Ramogapi a tlise karabo ya tlaeletso mo potsong e e neng e botswa ke *Honourable* Kaizer. Ke ne ke tshwenngwa ke gore a re, ba ye go kopanela kwa ofising le Molaodi. Ke potso ya Palamente, e felela fa.

Fa e le gore go na le tse ba tlaa di tsayang kwa ntle, ba tlaa di tsaya mme karabo e e tlhomameng re e batla fa. Ke tlaabo ke ba reeditse ka kelotlhoko thata *Honourable* Nkawana. Ga ke tseye gore o dule mo tseleng, ke ka bo ke mmuseditse.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to brief this Honourable House on the affirmative action initiatives within the ministry; in particular:

- (i) if the affirmative action is applied in the same way as trusts in Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) where companies are legally bound to avail jobs and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects to nearby communities to their areas of operation;
- (ii) whether the ministry is planning any paradigm shift to facilitate the provision of royalties and jobs to communities displaced by mines or living within their areas of operation;
- (iii) how many Somelo residents are employed at Zone 5/Khoemacau Mine;
- (iv) is the number adequate given the proximity of the mine to Somelo and the total number of Zone 5 employees; and
- (v) if not, how does the ministry intend to change the status quo.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke ne ke kopa go simolola fela ka go leboga* the Honourable Member for later dating this question last year. *Ke ne ke tshwaregile ke ile* actually to the mine ya Khoemacau, and I asked him to later date the question *nako ya bo ya tshaya*. *Ke ne ka mo tlhalosetsa jalo* Mr Speaker through you, that *dikgang tse di leng mo potsong e, ke ile ka bo ka di tsaya mofago ka di gorosa kwa komponeng e ya Khoemacau*. *Ra di tshotlha jaaka a di boditse mo Palameteng*. *Ke tlaa tswelela ke araba potso ya gagwe jaaka go le maleba*.

- (i) Mr Speaker, as it currently stands, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practiced by mining companies in Botswana is purely voluntary. It is a voluntary initiative on part of the companies and it is not legislated. Again, as it currently stands, mining entities engaged in CSR activities as a contribution towards society and as part of

their co-existence with communities over and above the fees, the royalties and taxes that they pay to Government. Sometimes as part of the CRS initiatives, mining companies have trained and developed members from communities immediately surrounding their operations, especially where there are limited skills and qualifications so as to improve the proportions of local community members employed in mining operations.

Regarding the employment of people by holders of mining concessions, Section 12 of the Mines and Minerals Act provides that in all phases of operations, preference in employment be given to citizens of Botswana to the maximum extent possible and holders of mining licenses must offer training programmes for the benefit of the citizen employees to ensure they qualify for advancement. This provision is intended to ensure growth of Botswana citizens in the mining industry. Again it is as it stands, I noted the question in particular by the Honourable Member, not only as a question but also as a suggestion of review and I will touch on this at a later stage Mr Speaker.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, mining companies pay the Government the share of proceeds from mining in the form of lease fees, royalties, dividends where applicable and taxes. These funds go into the Government's Consolidated Fund and are subsequently used for the benefit of the whole nation, including communities that are hosting the mines.

Mr Speaker, this approach of collecting and using proceeds from mining has been and it is still viewed as a way of ensuring that proceeds of minerals are spread across the country. It is a strong belief of the ministry that for our licensed mining operations, the positive socio-economic impact outweigh the negative impact thus far, and that our mining operations uplift the livelihoods of the entire country. We need to do more concerted efforts that they empower the communities that are hosting mines.

In line with the current laws Mr Speaker, holders of mineral concessions are expected to adequately compensate those that have to be moved to make way for the mining projects. There are processes provided for in law regarding where a party that is to make way for a mining project is not satisfied with the compensation offered. In line with our first ever stakeholder engagement on mining, there are several reforms that have been proposed that we are taking in review. We are doing an

overall Mining and Minerals Act review to maximise value and impact in the countries and the communities associated with mining. We will consequently look at some of the proposals that have been made here and from the stakeholders engagement held 21st of January.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, at the end of November 2024, Khoemacau Copper Mining Company and its contractors have employed a total of 1, 981 employees and its operations at Zone 5 Mine and Boseto processing plant. 1, 300 are employed from outside the district, that is the rest of the country, 328 from the North West District, 353 are from the eight mine affected communities. Those are the villages in the vicinity of the mine. 21 employees are from Somelo village as asked by the Honourable Member.

Mr Speaker, it is indeed desirable that more people are employed from the mine-affected communities. From the discussion held in particular with Khoemacau, the biggest challenge at the moment regarding Somelo is the lack of skills or qualified people and some issues around culture. In future, we have engaged with Khoemacau subsequently that employment is not only about direct employment. It is also about creating linkages and enabling communities to do what they are passionate about, what they are capable of doing and making sure that they are direct linkages to the mine and they can provide offtake. Mr Speaker, we have subsequently encouraged the mine to work on training programmes to make sure that they get more people out of Somelo.

Mr Speaker, as Khoemacau Copper Mining is planning to expand operations in 2025, in December of 2024 I find their expansion licenses that is due to increase their operations from 60, 000 tons to 130, 000 tons and we are expecting that their employment will double, if not gets close to tripling by the end of 2025, and we expect that these employment figures will subsequently also include people from the surrounding communities and broad of Botswana. Khoemacau Company has intentions to in the future undertake the targeted training that I just spoke to a little earlier.

Mr Speaker, further with more prospecting activities that we are expecting to see happen around the North West copper belt which runs from Ghanzi District to North West District, it is hoped that in the future new mines may open in that area, and that these will employ more people from Somelo and surrounding areas in the North West and in Botswana, during both the mine development periods and the mine operation periods. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Mma re lebogele karabo, re lebogele matsapa a ga *Minister.* Matsapa gakere go tewa *efforts?* O arabile *Mr Speaker,* o tsentse tsholofelo mme go na le mafoko a a dirisitseng a *at this stage, later stage, le review.* Motho o ka botsa fela gore gone mme tshekatsheko e, tsholofelo ke gore e tlaa fela leng ka gore *date* ya teng ke yone e ka re fang tsholofelo ya gore fa *Khoemacau e expand, then* babereki 2, 000 *more* a nna teng, gongwe Somelo o ka bona 50 mo go 2, 000 yoo? E fela leng tshekatsheko e Tona? Tanki.

MS KENEWENDO: Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Member. We are doing a comprehensive review of the Mines and Minerals Act. Right now the reviewed strategy for the ministry, we are expecting it to be concluded mid-March. Then thereafter the processes that follow, *re solofela gore fa e ya go tsena bo July, tse di tlhokang go tla Palamenteng di tshwanetse gore di bo di simolola go tla.* Jaaka ke tsaya gore re ntse re tla re le bolelela, *re leka go tsibogela tsotlhe tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa. Di le dintsi* Mr Speaker, *re di tsera* from our stakeholder engagement, *re batla go di tsibogela* from that meeting ya 21st tsa ga January. Jaanong mid-March *re tlaabo re fetsa* our strategy, *re bo re simolola* to implement. Thank you.

CONTAMINATION OF UNDERGROUND WATER

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism whether regard is being had to the fact that many village compounds are fairly large and out of concern that they might be contaminated by pit-latrines, underground water in large villages is not tapped for human consumption, whether:

- (i) he agrees that the untapped water is a major valuable resource that could be used for small horticulture holdings;
- (ii) his ministry would be prepared to drill boreholes for the above use;
- (iii) if the ministry is not so prepared, whether his ministry would support the drilling of boreholes by clusters, groups or cooperatives for communal use and horticultural purposes; and
- (iv) he would agree to the utilisation of the water and land as suggested above as it would have economic and health benefits for participants.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Environment and Tourism?

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

MR SPEAKER: *O ne a ntse a le fa?* Mother of the House, it does not look like the Minister is here.

DR DOW: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke re gongwe o ntshe taelo. O tlaa gopola *Mr Speaker* gore ka 11th *Parliament* go ne go sa letlelesege golo mo gore fa e le gore Tona ga a yo, potso ga e arabiwe. *This is one Government,* o kgona go neela Tona yo mongwe potso ya gago gore a go tshware letsogo fa o seyo. Ka gore fela fa re ka dira jaana mo e leng gore fa a seyo ga a yo, ga re ka ke ra fetsa tiro ya rona. Ke re gongwe o fe taelo fela gore Tona o a kgona go tshwarega, re a utlwa e bile re a tlhologanya, mme fela fa go na le ba bangwe gone fa, o tshwanetse gore a mo neele karabo a tle go mo arabela. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members, indeed Mother of the House,* taelo e dule go ya kwa go *Leader of the House at the Business Advisory Committee meeting.* Jaanong Honourable Minister Ramogapi, *this is a legitimate concern* ya gore ga go a tshwanela gore ope e re a seyo fa, a bo a tsamaile ka Palamente, tiro ya Palamente e tshwanetse gore e tswelile. *You are one Government,* Tona o ka arabela yo mongwe. *The only exception* e ka nna gone gore fa o seyo *feeling strongly about the question,* o rerisantse e bile le dumalane le mmotsi wa potso, eo ke yone e e ka amogelesegang, ya gore go bo gotwe *later date* e le *consensus* ya lona. *There is a legitimate concern,* taelo e dule. Jaanong ka ke gone re simololang *our first meeting,* a re tseye fela gore go tlaa baakanngwa. Ga ke dumele gore taolo eo e itlhokomolositse kana e a tsuololwa. Ke tlaa tsaya fela jalo.

MR RAMOGAPI: Nnyaa, mme *Mr Speaker* tota go bua boammaaruri, ka bokhutshwanyane fela ke gore Motlotlegi *Leader of the House* o laetse thata gore re dire jaaka o bua jaana. Re ne re itse gore go raya gore o teng. Go raya gore go diragetse phosego fela, ga ke itse gore go diragetse jang. *I therefore, ask for apology from Honourable Dow.* Ga re a mo direla sentle *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Ramogapi.

DIKWIDIDI POLICE STATION

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister for State President to provide an update on the status of the construction of a police station at Dikwididi and further state:

- (i) when can we expect the construction to begin;
- (ii) what is the planned timeline for its completion; and
- (iii) what assurances can the Minister provide to ensure that the project is not delayed and remains on track.

ACTING MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT

(MR RAMOGAPI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke mo tshwareletse. Ke tlaa e bua ka puo ya Sekgoa gore ke se ka ka senya sepe. Ke go leboqe Honourable Mabuse Pule ka potso e e tswang kwa setšhabeng sa Kgatleng East.*

Mr Speaker, Dikwididi Police Station is one of the projects that did not take off during the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP). It is therefore, one of those that are undergoing reprioritisation in the development of National Development Plan (NDP) 12.

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Ka bokhutshwanyane fela *Mr Speaker*, karabo e e felela fela fa gore nnyaa, tiro e kana *police station* e jaanong e tlaa tsaya maemo a ntlha ka gore ga e a ka ya bona tlhabo ya letsatsi mo lenaneong la motshelakgabo. Tse di sa bonang tlhabo ya letsatsi mo lenaneong la motshelakgabo, e tlaa nna tsone tse e leng gore di lebelelwa gore fa di dirwa, di tseye maemo a ntlha. Jaanong tsholofelo ga e tlhabise ditlhong. *I therefore thank you Honourable Speaker.*

MR PULE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a utlwa swaare sa me ka fa o nkarabang ka teng. Ke bete se molangwana *Mr Speaker*. Ke re gongwe a o ka kgona go tlhalosetsa ba Dikwididi Tona gore fa gotwe ga e a bona tlhabo ya letsatsi, go tewa eng? Kana motho wa Dikwididi le ene o reeditse jaanong o a ipotsa gore ka goreng.

Le gone gape ke botse Tona gore, a o itse bothata jo Dikwididi e leng mo go jone *right now*? Kana Dikwididi ke mengwe ya metse e e golang ka bonako jo bo kwa godimo thata. E bile jaanong e goteditswe thata ke tsela e e agiwang e e tswang mo Modipane go ya go tsena kwa Mabalane. Mo go rayang gore a Tona o a itse gore borukuthi jo bo koo bo kwa godimo thata mo e leng gore go tlhokana le *police station* ka bonako jo bo rileng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore motlotlegi o a gakologelwa gore go na le *projects* dingwe tse e leng gore e rile fa di dirwa bontsi jwa tsone, ga di a ka tsa kgona go tswela gore nnyaa di ka dirwa. Fa di sa tswela gore di ka dirwa, ga se yone fela, di dintintsi jaaka kgantele o ne o utlwa *Honourable Gobotswang* a dira *follow up*, gore a mme tota ra re *projects* di ya go dirwa jang ka gore rotlhe re a di batla. Ke ka go fa sekai ka sepatela sa Palapye se e neng e le gore se ne se tshwanetse gore se dirwe, le nna ke lela fela jaaka wena. Tsholofelo ke gore e tlaa re fa go ntse go dirwa *prioritisation*, se bo se tla se tsena. Ke raya gore ba Kgatleng East ba se ka ba re ke wena fela. Jaaka re bua, e tswelletse.

Kgang e o e buileng e e botlhokwa rraetsho ke gore, sepodise se botlhokwa thata re lebeletse motse o tshwana wa Kgatleng East. Kgang e ga e a tshwanela go itlhomolosiwa ka gore borukutlhi bo dira dilo tse di bosula, tse di botlhoko fela thata, segolobogolo jang batho ba lemoga gore mme e bile sepodise se ka tswa se tlaela, mme gape se sa tlamelwa sentle. Ke dilo tse e leng gore Puso e batla go di tloafalela. Ga se gore go raya gore ga e ka ke ya tsena. Le sepatela sa Palapye ga se gore go raya gore ga se ka ke sa tsena, nnyaa, ke fela gore nnyaa jaanong di tlaa sekasekwa gape go bo go bonwa gore di a tsennwa. Re santse re na le tsholofelo mo *police station* eo. Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*.

DR DOW: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re gongwe o tlhalosetse Batswana sentlentle o sa o sheoshe gore se o se buang ke gore madi a re tshwanetseng gore re a rebole, mo teng ga go na madi a Dikwididi, e bile ga go na madi a se o neng o se bua, ga ke itse gore o ne o re kwa Palapye go rileng, e bile ga go na madi a tsela ya Kgomodiatshaba. Ke gore ga go na madi ape a e leng gore a tsile go tswa fa a se mo bukeng e. Mo bukeng e re neng re e bua maabane e, ka gore e bile ga re ise re nne le NDP 12, eo ke toro e e tlaa tlang ngwaga o o tlang. Mo ngwageng one o, tota ga go na sepe se sesha se se tsileng go tswa fa e le gore se ne se seyo mo NDP 11 kante mo *Transitional*; gakere wa rialo? Batho ba itlhoboge. Re fela gone fa.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga. Batswana ga ba a tshwanela go itlhoboga kgaitadiake ka tlotlo yotlhe, ba tshwanetse gore ba nne ka tsholofelo e tona thata. Ke tsaya gore re tlhalositse kang e maphakela re le kwa General Assembly gore sebe segolo ke fela gore ka fa Puso e neng e ntse ka teng kana ka fa ba neng ba akantse ka teng, bone ba ne ba itse gore ga ba nke ba ne ba tswa, go tlaa nna go tswela fela jalo. Jaanong le *cycle* e ba

ne ba itse gore nnyaa ga ba tsenye mananeo ape a Puso e nngwe e ntšha e e ka tlang. Jaanong re e buile kgang e mo maphakeleng mo General Assembly, gore nnyaa e tlaa re fa re tsewetse, go nniwe fa fatshe go sekasekwe kgang e re bone gore nnyaa mme matlhoki a Batswana a tlaa tla *and be financed* ka gore *budget* mokgwa wa yone *finances* NDP e e leng gore e tlaabo e setse e dirilwe. Jaanong re ntse ka tsholofelo le ka thomamo yone eo gore tota rraetsho di tlaa dirwa. Ke a leboga.

MR LESEDI: *Further supplementary. Mr Speaker,* mma ke go dumedise. Nnyaa, tota ke re jaaka *Honourable Minister* a ne a bua, gongwe go tlhalosa ka Setswana mo a go dirileng ke gone mo go sentseng dikgang tsa gagwe. Ke ne ke batla go latedisa gore fa a ntse a re fa go ka nna le sengwe go tlaa bonwa gore *they are prioritised*, o raya *prioritisation* mo go eng? Kana o tshwanetse gore a tlhalosetse Batswana a phuthologile gore le rona re le fano re tlhaloganye gore e tlaabo e le sefe sone se a se buang seo se go ka dirwang *prioritisation* mo go sone. Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Mr Speaker,* kgang e e motlhofo fela. Ke ipotsa gore batlotlegi ba tsiediwa ke eng. Ka tsamaiso ya *planning*, fa e le gore...

MR LESEDI: *Point of order.* Gongwe motlotlegi a ele tlhoko mafoko a a dirisang, ga gona sepe se se re tsietsang, re batla go tlhaloganya. Go tsietsega gongwe o dirisa Setswana se sele se se re tlaa tlogang gongwe re sa se utlwisise jaaka a se bua.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Ramogapi,* o utlwile motlotlegi ga kere?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ga ke itse gore ke ka dirisa lefoko lefe la go tsietsega ka boikokobetso, ga se gore ke leka gore ke le tlhokele botho motlotlegi. Ke leka gore ke re tota boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gore ga re a tshwanela go tsietsega. Ka tsamaiso ya golo mo gotweng *planning*, Makgoa e rile fa ba nthuta *planning* ba nthaya ba re “*plan is not a railway line.*” Fa o le mo *plan* o nna fa fatshe *and review it.* *When reviewing this plan,* go na le dilo tse o itseng gore o simolotse ka tsone o tsamaya fale, jaanong fa o simolotse ka tsone e le gore o tsamaya fale, fa o dira *plan,* o tsaya fa o neng o simolotse teng o bo o tsewelela. Jaanong ke selo ke tsayang gore se motlhofo fela. *Mr Speaker* o kile a bua ka yone kgantele a gakolola gore fa o aga letamo e le sekai, madi a teng a bo a felela, fa o tla jaanong o tsenelela mo *plan* e... gore jaanong ke phuganya letamo lele ka gore ke ne ke tsamaya

golo gongwenyana fale, ke dira mo gongwe go sele, o simolola *by prioritising* tiro e o neng o simolotse ka yone o re nnyaa mma ke e tsewedise ka gore e bothlokwa. *Prioritising* e, go tewa gone moo gore tse e neng e le gore di ne di setse di le mo teng, e bile e le gore di bonetswe madi, go ne go solofeditse Batswana gore tse di ya go dirwa, ke tsone tse di fiwang maemo a ntlha gore tse bagaetsho, re ne re setse re solofeditse Batswana mo go tsone. Ka jalo re tshwanelwa ke gore re tsewedise gone foo re ye kwa pele. *Thank you Honourable Lesedi.* O a re boletsa kana le rona, re a go leboga.

MR LESEDI: Ga a a wela *Mr Speaker.*

LAND ALLOCATION IN MOGODITSHANE

MR G. LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on land allocation in Mogoditshane and further state:

- (i) when the ministry is starting the “thibang diphotlha” initiative;
- (ii) how far the ministry is with compensation in kind; and
- (iii) when the Minister is intending to bring capable personnel to Mogoditshane Land Board.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. *Potso e e telelenyana, gongwe ke e bale pele, ke tlaa tsaya* supplementaries ka Setswana. Mr Speaker, currently there are no readily available plots for allocation in Mogoditshane village. However, the Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board has available plots in the villages of Gabane (52 plots), Mmokolodi (171 plots), and Mmopane (1396 plots). The Gabane and Mmokolodi plots are planned for allocation during the current sitting of the Sub Land Board (3rd February to 7th March 2025).

The Mmopane survey record is at the final stages of approval. The process of approval was delayed by properties within the layout which have not been acquired. The approval is expected by the end of February 2025.

Allocations for those acquired plots will commence during the April 2025 sub land board sitting to address the *mpeela bana* compensation model for the ploughing fields acquired for the Gaborone extension.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there are no plans by my ministry to implement “thibang diphotlha” initiative in Mogoditshane. Mogoditshane is a planning area and any available space must be planned, surveyed and allocated either in line with the waiting list or advertised if it is non-residential plots.
- (ii) Mainly as a result of ending up with unintended consequences, the initiative of compensation in kind model which was adopted by Kweneng Land Board to encourage ploughing field owners in the Mogoditshane Sub Land Board area of jurisdiction to surrender their land to facilitate planning and allocation of land has been stopped effective 21st July 2021. The Kweneng Land Board has been consulting the 206 ploughing field owners who were affected by this dispensation since December 2021. The consultations were carried following legal advice that was sought and rendered by external Attorneys to guide on a plausible remedy that the land board should follow.

The advice was that the land board should cancel all subdivisions and allocations that were done by Mogoditshane Sub Land Board because they were illegal. The land board was further advised to engage any third parties that were affected and give them the opportunity to show cause why their allocations should not be cancelled. The land board having engaged the ploughing field owners, is currently engaging the affected third parties. Third party consultations are still ongoing and the land board plans to have concluded by the end of March 2025. So far, the land board is regularising some of these allocations through a fine in an attempt to temper justice with mercy.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, there are no plans to bring in any staff on account of incapability of the current ones. However, transfers in and out of the sub land board will be carried out in line with the policy and practice of transferring personnel to meet the exigencies of the public service.

Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the above, I acknowledge that there are customer complaints in the Mogoditshane Sub Land Board which have been brought to my attention. I have engaged with the leadership of the land board in December 2024 and intend to visit them during this quarter for further engagement on customer service. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary.* Ke tsietsega mo go feteletseng. Potso fela e ke neng ke ka e botsa e nnyenyane fela e e sa senyeng sepe ke gore maloba mo Dikgotla *meetings* ke ne ke nale *land board*, e go file karabo e, nna e ne e mpha e sele mme ke ipotsa gore e e nnete ke efe, a ke ya Palamente kana e e kwa Kgotleng ka gore ba ba kwa Kgotleng ke bone ba ba reeditseng? Potso ya me fela ke gore *are you aware* gore *land board* ya re e seegile kgang ya ditshimo ya July 2021? Gone jaana *land board* e buisanya le batho bangwe go tsaya masimo a bone gape. Ke gore ba emisitse ele e e nang le dikgang, ba simolotse e ntšha. *Are you aware* gore go ntse jalo ka gore ba ntse ba tlile go go bakela dikgang?

Se sengwe se ke neng ke batla gore o se re tlhatswetse fa ke gore *are you aware* gore *land board* ya re ga e batle go dira “thibang diphotlha” mme Land Board ya Mogoditshane e aba ditsha le ka 12 a.m, ke raya gare ga bosigo? E aba gone mo diphatlheng tse e reng ga e beye ke *planning areas*. *Are you aware* gore Land Board ya Mogoditshane *as we speak now* ga gona “thibang diphotlha” e gotweng e a bonwa? Ke gore le nna fela yo ke tswang Maun ke bewa “thibang diphotlha” fa pele ga jarata ya motho o sele, mme go ntse gotwe *it does not apply*. *Are you aware of that situation? Thank you very much.*

MR SPEAKER: Are you aware Honourable Minister Tshere?

MR TSHERE: *No, I am not aware.* Mma ke simolole fa pele *Mr Speaker* gore karabo e e tswa kwa go Tona Honourable Chimbombi, so ga ke itse gore ene o ne a e tsaya kae. Ke bulelela ene...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR TSHERE: ...not *ba* land board.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order.* Ke dumela gore potso e ga e ka ke ya arabesega *on two conditions*, and ke dumela gore Rre Tshere *will be out of order now* go ka e tsaya ka gore e dikgang di ntsi tse ke batlang *a substantive Minister to answer because he would have the relevant answers*, a sa mo tshwarelela. *In that regard*, ke ne ke eletsa gore gongwe *we would need your indulgence* gore o re kaele gore *should we continue because I will be given* dikarabo tse e seng tsa boammaaruri *and it would not be fair to Mogoditshane, neither to me. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order Honourable Members.* Honourable Tshere o tlhalositse gore o araba *on behalf of Honourable Chimbombi. I do not think he*

has exonerated himself because he cannot do so, he is Government, so he cannot. So, Honourable Lekau o ne a santse a ya kwa supplementaries tsa gagwe jaanong ga ke tseye gore o ne a bua phoso fa a re, "ke araba mo boemong jwa ga Tona Chimbombi" ga a re ke intsha mo teng, ga a ka ke a kgona go intsha mo teng, ga go kgonagale. Jaanong o ne a santse a re o tsena kwa supplementaries, fa re leng teng fa ke gore a feleletse karabo. If you have further questions, you have two options; either to ask further supplementary questions or fa e le gore go na le some aspects tse o tsayang gore o ka di tsa e le potso e ntsha you can do so. The third option would be to further engage with the relevant Minister. So, where we are Honourable Tshere, there are supplementary questions.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Thank you ka tlhaloso eo. Gongwe ke simolole fa, fa gotweng land board e thiba diphatlha, ke setse ke tlhalositse mo karabong *Mr Speaker*. Kana thibang diphatlha go tewa gotwe fa e leng gore go na le phatlha mo motseng o ka e identify o bo o baya motho foo. Jaanong thulaganyo kwa lephateng ke gore go emisitswe, ka gore Mogoditshane is a planning area, fa e le planning area jaana *Mr Speaker*, tsamaiso ya gore o fe ditsha mo planning area go gabedi; it is either setsha sa kgwebo kana sa bonno. Jaanong sa bonno go raya gore go tlaabo go iwa kwa waiting list go bo go ya go neelwa yo o lateng mo waiting list, ga go na gore ke ka tsaya yo mongwe ke mmaya fela foo. Sa bobedi, fa e le gore ke setsha sa kgwebo jaaka re itse melao ya rona, setsha sa kgwebo is tendered for, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go tlaabo go salwa morago tsela ya to tender ya thibang diphatlha.

Jaanong e nngwe ya bobedi *Mr Speaker*, e ke buang gore ba tswa go kopa bogakolodi jwa semolao ke e e leng gore kwa Mogoditshane e ne e re fa go tsewa tshimo ya motho, a bo le ipaya mo teng, gone go dira land board ka nako eo. Jaanong fa e beile jalo batho, gone ga tla ga lemotshega gore peo eo e ne e se ka fa molaong. Jaanong ke sone se e leng gore go ne ga tsewa thulaganyo ya gore ka batho ba ne ba setse ba beilwe mo ditshimong tse e neng e le tsa beng ba tsone, ba bo ba baya batho mo teng go se ka fa molaong, batho bao ba latiwe gatwe ba 206, ba ye go bolelelwa gore peo eo e ne e se ka fa tsamaisong ke yone thulaganyo ya karabo e. Fa e sena go nna e tlhalosiwa jalo, gore e ne e se ka fa tsamaisong ka beng ba ditshimo, jaanong go latelwa ba ba neng ba reka setsha e le third party, ba ba rekileng setsha mo bathong ba ba neng ba own masimo, ke bone ba re santseng re le mo tseleng ya go buisana

le bone kwa lephateng gore re welane mo kgannyeng e. Kakanyo e e neng ya buiwa fa gotweng lefoko le ba le dirisang ba re tamper justice with mercy, go ba utlwela botlhoko e ne e le gore gongwe ba duedisiwe madinyana mangwe, mme e Tona o santse a le mo yone gore a tle a bone gore a mme e siame ka gore le yone e ka tswa e le lemao le le dintlha pedi ka gore fa e le gore motho o a ipaya, a bo o tla o mo raya o re duela P50, 000.00 e bo e nna e kare o ntse sentle gongwe go ka rotloetsa jaanong gore batho ba ipeye. So, ke gone fa Tona a santseng a sokasokana le ba ba amegang ba ba setseng ba rekile ditsha mo masimong one a. Beng ba masimo ba boleletswe gore golo mo ga go ka fa molaong ga go a tsamaya sentle. Ke gone fa e leng gore go tsamaya teng.

E ke neng ke e bua ya boraro ya bofelo *Mr Speaker*, ya gore lephata le tseuletse gore le tle le le beye ditsha, go na le tsamaiso ya gore o ka tsaya masimo ka go a reka fa e le gore Gaborone o a gola into Mogoditshane ploughing fields. Jaanong fa go sena go nna go diragala jalo, tsamaiso ke yone e ke neng ke e bua kwa ntlheng. Go raya gore fa go tswa fa, they will be surveyed, di bo di dirwa sengwe le sengwe se se tshwanetseng go dirwa jaaka ditsha di le surveyed and allocated ka tsela ya waiting list mo go tsa bonno. Tsa kgwebo jaanong would be advertised for mongwe le mongwe to tender *Mr Speaker*. I thank you.

MR LEKAU: Further Supplementary. Gongwe ke utlwa Tona o ne o supa gore go tlaabo go bewa go lebeletswe waiting list. Ke tlhola fela gore mme when was the last time ba baya? Waiting list e tsamaya fa kae? From the top of my head, ke itse gore la bofelo go bewa ke ka 1993, mme ke ne ke bua ka ditsha tse di bewang le jaana. Jaanong gongwe you can guide us gore when was the last time go bewa kana waiting list e tsamaya fa kae? So that e re batho ba bona ba itse gore the waiting list was followed. Thank you.

MR TSHERE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke na karabo ya gore la bofelo go bewa ke leng ka gore tota e ne e se mo dipotsong tse, mme fela se ke ka se tlhalosang le gore gongwe go tsamaiwa fa kae mo waiting listing, I think Honourable Member fa a ka tsenya potso, re ka batla dikarabo tse di tlhamaletseng. Ke mo tlhomamisetsa gore peo e ke buang ka yone e a neng a re e bewa masigogare, ke dipeo tsa mofuta o ke buang ka tsone tse, tse e tlaareng kwa bofelelong, go bo gotwe ga se peo e e maleba e bile jaanong wena o le motho yo o rekileng setsha seo kana o beilwe foo, go tlaabo gotwe show case why plot eo e se ka ya khanselwa. Ke tsone

dikwalo tse ba di tshwereng *right now*, o bodiwa gore supa gore ke eng re ka se ke re tseye setsha seo mo go wena. Gongwe o ka tlhalosetsa le bakaulengwe gore peo ya 2:00 a.m/1:00 a.m ga se yone e bile e tlaa felela e ba gogela mo potsong yone e ya gore o tlhalose gore ke eng setsha seo se ka se ke sa tsewa mo go wena. Ke a leboga.

OLDEST PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SEROWE

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state:

- (i) the 10 oldest primary schools in Serowe and which years those schools were built;
- (ii) whether the stated schools' capacity and occupancy and standards the schools were initially built to accommodate;
- (iii) the number of classrooms and the number of standards those schools now accommodate;
- (iv) when last classrooms were increased at Simon Ratshosa and Grace Kgari Primary schools and how many they are now as compared to the school's inception;
- (v) the ministry's plans for expansion of classroom blocks from 10 in most old schools to cater for new demands; and
- (vi) the ministry's plans to renovate old primary schools in Serowe and build new classroom blocks.

...Silence...

MR LESEDI: *Mr Speaker*, ke na le potso ya bo 11. Ke na le seemo morago ga ditlhaloso tse o di dirileng. Ke kopa thuso gore a go na le mongwe yo a e laetsweng ka gore ke bona *Minister* a nthomeletse *message* fa gore o tlaa e araba ka *Monday*, ga ke itse gore ke eng a tsamaya ka Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Honorable Ramogapi, do you know anything? I do have the apologies from the two Ministers of Local Government. *Ke ne ke batla go itse gore a go na le yo o laetsweng karabo.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, he had actually preferred he answers the question himself. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *I think* e tsamaelana le se ke setseng ke se buile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ema pele.

...Silence...

MR LESEDI: *Procedure.* Ga go molato *Mr Speaker*, ke utlwile gongwe matshwenyego a me a matona ke gore fa e le gore mo Order Paper ya gompiano, re *later date* dipotso di ka nna bo *six to next week*. Kana kgang e ke kile ka e supa gape fa e le matshwenyego gore go raya gore tse dingwe di ya go bodiwa ka bo *Monday, Tuesday next week* le tsone di ya go tlhoka *space*, jaanong *pace* e re tlaabong re ka tsamaya ka yone *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore go botlhokwa gore jaaka o ntse o gakolola le e ele tlhoko thata, *otherwise* di 27 o tlaa pala. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Order Honourable Members!* Ke tsaya gore ke setse ke buile fa *Mother of the House*, go lemotshega gore *Honourable* Mmolotsi ga a yo, gore tota ka e ke ntshitse taelo. Jaanong a re se ka ra nna ra e tsaya mogoga moleele, a re tseyeng fela gore seemo se se tlaa baakanyega.

GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED OFFICES IN LOBATSE

MR C. K. JACOBS (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether it is not time to consider constructing the Government integrated offices in Lobatse that were promised during the late Honourable Sebege's tenure.

ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR TSHERE): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke arabe potso e khutshwane ya ga *Honourable Member for Lobatse.* *Mr Speaker*, mo potsong e o bua ka nako e neng Mopalamente e le *Honourable* Ronald Koone Sebege, mme kana Mopalamente yo e ne e le Mopalamente ka 1984 to 1994, *so* o ka bona gore le karabo le dikakanyo tsa teng e ne e le tsa mmuso o o fetileng. Jaanong mo kakanyong ya Puso e ntšha ke gore, ditirelo tsa Puso jaaka ditsela, dikole, diofisi jalojalo, di ya go dirwa re itshwaragantse le ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi, mo gotweng go tshwaraganela ditirelo tsa Puso le ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi, Public Private Partnership (PPP) *model.* *So* ke yone *the posture* ya *the new Government.* *As such construction of any Government offices under a model* o go agiwang Goromente *Mr Speaker* o emisitswe. Jaanong ga re na go aga jaaka Mopalamente a kopa, mme re mo thulaganyong ya gore go tse thulaganyo ya gore re dirise ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi go aga diofisi tsa mofuta o *under a PPP model.* Ke yone *the new posture* ya Goromente yo mosha jaaka re gatela pele *Mr Speaker.*

Mme fela kwa bofelelong re dumela thata gore dikago tsa diofisi tsa ga Goramente, bogolo jang kwa Lobatse, o tlaa itse gore Lobatse ke toropo ya Mahalapye, jaanong ba gasame, ba felela ba ya kwa le kwa, ba palama *taxies* ba latela diofisi kwa, ba ya kwa. Jaanong golo moo go a re tshwenya, mme ke gone mo o bonang re batla go tsena mo PPP *model to achieve that process. At the end go a go nna le one area* e diofisi tsa ga Goramente di tlaa bonalang teng gore go tshofatse batho ba ba batlang ditlamelo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Okay, he is satisfied Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I understand that Honourable Minister Ramogapi wishes to invoke Standing Order 41.2 go give that answer to Honourable Kaizer, and I shall allow that.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Dipalo tse ke di neetsweng fano *Mr Speaker* ke gore, mo matlong a Pool House ga go na ope *who share*. Batho *that share* ba kwa matlong a barutabana ba le 212, ke bone fela *that share*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa*, Honourable Ramogapi, the question was very clear, *mo go reng* married couples that share *ba kae*, married couples?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ehe, *nnyaa* eo ba ne ba re bothatanyana jwa yone ke gore, tota... bothatanyana jwa *those who share* ba nyetswe e ne e le gore ba supagala gore ga ba ba ntsi, ba ka tshwara 20. Mme fela palo ya teng ga ba ise ba e tshomamise, mme e ka tshwara 20, ka gore mo tshimologong ba ne ba ise ba e tseye fela sentle. Ka jalo ke santse ke ipoeletsa *Mr Speaker* gore, *I will reconfirm* palo e. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Ee*, Honourable Ramogapi, let me do this, I will give you further opportunity to come and adequately deal with this question. Go and consult further and give us proper answers, we want the exact figures, *jaaka o bua gore kwa go ba bangwe ga gona mme kwa barutabaneng ba teng. Fa e le gore ba teng kwa sesoleng, sepodiseng kana kae* just tell us, *o bo o re bolelela le dipalo tsa gore those who share mme ba nyetse ba kae*. Okay.

Clerk, let me also direct that Honourable Dr Dow's question be prioritised for the Order Paper tomorrow, *le tse dingwe tse di sa arabiwang. Fa e le tsa* later dates you will deal with them how you deal with later dated questions, *akere?*

Order! Order, Honourable Members! Honourable Members, as this concludes the business of today's Order Paper I shall now call upon Leader of the House. I shall now call upon Honourable Ramogapi to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR RAMOGAPI): Mr Speaker, I move that as we concluded the business of today, we adjourn this Honourable House. Thank you sir.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 3:40 p.m. until Wednesday 12th February, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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