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Tuesday 12th April, 2022

THE ASSEMBLY met at 11:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Order! Order! Honourable Members, good morning. Honourable Members, there is an issue which I think we should deal with right at the start, so that if there is an agreement, the Leader of the House will then know what Motion to move today before Parliament adjourns today. The matter Honourable Members is arising because, the Business Advisory Committee met last Friday to look at our business and the date of adjournment *sine die*. The committee concluded that it should recommend to you that you consider adjourning Parliament *sine die* tomorrow the 13th to allow you to travel back home, to the constituencies as early as possible on the 14th or even the evening of the 13th, *go tshaba mosuke wa bontsi jo bo tlaabong bo ya pasekeng*. That is what the committee thought we should bring to you for your decision.

I intended that we could suspend the broadcast of Parliament while we deal with this one in the next 10 minutes, so that we conclude without being broadcasted at the same time. So Information Technology (IT), can you please stop the broadcast and let the House deal with this issue as a General Assembly.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED FOR
APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES

MR SPEAKER: Order! I understand the Leader of the House, His Honour the Vice President has a Business Motion to move.

BUSINESS MOTIONS

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 130.1 for the suspension of Standing Order 44.1 that the two Motions on today's Order Paper be proceeded with before the lapse of three clear days. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to.**

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 28.3 that at the adjournment of the

Assembly on Wednesday 13th April 2022, the present meeting shall be concluded, and the Assembly shall then stand adjourned, *sine die*. I move accordingly.

Question put and **agreed to.**

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL
WELFARE CONSULTATIVE TOUR,
2021

Motion

CHAIRPERSON OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (MR BROOKS): Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members of Parliament, good morning.

Mr Speaker, it is my greatest pleasure and privilege to present before you, the findings of the Portfolio Committee on Local Governance and Social Welfare consultative tour and site visits carried out in 2021.

Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the office of the Honourable Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the leadership and support they have accorded to us since the commencement of this important assignment. I wish to express on behalf of the committee, our enormous gratitude to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and other relevant stakeholders who contributed to the successful implementation of this assignment.

Mr Speaker, tremendous progress has been made regarding the implementation of the committee work plan for the year 2020/2021. Positive results have been realised and through capacity building for the Members of Parliament (MPs) and progress is visible. Achievements include; committee meetings and briefings with the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and other stakeholders, consultative tours and strengthened engagement with civil society organisations.

Mr Speaker, Standing Order 116 gives mandate to the Committee on Local Governance and Social Welfare to exercise oversight and scrutiny over Government ministries, departments and agencies with portfolio responsibilities in respect of Local Governance and Social Welfare.



It is in this regard, that the committee visited five district councils across the country to appreciate their service delivery and to engage with service providers and beneficiaries to get first-hand experience on services and programmes offered to Botswana. The key findings and recommendations by the committee are as follows:

Mr Speaker, there is an acute shortage of Social Welfare Officers which makes it difficult to effectively attend psychosocial cases across the country. The committee has noted with concern the high number of vacant posts across the district councils. Almost all councils are headed by officers in acting positions, some of which have been in those acting positions for more than a year. This in itself negatively affects service delivery.

It is heartbreaking Mr Speaker, to report to this Honourable House, that most destitute persons do not graduate from Government programmes and they remain dependent on Government for almost their whole lives. There is a high dependency on welfare programmes and this makes it hard to break the vicious cycle of poverty. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed us to the harsh reality that our people survive on a hand to mouth system which is not sustainable.

Government should therefore intensify programmes geared towards change of mindset amongst the temporary registered destitute persons. They should be viewed as stepping-stones programmes meant to capacitate and help them find their feet so that they become self-reliant and able to fend for themselves and their families. Given that poverty and inequality are very high in Botswana, as indicated in the National Development Plan (NDP) 11, Government should gradually gravitate towards empowerment programmes than hand-outs. The current relief programmes tend to compete with those that have an empowerment component.

Mr Speaker, I must commend the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development for developing a Single Social Registry where social protection programmes implemented by Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development have been uploaded, while those implemented by other ministries was expected to have been uploaded by end of March 2022. This will make it easier to gravitate towards empowerment programmes rather than hand-outs.

Local Authorities should therefore continue to maximize potential revenue collection instead of relying on subventions from central Government to bail them out.

Mr Speaker, the Decentralisation Policy should be expedited and brought before Parliament as a matter of urgency. In this regard, all legislation meant to facilitate Local Government autonomy should be reviewed and where new laws are required such should be enacted without delay.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, this report therefore brings to light the issues encountered by ordinary Botswana in trying to access Government services at the local level, the difficulties they face and the recommendations on what could be done to better the lives of the many Botswana that have entrusted us with the mandate to represent them in this House.

As a committee therefore, we expect that there will be more contributions from all Honourable Members on the issues raised above and the report will hopefully receive the blessings and adoption of this Honourable House. I move that the report of the Committee on Local Governance and Social Welfare for the year 2021 be adopted. I submit Mr Speaker. Thank you.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, re utlwa komiti. *Report e*, re utlwa *recommendations* di le pedi, di le tharo, mme re dumela gore *Local Governance* bokete jwa dikgang tsa lefatshe di mo go yone. Fa o lebelela dikgang tsa *social welfare*, itshetso ya batho ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane kana ba ba sa kgoneng go itshidisa, di mo go bone. Re lebile bothata jo bo kanakana jwa *implementation* jo bo kwa *Local Government*. Re ipotsa gore a mme *recommendations* tse pedi tse, ke tsone sentle kana komiti e kgamile dikgang? Ga go lebege dikgang di tswa mo komiting e. Komiti e bua ka Lephata la Social and Community Development (S&CD), thatathata e ganeletse mo *shortage of Social Welfare Officers*, moo ke boammaaruri. Lephata la S&CD fa o bua ka *social welfare, implementations of programmes*, di dirwa ke Goromente. Lephata la S&CD ke lone le lebaganeng le tiro e. Motho o ka tsaya Lephata la S&CD a bona gore le sale le nna teng *up to* gompieno, re le tlabolotse go le kae gore le tsamaelane le matshelo a batho le go a tokafatsa? *Policies* tse ba di diragatsang a di santse di ka diragatswa le gompieno? *Measurements* ya go tokafatsa matshelo e ntseng jang gompieno? A fa re ne re bua re re ka 1990 sengwe, fa o na le bokana ga o motlhoki mme fa o na le bokana o motlhoki, a sekale seo se santse se bereka le gompieno? A re santse dikgang tsa *old age pension* re ka di diragatsa jaaka nako e di neng di ntse di simolola le gompieno? Mo e leng gore re ipotsa gore a mme fa komiti re e utlwa mme e bua fela ka *staffing*, e sa bue ka mananeo, tokafatso ya mananeo mo bathong, a e a bo e sa kgama dikgang tota? Kana



kwa ntle ga COVID fela, go tswa kwa morago batho ba ntse ba na le mathata a e leng a bone fela. Kana ngwao ya rona ke go tshela ka bolesika.

Fa e le gore bolesika jo bo setse bo sule, *the extended family is dead or dying*, mo go rayang gore Goromente kana maphata a a teng a e seng a ga Goromente a gotweng gantsinyana a *provide psychosocial support*, ke bone bo malome, rakgadi, rangwane, mmangwane, nkgonne le bo nnake mo malatsing a gompieno. A mme maphata a re a file *enough support* gore ba ka kgona *to take over the role of the extended family within the modern life*?

Shortage of staff, ee, e teng a mme ditsompelo di teng kwa go bone? Ke gore fa o tsena kwa modiring wa S&CD, o tsena kwa *Social Welfare Officers* o re o tlile go kopa *counselling*, o tlile go kopa kgothatso ya botshelo, o tshwanelwa ke gore mongwe a mo sutele mo ofising a nne fa ntle mo dipuleng le mo letsatsing ka gore *they share* ofisi pele ga a kgona gore o ka go thusa. A seemo se ba berekelang mo go sone se ba file tlhologanyo e e *clean*? *Does it empower them* gore ba ka kgona go thusa batho kana *to provide the psychosocial support* e e leng teng?

Ke dumela gore komiti e *though* e bua dikgang tse mme gongwe ga e tsenele kwa teng ka *recommendations* tsa bone. Ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba tsenele kwa teng gore lephata la S&CD le kgone go tokafatsa, e se ka ya nna kgang ya *shortage of staff* fela. Sone, ee, se teng se ka buiwa. Fa go lebeletswe *international standards*, re tlhola re utlwa ba bongaka ba bua gore re dumela gore Mooki kana ngaka a lebagane le batho ba le kana ka letsatsi e bile gape *ratio ya population to the client* ya bo e le bokana mo kgwedding kana mo ngwageng. Potso e nna gore bone ba ba *Social Welfare Officers*, *international standards* tsa reng? *Standards* tsa *ministries* tsa reng? Ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba bo ba lebagana le batho ba le kae ka letsatsi, kgwedi kana ngwaga? A mme ba lebagana le bone? Fa ba sa lebagane le bone, ba tlhela go le kae? Palamente e e *recommend* gore ba ka okediwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Fa ba okediwa ba okediwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore Goromente o na le *moratorium*, tsamaiso ya gore ga a sa tlhole a oketsa bodirelapuso? Fa a sa tlhole a oketsa bodirelapuso, go raya eng? A go raya gore jaanong mathata a batho, Goromente o na le ka fa a ka a emang nokeng ka teng mo bathong ba e seng badirelapuso? *Facilitation* e ya go nna le dikompone kana maphata a a ntseng jalo a e seng a sedirelapuso mme a sedila tlhologanyo mo go ga Goromente mo ditsamaisong, e ntse jang? Gone mme re ba *support* go le kae gore ba nne teng?

Ke dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke gore re di bue gore *social welfare*, *psychosocial support* le kgothatso ya batho mo lefatsheng di kgone go nna teng. Babereki ba ba na le lebaka le le leele thata ba le *stagnant*, ba eme golo go le gongwefela, bo 10 *years* motho a le mo *post* e nngwefela. Gone moo fela ka bogone, *developmental stages of humankind*, ga go letle. Go a re morago ga dingwaga tse pedi o bo o tlhatlogela mo *development stage* se sengwe. Fa o beilwe mo *development stage* se le sengwefela *for 10 years*, gone moo fela ka bogone, go a mo *demotivate*, go bo go raya gore ga o kgone gore o ka ntsha maduo a o eletsang kana o na le bokgoni jwa gore o ka a ntsha.

Fa re bua ka *issue of local governance*, kana go sale go builwe thata ka *decentralisation of services*. Fa go ka dirwa *decentralisation* ga tlhwaafalwa kwa bo *Tribal, Local Government* le *land boards*, go nale gore batho ba tlhole ba ntse ba tla Gaborone, dikoloi tse di kanakana ka Mosupulogo di tla Gaborone, Labotlhano di boela kwa, nkabo e le gore ditshwetso di tsewa fela gone kwa. *Let us decentralise* gore *local governance* e kgone go nna le boleng, *services* di kgone go goroga kwa bathong. Re na le lebaka le le kae re bua ka *decentralisation* mo lefatsheng le? *It is over 15 years* mme le gompieno, *we are centralising more*. Dilo tse di tshwanang le *clinics* le ditsela re di tsere re di kgobokantse mo Gaborone. Ke dilo tse di ka bong di le koo, dikhansele di dira.

Fa re lebelela bo *Tribal Administration* because it is part of *local governance*, *structures* tsa teng ke mathata kwa bodireding. Ke mathata a e leng gore ngwaga le ngwaga go nna le potso le *promise* ka *April*. Ngwaga le ngwaga go nna go botswa gore naare diphatlha tse tsa Dikgosi le di tlatsa leng? Fa diphatlha tse di seyo, *local governance* mo metseng ya rona ga e kgone go nna teng, ga e kgone go tsamaya sentle. Metse ga e kgone go tsamaya sentle.

Dilo tse di batla gore di lebiwe Tona. Di batla gore komiti e nne le *recommendations* fela tse di papametseng, tse re di utlwang, tse e di ntshang. Ke ne ke solofetse *recommendations* gongwe di ka nna bo lesome tse di tswang mo komiting e. Jaanong fa di tswa di le pedi fela, ke dumela gore komiti gongwe e gatile dilo ka bontsinyana mo go tlhokafalang. Kana *we are providing oversight, checks and balances*, jaanong fa re sa tswa ka dilo, Goromente a di utlwe, *Executive* e di utlwe, setšhaba se di utlwe, gone moo fela ka bogone, ga go wele sentle. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, mma ke



go dumedise gape ke bo ke dumedise batlotlegi botlhe ba ba fano. Gongwe thatathata ke lebogele *Honourable Kekgonegile* ka se a setseng a re eteletse pele ka sone. Motlotlegi, ke leboge Modulasetilo wa komiti eno gore a bo a re file *such a sound report* e ke tsayang gore tota o ne a e natlafatsa ka gore ba ne ba felela ba tsamaile ba tlhophile dikgaolo dingwe tse ba neng ba ya kwa go tsone go ya go itseela ka tsebe gore go diragala eng *on the ground*. Ke raya gore tiro e e ntseng jaana, ke tiro e e botlhokwa thata. Fa ke bala *report*, ke ne ka e lebogela fela thata Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ka gore dikgang dingwe tse ba di ntshitseng mo go yone, ke dikgang tse e leng gore le rona ka kwano re le mo *Ministry wa Local Government*, re a di itse. *Honourable Kekgonegile* o ntse a bua ka dingwe tsa tsone.

Maikaelelo a me ga se go leka go sireletsa *Ministry of Local Government*. Maikaelelo a me a matona ke gore Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leke go bua ka tse e leng gore rona re le ba *ministry*, re a di dira e bile re a di bona. Jaaka gompieno jaana re itse gore re na le palo e ntsi ya batho ba ba bidiwang gotwe ke *beneficiaries* kana Batswana ba ba akolang mananeo a e leng gore maikaelelo a one a matona ke go leka go fokotsa manokonoko a a ka sekeng a ba tshedisa sentle.

Ke rata go leboga Puso e ya gompeino e e eteletsweng pele ke mokgatlo wa Domkrag gore e bo e le gore mo ikuelong e e kanakana e Batswana ba e tsisitseng go lekilwe tota gore go bonwe madi a a ka thusang batho. Fa ke e fa sekai, le fa gompieno ke sa tshola *the total number of figures tsa beneficiaries* tsa lefatshe la Botswana, ke tlaa leka go bua fela ka dikgaolo tse ba ileng kwa go tsone, kwa Kgalagadi gompieno go tlhalosiwa jalo gore re na le Batswana ba le 5 712 *who benefit* mo mananeong a *social welfare*. Go dirisiwa madi a a seng kana ka sepe, didikadike tsa madi gore go thusiwe fa jaaka re na le batlhoki, bana ba e leng gore *they are called children in need of care* le bana ba ba tlhokanang le gore ba... re nna le balwetse ba *home based care*, masiela le *people with disability* le batho ba ba golafetseng ba ba thusiwang ka madi fela a mantisi.

Selo se ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore fa re akgela, re tshwanetse re simolole ka go di akgola. Re akgole Puso *because* ga se babusi botlhe kana mafatshe otlhe a a dirang jaaka lefatshe la Botswana le dira. Jaaka re bona, le rotloediswa ke boeteledipele jo bo nonofileng, jo re nang le jone mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Kana Puso bagaetsho, ga se go tsaya ditlhopho fela, ke gore re nne le boeteledipele jo bo akanyang jo bo batlang go

isa lefatshe golo gongwe. O teng motho yo mongwe e kareng fa a sena go nna a tsaya Puso e le moeteledipele gongwe a bo a fetoga a dira dilo ka fa ene a akanyang ka teng. Re na le babusi ba ba tshwanang le bo Tautona Mokgweetsi Masisi yo gompieno a tswetseng ka go tsweledisa mananeo a a saleng borraaronamogolo ba nna ba re etelela mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ba a akantse ba lemogile gore ke mangwe a mananeo a e leng gore re le lefatshe la Botswana a ka re isa golo gongwe.

Fa re tsaya kgaolo e e tshwanang le ya Kgalagadi *for instance*, re na le Batswana ba ka nna 9 935 ba ba akolang mananeo a a ntshitsweng ke Puso a. Fa re a lebelela mananeo a, ga re a tshwanela go a lebelela a le nosi fela, re lebelele gore go na le mananeo mangwe ka fa thoko gape a e leng gore jaaka Rre Kekgonegile a ntse a bua a re, “o kare botlhoki ga bo eme, batho ba tswetse fela ba tshela *from hand to mouth*,” ke boammaaruri. Re na le mananeo mangwe a e leng gore tota kwa ntle ga gore batho ba bo ba fiwa dijo gore ba tshela *from hand to mouth*, mananeo a a rotloetsang e ntse e le bone *the beneficiaries* tsa mananeo gore ba ka itlhabolola ka one. Jaaka re na le mananeo a bo *poverty eradication*, Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), le a mantsintsi fela a a farologanyeng, a ke tsayang gore a beilwe pele Batswana gore ba kgone go ithusa ka one.

Keletso ya rona re le *Ministry of Local Government* ke gore re tseye thuso ya Goromente e e ntshiwang e le madi e, e le *an investment* e Goromente a e dirang *in our beneficiaries*, *so much that* fa o le motlhoki gongwe o kgona go bereka kwa Ipelegeng, kana o tshwara se o se tshwarang, o leke gore bontlha bongwe jwa madyana a o nang le one o a dirise go ithusa ka one kana go tlhabolola lelwapa la gago gore o se ka wa nnela ruri mo botlhoking. Tota ga se gore Puso fa e ntsha mananeo a a ntseng jaana, e raya gore Batswana ba nnele ruri mo botlhoking. Ke dumela thata gore, gore re ntshe batho *from the poverty cycle, we will also work together*, jaaka re na le maphata a a tshwanang le a bo S&CD a na le *the community development officers* ba ba *qualified* go ka ruta batho ka dilo tse di lebaganeng le *businesses* kana *entrepreneurship*. Re na le ba *the social workers* ba e leng gore *can also help people to change their mindset*, gore ba itse gore fa o tsene mo botlhoking ga o a tshwanela go nnela ruri mo botlhoking. O tshwanetse *to graduate from being a destitute*.

Re a bona fela gore o ne o ile kwa Ghanzi kwa kgaolong ya tsala ya me Motsamai, gore re na le *the beneficiaries* di ka nna 2, 084 ba ba akolang mananeo a ga Goromente. Ga se gone fela, ka gore dipalo tse ga di tsenye batho ba



ba lebaganeng le go fiwa fela dijo mo lelwapeng ba sa di berekele. Go na le batho ba ba akolang mananeo a tshwana le *Poverty Eradication*, a ke tsayang gore tota le fa a ba ...(*Inaudible*)... a ka ba tswela mosola. Kwa Ghanzi sengwe sa dilo tse di nkgatlhileng fa ke tsamaya mo kgaolong, ke fitlhela e le gore boeteledipele jwa kgaolo ya Ghanzi bo tlabologile fela thata, mme jwa tlhabololwa ke mananeo a Puso e ya Domkrag. Jaaka e le gore ba bangwe ba agile lodges ba dirisa madi a a kwa Constituency Community Projects (CCP). Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re di akgolang. Tota go tshwanetse gore boeteledipele jwa motse bo se ka jwa lebelela fela gore ba tlaa tsaya meamuso mo Pusong. Ba leke gape le gore le bone ka bo bone ba itlhabolole, ba dire mo gotweng *income generating projects*, tse e leng gore madi le *profits* tsa bone fa ba di dira, ba tlaa leka gore ba tlhabolole motse, gore ba tswelile ba hire ba bangwe batho ba e leng gore gongwe ga ba kgone go hirwa ke *private sector* kana Puso. North West for instance fa o ka e lebelela, e na le *beneficiaries* di ka nna 6, 183 ba e leng gore *they enjoy* mananeo a Puso. Fa o lebelela kgaolo e tshwana le ya Phikwe for instance e na le *total number of 1, 774 beneficiaries*, ba e leng gore *they enjoy* mananeo a Puso. Bagaetsho dilo tse ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tshwanetseng re di akgole. Re tshwanetse re akgole dilo tse ka gore fa re sa di akgole, e tlaa nna e kete re baitimokanyi, mme tota re ntse re bona gore Puso e a iteka. Ke na le gore ke ka feta gape ka kgang ya gore Goromente o wa rona wa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ke kopa to correct you.*

MR PULE: *Ee rra, correction.*

MR MOTSAMAI: *Point of correction.* Ke a dumedisana Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re Mothusa Tona, fa o ntse o tswelitse o bua, o se ka wa nna o dirisa lefoko “go akola,” “to enjoy,” o bona batho ba ba ikwadisang, ba ikwadisetsa botlhoki, tota le fa ba neelwa dijo tseo, ga se kgang e go ka tweng ba a akola, ga ba itumele, ba batla go tswa mo seemong se se ntseng jalo. Go akola go tewa o le kwa ga tlebebe, o rata tota le wena gore o bo o le foo. Ke go baakanyetse Setswana rraetsho, ka o Mokgatla.

MR PULE: Rraetsho ke bua segaetsho Sekgatla, ka re ba “a akola,” ka segarona fa re re o akola, re raya go itumela, re raya o itumela. Ga e ka ke ya re o thusiwa o fiwa dijo tse gongwe o sa di berekelang wa se ka wa di itumelela, ke raya gore Batswana ba itumelela thuso ya Puso. Jaanong jaaka gongwe nna le wena re dumalana Rre Motsamai, ga re a tshwanela go rotloetsa batho gore

ba nne ba itumelela go tsaya dijo kwa Pusong tse ba sa di berekeleng. Re tshwanetse go leka gore bogolo re sale ka batho ba e leng gore gongwe mebele ya bone ga e tlhole e ba kgontsha gore ba ka dira, mme ba mebele ya bone e ba kgontshang gore ba ka dira, re tshwanetse gore re ba kopanele nna le wena Motsamai, le ba lephata la boipelego le ba *Community Development*, gore re leke go ba ruta gore nako e tlile ya gore ba se ka ba lebelela Puso fela gore ke yone e ka ba fang dijo.

Jaanong ke re ke wetse fela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke re, re bone the *findings* tsa komiti. Nna yo ke leng fano le ba ke nang le bone mo *Ministry wa Local Government*, re tlaa lebelela the *findings* tsa bone, mme re bone gore re ka bereka le bone jang go tlhabolola seemo. Ke re ka mafoko a a kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke se ka ka buela ruri, ke amogele, ke bo ke kope Ntlo e e fano gore re amogele *report* kana pego e go ya kwa pele, mme re diragatse tse re kopiwang ke komiti e gore re di diragatse. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Majaga followed by Honourable Dr Gobotswang.

MR MAJAGA (NATA-GWETA): *Thank you Mr Speaker, good morning and Honourable Members.* Mma fela Mr Speaker ke tsene ke supa gore I support this tabling ya ga Mr Brooks being the Chairman ya *Local Governance Committee*. Ke mo ema nokeng mme ke re Mr Speaker, sa ntlha gape ke lebogetse lona le le *the Speakership for granting this committee* sebaka mongwame, e le tiro e tona thata, *even in the future* gore gongwe le oketse le madi gore *these type of committees* di kgone go tsamaya di na le nako e le banyeng fa di ntse di tsamaya. Ke tiro e tona thata e e go thusang Mr Speaker, ka e le wena moteledipele wa Palamente, re le Mapalamente a gago. Ke bo ke re *the report tabled by Honourable Brooks being the Chair* re a e bona, re a e lebogela, *we support it for adoption*. Mme mongwe o ka bua ka dingwe dintlha mo go yone gore, o ka lebelela *the recommendations* le tsotlhe tse di dirilweng ke komiti, a lebelela a bona e le gore mme dingwe gongwe di saletse morago.

Se ke se bonang fela ke gore, *the next report maybe* e tlaabo e akareditse lefatshe lotlhe, e se *subjective for certain councils*, e le gore e tlaabo e le *the mandate* wa komiti mo go tsotlhe tse e leng gore gongwe *the entire country* komiti e di bone, e bile e batla gore go dirwe eng. *This report Mr Speaker* e ka thusa lephata le le



tonatona le la *Local Government* le le nang le bo Tona ba le bane. E bile re itse gore koo ke kwa matshelong a batho, motho pele, o bonwa gone koo. *This committee* e tlaa ba thusa tota, gore le bone ba itse ka fa batho ba e leng gore lephata le ba tlhokometse ka fa ba tshelang ka teng, le ka fa ba fepiwang ka teng ke bodiredi le mananeo a lephata le a dirileng *to uplift and empower these beneficiaries, being* Batswana ba ga ntsi ke bone ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane, mongwe o ka rialo. Ba ba mo metseng ya rona mo dikhanseleng, mo metseng ya magae.

Mr Speaker, ke re gongwe mongwe o ka tshwaela ka gore kana mananeo a bo *Poverty Eradication*, Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID) le a mangwe fela jalojalo a lephata le sale ka le a dirile go tswa goo-Lowe, ke gone fa re nang le bothata. Ke lebogela selo se le *one* fela mo Pusong e ya Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), ya *the recently introduced mindset change. If this exercise will be carried very well*, ke solofela gore e tlaa re thusa thata le *our beneficiaries* gore ba itse gore mananeo a a tletse bone. Tota *there is no need* ya gore motho a fiwe mananeo a ka nna mararo mme go nna go ntse go rile tshootshoo fela. *So* komiti le yone le ba lephata, go tlaa re *on going* jaaka komiti e tlaabo e dira tiro ya bone, ba nne le ka fa re tlaa gakololang (*recommend*) gape *in the future* ka *such occurrences*. Mananeo a bo *Poverty Eradication*, gompiano jaana le nako e e tlang re tshwanetse go supa ka dikhansela gore nnyaa mme ka kwa go godile, kwa Ghanzi *there is improvement*. Kwa North West *there is improvement*, kwa Central ga gona *improvement, then* ba bangwe *could go and benchmark like* kwa *other areas* jaaka kwa bo Chobokwane, kwa o fitlhelang bangwe ba le *engaged*.

Le gone gape batho ba ba rona re tshwanetse ra nna re bona gore *the idea* ya dikoporase le tshwaragano mo go bone *to make them smart and productive*, e le gore Goromente *is geared* gore go nne le *production* mo dijong, itsholelo le letlhoko la ditiro. Ke bone ba ba ka e dirang kwa magaeng mme kana golo mo go dirwa ke dikhansela. Gongwe *even in the future*, dikhansela di tshwanetse di nne le *smart way of grouping and packaging* mananeo a a ka ba thusang *from an individual to groups*, mo ba tlaa nnang ba ya go bereka fela jaaka Ipelegeng, *either* mo *farms* kana mo dikoporaseng ba lema *and package some millet. By so doing*, re tlaa bona re fokotsa *food baskets* tse gantsi mo dikhanseleng batho ba tlwaetse gore ba tlaa nna jalo. *Through Ministry* wa *Agriculture* ka bo LIMID le wa *Office of the President*

(OP), mananeo a bo *Poverty Eradication*, tota *if these things* jaaka a nna a ntse a sekasekwa jaana, *my take* ke gore *going forward*, re tlaa bona go nna le tokafalo.

Fa ke tsena mo khanseleng ya Ghanzi *as per the report*, tota re a bona gore go na le tokafalo le tomagano *because* ba na le lefatshe ka ke batho ba *agriculture*. Sengwe se e leng gore *there will be an improvement* ke ema nokeng *this* nnenyane, ke ba North West kwa makgobokgobong, kwa bo Maun. Le bone ba tshwanetse gore go nne le dikidi *Mr Speaker, Mr Chairperson and your committee*, tse re bonang le bone ba na le *some guest houses* kana dingwenyana. Re a itse gore di teng fale le fale, kwa bo Ghanzi mme re tshwanetse gore re lebelele *the source of life* gore kwa bo North West le Maun jalo, le dikgaolo tsone tsele tsa bo Sehithwa le Gumare, batho bao ba tshela jang. *Then* re bo re dira *those packages* jaanong *not individuals but as a group so that* go nne *manageable. So* mananeo a a ka thusa thata.

Jaanong ke ne ke re fa o tsaya bodiredi, *it is always a concern* mme re tshwanetse go nna le bo *social welfare officers* ba e leng gore *now* ba tshwana le baoki ba re itseng gore mo metseng ya magae, o fitlhela e le gore *it is multifunctional*. O a belegisa, o a kenta, o phakisa Tsabana mme bommaboipelego ba bangwe mo metseng e mengwe, *we must train them and allocate them* mo metseng e, e le gore ba bangwe ke bone ba tlhaloganyang dikgang tsa *empowerment*, e seng go isa dilo tse gantsi re reng ke dijo tsa mephako fela *when assessing. We must align them with such things in the future* go itse gore fa a isitswe kwa Gudigwa, Sekondomboro le kwa Tshokatshaa, Tshwaane, Malelejwa, Lephasha, le Kutamogoree kwa e leng gore ga a ka ke jaanong gatwe go tlaa tla go batliwa yo mongwe wa *development* kana wa *empowerment*, e bo jaanong go felela gotwe ga ba bonale. O tshwanetse gore a nne *a jack of all trades* e le mmaboipelego, a kgone go thusa mananeo a ka gore o a bo a le *in that specified community*.

Ditoropo tse di tshwanang le bo Selebi Phikwe *as per your report sir*, re a di lebogela e bile re itse gore o ne wa ba thusa le wena *as a Chairperson to empower them* ka dipodi le dinku; diphelehu le diphoko. Go a bonala *with a lot of improvement* gore *if they can be grouped* jaaka kgang ya me e ganelela foo ba nna *cooperatives* le *clusters, then there could be some employment and life. It can save the ministry's money* a ya kwa ditlhabololong ka gore re a itse gore mo nakong ya gompiano, madi a *Ministry of Local Government* mo dikhanseleng a felela fela mo S&CD, *so we must look at this and find a remedy*



gore madi jaanong a ye kwa *development*. S&CD e nne dilo tsa maloba *through cooperatives and all the necessary* mananeo jaanong. Dipalo di nne *holistically reduced*.

Jaanong fa re tsena mo Khanseleng ya Sowa *as per your report, Mr Chairperson, a lot must be done there*. Ke kopa *Ministers* botilhe ba tle ba ye gone kwa go bona. Sowa e na le dilo tse dintsi tse e ka di dirang mme *allocation* e sale ka e emisitswe. Re kile ra kopa bo Tona Maele, gompiano ke tlaa kopa Tona Mzwini la e le labofelo le ene gore a ye go bona. Sowa *has all the potential*. Jaanong batho ba ba thusiwang ka mananeo o fitlhela ba se kalo ka mabaka a gore tota ga gona fa ba ka hirising teng, sengwe le sengwe *is shut down*. Tota re kile ra leka ka dithapelo le ka dikereke gore tota gatwe batho ba sentse eng. Fa e le gore go na le sengwe, le lona ba *Local Government* yang go thusa gone koo gore batho bale ba bo Tshwaane, Malelejwa, Semboane, Ndutshaa le ba bangwe ba metse e e magare, ba ka re *some of these projects* tse di tshwanang le tsa letswai, Rre Molale o kile a nthusa tsona, matswai a mo Nata River le a mangwe a bua gore a ka dira melora, kwa bo Israel ba a batla. Ke dilo fela tse batho bale ba ka di thusiwang mme *I invite you* gore o tle o ye kwa Sowa *Mr Speaker*, le kwa Dukwi Refugee Camp. O kile wa re o tlaa ya teng mongwame, o le mongwarona. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna jaaka *Honourable* Kekgonegile, ga ke wele sentle fa ke lebile botlhokwa jwa komiti e, ke dikgang tse di gaufi le matshelo a batho ba re ba emetseng. Ga ke wele sentle fa ke utlwa *recommendations* tsa teng o kare di kwa tlase ga *five*. Le nna ke ne ke solofetse gore di ne di ka nna kwa godimo ga 10 re lebile seemo se re kopanang le sone.

Bagaetsho, fa re ntse re ya kwa pele, re tshwanetse re akanyeng ka kgang e ya lephata le le bidiwang *Local Government and Rural Development* gore leina la lone sentlentle, a mme le tlhalosa se lephata le le dirang sone ka gore leina le tshwanetse go tlhalosa se lephata le se dirang. Lephata le fa o le lebile fela sentle tota, leina la lone le tshwanetse e bo e le *Local Government and Social Welfare. Rural Development* e tshwanetse e bo e tsamaya le *agriculture*. Dikgaolo di ka tlhabologa ka temo le leruo. Ke yone e e ka tlhabololang dikgaolo mme *the international best practice* ke gore re tshwanetse gore re bo re na le Lephata la *Agriculture and Rural Development*, le Lephata la *Local Government and Social Welfare* ka gore re itse se lephata le le se dirang.

Gape le le komiti, re lebelelang kgang e ya *quality of service*, ditlamelo gore re ka tlhola re di fa mme boleng jwa tsona bo tsamaya fa kae. Fa o lebelela *school feeding*, nna *by qualification, I am a human nutritionist* mme fa o lebelela dijo tse di fiwang bana ba rona kwa dikoleng, ke dumela gore le batho ba ba kwa dikogolelong, dijo tsa bone di tshwanetse di bo di le botoka go na le tse di jewang kwa dikoleng tsa rona tsa *primary*. *That cannot be right*. Di jo tse di jewang ke bana ba ba santseng ba gola tota, e tshwanetse e bo e le tse tota di lebegang.

Jaanong go na le kgang e nngwe e re tshwanetseng gore le yone re e buisane re le Palamente, le dikomiti gore re e utlwisise ka go tshwana gore motlhoki le mohumanegi, a ke selo se le sengwefela. Kutlwisiso ya me ke gore motlhoki *cannot graduate*. Ke gore fa o le motlhoki, o a bo o le motho yo e leng gore ka ntata ya bogodi kana maemo afe fela a botshelo a a ka go paledisang gore o ka tlhola o nna *economically active*, o ka kgona go bereka, o tshwanetse o bidiwe *destitute*, motlhoki. Fa o setse o tsene mo botlhoking, ga o ka ke wa *graduate*, ga o ka ke wa tswa mo go jone. Fa re bua, o kare re etla re tlhakatlhakanya motho yo o humanegileng le yo o nang le botlhoki, mme ga se dilo tse di tshwanang. Re tshwanetse gore re di farologanye ka gore mohumanegi ene o ka *graduate*, o ka tswa mo go humanegeng ka mananeo le go dira ditiro, go tlhama ditiro, batho ba ka tswa mo lehumeng. Jaaka ke bua, lephata le lone ka gore ke la *social welfare* sentlentle, re tshwanetse re bo re ka bo re buisanya le ba *ministry* gore kgang e ya *people with disability*, banalebogole, re dirile *policy*, mme kana re tshwanetse re gatele mo go reng re tle ka molao. Kgang e ke batla gore le yone re e ele tlhoko, e se ka ya tloga ya tswa ka diphatlha tsa menwana, gore re santse re kolota banalebogole, re tshwanetse re tle ka melao.

Kgang ya bagodi, komiti a re e lebelelang re tsenoletse, re lebile *the cost of living*, gore a mme *pension* e ka fa re thusang bagodi ka teng, a go lekane. Gape re lebelele le yone kgang ya dingwaga, ke eng motho a ka tlogela tiro a le dingwaga tse 60 a bo a ema *five years*, e bo e le gone a tsenang mo tandabaleng? Nnyaa, a kgang e re ko re e sekaseke sentle.

Le yone kgang ya gore tota fela mme re lebile boturu jwa dilo ka fa di turang ka teng, gompiano dijo bogolo jang thata, re bo re santse bagodi ba rona ba bona lemme le ba le bonang, a ko re lebelelang kgang e. Ke santse ke dumela gore P1,500 o tshwanetse bagodi. Fa e le sengwe, a re dumalaneng gore ngwaga le ngwaga re ba tsenyetsa P100 go fitlhelela ba tsena mo mading a re tsayang gore ba ka itshetsa ka one.



Kgang ya bagodi gape e na le *element* ya *care*. Ke tsaya gore rotlhe ba re fa re a itse, re na le bommaarona ba bangwe, nna mme o santse a le mo botshelong, mme o nosi kwa lwapeng jaaka ke bua jaana, mme o tsamaela mo go reng fa go ntse go tswetse, gongwe o tlaabo a sa tlhole a kgona go ka ikapeela, gongwe go bo gore ke mo hirele batho. Fa ke sa kgone go mo hirela motho, e bo e le gore go raya gore ke mathata. Jaanong go setse go na le batho ba ba ithaopang, ba ke tsayang gore le bone re ba ele tlhoko, re bone gore re ka ba thusa jang. Ke gakologelwa kwa Sefhare go na le bomme ba bangwe ba ba ithaopetseng bagodi, ba bidiwa “Maungo a lerato.” Ke mokgatlo o ba ikaelelang gore ba o rekisetse metse e mengwe e e gaufi gore ba bone gore ba ka thusa bagodi jang, nako e nngwe ba ye go ba lekola, ba ye go ba tlhatswetsa, nako e nngwe ba bone gore tota ba tlhoka eng. Tsone diemo tseo, re tshwanetse gore re di ele tlhoko, re bone gore bagodi ba a tlhokomelesega.

Gape re tshwanetse re tsamaele mo go reng, go na le golo mo gotweng *evidence based practice*, mananeo a rona a tshwanetse gore kgapetsakgapesa komiti, re bone gore *are evaluated*, go nna le *reports* tsa gore *evaluation* e dirilwe, mme ya reng. *Evaluations* di tshwanetse gore di supe tsela ya gore re ya jang kwa pele. Ga re ka ke ra tswelela bagaetsho fa e le gore batho ba e leng gore ke bone ba eteletseng pele mananeo a lephata le, komiti, e leng bogolo jang thata bommaboipelego, e bo e le gore ga ba neelwe ditsompelo tse ba berekang ka tsone. Nnyaa, go a pala *to assess* batho, re a ba kuela, makhanselara ba kuela batho ba e leng gore ba wela mo isong, mme bommaboipelego ga ba goroge ka gore ga ba na le yone *bicycle*. Dikgang tse komiti, ke tsaya gore re tshwanetse gore re di sekaseke, re di ele tlhoko.

Go na le kgang ya *equity*, ya go isa ditlhabololo kwa bathong. *Equity* e bothokwa thata. *Honourable* Molale ke tsaya gore o a tlhaloganya gore fa re re *equity* re raya eng. Re raya gore metse e e kana ka Maape, e tshwanetse e bo e na le ditlhabololo tse di lekanang. Metse e e kana ka Ngwapa, e tshwanetse e bo e tsamaelana. Metse e e kana ka Moshopha, e bo e tsamaelana ka ditlhabololo. Metse e e leng gore ke *district headquarters* di tshwana tsa Mabutsane, e tshwanetse e bo e tshwana le *district headquarters* tse dingwe. Gumare jalojalo, Letlhakane fa e le gore ke *district headquarters*, e bo e le gore ditlhabololo tsa yone le ditlamelo, di tsamaelana le tsa *district headquarters* tse dingwe. Seemo se e leng gore fa o tsena mo *district headquarter* e nngwe o fitlhela go pakogile go thunya lerole, ba bangwe nnyaa dikontere *are tarred* le kwa maretlweng kwa go iseng go bewe batho, nnyaa bagaetsho, ga re ka ke ra tswelela ka seemo se se ntseng jalo, re tshwanetse re baakanyeng.

Decentralisation re sale re e emetse, komiti, a ko le beyeng *ministry* lengole. Ga re batle go utlwa ka *July* ba re raya ba re jaanong ga se *July* ke *November*, e re re tsena ka *November*; ba bo ba re nnyaa, re tsamaela kwa go *February* ngwaga o o tlang. Kgang e re sale re e emetse ka gore ke yone e e tshwanetseng gore e ise ditlamelo kwa bathong. Fa e ka re e tswa, e bo e le gore go buiwa fela gore nnyaa *we are upgrading sub-districts* tse di leng teng, nnyaa rona kwa Tswapong go raya gore re tlaabo re feletse, e tlaabo e le rona *region* fela mo lefatsheng le, e e senang *sub-district*, *mini district*, e sena le fa e le setshwantsho sa *district*, go tlaabo go sa siama gone moo. Re solofela gore *decentralisation* fa e tla, rona kwa Tswapong re solofetse gore re bo re na le *district*, gongwe le *sub-districts* tse pedi. Ke kgang e e leng gore re tshwanetse gore re kgarametse ba *ministry* gore kgang e e ko e wele.

Kgang e nngwe e re tshwanetseng gore re nne re e etse tlhoko re ya kwa pele *Honourable Chair*; *Honourable* Brooks, ke e gotweng jaanong Goromente o batla go fokotsa madi a e leng gore o thusa dikhansela ka madi a teng. Le yone e re tshwanetse gore re e ele tlhoko ka gore ga re ka ke ra tabogela go fokotsa madi a mme re ise re nonotshe dikhansela, khansela e se mo *Constitution* ya Botswana. Jaaka re ya kwa *Constitutional review* jaana, Motlotlegi Brooks, go tshwanetse gore dikhansela di bo di le mo *Constitution* di filwe dithata tse di tshwanetseng. Dikgang tsa gore khansela gongwe e batla go tsenya *meters* fela mo toropong, e bo e le gore e a go kopa kwa *ministry* le kwa Pusong, dikgang tse di tshwanetse gore di fele. Re tshwanetse *to capacitate* dikhansela pele ga re ka tabogela mo go reng re fokotsa *subventions*. Madi a dithuso le one ga a a tshwanela gore khansela e e itekang e phutha madi, e dira madi, jaanong e bo e le gore o kare *is punished*, e a gamolwa, gongwe ga e bone madi a a lekanyeng, tse di sa direng sepe, di fiwa madi a mantisi. O kare jaanong o rotloetsa dikhansela tse dingwe gore ba nne le boitsempe, ba ba itlolang bone, e bo e le gore ba nna mo mathateng.

Ke ne ke re ka mafoko a, ke re nnyaa komiti, re e utlwile *report*, e tsile *late* mo go rona, jaanong re tlaa tla re e lebelela. Ke solofela gore gongwe e tlaa re ba ntse ba tswetse ba komiti, ba re supegetse gore sentlentle *report* e e tshotse eng *beyond what has been presented*. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MR MOLALE): *Thank you Mr Speaker, and good day, and good day to all colleagues in the House.* Ke ne ke eletsa go akgola



komiti e, ka gore ke a bona gore jaanong ba simolotse go bereka. Tshimologo e ke yone e nnametsang pelo, ka gore *Local Government* ke yone konokono ya botshelo jwa rona jwa magae. E bile ke tlhola ke *debate* mo Palamenteng e gore, ke gore *our development trajectory* e tshwanetse go fetoga go sekae gore re e simolole *within the tradition* ya rona ya *bottom up planning*, mme re simolola kwa magaeng.

Ke eletsa gore komiti e *the next report*, e tle e tokafaditse *report* e, ka gore fa ke bona gore *they were just glossing over issues*. Fa ba tswa ba ya kwa dikgaolong, *they must have a checklist, if one may say*, ya dilo tse e leng gore di tshwanetse di ka bo di diragala *at the village and district level*. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore ba reng ka *decentralisation, strategic intents like the social protection framework; that is a strategy* sa go tlhokomela ba ba seng lesego go ka bo ba itlhokomela. Re a itse gore *the social protection framework* e tshotse *29 programmes across all Government* ya di *compress into five or six life stages of a human being*. *The current 29 projects across all Government* di ja P6 billion per annum, mme *it has been proven* gore fa re ka kgona *to collapse them into six, based on the life stages of an individual, that cost will go down to P4 billion*. So ke sone se ke buang ka botlhokwa jwa komiti e.

Ba tshwanetse ba leba le gore ba ba tlišang ditlamelo kwa dikgaolong, a ba na le kitso, *skills*. Ba tshwanetse ba leba gore kwa dikgaolong a dikhansela di tshwanetse tsa ikaega fela ka madi a tswang kwa go Mma Serame, kana ba tshwanetse go itirela madi, ke gore *own sources of revenue*. Gompiano jaana Mogoditshane *is a bigger town than Lobatse*, mme ga ba *collect rates* fela because of a *land tenure system and an attitude* ya gore gongwe Mogoditshane *is a village, they will be having their own self sufficient resources to develop themselves*.

Re tshwanetse ra leba *the basis by which we should be graduating people from poverty to wealth*. Re na le *the Local Economic Development Programme*. Mma ke go fe sekai *Honourable Hikuama, in the next two months, there will be shortage of cooking oil in the world. If you recall Honourable Hikuama, last year when I debated* ke rile, keletso ya me ke gore ngwaga o, e bo e le gore *we are producing our own cooking oil from Morula and Morama oils*. Jaanong *there will be this discord* ka gore *we have not responded, but now we have to respond urgently and coupled with that there have been training* e gotweng *Supplier Development Programme*, e re neng re e tshwaraganetse le *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*, gore dilo tse di diragale.

Re bo re leba le *service delivery* kwa metseng *through the Village Score Card*, gore a melemo e teng kwa *clinics*, a ba boipelego ba teng, ba lekanye, a go na le dibuka kwa sekoleng, jalojalo, *that is what this committee should be looking at*. E bo e tla *to report* mo Palamenteng *Mr Speaker, against the backdrop of those policy and strategic imperatives*. Gompiano jaana, re bua ka gore *vacancies* di dintsi kwa dikhanseleng tsa bo mmaboipelego, mme *10 years ago*, re tsere boikarabelo jwa go hira bo mmaboipelego re bo isa kwa dikhanseleng. Komiti e *should be interrogating, why* dikhansela di sa hire bo mmaboipelego, *posts* di le teng *and it should not be* gore *ministry* ga o re, ga o re. *The Government decided* gore *D1 and below posts*, di isiwe kwa dikhanseleng, ba iphirele, *but it is not happening*. *Further still*, jaaka *Honourable Kekgonegile was alleging, a decision was taken* gore *the C posts, progression* e tswelele fela *as long as there are service bars from C4 to C1*. *Most of* ba boipelego ba, ba mo *C4/3* *and they should be progressing*. Jaanong fa go nna gotwe ba eme, ba *stagnant* ke go gogomosa badiredi bao maikutlo a gore *they are not promoted* kana ga ba *progress*. *These policy imperatives are there and this committee* e tshwanetse ya di ntsha, ya di baya fa gore go bonwe.

Re dirile mo gotweng *Basic Extension Skills Training* with University of Botswana (UB) *in the early 2000*, e e neng e leka go thusa go ruta bo mmaboipelego, ba *community development* le ba bangwe gore ba tokafatse kitso ya bone ya go dira *extension*. *Unfortunately, Mr Speaker, we have observed over time* gore *that course has turned into a political course which now hardens the attitude* ya batho fa ba ile *training*. Fa ba tswa koo, ba tswa e le mapolotiki jaanong e sa tlhole e le *extension workers, that has to be changed and* maikaelelo a me *before I left*, e ne e le gore ke ya go bona Professor Morris gore *he must look at that*, a leke go fetola ka gore bana bale ba rutiwa polotiki, ga ba rutwe *extension service*. *These things must be said* ka gore ga re a tshwanela gore e re re le barutabana, *professors and lecturers*, jaaka ke bona yo mongwe a le mo komiting, e bo e le gore jaanong *we politicise extension service*. *No, that must stop*. Re bo re tla fa re tla go lela re re bana ga ba thusiwe, bana ba *stagnant*, bana go rileng, *no, no, no*. *So this committee, ke ne ke eletsa* gore *it should set the standards so that next time* fa *report* ya lona e tla, e bo e le gore re e *judge against the standards* tse di leng teng tsa *improvement in local governance and social welfare*. *That is what we should be doing and* fa e le gore *we are talking about improvement in service delivery, we must*



also le rona Mapalamente ka gore e bile le rutilwe, *that was the first lecture* re sena go fenya ditlhopho, *on the Village Score Card and none of you are implementing it and none is being said here in this report.*

The Village Score Card is supposed to help in evaluating and monitoring service delivery ya the village level and that is why I always say Mr Speaker; gore the village level must be the basis and the basic unit from where we start in assessing and evaluating service delivery even before re ya go tsena kwa ministries and we must do it the other way round. Things must not be concentrated kwa ministries and this has been well articulated in the draft Decentralisation Policy gore now we must let go from the centre to the periphery and provide services nearer to the people. So Mr Speaker, ke itebagantse le komiti e gore let us do things better. Let us challenge and move away from the status quo which perpetuates concentration of services at the centre.

Jaanong, *this Local Economic Development e ke neng ke bua ka yone fa ke ya kwa bokhutlong, is very key. Jaaka le utlwa ke re cooking oil e a fela jaana, we should be now Ministry of Trade le Ministry of Agriculture facilitating gore production e simologe. The same for Morama, fish farming and others, tse di tlaa thusang gore nutrition mo dikoleng e se ka ya boela kwa tlase including production of gas through boloko jwa dikgomo. Le yone gas e a fela in the next few months. So we have an alternative and we must start now and that is a local governance thing gore re simolole at the village level. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Molao.

...Silence...

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

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MR MOLAO): *Mr Speaker, nte ke amogele report jaaka e beilwe ke modulasetilo. Ke bo ke supa gore ke work in progress, mme go a bonala gore go gontsi mo re tshwanetseng go dira ka gore lephata le le botlhokwa thata. Ke lone lephata le le kwa bathong le metseelegae, le le itebagantseng thata le dikgang tsa rural development ka bophara jwa yone, re lebeletse rural economies.*

Go botlhokwa gore re gatelele thata kgang e ya *decentralisation*. Ke kgang ya konokono ya go isa ditirelo kwa bathong. Re eletsa gore re ka bo re e bona e tswa e le *very prominent* mo pegong, gore re akofele go diragatsa thulaganyo e Puso e ikaeletseng ya *decentralisation*, re tle re kgone go isa ditirelo gaufi le

batho. Re batla go bona *new districts* di nna teng, tse di ka atumelang kwa bathong, tsa ba kgaolela mesepele ya go kgakala. Re batla go bona Tutume e nna dikgaolo tse di feletseng. Re batla go bona *even sub-districts* tsa Sebina di nna teng, le *service centres around the country* di nna teng kwa Borolong, Mathangwane jalojalo kwa dikgaolong. Ke selo se se botlhokwa, se se tshwanetseng gore se tswe *very prominently* mo pegong e lebagane le lephata le.

Social services ke konokono ya go bona tsa matshelo a batho mo gae. Lephata le la Boipelego ka bophara jwa lone, go boammaaruri le tlhalelwa ke badiri. O fitlhela le thutuntsho ya bone e kete jaanong e na le go ba kgaoganya. Thutuntsho ya bone go tswa kwa sekoleng kgotsa *job description* ya bone go tswa kwa *ministry*, e tshwanetse gore e lebeletse ka bophara jwa yone, ka gore o fitlhela go na le motho wa boipelego yo gotweng nnyaa, yo ke wa *social services*, yo ke wa *development*. E bo jaanong ba simolola go nna ka makgamu a gore ke wa ditlhabololo. Motho fa a tla gotwe o a tlhoka kgotsa seemo sa gagwe ga se a nna sentle kwa lwapeng, a o ka ya go mo sekaseka, wa bona gore a o ka bona dithuso tse di ntseng jang, go tlaabo gotwe, “nnyaa nna moo ga se mo ke go tletseng kante mo ke go hiretsweng.” Ke sengwe se se leng teng kwa metseng ka go farologana, se a tshwenya.

Ke dumela gore *training* ya bone fa e le yone sentle, e tshwanetse gore e bo e akaretse maphata a otlhe gore mongwe le mongwe modiredi wa boipelego fa a leng teng, *can be an all-rounder* yo o ka dirang tiro e yotlhe ya go sekaseka motho le go ba thusa ka ditlhabololo le ka mananeo a batho ba ka itlhabololang ka one a itshetso, a a santseng a le teng, a phatlaletse le maphata ka go farologana. Ke selo se se tlhokang go tsibogelwa.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Clarification.* Tanki Tona. Kana kgang e o e buang e tswana fela le *profession* nngwe le nngwe. A re tseye sekhenekane (*mechanics*) for example, go na le Mechanical Engineer, go na le Electrical Engineering, mme batho ba fa ba le mo tiron, ga go nke gotwe ba gobokwe fela, mongwe le mongwe a dire sengwe le sengwe se se tlang. Yo *specialises* mo *Mechanical*, yo mongwe mo *Electrical*. Ke eng kwa *social work* le *community development*, re bona go siame gore ba ka kgobokana fela, gona le gore ba tswelele ba *specialise* ba dire tiro sentle? Tanki.

MR MOLAO: Ke a go utlwa mokaulengwe. Ga ke itse gore Mechanical Engineering ke sekhenekane kana jang, ga ke di tlhologanye sentle. Se ke se buang ke



gore, *training* ya batho ba go ya kwa sekoleng *where they are trained, unless* ke sa itse, ga ke itse fa go na le *separate classes* tse gotweng ba ba dira *social work in social services*, ba ba dira *social work in community development*. Fa e le gore go teng go kgaogantswe go ntse jalo, re ka go tlhalosetswa. Ka fa ke tlhologanyang ka teng, ba dira *course* e le nngwefela e e tshwanang, e e gobokang. Jaanong go tswa foo ke rona re tsamayang re ya go ba kgaoganya kwa metseng fa re ba neela ditiro.

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MR MOLALE):

Elucidation. Honourable Molao, gakere o dumalana le nna gore *even in basic training*, fa o simolola kwa tlase, o simolola o rutuntsha batho ka sengwe le sengwe se se foo, *and as they go up* ba simolola *to specialise*. Fa re ka go fa sekai jaaka kwa *agriculture, we train* batho kwa Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) *on Animal and Crop Husbandry*, mme fa ba tsena kwa *field*, ba bangwe ba bidiwa *animal scientists*, ba bangwe ba bidiwa *veterinary assistants having trained for course* e le nngwefela. Fa ba ntse ba ya kwa godimo ba ya sekoleng, jaanong ba ya *to train* e nna *veterinarians and other courses*. *I do not see why should we follow the logic* ya ga Honourable Kekgonegile, *I think he is misleading you and the rest of the House*.

MR MOLAO: Ee go ntse jalo, kana ke sone se ke se buang gore *the basic training* ya bone ke *course* e le nngwefela. Fa e le gore jaanong ba tsamaya ba ya kwa morago ba oketsa dithuto tsa bone, ke gone motho a ka itlhophelang gore *speciality* se ke batlang go se sala morago ke se. Gompieno bo mmaboipelego le rraoipelego ba rona ba ba teng kwa dikgaolong, botlhe ba na le *basic training* e e tshwanang. Gore motho a bo a le fa a bo a re nnyaa, ke wa ditlhabololo, ga ke ka ke ka sekaseka motho e le motlhoki, mme a na le *the tools* tsotlhe tsa thuto e a e filweng, ke tsaya gore moo ga go re berekele. Lephata le tshwanetse go go lebelela sesha, go bona gore modiredi wa boipelego fa a le teng, o dira tiro ka fa e tshwanetseng gore e dirwe ka teng. Ke sone se ke se buang.

Rural economy e botlhokwa, ka gore ke gone kwa batho ba nnang teng. Gone go leka go thusa batho *to graduate from poverty* ba tsena *into the next step* where ba ka kgonang go itshelela ba sa tshegediwa ke Goramente, go botlhokwa. Ke sone se bodiredi jwa boipelego bo tshwanetseng gore bo nne le *the tools* tsotlhe tse di *necessary* gore fa motho a tsentswe mo go phakisiweng kgotsa a filwe *a small project* ya itshetso, e bo tomagano

yotlhe ya khansela e kgona *to support* motho wa go nna jalo, *such that* re mmone *six months down the line*, a ntshitswe mo mophakong a kgona gore a itirele. Batho ba se ka ba nna *permanent destitutes*, mme e le batho *who are able bodied*, ba ka kgona gore ba itirele matshelo a bone. Ke sengwe se se tlhelaeng *in the work that we are currently doing* kwa dikgaolong. Ke selo se se tshwanetseng go tswa, se papamale, se nne *prominent in this report* gore *mechanisms* tse di ka tsenngwang *into place* go dira gore batho ba kgone go aloga mo botlhoking kgotsa go tshegediwa ke Goramente, ba dire jalo *in greater numbers than what is currently obtaining*. *So that* kwa bofelelong, go sale batho ba tota fela ba senang boitiro sepe, ke ba e leng gore *either they have aged or* ba na le bogole jo bo tseneletseng jo tota fela ba tlhokang *lifetime support*. Ke selo se re tshwanetseng ra se lebelela. Fela se se ka baakanyang kgang e ke gore, fa re ka wetsa sentle kgang ya *decentralisation*, ra isa ditlamelo gaufi le batho, *decisions can be made and made quickly* selo se le gaufi le batho, ba sa tsamaele kgakala. Gape bodiredi jo bo tsayang ditshwetso bo le gaufi le batho, ba kgona go lebelela *what is obtaining on the ground and take appropriate decisions*, tse di ka isang batho ba re ba emetseng kwa pele. Ke sengwe se se botlhokwa.

Re akgolele Rre Brooks le komiti ya gagwe, tiro e ba e dirileng. *We still need to do more*, re solofela gore ngwaga o o tlang *during this time* fa *report* ya bobedi e tla, *there will be notable improvements in terms of recommendations* tse di tshwanetseng gore di dirwe. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*:

MR LUCAS (BOBONONG): *Thobela Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore ke mo Komiting ya *Local Governance and Social Welfare*. Ke bo ke supe gore mafoko a a kwadilweng mo pegong e, ke ikamanya le one.

Ke supe gape gore gongwe e gorogile *late* kwa bakaulengweng, ga ba ise ba kgone go e bala. Modulasetilo o kgonne go bua fela ka *recommendations* di se kae. *Report* e, e na le *recommendations* di le 13 tse ke dumelang gore di mosola fela thata. E bile re tlaabo re tswela re tshwenya ba *Local Government* gore *recommendations* tse di diragadiwe, re thusana le Modulasetilo le maloko a komiti. Kgangkgolo e ke batlang go e gatelela, e builwe ke Modulasetilo, ke ya *decentralisation*. Go tlhomamisa gore dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng go isiwe ditlamelo kwa go tsone. Fa re bua ka *decentralisation*, re tshwanetse go supa gore go na le *districts* tse e leng gore ka bophara jwa tsone, di



paledisa ditlamelo gore di goroge sentle kwa bathong. *Districts* tsa go nna jalo, di tshwanetse go itlhaganelelwa jaaka Central District. O fitlhela *district* e na le *sub-districts* di feta *seven*. Gone moo ka bogone, go raya gore ditlamelo ga di goroge sentle.

Makhanselara gone koo ba kgona go kopana ba le 170 mo *chamber*. Gone moo ka bogone, go thatafatsa gore ditlamelo di goroge kwa bathong. Go a tlhokafala gore dikgaolo di tshwana le Bobirwa, Tswapong le Boteti, di itlhaganelelwe ka thulaganyo ya go dirwa *full districts*. Fa e nna *full districts*, go raya gore ditshwetso di tsewa gone foo, di bo di diragadiwa go sena tiego epe. Re sale re solofeditse Rre Molale a ise a isiwe kwa *Infrastructure* gore a ye go disa dikago, gore *Decentralisation Policy* e tlaabo e le teng. Jaanong o ile kwa dikagong. Rre Autlwetse o supa gore *budget* ga e lekane, e kwa tlase. Gone moo ka bogone, go a re gakgamatsa. Re tlaabo re le setse morago thata batho betsho gore dikgaolo tse di ...(*Interruptions*)... di tshwanetse go nna *full districts* ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. Le gone go dirwe ka bofelo, e se ka ya nna puo e e senang maduo.

MR REATILE: *Clarification.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Motlotlegi, o santse o le mo go ya *decentralisation*, ke botse gore ka *report* re santse re bua lefoko le lengwefela gore e tlile *late*, a ga o a tla ka *recommendation* ya gore madi a CCP a tlhamalele kwa Bobonong? O se ka wa ya go a kopa kwa Serowe, ka gore o na le bodiredi jotlhe jo bo feletseng kwa Bobonong? Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR LUCAS: Ke nnete rraetsho, ke ne ke tlaa tsena gone foo. Go tlaare go itlhaganelwe. E e neng e buiwa ke Rre Autlwetse la bofelo, a re ga go na madi, e ka re busetsa kwa morago. Ke tsaya gore fa e ka nna *priority*, e ka diragadiwa ka bofelo. *Decentralisation* eo e batla gape gore go itlhaganelelwe gore dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng, di direlwe melao e e ka di kgontshang go itirela madi a a lekaneng a go tsamaisa dikgaolo. Gompiano go santse go le thatanyana ka gore go buiwa fela gore dikgaolo di itsamaisa mme go sena madi a a lekaneng a a ka di tsamaisang a tswa kwa *Central Government*.

Decentralisation e batla gore re se ka ra e leba fela mo go kgaoganyeng dikgaolo, re e lebaganye gape le kgang ya *land boards*. Go a tlhokafala thata gore *land boards* le tsone go nne le thulaganyo ya gore di lomologe mo dikgaolong tse di tona. *For instance;* go na le Ngwato Land Board, go bo go nna le Bobirwa Sub-Land Board. Tsone tseo di tshwanetse go nna *full land boards* gore di abe lefatshe go le bofelo, go le bonako. E bile go sa

tlhole go iwa kwa dikgaolongkgolo jaaka Serowe gotwe dikgang tse dingwe di tlile go felela koo. Bona fela kgaolo e tshwana le ya Bobirwa, dikgang tse dingwe tse re lebagang le tsone, gatwe di tshwanetse go rarabololwa kwa Serowe. Gone moo ka bogone, ga go re thuse. Ga go tsamaelane sentle le *service delivery* gore batho ba bone ditlamelo ka nako. Fa o bua le motho e le Modulasetilo a tswa Serowe o mmolelela ka dikgaolo di tshwana le Gobabwe, Dauemejaleebana le Zabizamoyo o re go na le bothata koo, tota motho wa teng o latlhega fela go santse go simololwa. Le kabo ya lefatshe ka boyone e tshwanetse *to be decentralised*, go ka thusa.

Tribal Administration; decentralisation e tshwanetse gore e e ame. Melao e tshwana le Tribal Territories Act e tshwanetse ya lebiwa sesha gore Dikgosi tse di kwa *districts* di nne le maemo a a feletseng. Mo o fitlhelang go kwadilwe mo mabating a Dikgosi gotwe yo ke Moemela Kgosi, le ene o a itse gore ga a na dithata tse di lekaneng mo morafeng wa gagwe. Ke dingwe tse di tshwanetseng go itlhaganelelwa, di dirwe ka bofelo. Ke nngwe ya dikgang tse re batlang gore e re fa go buiwa ka *decentralisation*, e bo e buiwa ka bophara jo bo kalo. E se ka ya nna gore re ya go kgaoganya *sub-districts* e nna *districts*. Go tshwanetse gore go lebiwe kabo ya lefatshe le kgang ya Bogosi, go botlhokwa fela thata batho betsho. Ke dikgang tse di buiwang fa re ntse re tsamaya mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Kgang e nngwe e e amang *social welfare*, ke ya gore re lebega re na le *social welfare programmes* tse go ka tweng lemme ga le bolae go bolaya lefifi. Motho o neelwa bonnyennyane jo rotlhe re itseng gore ga bo tsamaelane le boturu jwa botshelo. Bonnyennyane jwa teng ka gore ga bo tsamaelane le boturu jwa botshelo, motho wa teng ga a *graduate* mo lehumeng ka nako epe. O nna a le mo lehumeng ka gore ditiro ga di yo. Sengwe sa dilo tse di tshwanetseng go sekasekwa thata, ke go bona gore dilo tse di tshwanang le Ipelegeng, madi a bagodi, a a neelwang batho ba ba tshelang le bogole, a tshwanetse a okediwa a tsamaelana le boturu jwa botshelo. Gompiano botshelo bo tura fela thata bogolo jang dijo; mahura gatwe a pagame le go gaisa. Gone moo ka bogone, go raya gore re ka bo re lebelela gore buturu jwa botshelo bo tsamaya fa kae. E bo e le gore tse re di neelang ba Ipelegeng le *destitute*, re tshwanetse ra di oketsa ka tsela e e tsamaelanang le boturu jwa botshelo. Motho yo o tshelang le bogole, o turu. Ba santse ba neelwa lemme le le kananyana. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse re batlang go di gatelela gore mo nakong e e tlang, letseno la batho ba mofuta o, le tshwanetse la oketsega go menagane.



Fa o lebelela kwa *Local Government* gape, re bua ka batho ba ba kwa *remote areas*, kwa dikgaolong tse di bidiwang gotwe ke tsa tengnyananteng. Re na le tsone kwa kgaolong ya rona ya Bobirwa Sub-District. Re na le Lepokole, Tshokwe, Robelela, fela jalo. Ke dikgaolo tse e leng gore tlhabologo kwa go tsone e tla ka bonya. Di sale jaaka di nna mo seemong se e leng gore ditlhabololo di kwa tlase mme le gompiano di ntse di kwa tlase. Ga go lebege gore ka nako epe di tlaa tlhatloga mo seemong sa ditlhabololo. Ga go na ditsela tse di yang koo. Fa o re o bua ka ditsela, gatwe nnyaa, go dirwa tse di lomaganyang metse e metona. Fa go sena ditsela, go raya gore tlhabologo go ya koo e tlile go nna thata.

Sengwe sa dilo tse ke di gakologelwang e le *recommendation* ke gore go na le thulaganyo ya *Destitute Policy* e e saleng e dirwa 20 years ago. Go buiwa gore motho yo o humanegileng ke yo o nang le *less than four livestock units*. Fa o na le dipodi di le four go ya kwa godimo, go tsewa gore o ka se ka wa *qualify* go kwadisiwa *as a destitute*. Akanya dipodi di le five gore fa o na le tsone, a o ka buiwa o le motho yo o kgonang botshelo kgotsa jang. *Destitute Policy* e na le 20 years e dirilwe, go sala jaaka go buiwa, go setse go na le dingwaga di ka feta five go ntse gotwe e a sekasekwa. Go lebege e le puo ya molomo. Fa e nna puo ya molomo, go raya gore ba bone ba tshwanetse go kwadisiwa *under the Destitute Policy*. Bontsi jwa bone ba tshela mo tshokolong e e gakgamatsang. Se se gakgamatsang ke gore, jaaka lehuma le oketsega mo Batswaneng, kwa diofising tsa boipelego, bontsi jwa nako ba supa gore ba batla go fokotsa batho ba ba mo thulaganyong ya *destitution*. O ipotsa gore ba fokotsa jang ka nako e go supafalang mongwe le mongwe gore tlala, lehuma le letlhoko la ditiro di oketsegile. Go na le ba ba setseng ba kgaolwa mo thulaganyong e gotwe matshelo a bone a botoka. Se sengwe sa dilo tse di gakgamatsang e bile di batla go emelwa ka dinao, bontsi jwa batho ba lefatshe la rona ba tshela mo lehumeng. Go batla gore ba neelwe dithuso tse di ka itepatepanyang le tlala e ntsi gompiano.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se supa ke gore, batho betsho, go na le bothata jwa tiego ya dituelo tse di kwa tlase tsa Ipelegeng. Fa o tsamaya lefatshe la Bobirwa nako le nako, batho ba a lela gore dituelo di goroga late, fa gongwe madi a tlhela. Seemo se se tshwanetse se tokafadiwe ka gore batho ba tshela mo tlaleng. Gompiano batho ba ya pasekeng mme ba bangwe ga ba ise ba bone madi a ba ka bong ba sale ba a amogetse *three weeks back*. Sone seemo seo se a tshwenya Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *Thank you very much.*

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga re ka ke ra bua go le gontsi *Mr Speaker*. Kgang e e botlhokwa ke yone e e setseng e builwe ke bakaulengwe. Ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise Modulasetilo wa komiti, batlotlegi, Batswana kwa gae le wena *Mr Speaker*.

Ke supe gore *reports* tse di botlhokwa jaaka fela ke buile maloba mo *report ya Agriculture*. Fa o bua ka gore *reports* di botlhokwa, o a bo o raya gore o rotloetse gore le bone ba ba di dirang ba lemoge bomosola le botlhokwa jwa tsone, ba tsenye marapo mo dinameng le gore ba bone gape gore *reports* tsa bone, ba ba yang go di diragatsa e bo e le gore ba kgonne gore ba buisane nabo ka botlalo. Re tlile go di bona mo Palamenteng. Re tshwana fela le ba ba tlaa reng fa di sena go nna jaana di nna *in the public domain*, di bonwa mo mabolokelong a a farologaneng a metlobo ya dibuka jalo, *libraries*, re bo re ka di bala kana ra di ipalela fela jaaka mongwe le mongwe.

Fa re le fa jaana re kgobokanye re le Palamente, ga re ka ke ra *amend* kana ra *edit report*. Ke *report* e feletse e rotswe. Rona re e sekaseka le go leka go gakolola gore tse di tlang di tle di tokafaditswe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke jone bomosola jo botona jwa gore di bo di le fa pele ga rona fa. Jaaka ke tlhola ke bua gore dikomiti di di šha, Palamente e ntšha, maloko a mašha mo dikomiting, a re inakanyeng le go itse ka *policies* le dipolane tse di tsamaelanang le *reports* tsa *ministries* tse re lebaganeng le tsone. Fa e le gore Komiti ya Palamente ke ya *Education*, e tshwanetse gore selo sa ntlha e tseye dikitso tse di maleba tse di tletseng ka fa se se diragalang ka *education*, e bo e nna le dipolane tsotlhe tse e di bonang mo NDP le District Development Plan (DDP) tse di amanang le *education*. Ke e fa sekai fela. *Therefore, this is what we call literature review, very critical.* Fa o lebelela *development plan* ya rona, fa o e simolola fela mo go NDP o bo o sa ye kwa morago kwa go 1966 go itse gore *what was the objective of the NDP* ya ntlha, wa ya mo go ya bobedi wa lemoga gore le yone diphetogo tsa yone e ne e le eng, *objectives* tsa yone di ne tsa fetoga jang kana tsa godisiwa jang, o bo o tla o tsena mo go ya bofelo yone e jaanong. *If you have not done your literature review, you cannot comprehend* gore kwa o ya teng jaanong tota diphetogo tse o di dirang ke eng. Jaaka ba a tle ba bue, fa o sa itse kwa o go tswang, ga o ka ke wa itse kwa o yang teng. *I am saying it is very critical for these reports, they are very important.* Le rona maloko a *reports* re tshwanetse gore re nne le dikitso tse di tletseng ka *policies and plans*.



Gompiano jaana mo *report* e re e lebileng ya gompiano e go botlhokwa gore Rural Development Council (RDC) e bonale e le fa godimo thata, e bonala sentle le maikaelelo a yone. Re a itse gore RDC ke yone e e leng gore gompiano jaana e tshwere *ministries* tsotlhe kwa dikgaolong. *It reviews all ministries plans* tse e leng tsone tse di tokafatsang matshelo a batho kwa dikgaolong. Komiti e e bonale gore e kile ya bua le RDC le gore e kile feta ka yone. Go botlhokwa thata gore go bo go ntse jalo ka gore dilo tse tsotlhe tse ba di buang mo *report* di amana thata e bile di ka sekwasekwa gape ke yone RDC go le go tona thata.

Jaaka ke sa tswa go bolela, *these reports are going to help us for better plans in the future*, go fetola *plans* le go di utlwisisa sentle. Go botlhokwa fela thata. *Policies* tse *have to be influenced* ka dilo tse e leng gore le re direla *research* ka tsone kwa dikgaolong. Jaanong mma ke tseye sekai fela ka CCPs tse ba buileng ka tsone tsa madi a ma 10 *million*. Re sale re e simolotse, re mo gare ga yone. *It is time to review it now*, re bone gore tota a mme golo mo jaaka *report* e tla jaana, ba *report* e ya ga Rre Brooks, e ntlentle e, fa ba tswa kwa dikgaolong, a ba bonye *impact* ya madi a ma 10 *million*, *community projects*. Kana gompiano re tshwanetse ra itse gore batho jaaka mongwe a sa tswa go bua, ga ke itse gore ke mang, o ne a bua ka *equity*, ke tsaya gore ke Dr Gobotswang, *it is very important. What is more important* ke *social justice*. Fa re lebelela gore re lekanye re bone gore batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong matshelo a bone re a tshwantshanya le a Batswana ba bangwe ba ba mo metseng-setoropo, *the element of social justice there is very critical*. E tshwanetse gore e lelwalejwe go bonwe gore a mme go na le gone go direlwa tshiamelo le gore mo matshelong a batho go na le *element* eo ya *social justice*, e a bonala. *To address that*, ke gore re bone gore *policies* tsa rona re ka di fetola jang gore batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong ba ba setseng kwa morago le bone matshelo a bone a tokafale.

Fa ke bua ka CCP, mo nakong ya gompiano re ka bo re simolotse le re kaetse le re bolelela gore “bagaetsho, rona re bona se se tlhaelang thata kwa dikgaolong e le motlakase kana *internal roads*. Re ne re bona gore madi a a se ka a re a ngathogangwa jaana mongwe le mongwe a bo a sia a re ke ya go dira semausu, yo mongwe a re ke ya go dira sennanne.” A re boneng gore re baakanya kgang e ya *internal roads* ka madi a otlhe a, e le a *recommendation* e le e bonang gore *how critical these internal roads are* le gore ga go na kwa di tlaa bonang madi a go bona gore go dirwe ditsela tse di

tsamaegang mo metseng tse e leng gore motse mongwe le mongwe o a di tlhoka. Fa e le *guidance* e e tswang mo *report* e tlaa re thusa le rona gore e re fa re tsaya madi a re bo re itse gore tota maikaelelo a one ke gore re ye go fetsa ka eng pele. Fa e le gore re ya go tsenya dipone mo dikgaolong tsa rona tsotlhe re bone gore madi a go nna *uniform, equality* le *social justice*. Re bone gore a mme re ne re se ka ke ra ya go tsenya dipone mo dikgaolong tse tsa rona tsotlhe tse. Fa gongwe *planning* fa e nna mongwe a leba kwa, yo mongwe a leba kwa, go felela e le gore ba bangwe ga ba kgone gore ba boelwe ka gore go nna le polotiki e ntsi le dikgogakogano fa gare ga Mapalamente le Makhanselara le bo Village Development Committee (VDC) ka go *plan* ka madi a. Fa go tla go na le *guidance* ya *committee* e tshwana le e, e gakolola gore rona re bona gore tsenyang dipone mo mebileng e e mo metseng ya lona *for this financial year*. E tlaa re re ya go fetsa madi a e bo e le gore *the impact* e a bonala mo kgaolong ya mongwe le mongwe, dikgaolo tsotlhe, re sa bue fela gore kgaolo ya ga semang. Gone moo go ka re thusa, go ka nna a *better plan*.

Fa o kare o a leba gompiano jaaka le tsamaile Rre Brooks, o ya go fitlhela e le gore fa o tsena mo metseng a mengwe ke mathata fela. Mo go e mengwe ba ba dirileng *plans* botoka ka madi a, ba dirile *internal roads*. Ba bangwe ke mafuti fela, ga go na fa go tsamaiwang teng mme madi ga a yo. Ga o ka ke wa itse gore *impact* ya teng e dirile eng. Yo mongwe o tswa go tsenya *tapnyana* ya metsi fale, yo mongwe o tswa go aga *one room* fale, yo mongwe o tswa go aga leobo la Kgotla fale. *So*, ga go na *impact* mo matshelong a batho fa go ntse jalo. Ke dingwe dilo tse e leng gore ke ne ke re a re nne le *guidance*.

Selo se setona ke gore *let us make a literature review of all our policies. This goes for all committees*. Re ithute, re itse, *deploy the existing policies and plans* tse e leng gore e ya re komiti ya rona e tswa e bo e bona gore fale le fale re ka ya *to influence policy* le *plan* jang.

Ka mafoko a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, re leboga thata gore dikomiti tse di bo di simolotse di bereka ka fa di berekang ka teng, di tlisa *reports*. Mme fela a *reports* di tle ka nako re di bale, jaaka Lucas a sa tswa go bolela. Golo mo ke *presentation*, ga se *report*, *so if you argue* o bo o re ga re a dira sepe, ga ba a reng, o lebile *presentation*, *it is not a report. Report* e teng, gongwe dilo tse dingwe tse re di buang tse di teng *in the report*. *So this is just a presentation* ya Modulasetilo gore a role kgang, *it is not the report*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.



MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR AUTLWETSE): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re le nna fela jaaka bakaulengwe, ke supe fa ke itumeletse se *Portfolio Committee on Local Governance and Social Welfare* e tswang go dira ka teng. Se ke se itumeletseng segolobogolo ke gore, e re ntswa go le thata gore ba ka tsaya mosepele o moleele, mme *they sampled* lefatshe la Botswana ba tsaya dikgaolo dingwe tse di neng tsa ba bontsha gore go lebege e kete mathata mangwe a teng. Se ke se itumelelang ke gore ga ba fitlhe sepe fa, ba bua sengwe le sengwe jaaka fa se ntse. *In their presentation Mr Speaker*, ba tlile ka *the recommendations* di le 13, mme ga ke na go di buisa ka bongwe ka bongwe, ka gore mmaba o mogolo mo go nna mo nakong ya gompiano ke nako.

Kgang e gongwe ke ka batlang gore e re ke ise ke siiwe ke nako ke fete ka yone ke e ke utlwanng batlotlegi ba bua ka yone ya *decentralisation*. Ke leboga thata gore ba bo ba bua ba le mowa mongwe, maikutlo a bone a tshwana, e bile a tsamaelana. E bile bangwe ba ntsha le dikai tsa gore re elets a kete kwa kgaolong ya gore, le ya gore, golo koo go ka dirwa *districts* teng *as opposed to sub-districts*. Ke re mme kana ke sone se e neng ya re fa re santse re na le Tona Molale fano, re ne ra iphatlalatsa ka lefatshe le lotlthe, re tlisa morero wa sebopego se se ntseng jaana. Mapalamente mangwe ba gompiano ba neng ba akgela, ke ba e leng gore nna yo ke leng fano ka namana, ke tswa go tsena kwa dikgaolong tsa bone ke tlisa morero o. Morero o wa *decentralisation* o gorogile le kwa Ntlong Ya Dikgosi, o atlegile fela jaaka kwa Dikgotleng o atlegile. O ile le mo go yone komiti e e leng gore ke yone e letsatsi leno e ntshang pego e. Mme le kwa go bone o atlegile fela jaaka le letsatsi leno, e bile e le bone ba tlang ka kang e gore a selo se se itlhaganelelwe. Ke maikaelelo a Puso e, jaaka re ne ra solofetsa Batswana gore maitlamo le maikaelelo ke gore, batho ba se ka ba latela ditlamelo kgakala, di atumele batho. Go se ka ga nna turu mo mothong go ya go batla ditlamelo, a dirisa madi a mantsi a dipalame ka selo se a ka bong a ne a se bone gautshwane le ene.

Jaaka fa ke setse ke tlhalositse maloba gore, *report* e, e ke dumalana le Batlotlegi Mapalamente, e diegile go tsena kwa Palamenteng. Mme ke solofeditse jalo, e se tsholofetso e e senang sepe se se e emeng nokeng, gore e tlaa re mo Palamenteng e e tlang ya mariga mono ngwaga, *Decentralisation Policy* ke tlaa tla ke e baya fa pele ga lona. Ke ka leboga fela thata jaaka fa ke ne ka leboga le kwa dikgaolong tsa lona fa e kare e tsena

ra nna ra nna maikutlo mangwe fela, moonongwe fela, re amogela selo se ka ...*(Inaudible)*... e gogela go sele. Ke rata ke tlhalosetse batlotlegi gore e re ntswa e tlaabo e le *approved*, ke sa batle go le etelela pele, a temogo e nne teng ya gore, kana gongwe madi a go tla go e diragatsa ka ponyo ya leitlho, lefatshe ka bophara, gongwe ga re na go nna nao. Fa re santse re na nao kana go tlaa tla mo go reng jaanong re tle go dumalana gore mme re simolola fa kae, re simolola ka di le kae, re lebile *the unit cost* gore go dira *sub-district* fa e seyong teng go ka lopa bokae. Go dira *district* fa mo nakong ya gompiano go nang le *sub* teng, go ka lopa bokae. Madi a Puso mo nakong eno e bonang e ka a kgona e ka nna bokae. Ka gore go bua ka dikeletso tsa rona, kana dikeletso ke *shopping list*, fa o tsena mo shpong sengwe le sengwe ke se o se tlhokang, mme sepatšhe sa gago ke sone se tlaa go rayang se re, nnyaa nama o tlogetse se. Go sa reye gore ga se sa botlhokwa, nama o tlogetse se, o simolole ka se. Ke dumela gore batlotlegi fa re setse re tla go e baya fa pele ga lona, e tlaa tla e le mo sebopegong se se ntseng jalo.

Tse dintsi ke lebogela gore *Honourable* Molale le *Honourable* Molao ba setse ba ntsere tema ba fetile ka tsone, ka jaana ba na le itemogelo e e tletseng ya gore mo nakong ya gompiano tota fela, mathata a re nang le one re le Puso ke eng. Ke ratile gore gongwe ke ne ke ka tshwaela ka *recommendation four* e e reng, “*Local Authorities should maximise revenue collection*,” ke supe jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore, ke maikaelelo a Puso e gore jaaka fa re bua ka *decentralisation* le pele ga re e diragatsa, re setse re lemogile makoa mangwe a a leng teng. Ka gore tota madi mangwe a teng golo gongwe a e leng gore ga re fitlhelele kwa go one kana dikhansele ga di fitlhelele kwa go one go kokoanya madi ao. Di santse ka ditsela di le dintsi di ikaegile ka madi a a tswang mo Pusong gore tsamaisang ka koo. Mo nakong ya gompiano re bone madi a P89,5 *million* a re tsereng tshwetso ya gore madi a, ka gore re lemogile gore jaaka fa ke ne ke bua, fa South East, *malls* dingwe di teng foo, ntle le go ya kwa Batswaneng kwa dikagong tsa bone ka gore moo go tlaa batla morero o mongwe. Dikago dingwe di teng mo South East, Gaborone City Council, le kwa City of Francistown, tse e leng gore mo nakong ya gompiano madi a foo ga a phuthiwe ka lebaka la gore ga go ise go nne le *evaluation ya property* ya gore mme ke bokae jo dikhansele tse di tshwanelwang ke gore mo kagong nngwe le nngwe bo phuthe madi a. Seo se simologile se a diragala, mme maikaelelo ke gore, e tle e re fa madi a ntse a bonala, dikago tsotlhe jaaka



kwa bo Palapye, Mahalapye, Serowe, kae fela kwa go nang le dikago dingwe tse di ka thusang dikhansele gore di ikgobokanyetse madi. Jaaka gone kwa *Honourable Lucas*, yo ke itumelelang gore komiti *that is reporting* fano ke ya gagwe, dikago dingwe di teng, le nako ya ke ile *to consult* kwa Bobirwa, o buile jalo gore, “kana tota le a re diegela, re kotame madi mangwe re a a bona. A e leng gore fa re ne re ka nna *district* ra bo ra nna le dithata, madi a re ka a ikgobokanyetsa.” Ke mafoko a gagwe, ga ke mo pateletse, mme le nna ke ne ke dumalana nae. Ke dumalana le batlotlegi gore *decentralisation* fa e ka fefosiwa, ke nngwe ya tse e leng gore *recommendation No. four* e ka tla ya bereka thata. Ke utlwisiwa botlhoko ke gore, ke gone ke neng ke bona *report* e gompieno, mme gongwe fa e ne e tlike mo malatsing, ke ka bo ke na le tse dintsi tse ke neng ke ka e bua ka tsone.

Jaaka fa batlotlegi ba bua, maikaelelo a mananeo mangwe a re nang le one, a re tseye lenaneo le tshwana le la Ipelegeng, ga se maikaelelo a Puso gore lenaneo le le iteisanye borathana le mananeo mangwe kana le ditiro dingwe tse e leng gore ke tsa sennelaruri. Ke sone se le bonang go le gantsi fa re bua ka gore a madi a bodiredi a okediwe, e bo e kete a Ipelegeng re batla go gana ka one, ka gore fa e kare ditiro tsa sennelaruri di duela bokana, Ipelegeng le yone e bo e duela jalo, batho ba ba mo Ipelegeng ga gona sepe se se tlaa ba gwetlhang jaaka fa gompieno re bua ka *re-engineering* ya yone gore, bangwe ba bone go le botoka gore ba dire sengwe se ka sone se ka tlang sa dirang gore ba nne le mafulo a matalana kwa ba ka a bonang teng.

Fa e le gore motho o bereka Ipelegeng dingwaga di bo di tla go nna 30 *without graduating* a ya go nna *a local artisan*, yo le ene e kareng ditiro tse dipotlana tse Puso e di abang ba bo ba ka ipopa ba dira dikoporase le dikonteraka tse dipotlana. Tse le tsone di ka yang mo dikhanseleng le mo madirelong ape fela tsa ikopela tiro, di na le batho ba ba tthatlhetlhweng dikitso tsa gore dikago tse dipotlana, ba bo ba ka kgona go di dira. Go sale tse ditona tsa *double stories* ka gore tseo tsone ga se tse ope a ka lekang go di neela bagwebi ba ba botlana mo nakong ya gompieno. *We have local companies* jaaka re kile ra bo re na le bo Boswe, Tlhoraboroko le tse dingwe fela jalo tse di neng di dira *projects* tse ditona. Dikonteraka tse gore go tlogile ga diragala eng ka tsone, ke dingwe tse re tshwanetseng go batlisisa, re bo re bone gore di ka tsosolosiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore di boele mo mmaketeng ka gore di ne di hirile Batswana ba le bantsi.

E ke e ratileng gape ke dumalana le batlotlegi le komiti e ke e ba reng *ministry* o tshwanetse go tsaya ka kelotlhoko gore go nne le *zero tolerance to corruption*. Ke mafoko a mantle thata; ke kgothatso e ntle thata, ke a e rata, ke dumalana le yone. Ke e amogela ka mabogo oo mabedi gore ga re a tshwanela go letlelela gope gore Batswana ba nne le dipelaelo tsa gore golo gongwe tshenyetso setšhaba e beilwe botsetsi. Batswana ba tshwanetse go re tshepha rotlhe jaaka fa re le Mapalamente re le fa. Batswana ba tshwanetse go re tshepha re le Puso e e leng fa gore ditsabone re di tshwere ka matsetseseleko, ga re batle di tsena mo diatleng tse di sa tshwanelwang gore di ka tsena mo go tsone ka tsela epe fela.

This presentation fa ke e leba, ke bona e supa gore jaanong e re ntswa e kete e diegile mme komiti e jaanong e simolotse mosepele o o tlaa re gorosang golo gongwe.

Ya *Single Social Registry*, ke rata go tlhomamisetsa Ntlo e gore eo kana re setse re le *Local Government* re e diragaditse. Re santse re setse fela ka gore maphata a mangwe a Puso le one, ba tshwanetswe ke gore le bone fela jalo ba tsene mo go yone gore e re fa re le kwa dikgaolong, go se ka ga nna le thulathulano le ketsaetsego ya gore mangmang o dira eng, mangmang ga a dire eng. Jaaka fa re ne re bua fa *decentralisation* e setse jaanong e tla mo pontsheng, dilo tse dingwe di tlaabo di papamala jaaka batlotlegi ba bua gore mo *presentation* ya bone gore a *health posts* di boele kwa dikhanseleng. Ke selo se re setseng re se sekasekile.

Nna ka namana ka nako ya fa ke le *Council Chairman*, ke ne ke bona se le motlhofo go se diragatsa ka gore fa *health post* e sena koloi, khansale e kgona go bona koloi nngwefela e bo e tsaya *canopy* e e pega mo go yone, e bo e thusa batho. Mo go bogautshwaneng gone foo e le gore Council Secretary (CS) le *matron* yo o leng foo, ke selo se ba se rerang mo maphakeleng, se bo se diragadiwa. Fa e le gore e kwano kwa *Central Government, Local Authority* kwa ga e na thata ya go ka dira jalo, e nna bothata. Dikoloi tsa *clinic* re ne re leka gore mo madirelong a rona; Central Transport Unit, fa di tsena *for service* di fiwe *priority*. Go se ka ga ya koloi ya Matimela kwa pele ga tsone. Go se ka ga ya koloi epe e yone e ka emang letsatsi mme tiro ya se ka ya sokola go le kalokalo. Jaanong fa di setse di ya kwa Central Transport Organisation (CTO), ga bo go nna bothata joo. Ke dumalana le komiti e gore fa jaanong ba simolotse gore le bone ba re tswe tema, ba bontshe Puso le rona ba re tshwereng fa gore tsela e e bonolo go ka e tsaya ke e.



Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke fete ke akgole go le kalo gore mme e ba neng ba e bua e ke sa batleng go e tlogela fela, ke dumela gore e phaketse e arabilwe maphakela mo potsong ya ga *Honourable* Majaga, e e buang ka *social workers* le *Community Development Officers*. Kana batho ba *are general practitioners, they are trained as such* e le *course* e le nngwefela fa go Diploma le kwa go Degree. Fa ba setse ba ya kwa Masters, ke gone go bo go nna le *specialisation*. Mo go rayang gore fa *settlement* kana motse o na le motho wa sebopego se se ntseng jalo, ga gona epe tiro e e tshwanetseng *to suffer*. Fa tiro e ka sokola, go tlaabo go raya gore sengwe se teng se modiredi le *supervisor* ya gagwe ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba se rarabolole gore matsapa di ka bo di a tsaya kae gore motlhoki a bo a sa lemogwa gore motho yo o a tlhoka. Go tlaabo go raya gore sengwe se teng se a *supervisor* le yo a mo eteletse ba tshwanetseng ba se rarabolole. Fa se nna thata, ba se ise kwa tharabololo ya sone e ka nnang teng, e seng go bapa le sone fela mo motho e kareng phelelelong, a bo a ya kwa mabitleng a bolailwe ke tlala ka molato wa gore go ne go sena *social worker* go mo sekaseka mme *Community Development Officer* a le teng, yo o itseng se se dirwang ka motho fa a ntse jaana.

Jaaka fa Mothusa Tautona a ne a bua, batho ba ba koo ka dipaka tsotlhe. Ke bone ba thuso e gaufi e atameditsweng batho gore ka dipaka tsotlhe e ba thuse. Fa e le gore go ka diragala gore ba bo ba sa thuse batho, ke santse ke bua lefoko le ke reng go tlaabo go raya gore bothata bongwe bo teng, jo ke kopang batlotlegi gore fa mo dikgaolong tsa lona le rakana le dikarabo tse di ntseng jalo gore batsadi ba rona ba a busiwa, ba tewa gotwe nna ke wa *community development* ga ke dire seo, a re lomaneng tsebe, re tle re leke gore phoso e e ka bong e le...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Minister, order! It is past 1 o'clock. We shall suspend our deliberations and resume at 2 p.m. Honourable Members, the House is adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 1:02 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 2:00 P.M.

MR SPEAKER: Let us resume our business of today, starting with questions.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): On a point of procedure. *Ga ke itse gore* is it necessary to once more move that we go

beyond the 45 minutes so that there is certainty on the 18 questions been answered before we go to the reports by Committees? Do we assume we will just proceed that way, or we need that there be a Motion to that effect?

MR SPEAKER: As I understand the Standing Orders Honourable Saleshando, the 45 minutes is fixed unless a Motion is moved; it is a daily routine.

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MR SALESHANDO: In that case Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Standing Order limiting question time to 45 minutes be suspended for today.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, the question is that the Motion be agreed to.

Question put and **agreed to.**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS' CHALLENGES

MR P. MAJAGA (NATA-GWETA): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development whether he is aware that there are serious challenges affecting Social and Community Development Officers in some villages across the country and further state:

- (i) what causes these challenges and abnormalities of specialisation for the cadre of Social and Welfare Officers in different councils and villages; and
- (ii) when this will be rectified since people do not get proper services in different councils and villages across Botswana.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Mr Speaker, good afternoon Honourable Members.* Ke lebogele Motlotlegi Majaga wa tsala ya me gore a bo a boditse potso e e bothokwa e.

Karabo ya yone ke gore, tota ga re itse fa go na le makgwere mangwe a a ka tswang a tsalwa ke gore bodiredi jwa boipelego ba bo ba ka se ka ba kgona go thusa batho ka ntata ya gore gongwe mongwe le mongwe o itebagantse le tiro ya gagwe. Fela se ke se itseng ke gore, mo dikgaolong, go supafetse gore bodiredi jwa boipelego ga bo a lekana go tshwara mafelo otlhe a ba tlhokafalang mo go one. Kitso ya me e ke nang le yone, e bile e ke nang le bosupi jo bo tletseng gore



Honourable Lucas wa sobare sa me, yo e leng *teacher* ya *social workers*, o a itse gore *social workers* fa di rutiwa kwa Mmadikolo, ba ba dirang *Diploma and Degree*, ba rutiwa dithuto tsothle tse di ka ba kgontshang gore ba thuse setšhaba fa ba leng teng. Re a itse gore gantsi fa go tsena kwa *training* ya *social workers*, ba e leng gore ba a *specialise*, ke ba ba nang le bo *Masters' Degree*, ke bone ba e reng fa ba tsena koo, ba bo ba dira bo *clinical* le bo *counselling*, ba bo ba dira tse di tshwanang le tsa bo *social and policy administration*.

Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose fela gore, dithuto tse badiri ba boipelego ba di rutiwang, tse di ba dirang gore ba bereke jaaka mo Sekgoeng gotwe ke *general practitioners*, ba dira *case work*, *social planning*, *community development*, ba bo ba dira mo go tweng *advocacy*. Ke mo ka kakaretso ka Sekgoa re ka di bitsang re re ke *social work intervention methods*, tse di ba fang botsipa jwa gore kgang nngwe le nngwe e e ka tlang kwa go bone, ba tshwanetse ba e dire ka bokgabane.

Mr Speaker, fa ke tsena mo karabong ya bobedi ya ga Motlotlegi Rre Majaga, e e neng e botsa gore re tlaa baakanya leng seemo se, ke ne ke re ka gore tota re le ba *ministry* gongwe ga re ise re lemoge gore go na le bothata jwa gore go na le *social workers* ba ba kgonang go itatola tiro ya bone, go tlaa dira gore re dire mo go tweng ke *needs assessment exercise, to find out* gore tota bone bodiredi jwa rona, bo paledisiwa ke eng gore ba thuse batho *on the ground* ba e leng gore ba tlaabo ba kopana le bone mo dikgaolong. Ke tsaya gore fa re ka dira jalo, re ka kgona gore gongwe re dire mo go tweng *retooling* ya *social workers* gore ba kgone gore ba nne le botsipa jwa gore ba ka thusa batho botlhe gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng. E se ka ya re fa o ya kwa *social worker* yo o dirileng *community development*, a bo a go raya a re nna ga ke a rutiwa *counselling*. Ke dilo tse re tshwanetseng gore re di lebelele, gongwe re leke *to re-sharpen* gape gore ba kgone go thusa setšhaba ka botlalo le ka dikitso tse di rileng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MAJAGA: *Supplementary Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke go leboge *Honourable Minister*. Nnyaa, ga ke itse, gongwe ke mo kgaolong ya me ya Nata-Gweta fela. Ba re go na le pharologanyo ya mmaboipelego yo o ithutetseng *social welfare* le wa *community development*. Ka gore ke motho wa dikgaolo bontsi tsa tennyanteng, fa e le gore go ntse jalo, ke ka go reng ba senke ba ba romela gongwe Maposa, Mmanxotae, Lepashe, bo Tsokatshaa jalo, ba sa ba romele ba nna 2:2 ka gore ba sokodisa

batho mo metseng ya me ka thulaganyo ya sebopego seo? Gore nnyaa ga re na mmaboipelego wa *community development* kana *economic empowerment*, re na le wa *social welfare* fela, so ga a ka ke a thusa batho ka mananeo a go ba *empower*. Ke raya gore mo kgaolong ya me go ntse jalo, *that is why* o bona ke tla ka potso yone eo. Jaanong ke ne ke re nnyaa, kana tota rona *we are looking at the empowerment of those communities*, jaanong go ka nna kaone fa e le gore ba tla ba le babedi gore ba tle ba dire ditiro tseo, e seng go tla yo e leng gore fa go setse go tla nngwe *programme*, batho ba a sokola. *Imagine* ba le kwa Sepako, Tsokatshaa, bo Lepashe, e nna mathata le matlhabisaditlhong. Ke ne ke re ke go botse jalo Tona.

MR PULE: Pele ga morutabana wa *social workers* a tsena, ke arabe ya ntlha. Se ke neng ke se tlhalosa ke gore, *social worker during training*, ba dira *Diploma*, ba bo ba dira *social work programme*, ba rutiwa *as general practitioners*, ba simolola *to specialise* fa ba dira *Diploma*. Pharologanyo gongwe e ka nna gore jaanong fa ba setse ba neelwa ditiro kwa dikgaolong kana kwa dikhanseleng, yo mongwe o tlaabo a tewa gotwe wena o ya go dira *community development*, go bo go raya gore *job description* ya gagwe e mo feleletsa mo go direng *community development*, yo mongwe a bo a tewa gotwe wena o ya go dira *social welfare*. Gongwe ke gone fa pharologanyo e nnang teng, mme go sa reye gore yo o dirang *community development* a ka se ke a thusa *customer* fa e kopa, yo o batlang *services* tsa *social welfare*. Yo o dirang *social welfare*, ga e ka ke ya re *customer* e batla *community development*, a bo a re nna ga ke a rutelwa *community development*. Ke dilo tse e leng gore ke ne ke bua ka tsone gore gongwe e tlaabo e le kgang fela ya gore ba lwela gore nnyaa *I was not assigned* e, ke neetswe e, mme go sa reye gore dikitso ga di yo. Ke sone se ke reng, gongwe go tlaa re batla gore re eme ka dinao re le ba Lephata la *Local Government* go dira *an exercise*, kana re ba bitse, re ba botse gore a go a pala gore fa o le *social worker trained* ka *community development, you cannot dispense services* tsa *social welfare and the other way round*. Jaanong ke yone kgang e ke reng, yone eo, ke yone e ke senang bonnete jwa yone. Ka gore tota fela go bua nnete, rona ba rotlhe le bo Motlotlegi Rre Lucas, ke *trainings* tse re di dirileng, re dirile *social work*, mo go tweng *social work intervention*, mo go rayang gore fa o *intervene* o le *social worker* mo *case* ya motho, *you should not have the problem* ya gore e ka re motho wa *community development* a batla thuso, o bo o mmusa o re ga ke ka ke ka go fa thuso, *you should be able to take*



the story sa motho yo *and refer it to the right person*, kana *the other way round*. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng, gongwe go tlaa re re le dikhansela, re nne fa fatshe gape, re utlwe gore a mme re dirile sentle gore re bo re ka re *social worker must specialise, so much that ga e ka ke ya re fa go tla motho yo o outside field* ya gagwe e a reng ga a *specialise* mo go yone, a bo a re ga a mo thuse. *That is where I am. I have actually because ga ke batle go iphitlha ka monwana ke re ke ne ke se aware nna*, kana ke se *aware* kwa *ministry on the ground* ba bereka jang. Re ntse re tsaya gore ba thusa mongwe le mongwe yo o tlang kwa go bone. Ke sone se ke reng motlotlegi, ke ne ke go kopa gore re fe sebaka sa gore kgang e ke ye go e sala morago. Kana jaaka o itse, ke moshala mo *ministry* o, mme ke motho yo e leng gore *I trained social work*, mo go rayang gore ke santse ke le mo *familiarisation ya to check* gore go diragala eng mo dikgaolong. Mo go rayang gore *I have to go back and ask a straightforward question* gore *is this a problem on the ground, and how can we solve it*. Kana ka rialo.

MR LUCAS: *Further supplementary Mr Speaker*. Tota ke ne ke re ke supe jaana gore kgang e e buiwang ke Motlotlegi Rre Majaga, e na le nnete, mme e bile ke ipotsa gore ke eng Tona a lebeaga a sa e tlhaloganye, mme e le motlhofo jaana.

Se se diragalang ke gore, *if you have trained* kwa UB o dira *a General Social Work Degree, you are prepared* gore o ka kgona go itebaganya le dikgang tsa *social welfare, community development* le tse dingwe. Tona, a o a itse gore go na le batho ba gompiano ba bidiwang gotwe ke *social workers* kgotsa gotwe ke boraboipelego *who were trained, and specialising on community development*, go raya gore ga ba ka ke ba kgona go dira tiro ya *social welfare because among other things*, ga ba a dira dithuto tse di lebaneng le *counselling*? Go na le batho ba gompiano ba bidiwang gotwe *social workers* mme ba dirile dithuto tsa *Business Administration*, go raya gore ga ba ka ke ba dira *social welfare* ka gore ga ba a rutuntshiwa jalo. Go na le batho gape ba ba *trained*, ba bidiwa gotwe *social workers* mo dikgaolong, mme ba dirile dithuto tsa *Home Economics*, go raya gore le bone bao ga ba ka ke ba kgona go dira *social welfare*. So, a o ne o itse dipharologanyo tse, tse di leng teng? O lebeaga wena o itebagantse fela le ba *training* kwa UB mme go na le ba bangwe ba ba *trained* ba bidiwa *social workers* ba dirile *community development outside* UB. A dikgang tse o a di itse Tona?

MR PULE: Jaanong kana potso e motlotlegi, ke sa leke go go tsaya ka lesolegolo, ke kgang e e leng gore ke ne ke bua ka *social worker who trained* kwa UB. Ga

ke itse fa go na le *social workers* tse di rutintshitsweng kwa mafatsheng a sele, tse e leng gore *programmes* tsa bone ga di tshwane le tseo. Jaanong jaaka ke ne ke go bolelela, kana ke tlhalositse ka re ke moshala mo *ministry*, gongwe ke ba ba rutintshitsweng ke santse ke le kgakala, ke se mo *ministry*. Ke sone se ke reng ke batla go tsaya boikarabelo jwa gore ke ye go tlhola batho ba gore ba tswa kae, ba rutintshitswe jang, mme ba dira eng ka gore *I was not aware and I said very clearly* gore tota *I was not aware* gore go na le batho ba mofuta one o kwa dikgaolong fela jaaka o tlhalosa. Jaanong wena jaaka o le morutabana, o itse dilo tse, ke tsaya gore o *aware*.

Ke itse fa e le gore *the social workers* tsotlhe, *the programme that has been designed* kwa UB, e rutuntsha *social workers as general practitioners*. Jaanong fa e le gore go na le ba ba teng kwa dikgaolong, mme ba tswa go dira kwa *universities* di sele, ba bo ba tla ka *skills* tse di farologaneng, ke bone ba ke neng ke sa tlhaloganye gore a ba teng bogolo jang mo dikgaolong tsa tengnyanateng. Ke tsaya gore khansela fela fa e le gore tota go buiwa nnete e tlaabo e tlhwaafetse, ga e ka ke ya tsaya motho yo e itseng gore o dirile *clinical social work*, e bo e ya go mmaya golo gongwe kwa go senang *Community Development Officer because obviously there is going to be ... (Interruptions)...*

Rre Majaga o a tlhalosa ka botlalo a re mo dikgaolong tsa gagwe tse dingwe go ntse jalo. Jaanong ke amogetse ka re, ke ya go dira *that assessment with the intention of coming up with a programme for retooling* gore kana re dire re tle ka *strategy* sa gore *where there is need to have a general practitioner, we place general practitioners* kwa di tlhokafalang teng, *so that* ka gore re na le *shortage of staff*, motho yo o foo o kgona gore e nne *jack of all trades*, a dire dilo tse tsotlhe. *This is what I am going to do, that is why* ke re re ya go dira *a needs assessment exercise*. So ga se gore ke a go ganetsa. Ke tlhalositse ke go raya ke re ga ke go ganetse morutabana wa *social workers*, mme...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mma re go botse Pule. O utlwetse, mma re go botse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A re o santse a le moshala.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A re o santse a le moshala, mo tlogeleng. Ga a itse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O fetsa *probation* leng?

OLD SEROWE WOMEN'S PRISON



MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to update this Honourable House on plans for the old Serowe Women's Prison and further state:

- (i) when the Prison was closed and if the ministry is aware that the Prison has been abandoned and is dilapidated;
- (ii) why the Prison was abandoned and the status of all the staff houses adjacent to the Prison;
- (iii) if it is true that Serowe Prison is overcrowded and if the Ministry does not see it fit and necessary to convert the old Serowe Women's Prison into an extension of the Serowe Prison;
- (iv) when Serowe Prison was constructed, its capacity vis-à-vis its current occupation; and
- (v) which other prisons in Botswana are overcrowded.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI): *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

- (i) Serowe Prison e sale e tswetswe ka ngwaga wa 2010, mme re le *ministry*, re a itse gore re ne ra e tswala ka gore e ne e tlhokana le dipaakanyo tse dintsi thata, mme ka letlhoko la madi, go fitlhelela gompiano, re ne re ise re fetse go e baakanya, mme re ikaelela gore gongwe e tlaare mo National Development Plan (NDP) 12, re kgone go e tsenya mo teng gore e baakanngwe.
- (ii) Jaaka potso ya bobedi e ne e bua ke re, e ne e se *abandoned*, e ne e tswetswe ka mabaka a gore tota e ne e batla tiro e ntsi mo go yone, re ne ra bona gore re ntshe magolegwa a a neng a le mo go yone ka re ne re lemoga gore tota ga e mo seemong se se siameng gore batho ba ka nna mo go yone. Ke ka bolela fela gore matlo a a lebaganeng kana a a mabapi le yone, a ne a baakanngwa ka ngwaga wa 2016, mme jaaka ke bua jaana, a nna *officers* tsa *Prisons*.
- (iii) *Mr Speaker*, re na le Serowe New Prison jaaka potso e ne e botsa, re a itse gore tota gantsi re tshwenngwa ke gore re kgona go nna le magolegwa kana batshwarwa ba le bantsi ba o fitlheleng ba fetile dipalo tse ba ba tshwanetseng go nna mo go tsone *prisons* tse. Re a leka nako le nako gore gongwe ba bangwe re ba fudusetse kwa Mahalapye, ba bangwe re ba ise kwa Francistown, re lebeletse dipalo mo *prisons* tsone tse di mabapi tse.

- (iv) Serowe New Prison e sale e agilwe ka 1981, mme e bile tota kana *accommodates* kana e ka amogela magolegwa a le 180 mo letsatsing. Ka di 6 tsa ga *April 2022*, e ne e na le magolegwa a le 252 *Mr Speaker*.
- (v) Nnyaa, rraetsho bothata jo re nnang le jone mo dikgolegolong jwa gore di nne le magolegwa a mantsi jaaka mo bo Central Prison, First Offenders Prison le Maun Prison. Ke dikgang tse re nnang re na le tsone, mme re nna re leka go fokoletsa kafa, re ise kafa fela jalo re lebeletse dipalo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge *Minister* ka karabo eo. Tota gongwe se motho a ka eletsang go se itse, go atolosa karabo ya gago ke gore, a ke go utlwa sentle fa o re gongwe le tlaa emela NDP? *Minister*, a o raya gore mo nakong ya gompiano, seemo se tlaabo se tswelletse se ntse fela jaaka se ntse? A mo mading a o tlaabong o a kopile a maloba re go a fa, ga go na sepe se o se akanyang ka *prison* e ya bomme e kgologolo?

Gongwe sengwe sa bobedi ke gore, ke utlwa o supa gore go ka isiwa batshwarwa kwa dikgolegolong tse di gautshwane le Serowe jaaka fa e setse e fetile dipalo jaana. A mme ga go nne turu mo go reng gongwe bangwe ba bone e bo e le ba ba tlaabong ba ya *courts* kwa le kwa phakela ba ya go tsewa bokgakala jo bo kalo, a go ka ke ga go turela go na le o ka bo o ne o akantse sengwe *Honourable Minister*? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MMUSI: *Thank you sir.* Nnyaa, mme gone o nkutlwa sentle motlotlegi gore ga re na madi a gore re ka dira Serowe Women's Prison mo ngwageng o wa madi, mme jaaka ke bua ke re re leka gore gompiano re e ise kwa NDP 12. Ke a go utlwa jaaka o bua, ke sone se ke reng golo mo go a sekasekwa letsatsi le letsatsi rraetsho, go leka go lomaganya gore ba re ba isang kwa Mahalapye, e bo e le ba re itseng gore gongwe ditsheko tsa bone di tsenela gone koo. Re nna re ntse re leka nako le nako *to manage* golo mo letsatsi le letsatsi. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Supplementary.* *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. Ke tlaa tswelala fela ke ntse ke nna ke feta ke leboga batlhophi ba Bophirima *Mr Speaker*. Ke ba leboge fela thata gape gore ga ba a ntsholola. Ke tsene mo kgannyeng e *Mr Speaker*, ya gore ke ne ke batla go go utlwa sentle Tona mabapi le dikgang tsa dikgolegelo. Rraetsho, kana go na le thulaganyo ya bomme gore



fa gongwe ba felelwa e le babelaelwa, mme ba na le bana kana masea a mannyennyane ka dingwaga, bo *one month, two months, three months*, jalojalo, bo *two years*. Mo dinakong tse di fetileng, go ne go ntse go tlwaelesegile gore ga go na fa lona ba dikgolegelo le ka tsenang teng mo thulaganyong ya go bona gore ngwana o tlhokomelwa jang kwa lelwapeng. Le ne le isa kgang eo kwa go ba boipelego, ba boipelego le bone ba re nnyaa, mme kgang eo ke ba *prison*. Seemo se se ntseng jaana gompiono, se se amang bomme lefatshe lotlhe le bana, ka gore bana ba bangwe e bile go ne go felela go pantitiwa ka bone mo teng ga toronko, se se sa ba siamelang, ba tsenela melato e ba sa e dirang. Seemo se le se rarabolotse jang kana le ikaelela go se rarabolola jang? A le santse le ntse le se sekaseka jaaka o bua go tswa ka 1965 go tla go tsena gone fa, le ntse le a se sekaseka Tona? Araba.

MR MMUSI: O ka bo o boditse potso ya boraro monna, ga o itse gore wa reng.

MR MOTSAMAI: Araba potso.

MR MMUSI: Tanki. Rraetsho, ba tlhokomelwa ke bommaboipelego. Kana e a bo e le bana ba jaanong ba tshwanetseng go ya go kwadisiwa fa bagabone ba seyo, ba ba ka ba tlhokomelang. Kana fa go tilhatlhetswe *Honourable* Motsamai, Mma Motsamai ke ene a tlaa salang a tlhokometse bana. Ke raya gore kgang e ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Fa *Honourable* Mmusi a tilhatlhetswe.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke botse Tona gore o a lemoga gore go tsaya nako ga dikago go sa dirwe *maintenance*, go ya go felela go lopa Goromente ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo? Fa a bua a re la bofelo ba sa dirise *women's prison* ya Serowe ke 2010, *you can tell* gore gompiono re setse re tsamaya mo ngwageng wa bo 12. A golo mo o a go lemoga? *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR MMUSI: Ee rra, ke a go lemoga rraetsho. Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

PLANS TO ERECT A FENCE ALONG TRANS-KALAHARI HIGHWAY

MR M. G. J. MOTSAMAI (GHANZI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Transport and Communications to state:

- (i) whether his ministry has any plans to erect a fence along the Trans-Kalahari Highway from Ghanzi

44 Junction to Mamuno, if so, when; and

- (ii) if he is aware of the loss of human life occasioned by livestock related accidents due to the absence of such a fence.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR SEGOKGO): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

- (i) Lephata la me le ikaelela gore le tle le age *fence* mo Trans-Kalahari Highway, go tswa fa Ghanzi 44 Junction go ya kwa Mamuno. Re ne re abile ditiro tse *Mr Speaker*; tsa go aga *fence* e ka *June 2020*, mme *project* e ne e tlaabo e simologa ka *September 2020*, e bo e ya go wela ka *September 2021*. Re ne ra nna le bothata *Mr Speaker*; ka gore rakonteraka yo o neng a abetswe tiro eo, o ne a se ka a e dira, mme ra patelesega gore re kgaogane le ene, re ne ra dira jalo ka *November 2021*.

Mr Speaker, re setse re simolotse sesha gore re batle yo o ka dirang *fence* e. Tsholofelo ke gore mo letsatsing la gompiono, dipampiri tse re di baakantseng go batla rakonteraka di tlaabo di tsene *for vetting ya procurement*.

- (ii) *Mr Speaker*, lephata la me le itse ka dikotsi tse di diragetseng mo tseleng e fa gare ga Junction 44 le Mamuno, e bile dikotsi tse di baka dintsho. Ke sone se o utlwang ke bua gore re ikaelela gore re age *fence* e, gore re fokotse dikotsi tsa go nna jaana. Jaaka ke supile, ka fa re neng re eleditse ka teng, re ka bo re setse re tsentsa *fence* e *Mr Speaker*.

Ke a leboga.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Tona Segokgo, *as usual* o fitlhela go na le maduo le morokotso mo dikarabong tsa gago. Rraetsho, fa le ikaelela go dira tiro e tonatona e jaaka gongwe o nkarabile, le ya go dirisa motlhale ofe go bona gore tshenyoo e e diragalang morago fa le sena go dira tiro e ntle e, ga e ka ke ya diragala? Ke bua jaana go tlwaelesegile gore go a agiwa, fa gongwe batho ba felele ba tsaya *gates*.

Ke botse ya bobedi gore, a ga le akanye gore fa le ka nna le dikompone tsa banana *that patrol* tsela di koba leruo mo tseleng, *at the same time* ba ka thusa le go bona gore batho bosigo jaana, ga ba senyelole se le se dirileng.

La bofelo, fa le sena go teratelela, motlhale o le ka o dirisang go bona gore jaanong re dirile bontle, gore tsela ya lona e se ka ya nna le leswe le le feteletseng, bogolo jang fa batho ba ikhutsang teng mo *rest places*,



ga le bone golo mo go busetsa gape maiteko a lona kwa morago Tona? Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai. Mo potsong ya gago ya ntlha ya gore re ya go dira jang go hema seemo sa bosinyi, nte ke bue gore fa re simolotseng teng le fa tota re kopang thuso teng, ga nke ke tlhoka gore fa ke boneng sebaka teng fa ke le mo Dikgotleng kana ke ile gope fela, ke bue ka botlhokwa jwa gore setšhaba se re thuse kgang e ya gore *fences* tse re di agang mo ditseleng go utswiwa *gates* jaaka o supa. Le kwa ntle ga moo, le terata tota e a kgaolwa, le mo A1 tota go na le mafelo a e kgaotsweng. Ke ile ka ba nako nngwe ka ema ka bua le mongwe molemi-morui a ntsha dikgomo tsa gagwe fa go neng go kgaotswe teng. Jaanong sa ntlha tota ke go leka gore re tsenye thuto e e tseneletseng mo bathong, e bile re ba lemotshe ditlamorago tsa seemo se se ntseng jaana, gore kamoso go tlhokafala ene malomaagwe yo o tlaabong a tsaya *gate*.

Rraetsho, go ne go na le mogopolo mongwe o o neng o kile ra o neelwa, ke dumela gore ke *Honourable* Leuwe, o re lelang gore re tle re o sale morago mo lephateng la me. Mogopolo o ke o o reng, go tsamaela mo tseleng mo, go na le ba ba mo merakeng ba ke tsayang gore gongwe re ne re ka tsamaya re aba *sections* tsa tsela. O ne a bua ka dilo tse di tshwanang ... (*Inaudible*)... le one tota re lebile gore a o ka se ka wa re thusa mogopolo o o ntseng jaana, re tle re kgone go nna le tlhokomelo e e botoka mo ditseleng.

Ke santse ke kopa batho betsho, kana bosinyi jo bo ntseng jaana bo bothata. Bo diragala jaaka o supa, bosigo go sena batho. Re tlhoka thuso ya morafe le setšhaba ka kakaretso gore re bo lwantshe.

Re kile ra leka metlhale mengwe mo *fences* ka boranyane gore bo nne ka tsela e mebala e ka farologanyang *fences* tsa rona, ke ne ke lekodisiwa e bile re e dira kwa seporong. Ba felela ba ntse ba di tsere ba di tshuba, go bo go nna thata gore re kgone gore re latisise re tshware batho ba ba ntseng jalo. Ke yone tsela e ke lelang go supa gore re kopa gore setšhaba se nne matlho a rona mo dikgannyeng tse di ntseng jaana.

Rraetsho, gore re neele banana gore ba kobe dikgomo, ke mogopolo, ke tlaa o sekaseka ka gore tota fa gongwe go gontsi mo Puso e lelang go go lebaganye le banana. Mo re neng re leka gore re thuse ke gore ba ba gaufi le mafelo a dilo tse, e nne bone gongwe ba ba ka re tswang thuso gore re kgone go hema diemo tsa tshenylo le dikgomo tse di mo tseleng.

Ya bofelo ya matlakala, go boammaaruri gore tota re na le mathata, bogolo jang a go tsewa ga matlakala mo ditseleng tsa rona. Re aba dikonteraka re di neela ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba ntshe matlakala a, jaaka o bua fa batho ba emang teng. Kgang e re e tshwaraganetse thata le ba *ministry* wa ga Rre Autlwetse, re na le lebaka re ntse re e buisana ka gore fa gongwe go tsalwa ke seemo se mo motseng matlakala a bong a sa tsewa, mme ba motse ba bo ba ipha gore re a bona gore a e tle a tsewe le kwa tseleng. Ba bo ba a tsaya ka dibeke ba a isa kwa tseleng. Ga bo go nna bokete jo le rona re tlhaelang gore re a ntshe.

Se se tona ke gore mo tshwaraganong ya rona, re leka gore ba re ba thapileng ba konteraka gore ba tseye matlakala, ba re thuse *supervision* ya bone gore ba dira jang. Ba *local* ba na le ba VDC ba ba kgonang go tlhomamisa gore fa rakonteraka a re o tswa go tsaya matlakala, gone a tswa go tsewa. Golo foo se re tlhokang go se dira ke go gagamatsa *supervision* ya go tsaya matlakala mo ditseleng. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, lephata la gago ke lengwe la maphata a a tshabelelwang ke go aba *tenders* di bo di sa diragatswe mme a ntsha madi. Potso e ke batlang go e botsa e mo karabong ya gago ya ntlha ya gore, a mme fa le sena go neela kompone ya ntlha gore e dire terata, ga le a ka la nna le madi a le a e duetseng a bo e sa kgone go dira, jaaka go tlwaelesegile mo lephateng la gago? Go neelwa dikompone di dira, di bo di neelwa madi mme di sa dira sepe. Ya bobedi ke gore, fa o araba o rile mo komponeng e e ntšha e le batlang go e ikamanya le yone mo *tenders*; ga ke a utlwa sentle. Ke utlwile o metsa mafoko kwa bofelong gore le mo *stage* sefe sa *tenders*, a le setse le abile kana le ya go aba? A o ne o re gompiano kana maabane, ga ke a utlwa sentle gore o ne o reng? Gompiano le mo legatong lefe la go aba *tender* eo? Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister*.

MR SEGOKGO: Tanki *Honourable* Hikuama. Ke simolole mo potsong ya gago ya ntlha, kompone e e ne ya se ka ya dira tiro epe. Ga go na *claim* epe e ba e tsentseng, ga go na tuelo epe e re e dirileng. Potso ya gago e ne e na le mogatlana o o reng ke tlwaelo gore re duela dikompone di sa bereka, nnyaa, ga ke dumalane le wena *Honourable* Hikuama. O tlaa tla o mpha kgang e e ntseng jalo. Go na le mabaka a ke itseng gore re a bo re dirile dituelo mme e seng re duela fela go sena



tiro e e dirilweng. Ke ganana le wena mo go eo. Ya bobedi rraetsho, ke ne ke sa metse mafoko gongwe ke gore ditsebe di ne tsa se ka tsa utlwa. Mo letsatsing la gompiano, *the 12th of April, tender* e re e isitse kwa Ministerial Tender Committee (MTC) *for vetting* gore re tle thape yo mosha yo o tlaabong a dira tiro e. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR BROOKS: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Minister.* Tanki Rre Motsamai *for potso* e ntle eo. Ke botse fela e e khutshwane *Minister* ka gore tota o di arabile ka botlalo. A mme ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore lephata la gago le tswa ka lenaneo le le tlhamaletseng le le tseletseng la go leka go teratelela ditsela tsotlhe mongwame? Go lebega kgwetlho e le lefatshe lotlhe ya diterata. Jaaka re ya malatsing a matelele jaana, dintsho di ya go nna dintsi. Sa bobedi ka gore o na le *regional officers* kwa dikgaolong, ke eng *in the meantime* o sa ba *engage* gore ba bue le metse e e dikologileng fa tsela e fetang teng gore ba bue le borameraka ba ba fa thoko ga tsela ka tshenyo e e kanakana e e diragalang mo terateng? Ke kope tse pedi fela tseo mongwame.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Brooks. Mo go ya ntlha gore re tle re *fence* ditsela tsotlhe, ke ne ke araba *Honourable* Lucas bosheng jaana, ke dumela gore ke beke e e fetileng, ke tlhalosa kgang ya gore re tsamaya fa kae mo go terateleleng ditsela tse dingwe tse di kwa Sefhophe go ya Bobonong. Mo karabong ya me, sengwe se ke se tlhalositseng ke gore, go na le mafelo a e leng gore ga re teratelele tsela. Re dirisiwa jalo ke mabaka; a ntlha gantsi a ke batlang go a bua ka gore re a bo re lebile ditsela tse di gokaganyang metse, ke gore diphologolo di a bo di na le motsamao di feta foo. Re lebile gore re setse melawana le dikgakololo tse di tswang kwa go ba *environment*...

MR BROOKS: *Correction Mr Speaker.* Ke fa sekai ka tsela e e tswang mo Tsaabong e ya Kolonkwane e e nang le terata mme e na le dingwaga e sule. Ke raya fa terata e leng teng e e leng gore rakonteraka o ne a dira terata morago ga go fetsa tsela.

MR SEGOKGO: Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore ka ke ne ka didimala o ne o letla gore a baakanye *supplementary* ya gagwe. Ke tlaa araba potso e a e botsang e e reng o kopa gore re baakanye diterata tse di senyegileng. Ke a e amogela fela e ntse jalo *Honourable* Brooks, fa re tsentseng terata teng e tlhoka paakanyo, re leka bojotlhe go dira jalo. Ke a itse gore re kwa morago ka gore tota re tshwere bothata *sir. Gates* di nna di tswa, terata e a ne e ntse e kgaolwa, ke sone se o bonang

Honourable Motsamai a na le matshwenyego a gore re dira jang gore re sireletse seemo seo. Ke dumela gore ke selo se se botlhokwa mme re tlaa sekaseka le yone e o buang ka yone *Honourable* Brooks. Ya *regional officers*, tota o e boditse mme ke dumela gore e ne e le kgakololo. Ke tlaa e sala morago gore le bone ba atolose molaetsa o ke buang gore gantsi fa ke ile kwa Dikgotleng re bo re buisana le setšhaba ka selo se. Ba tswe mosepele o re bue le ba ba nang le meraka fa tlase ga ditsela gore e nne bone badisa ba ditsela tsa rona. Ke a leboga *sir*.

PRISONERS WITH DISABILITIES

MR T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY (GABORONE CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state:

- (i) the number of people living with disabilities who have been incarcerated; and
- (ii) the support given to prisoners with disabilities.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Healy for *potso eo*. Mr Speaker, there are four people living with disabilities who have been incarcerated. Prisoners with disability are supported through;

- (i) Provision of wheelchairs
- (ii) Provision of crutches
- (iii) Physiotherapy and physiological counselling.

Mr Speaker, I can also inform the Honourable Member that the number of prisoners living with disability, Francistown Centre of Illegal Immigrants; one, Tshane; one, Moshupa Boys; one, Molepolole Prisons; one. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke lebogela karabo eo. *Honourable* Minister, ke utlwa *disabilities* tse o di buang go lebega e le tsa *physical disability*. Motho o ka batla go itse gore *what do you have in place for people who have maybe hearing disabilities and visual disabilities, in the even that sefoku se felela se le mo kgolegolong?* Le na le eng mo dikgolegolong se se yang go dira botshelo jwa gagwe gore bo babalesege gape a tshela fela mo kgolegolong jaaka batho ba bangwe botlhe? *The support* le yone o buile ka *psychosocial*. *In terms of* tse di seng *physical*, a ke *psychosocial* fela kana le ba thusa



ka dikgang tsa batho ba ba ranolang fa o sa utlwe, o le susu, motho yo o kgonang go go thusa *sign language*, do you have *sign language interpreters* mo dikgolegolong?

What are the plans in terms of gore le ya go thusa batho ba *disability* jang? *What are your future plans insofar as people living with disabilities are concerned?* Ke ya bofelo. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR MMUSI: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Member,* tota gone ke nnete, ga re ise re nne le ditlamelo sentle tsa go ka thusa mo dikgwetlhong tse o ntseng o di nankola. Ya *eyesight* ga re ise re kopane nayo. Gongwe fela fa re ka thusa fela ka go nna re ntse re ba tsamaisa. Tse dingwe tsa bo *sign language* le *hearing*, re ne re ise re goroge... Ke gone re santseng re leka go rutuntsha *Prison Warders* gore ba ithute gore go nne le ba ba ka ithutang gore ba ka thusa ba ba nang le bothata jone jo rraetsho. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: The last supplementary, Honourable Reatile.

MR REATILE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke bo ke lebogele mmotsi wa potso le Tona ka fa a arabang ka teng. Tona, jaaka o re badisa magolegwa ba ye go ithuta go bua ka matsogo jaana, *sign language*, se se ka nngang thata gore o bo o ka hira bana ba ba setseng ba ithutile go bua le batho ba go nna jalo ke eng? Ba bo ba tsena fela ba phatlalatsa gore *prison* nngwe le nngwe e nne le batho ba go nna jalo, go bokete fa kae Tona go ka dira fela jalo motlotlegi? Ke botsa fela ke ikokobeditse.

MR MMUSI: Tanki *sir.* Nnyaa, gone rraetsho ga go bokete mme go bokete ka gore o fitlhele re nna re hira ka dipalo tse re di neelwang ngwaga le ngwaga fa go na le diphatlha. Ke selo sengwe se e leng gore jaaka ke bua, re ne re santse gongwe maloba re ne re leka gore re rutuntshe ba ba tlaa ba thusang. E tlaa re fa diphatlha di ntse di tswa, re tlaabo re ntse re leka gore re batle ba ba ka thusang. Ga re ka ke ra kgona gore re ba anamise botlhe ka *prisons* tsotlhe, mme gongwe ngwaga le ngwaga re tsenya mo go tse pedi ampo e nngwefela fela jalo betsho. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

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MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR LETSHOLATHEBE): *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker...*

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: We have lost the Minister.

...Silence...

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Yes, you are now audible.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Sorry about that...

...Silence...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O tsamaile gape.

MR SPEAKER: There is problem that side.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go suma fela o kare FM.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yoo ke *Minister* yo o botoka, go raya gore go na le mathata.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: *Mr Speaker,* ga go botoka jaanong?

MR SPEAKER: Go botokanyana!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O utlwala kwa teng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A re yeng kwa go e nngwe, re tlaa tla re mmona.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Ga ke utlwale *Mr Speaker?*

MR SPEAKER: O kare o kgakala.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kwa Patayamatebele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Jaanong fa go palelwa wena ramaranyane, a re tlaa kgona?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O tshwanetse a le kwa Mapoka.



HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, o kwa Patayamatebele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kwa lephaneng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O bapala phane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kwa Mapoka, kgakala!

MRSPEAKER: *Okwa ofising, ke lebile* the background. He is at the office.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke ofisi ya kwa Mapoka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A ko o baakanye *volume*, ga ke itse gore go diragala eng ka yone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke gore wena Motsamai, o rumola mongwe le mongwe?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister ... (Inaudible)...

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Ke kopa *to change gadget*.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, change your gadget.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Thank you Mr Speaker.

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

MR SPEAKER: Let us try the next question, then we will come back to Honourable Dr Letsholathebe.

CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE OFFICES AT KAUDWANE AND MOTOKWE

MR F. T. LEUWE (TAKATOKWANE): asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state when his ministry intends to construct police offices at Kaudwane and Motokwe as previously promised.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Mma ke leboge Motlotlegi Honourable Leuwe, Mopalamente wa Takatokwane. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke eletsa go itsise Ntlo e e tlotlegang e fa kago ya ofisi potlana ya sepodise ya motse wa Kaudwane e ne e le mo lenaneong la go agiwa ka ngwaga wa madi wa 2018-2019. Le fa go ntse jalo, go ne ga nna le tiego ka mabaka a dingongorego tsa bangwe ba ba neng ba itekile lesego mo go direng tiro e. Ka jalo, re ne ra busediwa morago ke tsone dikgang tsone tse ka kompone di ne di ile kwa *court*. Ke ka itsise Mopalamente gore e rile ka 17 February 2022 go ne ga kgona gore ... (Interruptions)... mme kompone e nngwe e abetswe gore e ka simolodisa *police post* e motlotlegi.

Go santse go emetswe fela gore go tle go saeniwe konteraka. E ne ya abiwa ka 17th February.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go santse go ise go nne le thulaganyo epe gore diofisi tsa sepodise kwa motseng wa Motokwe le tsone di ka agiwa ka ntlha ya tlhalelo ya madi. Le fa go ntse jalo, re tlaa tswelala re ntse re thusa ba motse wa Motokwe ka mapodise kwa Kgotleng le go bona thuso kwa sepodiseng sa Kang. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LEUWE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona. Gongwe motho a botse fela gore fa e a ya bo e sale e abilwe ka 17 February mme gompiano re le mo go April le ene a tsamaela go fela, go a bo go borikile fa kae? Ga se gore gongwe go a bo go tloga go boa go nna le dikgang tse dingwe gape? Gongwe e ka bo e simologile ka gore go lebega go na le konteraka fela e e filweng Tona. Gongwe ya Motokwe le yone... kana batho fa gotwe ba batle setsha ba bo ba se batla jaaka re se bonye kwa Motokwe, re nna le tsholofelo e ntsi gore mme gone o re raya o reng kwa Motokwe, e seng Mopalamente wa Takatokwane. O dira thulaganyo leng ya gore o ye kwa Motokwe go ba bolelela gore “bagaetsho, setsha se le se bonyeng re santse re na le bothata jwa *one, two, three*” go leka go supa tirisanyo mmogo e e nonofileng Tona yo ke mo ratang? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MMUSI: *Thank you sir.* Ke ne ke re ka re, ee, gone rraetsho kana ditsamaiso tsa bo Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB) kana Ministerial Tender Committee e ya re fa go fetswa go abiwa, go nne mo gotweng ke bo *cooling off stage*. Gompiano ka fa ke neng ke bolelelwa ka teng ke gore *they are still finalising* dipampiri tsa rankonteraka yo ka gore o tshwanetse *to issue* dipampiri tsa *insurance*, mme ke dumela gore o tlaa lala a kgonne. Mo go ya Motokwe rraetsho, ke ka rurifatsa gore *yes* le re neetse setsha, mme ke batla gore ba Motokwe ba nne ka tsholofelo, mme le wena re tlaa tshwaragana mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo gore re tle re ye go ba lekola le bone re ba bolelele gore re tlaa nna re ntse re batla, ba se ka ba re felela pelo. Re tlaa leka ka sengwe le sengwe se re ka se kgonang. Ke a leboga Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang.

MR MAJAGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke go leboge Tona, ke leboge Motlotlegi Leuwe. Ke go botse Tona gore, a mme seemo seo sa gore tiro e bo e diegile bangwe ba santse ba nganga kwa makgotlatshekelong, ga se ye go oketsa *the cost* ya tiro e e tlaabong e dirilwe ya thusa batho? Se sengwe gape ke gore, ka o filwe



madi a mantsi *Honourable* Mmusi, re ne re ikaeletse gore gongwe o ya go tsosa *police stations* bo Motokwe, Kaudwane, Gweta le Nata, tse di phatlogileng, batho ba nna mo molapong. E bile *police* ele e ka nna ya tswalwa. Jaanong go lebega o sena kgang eo, gape o sa ye kwa mafelong a bo Gweta, Nata, Motokwe, Sowa le Dukwi. O a reng ka seo mongwame?

MR MMUSI: *Honourable* Majaga, o a bo o tlaa re ga ke ye Gweta, ke nna koo fela tsala yame.

MR MAJAGA: ...(Inaudible)...

MR MMUSI: ...(Laughter!)... ke go agetse *police station* akere kwa Dukwi. Ke ne ke re ka re, nnyaa rraetsho *cost* ya *project* e gompieno jaaka ke bua e setse e dumalanwe, e saenetswe. Gone ke a dumela rraetsho, re tlaa nna re leka thata. Re tlaa leka thata gore re nne re leke go aga *police posts* fa re ka kgonang teng. Fela ka ntata ya madi ga re kgone tota ... mme re tlaa iteka rraetsho. Re tlaa iteka thata gore re anamise *police posts* tse, kana gape selo se sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se itse ke gore, *police posts* di tsamaya ka bodiredi. Jaanong gore re age re tshwanetse gape go bo go na le mapodise, ga re ka ke ra aga fela re sena mapodise. Re tshwantse *to balance* dilo tse pedi tse. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Letsholathebe, have you found a place where you can answer?

...Silence...

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MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR LETSHOLATHEBE): Mr Speaker, can you hear me now?

MR SPEAKER: I can hear you, yes.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Thank you so much Mr Speaker. *Ke go lebogele* your patience, *ke ikopa maitshwarelo* mo Members of the 12th Parliament, I am sorry about that. May I go ahead Mr Speaker?

MR SPEAKER: Yes please.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: *Thank you.* Ke lebogele mmotsi wa potso e ntle eo *Mr Speaker*. Potso e ke tsayang gore e bothokwa fela thata mo go rona re le *Ministry wa Tertiary Education, Research Science and Technology*. Potso ke gore, go ikaega ga rona ka dikitso, *a knowledge based economy* go tlaa re solegela jang re le Batswana? Go ya go re solegela molemo ka gore kgang e ya *knowledge based economy* e tlaa re thusa gore re fetlhe ditiro tse Batswana ba di tlhokang fela thata. Dikgang tsa *food security* tse re nnang re lela ka tsone gore ga re kgone go itirela dijo, re ka kgona go di tokafatsa. Kgang ya *service delivery* *Mr Speaker*, le yone e ka tokafala fa re ka ikaega ka dikitso go tsweng mo go ikaegeng mo go tse dingwe.

Gongwe *Mr Speaker*, ka go le bothokwa ka re bua ka *a knowledge based economy*, ke tlhalose gore dikitso tse re buang ka ga tsone di ka tswa di le gabedi, go na le dikitso tsa bo *Masters, Degree*, tse re di tsayang kwa dikoleng, tse gantsi mo go tsone re lebagantseng le dikgang tsa di *scientific and ... (Inaudible) ... knowledge*. Mme mo go tse dingwe ke *the indigenous knowledge*, dikitso tse re tsholwang ka tsone kana tse re di ithutang fela mo malwapeng a rona. Ke tsone dikitso tse re buang ka ga tsone fa re re batla gore itsholelo ya rona e ikaege ka dikitso. Ke tsone dikitso tse re buang ka tsone.

Potso ya gore re dira eng *Mr Speaker*, go tokafatsa dikitso tseo, re tokafatsa dikitso tsa rona, dithuto tsa *formal education* ka go dira gore re lebelele gore *the curriculum* ya rona e re e rutang bana e bo e le e e siametseng dinako tsa gompieno. Kana o ka lemoga gore Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) e tlhokafala gore go dirwe dilo tse di tshwanang le bo *artificial intelligence, robotics* le tse dingwe. Ka jalo re dira gore *curriculum* ya rona e rute dilo tsa go nna jalo.

Kgang e nngwe e re e dirang ke gore, re dire *through* Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) gore bana ba rutiwe sentle, mme ba rutiwe se se ka ba solegelang molemo. Kana ba bangwe ba kgona gore ba re ba ruta bana, ba neela bana *Degree* ba ba shankodisa fela. Le Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) le yone re a e dirisa *Mr Speaker*, gore e kgone *to direct us*



gore *courses* tse di ka re thusang ke dife. Dikgang tsa *research* ke tse le tsone re di dirisang gore re kgone go tokafatsa dikitso tsa rona.

Mo go ya bofelo ya *indigenous knowledge* Mr Speaker, re simolodisa *through* Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub tsela ya go bona gore Batswana ba tla ka dikitso tsa bone go itshetsa. Re dirisanya le ba bo Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) gore dikgang tsa *intellectual property* gore e re o na le dikitso tse o di itseng, o kgone go itshetsa ka tsone. O kgone gore o dire *patents*, gore go sena yo o ka go kopelang se o itshetsang ka sone, a ka tloga a go rontsha gore o itshetse. Sengwe se re tlaa se rotloetsang ke gone go dirisa maranyane, *digitilisation*, gore ba ba nang le dikitso ba dirise maranyane a a tshwanang le bo YouTube, batho ba tshela ka bo YouTube Mr Speaker. Ke re ke go lebogele potso eo Honourable Balopi. Tanki Mr Speaker.

MR BALOPI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go leboge go mpha sebaka sa gore ke tsibogele karabo e ke sa tswang go e fiwa ke Tona Ngaka Letsholathebe. Ga ke itse gore a karolo ya bobedi ya gore mo bogompionong Puso e setse e dirile eng, ke tsaya ke re o arabile. Mme gongwe fa o ne o ka tlhatswa ntlha ya teng gape gore e tle e tswe e papametse gore batho ba tle ba tlhaloganye, ka re boletsa Batswana, gore go setse go diragetse eng gore e nne lerala. Jaanong ke botsa gore a o tlaa kgona go dira jalo?

Potso ya me ya bobedi ke gore, ka re batla *to change* lewala go tsamaisa itsholela go solegela Batswana mosola, a Tona o ne a sa bone go le maleba gore re ka tsaya gongwe dingwe ra di baya pele di se dintsi, gore re di dire ka re dumela gore ke tsone tse re ka di kgonang mo bogompionong? E bile tsa re ungwela ka bofefo, kana tse Motswana jaaka a e tle a re di ka nna bogadi bogaufi, gore re tle re kgone go nna *competitive*, ka gore re ka nna *competitive* mo go tsone. A o ne a sa kanye gore go na le gore ba ka lebelela dilo dingwe tse re ka di dirang re le lefatshe la Botswana, go dira jalo re fetola lewala? Ke leboga thata Dr Letsholathebe go araba ka botswapelo, le ka go tlhalosetsa Batswana gore ba tlhaloganye, fa o ka nkaraba tse ke di boditseng mongwame.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Tanki Mr Speaker. Dingwe tse re...

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: We have lost you again Honourable Dr Letsholathebe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Hikuama o a lowa.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Laughter!)...

MR SPEAKER: We have lost you Minister...

...Silence...

MR HIKUAMA: Le nna ke batla go mmotsa, ga se mo ke ka mo lowang. Gape ke mongwe wa Matona a ke a tlotlang thata, o itsaya ka tlhoafalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Jone boloi o bo itse?

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, his microphone is actually muted.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Letsholathebe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Honourable Letsholathebe, can you unmute yourself.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: ...(Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: Have you unmuted yourself?

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Yes.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Buela kwa godimonyana.

MR SPEAKER: Now we can hear you but you are still low in terms of volume.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa leka go goa Mr Speaker. O a nkutlwa?

MR SPEAKER: Ee rra.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Mr Speaker, ke leboge dipotso tse ke di filweng ke Rre Balopi. Kgang ya ntlha ke ya gore re dirile eng? Re dirile dipatlisiso mme gone jaana *we are looking at development of the troupe satellite. Satellite* e e tlaa kgona go re thusa mo dikgannyeng tsa *agriculture* go lebelela diji le dilo tse dingwe tse di dirang gore e se ka ya tokafala.

Dikgang tsa *tourism*, re ithutile mo COVID-19 gore batho ga ba kgone go tsamaya fa gongwe, re kgone go dira gore batho ba lebelele *tourism* ya rona ba le mo maranyaneng. Di dintsi tse re di dirang Mr Speaker, tsa go ka dira di...



MR SPEAKER: You are gone again. You and your microphone (mic) do not seem to be coordinated.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Letsholathebe!

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

MR SPEAKER: We cannot hear a thing.

MR BALOPI: Nnyaa mme o e arabile Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ka bo madimabe gore ga re mo utlwe. Ke tsaya gore o ne a re ba setse ba dirile *satellite* e e tlaa tsamaisang sengwe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A ko o ipaakanye ka gore re batla go dira *supplementary* e nngwe foo. Baakanya *mic*.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: I am joining you with my phone; one minute. Hello Mr Speaker!

MR SPEAKER: Yes Minister.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Thank you very much. I have used my phone to join. Sorry about that.

MR SPEAKER: Yes please, go ahead.

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

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: Ke ne ke re kgang e ya gore re dira eng; re dirile *development of the troupe satellite Mr Speaker*, e mo go yone e tlileng go re thusa go ka tokafatsa *agriculture* ya rona. Kgang ya malatsi a ke *data* gore re nne le ya gore re ka tokafatsa *agriculture* ya rona jang. Diji le dilo tse dingwe tse di dirang gore *agriculture* ya rona e se ka ya gola, e ya go re thusa mo go tsone dikgang tseo.

Kgang ya *tourism* gore batho ba kgone go nna le *virtual tourism*. Motho fa a le kwa New York, a kgone go lebelela makgobokgobo a rona mme go boelwa rona. Ke sengwe se re se dirang. Go dira dikgang tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le tsa *development of the Foot and Mouth vaccine* le bo *lumpy skin*, re tswelletse fela thata mo go tsone. Di dintsi *Mr Speaker*; tse re ka di dirang.

Kgang ya *specialisation* ... (Inaudible) ... ba *research centres* le *universities* maloba gore ba tlhophe dingwe tse re ka nngang bommantswitswidi mo go tsone. Ke tsaya gore mo bogautshwaneng *we will come up with a list* gore re kgone go supegetsa Batswana gore re batla go ikaega mo go eng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Last supplementary Honourable Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: *Last supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona. Tona, ke ne ke re ke itebaganye le ya *indigenous knowledge* gore a mme le le lephata, le setse le na le thulaganyo *to formalise* go fetisa dikitso tsa mofuta oo kwa bathong ba ba senang natso? Ka mantswa a mangwe, a le na le *anything that you use to coordinate the knowledge* e le batlang gore e fetisiwe kana e setse e bonwe, batho ba batla go e fetisa? *Are there any formal structures and programmes that are in place* gore batho ba tle ba lemoge gore fa ba na le tsone ba batla go isa, le bone ba rute ba bangwe, ba ka isa kwa kae, e bile ba ka dira eng? Le gone gore a mme go na le dikole kana *institutions* tse le setseng le di lemogile *that can incorporate* dithuto tsone tse? Ke a leboga.

DR LETSHOLATHEBE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke go leboga *Honourable Hikuama*, tsala ya me. Kgang ya gore re dira eng mo dikgannyeng tsa *indigenous knowledge*; re na le Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, e e itebagantseng le dikgang tsa *innovation.* *We have assigned them* kgang yone eo gore maloba, *that was around a month ago*, gore ba itebaganye le dikgang tsa *indigenous knowledge.* Ba dirisane le ba *Local Government through their rural development programmes* go bona gore ba ka thusa Batswana jang gore ba kgone go itshedisa ka yone *indigenous knowledge.* Re ba file tetla ya gore ba tsamae le lefatshe le ba buisanya le Batswana ba ba ruta ka kgang eo.

Sengwe gape se re se dirang ke go ka dirisa ... (Inaudible) ... re tseye dikitso tsa bone pele fa ba di abelana le ba bangwe, ba kgona go dira *patents* gore fa e le gore o na le bothakga bongwe jo o nang le jone, o kgone go itse gore ga gona ope yo o ka bo tsayang mo go wena. Ka jalo, ke sone se re se dirang. Re simolotse mme re tlaa tloga re tsamaya le lefatshe lotlhe re dirisanya le Batswana gore ba kgone go tshela ka dikitso tsa bone.

Fa go tla kwa dikoleng; *yes, curriculum* ya rona le mo dikoleng re lebeletse gone moo go kgona gore re e fetole, e tsenye dikgang tsa *indigenous knowledge* go yeng kwa pele. Re bona kwa mafatsheng a mangwe kwa bo South Africa. Le dikgang tsa boloi, ba setse ba simolotse go bona gore ba ka di tsenya mo *curriculum* ya bone. *Why not do the same?* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: ... (Laughter!) ...



HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke batla to enrol le nna.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE AUDIT

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism to brief this Honourable House on the state of the Moremi Game Reserve audit, and in particular:

- (i) state the financial years the game reserve was audited and the lessons learnt; if not, why;
- (ii) whether the non-auditing is legal; and
- (iii) corrective measures in place to normalise the Moremi Game Reserve audit.

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND TOURISM (MR PULE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Minister is not around so I am standing in for her. *Ke batla go tsaya sebaka se go leboga Motlotlegi Kekgonegile ka potso e a e boditseng; moemedi wa Kgaolo ya bothlophi ya Maun East.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, Moremi Game Reserve was internally audited during the 2017/2018 financial year from the 7th–17th of November 2017, by Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism (MENT) internal auditors. Another audit was conducted by the Auditor General during the 2018/2019 financial year. During the 2020/2021 financial year, the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism's internal auditor had planned to conduct an audit for Moremi Game Reserve but this task was not undertaken due to the COVID-19 pandemic movement restrictions.

Mr Speaker, some of the lessons learnt include the following:

- (a) Auditing is important as it helps to correct anomalies in the daily running of the game reserve.
- (b) It deters fraud by officers that can cost Government loss of revenue.
- (c) It identifies gaps in the Government processes in the game reserve.
- (d) It helps to fast-track developments required in the day-to-day running of the game reserve.
- (e) It addresses staff welfare issues.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, regular auditing of game reserves and national parks is important as an administrative process to help correct abnormalities and gaps in the Government processes used. However, the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (1992) and its associated regulations does not state anywhere that non-auditing of game reserves is illegal. Auditing of Government entities is the responsibility of Auditor General, hence the determination to audit or not to audit remains their responsibility as guided by the Finance and Audit Act.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, some of the corrective measures in place to normalise the Moremi Game Reserve audit, include the following:

- (a) The audit report had observed that some tourists fly in or canoe in the park, and that the Department of Wildlife and National Parks had made an agreement with tour operators in the protected areas to register tourists as they enter Moremi Game Reserve, and they provide statistics on monthly basis. This was noted as a risk area in terms of under-reporting by the tour operators. The audit had recommended constructing a permanent camp or office for monitoring entrance or departures through these routes, but the department has not been able to do so due to resource constraints. The ministry will look into putting up the office in the western side of the park in future as resources for physical park infrastructure become available.
- (b) Audit observed that revenue collection at entrances was collected in unsecure counters. The counters at both North and South Gates were without burglar bars, which put the collections at risk. To address this, burglar bars have been installed in South and North Gate offices.
- (c) The audit report had noted that Moremi Game Reserve Management Plan was overdue for review as it was last reviewed in 2007, and takes five years for need to be reviewed. As a corrective measure, the Management Plan was reviewed in 2021 and has been completed.
- (d) In relation to transportation of cash for remittance, the audit report had stated that cash and revenue collectors were transported in the back of the land cruisers or insecure vehicles with cashboxes unchained for a distance of more than 100



kilometres (km). This has been addressed through a fully customized land cruiser twin cab which was procured during the 2021/2022 financial year, and is on-site to address this short-coming.

- (e) In relation to the security of the park entrance, it was observed that there were no security personnel at the Moremi Game Reserve Gate entrances, yet the standard practice is Government premises were to be provided with security to protect Government properties. In response to the risk of theft of cash, the installation of Point of Sale (POS) machines has been adopted as a long-term measure to safely collect revenue in protected areas. During the 2022/2023 financial year, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks will ensure that all pay-points have POS machines, including all park entrances. Additionally, security features, including strong-rooms, have been constructed, including at South and North Gate offices.
- (f) Lastly, the audit had noted that there was no electricity at North Gate, and officers used their personal phones to provide light when they were registering guests and processing park payments. In response to this, solar energy electricity has been availed and installed, therefore, the problem of lighting has been solved. The solar system is working interchangeably with a diesel-powered generator. I thank you Mr Speaker.

I also want to beg you to ask the Honourable Minister, and not to ask me too many supplementary questions. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*, re a leboga Tona. Motho o kare kana rona mo lefatsheng re lela thata ka gore madi a bojanala a re tswa ka diphatlha tsa monwana, go dira bone dikompone, jaanong a o ka dumalana gore le fa re supa dikompone ka monwana, Goromente le ene mme o na le seabe, re lebile mathata a o ntseng o a nankola?

Sa bobedi, o bua ka metlakase, le ka *gate* kwa *western side*, ditiro tse, *ministry* wa gago *has planned* go di dira leng, jang? A di teng mo NDP 12 kana o ikaelela go di dira leng? A o di tsentse gore a di diragatse, fa a di tsentse, o ikaelela go di diragatsa mo ngwageng ofe? Tanki.

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker*, ke go kopile gore o nkopele motlotlegi gore a se ka a mpotsa dipotso tse di thata.

Potso ya ntlha e thata ka gore ya re a le fa madi a bojanala a re tswa ka diphatlha tsa menwana, a ga ke lemoge fa Goromente le ene a na le seabe mo teng. Ke tsaya gore fa ke ntse ke tlhalosa mo karabong, ke tlhalosa gore ga go na ka fa motho a ka iphitlhang ka monwana a re ga go na mathata kwa *parks*, mme fela se se botlhokwa ke gore, kana madi a a bo a le teng. Fa madi a ne a le teng a itirelwa, sengwe le sengwe se o se kopang motlotlegi, re ka bo re se kgona gore re se dire *to make sure* gore madi a se ka a re tswa ka diphatlha tsa menwana. Ke sone se ke ntseng ke bua ke re ga re sa tlhole re dirisa sedilame go bonesa mo *gates*, jaanong re tsentse *solar systems*, tse ke tsayang gore fa madi a ka bonala, *we will increase those solar systems*. Dingwe tsa ditlhabololo tse Goromente a di dirileng, ke go tsenya *point of sales* *because it is a very convenient gadget* e e leng gore le *exchange* ya madi ga e bonwe, *you just swipe* fela, madi e bo e sala e le dipampiri tse e leng gore le fa motho a ka e utswa, e ka se ke ya mo tswela mosola ka gore madi a a tlaa felela a gorogile kwa a tshwanetseng go ya teng.

Jaaka o bua, kana e rile fa ke tlhalosa mo karabong ya me ka re, *resources permitting, we want to continuously improve services at the parks*, mo go rayang gore jaaka o bua, go tlhamaletse fela gore dilo tsotlhe tse di saletseng kwa morago tse e leng gore re a di tlhoka, re di tsentse mo NDP 12 jaaka gongwe le gongwe fela. Le kwa dikgaolong tsa gago, o a itse gore *all the outstanding projects* tse di neng di tswa kwa NDP 11 re dirisitse makgotla a mo gae a VDC le bodirelapuso jo bo tshwanetseng gore *projects* tseo di tsenngwe mo lenaneong la NDP 12. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga. Ke botse Tona gore a o a itse gore bontsi jwa *park entrance gates* di dirisa dirojaroja? Fa e le gore o tlaabo o batla go tsenya *point of sale*, go tlhokana le gore o bo o na le *communication network* gore o kgone *to communicate* le dibanka. Gape e tlhokana le motlakase, le gone *not necessarily* motlakase wa *the main grid*, e leng motlakase wa *solar*. Tsone dilo tse *Minister*, o a tlhaloganya gore ke tsone tse a ka bong a di tsenya pele mo *gates* gore go nne le one motlakase wa *solar*, le gone kwa mantlong a babereki tota? Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: Motlotlegi, fa ke ngunanguna le bagarona ba ba neng ba mpha *briefing*, tota maikaelelo a rona fela a matona kwa lephateng la rona le mo *parks*, ka e bile tota re na le letsatsi le le ntsi, bogolo jang gone mo *parks*, maikaelelo a rona ke go isa madi a mantsi mo



motlakaseng wa *solar*. Ka gore selo sa ntlha motlakase wa *solar* boammaaruri jwa one ke gore fa o o tsentse, go lebelega go le turu go o tsenya, mme go o *maintain*, go motlhofo. Mo go rayang gore tota fela lephata la rona le tshwanetse gore le bo le lebeletse gore go tsennngwe motlakase wa *solar* ka gore o *manageable*.

The other thing se le wena *Honourable* Nkawana o se itseng ka e bile o berekile *in parks* thata, o tsamaile lefatshe le ka bophara, re na le golo mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *fibre-optic*, go ya ka nna fa e tsamayang teng, e tloga e kopana e dira *ring* ya lefatshe le lotlhe. E le gore ka fa e ntseng teng, re ya go goga maranyane mo teng. *At least* kwa kgaolong ya me kwa Kgatleng, ke a itse gore *fibre-optic* e a goroga, mme e bile re tsenya Wi-Fi le *internet*. So ke na le tsholofelo e e tletseng gore mafelo a a tshwanang le one a, a ya *to benefit from this service*. Jaaka le bone ba Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) ba re tshephisitse lefatshe ka bophara, go re ema nokeng *to make sure* gore ga go na gope mo lefatsheng la Botswana fa go senang *network especially in the security areas* tse di tshwanang le *parks* gore *communication* e nne motlhofo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke solofela gore swaare sa me Gobotswang o itumetse, ke a mmona ke yole o a *smile*.

COMPENSATION TO HOME OWNERS

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): asked the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services to explain:

- (i) how many houses were found to have cracks emanating from blasting during the construction of the Lotsane Dam by Sinohydro, and what the legal radius is for inspection from the dam;
- (ii) whether all those affected have been adequately compensated;
- (iii) the breakdown of house owners and the total amount paid out; and
- (iv) if there are any pending compensations other than those before court; and what has caused the delay and when such compensations are expected to be finalised.

MINISTER OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES (MR MZWINILA): Mr Speaker, my ministry undertook the construction of Lotsane Dam between 2009 and 2012 to supply

Tswapong Northern cluster villages with water. The project was constructed by Synohydro Corporation.

- (i) Before blasting, seismometers were installed around the village to measure shockwaves and ground vibration from blasting. An assessment of 687 properties was done within the radius of 4,000 meters (4km) from the dam before the construction commenced. The second assessment was done at the completion of the dam to establish the impact of the project on the nearby properties. Of the 687 properties, 14 could not be fully assessed as they could not be accessed due to unavailability of the owners. This resulted in observations being done from the outside of the buildings without detailed assessment of the inside of the properties.

The results from the second assessment indicated that the project did not have any significant impact on the nearby residents, save for one property that was found to have minor cracks which required minor repair work.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, no one was compensated by the ministry because the assessment done on the properties at the completion of the project demonstrated that the project did not have any significant impact on nearby properties.
- (iii) As indicated above no one was compensated.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, from our records, only one property which required some repair work is pending resolution other than the ones before the courts. It is our plan to conclude this matter during this financial year.

In 2016, the 14 property owners which we did not have access to at the time of the baseline assessment submitted claims that the dam project damaged their properties. However, given the lapse of time between the conclusion of the construction of the dam in 2012 and by the time the 14 property owners made their claims in 2016, the ministry was not in a position to ascertain that it was true that their properties were affected by the construction works therefore their claims were dismissed.

The property owners approached the court and an order was made in August 2021 for the ministry to conduct an assessment of the 14 properties to establish the extent of damage and compensate the owners accordingly. The assessment was conducted up to September 2021 and reports were submitted to the Attorney General Chambers, Francistown Office in January 2022 for acceptance by the affected property owners.



On acceptance of the proposed compensations, the ministry will source funds to settle the matters accordingly. However, if they are not in agreement with the proposed compensations, the matter will return to court for final determination. The ministry still awaits responses from the complainants. I thank you Mr Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, o supa gore go na le ba ba 14 ba ba neng ba ya kwa court, mme court ya feta ya dumalana gore ba tshwanetse to be compensated. A mme phimolo dikeledi e, maikaelelo ke gore e bo e le e e tsamaelanang le go senyega, for example, gore fa e le gore motho ntlo ya gagwe ga se e e ka tlholang e le mo seemong sa go dirisiwa, a o tlaabo o mo compensate gore go ka emisetswa ntlo ya go nna jalo?

A Tona o a lemoga gore go na le bangwe ba e leng gore bone ga ba a ka ba ya kwa court, mme ba amegile fela jaaka ba ba ileng kwa court, kgang ya malobanyana jaana, re ntse re e bua. Tona fa e le gore o a lemoga gore ba teng, wa reng ka bone ba e leng gore ga ba a ka ba felela ba ile kwa court, mme e le gore ba ne ba amegile fela jaaka ba ba ileng kwa court, wa reng ka batho bao Tona le gore dipalo tsa bone tsone di tsamaya fa kae? Ba e neng e le gore ba amegile jaaka ba ba 14, ba court e ba amogetseng, ba ba neng ba tlhoka gore ba ka itsheka ka ntata ya go tlhabela, wa reng ka bone Tona? Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR MZWINILA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Potso ya ntlha ke gore a phimolo dikeledi e ya go tsamaelana le tshenyoo e e dirilweng. Fa e le gore re ya go tla re ntsha madi a phimolo dikeledi, tota gone e tlaabo e le a go baakanya se se senyegileng. Go raya gore phimolo dikeledi ya teng e ya go tsamaelana le gore tshenyoo ya teng ke ya mofuta ofe, gape ke tshenyoo ya bokae.

Mo potsong ya bobedi, ga ke itse go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore ga ba a ka ba ya kwa kgotlatshekelong, mme ba ne ba tshwanetse go ya. Fa ke bua ke ne ke re, ka nako e re neng re dira tshakatsheko ya gore seemo sa dikago tsa bone se ntse jang pele ga re dirisa ditalameiti, re tsene mo malwapeng a le 687. Mo go 687, go na le 14, ene 14 yo o kwa kgotlatshekelong, yo e leng gore ga re a kgona go tsena mo malwapeng a bone, go raya gore ba bangwe ga ba ka ke ba ya kgotlatshekelo ka gore re ne ra tsaya ditshwantsho tsa dikago tsa bone pele ga re thuntsha le morago ga re thuntsha. Ditshwantsho tseo ke bosupi jwa rona jwa gore ditshenyegelo tsa bone ke tsa mofuta o o ntseng jang.

Jaanong fa e le gore go na le bosupi jwa gore ditshenyegelo ke tsa mofuta o o ntseng jang, le fa ba ka ya kwa kgotlatshekelo, re ya go feta re lwantsha kgang ya teng. Re ya go ganana le kgang ya teng ka gore bosupi jwa rona bo re bontsha gore ditshenyegelo e ne e se tse dintsi kana tse di tlhokang gore go nne le dipaakanyo. Ke gore 14 yole, ka maswabi, re ne re sena bosupi jwa gore kwa tshimologong pele ga re thuntsha, ditshenyego tsa matlo a teng e ne e le tsa sebopego se se ntseng jang, kana go ne go na le tshenyoo e e diragetseng ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Se ke se buang ke gore ga go na ba bangwe gape, ba ba ka tlang ba re re ba senyeditse matlo ka gore re na le bosupi jwa gore go diragetse jang pele ga re thuntsha le morago ga re thuntsha ditalameiti. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Honourable Minister, ke eng tota se se dirileng gore kgang e felele e le kwa court? Ga se gone go supa gore le bone ba ba 14 bao, le ne le gana to compensate them ka mabaka a a tshwanang le ba e leng gore ga le batle go ba compensate ka gore ga ba a ya court? Ke eng le feleletse le le kwa court le batho bao? Ke eng o kare re itlwaetsa re le Puso gore dinako tsotlhe, re bo re ya go laelwa ke court gore re tlhokomele Batswana ka fa ba tlaabong ba itela ka teng mo Pusong? Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR MZWINILA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga ke dumalane le Honourable Gobotswang a re re gana go duela batho madi a phimolo dikeledi. Ga go a nna jalo. Ke rile fa e le gore motlotlegi o ne a reeditse, re ne ra tsaya bosupi jwa dikago tsa bone pele ga re simolola thulaganyo ya go dirisa ditalameiti kana re thuntsha gore re age letamo. Dikago tsotlhe tse di ne di le mo 4km radius, re ne ra ya kwa go tsone, ra ya go tsaya bosupi jwa gore seemo sa dikago tsa teng se ntse jang. Morago ga re thuntsha, re bo re boela kwa dikagong tsa teng, re ya go bona gore a mme di amilwe ke ditalameiti tse di neng di dirisiwa, mme ga tla ga itshupa gore ga di a amega. Go raya gore ga re ise re re re gana go duela batho bao, re rile ga go na bosupi jwa gore ditalameiti di sentse matlo a bone. Ba ba 14 ba, ke ba ka nako e re neng re ya go tsaya ditshwantsho tsa ntlha, ga re a kgona go tsena mo malwapeng a bone. Go raya gore re tlhabela ka bosupi jwa go supa gore kwa tshimologong ntlo e ne e ntse jang, morago ga go thuntsha ntlo e bo e nna ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke sone se re sa kgoneng gore re iphemele kwa kgotlatshekelo mabapi le kgang e. Ke a leboga.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Supplementary.* Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Minister, ke reeditse karabo e ya



gago ka botlalo, ka tlhwaafalo. Tona, dikgang tsa gore e re go tshwanetswe gore go tlholwe matlo a batho pele fa go ka thuntshiwa, go lebelega di nna dintsi thata mo *projects* tsa rona tsa Water Utilities Corporation (WUC). *A typical example*, go ntse jalo kwa Thamaga, *the complaint is coming to you*, bana ba gago ba WUC ba e tshotse. Golo fa mongwe o a bo a sa dira tiro, motho wa mofuta o o tseelwa kgato efe? Go raya gore *at the end of the day, ministry* o ya go felela o duela ditshenyegelo tse di dirilweng ke bothaswa jwa go tlhoka go tsaya dinepe pele fa go ka dirwa tiro kana go ka thuntshiwa mo tseleng e ditiro tsa lona di yang go tsamaya mo go yone. *We have a typical one* kwa Thamaga, *it is coming to your office your honour. Thank you sir.*

MR MZWINILA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motaosane. Ya Thamaga ga ke ka ke ka araba thata ka yone, ka gore ga ke ise ke nne le dintlha tsa teng. Jaaka motlotlegi a buile, e tlaa tla kwa ofising. Se ke ka se buang ke gore, tsamaiso ke gore re tshwanetse gore re ye go bona gore seemo sa kago se ntse jang pele fa re thuntsha, re bo re ya go bona gore seemo sa kago se ntse jang morago fa re thuntsha ditalameiti. Fa go na le tshenyo e e diragetseng, re tshwanetse gore re e baakanye, ke yone tsamaiso. Jaanong fa go na le boitseme bongwe jo bo dirilweng kana phoso nngwe e e dirilweng ke ba Koporase ya Metsi, re tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore re rarabolole kgang ya teng. Se ke se buang ke gore, re tshwanetse gore re busetse ntlo kana kago mo seemong se re se fitlhetseng pele fa re thuntsha, fa e le gore tshenyo e tswa go dirwa ke ditalameiti tsa rona. Ke a leboga.

COST OF EDUCATION AT JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

MR M. REATILE (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): asked the Minister of Basic Education to state:

- (i) the cost of education to Government on each student at junior and senior secondary school;
- (ii) the total number of students in junior and secondary schools as at October 2021; and
- (iii) the total number of schools at junior and senior level.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MS MAKWINJA): *Mr Speaker, thank you very much.*

Mr Speaker, go duelela bana dikole kana gore Goramente o dirisa madi a a ka nngang bokae mo baneng ba dikole tsa rona, ke tlaa leka ka bojotle gore ke bolelele Ntlo e gore, e rile ka 2006 go ne ga tlišiwa lenaneo la *cost sharing*, e 5 per cent mo ditshenyegelong tsa Lephata la

Thuto, e a kgaogangwa ka ngwana le ngwana go bona gore ngwana o ka duela bokae. 5 per cent yoo ga a ise a ko a fetolwe, le fa dingwaga di ntse di tlhatlologana *Mr Speaker.* Ngwana kwa *junior secondary school* o duela P300.00 ka ngwaga, kwa *senior secondary school* o duela P450.00 ka ngwaga.

Mr Speaker, ditshenyegelo mo thutong ya rona, ngwana wa *junior secondary school* re mo duelela madi a a kana ka P24,678.00, ngwana mongwe le mongwe ka ngwaga. Motsadi a lopiwa fela P300.00.

Mr Speaker, re ne re na le bana ba le 129 820 mo ngwageng o o sa tswang go feta, mme madi otlhe fa re a soboka e nna P38,946,000.00 for *Form 3s* fela, madi a re neng re a solofetse gore re a dirisitse mo thutong. Jaanong mo *senior secondary school*, re ne re na le bana ba le 51 396. Ngwana a le mongwefela kwa *senior secondary*, re mo duelela P24,328.00. Madi a ke *average* ya madi a e leng *salaries* tsa barutabana, ke go jesa bana ba le kwa dikoleng, dibuka, madi a a dirisiwang letsatsi le letsatsi, *furniture* le didirisiwa tse ba di dirisang *and the estimates* tsa *assets* tse dingwe. Ke one a a dirang madi a a kana ka P24,328.00. Go bo go raya gore mo go bone re solofela gore, fa ba ne ba ka busa madi a, fa re goboka *senior secondary school* e nna P23,128,200.00. Mo go rayang gore fa o tlhakanya madi a re a dirisang mo baneng, otlhe e nna P62,074,200.00. A re a kgonang fela gore re a tseye mo baneng mo ngwageng e e neng e feta e, e ne e le *roughly* P20 million. *It is about 32 per cent of the cost* ya go tsenya ngwana wa Motswana sekole mo dikoleng tsa ga Goramente. Re ka bona gore ke madi fela a mantsi, a re ka bong re duela ma P300.00 le ma P450.00, a ka bo gongwe a re suteletsa golo gongwe. Ga re kgone go fitlha kwa re tshwanetseng go fitlha teng *Mr Speaker.*

Ministry wa me o na le 207 *junior secondary schools*, go na le *two unified secondary schools* and 32 *senior secondary schools*. Mo go rayang gore ke tsone dikole tse di nang le bana ba ba e leng gore mo mading a a kanakana a re a dirisang re le Goramente, re kgona *to recover* close to P20 million fela. Ga ke itse gore a ke arabile motlotlegi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR REATILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge Tona. Tona fa o ne o ka boelela palo ya bana ba o reng ke ba ba kwa *junior secondary*, gore re e tseye ka tlhamalalo. Ke utlwile o bua dipalo tse dintsi fela ga ke a go tshwara sentle, gongwe fa o ka e boelela ka tla ka e tshwara sentle, ke batla sengwe. E tle e re kamoso ke kgone go go tshubela sentle mo ntlong.



MS MAKWINJA: Ee rra, bana ba *junior secondary school* ba re neng re na le bone ke 129 820 ka 2021. Ba *senior secondary school* ke 51 396. Madi a *junior secondary school per child*, ke P24,678.00, a *senior secondary school* ke P24,328.00. *per child, per annum expenditure*.

MR REATILE: *I am okay Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke mo tikela mogala fela gore a ikaletse.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Supplementary. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke bona dipalo tsa ga Tona le madi a a ntshiwang ke batsadi le Goramente. Tota kgang ya me *Mr Speaker*, o kare e tlaa se ke e tsene kwa mading ao. Matlho a me a ne a tshwenngwa ke dipalo tsa bana ba ba kwa Junior Certificate (JC) ba ba leng 129, 820. Fa re tsena kwa *senior secondary school* bana ba 51, 396, jaanong fa o lebelela *difference* ke 78, 424. Tota se se raya gore bana ba le 78, 424 ga ba kgone go fetela kwa *senior secondary school*. Potso ya me ke gore, a Tona o a itse gore palo e ya bana ba ba tswelang kwa ntle ya 78, 424, ba ka tswa ba ya kae? *Have you conducted any research or tracer study* ya gore bana ba kwa ba leng teng a go na le sengwe se ba kileng ba se dira se se tsamaelanang le go tlhabolola thuto ya bone kana jang? Ke bona e ntshwenya le dipalo tsa teng gore *if we are losing so many students*, go raya eng? Go raya gore *education system* ya rona e kgwa bana ba ba kana *at junior secondary school*. O re tlhalosetse gore a o itse kwa ba leng teng? A golo mo ga go go tshwenye? Fa e le gore go a go tshwenya, maikaelelo ke gore o dire eng gore bana ba ba ba tswang *at this level* ba ka *proceed to higher levels*?

MS MAKWINJA: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke kgang e e re tshwenyang fela thata. Mo ngwageng o bana ba le *about* 18 000, o o fetileng 19, 000 ga ba a kgona go fetelela. Ke dipalo tse dintsi fela thata. Re ntse re a ngunanguna mo lephateng ka gore jaaka o bona, re leka go tsenya lenaneo la *multiple pathways*. Ga re a leba lone fela. Bana ba ga re itse kwa ba teng rra, ba teng ba na le rona, gongwe go na le kwa ba tsenang teng. Ba bangwe ba ya Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL). Ba bangwe fa ba le lesego ba tsena mo *vocational training*. Ga ke ka ke ka go raya ka re, re na le nako gore ba kae, ba ya kae. Re ne re bua phakela gore re tlaa tshwanela ke go bereka ka maranyane, *education information system*, re kgone *to track* bana ba *from primary* re bone gore *careers* tsa bone di ya kae. Ke selo se se re tshwenyang, e bile re bereka mo go sone. Ke a leboga.

DR MATSHEKA: *Supplementary. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge Tona *for the answer* e a e fileng potso e e boditsweng. Tona, ke botsa *in general terms*, re ne ra dumalana mo *the Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (ERTP) programme* re le Palamente re bua ka *developing human capital and skills*. Jaanong ke utlwile o araba gore *you were using average costs* tsa *education around the students*. Ke botsa gore a ga le ise le tle mo seemong sa gore, gore re *assess the quality of education*, re bo re gorogile mo *unit cost per student* so that re kgone *to assess quality*? Ke batla go itse gore *how do you relate what we are trying to achieve* mo ERTP le potso e ya gore tota mme *unit cost per student* ke yone e tlileng go athhola gore *are we spending enough per student in order to achieve the ERTP objectives*? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MS MAKWINJA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Dipalo tse ke di buang ke tsa maiteko. Ke ka go bolelela gore re ntse re bereka mo go tsone. Ke dipalo tse e leng gore fa o bona United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) *reports* tse ba le kang go re thusa le *to compare* le mafatshe a mangwe, gore tota *an acceptable unit cost* e na le eng, ga e na eng. Ke tsone tse e leng gore re a leka, ga re ka ke ra re di *perfect* gone jaana mme re tsamaela teng koo. *To improve that quality of education*, re lemogile gore *unit cost* e, dilo ka bontsi ga di mo *the actual education itself*. Di ya kwa *buildings, projects*, o bo o fitlhela e le gore se se yang kwa go ruteng ngwana, *percentage* ya teng ga e kalokalo. *For us to improve education* ke gore, *unit cost* ya *education itself* e tshwanetse go wela kwa godimo *compared to projects*. *Thank you*.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES IN K GALAGADI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

MR S. J. BROOKS (K GALAGADI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state the number of Special Constables at police stations and police posts in the Kgalagadi South Constituency; he should further state:

- (i) whether their number is adequate; if not, what is the future plan;
- (ii) if their performance is satisfactory; and
- (iii) what criteria was used to employ them.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Mma ke lebogele Mopalamente wa Kgalagadi Borwa



Sam Brooks *for* potso. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kgaolo ya bothlophi ya Kgalagadi Borwa e na le diofisi tsa sepodise di le nne le diofisi potlana di le lesome le borataro. Ke kopa gore ke mo neele palo ya mapodise a a re thusang a *Special Constable* kwa bothokong *Mr Speaker*; ka gore ga re nke re ntsha dipalo tsa mapodise Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, sepodise sa Botswana se lemoga bothlokwa jwa go thapiwa ga badiri ba nakwana ka ntlha ya seabe sa bone mo sepodiseng. Ka jalo, dipalo tsa bone ga se tse re ka reng di lekane. Ke eletsa go supa fa dithulaganyo di tswetsetse go thiba diphatlha ka gore fa ba bangwe ba ntse ba tsewa ba isiwa kwa sepodiseng, go nna le diphatlha. Re tswetsetse gore re nne re thibe diphatlha tseo ba ba ileng kwa Police College ba di tlogela *especially* mo ngwageng o. Ka kakaretso go dira ga badiri ba nakwana go a nametsa fela thata, re a go itumelela. Ba sepodise ba a itumela ka gore ba a thusa mo dikgannyeng tsa go tlotlhomisa dikgetsi tse di potlana le tsa melato ya tsela.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go na le tsela e e beilweng ya go thapiwa ga badiri ba ba nakwana. Ba tshwanetse ba bo ba dirile mophato wa lekwalo la bothano kwa dikoleng tse di kgolwane, e bile ba na le dintlha di le lesome le boraro. Mo godimo ga moo, ba tshwanetse ba bo ba dirile sentle mo puong ya Sekgoa ka letshwao la C kgotsa go feta mme gape ba na le dingwaga tse di magareng ga lesome le borobabobedi le masome a mabedi le bone. Diphatlha tsa ikopelo tiro ya go nna jaana, di anamisiwa ka methale e e farologanyeng ya go isa dikgang kwa bathong. Ba ba supileng kgalhego ba a lalediwa mo ditshekatshekong tsa khiro tse di tseeneletseng mme ba boe ba atlegile ba thapiwe go lebilwe diphatlha tse di leng teng mo nakong eo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR BROOKS: *Supplementary. Thank you Minister. Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, tanki ka karabo eo. Ke tsaya gore tse dingwe ke tlaa di tsaya kwa thoko jaaka o bua. Just a quick one, a maikaelelo a khiro ya bana ba fa o tlisa lenaneo le, e ne e se gore o hire local? Let us say fa e le bana ba Bokspits o hire kwa Bokspits, fa e le bana ba Tsabong, o hire kwa Tsabong, fa e le Nkange, o hire ba Nkange. A o a itse gore gompieno jaana ngwana wa kwa Serowe le mo hira kwa Kgalagadi, wa Kgalagadi o hirwa kwa Gantsi? A ga le lemoge gore golo mo go *cost* bana mo go feteletseng? Sentlesentle a bana ba ba hirwa ke *ministry* wa gago kana ke wa *Local Government*? Tanki mongwame.*

MR MMUSI: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Tota bone ba hiriwa ke Ministry wa Local Government mme ba tshwaragane le bone ba sepodise. Fela ke re rraetsho, ke dumalana nao, re sekaseka dikgang tse tsa gore gotwe motho o kgona go hirwa kwa Shakawe a bo a isiwa kwa Tsabong. Re leka gore re hire batho ba ba mo kgaolong eo fa go ntshitswe ipapatso (advertisement), people having applied for the post, go na le those who qualify. Go a re thusa le ka maroko fa motho a le mo Tsabong a bo a hirelwa mo Tsabong, go kgona go re thuse gore e se ka ya re a tswa kwa a tla a batla boroko kana a batla kgakala. Ke raya gore ke selo se e leng gore re a se bereka. Ke ntse ke utlwa fa ke tsamaya mo dikgaolong go na le dingongorego tsone tseo. Ke eme ka dinao gore ke leke gore re di baakanye rraetsho.*

HIGH TARIFFS CHARGED BY BPC

MR M. I. MOSWAANE (FRANCISTOWN WEST): To ask the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security to explain to this Honourable House about the high tariffs charged by the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) and further state:

- (i) if he is aware that most Batswana live under the poverty datum line, in that 80 per cent are either unemployed or under employed, and if so how do we expect poor Batswana to live under such difficult situations; and
- (ii) whether he is aware of any planned increase of BPC tariffs, in the near future.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY SECURITY (MR SEGOKGO): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Moagi o na le a pressing engagement and I will answer that question on his behalf.

- (i) Mr Speaker, let me start by starting that the founding Act for Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) requires the corporation to be run on sound commercial lines. Furthermore, the energy regulatory environment that the country established in 2016 requires that the regulation of tariffs for licencees, notwithstanding taking into account customer interests, has to ensure that licencees have a reasonable return in their operation. The current end user tariffs that are being charged by BPC are not cost reflective and this does not assist it to run on a sound financial basis. The tariff charged by BPC are amongst the lowest in the Southern Africa power pool.



Mr Speaker, the country has put a plan to meet its electrical energy requirements from 2020 to 2040 in the form of the Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity Generation. As these investments will be done by the private sector, there is need for BPC which is the offtaker to be financially sound in order to be in a position to purchase the required electricity energy.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the ministry through the regulator Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) has adopted a gradual phased approach to bring tariffs to cost reflectivity. You will note that in the financial years 2020- 2021 and 2021-2022, the tariffs adjustments were 5 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. For the 2022-2023 financial year, the increase is zero per cent despite the non-cost reflectivity. This decision was considering the current household economies which have been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and recently, the food and commodity prices occasioned by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Furthermore, it should be noted that the electricity tariff structure caters for the low income households and small businesses in that the first 200 units and 500 units are priced cheaper than the next higher lot. This is to cushion such customers.

Mr Speaker, in February 2022, the ministry took a decision to reduce the standard connection fee from P5000.00 exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) to P2500.00 exclusive of VAT for low income households earning under P2400 per month.

In conclusion Mr Speaker and in a direct response to Question Number 1, the ministry and indeed Government, is aware of Batswana's household level economy and respond accordingly to their plight as already shown by the phased approach to cost reflectivity of tariffs, allowing for comparatively low costs, tariffs structures that cater for small consumers and reduction in connection fees. The Government of Botswana also continues to subsidise the corporation in order to cushion the impact of the non-cost reflectivity electricity tariffs from time to time.

(ii) Mr Speaker, BERA periodically reviews the electricity tariffs and recommends to Government the need for tariff adjustments. We are happy to share that for the financial year 2022-2023, there is no electricity tariff adjustment. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOSWAANE: *Mr Speaker, ke kgotsofaletse karabo.*

MR SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES BOARDS

MR T. LETSHOLO (KANYE NORTH): asked the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration when a full review of State Owned Enterprises Boards will be implemented; specifically:

- (i) why board members in general cannot be reduced to five;
- (ii) why persons cannot be limited to not more than two board memberships;
- (iii) what value and benefit will accrue to the organisations if terms for board memberships are limited to two terms;
- (iv) articulate how board effectiveness is assessed on an annual basis; and
- (v) articulate how the ministry works to increase accountability for board members and express the ministry's pursuit for civil liability in terms of gross negligence by board members.

MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MORWAENG): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Government has established a Ministerial Sub-Committee on the Performance of State Owned Enterprises, chaired by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to review the State Owned Enterprises (SOE) landscape with a view to strengthen accountability, create efficiencies and achieve service excellence. To this end, the terms of reference of this sub-committee covers seven broad areas, being: Corporate Governance, Performance Monitoring, Funding, Rationalisation, Establishment (Policy and Guidelines), and Oversight.

Specific to the questions raised, Mr Speaker:

- (i) There is no one-size-fits-all approach for determining the size of State Owned Enterprise (SOE) boards. The SOE board size is determined by the level of diversity commensurate with the sophistication and scale of the organisation. The number of board committees that the entity needs to establish is another determinant. Hence, board sizes may range from six to 12.
- (ii) While the establishing Acts and Constitutions of SOEs do not impose any limits on board



memberships, the guidelines for shareholder oversight over parastatals adopted in November 2012 recommend that an individual may not serve on more than two boards Mr Speaker. The reason for limiting multiple memberships is to ensure that members are able to pay proper attention to the affairs of the institutions on whose boards they serve and to minimise conflicts of interests Mr Speaker.

(iii) State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) go through constant change all the time especially due to technological advancement and the competitive business environment. Therefore, managing this change may require bringing in people with fresh ideas to guide the organisations towards sustainable and long-term growth. Limiting board membership terms has advantages for the State Owned Enterprises, among others it:

- Provides a mechanism for bringing in new members with fresh ideas and perspectives to the board to tackle these challenges Mr Speaker;
- Enhances the board composition in terms of skills mix and diversity; and
- Prevents accumulation of power by certain individuals who may feel indispensable;

(iv) Government has developed a board evaluation tool that SOE Boards should use to assess their performance. Boards are encouraged to undergo self-assessments, peer reviews and even engage external parties to carry out board effectiveness assessment; and

(v) SOEs are required to sign a shareholder compact parent ministries. This is a performance agreement between the ministry and the SOE - represented by its Board Chairperson. The compact aligns performance expectations of the SOEs which can be effectively monitored, including:

- The strategic intent of the shareholder to the SOEs;
- The SOE strategic objectives, performance indicators and targets – as presented in the strategic plan; and
- Undertakings by the ministry and undertakings by the board.

As far as liability of individual board members is

concerned, the founding statutes or the State Owned Enterprises and Constitutions hold board members liable to the extent that it is provided for. It should be noted that board decisions are made by a collective. Therefore, individual board members cannot be held personally liable for decisions made by the collective.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, my ministry is currently at the final stages of developing an SOEs code of corporate governance and its implementation framework which aims at enhancing corporate governance and hence improve performance of SOEs. Furthermore, and in order to enhance oversight over SOEs by ministries my ministry is in the process of developing an SOE Ownership Policy to provide mechanisms for enhancing accountability in the management of SOEs. This will be achieved through incorporation of specific provisions dealing with matters that relate to:

- maintaining a strong interest in the financial performance of the commercial SOEs;
- reporting and accountability arrangements that facilitate an appropriate oversight by the shareholder; as well as
- remedial actions which may be pursued where the SOEs' strategic direction, governance or performance deviates from those agreed at establishment. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LETSHOLO: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker, ke a go leboga Tona. Ke re la ntlha fela ke kope gore o re tlhalosetse gore tiro e ya State Owned Enterprises ... (Inaudible)... rationalisation go ya ka pono ya gago, tota e tlaa fela leng, e tlaa wediwa leng? Sa bobedi Tona ke botse gore, o a reng ka tumelo e, bontsi jwa Batswana bo nang le yone ya gore fa go tla kwa malokong a dikomiti tse di tsamaisang dikompone tse, these Boards of Directors, go boelediwa batho ba le bangwe fela fela, mo boitseanape le bokgoni e nnang fela jwa batho ba le bangwe fela, ba bangwe ga ba kgone go tsennngwa mo teng. Ke gore the same pool of executives is circulated, a o bona e siame, mme e bile e ka baakannngwa jang?*

Ya bofelo Tona ke kope gore o tlhalose e ya *personal liability*, ka o ne o tlhalosa gore ga go nne sentle fa ele gore e tlaa re ba le mo dikomiting tse ba bo ba tselwa dikgato *at a personal level*, gore nnyaa kana mme go tlwaetswe gore fa motho ba le *on a board*, a itse gore fa kompone kana *board* eo e ka tsaya tshwetso e e leng



gore ga e a siama, kana e wetsa kompone ka lemena, o kgona go tselwa dikgato ka bongwe jwa gagwe, kana botlhe ba kopane le komiti. A seo ga se se le leng lephata le tshwanetseng go se lebelela, go dira gore ba ba nnang mo dikomiting ba itseye ka maitsholo a a kwa godimo, e bile ba thuse gore dikompone tse di tshware seemo se se kwa godimo sa *corporate Governance*, gore nnyaa mo ke tlwaelo, fa e le gore ga le go dire o go akanye gape Tona, o re tlhalosetse gore *in the meantime* go ka tweng? Ke a leboga.

MR MORWAENG: Ee rra, mma sa ntlha fela ke simolole ka yone gore ke dumalana le wena Motlotlegi Rre Letsholo, gore go tsenngwe leitlho thata, gore ope ga a tsenye koporase epe kana Puso mo mathateng. Ke sone se o bonang go na le thulaganyo ya gore ope a se ka a nna mo *boards* di le dintsi ka one maikaelelo le maikemisetso a gore ba ba mo go tsone ba dire ka botlalo, e bile ba dire ka bokgoni jotlhe jo ba nang le jone. Mme e bile ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore mo gompionong bontsi ja ba leng mo *boards* tse di farologaneng go latelwa batho ba ba nang le boitsenape le dikitso tse di rileng, tse di lebanyeng le se Lekgotla leo kana kompone ya mmuso e se dirang, gore tota batho ba tlise dikitso tse di maleba gore batle ba thuse.

Ntlha ya gore *State Owned Enterprises rationalisation* ya teng e tlaa wela leng; ke re ke go tlhomamisetsa gore go mo thulaganyong, go tswelletswe, e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, le mororo ke ka se ke ke tlhomamisa gore kamoso kana kamoso o mongwe, mme ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore go tlaa direga mo bogautshwaneng. Kana rra ke a itse setšhaba se sale se kopile, se eleditse, se gakolotse gore *the State Owned Enterprises* dingwe tsa rona di tshwanetse di kopanngwe kana dingwe goreng, goreng. Thulaganyo e ya *rationalisation* ya *the State Owned Enterprises*, ke go tlhomamisetsa rra gore e tswelletswe, e bile e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo go tlaabo go diragetse morwarre. O buile ka ntlha ya tumelo ya Batswana ya gore, batho ba le bangwe fela, Batswana ba dumela gore re bona difatlhego di le dingwe fela *in different boards* kana mo dikoporaseng tse di farologanyeng tsa mmuso, ke re ke a dumela rra gore tumelo eo e ntse e le teng, ke sone se Puso jaaka ke ne ke sinosa, e tlile ka thulaganyo e ya gore tota o nne *on board* fa o re di dintsi di bo di ka nna pedi. Ka gore Batswana tota ba ba nang le bokgoni jo bo farologanyeng re eletsa gore ba tsene *on these boards*.

Se ke ka se gakololang Batswana ba bangwe ka gore, ba bangwe o ya go fitlhela ba sa itse, re bo re sa itse kwa ba leng teng, le lona le itse bangwe ba ba farologanyeng, go na le Lekgotla le le bidiwang Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA) le Motswana mongwe le mongwe a kgonang go isa Curriculum Vitae (CV) ya gago teng koo. O kgona go ikgolaganya le bone o ise CV ya gago, o bo o supe o le Motswana o na le dikgatlhego tsa gore o ka eletsa go dira mo *boards* kana dikoporase tsa mofuta ofe. Ka gore kwa PEEPA ba na le *database* ya Batswana ba ba nang le dikitso le *experiences* tse di farologanyeng, tse di ka solegelang *boards* le dikoporase tse molemo. Ke a leboga, ke lebogela potso ya gago Motlotlegi Rre Letsholo.

DR MATSHEKA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bue gore kana kgang e ya *State Owned Enterprises* e tswa kgakala. Ke gakologelwa gore e ne ya re ka bo 2008 *Office of the President at that time* ya ntsha *advert* e kopa gore batho ba supe kgatlhego ya bone go tsena *on the boards*, gore ba kgone go thusa Puso go tsamaisa maphata a. Jaanong ke utlwa gompiono Tona a tlhalosa gore yo o nang le kgatlhego a ye PEEPA. Potso ya ntlha ke gore *is there a transparent process* ya gore batho ba batla go thusa *on boards*, ba kgone go atamela kwa pele ba thusa?

Ya bobedi ke gore *Mr Speaker*, kana tota gompiono *we have set a Reset Agenda* ya ga Motlotlegi Tautona, e e le kang go tlhabolola *output* mo itsholeleng ya rona. A Rre Morwaeng fa a lebile potso e ka fa e boditsweng ka teng, a tota go na le *alignment* ka karabo ya gagwe *in the Reset Agenda* e re e beileng re le *party* ya ga Domkrag fa pele ga lefatshe le? Tota ene o e bona e ntse jang gore re kgone go fitlhelela maitlamo a rona re le *party*? Jaanong ke botsa jalo *Mr Speaker*, ka gore thulaganyo e ya *to rationalise parastatals*, ke e e batlang go tsibogelwa e bile re kgone go bona gore tota re fokotsa jang *inefficiencies* tse re buileng ka tsone mo thulaganyong ya rona. A a arabe ka bophara mo kgannyeng e, re kgone go utlwa sentle, Batswana le bone ba utlwe gore re ikaelela go dira eng re le Goramente. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MORWAENG: *Yes, that is correct.* Motlotlegi Rre Matsheka, *rationalisation of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)* e re isa teng kwa *resetting* e go buiwang ka yone. *Rationalisation* yone e ke tlhomamisetsang setšhaba gore e tswelletswe jaaka ke supa gore santlha ya



Mmuso ya *rationalisation of Government departments and ministries* e tswेतse, mme le yone e e tswेतse.

E tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, kitsiso e e maleba e bo e ka itsisiwe thulaganyo e e tswेतse. *Rationalisation* e Motlotlegi Rre Matsheka, ke yone e re isang kwa *reset* le *alignment* e go buiwang ka yone. To *rationalise* SOEs, ke gone mo re batlang gore re *re-align* tse tsotlhe. Gape ke go tshalosetse Motlotlegi Rre Matsheka gore gone mo, ke yone thulaganyo ya *party* ya Domkrag, maikaelelo le maikemisetso. Re mo go one sentle Motlotlegi Rre Matsheka. Ke go tshomamisetswe gore jaaka o supa gore go sale go builwe ka yone, a Batswana ba itse gore jaanong re ya kwa motsubong, e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, thulaganyo e e bo e neelwa setšhaba jaaka go tshwanetse.

BOTSWANA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MR O. REGOENG (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to state:

- (i) whether Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) which was established in 1970 as an investment arm of Government to drive industrialisation, economic diversification and private sector growth is still relevant in its current form, considering that other players in the financial sector have since entered the market;
- (ii) if the current BDC pace of delivery on its two key mandate of industrialisation and economic diversification is satisfactory; if so,
- (iii) why the country still depends largely on imports for its daily needs;
- (iv) why not leverage on available massive mineral resources for industrialisation and private sector growth;
- (v) the average annual dividend BDC pays to Government; and
- (vi) how the existence of BDC has benefited the people of Molepolole.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MS MANAKE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, Botswana Development Corporation e e leng gore e tlwaelesegile ka leina la BDC, *mandate* wa yone jaaka potso e boditse, e ne e le gore e tsamaisa kana e tshabolole *industrialisation and*

the economic development and their transformation and diversification of the economy, to fund projects tsa mofuta oo. Fa e le yone letsogo la ga Goromente mo go tsa ipeeletso, ke batla go supa jalo gore go na le diphetogo dingwe tse go supagalang gore e ile ya di kgona mo dingwageng tse 52 tse e neng e ntse e le mo botshelong jaaka go tshalositswe gore e simolotse ka 1970.

Go supega gore e ile ya di dira, tse di dirileng ditiro ...*(Inaudible)*... *economy*. Ke gone gore e bo e *finance* dikompone di tshwana le bo Air Botswana, fa re tsena mo mohameng wa tsa *transport*; Avis Car Rental. Fa go tsena mo go tsa *manufacturing*, e kgonne to *finance companies* di tshwana le tsa bo Nortex, tse re bonang e bile ba tsaya *towels* tse ba di dirang ba di isa kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Re bona gape e na le dikompone di tshwana le bo Sechaba Holdings, tse e leng gore *they are responsible for* bone bo Kalahari Breweries le bo Coca-Cola. Ke tse di dirang dinotagi, gotlhegotlhe le dijo. Re bo re boa gape re nna le Delta Automotive Technologies e e leng gore e dira ka metlakase ya dikoloi. Le Kwena Rocla, e re bonang le yone e dira *concrete products* tse di tshwanang le *culverts*, tse re di bonang di ntse di dirisiwa mo lefatsheng.

The tourism and hospitality industry, re na le kompone e tshwana le Avani kana e e leng gore e ne e tlwaelesegile ka yone Gaborone Sun. Gape *hotels* tse di tletseng Botswana jo jotlhe, *the Cresta Hotels*, le tsone tse e leng gore di kgonne *to be financed* ke yone BDC. Le kompone ya Mashatu Nature Reserve e e kwa Tuli Block mo Kgaolong ya Bobirwa.

Fa go tsena mo go tsa temothuo *Mr Speaker*, ke yone e e neng e simolotse kompone e e neng e bidiwa gotwe Talana Farms. Gompiano ke yone e e leng gore *it owns that property and most of the assets* tse di leng teng fa tse dingwe *are owned* by yo o e tsereng (*occupied*), *but it remains an asset* ya BDC.

Fa re tsena mo go tsa *financial services*, re bona e dirile bo Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited (BIHL) Group le Botswana Insurance Group.

E nngwe gape e e leng gore *it is a success*, ke yone ya Investec, e re bonang e tlhodile dikompone tse ditona di tshwana le bo Bokamoso Group, tse e leng gore *they deal* ka ditiro tse di farologaneng.

When we come to the health care services, bo Gaborone



Private Hospital (GPH) jaaka re e itse, ke yone BDC e e leng *it has financed*. Sidilega Private Hospital, ke ntse ke BDC. Le Francistown Academic Hospital, ke yone gape *Mr Speaker*. Go a supafala gore BDC go na le dilo tse e di dirileng tse di botoka, go santse go na le *room for improvement going forward Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR REGOENG: Nnyaa, ga a ka ke a leboga a sa araba tse pedi tse di kwa tlase.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, gatwe tse pedi tsa bofelo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le tsone di dintsi thata.

MR REGOENG: Ga di dintsi. O ile kae ne *Mr Speaker*?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Manake.

MS MANAKE: Le a nkutlwa *Mr Speaker*?

MR SPEAKER: Gatwe karabo ya megatlanyana ya potso e e kwa bofelong e mebedi, ga ya utlwiwa.

MS MANAKE: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke rile ke tlaa e *summarise* mme ka gore potso ya teng e telelenyana, o kgona gore a bo a tla a ngongorega. Fa e le gore o a e batla ka gore ke tshwere dipampiri tse *four* gompieno, go ya go tsaya lebakanyana gore e arabiwe mme mma ke tswelile ke e arabe.

Mr Speaker, BDC...

MR SPEAKER: *A re* the last two subs. The last; one, two, three, four, five and six.

MS MANAKE: BDC has from the period of 2014 to 2019, paid over P90 million in dividends to the Government of Botswana. During the same period, the corporation has also paid P89 million in taxes to the Government through itself and its subsidiary companies, as well as P247 million in taxes by associate and affiliates companies.

The last one *Mr Speaker*, *ya gore batho ba Molepolole ba akotse jang; ke yone ya gore* the BDC has through its operations made significant investments across their various sectors of the economy. To this end, BDC is paying taxes directly and through groups of companies. In addition, BDC and its group of companies also pay dividends. All this contributes to the national ...*(Inaudible)*... for the benefit of all Batswana, including *ba Molepolole*. BDC has over the years created and sustained over 6000 jobs in its portfolio, offering non-discriminatory employment opportunities which

encourage equality, diversity, and inclusion. While BDC does not have projects in Molepolole at the moment, it continues to explore opportunities for commercially viable projects in the region that will further diversify the economy and benefit its people. *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker*.

MR REGOENG: *Supplementary again Mr Speaker*. Ke a utlwa Tona, le fa tota o sa araba potso ya me mo go nkgotsofatsang.

Ke mmotse gore, kana BDC ke ya Puso, ke tsaya gore nako e e neng e dirwa, *financial sector* e ne e santse e le kwa tlase thatathata. Ke mmotse gore, jaanong lekalana le la BDC, le tswela leng kwa dikgaolong tse di ka kwa ntle ka ke la Puso, metse e e tshwanang le ya Molepolole, Mochudi, Mahalapye, Serowe, gona le gore e bo e remeletse fela mo ditoropong mo e leng gore *other sectors* di ka kgona gore di dire teng *that deal with financials*? Ke yone ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi, kana *the whole idea* e ne e le *to diversify the economy*, mme re gakologelwa gore *in the late 1990s* Goromente o ne a tla ka *initiative* e ya Economic Diversification Drive (EDD), e le go lemoga gore tota go tswakanya itsholelo ga rona, go santse go le bokoa. Jaanong ke re yone BDC e, e tsaya seelo se se kae mo go lekeng gore e bo e ka thusa gore e tswakanye itsholelo mo lefatsheng le la Botswana?

Ya boraro *Mr Speaker*, a Tona o ka dumalana le nna kgotsa a nkganetsa, gore mo nakong ya gompieno *our private sector*; e e leng gore tota BDC e ne e tshwanetse gore e e thuse gore e gole, *participation and contribution of the private sector to economy, is far less than* ya ga Goromente. Golo fa jaanong, ba dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang go leka gore tota ba godise itsholelo ka *the private sector*; Goromente a tle a itebaganye le tse a tshwanetseng gore a itebaganye le tsone *not to run the economy*?

MS MANAKE: *Mr Speaker*, *the first one* e e neng *Honourable* Regoeng a bua ka yone gore e tlaa simolola leng go tsena mo dikgaolong e tswe mo Gaborone, nte ke supe jalo gore mo ngwageng o o fetileng, *I will give an example, and I think it is what we are going to do going forward*, re kile ra dira *through*, fa ke santse ke le ka kwa *agriculture* re na le BDC, Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA), Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), re na le *all different parastatals* tse e leng gore ke ne ke tsamaya le tsone, re tsamaile Botswana jo jotlhe gore ba kgone gore ba bone *and appreciate the kind of opportunities* tse di teng; nte ke re *the kind of gaps* tse e leng gore di teng. *They identified*



tse e leng tsa bone, tsa boleng jo e leng gore bone ba adimisa ka jone. Tse di tonatona, ke tsone tse e leng gore BDC e bo e di tsaya, tse dingwe tse dipotlana, di bo di tsewa ke makalana a tshwana le Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) le National Development Bank (NDB). Jaanong ke supe jalo gore, re simolotse kgang e ya gore re simolole *to focus*, re nkgenkge *economy*, re bone gore BDC go tlhabela eng se se tona. *I will give an example as part of* dilo tse e leng gore re ne re tsamaya re di bona, *gore in terms of the value addition*, lona le ka tsena fa kae kwa e leng gore go tlhokafala *financing* kana *capital injection* e kgolwanyane. Ke dilo dingwe tse re setseng re di simolola.

E bo e nna gone gape gore go tlhokagala eng, re tsere mohama o tshwana le wa temothuo, ke tlaa leka gore ke fe sekai se tshwana le seo. Gompiano re santse re tlhabela ka dilo di tshwana le menontshane, mme gore o dire menontshane, go tlhokana le madi a a rileng, kana *investment* e e kwa godimonyana, e e leng gore BDC ke yone e lebaganeng le tsone. Se ke le kang go se bua fa motlotlegi, ke gore BDC ya gompiano, kana ka fa e leng gore re batla go ya kwa pele ka teng, ke *to identify gaps*, bone ba bo ba kgona gore ba tsene mo Batswaneng le ba bangwe ba ba ka tswang kwa ntle gore ba kgone gore ba ba adimise madi ba kgone go thiba diphatlha tse. Fa e le gore ke kgang ya *fertiliser blending*, go simolole go nne le *that plant* mo Botswana, *but it is going to require a lot of money*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, re mo Palamenteng.

MS MANAKE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke setse ke file sekai seo sa temothuo, go tshwana le mo mehameng e mengwe, gongwe wa *tourism* jaaka le setse le bona gore *in terms of tourism*, ba lekile go kaba diphatlha ka yone *the Cresta Group and other hospitality industries* kana *hospitality stakeholders* ba ba setseng ba lekile go kaba ka gone. *So* ke ne ke re ke fe sekai sone seo gore go yeng pele, ga re ye go nna fa fatshe re bo re emela batho gore ke bone ba tlise *proposals*. Se re se dirang, kana re setse re simolotse go se dira, ke *to profile gaps* tse di teng, rona re bo re tsaya tsa rona tse re kgonang go di dira le BDC, kana re bo re tsaya tse e leng gore re kgona gore re di dire, re kopane le makalana kana dibanka tse dingwe gore re kgone gore *to finance*. Ke sone se re se ikaeletseng. Gongwe ke gone re tlaa bonang re kgona gore re wele kwa metseng e tshwana

le Molepolole, Selebi Phikwe, gotlhegotlhe le gone kwa Bobonong kana kwa Gumare, *by focusing*, re lebeletse tsone *gaps* tse di teng.

Se se re direlang dilo motlhofo *Mr Speaker*, ke *the Reset Agenda priority number four* ya *value chain development* e e lebaganeng le tsa thuto, tsa meepo, *tourism*, gotlhegotlhe le tsa lephata la dijo tse e leng gore *value chain* ya teng e ya *all the way to* temothuo. *So* ke tsone tse re yang go simolola *to focus* mo go tsone.

Jaaka re bua, ga re sa tlhole re tlaa emela batho gore ke bone ba tlise, ke rona ba re tlaa tswelang kwa ntle re supa gore *we are looking for investors* kana re na le *opportunities*, ba ba nang le keletso ya gore ba ka tla ba thusa *in terms of diversifying and ensuring* gore *we add value*. Fa e le gore re batla go ntsha dijo tse di rileng, ga re ka ke ra tswelala re ntse re tsaya menontshane kwa ntle. Bona gore gompiano go diragala eng, ka gore re ntse re tsaya menontshane *all the way from* Europe, gone kwa e leng gore gompiano go na le dintwa. Fa e ne e le gore rona gompiano *we are blending our own fertilisers*, kana bogolo go ka bo go na le sengwe se e leng gore re a se epa mono se tshwana le *lime* kana kalaka jaaka *Honourable* Molale a kile a bua, e bo e nna gone fa e leng gore *now we can actually focus on*.

So nte ke mo rurifaletse gore go yeng pele, ga go ka ke ga tlhola go nna jaaka go ntse ka gore *we are focused*, e bile jaanong re kaba diphatlha *in terms of value chain initiative* yone e ya ga Tautona. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: The last one Honourable Balopi.

MR BALOPI: *Supplementary Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke kopa Tona gore gongwe a re fetise fa, gore a ga a bone gore BDC e ntse lebaka gongwe e ka tswa e le sekgore sa gore itsholelo ya lefatshe e bo e tsamaisiwa ke bagwebi ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi? A ga a bone BDC ka ditiro tsa yone tse e ntseng e di dira mo nakong e e fetileng, e ka bo e dirile go lekane, e roletse bagwebi ba ba ikemetseng ka nosi? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona.

MS MANAKE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga *Honourable* Balopi. Tota go na le potso e nngwe e ke tlileng go e araba ya ga *Honourable* Dr Matsheka. Go ka tswa go diegilwe, mme ka fa ba itshwereng ka teng gompiano, ba batla gore *economy* kana itsholelo ya rona le *projects* tse e leng gore re a di dira, Batswana ba bo ba le mo teng, e bile e bo e le bone ba ba di gogang kwa pele. E se Goromente, e le bone Batswana *into the*



private sector. Tota BDC wants to enable, jaaka ke bua gore ga re ka ke ra tlhola re tswelela re dira dilo jaaka re ntse re di dira gotwe re emele batho gore ke bone ba tlise proposals kwa go rona.

Fa o lebelela *Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry*, go na le makalana a mantshi a e leng gore a farologane. Nte ke tseye sekai ka lekalana le tshwana le SEZA, *upon travelling across the whole country Honourable Balopi we identified stronghold tse e leng gore can be of the economy or a particular sector. Say a single factory zone, e e leng gore fa re tsena foo, ra re golo fa mo Maun, nte ke fe sekai ka Maun, re ka dira matlhabelo kana re ka dira a processing plant e e leng gore it can package, ya dira dilo tse tsotlhe tse. Re batla gore opportunities tse jaaka re di identify jaana, re le CEDA re kopane jaana, BDC e bo e ntse e na le rona fa, ka gore le bone re ne re ntse re na le bone, e le bone ba e leng gore are financing these single factory zones. So ka fa e leng gore re tlaabo re dira dilo ka teng, it is going to be totally different. All our parastatals di a go simolola go goga ka jokwe, mongwe le mongwe o ya go tla ka se e leng gore o a se dira gore re kgone gore re kgontshe Batswana gore ba dire dilo sentle. Jaaka gompiano, o fitlhela e le gore makalana a ntse a sa wele sentle, kana ba ntse ba na le silo mentalities, mongwe le mongwe a dira fale, mme re leka bojotlhe jotlhe go simolola gore re ba tsenye mo room e le nngwefela, mongwe le mongwe a tle ka ga gagwe, re kgone to push Batswana, re ye kwa pele Mr Speaker. I thank you.*

DIRT ROAD IN NKANGE CONSTITUENCY

DR N. TSHABANG (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Transport and Communications:

- (i) If he is aware of the dirt road, that connects Nswazwi/Kalakamati villages via a modern and world class bridge by Shashe River;
- (ii) state source of funds that were used to construct the bridge at Shashe River;
- (iii) why the dirt road connecting the villages was left unattended; and
- (iv) whether there are any plans to upgrade the road.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR SEGOKGO): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, lephata la me le itse ka tsela e e gokaganyang metse ya Nswazwi le Kalakamati,

mme gape re itse gore foo re agile borogo jo bo sephara sa 50 metres (m), bo kgabaganya noka ya Shashe, re bo re tsenya ditsela tsa 200m dintlha tsotlhe tsa borogo tse re di bitsang re re ke approach roads.

Mr Speaker, borogo jo bo agilwe e le karabo ya ga Goromente mo seelong, bogolo jang sa ba Nswazwi, ka gore ba ne ba tlhoka gore ba latele ditlamelo tsa sekole le botsogo kwa Kalakamati, mme e re fa dipula di nele, go bo go nna thata le bokete gore ba ka kgona go bona ditlamelo tse. Ka nako ya fa go agiwa borogo jo, tota bo ne bo filwe *priority*, mme go sena madi a re neng re na le one ka sebaka seo gore re ka dira tsela ka botlalo e e gokaganyang metse e mebedi e.

- (ii) *Mr Speaker*, fa ke ya kwa potsong ya bobedi ke gore, borogo jo bo ne bo agiwa ka madi a a neng a dirisiwa a *Domestic Development Fund*.
- (iii) *Mr Speaker*, ke gore ga re ise re kgone go aga sesha tsela e mabaka fela e le a gore re e ntshe mo seemong sa gore e nne tsela ya mmu go ya kwa mefuteng e mengwe ka tlhalelo ya madi, mme go ne go lebilwe gore gongwe nako ya fa re bo aga, e tlaa tsena mo National Development Plan (NDP) 11, ga se ka ga nna jalo. Mo nakong e re santse re e maintain jaaka re maintain ditsela tsa mmu.
- (iv) *Mr Speaker*, fa ke ya kwa go ya bofelole ke gore, ga re na thulaganyo mo nakong e ya gore re tle re age tsela e sesha, mabakamagolo e le gore kana ga e a tsenngwa mo lenaneong la ditlhabololo mo nakong yone e re buang ka yone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR TSHABANG: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Minister, I think dikarabo tsa gago di etla di tlogela dilo dingwe kwa morago. Domestic Development Fund ke e e neng e tsosa bridge fela e bo e tlogela 14 km yone e gokaganya metse e mebedi yone e? Every time o araba dipotso tse di ntseng jaana, wa re ga o na lenaneo la to upgrade ditsela tse to bitumen status. Ke ipotsa gore lephata la gago a ga le na plan ka ditsela tsa Botswana tse di mo seemong se, ka gore go lebega gore wena these five years, o tlaa fela fela o sena any development and improvement mo ditseleng tse o fitlhetseng di le gravel, tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Nswazwi. So, ke eng lephata la gago le nna fela le sena plan, karabo ya gago e le gore no, ga go na plan? Ga re dire sepe, we are not thinking about anything.*

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Honourable Tshabang*.



Nnyaa, o tshwanetse go lemoga gore go na le ditsela tse o ka mpotsang ka tsone, ke bo ke go bolelela gore re na le thulaganyo ya go di aga. *So*, kgang ga se gore ga re na *plans* mo ditseleng, kgang ke gore ditsela tse dintsi go na le dikopo tsa gore di agiwe. Bontsi jwa tsone ke jone bo dirang gore go nne ka seemo se, gore fa gongwe re a bo re sa di tsenya mo *plan*.

Ke batla gore e re ke leka go go tshalosetsa *sir*, ke gatelele mafoko mangwe a ke neng ke kile ka leka gore ke a tlise mo Palamenteng. Ke a tlisa e le sekai fela. Ke supa gore fa o tsaya kgaolo e le nngwe, kgaolo ya ga *Honourable* Lucas, ke ne ke leka go supa ka yone fela ka dikopo tse a neng a di tsentse nako nngwe re le mo *Committee of Supply*. Gore re di age, re ne re tlhoka madi a a kana ka P3 *billion*.

Jaanong fa re bua ka gore re tlhoka go aga ditsela, re tsamaya ka *plan*, e a bo e le gore ga re a akaretsa ditsela tsotlhe tse di mo Botswana *sir*. Go a bo go na le tse re di akareditseng, mme ke solofela gore le wena ka fa o ka thusang ka teng, o itse gore ditlhabololo di tlisiwa jang, gongwe le leke go simolola fela gone kwa kgaolong koo, gore le e tsamaisa, e tle mo *district* e bile e tle kwano e supa *priority* le mabaka a gore re tle re e age.

So, tota fela ke eletsa o tlhologanye gore re na le ditsela tse di mo *plan* tse re berekang mo go tsone ka sebaka se. O ya go fitlhela e le gore go gontsi kwa o ka botsang wa fitlhela e le gore tselo eo ga re a kgona go e tsenya mo *plan*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

OPERATIONS OF THE TATI NICKEL MINE

MR W. B. MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): asked the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security when the Tati Nickel Mine in Francistown is expected to start operating.

ACTING MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY SECURITY (MR SEGOKGO): Mr Speaker, I updated Parliament on the 11th of February 2022 regarding the status of liquidation at the BCL group which includes Tati Nickel Mine. On the 19th of January 2022, with respect to the Tati Nickel Mine reopening, the liquidator entered into an asset statute agreement for Selkirk with Premium Nickle Resources or PNR Botswana.

As for the other assets within Tati Nickel Mine, like ...*(Inaudible)*...will be availed to interested parties for purchase from the month of April 2022 as per the

liquidator's judicial management process. According to the agreement, PNR Botswana will carry out the feasibility study on both BCL and Selkirk Mine for a period of three years starting after the financial close in May 2022. This time is required given that the management of BCL Group prior to liquidation, chose not to ascertain the extent of the mineral resource and PNR Botswana as an initial step must do so. We expect jobs to be created immediately when PNR Botswana begins their exploration programme which is estimated to cost P300 million.

PNR Botswana will spend more money to construct the mine and begin mining operations at Tati if the study prove that it is economically feasible to mine the available ore. We should remember that mining by its nature is guided by the availability of a resource and we remain hopeful that the feasibility studies will come out positive. It is envisaged that hundreds of jobs will be created if Tati reopens, all forms of mining skills, engineering and construction expertise will be required. Opportunities will be both direct and in-support services. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Supplementary. Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Tona, three years yo, fa e le gore feasibility studies di tswa di le positive di supa gore mine o na le sengwe, o raya gore mine o, the Selkirk part, o ka felela o ile go bulwa ka bo 2026? Ke batla go itse gore projections tsa gago fa o re three years, di wela mo ngwageng ofe?*

E ne ya re le ipapaletsa ditlhopho, la supa fa le ya go bula meepe e. Jaanong o kare fa ke bonang ka teng, ka gore e ne e le selo se le neng le se solofetsa gore se ya go diragala ka bofefo, le lebetse. Tona, a ga o bone o kare golo mo go diega thata, mo gongwe re yang go felela re itlhobogile go sena sepe se se diragetseng? Ke tshosiwa ke gore le batho ba le tumileng thata ka go ipuela fela, go diragatsa le sa diragatsa. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore a mme le tswelsetse ka thulaganyo ya ditsholofetso tse di sa keng di ntsha maduo, mo ba go bitsang *talk-talk*?

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mmolotsi. Se ke se go tshaloseditse ke gore, tumalano e file ba Premium Nickel Resources (PNR) Botswana dingwaga tse tharo gore ba dire *this feasibility study*. Fa go ka diragala gore *before that three years*, ba setse ba fitlhetse e bile ba ikgotsofaditse gore go siame, go tlaa diragala *clearly before that*.



Sa bobedi ke gore, fa o bona ke supa madi a a tsenang *into this study*, kana dilo tse di dirwa ka tsamaiso. Go na le mo e reng batho fa ba tsenya madi ba ya go dira selo, ba batla *to mitigate with*, go tsaya ditshwetso tse jaaka fa gongwe ke a tle ke utlwe le le Mapalamente le bua le *re evidence-based*, go botlhokwa *sir*; thata.

Nte ke wele, ee ke maikaelelo a rona e bile go a supa ka gore re bo re tsena tumalano e e ntseng jaana mme re e dira ka matsetseleko a a tlhokafalang. Re maikaelelo a go bula *mine sir*; and jaaka ke go tlhaloseditse, fa go ka diragala pele ga nako eo ka mabaka a a ntseng ke go supegetsa gore tumalano ya re re ba file nako e, o tlaa bulwa. E bile le mo pakeng e, o tlaabo o tlhama e bile o thusa ditiro. *Honourable* Mmolotsi, bua le ba Francistown o ba fe mafoko a, ba tle ba tlhaloganye kgang sentle gore e ntse jang. Ke a leboga.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke botse Tona gore, se a se buang a re batho ba ba mo *feasibility study* ya *three years*, kana go raya gore go na le kgonagalo ya gore *report* ya bone e tle e ba reye e re bokete jwa *nickel* ga bo *viable* go ka tsweledisa *mine*. A o raya gore e ka nna ya re re goroga mo nakong eo, ba re raya ba re re tshaisitse jaanong, batlang ba bangwe rona ga re ka ke ra kgona? E le potso ya ntlha.

Ya bobedi ke gore *Honourable Minister*, kana batho ba PRN, ke bone gape ba le ba neetseng BCL kwa Phikwe. Le gone ba mo seemong seo sa gore tlhotlhomisa gore a ba ka bona *copper-nickel* ya bokete jo e ka ba kgotsofatsang. A le gone o raya gore ba ka nna ba tla ka *report* e e reng, nnyaa moo ga re tsene, mme ba tsere dingwaga di le tharo ba diile tswelolepele, go ne go na le ba ba neng ba gaisana le bone, ba ka bo ba dirile sengwe se se botoka?

Sa bofelo ke gore, a go o bone le tsholeletse kompone e le nngwefela tiro e e kanakana ya *billions*, gona le gore le ka bo le e kgaogantse gabedi mo re neng re ka tla ra bona sengwe mo go ba bangwe? Go raya gore go ne go sena kgaisano, motho o ka nna a akanyetsa gore gongwe go na le sengwe se le se fitlhileng. Ke a leboga.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Potso ya ntlha ya gore *feasibility study* e ka tla e supa gore gongwe ga gona *resources that can be mined*, go ka kgonagala gore go ka nna jalo. *Honourable* Nkawana, ga ke eletse gore ke bo ke tsepama fela ke re ga go ka ke ga nna jalo. Fa batho ba tsenya madi a a kana *in a feasibility study*, ba a bo ba na le tse di ba solofeditse gore nnyaa, re bona gore o kare golo fa go tlaa siama.

Ke sa ntlha se o tshwanetseng o se ele tlhoko, go sa reye gore go phimola botlhokwa jwa gore e dirwe. Go botlhokwa gore dilo tse di dirwe, le wena fela fa e ne e le madi a gago *sir*; ke go bolelela gore o ne o tlaa bona botlhokwa jwa gore o dire jaana.

Ke tlaa soboka tse pedi tse di latelang. Go ne go na le phadisano, e ne e se bone fela ba ba neng ba sekasekiwa mo go reng go ka tsenwa tumalano e e ntseng jaana le bone. Tumalano e re nang le yone le bone ke go bontshitse e bile ke go tlhaloseditse mabaka, a a dirang gore go nne jaana. Ke santse ke gatelela gore fa e ne e le wena, tumalano e o ne o tla bona gore e botlhokwa gore o tsamaye ka tsela e e ntseng jaana. Ga ke bone ka fa o buang ka teng ka go kgaogana di neelwa tse pedi, gongwe legale o raya mabapi le *assets* tse dingwe. Fa o raya jalo, se ke se tlhalositseng mo karabong ke gore tseo le tsone mo kgweding e, ka fa tumalano le ka *process* e ntseng ka teng, di sekasekelwa ba ba ka tlang ba di reka. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MILK AFRIC PROJECT

DR T. MATSHEKA (LOBATSE): asked the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to apprise this Honourable House on progress and delay to start the Milk Afric Project in Lobatse and to state:

- (i) when it is envisaged to start to operate;
- (ii) how many people are projected to be employed;
- (iii) if the model has any opportunities for youth in Lobatse and, in general, to venture into the dairy sector; and
- (iv) how the existing dairy farmers in the Lobatse farms are to be mobilised to create a viable dairy cluster in the area.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MS MANAKE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, *project* ya Milk Afric e nnile le madiadia a e leng one a a dirileng gore gongwe e bo e ise e simolole le gompieno. Madiadia a mangwe ao e ne e le a gore re ntse re na le letlhoko la batho ba ba neng ba ka thusa (*technical expertise in the dairy sector*), go tlhoka dikgomo tsa letsopa la maši, *breed* jwa teng le gore go ntse go sena metsi a a ka thusang go tsamaisa *the facility* gotlhegotlhe, dijo le temo ya teng.

Mr Speaker, e rile mo ngwageng wa 2020, Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) e ile ya ntsha mo re go bitsang re re Expression of Interest (EOI), e ipapatsa gore ope yo o nang le kgalhego kana keletso ya gore o



ka tla a nna *partner* ya BDC, re kgone gore re tsamaisa Milk Afric, ba itshupe. Se re ile ra feleletsisa re bone mogwebi mongwe yo o tswang mo gae, yo e leng gore BDC gompieno e setse e le kwa motsubong wa go bua le ene gore re ka dira jang. Go supa gore yone kompone eo e tlaa tla ka mo re go bitsang re re bio assets kana dikgomo tsa maši tseo.

Project e ba ne ba e beetse gore gongwe mo kgwedding ya *September*; e tlaabo e simolola, fa dipuisanyo tse re leng mo go tsone di tlaabo di wetse le mogwebi yo o bonetseng wa mono.

Mo gongwe gape ke gore, fa e setse e bereka, e tlaa dira ditiro di ka nna 250. Kgang ya gore a go na le bagwebi kana balemi-barui ba ba mo kgaolong ya Lobatse, ba gongwe re akantseng gore re ka ba tsenya jang; e tlaare re ntse re tswetsetse re bua le mogwebi yo, keletso ya rona ke gore ba bo ba le mo teng. Re tlaa bona gore dipuisanyo tsa rona di felela fa kae *Mr Speaker. I thank you.*

DR MATSHEKA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Let me also* ke leboge *Minister* go araba ka boripana le bophara mo potsong e e boditsweng. *Minister*, re a tlhaloganya *project implementation* le *challenges* tse di teng. Tota mo boammaaruring fela, re tshwanetse *to estimate* gore re ka kgona eng? Fa re bona, e ka simolola leng *with the probabilities* ya *resumption* ya *project*? Potso ya bobedi *Mr Speaker* ke gore, ga ke dumele gore *Minister* o nkaraba ka tlhamalalo a sa ntlhalosetse gore a mme mo dipuisanyong tsa bone, ba lebile banana mo tikologong? Potso le fa ke e boditse Tona wa Papadi, e amana le ba *agriculture* gore, ba lebile jang banana ba ba nang le kgatlhego mo *dairy farming* mo tikologong ya Lobatse le dikgaolo tse di bapileng le Molapowabojang le Morolong? Ya boraro e bo e nna gore, go na le *dairy farms* tse di ka nnang bothano go simolola fa Sunnyside go ya go felela kwa Pitsane tse di dikologileng kgaolo ya Lobatse, tse di tlhophang mo Lobatse tse dingwe. Ke botse gore a re a di akanyetsa *to improve viability* ya *project*? Go a itshupa gore e na le bothata jwa go ka simologa ka nako e re e solofetseng. Re eletsisa go e diragatsa ka gore ke yone e ka kgonang go rurifatsa 65 million litres ya mashi a a batliwang mo lefatsheng le. Re ntsha 12 to 13 mme ke yone e ka kgonang go re thusa le tse dingwe mo lefatsheng le. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MS MANAKE: *Mr Speaker*, ke supile gore fa dipuisanyo di ka wela sentle... Re na le mathata a tlhagogo ya bolwetse jwa Foot and Mouth kwa South Africa. Re ntse re lebeletse gore o kare seemo se a bepa. Se lebelega se le thata kwa South Africa fa re lebeletse bolwetse jwa Tlhako le Molomo. Ke gone mo go re

tshwereng gore re ka bo re rekile dikgomo di tla ka kwano.

Mr Speaker, mma ke tlhalose gore re ithutile sengwe, e bile go le gontsi. Ke tseye *opportunity* e gape re leboge Motlotlegi Tautona go bo a tlile ka *value chain development in the food sector*. Fa o ka lebelela golo fa *Mr Speaker* ka fa re ntseng re *focus* ka teng, go ntse go se maleba. Jaaka o bona gompieno gore ga re na mashi le dikgomo tsa mashi. Kwa re ka di tsayang teng go bolwetse, jaanong ke gone gore re bo re tlodisa mashi re tsena ka kwa. Golo mo ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ga se mo re ka go ikanyang. Re reye BDC re re simololang go sunyasunya le batle batho ba ba tlaa tlang *to invest in this thing* ya *genetics*. Ba dira *genetic bank* le fa e le gone mo Botswana mo.

Go na le Ramatlabama Artificial Centre *Mr Speaker*, fa e ka dirisiwa sentle, re ka ntsha dikgomo tse, kana batho ba tsaya dikgomo tsa mashi mo Botswana. Go a supafala gore re nne le *a thriving dairy industry*, re tshwanetse re bo re na le dikgomo tsa rona, re sa di tseye kwa ntle. Ke solofela gore ba temothuo ba tlaa re se thusa go yeng pele. Ba bone gore madi a tshwanetse re a tsenye fa kae *to close this gap*. *Gap* e fa e santse e le teng, re *depend* mo go tseyeng kwa mafatsheng a sele, ga go na gope kwa re ka yang teng. Ke nngwe e re ipolelelang gore *with Reset Agenda and value chain development, it is one of those opportunities to be identified*, di tswalwe. Ga ke a tshwanela gore ke tle fa *Mr Speaker*, ke bo ke bua gore re na le mathata a letlhoko la dikgomo. Dikgomo tseo re batla *to import them* mme di tshwanetse di ka bo di tswa mono. Re lebeletse *technologies* tse di santseng di le teng tsa *sexed semen* tse e leng gore dikgomo tse di tletseng fa tsa Batswana, e ka bo e le tsone tse di ntshang dikgomo tse. Go a supafala gore go na le golo gongwe kwa re ntseng re tlhabela teng mme re tshwanetse go go kaba. *Every challenge presents an opportunity*, ke yone *opportunity* eo, re bitsa le banana. Ke setse ke bona banana ba na le dikompone tse ba dirang *artificial insemination*, ba latela dikgomo kwa dipolaseng le mo merakeng jalojalo. *It is one of those opportunities* tse re tshwanetseng go di lebelela thata *especially by the youth* gore ba di tseye.

In terms of youth involvement, the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) for Lobatse Mr Speaker is right. Re na le Sunnyside e e leng gore *is an anchored farmer* yo o motona, e bile a tlhaloganya se a se dirang. 12 per cent yo re mmuang yo, *we contribute significantly to the 15 per cent* yo re mo ntshang mo Botswana. Gape gone kwa Sunnyside *Mr Speaker*, jaaka o tlhalositse



Honourable Member, tota e ke ya temothuo, mme ka gore re Goromente a le mongwefela, re tlaa leka go ba e bontsha gore *how do you actually go through* makalana a tshwana le Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), re kgone go ba *incubate because* ba na le *milking parlor* yo e leng gore *it has been sitting idle for a very long time*. O ka bo o dirisiwa ke banana mo kgaolong eo. Ba bangwe ba ba tswang kwa dikgaolong di sele mo Botswana, ba tle ba ithute ka tsa mashi, e bile ba bapile le *the farmer* wa Sunnyside yo ke ntseng ke bua ka ene, a na le keletso ya go ruta. Ke solofela gore ke selo se e tlaareng re tswa fa, re bo re ya go buisana le makalana a rona a tshwana le LEA go bona gore re dirisa jang *in collaboration and partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture*. Re dirisa jang *that milking parlor* go rutuntsha banana ba tlaa reng fa MilkAfric e eme ka dinao, re ba thuse.

Se sengwe gape *Mr Speaker* ke gore, mashi a re a ntshang kwano a mannyenyane *but we have processing plants* tse di tshwanang le Parmalat jalojalo. Ba kabe diphatlha tse ba tsaya mashi kwa ntle, mme fa re le *cluster* jaana, mongwe o ka dira *a processing plant* gone foo gore a tseye mashi a. *I am very well aware* gore *they are interested in partnering with Government* go leka go baakanya kgang e ya tlhalelo ya mashi. *The Honourable MP is right*, e bile re tlaa bona gore fa re tswa fa re tshwaragana jang le *our sister ministry being the Ministry of Agriculture* go thusa banana go ba baakanyetsa gore ba tsenye letsogo mo teng ga *project*. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR REGOENG: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Minister*, if I recall well, *project was first conceived about six years ago*. Kgang ya Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) kwa South Africa e santse e le ntšha, se se ka neng se diile gore *project* e *to take off before* go nna le FMD ke eng? Sa bobedi, go na le balemi ba ba botlana ba ba setseng ba simolotse *projects* tsa mashi. Lona le le lephata le ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Bontsi jwa bone ba palelwa ke go rekisa mashi a ba nang le one ka lebaka la gore fa gongwe fa ba santse ba emetse go ya go rekisa kwa dikoleng, di ba bolelela gore ga ba na madi. Ba ba ntseng jalo le ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Labofelo e tlele gore *project* e simolola, e bo ba kgobegile marapo ba sa tlhole ba dira sepe. A o ka re fa seelo sa gore ka tlhomamo, o akanya gore dilo tse tsotlhe fa le di phuthile, e tlaam simolola go diragala leng?

MS MANAKE: *Mr Speaker*, jaaka ke setse ke buile, go bokete gore ke ka bua gore *project* e simolola leng. Go

simolola mo go nna ke raya go gama mashi. Tsotlhe tse di saletseng kwa morago kana di sa fela, re tswelsetse re a di baakanya re le ba BDC. *Mr Speaker*, golo fa se se ntseng se diile thatathata ke *the technical partner*. Re ile ra nna le mathata le yo re neng re simolotse ka ene. Go bo go raya gore re boela gape kwa morago. Fa o *deal* le motho kana le kompone nngwe le setse le na le *equipment* e e tshwanang e re nang le yone, go na le dilo tse dintsi tse re tshwanetseng go di lebelela. E bile go na le dilo tse dintsi tse batho ba tlang ba re ba a eletsa, ba lebelela gore *it has not been operational for a bit of time*. Go raya gore golo mo go kgona go ba busetsa kwa morago, *they will still need more money*. Ke sone se ke reng re santse re bua le ba bangwe.

Le fa go ntse jalo, re ne re na le *second option*. *Second option* ke yone e e tshwanang le yone eo gore fa e le gore kgwedi e fa e ka fela re sena gope kwa re lebileng teng le *the new technical partner* yone e e leng gore re bua le ene, re tlaabo re tsena mo *second option*. *Second option Honourable* Regoeng, e tlaabo e lebagane le gore re dirisa jang bommantswitswidi ba rona kana ba ba setseng ba le gone foo, re ba *group* kana re ba *cluster* jang gore re tle re kgone re ye pele re tsosolose Milk Afric kana re tlaa bona yo mongwe gape yo o tswang kwa ntle. Kgatlhego ya rona e ne e le gore e kare *project* e e ne e ka dirwa ke Motswana. Motswana yoo, ke ene a neng a tlaa itlela *partners* mme ba tsamaisa *this project together*.

Ke solofetse jalo gore re na le *backup plan*. Ke fela gore *we just wanted to exhaust all the options*. *Option 2* le yone e malalaalaotswe fa e le gore ga re kgone gore re feleletse e bile re ne re setse re saenne *memorandum of understanding with the current local partner Mr Speaker*. *I thank you*.

MR SPEAKER: The last supplementary, Honourable Mathoothe.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Mma ke botse Tona gore *the technical partner* ba batla motho yo o ntseng jang? Ke na le tumelo e ntsi ya gore le na le bomaitseanape fela ba ba leng teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Ya bobedi, ke botse gore ka gore *this equipment* ya *the milking parlour and some other components* have been long installed there, mo kgannyeng ya *maintenance*, a ke Goromente yo o yang go tsenya madi kana *the technical partner* gore a baakanye *the machines* tse? Mo dingwageng tse di ntseng di le teng kwa, go raya gore le tsona di ne di senyega kana di tsofala. *Thank you*.



MS MANAKE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, in terms of re batla motho yo o ntseng jang, re batla motho yo o nang le bokgoni jwa gore o ka *partner* le rona a tsamaisa *that* Milk Afric *plant* kana *farm* gore e kgone go ntsha mašhi. *It was envisaged* gore e ya go ntsha mašhi a a kana ka 30 per cent of the national demand. Re batla motho yo o ka tsamaisang golo mole profitably, le ene go kgona gore go mmusetse gore re kgone go ntsha mašhi. *That is the kind of person that we are looking for*. Ga go na e nngwe gape e ke ka e tlhalosang gore re a mmatla. Re batla motho yo o ka re thusang go ntsha mašhi *Mr Speaker*.

In terms of maintenance, unfortunately Honourable Mathoothe, the machinery is no longer under warranty because jaaka o tlhalositse, o ntse lebaka, go raya gore the business itself ke yone e e leng gore through the financing ya teng, will have to incur the costs tsa gore e baakanye machinery o o kwa Mr Speaker. I thank you.

FOREIGN NATIONALS GIVEN CITIZENSHIP

MR C. GREEFF (GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH): asked the Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs to state the number of:

- (i) Chinese nationals who were given citizenship since 2019 to date;
- (ii) Indians and other foreign nationals who were given citizenship in the same period; and
- (iii) rejected citizenship requests and the nationalities of those whose requests were rejected.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Ga a roma wena *Honourable Lelatisitswe*?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITSWE): Nnyaa rra, ga a roma nna *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O romile *Honourable Shamukuni*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No, no.

MR SPEAKER: *O a itatola*. Sorry, it appears like there is no Minister.

MR BROOKS: Thank you sir.

Later Date.

GOVERNMENT OWNED FARMS

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security to state:

- (i) the total number of Government owned farms;
- (ii) where the farms are located; and
- (iii) their use and whether they are fully or partially utilised.

ACTING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY (MR LELATISITSWE): *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Go romilwe nna mo go eo ke Minister wa Agriculture. O na le meeting le Tautona.*

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, ke supe jaana gore Lephata le la Temothuo le na le farms di le 42 tse ba di kwadisitseng under Ministry of Agriculture Development and Food Security.
- (ii) *These farms* di tletse lefatshe le lotlhe. Ke tsaya gore ke ka di bala fa o batla ke di bala gore re na le tsone kwa; Gweta, Dukwi, Mmatshumo, Sese, Letlhakane, Serule, Palapye, Mahalapye, Xere, Francistown, Nata, Hubona, Makalamabedi, Letlhakane, Palapye, Sefhophe, Dibete, Sedibeng, Kang, Mabutsane, Hukunsi, Middlepits, Chobokwane, Ncojane, Xanagas, Kuke, Makalamabedi, Shakawe, Shorobe, Nokaneng Nxrara, Ngware le Mmantshwabisi. Di na le ditiriso tse di farologaneng.
- (iii) *Mr Speaker*, tiriso ya farms tse kana ya mafelo a beng ba one, 16 ya tse 42 ke tsa kgwediso ka seatla mo gotweng *Artificial Insemination*, tse di teng mo lefatsheng lone le. Kgwediso ka seatla ke tsaya gore re a itse gore ke kwa Batswana ba isang dikgomo tsa bone teng gore di ye go dira kgwediso ka seatla jalo gore ba kgone go tlhabolola leruo la bone.

Farm e nngwefela e e kwa Dibete e dirisiwa jalo go tlhabolola thuo ya bommantšhe. Go bo go nna le farms tse nne which are used for small stock, go tlhabolola dihutshane. Go bo go nna le farm e nngwe Mr Speaker, ya Livestock Management Unit e e kwa Nata. E nngwefela e kwa Ramatlabama mme e dirisiwa as a training centre and go gama moroto wa dipoo (bull stud semen production) o o ka dirisiwang go tlhabolola leruo.

10 of these farms are used for Animal Production and Ranch Research Units for the Department of



Agricultural Research for livestock and ranch research purposes. Ke tse di dirisiwa jalo for tshkatsheko kana go tseledisa ka go ithuta ka tse di tsamaelanang le thuo. Tse boferabongwe di dirisiwa e le *quarantine camps mainly for disease control* mo dikwarantining. Di teng mo mafelong a a *strategic*. A phatlaletse le lefatshe le gore gongwe fa go ka nna le gore bolwetse bongwe bo tlhagoge a bo di kgona go laola motsamao wa dikgomo *between zones* tsa rona ka fa re kgaogantseng lefatshe le la rona ka teng ka *zones* tsa *Foot and Mouth*. Ke tsaya gore Batswana ba a di itse.

Mr Speaker, ke supe jalo gore *majority of these farms are fully utilised while* go na le tse pedi tse tharo tse e leng gore gongwe gompiano ga di dirisiwe gotlhelele. Ke supe jalo gore lephata le tswelotse *Mr Speaker* ka go lebelela, go dira *assessments* tsa mafelo a, gongwe ga a dirisiwe, gore gongwe ba tle ba a rentisetse Batswana kana *lease them to the investors* ba ba ka tlang ka *proposals* tse di rileng. Re supe jalo gore *the department has leased about 16 of these farms to investors* ba ba lekang jalo go dira tse e leng gore ke go oketsa leruo la bone, *either* la dikgomo kana dipodi *for optimal land use*.

Re supe jalo gape *Mr Speaker* le tsone tse, tse e leng gore *they are not utilised*, go na le mabaka. Mabaka a tsone ke gore, gongwe *the paddocks* tse di fitlhelwang mo di a bo di tlogetswe di ntse jalo gore bojang bo gole sesha *for rotational grazing*. Re itse jalo gore, kana fa go nna melelo e ya dinaga e go nna jalo e le gore dikwarantini tse di ka fitlhela di sena bojang gotlhelele, mme di a bo di dirisa fela jalo, di beilwe jalo gore di leke go boela mo seemong *Mr Speaker*. Ke sone se ke neng ke supa gore, le bone ba Sepodise sa Botswana ba *stock theft* ba nna ba di adimiwa gore ba kgone go baya leruo la bone foo fa go santse go diriwa ditlhotlhomiso. Ke tsaya jalo gore ke yone karabo ya ga mokaulengwe Rre Saleshando, Mopalamente wa Maun. Ke a leboga.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke botse Tona yo a romilweng gore e rile fa a simolola a araba potso a re, o bua fela ka tse di kwadisitsweng *under the ministry*, mme *that suggests* gore go na le *farms* tse dingwe tse e leng gore *they are not registered under the ministry*. Motho o ne a ka nna le kgatlhego ya gore tsone tseo *that are not registered under the Ministry of Agriculture* dikae, di kae, di dira eng?

Ke eletsa gape go itse gore ke ka eng se se dirang gore o nne *selective*, o se ka wa bua ka dipolase tse di

tshwanang le tse di kwa Banyana? Gape ke ka goreng fa o sa bua ka polase e e tshwanang le ya Tautona kwa Ghanzi, gore ke eng fa o tlaa nna *selective* o kare tse dingwe o di tlola fela, a ke lebaka la gore *there are not registered* kana jang? Ke a leboga.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke araba ke re potso e tlhamaletse, e ne e bua ka *farms* tse e leng gore *they are under Ministry of Agriculture that are registered*. Ke sone se ke neng ke araba ke lebeletse dikgang tse di ntseng jalo, jaaka ke buile gore *farms* di kae. Fa o bua ka Tautona ke tsaya gore gongwe o bua ka Tautona Lodge, ka gore e kile ya nna le dikgang tse di neng di le teng mo Palamenteng e. Ke supe jalo gore *that farm is not registered under our Ministry* kana Lephata le la *Agriculture*. Re a itse gore go kile ga arabiwa le potso mo Palamenteng e, e e neng e supa gore *application* eo e tsamaile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ga e ka kwa lephateng le la *Agriculture*. Tsa Banyana ke buile gore go na le 16 *farms* tse e leng gore *they are leased to* Batswana gore ba tswelole ba itirele kana ba tlhabolole leruo la bone. Ke tsaya jalo gore ke di akareditse, ga go tlhokafale gore gongwe ke re Banyana jalo, ka gore di teng jaaka ke ne ke araba *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR HIKUAMA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke re ke botse ka bonako ke re, kana Tona potso e e tlhamaletse jaaka o bua, mme e bua e re, *“the total number of Government owned farms”, not registered under Ministry of Agriculture. The total number of Government owned farms, “Government” not Ministry of Agriculture.* Ke ne ke re ke baakanye o tle o arabe sentle o phothologile, gongwe o ne o sa utlwa potso sentle.

Ya bobedi ke botsa gore, Tona *farm* ya kwa Nxaraga tiro ya yone ke eng, e bereka eng mo bogompionong jaana, jaaka re bua, e ne e simolotse gore e dire eng se e sa se tselediseng? Ke a leboga.

MRLELATISITSWE: *I thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Fa re bua ka *farm* ya kwa Nxaraga, e kwadisitswe e le a *quarantine camp* e e leng gore dikgomo jaana di isiwa kwa di mmarakeng, di tshwarelwa teng gone foo, jaaka re itse gore dikgomo *are quarantined* go lebelelwa gore a mme di santse di ka supa bolwetse pele ga di ka ya kwa mmarakeng. Ke sone se e leng gore *farm* ya kwa Nxaraga *is registered for* lebaka leo. Mo gompionong go a supagala gore ke nngwe ya *farms* tse e leng gore ga di dirisiwe. Ke tsaya gore e wela mo dikgannyeng tse ke neng ke bua gore, ke dingwe tse e leng gore *they will be advertised* jalo gore le nne le supe *expression of*



interests go bona gore le ka se ke le e tseye le e dirise, gongwe o tshwana le Hikuama jaana re itse gore o na le dikgomo tse dintsi, le wena you will bid when that opportunity comes. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker, ke kopa go botsa Tona gore... kana o gana go araba ya total farms owned by Government, le gore kana potso e e kile bone ba agriculture ba e isa kwa lands, ba feta ba gana go e araba ba e busetsa kwa go bone. Jaanong fa seemo se nna jaana mme bile ba gana go araba gore farms di kae, it is suggesting gore go na le sengwe se fitlhiwang. Ke kopa gore Tona a ko a re bolelele gore the number of total farms owned by Botswana Government. That is the ... (Inaudible) ... question?*

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker, ke tsaya gore potso e go raya gore fa e arabiwa kwa lephateng go ne go lebeletswe farms that are owned by Ministry of Agriculture, tse di under Lephata le la Agriculture and Food Security. Ke gone ka fa ba e arabileng ka teng. Ke tsaya jalo gore re a itse gore go na le farms tse e leng gore di under Ministry of Trade tsa bo LEA ba na le farms tse dintsi, tseo ga re a di tsenya mo teng. Kana le tsone ke farms. Jaanong ke tsaya gongwe potso fa e batla go tswa fela e ntse jalo e ka tlhalosega botoka ka gore farms di dintsi that are owned by Government mo maphateng a a farologaneng. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng, gongwe go botoka gore... ka e tota re ne re itebagantse fela le farms tse e leng gore they are owned by Ministry o wa Agriculture. Ke tsaya jalo gore rotlhe re a itse gore go na le farms tse di under Trade, tse e leng gore they are owned by LEA ... (Inaudible) ... a bone. Jaanong ke tsaya gore gompiano ga re na karabo ka fa a e batlang ka teng. Ke a leboga.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR HIKUAMA: *Point of procedure. Ee rra, Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore Tona ke eng o sa mmusetse mo tseleng. Potso ga e a botsa the farms tse di kwa tlase ga... o a e pateletsa, potso e clear, jaanong a tswa from emphasising gore potso e ne e reng. Gongwe a supe gore mme o ne a sa e tlhaloganya sentle. E seng go papamala a supa e kete potso e ne e re tse di kwa tlase ga agriculture, mme e bua ka farms tsa Puso tsotlhe.*

MR SPEAKER: *I think o go utlwile Honourable Hikuama, a re, bone ba ne ba tlhaloganya gore e botsa ka tse di fa tlase ga agriculture, he is admitting that, what you are querying now. They mistook the intention.*

MR MOTSAMAI: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker, ke re ke botse Tona gore, mme lenaneo la lona totatota*

fela gompiano fela fa o ka le baya Batswana pele, ke lefe lenaneo la go bona gore lefatshe mo nakong e khutshwane e re tlhaelelwang ke dijo, e re tlhaelelwang ke go tsibogela sengwe le sengwe, le dirisa lenaneo lefe fela go leka go tsenya dijo mo lefatsheng. Ka go dirisa lefatshe le leng teng ka botlalo, being dipolase, kana lefatshe le le ka fa tlase ga Agriculture kana ka fa tlase ga Goramente. Ke gore ke leka go botsa gore plan ya lona fela e le batlang go tsena ka yone go bona gore lefatshe is being utilised, ke efe Minister?

Ya bofelo; ka gore le bua fela ka dipolase tse e leng gore gongwe di ka fa tlase ga Lephata le la Temothuo, a motlhale o o ntseng o o bua wa gore gongwe batho ba ka ikopela kwa bo Nxaraga, ba ka reng, ba ka reng, a ke kgang e e santseng e le maakanya, le a akanyetsa kana le tsere tshwetso, le batla go dirisa tsamaiso eo jalo? Fa e le gore le tsere tshwetso le batla go dira jalo, timeline ya lona ke leng, jang?

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Ke supe jaana Mr Speaker, gore re le Lephata le la Agriculture, kana re le Goramente ka bophara ka gore o botsa potso ka bophara, Goramente Mr Speaker, o dule ka mananeo a mantsi a a le kang go tokafatsa food security mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Sengwe strategy se se teng ke gore kwa CEDA, go na le madi a a adimiwang Batswana gore ba itlhabolole kana ba tlhabolole leruo la bone. Fa o tsena mo dijong, re a itse gore mo bogompioneng lephata le le tswetse meelwane gore Batswana jaanong ba leke go tlhabolola their own market mo gae. E bile gape le Tautona re a itse gore o tswetse jalo o rotloetsa le Batswana gore ba leke go tsena into go tlhabolola dihutshane tsa bone. Ke dingwe tsa dintlha tse ditona tse e leng gore fa o di lebeletse, ke go leka jalo go tlhabolola ka fa re ntseng re bua ka teng.*

Le bo LEA fela jalo ba tswetse rra ka costs tsa bone tse ba le kang jalo go tlhabolola mohama o wa merogo to secure dijo mo lefatsheng le la Botswana. Jaanong dilo tse ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse Puso e di lebeletseng rra go ya kwa pele, e le go leka go tlhabolola mohama o wa go tlisa dijo mo lefatsheng le.

Potso ya bobedi, ga ke itse gore a o ka nkgakolola foo, ga ke e tshware sentle Honourable Motsamai.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Nnyaa, ke eng o ne o sa re fela e thata. Tota se ke neng ke se bua e ne e le kgang ya gore le a bona gore dijo ga di yo, jaanong lo ikaelela gore le dire ka bofefo jo bo kana kang go feta jo le ntseng le dira ka jone; timeline?*



MR LELATISITSWE: *Timeline for dikwarantini tse e leng gore Puso ga e di dirise, maikaelelo ke gore mo dikgweding tse tsa second quarter of this financial year; a bo go setse go bapaditswe Batswana ba iteka mo mafelong a a tlaabong a tlhophilwe rraetsho. Ke a leboga.*

MR SPEAKER: Last supplementary Honourable Mathoothe.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Gongwe ke botse Tona fela gore what is the intention of the Government mo dipolaseng tse e leng gore they are partially utilised? Gongwe fa ke ka fa sekai; fa o tsaya polase ya Lesego Ranch kwa Serule, it is about 4 200 hectares mme agriculture e dirisa only 200 hectares. Dipolase tse di tshwanang le tsone tseo ba ya go dira jang ka tsone; maikaelelo a bone ke eng?*

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Ke go leboge Mopalamente. Ke supe jalo gore ke dingwe tsa dintlha tse di builweng gore we are going to float expression of interest gore Batswana ba itshupe gore ba batla go dira jang mo dipolaseng tse re tlaabong re bona gore tse gongwe lephata ga le di tlhoke mo go kalokalo. Batswana ba iteke, ba gaisane mme go fiwe yo mongwe gore a tswelele either a tlhabolole leruo la gagwe; kana o tlisa dipodi, kana o tlisa eng go tlhabolola mo lefelong leo, go tsamaya ka programme e a bonang a ka e dira Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga.*

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MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT - DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Changes to the Government Loan Scheme (GEMVAS)

MR MOATLHODI (TONOTA): *Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. I formally move that, "this Honourable House be apprised by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, on what causes and why the radical changes to the Government Loan Scheme; Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS), that disadvantages the 41 years and above serving civil servants, the effect that they shall no longer utilise it and improve their lives as it has always been since the inception of the scheme."*

Mr Speaker, if my memory serves me well, I understand that the scheme is managed by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, as well as the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) and the unions. May the Honourable Minister kindly enlighten us on who exactly brought about this disadvantaging and radical changes and why? When were these radical changes made and who actually approved, authorised, let alone endorsed them? Is there any savingram or a Directive to this effect, hence our astonished if not flabbergasted civil servants who have continued to serve this country distinctively, as well as meritoriously? Now Honourable Minister, are you aware that ever since the implementation of this new chains, there has been numerous complaints from the public service?

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME): *Procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Honourable Deputy Speaker. Ke botse Mr Speaker, gore gakere re santse re le fa a kopang go tlisa Tshutiso ka bofefo? Ke ne ke re ke tlhologanye gore ke se ka ka tloga ka latlhega.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ee mma, that is precisely the situation, he has to get permission of the House to move a Motion so that we are debating whether or not that permission should be given to move the Motion.*



MR MOATLHODI: What do you want me to do Mr Speaker? Do I continue?

MR SPEAKER: No, the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development was asking at what stage are we; are we debating the Motion, or are we debating asking for leave of the House to bring the Motion to the House. If you do not get leave of the House, that is the end of a matter. It is only if you have leave of the House, can you bring the urgent Motion, begging the House to allow you to bring the Motion.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A question without notice.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, go kwadilwe gotwe *Motion*.

MR MOATLHODI: What does this mean now Mr Speaker, do I continue motivating, or I wait for you to ask the House?

MR SPEAKER: It is totally up to you if you are satisfied that you have done all that you can do to ask the House to allow you.

MR MOATLHODI: I think I am satisfied Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ah! mme ga a ntsha mabaka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga re a utlwa sentle.

MR MOATLHODI: Okay, that is fine.

Honourable Minister, are you aware that ever since the implementation of these new chains, there has been numerous complaints from the public service to this effect, and that many complainants have taken their matters to various relevant authorities; be it the Permanent Secretary of Finance and Development Planning, the unions, et cetera?

Also, are you aware that productivity within Government enclave has now stalled because of these demoralising, demotivating, as well as devastating changes that may lead to depression to the public servants?

Again, are you aware that these radical changes are now deviating from the initial mandate of ...(Interruptions)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

MR MOATLHODI: Again, are you aware that these radical changes are now deviating from the initial mandate of the scheme, which is to improve public

servants' lives, as well as restore their dignity in acquiring homes and vehicles?

Once more Mr Speaker, are you aware that most of the beneficiaries at GEMVAS have not always been accepted and assisted by the commercial banks due to high interest rates, whereas GEMVAS has always been the mother of everybody from A salary scale to highest salary scale?

The implementation of this traumatising, devastating radical changes has made GEMVAS to be no longer meaningful to civil servants who are 41 years and above. It certainly now proves that the scheme be identified and described as a youth programme, and be better moved to the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development. God forbid, for I am pleading with your good self, Honourable Minister, to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that all wrongs get normalised within the said department.

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MR MOLALE): On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, *ke a tsietsega*, what the mover is talking about is a condition of service that has been violated or changed, and the condition of service is implemented by Finance, fine, but the custodian of the conditions of service *ke* the Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration. So, firstly, the Motion should have been directed to the Ministry for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration.

Secondly, the mover is talking and justifying, but he has not shown a document that was withdrawing the condition of service. Could he please show us the document that withdrew the condition of service so that *re tle re bone gore a re a mo* support *kana jang*? Thank you Sir.

MR MOATLHODI: Mr Speaker, ...(Interruptions)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o a tsena ka *caucus* gompieno?

MR MOATLHODI: A ko o mmolelele, ene yo a mpotsang, ke ene a neng a seyo kwa *caucus*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Motion* o tsene ka *caucus*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Murmurs)...



MR MOATLHODI: GEMVAS has always been under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, it has never been a baby of the Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration.

MR MOLALE: It is a condition of service.

MR MOATLHODI: Can you wait for me to lay my case?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...(Laughter!)

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Batho ba ba sa tseneng caucus ba *Honourable* PPP ba tlaa go tlhakatlhakanyetsa.

MR MOATLHODI: *No*, ke tlaa itshwarelela mo lese.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR SEGOKGO): On a point of procedure. Thank you. Mr Speaker, no doubt the matter that has been brought to us is a very important matter affecting the public service, but Mr Speaker, the difficulty I have is that, having listened to Honourable Moatlhodi, not couched in a form of a Motion, say *gore gongwe tota* the Motion does come through at the end, but I am asking if he is amenable that could he not perhaps consider bringing this matter by a way of an unnoticed question, if in fact we would be able to address it before Parliament closes? Thank you Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le ene o ne a seyo kwa caucus.

MR MOATLHODI: *O ne a seyo le ene*. I cannot bring it as a question Mr Speaker, in the sense that a question lacks details. I have enough meat for everybody here, *ke santse ke ala dikobo tsa me, ga ke itse gore gatwe ba tsenatsena le eng*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MS SERAME: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you. Honourable* Moatlhodi, ke belaela gore Batlotlegi ba re o fetela kwa kgakala thata ka dikgang, kgotsa o kope pele gore Palamente e go letle gore re tsene mo *Motion*. Ke belaela gore ke sone se ba se buang, ke sone se ba felelang ba bua dikgang tse di ntsi. Ke tsaya gore fa re ka e tsaya jalo, kgotsa e ka kgaola dikgang tse di ntsi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MOATLHODI: Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kana ke ne ke le mo matsogong a gago rraetsho. E rile kgantele ke botsa ke re mosepele o ke setseng ke o tsamaile, a ke lekanye, ke ka busetsa kgang mo go wena, wa bo o re nnyaa ikgotsofatse pele, le bone o ba kgotsofatse. Jaanong fa e le gore Motlotlegi Mmaetsho Tona o bona gore ...*(Interruptions)*... tsamaile, ke ka busetsa kgang mo Ntlong. Ga ke na le fa e le mathata ka gore ga ke ise ke tsene mo *Motion, this is just the layout*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Fa o setse o adile, o a ema.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moatlhodi, I cannot direct you what you want to present asking for permission because *ke ka tloga ka go senyetsa kgang*.

MR MOATLHODI: Let me go to the last lap of my journey, then I will leave the entire matter to the House.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Ga go batle a feditse Mr Speaker. Thank you very much. Tota fela procedure* ke gore kana jaaka *Honourable* Moatlhodi a tshwanetse *to motivate* kgang ya gagwe gore re tle re kgone go thusa mo go yone, o tshwanetse a re bolelele gore kgwetlho ke eng. Mo nakong ya gompieno, ga a re bolelele gore gatwe mathata ke eng. O ka bo a rile mathata ke a, le a e bo e le gore re a a tlhologanya. Jaanong gompieno fa a ema gone fa, gore re mo *support* fa godimo ga eng, go nna bokete ka gore *he did not state the problem*.

MR SPEAKER: ...*(Inaudible)*... as I understand him, there is a scheme which has been available to all public officers, that scheme is no longer available to public officers who are over the age of 41. That is where the problem is as he sees it. That is fundamentally it.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Re mo utlwile. Ga a utlwiwa ke Mmolotsi fela.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A rialo.

MR MOATLHODI: *Ke a leboga fa bakaulengwe ba nkutlwile*, I was just going exactly that point *gore ke Mmolotsi fela yo o sa nkutlwang, e bile ga a ka ke a tsamaya a nkutlwa*. I am going to the last two laps of my journey. Mr Speaker, I am calling upon the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development to revoke the entire implemented changes and revert to the initial calculation, formulae of loan ceiling. We need to understand that GEMVAS loans are the mainstay through which public servants can better their lives.



Therefore, we should stay with policies and procedures that are contrary to this course.

Once more Mr Speaker, I pray and plead that we refer to the initial method of calculating loan ceiling for as long as the factors that ensure that loan repayments before 60 years of retirement age is reached are adhered to. I lay my case before my colleagues, either to approve or disapprove my lamentation before I go into the body of my Motion.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the question simply is, a Government Scheme under the name of GEMVAS which has been available to almost all public officers and the allegation is that somewhere somehow somebody has decided that, that scheme will no longer be available to the public servants who are over 41 years of age. That is the issue upon which the Honourable Deputy Speaker Honourable Moatlhodi is asking for permission to bring the Motion to be debated. Now it is you Honourable Members, who should debate whether or not you want to allow him to bring the Motion. I see the raising of hands.

MR MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Moatlhodi is bringing a very important Motion*, o o buang ka *conditions of service* tsa badirelapuso. Ke batla go mo ema nokeng *Mr Speaker* ka gore, fa godimo ga mabaka otlhe a ke tlaa tlang ke a ntsha morago, ke batla go supa gore Goromente mo nakong ya gompiano, ka lebaka la gore ditiro ga di sa tlhole di le teng, bontsi jwa batho ba segompiano, ba hirwa ba setse fa gongwe ba na le bo 35 years. E le gore ga a bolo go fola, ga a bolo go nna a sa hirwe, e bo e le gore fa gongwe at 35 or 36 years, o a hirwa. Jaanong fa e le gore thulaganyo e e teng ya gore go fokodiwe, e bo e le gore batho ba ba 41 years and above, gatwe ga ba kgone go tsaya GEMVAS loans, then tota fela golo ga teng go tlaabo go sa siamela nako ya gompiano ka lebaka la gore, go raya gore ngwana yo o hirwang at 35, 35 kana ke ene end of category e gotweng motho e a bo e le monana. So ngwana yo o simololang go bereka at 35 e bo e le gore five years later gatwe ga a ka ke a kgona go tsaya loan, jaanong go tewa gotwe a dire ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Tota fela ke dumalana le *Honourable Moatlhodi* gore nnyaa, kgang e a re e bueng ka gore tota e bile le yone GEMVAS mo nakong ya gompiano, e na le mathata a gore dipalo tsa batho ba ba e dirisang are declining because unions ba na le other platforms tse ba adimang badiredi loans ka tsone. Fa go nna jalo, go raya gore numbers tsa batho

ba ba kopang loans kwa GEMVAS have continued to dwindle.

So ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke ne ke akanya gore GEMVAS e ka simolola go tswa ka thulaganyo kgotsa lenaneo la gore go ka dirwa jang gore go okediwe dipalo. The only thing se ba ka se dirang ke go bona gore more people qualify gore ba tseye loans kwa go bone, le gone go bona gore dilo tsa teng di ka kgabisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang to attract batho. Otherwise GEMVAS e tlaa felela le yone e ile kwa tlase go fitlhelela e nyelela ka lebaka le ke buang ka lone. Ka mafoko a makhutshwane a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, tla re tle re reetse gore *Honourable Moatlhodi* o tla ka mabaka afe gape, mme ke dumela gore 41 years motho o a bo a santse a le monnyennyane thata, batho ba a bo ba santse ba simolola go bereka, ba tlhoka thuso e e tseneletseng ya gore ba ka reka matlo le dikoloi tse ba di dirisang. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR MATHOOTHE (SEROWE NORTH): Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Fa ke lebelela kopo e e beilweng ke Mopalamente wa Tonota, *Honourable Moatlhodi*, ga ke dumalane thata le yone gore it can be urgent. Ka fa gongwe ke balang Motion ka fa o beilweng ka teng, kana wa re o kopa Minister wa Finance gore a tle a tlhalosetse Palamente gore go ne ga diragala jang. Ga o tlhalose o papametse gore o batla revocation ya decision. O tlhalosa fela gore o kopa Minister gore a tle a re bolelele. Fa a sena go nna a re bolelela, go diragala eng?

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME): Clarification. Thank you *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Mathoothe*, ga ke tlhaloganye gore fa o re ga o wele, a kere mme honourable re a tle re lebelele Motions e bo e le gore fa e le gore sengwe se a tlhabela, re bo re kgona go tla ka tshutiso ya gore re nonotshe Motion, ga o bone o le one fa e le gore o mo kakanyong ya gore sengwe se a tlhabela, re ka o buisana, re bo re o nonotsha. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): Further clarification. Ke clarification mme tota ke ne ke re gone o dirile. My clarification ke gore fa re ne re mo reeditse sentle, o bile a dirisa lefoko le Motlotlegi Mathoothe a batlang gore le ka bo le tsentswe. O le dirisitse mo Motion wa gagwe, to invoke. A re o kopa the Minister to invoke that because golo moo ga go a dirwa ka fa tsamaisong.



MR MATHOOTHE: Ee, *thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke sone se ke se buang se ke reng fa ke bala *Motion* ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng, ga o tsamaelane le ka fa a o buang (*debate*) ka teng. Jaanong kana ke bua jaana ke lebile ka fa go kwadilweng ka teng, gore ke tle ke sedimose gore ke gone mo go mpayang mo goreng ga ke dumalane le ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng gone fa, gore fela go bo gotwe *Minister* a tle fa mo Palamenteng, a re tlhalosetse gore go diregile jang, mme go sena tshwetso e e ka tsewang.

Ke na le tumelo e ntsi ya gore e tlaa re ba bangwe fa ba ntse ba tswelala ba *debate*, gongwe ba tle ka gone gore go tle go baakanngwe *Motion* o wele sentle. O wele mo seemong sa gore nnyaa, *that decision* e tshwanetse gore e boelwe kwa morago, sengwe le sengwe se boele ka fa se neng se ntse ka teng. Ke gone ka fa e leng gore ga ke dumalane le gore jaanong fa go ntse jaana, go ka tla go le *urgent* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *Only after being amended, that is when I will agree. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation*. Ee rra. Nnyaa mme ke a go utlwa *Honourable Mathoothe*. Le nna ke na le bothata le ka fa *Motion* o kwadilweng ka teng, *but it is an urgent matter...*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, if I may help you, the Motion that is actually before you reads that, “the proceedings be suspended to allow for the discussion of a definite matter of urgent public importance” in terms of Standing Order 50. That is the Motion. You are confusing the two, the Motion before you now... (Interruptions)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: The Motion before you, we are discussing the urgency part of it.

MR HIKUAMA: Gompieno *we are discussing* gore o tle o le *urgent*?

MR SPEAKER: Yes, that is what we are discussing. *O ne a tlhalosa gore ke ka lebaka lefe le a batlang gore le dumalane le ene gore* it is an urgent matter of public importance.

MR HIKUAMA: Ee, go siame mme re mo utlwe. *If we can amend, we should amend* one ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng mo Order Paper.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mathoothe, you are the one who is holding the floor sir.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke feditse.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Hikuama*, le wena o feditse o dumalana le gore *Motion* o tle.

MR HIKUAMA: Ee rra, ke feditse *Honourable Speaker*. A *Motion* gongwe a o *table* re tle re o utlwe sentle, re kgone *to amend it if we can amend it, because* ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng, ga ke bone gore o ka buisanngwa sentle.

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME): *Thank you Mr Speaker. I will be very brief*, ka gore ke dumela gore re setse re na le *consensus*. Ke dumela gore kgang e e buiwang ke *Honourable Moatlhodi*, ke kgang e e tshwenyang thata, fa e le gore dikgang di ntse jaaka a di tlhalosa fa pele ga Palamente. Ke kgang e ke bonang gore e tlhoka gore re e bue ka potlako. Jalo he, ke a dumalana gore re tseye nako ya Palamente gore re tle re tsene mo kgannyeng ka botlalo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification honourable, before you go.

MS SERAME: I am gone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: She is gone.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): Ke tsaya gore re ne re reeditse Motlotlegi Moatlhodi, Mopalamente wa Tonota ba rotlhe. Re a utlwa batlotlegi gore *Motion* bangwe ba o bua ka gore gongwe ga ba o utlwe sentle ka fa o kwalegileng ke teng, *but* o tlaa tla a itlhalosa ka gore ene tota o itlhalositse, le se a se batlang se tlhamaletse, se mo pontsheng. Le gore se se diragetseng, o tsaya gore go diragatse mo e seng tsamaiso. Bangwe ba tlodile tsamaiso, ke sone se a lopang gore gongwe *Motion* o tle ka bofefo ka gore fa go diragala jaaka go ntse, go tlaa rontsha batho ba le bantsi ditshwanelo tse ba tshwanetseng gore ba bo ba na le tsone. Gore re emise golo mo, go raya gore go tle ka lepotlapotla, go tle go kgone gore fa go na le ka fa go ka thibelwang ka teng, go thibelwe.

Mabaka a mantsi a re ka a buang *Mr Speaker*, ga ke batle go tsena mo go one. Re tlaa tla re bua *when debating Motion*. Ke dumalana thata le gore o ka fiwa sebaka sa gore a tle ka mogopolo o. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Vice President (VP). Honourable Members, let us do this so that we do not



assume everybody agrees. Only those who do not agree with the ...(Inaudible)... to debate the Motion, now I will put the question formally.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday 13th April, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, in terms of Standing Order 50.4, the debate on this Motion will be limited to two hours and I now call upon Honourable Moatlhodi to present the Motion.

MR MOATLHODI (TONOTA): Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga ke ka ke ka ba ka go tseela ditshwetso morena wa me, ke ka fa tlase ga dinao tsa gago. Ke ne ke re a mme ga e a tshaya Morena wa me, e tloga e re ke re ke a simolola, o bo o nkemisa.

MR SPEAKER: ...(Inaudible)... slot when the House resumes, so you better start.

MR MOATLHODI: Thank you sir. *Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente*, I formally move that “this Honourable House be apprised by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, on what causes and why the radical changes to the Government Loan Scheme (GEMVAS), that disadvantages the 41 years and above serving civil servants, the effect that they shall no longer utilise GEMVAS and improve their lives as it has always been since the inception of the scheme.”

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, dilo di a diragala kwa GEMVAS...

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Order! Honourable Members.* Dilo di a diragala *Honourable* Moatlhodi, o eme foo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *...(Laughter!)...* Di a diragala tota *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, it is now 6 o'clock and I call upon the Leader of the House, His Honour the Vice President, to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka o kopile, ke kopa gore batlotlegi ba dumalane gore re eme fa. *Thank you.*

Question put and **agreed to.**



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