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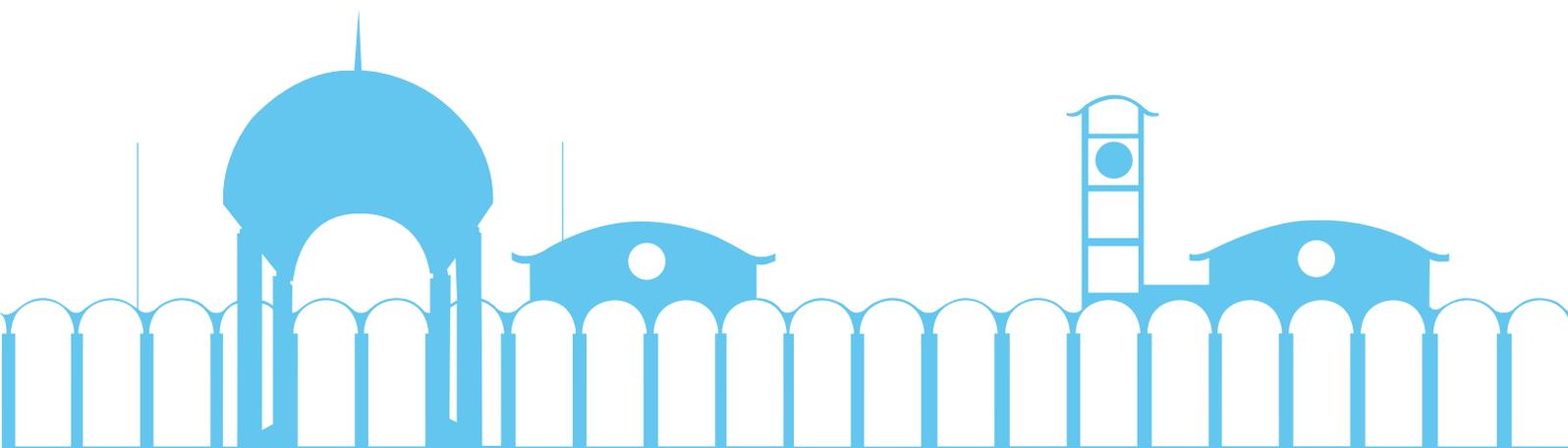
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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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...Silence...

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

DR DOW: ...(Inaudible)...ba bo ba ya kwa *Environment*, e bo e nna mathatanyana mo go nna gone foo.

Fela se se tthomolang pelo ke gore *there is a policy* ya gore *only one question per a member per day*, go raya gore kana *question e e noticed*, e e neng e ntshitswe fela ka di 12 jaanong le yone e dule mo teng, *so* gompieno ga ke na potso. Ke ne ke sena potso maabane, ga ke na potso gompieno ka yone tlhakathakano e. Golo fa le go nkakanyetse. Ke a tlhaloganya gore mathata a dule golo gongwe, e bile gongwe ga se a ga *Minister* yo o *responsible*. E ne e se phoso ya me, le fa o ka e bala *the original*, ya re *land* le metsi. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Indeed, Honourable Dr Dow. As I said, we are dealing with this issue *le* Leader of the House to redirect the question and feedback will be given tomorrow. Let me also direct the Clerks that they take care of the equity provision *ya gore o se ka wa iphitlhela o beilwe ka fa mosing mabapi le dipotso*.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

TREMORS IN SELEBI PHIKWE

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she is aware that:

- (i) many households in Selebi Phikwe are terrorised day and night by earth tremors caused by flooded mine shafts; and
- (ii) the tremors have caused cracks to some of the houses, especially in the Selebi Phikwe East Constituency.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Question number two*, mme ga ke bone *Minister*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kenewendo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, may I apologise on her behalf, she was on her way here but she was called into a meeting with the President.

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

MR SPEAKER: Parliament starts at 2:00 p.m.

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

COMPENSATION FOR DISANA COMMUNITY

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to brief this Honourable House on the distribution programme of action of the Trust Funds compensated for Maun International Airport relocation to Disana community, in particular:

- (i) the total number of individuals to be paid through the High Court and how many have been paid so far;
- (ii) who is responsible for the process between Francistown and Maun High Court;
- (iii) what is the cause of delay in payments and any intended paradigm shift in terms of procedure to speed up the payment process; if so, elaborate;
- (iv) when should they expect payment.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Justice and Correctional Services.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Nyatanga, you are the Deputy Minister.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):

*Mr Speaker*, *Minister* ke ene a neng a tserere *the whole information*, jaanong ke ne ke sa batle go mo e senyetsa, *but it is unfortunate*, ga ke itse gore o tshwerwe ke eng ka gore le ene o ne a le mo tseleng.

MR SPEAKER: Vice President (VP), I do not see the Leader of the House, so you will have to take the heat for this one. I do not think we are starting on a good footing, since yesterday. I do not want this to continue, starting tomorrow. We have Ministers who are absent and there is no explanation as to where they are. I have in my office apologies, but these questions that are not being answered because Ministers are not here, I do not have those apologies, so it is inconveniencing Parliament. We have made this observation at the General Assembly and I was assured that this matter will be corrected. So, Your Honour, please prevail on the Ministers.

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

#### GREEN/ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

**MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA):** asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to:

- (i) apprise this Honourable House on the current green/alternative energy projects in Botswana and the extent to which the projects maximise the full potential of the sector;
- (ii) spell out Government's proposals to optimise full potential of the green/alternative energy sector; and
- (iii) show job generation potential of the sector on optimal utilisation.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Minerals and Energy? *E ntse ke kgang yone e.*

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

#### TERMINAL BENEFITS FOR FORMER WATER UNITS EMPLOYEES

**MR K. C. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to explain to this Honourable House the process that was followed when former employees of Water Units were transferred to Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) in 2013; and to further state:

- (i) whether all the transferred former Water Units employees received their terminal benefits and/or pensions when they were moved to their current employer; and if not,
- (ii) when the process is going to be completed.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Ga a yo.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Let me just check something.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order, Honourable Members! I was just checking with the Clerk. I know I have an apology from Honourable Moswaane and Honourable Motshegwa about their absence but the expectation is that somebody ought to be answering these questions on

their behalf, unless they had agreed with Members of Parliament (MP) that the questions will come at a later time. So that is not the case with the question, at least their apologies I have them in my office.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Ema pele.* Anybody answering the question for Honourable Motshegwa?

**MR HIKUAMA:** Procedure Mr Speaker. I am very sorry. I am just seeing a text from the Minister, *go raya gore ga ke a e bala sentle, o ne a re ke e* later date, he will be available *ka* Monday, so I am very sorry for that.

**Later Date.**

#### PUBLIC CAMP SITES

**MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism to apprise this Honourable House on:

- (i) when last the public camp sites in the Linyanti, Savuti and Chobe National Park were advertised; and
- (ii) which company was awarded the tender and how long the lease agreement is.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

*Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente Mapulanga. Ke supe fela Mr Speaker gore Ministry wa Environment tota o a leka ka bojotlhe go bona gore Batswana ba tsenela morero le dikgwebo tsa Bojanala. Ke sone se Goromente kgotsa lephata le tswelletseng ka go bona gore Batswana ba ka tsennngwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore le bone ba bone meamuso e. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, Goromente o ne a neela kgotsa leased mafelo kgotsa camp sites tseo di le tharo mo mafelong a a sireletsegileng. Kwa Chobe National Park, o ne a ntsha three public camp sites tse di neng tsa anamisiwa kgotsa advertised ka ngwaga wa 2008, mme they were awarded. Camp sites tse, e nngwe e kwa Linyanti, Savuti le Ihaha. O a go itse Honourable Saleshando kwa Ihaha?*

**MR SALESHANDO:** Ee.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Okay.* Jaanong mo potsong ya bobedi ya gore ke dikompone dife tse di neetsweng; *Mr Speaker, private camp sites* tse di kwa Linyanti and Savuti di neetswe Savuti Khwai Linyanti Group Pty (Ltd) *whereas* tse di kwa Ihaha di neetswe IT Comms,

ba ipitsa ba re Kwalate. Jaanong *leases* tsa bone *Mr Speaker*, kwa tshimologong di ne e le tsa dingwaga tse di tlhano, mme e le gore fa ba neelwa *leases* tsone tse, di ne di na le *option ya renewal*. Go raya gone gore mo ngwageng o re tswang mo go one wa 2024, *leases* tse di ne tsa ntshafadiwa ka dingwaga tse di 15. Ke a leboga Mopalamente.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse gore se se diragalang gone kwa dikampeng *that are advertised* tse, a se ama lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara kana se diragala fela mo mafelong a?

Sa bobedi, ke kgang ya nako e e neetsweng. Fa le re e ne e le lantlha e simolola ka bo *five*, e bo e tla e nna *automatic* jaanong gore le a e oketsa, ke eng e ne e sa busetswe fela gore e nne le *that fair competition ya to be tendered for* gona le gore e nne mo mothong a le mongwefela lebaka le leele? Ke buisiwa se *Mr Speaker* ke gore, re setse re na le *conflicts regarding these campsites*. Mo bangwe go tsayang lebaka gone mo, ba setse jaanong ba tsaya gore ke tsa bone, mo le metsi ba rekisetsang *operators* tse dingwe, ga ke itse gore *Minister is aware of that query* ya gore ba gapa le didiba tsa Puso? Ke a leboga.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gore fa Motlotlegi Mopalamente a re se se diragalang kwa a se diragala gongwe le gongwe, o raya go diragala eng?

**MR MAPULANGA:** ...*(Inaudible)*...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ehe. Jaanong o ne a re ke eng re ne re sa *terminate* dikonteraka tse *and advertise* sesha? Gongwe ke supe gone gore, fa *leases* di ne di dirwa ka nako e di neng di dirwa, jaaka ba ne ba neelwa *five years*, se se neng sa diragala ke gore, go ne ga supuwa gore ba tlaa ntshafaletswa. Ba na le *option ya renewal*. E ne e le dilo tsa nako eo ka fa di neng di dirwa ka teng. Mme ka fa e leng gore mo nakong ya gompieno re ya go dira dilo ka teng mo Pusong e ntsha, go tlaa farologana le ka fa di neng di ntse di dirwa ka teng mo nakong e e fetileng.

Ke utlwa o bua gore go na le bangwe ba ba setseng ba ikgagapelela le didiba tsa Puso, ba ke sa itseng gore ke bafe. Gongwe ke go solofetse fela gore ga gona ope yo o ka ikgagapelelang sepe se e leng gore ke sa Puso a felela a kgonne go dira jalo. Ke a leboga.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Supplementary*. Kana Tautona wa lefatshe o kopile gore fa re kgona re le lebise dipotso kwa ntle ga Palamente, go na le go di tlisa kwano. Ke

ne ka go itsise fa ke tswa phuthengong ya Kgotla kwa metseng ya bo Sankoyo, gore go na le ngongorego ya mogwebi yo o ikgapetseng didiba tsa Puso, a rekisetsa batho metsi ka tsone. A o raya gore ke sale ke go bolelela kgang e kwa ntle ga Palamente, go fitlhelela gompieno ga gona se o se dirileng?

**MR SPEAKER:** A ga gona se o se dirileng *Honourable Mmolotsi*?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa, mo kgannyeng e *Mr Speaker*, gongwe ka bokhutshwanyane fela ke supe gore, kgang e re ne ra e utlwalela fa ke le kwa phuthengong ya Botswana Guides Association (BOGA), mme Mopalamente Saleshando le ene, o ne a tla a re le bisa yone. Re setse re ne ra kgona gore re tle go kopana le ene motho yo o neng a buiwa ka leina la mohuta oo gone mo lephateng la rona go tlhalosa kgang e ya gore, sediba ke sa ga mang, gore le ene a kgone go itse. Ga re dumele gore mo nakong ya gompieno go na le ope yo o tshwanetseng gore a bo a duela metsi a sediba sa *wildlife*, se borre ba botsang ka sone. So ka bokhutshwanyane, re setse re biditse mogwebi yoo, re buile le ene, mme re ntse re tseuletse ka gone go leka go bona gore dikgang tse ga di ka ke tsa tlhola di diragalela ope gape, mme e bile ga go sa tlhola go na le mogwebi yo mongwe yo o ka tlang gape ka dikgang tse di tshwanang tse di buiwang tse. Ke a leboga.

### HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

**MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST):** asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure considering the current Government's commitment in its party manifesto to develop transformative infrastructure, including the proposal for a high-speed train aimed at connecting key urban areas within a three-hour timeframe to:

- (i) provide a realistic timeline for implementing this project; and
- (ii) confirm whether this plan is actively being pursued.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR SALAKAE):** *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mopalamente. Mopalamente o ne a kopile gore e rile fa a ntse a tsamaya a bala* manifesto wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), *a bona go kwadilwe golo gongwe gore re na le fa re yang go dira teng a high-speed train. Jaanong o eletsa gore ke mmolelele gore re tsamaya fa kae.*

Mr Speaker, let me preface my response by paying homage to the Honourable Member of Parliament, *ke mo leboge*. He comes across as doing something that I think other people should do, read and re-read the UDC manifesto, ask a lot of questions. So that together we can re-sell the goodwill that this manifesto contains to the rest of the world, Batswana locally and so forth. *Ke go leboga fela thata go menagane*.

Against this backdrop Mr Speaker, I wish respond to the Honourable Member's specific question as follows; it is true that page two of the UDC manifesto makes a heartfelt pledge to building a fast train or high-speed train. This is recapped on page three of the same manifesto. I wish to quote page two Mr Speaker if you could allow me.

**MR SPEAKER:** Please do.

**MR SALAKAE:** "The UDC Government intends to build a Wealth Fund which will invest locally, continentally and internationally. The focus would be to aggressively build wealth for current and coming generations while at the same time unlocking economic opportunities for both our labour force and entrepreneurs. The Wealth Fund will invest in sustainable mega-infrastructure projects such as fast train that links major cities of Africa as well as a major food production, pharmaceuticals and mineral beneficiation supply chains."

The Honourable Member will agree with me that, this is the Wealth Fund that His Honour the Vice President and Minister of Finance spoke about at Phase 4, titled; building a new Botswana, paragraph 64 of Budget Speech which he delivered on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015. This notwithstanding Mr Speaker, paraphrasing Paragraph 79 of the same speech, you will agree with me that is difficult to confirm the realistic timeline in implementing a high-speed train project, given its high magnitude. *Kana re na le dikgwedi tse four fela re le mo Pusong*. Once the fund is established, it is common cause that a feasibility study will ensue and the rest will follow.

Leveraging Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) will play a vital role in mobilising resources needed to accelerate this initiative, marking a significant shift in our approach to economic development.

I am sure the Honourable Member also will realise that it is hardly four months since UDC assumed power,

yet they have already signalled they mean business by taking the first steps of their ambitious journey towards modernising and transforming our infrastructure. A journey to transform the old Botswana into a new home and perhaps not only a home, but a meticulously designed lifestyle built on a people centred and inclusive future, where one can live their best life. We will do it step by step, gradually but surely, contrary to the 58 years of misplaced priorities.

Our people Mr Speaker honestly believe that we can. They trust that the UDC are true keepers of their dreams, a voice they should have long recognised and embraced, but were somehow deceived to shame.

The second part is not long Mr Speaker. *E ne e botsa gore a mme gone re simolotse?* I can therefore safely confirm Mr Speaker that the plan to develop a high-speed train is being pursued and underway. Thank you.

**MR PULE:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga mongwame. A motlotlegi yo ke mo ratang thata Rre Salakae o a itse gore 58 years yo Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) e busitseng ka ene, e ne e mo godisa jaaka a le botlhale jaana; *that is the first thing* se ke batlang gore a se tlhaloganye. Go bo a kgona gore a bue Sekgoa jaaka a se bua jaana *it is because of* BDP.

Sa bobedi, se ke batlang go se itse mo go wena motlotlegi ke gore, a o a itse gore Ntlo e, *from time immemorial, Opposition, including yourselves, have always been accusing BDP Government* gore fa re dira *projects we do not set targets? I want to find out* gore, a motlotlegi a re re dumele mo go reng o tlaa nna a re araba a sa re bolelele *timeframes* gore o fetsa leng?

Sa bofelo, ke batla go itse gore a mme *this high-speed train, will it benefit Bakgatla, because rona kana re mo Special Economic Zone (SEZ)?* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Salakae before you answer, I will draw your attention to Standing Order 38.1 (d) and (i). It is up to you on whether you answer or disregard the first question, in light of the Standing Order that I have cited; 38.1 (d) and (i).

**MR PULE:** *On a point of procedure*. Mr Speaker, kana setilo seo ke kile ka nna mo go sone, mme ga ke gakologelwe nako epe, e bile o le ka kwano ke bua jaaka o ne o bua. O ne o kganela dilo tseo thata, o ka se ka wa dumela gore *Speaker* a leke *to guide Ministers* gore ba arabe jang. Ga ke gane e ka tswa e le Standing Order *Mr Speaker*, but ke boditse potso e e gwetlhwang ke

*statement* se a neng a se bua. A re BDP Government had stayed for 58 years and did not do anything, that is why ke dira a follow-up ya gore a o a itse gore 58 years yo BDP e neng e busa, e ne ya aga batho ba ba tshwanang le ene, gompiano *he is a Minister?* Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** O ntse o bua sone se ke se buang. Honourable Pule o bale Standing Order 38.1 (d) and (i), se tlaa go thusa thata motlotlegi.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Further procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** No, let us proceed.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ee, ke gone ka fa re tllileng go tshwarwa ka teng, go siame, re tlaa kopana.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** O kopana le mang, le Honourable Salakae kana le nna? Honourable Motaosane.

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

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Kwa tseleng *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, wa re le tlaa kopana, jaanong ka re a o kopana le Honourable Salakae kana o kopana le nna?

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Le yo o tlaabong a re araba ka fa a re rabang ka teng *sir*. Kwa tseleng, re tlaa kopana.

**MR SALAKAE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Listening is a skill and a virtue. I do not remember in my response saying the BDP has never done anything in the past 58 years, I said 58 years of misplaced priorities. That is my response to his first question.

*The second one*, o mpotsa gore a ga se rona ba re neng re ntse re bua gore re tshwanetse *to set target lines*. Kana ke nkgonne le ene ke a mo rata, ke dumela thata gore o a itse gore *a project of this magnitude* e tlhokana le *to be budgeted and planned for* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kana golo fa ga re reele gore re ya go aga baesekele, go tlhokafala gore go nne le *feasibility study* le dilo tse dintsi. Jaanong ka re *Vice President as the Minister of Finance*, o setse a simolotse ka go supa gore madi one a teng. Kana fa a sena go rialo, go raya gore ke le *ministry* ke simolole go bona gore jaanong re dira *plan that I am going to set timelines and I will come back and give you a positive feedback* Honourable Member. Thank you Mr Speaker.

## TLOKWENG STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

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

- (i) if there are any plans to address the Tlokweng storm water drainage system as an urgent matter within this year's financial budget; and
- (ii) if he is aware that this issue has been an ongoing problem for 20 years, particularly since the development of internal roads which were constructed without storm water drainage system.

**Later Date.**

## PHASING OUT OF PIT LATRINES

**MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST):** asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if he will consider:

- (i) phasing out the use of pit latrines in Mogoditshane as a move towards delivering decent lives and better public health through improving sanitation and mitigating against pollution and waste management;
- (ii) subsidising sewer connection fees to enable low income families to afford connection and connecting poor families for free; and
- (iii) restoring water that was disconnected due to high water bills by slashing off a portion of the bill and agreeing on a payment plan while poor families are reconnected without any payment following assessment, to aid this project.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):** Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise mo maitseboeng ano le bakaulengwe ba ba leng fano.

*Mr Speaker*, ke bo ke tsena mo potsong ya Mopalamente wa Mogoditshane, e bile ke supe fela gore ke potso e e tlhamaletseng, e e botlhale, ka gore golo kwa go bothatanyana, go batla batho ba ba tsapogang jaaka ene.

*Mr Speaker*, motlotlegi o ne a botsa potso ya gore maikaelelo a lephata le ke leng mo go lone, re ya go felela re ntshitse leng matlwana a boitiketso mo tirisong. A ga re akanye gore seemo se se ka tla sa thusa gore go nne le seemo sa botshelo jo bo botoka jwa batho, kana seemo sa gore batho ba nne le bophepa jo bo rileng. Le gore a

ga re akanye go diga ditlhwatlhwa tsa go gokela *pipes* tsa kgopo ya metsi a a leswe. Le gore gape ditlhwatlhwa tsa metsi tsa ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane, re ikaelela go dira eng ka tsone, tsamaiso ya rona e lebile jang mo go bone. A ga re bone gore gongwe re leke ka bojotlhe, re dumalane gore ba ba kgaoletsweng metsi mo dijarateng a busediwe ka metsi e le botshelo *Mr Speaker*: A boa gape a gatelela gore, ba e leng gore ke batlhoki, a ga re akanye gore dikoloto tsa bone di phimolwe kana ba ka duela ka tsela e e ntseng jang *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, fa ke tsena mo karabong jaaka ke buile ke re potso e ke potso e e botlhale, ke tshwanetse ka supa gore maikaelelo magolo a Goromente wa UDC ke go bona setšhaba se tshelela mo bophepeng, ke go bona setšhaba se tshela botshelo jo bo nang le boleng. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, nngwe ya go bona gore batho ba tshela botshelo jo bo nang le boleng, ke gone go ntsha matlwana a boitiketso. Maikaelelo a ga a ame kgaolo ya Mogoditshane fela le dikgaolo dingwe tse o ka di akanyang, a ama dikgaolo tsotlhe lefatshe lotlhe la Botswana. Ke maikaelelo a mmangmang mo dithulaganyong tsa rona, re batla gore go nne jalo *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, fa o utlwa ke bua jaana, go lebilwe gore kana matlwana a a kgotlela metsi a a nowang ke batho. Seo se setse se supegile mo dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le bo Ramotswa le tse dingwe ka dikgang tsa mabitla jalojalo. *Mr Speaker*, Goromente wa UDC o eme ka letlhoko la madi le leoto le lengwe fela, go bona gore seemo se a se busetse mo tolamong.

Fa go na le bangwe ba ba pelo, re sianasiana re ba thetsa *Mr Speaker* gore fa ba na le maikaelelo a gore ba ka thusa Goromente ka tsela nngwe ya go dirisana le ene, go bona gore seemo se se fele, maikaelelo a rona ke go dira jalo.

*Mr Speaker*, Lephata la Water Utilities le feletse fa gongwe le dira gore ka bonya ka bonya le emise tiriso ya go gopa matlwana a boitiketso. Le kopa gore fa e leng gore go na le metsi teng, go dirisiwe matlwana a boitiketso a a dirisang metsi, ke ba ba ikgonang. *Underline that*.

*Mr Speaker*, jaaka ke tla ke araba, ga ke batle go araba *sentence by sentence*, mme tota go na le tshakatsheko e e tseletseng e e dirilweng ya go bona gore a mme gone fela mantlwana one a boiteketso, a ke mo gotweng e re phakela re bo re a feditse, kana a ka dirwa ka tsela nngwe gore a nne *habitable*. A se ka a ama seemo sa

tikologo, a se ka a ama matshelo a batho ka tsela nngwe *Mr Speaker*. Ditlhotlhomiso di supegile gore go dirilwe motlhale o mongwe wa go agelela sentle go bona gore metsi ga a ka ke a amega, sepe ga se ka ke sa amega gore batho ba se ka ba nna le gore metsi a a kgotlelesegile.

*Mr Speaker*, ke supile gore Goromente o na le dikakanyo tse di ntsi, tse di matsorotsoro tsa go batla go baakanya diemo tse. Letlhoko la madi jaaka Goromente wa UDC a sisitse dikakanyo tse di kanakana, ke lone le dirang gore go sisa dikakanyo mo, e bo e le gore ga go diragale. Madi fa a ka bonala *Mr Speaker*, ke maikaelelo a matona a gore batho ba Mogoditshane seemo seo se tsibogelwe le lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara, le ba bangwe ba ke ntseng ke utlwa ba ngunanguna ka kwa gore seemo sa dikgaolo tsa bone le sone se tsibogelwe.

*Mr Speaker*, ke gatelele kgang e mmotsi wa potso a neng a re, a Goromente ga a na maikaelelo a gore bangwe ba direlwe *waivers* tsa go direlwa thulaganyo e e bonolo ya go ka duela. Eo re e thetsa mo lephateng le rona. Re tsentse leitlho. Go se ka ga nna gore ka o a palelwa, o tseetswe kgato ya go nna jaana. Go raya gore *case by case* e tlaa sekasekwa gore Batswana ba mofuta o o ntseng jalo, ba kgone.

*Mr Speaker*, karabo e tota e telele mme bontlha bongwe jwa yone, ke tlaa leka go bo tlogela, ke tle ke bo neele Mopalamente e le jo a ka bo ipalelang. *Mr Speaker*, ke fetse fela ka gore jaaka ke buile, Goromente o sekaseka gore bangwe ba sekasekelwe gore ba ka duela ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Go tlaare go tsenwe mo kgannyeng ya gore batho bao, go se ka gatwe re a sekaseka fela. Go dirwe mo gotweng ke *assessment* gore motho e se ka ya re a tshwana le Rre Kapinga, go bo gotwe le ene o amiwa ke lenaneo leo. Go bonwe gore motho yo o ntseng jalo, o sekasekwa ke makalana a a maleba. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**DR DOW:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe ka karabo e e telele eo. Ke ne ke re sengwe se se ka thusang, ke tsholofetso ya 30 *per cent* ya go kgaola metsi. Ke ne ke re o ka tlhalosetsa Batswana ka gore e ka thusa go fokotsa ditlhwatlhwa tsa metsi jaaka re ne re bua. 30 *per cent* o tlaa simolola leng wa go kgaolela batho metsi gore ba tle ba dire se potso e e buang ka sone? Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Le kgaola leng *Honourable* Motsamai?

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ee, mme o nepile *Mr Speaker*. Kgang ya 30 *per cent* e ne e le bontlha bongwe jwa kgang e ke neng ke e kgaola, fa ba ntse ba re ke tatediso

ya dikgang ka kwa. Ke ne ke kgaola boleele jwa karabo jo 30 *per cent* a neng a wela mo go jone. *Mr Speaker*, ke mangwe maakanya a gore 30 *per cent* yo o tlaa nna teng, le fa ke sa beye letsatsi le kgwedi. Tota seemo sa madi, se re baya mo seemong se e leng gore re ka se ke re bonye, e re fa re ntsha leilho, re bo re re go tlaa diragala. Maikaelelo a a kwadilweng ka fa re itlamileng ka teng gore re gogela gone koo, seemo sa itsholelo ya lefatshe se ritibala *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Hang on, Honourable Motsamai*, ke tsaya gore fa ba bua ka *timelines*, ba raya gore o ka *commit*, le fa o sa fe letsatsi le kgwedi, *this financial year or next financial year*. Karabo fa e ka tlogelwa e ntse jalo, e tlaabo e nna o kare o raya dipeba di tsala.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *Mr Speaker*, fa ke bua ka seemo sa itsholelo, ke gore le nna ke ne ke *generalise*. Rotlhe fela jaaka re ntse fa, re a rapela letsatsi le letsatsi gore seemo seo se ritibale. Gore leng *Mr Speaker*, rotlhe fela jaaka re ntse jaana, re a rapela gore se diragale ka bonako. *That is why* ke ne ke re ka bonako *Mr Speaker*. Ke sa bue ka go tsala ga dipeba. Mma ke tlhomamise fela ke re, *this financial year Mr Speaker*, fa go tokafetse re ya go dira jalo.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF GHANI-MOHEMBO TO GUDIGWA ROAD

**MR G. DISHO (OKAVANGO EAST):** asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure:

- (i) to update this Honourable House on the construction of the Ghani-Mohembo to Gudigwa road (190 kilometres);
- (ii) if Government is aware that in the entire Okavango East Constituency, there is less than 5 km of tarred road; and
- (iii) to state the ministry's preparedness to deliver commitments made by the past administration to construct the road which was given the name Mokwepa o Montsho.

**Later Date.**

#### TREMORS IN SELEBI PHIKWE

**MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST):** asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy if she is aware that:

- (i) many households in Selebi Phikwe are terrorised day and night by earth tremors caused by flooded mine shafts; and

- (ii) the tremors have caused cracks to some of the houses, especially in the Selebi Phikwe East Constituency.

**MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO):** Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke simolole ka go ikopa maitshwarelo* Mr Speaker. I was called urgently to the President's office, *mme ke ile ka sianela kwano fa ke fetsa*. Honourable Nkawana, thank you very much for this question. I want to thank you once again for having joined us during our preliminary visit to the BCL mine in December 2024.

Mr Speaker, as I respond to the question, ground vibrations were first reported in Selebi Phikwe area in December 2018 and Botswana Geoscience Institute responded by conducting a study that was successful in determining the cause, location and frequency, intensity of the microseismic activity and subsequently installed a long term monitoring microseismic network, covering both surface and underground areas of the BCL mine.

The study was also successful in determining that change in rise in ground water level that flooded the mine. Workings was a principal cause of the micro tremors hence the pumping of water from the shafts was introduced as a critical control to keep the ground water level constant, thereby reducing the intensity and frequency of the micro tremors. These microseismic events also known as tremors were observed in major to be located within the confines of the south-east extension of the BCL mine. As already mentioned, these tremors correlated with the rise of ground water level within the mine and they correlated well with the closed mines of similar size, depths and geological setting.

Mr Speaker, I wish to address this House and inform them that following the President's visit to Selebi Phikwe, even though it was for Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) event, we met geoscience experts and some engineers at BCL together with the Botswana Geoscience Institute to discuss these seismic events the Honourable Member had already highlighted these particular issues. The Ministry of Minerals and Energy subsequently found resources for geo-hazard monitoring programme in order to respond to these aforementioned challenge. We wanted to focus particularly on earthquake monitoring and tremor monitoring.

We have also subsequently following that visit, set up a task team that is to carry out monitoring programme but do other assessments related to the micro seismic

tremors. We are also closing in monitoring the intensity and the gradual reduction in pumping that we have already as I said, found the resources for. The medium term aim is to assess if there is any economic value in the remaining assets, the shafts that are left, which value can be salvaged through the asset or sale, and for those that do not have any economic value, we would recommend proper closure for those shafts. You would recall that already the ones with thick deposits were sold to Premier Nickel Resources (PNR). The work of the task team is still being costed and they have just completed some of the trips for their scoping exercise. For the continued care and maintenance, thus far which comprises mainly of pumping water with a long term perspective of creating stability in Shaft 3 South East Extension, we have worked with the Liquidator to avail funds to the tune of P30.5 million. The average monthly direct and support costs are estimated at around P8.43 million, indicating that operations can continue to at least the end of March 2025, and then we can start budgeting properly thereafter.

Mr Speaker, considering that the seismic events recorded during this period were of low magnitude, none of the single events alone were likely to have caused structural damage in the town of Selebi Phikwe. That is not to say that we are totally discounting the damage that is happening in infrastructure in Selebi Phikwe. That is why the team keeps going back and forth to check for seismic activity.

Mr Speaker, at this moment all incidents are locked through care and maintenance team and Department of Mines or local authorities who will in turn coordinate the response plan that will go through the task team that we have since set up. I thank you.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga *Honourable Minister.* Ke boammaaruri re ne re le mmogo *when we were briefed.* Kgang ke gore go na le Setswana se se reng, “phiri a feta dinamane tsa timela.” Go ne go sena matlo a a thubegang pele fa go nna le thoromo eo ya lefatshe. Jaanong fa go sa le go nna jalo ka ngwaga o o neng o o bua wa 2018, matlo a batho a simolotse *to crack.* Go ya ka nna le baagi ba Phikwe, ba dumela gore a thubega jalo ka ntateng ya thoromo ya lefatshe ka gore morago ga moo go ne go sa diragale. Jaanong potso ke gore ka gore matlo ao a teng ke bosupi, re dira eng go ba thusa gore matlo a bone a baakanngwe a boele mo seemong se se siameng?

Sa bobedi ka gore go lebega gore banni ba Phikwe re tšhela le thoromo e ya lefatshe go ya go ileng ka fa o buang ka teng, re dira jang go ruta batho le go ba sidila maikutlo gore ba tlwaele gore ke botshelo jwa bone go ya go ileng, le fa ba robetse ba utlwa ba tshosiwa ke modumo ba itse gore ke moepo ga o ba wele? Ke a leboga.

**MS KENEWENDO:** *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Member.* Jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore ba Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) ba buile ba re *they do not believe* gore ke *the tremors that have caused it*, a bo ke ba busetsa gape kwa Phikwe ke re mme kana selelo fa se le teng *there has to be something that is wrong.* Ke sone se ke reng, *we have set up this task team and we want them to do proper assessments.* Ba se ka ba re *according to our high level assessment* ra re ga go a nna jalo *because of the tremors.* E tlaa re re sena go wetsa ditshekatsheko tsa rona Rre Nkawana, re tlaa tla re boela kwa go lona. Jaaka le itse, ke ne ke setse ke le tlhaloseditse le maloba fa re le kwa gore re itlamile gore *before the end of Quarter 1* ya 2025, a bo re ya *to present our holistic approach to Selebi Phikwe.* Ke gone fa re tlaa tlang re araba e bile re bo re tšweledisa kgang e ya *community education* gore re bolelele Batswana le banni ba kwa Phikwe gore tota thoromo e e diriwa ke eng. E bile ba ka itlwaetsa jang go tshela le yone kana re dira jang go e fokotsa gore e se ka ya ba tshosa thata ka gore modumo wa teng ke utlwile maloba Magosi ba re boleletse gore tota fa gongwe o a tshosa. Ke sone se re ileng ra tsibogela gore re tsenye madi a ka tlhomamisang gore re fokotsa modumo oo le *tremors* tse di diragalang. Re ile ra bo ra e dira jaaka o itse *honourable* gore e rile re emelela fela ka *Sunday, Monday* madi ao a bo re bonye fa re a ntshitseng teng gore bosigo a bo go simololwa *seismic monitoring and pumping.* *Thank you.*

**MR KAIZER:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Tla ke tseye sebaka se ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong e le Batswana kwa gae. Ke bo ke leboge Tona ka dikarabo tse a re di neetseng. Jaanong ga ke itse gore a Tona se o a se itse, sa gore ka 26 November 2024, re amogetse mokwalo o o tswang kwa go *Liquidator* o tlhalosa gore *early December* gone ka 2024, o tlaabo a emisa go pompa metsi mo *shafts* tsa *Number 3*? Jaanong ke re gongwe ke botse Tona gore a mme ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo? A le setse le emisitse go pompa metsi kwa tlase ga moepo? Gongwe fa a ka e tlhalosa yone eo, re ka nona pelo kwa Phikwe ka gore matshelo a rona a botlhokwa thata go na le go ka emisa go pompa metsi kwa tlase ga moepo.

Potso e nngwe ya bobedi ke gore kana matlo a le seemo se mo karabong e o e nneetseng ke gore, ga re dumalane ka gore re kgona go bona gore fa go sa le go emisiwa go pompa metsi, matlo a rona a a senyega. Ke seemo se re tsheleng mo go sone. Jaanong gongwe dipatlisiso tsa lona fa di tla di bua se sele *Honourable Minister*, ke tsepame gore eo ga re dumalane le yone ka gore seemo se ke sone se re dumelang gore se re bakela mathata. Jaanong gongwe le ye go oketsa ka fa le dirang dipatlisiso tsa teng *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

**MS KENEWENDO:** *Mr Speaker*, mma ke simolole ka ya bofelo ka gore ke e ke neng ke wela ke nna fa fatshe ka yone. Ke re batho ba BGI ba tlisitse *report* ba re ga ba dumele gore *tremors* ke tsone tse di bakileng dilo tseo. Ka bo ka ba busetsa kwa Phikwe ke ba raya ke re mme kana dilelo tse ga di ka ke tsa nna teng fela go sena kgang. Ke sone se ke ntseng ke se tlhalosa *Honourable Kaizer* gore ba ye go lebelela gape.

Sa bobedi e nna gore re tlile Selebi Phikwe ka *December*. Ke yone e ke ntseng ke e tlhalosa fa ke simolola karabo ke re ka *December* e rile fela re emelela kwa morago ga leeto la ga Tautona, a bo e bile re bona madi ka Mosupologo bosigo, re bo re simolola *to pump*. Ke a wela *Mr Speaker*. *Thank you*.

#### COMPENSATION FOR DISANA COMMUNITY

**MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to brief this Honourable House on the distribution programme of action of the Trust Funds compensated for Maun International Airport relocation to Disana community, in particular:

- (i) the total number of individuals to be paid through the High Court and how many have been paid so far;
- (ii) who is responsible for the process between Francistown and Maun High Court;
- (iii) what is the cause of delay in payments and any intended paradigm shift in terms of procedure to speed up the payment process; if so, elaborate;
- (iv) when should they expect payment.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA):** *Mr Speaker*, ke go leboge. Ke kope maitshwarelo gore ke ne ke tabogetse go ya go dira sengwe fale, ke re ke tlaa tshwara nako.

*Mr Speaker*, potso ya re re tlhalose kabo ya dilo tsa boswa kana bajaboswa ba ba sutisitsweng kwa Maun go sutela go tlhabololwa ga *airport* go ya kwa lefelong la disana.

- (i) Potso ya ntlha ya re ke batho ba le kae ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba duelwe *through the High Court*, re duetse ba le kae *so far*?

*Mr Speaker*, ke tlhalose gore ofisi ya ga *Master* kwa *High Court*, e amogetse *files* di le 265 go tswa kwa *Ministry of Transport* tsa bajaboswa ba ba sutisitsweng go sutela *airport* go tswa ka 2022 go fitlhelela gompieno. Mo *files* tsone tseo, ke gore go na le *file*. *File* go tewa buka fela e ntse jaana, mo teng go na le bajabaswa gongwe ba feta 10. E se ka ya tloga e re dipalo gotwe ke eng di sa nne 265. Dipalo tsa batho ba e leng gore ke *beneficiaries* ba e leng gore *they have been assessed* ke 745, ba ba duetsweng ka tsela e e latelang; ba le 300 ba duetswe *in full*, ke gore *these 300 are majors; majors* go tewa ba e leng gore *they have attained the age of 18 and above*, ba duetswe ba le 300. 162 ke *minors* ba e leng gore bone ba duelwa *as and when* go dirilwe kopo ya gore ba duelwe, ka gore *minors* ke bana ba ba duelwang jaaka motho a duela *maintenance* wa ngwana kgwedi le kgwedi. Bone ga ba duelwe jaaka bagolo ba ba 300, bagolo bone ba duetswe fela *in full* madi a bone a *compensation*. Ba le 283 *majors were assessed*, mme re ikaelela gore re ba duele *fully by the end of March 2025*.

- (ii) Magareng ga Maun le Francistown High Court, ke mang yo e leng gore o na le boikarabelo jwa go dira tsamaiso ya *to process* le go duela? Karabo ke gore, sengwe le sengwe sotlhe se dirwa kwa Maun, ba bo ba isa kwa Francistown ka gore *Guardian Account* e teng kwa Francistown, ga e yo kwa Maun. Go raya gore ba *Transport*, *they deposit* gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng, a bo a tsena mo *account* ya *Guardian Funds* kwa Francistown. Ke yone e e leng gore e duela jalo, mme bone ga ba ye Francistown, sengwe le sengwe, *assessment* yotlhe e direlwa kwa Maun, le bone fa ba duelwa ga ba ye Francistown, fa ba tshotse madi kwa Francistown, ba ntse ba duela fela a tsena mo *accounts* tsa bone ba le kwa Maun. Fela ke gore *in terms of the process* ya ofisi ya ga *Master*, *account* e teng ya *guardian* kwa Francistown, mme kwa Maun ga re ise re nne le yone. Ke yone potso e e neng e re *between Francistown and Maun*...

**MR SPEAKER:** O taboge e tshaila.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Ya boraro *Mr Speaker* ke e e reng go diiwa ke eng, re tlaa dira jang gore re fefose tiro e? Go tsaya *three months* gore re bo re feditse, ka gore gakere go raya gore santlha ba a tlisa, go a bapadiwa, ba a sekaseka gore *do they qualify*, go raya gore go tsaya *three months on average* gore ba duelwe. Go dira *ministry* wa rona, mme go raya gore ofisi ya ga *Master le Accountant General* e ke neng ke e bua ke re *there is no Guardian Fund on the Accountant General Revenue Act at Maun office, and hence the Guardians Fund Account in Francistown* ke yone e e tsayang boikarabelo jwa go dira jalo.

*Mr Speaker*, re le ba Lephata la *Justice*, re mo *process of hiring Assistant Master and Account* kwa ofising ya Maun, re bo re ka tlhama *the Guardian Fund Section* le Maun Revenue Office gore jaanong sengwe le sengwe se simolole, le madi a tsenngwe kwa Maun. *Mr Speaker*, bone bajaboswa ba e leng gore madi a a setse a phatlaladitswe *up to 2024*, ba ke buileng gore ga ba ise ba netle, ke bone ba palo e e kwa godimo e ke neng ke e bua ya gore ba sekasekilwe, *next of kin meetings* di setse di dirilwe, mme ka tsholofelo re tlaabo re dirile gore mafelong a *March* re bo re ba duetse *Mr Speaker*. *I thank you*.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*, mma re leboqe Tona ka karabo. Matshwenyego a matona ke one a *Guardian Account*, mme potso ke gore e tlaa fudugela leng kwa Maun, wa re le mo go lekeng gore e ye Maun. Tsholofelo ke gore e bo e le kwa Maun leng ka gore kgang ga se yone ya *Trust Funds* fela, dikgang di di ntsi tse di tlhokang ofisi eo kwa Maun?

Potso ya bobedi ke gore, *three months* o moleele gore motho a bo a emetse dituelo tsa gagwe. Kgang e ke ya 2006, *three months* wa re ke *average*, mme madi fa a setse a gorogile kwa go lona, a tsere bo *12 months so far* a ntse a le koo batho ba sa duelwe. Golo mo fela ka bogone, go supa gore tsamaiso e telele. Le dira eng go fokotsa tsamaiso e? A ke *issue* ya *personnel*, kana ke *issue* yone ya bo go bapatsa, bo eng, bo eng? A ga le bone go le botoka gore le fokotse malatsi a bo go bapatsa, bo eng, eng, gore motho botoka a kgone go duelwa mo kgwedding?

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister Ramaotwana, in one minute.

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** *Yes, Mr Speaker*. Ka tsamaiso ya fa ke ya *to report* kwa *Master's office*, go tswa fa go raya gore go tsaya nako di santse di tsamaya ka *line* go

bo go bapadiwa *next of kin meetings*. Jaanong fa *next of kin meeting* o dirwa, le gone ba tlaabo ba baya *date* kgakalanyana. Fa ba tla ba kopana bone bajaboswa, go raya gore ba a ngangisanya. Ke gore fa ke re *three months*, ke raya *three months* ba sena go fetsa go nganga gore bajaboswa ba nnete ke bafe, *the valued beneficiaries*. Fa ba sena go lemoga bone bao, go tswa foo go ya koo gore ba tseye madi, ke yone e ke reng *three months*, e seng nako ya *to report estate*.

Ke gore ya *to report* ke e sele, go tswa foo go raya gore go na le *advertisement*, go bo go nna le *next of kin meetings*, *after that one* jaanong fa ba sena go dumalana, *processing* jaanong ke *three months* gore ba bo ba duetswe. Ke yone e ke neng ke bua ka yone *Mr Speaker*.

Ya *Guardian Fund Account* ke gore kwano re ne re sena motho, re sena *accounts*. *So, what is going to happen*, re ya go tlhama gore re hire *Assistant Master*, go tswa foo go bo go raya gore jaanong re tlhama gore go nne le *that section account* ya teng kwa Maun e se gore jaanong *we relocate* ya Francistown, re tlaabo re nna jaanong...

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

**MR RAMAOTWANA:** Re solofela gore *by the end of March* re tlaabo re setse re dirile dilo tseo. *Thank you Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, let me draw your attention to the addendum, and accordingly, I understand that the Minister of Finance, His Honour the Vice President has a paper to table.

### TABLING OF A PAPER

The following paper was tabled:

#### CORRIGENDUM TO THE 2025/2026 DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

(Minister of Finance)

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, you would recall that Honourable Kekgonegile had raised an issue regarding the figures, and the corrigendum seeks to address those concerns that he raised. That is why the corrigendum is tabled in the form of a paper. Order! Order! Honourable Members, I understand that the Leader of the House, Honourable Minister for State President, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa has a Business Motion to move.

## BUSINESS MOTION

**MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MOHWASA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 27.1 (b) that the sitting of the Assembly be extended by one hour daily on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 1800 hours to 1900 hours, and that for two successive Fridays, Parliament deals with the Appropriation (2025/2026) Bill, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025). This is to give the House enough time to conclude the Appropriation Bill before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2025. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, you would recall that this is a matter that you discussed at the General Assembly, and agreed. The procedures of this House is that there has to be a Business Motion to rearrange the sitting hours or to extend the sitting hours. So, I will put the question.

Question put and **agreed to.**

**MR SPEAKER:** I will move to the Appropriation Bill.

**APPROPRIATION (2025/2026) BILL,  
2025 (NO. 2 OF 2025)**

**Second Reading**

**(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, today we start our debates on the Appropriation Bill and as a reminder, the time allocated is as follows; Leader of the Opposition 50 minutes, Leader of the House 40 minutes, Leader of the Minority Opposition Party is 35 minutes, Honourable Members 30 minutes, Minister of Finance, His Honour the Vice President will respond at the end and he is given 60 minutes.

Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 9.3.4, and I believe read with 9.3.3, the Leader of the Opposition shall be the first to respond to the budget if he desires. I therefore, call upon Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Dumelang Saleshando, to respond to the speech. When the Leader of the Opposition finishes, the floor will be open.

Before he starts, let me remind you Honourable Members that he shall not be interrupted, unless he indicates so.

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *Right Honourable Speaker, I confirm that I wish to respond today.* Mme ke supe gore e ntswa melao ya Palamente e re ga go tlhokafale gore ope o ka leka go ntsena ganong, fa Tona wa tsa Madi a batla go akgela, ke ka mo fa sebaka fela fa e le gore kakgelo eo ga e fete motsotso o le mongwefela *at any point, and I hope I will enjoy your protection in that regard.*

**MR SPEAKER:** You will, Honourable Member.

**MR SALESHANDO:** Ke file phetolo ya me setlhogo se ka Sekgoa se balegang fela se re, “A New Botswana or a New BDP, where will the dice fall.” Lefoko “A New Botswana,” le dirisitswe ke Mothusa Tautona kgapetsa mo puong ya gagwe, ke bone gore e nne themelelo ya me gore a ke Botswana yo mošha kana ke Domkrag e ntšha, go tlaa wela kae?

Mo go fetoleng ga me, ke akgole Mothusa Tautona, Motlotlegi Rre Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe ka maemo a a neetsweng a gore e nne ene a okametseng merero ya Puso ya tsa madi le itsholelo. Jaaka mongwe, o tsaya tiro e ka nako e go leng thata. Jaaka mongwe wa ba ba tsileng pele ga gago Rre Gaolathe, e bile o supa e ne e le mongwe wa ba ba go godisitseng, o kile a nna Tautona, Sir Ketumile Masire, golo a go letseng, fa a ne a le teng gompiano, ke belaela gore o ne a ka nna a dirisa mafoko mangwe a a dirisitseng mo bukeng ya gago a go raya a re, fa a lebeletse dikgwetlho tse re nang le tsone, *you must be very brave or very foolish to accept this responsibility*, o ka tswa o le monna yo o pelokgale thata kana yo o tlaetseng botlhale go amogela thomo mo dinakong tse di ntseng jaana.

Tona wa rona wa ntlha mo Botswana wa tsa Madi, jaaka wena, o ne gape e le Mothusa Tautona. Ka nako eo, o ne a okametse itsholelo e e leng gore ka Sekgoa o ne o ka nna wa re *it did not seem to be a viable economy*. Tiro ya gagwe bontlha bongwe jwa yone e ne e le go boela gone kwa go ba re kopileng boipuso kwa go bone, a tsamaya a tshwere sekotlele a ba kopa gore, “re tlaetseng, go thata kwa rona re tsereng boipuso teng.” Tsaya dingwaga tseo o ye fa pele, o ye kwa dinakong tse e nneng Tona wa tsa Madi, e le mongwe gape wa ba o neng o supa gore ke yo o nnileng le seabe se se ntsi mo go reng o bo o le se o leng sone, Rre Baledzi Gaolathe, ka nako ya gagwe mafoko a a tshwanang le bo *budget deficit*, a ne a sa tlwaelesega. Mongwe o ne a soboka se nneng Rre Tona Baledzi Gaolathe a lebagane le sone ka nako eo, ke mokwadi mongwe, o ne a kwala pampiri

nngwe ka *the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2005* fa go ntshiwa *budget* ya lefatshe la Botswana, mme o ne a dirisa mafoko a a ke tlaa a nopolang ka Sekgoa a re, “*running one of Africa’s most successful economies, fired by diamond wealth, should allow Botswana’s Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Baledzi Gaolathe, to sleep comfortably at night.*” Ga o na go bona sebaka se se tshwanang le sa ga Tona wa pele, Rre Baledzi Gaolathe, ka gore wena o simolola ka *budget* e e supang tlhaelo ya *P22.12 billion, a deficit*. Mme jaaka nako ya ga rraago, ba le ba ntsi mo tšhabeng ya Botswana ba na le tumelo ya gore o tlaa dira gotlhe mo o ka go kgonang go leka go baakanya seemo *and I want to say count your blessings*. Ga go gantsi gore setšhaba se ka amogela ngwana yo o tshwereng maemo a a kileng a tshwarwa ke rraagwe, ba bo ba dumela mo go ene. Go le gantsi fa o le ngwana fa o tshwara maemo a a kileng a tshwarwa ke rraago, o a kgobotlediwa. O sego ka wena ba a go akgola gore, “Rre Gaolathe o re tshoetse ngwana.”

Ga go na pelaelo epe gore 2024 yo re tswang mo go ene, e ne e le ngwaga o o thata, re ne re na le *a contracting economy*, itsholelo e e welang kwa tlase e sa gole. E wetse kwa tlase ka *3.1 per cent*. Palo ya batho ba ba sa berekeng e godile, lehuma le oketsegile, batho ba ba tshelelang mo tlaleng ba oketsegile, mme re le lefatshe le le bidiwang gotwe *upper-middle income*, mo ke mathata. Ba bangwe ba re lekanang le bone ka itsholelo, ba gatetse pele go re feta. Dithuto kwa dikoleng di wetse kwa tlase, seemo ga se sone kwa dikokelong tsa lefatshe la Botswana, mme Goromente wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), o tshwanetse a itse gore o tlaa patelesega go itebaganya le dikgang tse a sena diipato, *I repeat*, a sena diipato.

Le tsena mo Pusong ka nako e e leng gore *global governance* e mo dipharagobeng. Lefatshe le le tona la United States of America (USA), le tsentse tlhako kgamelong mo mererong ya mafatshe mo go tsa tirisanyo. Le dirile tse di ntsi tse e leng gore o ka ipotsa gore bokamoso ke eng. *Natural diamonds* tse re neng re ikaegile ka tsone di mo mathateng. Dintwa di gomagometsa go busetsa kwa morago dilo di le di ntsi tse re neng re di kgona mo nakong e e fetileng.

Fa gare ga dilo tse di ntsi tse re tshwanetseng go dumalana le tsone re le baeteledipele ke gore re etelela pele mo dinakong tse di thata. Nako yone e, e raya gore rona ka bongwe ka bongwe, *individually and collectively*, re tlise gotlhe mo re ka go kgonang go leka go fa Motswana tsholofelo ya gore kamoso o ka nna

botoka go feta maabane. Batswana ba tlhophile ka fa ba tlhophileng ka teng ka gore ba batla diphetogo, mme diphetogo tse ba di batla mo Ntlong e, mo go lona le le ba le busang le mo go rona ba re filweng boikarabelo jwa go tlhodumela ka fa le tlaabong le tsamaisa ka teng.

Kabo madi ya 2025, *speech* se se ntshitsweng gone fa, se botlhokwa mo dintlheng tse pedi segolobogolo. Sa ntlha se tshwanetse se kaetse Motswana gore Goromente o mošha o ikaetse go itoma sekgono gore o tlaa diragatsa tse a neng a di solofetsa Botswana, e le selo sa ntlha. Sa bobedi ke sebaka sa gore le re kaetse gore mme mo dingwageng tse di fa pele, re ka solofela tsamaiso ya mofuta mang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke gatelele kgang e ke neng ka e bua fa ke fetola puo ya ga Tautona ka State of the Nation Address (SONA) gore rona tiro ya rona e re e filweng re le *party* ya kganetso, e gabedi; (i) go tlhodumela gore a ka fa le dirang ka teng ke ka fa go amogelesegang gore go ka dirwa ka teng; (ii) go tla ka megopolo e mengwe e e ka le kang go fetola seemo sa botshelo mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re dira se e le maikarabelo a re a filweng ke Botswana, re se dira re sa boife sepe, re sa tshabe sepe, re wetse mewa e bile re nole metsi jaaka le a tle le kope.

*Respecting the contract*, go tlotla tumalano; diphatlhi tsa sepolotiki di tsena mo Pusong ka maemo a maitlamo a tsone. Gone mo ka Sekgoa ba a tle ba go bitse ba re ke *a social contract*, le saenne konteraka le Botswana ka *manifesto*. Ga e tshwane le konteraka ya semolao. Fa yo o e diragaditseng a sa dire se se solofetsweng, ga go na ka fa a ka sekisiwang ka teng. O ka sekisiwa fela mo dintlheng tse pedi, e le ba kganetso ba ba kgalemela gore se lebaleng maikano. Kana e le batlhophi ka nako ya ditlhopho ba le bontsha gore se le neng la se dira nako ya gore re le tsenye mo Pusong gore le bo le ne la se itlhokomolosa, ga se gone.

Ke dife ditsholofetso tse UDC e di dirileng? Ke tlaa di bua tse dingwe tse ke dumelang di amana le kabo ya madi. Ke di bua tsotlhe go sa kgathalesege gore a rona re ne re dumalana le tsone kana re ne re sa dumalane le tsone. Dingwe tsa ditshwetso tse le neng le di dira le a itse, le ne le supa gore le bua mo go ka se keng la go kgona. Le solofetsa Motswana dilo tse le ka se keng la di kgona. Ke batla go balolola di ka nna lesome le bobedi tse di amanang le go abiwa ga madi, mme le tlaa ikatlhola kana ke tlaa supa le nna gore a le diragaditse maitlamo ka *budget* ya 2025:

- (i) Le ne le bua gore le ya go aga itsholelo e e tlaabong e gola ka 10 *per cent* ngwaga le ngwaga mo dingwageng tse tlhano;
- (ii) Go oketsa madi a bagodi go nna P1800 go simolola ka kgwedi ya *November* 2024;
- (iii) Go fokotsa dingwaga tsa ba ba amogelang madi a bagodi go tswa kwa go 65 go ya kwa go 60;
- (iv) Go tlisa a *living wage*, madi a kamogelo a a seng ka fa tlase ga P4000;
- (v) Go bula diphatlha tsa ditiro mo dingwageng tse tlhano di le fa gare ga 450 000 le 500 000;
- (vi) Go aga matlo a le kana ka 100 000 mo dingwageng tse tlhano;
- (vii) Go okeletsa bana ba sekole madi a itshetso go nna P2500;
- (viii) Go okeletsa babereki ba ipelegeng ka P2000 gore e nne madi a a kana ka P2500; mme a ke gatelele gore Tautona wa lona, yo nne batho ba mo dumela, mo bekeng ya bofelo ya ditlhopho, o ne a re ene o dumela gore Ipelegeng e tshwanetse e duelwe P4000. Ga a ise a a boele morago, o rile P4000;
- (ix) Go aba *sanitary pads* kwa dikoleng;
- (x) Go tlisa madi a a kana ka P100 *billion* ngwaga le ngwaga go tsena mo itsholelong, *foreign and domestic investment*;
- (xi) Chema Chema e tlaa nna madi a mahala. E ne e le one mokgokolosa wa lona;
- (xii) Go fokotsa dituelo tsa metsi le motlakase ka 30 *per cent*.

Fa o sena go reetsa *Budget Speech* e, o ka itshwaela gore *out of 12* le tshwere bokae. Tsotlhe tse le di buileng tse, le ne le di dira le itse seemo sa itsholelo. Fa o utlwa ke re re tsweng mo diipatleng, le ne le di dira le itse seemo sa itsholelo. Pele ga *Manifesto* wa UDC o ntshiwa, re ne re itse gore itsholelo ya rona e mo seemong se se ntseng jang. Re ne re itse gore diteemane ga di rekiwe. Re ne re itse gape gore Government Investment Account (GIA) ga e na madi, la dira ditsholofetso le itse tsone tse. Ba ba ka emelelang ba re raya ba re bone ba ne ba sa itse, e tlaabo e le go tlhoka maikarabelo a maemo a a kwa godimo. Ba ba ka re rayang ba re ba ne ba sa itse gore seemo sa itsholelo ba ya go fitlhela eng mo

sekgwameng ka di 1 tsa ga *November*, ba tlaabo ba sa bolele boammaaruri ka gore Tona wa nako eo Mme Peggy Serame, o ne a bala *statement in this Parliament* ka 12<sup>th</sup> *August* 2024, a re fa dipalo ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng. Kgwedi e e latelang le bo le tsamaya le re ka kitso e re nang le yone, ya seemo sa itsholelo, re solofetsa tse di latelang.

Jaanong se setona se se gakgamatsang ke gore bontsi jwa ditsholofetso tse, di ikaegile ka itsholelo e e ka golang. Le solofeditse 10 *per cent*. *Budget Speech* ya gompiano ga e bue sepe gore le ne le na le maikaelelo a go e godisa ka 10 *per cent*, le e godisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Minister* le Puso e ntšha, ba tshwanetse ba bolelela setšhaba boammaaruri. *I mean, Budget Speech* e e neng e tletse mafoko a a dirisiwang a a tshwanang le bo *integrity*, motho yo o nang le *integrity* ke motho yo o kgonang go bolelela batho boammaaruri. Ga o dire jaaka Mopalamente wa Palamente e e fetileng ya bo 12 a kileng a se bua, Mopalamente wa Selebi Phikwe West, a re Puso e ne e leka go dira Batswana jaaka e kete go bua Mabijo, tlang le bone ke leka go tsena mo lebotleleng, e bo kamoso gotwe ke lekile, ga ke a kgona. Le solofeditse 10 *per cent*, ga re itse gore a 10 *per cent* yo le tlhwaafetse ka ene, kana ke Mabijo a raya batho a re tlang le bone ke leka go tsena mo lebotleleng.

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

**MR SALESHANDO:** Ka *Budget Speech* e go mo mpaananeng gore UDC e phuagantse tsholofetso ya *economy* e e ka golang ka 10 *per cent*. Gompiano re bolelelwa gore jaanong re solofele 3.3 *per cent*, yo o kwa tlase thata ga 10 *per cent* yo le rileng le ya go mo tlisa. Yo o kwa tlase thata ga 6 *per cent* yo e leng *target* ya Vision 2036. Gompiano fa o lebelela, se Batswana ba tshwanetseng ba se itse ke gore *by the end of this coming financial year, 2025/2026*, ka *growth rate* ya 3.3 *per cent*, itsholelo ya rona e tlaabo e ise e tsene mo seemong se e neng e le mo go sone ka 2022/2023 le 2023/2024, mme fa go ntse jalo, kana se go raya gore le tshwanetse la bolelela ba le neng le ba solofeditse ditiro di le 450 000 to 500 000 gore lalang ka ntho madi a tshologa. Ga le ne le kgona se le neng le se ba solofeditse.

*Budget Speech* e e didimetse ka gore go duwe mo go P1500 wa *minimum wage* go iwe kwa go P4000. E didimetse ka bomo ka gore Rre Gaolathe o a itse gore P4000 ga a ka ke a kgonagala. Bangwe ba lona le ne le itumetse mohiri mongwe a re o ka dira P4000 mo teng o tsentse le dijo, le lebala ba le neng le le fa mo Palamenteng ya bo 12, Mme Annah Mokgethi a bua gone fa gore kana go ka oketsa le ka madi a boroko, le

mo kgwela mathe, le re o bua mo e seng gone. Gompieno le tla ka *another version* ya se le neng le ntse le se gana, la re jaanong se amogesege, *that cannot be correct*.

Gompieno ga le bue sepe ka P4000, P2500 wa Ipelegeng le madi a bana ba dikole a P2500. Batswana ba tshwanetse ba bolelelwa. Fa e le gore *growth rate* ya 10 *per cent* e phuangantse, kana go raya gore le P100 *billion* wa *new investment*, ga a ye go kgonagala. Bolelelang Batswana gore se le neng le se bua le se phuangantse.

Chema Chema; e kae *grant*? Bagodi ba ba tshwanetseng go tsaya madi ba le 60 *years*, a ba tlaa a bona? Ba ba 61 le 62 *years* Rre Gaolathe gone jaana ga o a ba araba, mme Matona a a teng mo Ntlong yone e, ngwaga one o, ba sena go itse sentle gore seemo sa itsholelo se ntse jang ba lebeletse *manifesto*, le ne le dikologa le raya batho mo le re P1800 *including* le kgwedi yone e ya *February* le tswa Khuduthamageng. Le tsaya tshwetso le ya go raya batho le re P1800 o e tla, e bile o tla a na le *back pays, shame unto you! It takes a very stubborn Government to lie so blatantly, because it was a lie*. E ne le go tlhoka boammaaruri mo go feteletseng.

*Earlier on* ka nako ya dipotso, Tona wa tsa Metsi o paletswe ke go bua gore 30 *per cent* o tlaa fokodiwa leng. Fa o re o a mo reetsa, o bona gore le leinane le tlhabiwa motshegare, go botoka re ntse re mo tlogetse re tswelela le tse dingwe.

*One of the key features* ya the Old Botswana, fa e le gore gompieno re mo go the New Botswana, nngwe ya dilo tse o neng o di itse sentle ke di tlhomamisa ka the Old Botswana, e ne e le Puso e e buang dilo tse e senang maikaelelo a go di diragatsa. Re ka tsaya sekai ka 2010, re bolelelwa gore jaanong re ya kwa go 2016, re bolelelwa gore ka 2016 re tlaabo re na le thuto ya maemo a a kwa godimo, e e itebaganyang le dikgwetlho tsothle tse re ka di akanyang. Puso ya Botswana yo mogologolo e ne e bua gore re tlaabo re nna baeteledipele ba go ntsha *dissemination of information*, gore e tlaabo e le rona, re sena molekane mo Southern Africa ka 2016. Ba bua gore itsholelo ya rona e tlaabo e kabakantswe, e bile ba bua gore temo le thuo (*agriculture*) di tlaabo di le *productive, profitable and sustainable*. Ba bua ba itse gore ga ba na maikaelelo a go diragatsa seo.

Ba ne ba bua gape gore re ya go tsena mo seemong se se bidiwang gotwe *full employment*, go tlaabo go sena ope yo o sa berekeng ka 2016. Ba re bolelela gore go tlaabo go se na dipharologanyo tse di kwa godimo tsa itsholelo.

Fa o bapisa ditsholofetso tse tsa Puso ya Botswana yo mogologolo tsa 2016, di tsamaelana thata le tsa Puso ya gompieno ya 2024.

Fa e ne e le gore Goromente yo mosha o na le maikaelelo a go diragatsa diphetogo, go ne go ka bo go sa patelesege gore e bo le setse le di gakololwa ka gore le di lebetse *within the first 100 days*. Fa go na le sengwe *Your Honour the Vice President, where you have shown speed* jaaka o ne o re le tlaa dira dilo ka bofefo, ke tebalo, go lebala ka bofefo. *I do not think* go na le Goromente mo lefatsheng yo o kileng a lebala *almost all their pledges within the first 100 days. There I must congratulate you for that speed*. Ke tshwanetse gape ka supa gore, tse le tlaa di dirang re dumalana le tsone, re tlaa le ema nokeng. Dingwe di teng *on the budget* ya gompieno tse re dumalanang le tsone, tse re tlaa di supang mo letsatsing la gompieno gore re tlaa di ema nokeng.

*Reform of the Public Finance Management Systems*; tota re dumela gore mo re go dirisitseng le bosheng re tswa thuto-dipuisanyong re le Mapalamente, go supafetse gore go gontsi mo go tlhokafalang gore go fetolwe. E re re bua dikgang tsa bo *efficiency in process initiative*, Tona Gaolathe le ba o busang le bone, re lebelele go fetola loago lotlhe le Goromente a bopilweng ka lone. Re tle ka tsamaiso e mapolotiki a tlaa se keng a kgotlele tsamaiso ya Puso le ka tse di dumalanweng, ka re tswa mo thulaganyong e e leng gore le fa selo se le *on the plan*, go ne go dumalanwa gore ke sone se se siameng, mapolotiki ba nako eo ba a se sokamisa. Ke a le tlhagisa mo letsatsing la gompieno gore le se ka la iphitlhela le tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa mofuta o.

Kgang ya *the procurement* ka fa Puso e rekang kana e rekisa dithoto tsa yone ka teng, re dumalana le wena Tona gore mo go tlisitsweng gompieno ga bo *Development Manager Model*, go na le dikgwetlho tse dintsi. Tota ke ne ke re, tsaya tshwetso fela gore a re boele kwa Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB), fa e na le ditlhaelo re di baakanye. Re baba lebadi, ga re bone le supa phisegelo ya maemo a a kwa godimo ya go baakanya tse di sa siamang ka *Development Manager Model*, ka gore bosheng fela jaana, e re go tswa bosupi jwa mongwe wa ba ba neng ba ya go tlhodumela e bile e le Modulasetilo wa komiti e e neng e ya go lebelela *projects*, o ka tswa a amega mo goreng *projects* di bo di abilwe jang, *clear conflict of interest*, lona le le Goromente le bo le ntsha *statement* le re lona le tswelela ka ene. *Fortunately* ene ke ene o neng a itshupa a na le letswalo la gore, mme fa ga go a siama.

Mo dingweng tsa *projects* tse o re fileng *list* ya tsone o re *they have been suspended* Rre Salakae, tsamaya o ye go bala *speech* sa ga *Minister*, o di kwadile a re, “*ongoing projects.*” So fa re le lebile fela jaana, boammaaruri ga bo lebege bo utlwana le lona. Ga ke itse gore ke bone bo sa le rateng kana ke lona le sa bo rateng, mme fela go na le kgotlhang fa gare ga Puso e le boammaaruri.

Go duela *the suppliers in good time* Vice President, ke sengwe se re dumalanang le wena, gore go diega go busetsa itsholelo kwa morago. Madi fa a sa tsene kwa go ba dikgwebo, go ba kgoreletsa go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone, go oketsa phiro le ditiro tsa bone. Jaanong re tlaabo re go eme nokeng mo dikgato tse o tlaa di tsayang go leka go itebaganya le seemo se.

Mo go tsa madi tsa *social initiatives*, re dumalana le lona, re le akgolela gore madi a bagodi le bo le a tlisitse *late*, a tlhabela, mme mo gompionong ke mo gotweng ga go tshwane. Le dirile mo gotweng ga go tshwane, ka gore e rile re le tlhagisa le re P1800, rona re re seemo sa itsholelo ka fa re se bonang ka teng, se ka kgona fela P1500, la ngakalala la re P1800. Ke fa gompiono la re P1400, o bapile le ene P1500, go supa gore tota ba ba neng ba lebile ka maikarabelo ke bafe fa e le ba P1800 le ba P1500; ke ba P1500 ba ba neng ba lebeletse ka maikarabelo.

Madi a a yang go fiwa *newly born (child grant)* re dumalana le lona. Fa o ka ya go bala, ka 2023 *December*, Botswana Congress Party (BCP) e ne ya ntsha *the* Ten-Point Agenda, e ne e na le *child grant*. Ke a itse gore mo *manifesto* wa UDC e ne e seyo, e tswa go buiwa kwa morago. Re amogela ka fa le itsayang ka teng, le kgona go ipha nako ya go ya go go ithuta kwa *manifestos* tsa diphathi tse dingwe. Fa re sa dumalanang le lona teng ke gore le bo le re *it is only for 12 months*. Ke a le kopa, yang go sekaseka kgang e gape, ka gore go tewa bana ba ba tsholelwang mo malwapeng a a sa ikgoneng. A ngwana yo o 12 *months* batsadi ba ntse ba sa ikgone, o ka kgona go falola *child malnutrition* (mmopamo)? Tsayang kgang e le e rere le bo maitseanape, gore ngwana o ka buledisiwa nako e a tsholelwang go ya go ema fa kae. Dilo tse dingwe tse ga di batle e kete ke mo ka Sekgoa o kareng *thumb suck*, mongwe o ne a ikakanyetsa fela a le nosi. Bogakolodi bo ka bonwa jwa gore mme re ka wela fa kae mo thulaganyong e.

Ke dumalana le lona mo kgannyeng ya go dirisa marang a letsatsi. *Again*, re tswa kgakala re le BCP re bua ka *green energy*. Re tlaabo re le eme nokeng mo kgannyeng e. Ke batla go gatelela sengwe gone fa,

gore kwa dikgaolong di tshwana le tsa rona kwa temo e leng go lemela diphologolo, fa le ka nna le thulaganyo ya gore ba ba nang le masimo a a sa dirisiweng ba le gaufi le *lines* tsa Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), re letlelele *subsistence solar farms*. Mo batho ba ka itirelang mme bonnyennyane jo ba bo ntshang ba bo tsenye mo *lines* tsa BPC, ba duelwa madi a a ka ba kgontshang gore ba itshetse, e nne kgwebo ya bone, ka gore rona fa re lemile ke diphologolo... Ke buelela le ba dikgaolo tse dingwe tse e leng gore ga ba na mathata a diphologolo gore, le bone fa ba na le kgatlhego re tle ka thulaganyo e o ka nnang mogwebi kana molemi yo o buelelang batho gore fa ke lemile, letsatsi le a ntshetsa.

Nngwe e re dumalanang ka yone *in principle, and I want to say in principle*, ke *fiscal consolidation* e o neng o e bua Mothusa Tautona. Kana *fiscal consolidation* ka Setswana kana ka Sekgoa se se motlhofo, go raya gore o a bo o amogela gore mo itsholelong ga o batle gore o tswelole o ntse o na le ditlhaelo tsa madi, o tla ka ditsela tsa go fokotsa ditshenyegelo, e le *number one*, kana tsa go oketsa letseno, re akaretsa mo go oketseng letseno go oketsa lekgetho, mo nakong eo. Re dumalana le wena mo go yone eo, gore re mo seemong seo. Mme se se gakgamatsang ke gore, fa o bala *budget*, ga e supe *fiscal consolidation*. *Budget strategy paper* e supa gore o ikaelela go tsamaisa ka tlhalelo (*deficits*) mo dingwageng tse di gaufi tse di tlang. Mo bogompionong go bo e le gore *the total deficit* ke moka e lekanang le *Development Budget*, ga se gone. Kana go raya gore madi a re nang le one, a lekane *Recurrent, almost the entire Development Budget* e tsamaelana le *the deficit*. Golo moo ga go supe *consolidation, but* go na le dingwe tse Puso e ka di tsayang tsa go supa gore e tlhoafetse ka go fokotsa ditshenyegelo.

Tautona Boko o ne a tlhalosa phatlalatsa gore o ne a na le keletso ya gore Khuduthamaga ya gagwe e se ka ya nna batho ba ba fetang 10, a re o ne a nna ka fa tlatse ga kgatelelo. Ke ikuela mo go lona ba le neng le mo gateletse le batla go nna bo “ke a se kotama” gore tsamayang le ye go sekaseka sesha gore a mme ga re tlhoke Khuduthamaga e potlana go na le e re nang le yone gompiono. Fa e le gore ga re ka ke ra kgona go fokotsa *ministries*, bogolo *let us do away with Assistant Ministers, let us just cancel Assistant Ministers*, go supa gore re batla go fokotsa ditshenyegelo. *After all* le dikarabo tse re di fiwang ke *Assistant Ministers* gone fa o fitlhela re tsentse ditlhogo fela re bona gore re mo mathateng.

Specially Elected Members of Parliament (SEMP) ba le fiwang *constituency allowance*, ke a le kopa, ithaopeng gore kana re duelwa *constituencies* tse re senang nats'o, a buseng. *President* o tsaya *constituency allowance*, ga a na *constituency*, ga a na ditiro tsa *constituency*. Rre Wynter Mmolotsi e ne e le kgeleke ya go tlhalosa gore ke eng Tautona a sa tshwanela go tsaya *constituency allowance* fa re santse re le ka kwano, buang le ene gore go supa gore re mo mathateng, busa madi ao ka ga o na *constituency*. Moeteledipele wa Palamente, *constituency allowance*, ke tsaya gore le tlaa rera le ene gore le wena kana ga o na *constituency*. *Nominated Councilors* ga ba na *wards*, mme le ba duela madi a *wards*, buang le bone ba a buse.

Ke batla go supa gore nngwe ya ditiro tse di thata mo go boTona botlhe ba ba kileng ba nna teng ba Madi ke gore, go lebega e le gore mafoko a go ka raya Tautona o re, "Tautona go thata, ga re na madi, ke kopa le wena o fokotse metsamao", golo mo ke mafoko a a thata go tswa ka Matona. Kana Tautona fa a tsamaya, go ditshenyegelo dintsi. Ga go tshwane le Mopalamente, jaaka Mapalamente ba ne ba ile kwa Cape Town go na le *the Mining Indaba*, o itsamaela nako e nngwe a le nosi Tona. Le kgona go fitlhela Mapalamente a le three or four ba na le mokwaledi a le mongwefela. *For a President or a Vice President to travel it is very costly, it is extremely costly*. Jaanong buang le Tautona le ise le tsenwe ke mowa wa Botswana yo mogologolo wa gore Tautona ga a kgalemiwe. Dikai tse di teng mo nakong ya gompiano, ga di supe di tlele go fetola seemo se sa sefofane se se nnang mo phefong. Golo mo go tlele go re bolaisa ditshenyegelo.

Fa re farologanang teng le lona ka tsamaiso ke fa kae, fa re kopang gore le ye go itshekatsheka sešha le ye go baakanya. *Number one, budget* ya gago Rre Gaolathe le Puso ya gago, ga e na *targets*. Selo se re neng re se itse ka Botswana yo mogologolo, gore ga go batliwe *targets*, ga go batliwe go ikgolegwa. Kana go tlhoka *targets* go dira gore kamoso re palelwe le ke *to measure, what you cannot measure, you cannot manage*. Go raya gore re batla go tswelela ka ngwao ya Botswana yo mogologolo, mme re ipitsa Botswana yo mošha.

*What is the target for employment?* Le batla go dira ditiro tse kae ngwaga o? Re a itse gore la re *in 5 years* le batla 500,000. Ga go amogelesege, ka gore ke a itse gore fa le riana le ka nna la tsoga le re re filwe 5 years, ke utlwile gotwe Tona mongwe ga ba tshwenyeye ka 100 days ka gore ba filwe 5 years. Ke gore go tshwana

le ngwana wa *Standard 1* o mo raya o re tlisa *report* ya *Standard 1*, a bo a re nna kwa *primary* ke filwe 7 years. O bo o itse gore o kopane le mathata, o kopane le ngwana yo o yang go tsaya *ungraded*. Le ene o a ipona, o gana ka *report* ya *Standard 1*, a re ke filwe 7 years kwa *primary*. *You are going to have to account for your first 100 days in office*. Re le emetse gore le tle go bua, ka gore Tautona o ne a bua a ntse mo setilong sele gore *in 100 days* o batla go diragala eng. Jaanong e le tlang go simologa go tla diipatlo go ise go tle nako ya go *report*, ga go amogelesege bakaulengwe.

*Casualisation of labour*; Goromente yo o fetileng o ne a na le thulaganyo ya go tsaya babereki ba ba nang le dithuto tse di maleba, bangwe ba na le dithuto tse di fetang tse di tlhokafalang fa ba berekelang teng, ba bo ba ba bitsa ba re ke *temporary employees*, dinako tse dingwe ba ba bitsa ba re *interns*. Le mo Palamenteng e *interns* di teng, *Degree holders*, a bolelelwa gore o mmereki wa nakwana. O ne a dira jalo Goromente yoo, gore a rontshe mmereki yo *stability of employment*. A mo tshedisetse mo letshogong la gore kamoso ke wa ga mang, a mo tshedisetse mo go palelweng ke go ithulaganya mo botshelong jwa gagwe, ka gore ba dibanka ga ba ka ke ba go fa *loan* o le *temporary* kana o le *intern*. Ga gona *pension* o le *temporary or intern*, ga gona *annual leave*. Fa e le gore le Goromente wa *human rights*, re ne re solofetse gore *budget* e e ya go bua gore *temporary teachers* ba ya go hirwa e nna babereki ba sennelaruri, kwa ntle fa ba sena *qualifications* tsa tiro eo. Ke tswa kwa kgaolong e e leng gore go na le sekole se bo *temporary teachers* ba neng ba feta 20 as at December last year. Gompiano re bua *classes* tse ba neng ba di ruta, go sena *teacher* mo teng. Le gataka ditshwanelo tsa bana *for quality education*. Ga go tsamaelane, *human rights* ga e tsamaelane le *budget* ya ga Rre Gaolathe. *Budget* ya ga Rre Gaolathe ga e na *human rights* fa go tsena kwa dikgannyeng tsa *temporary teachers*, tsa bana ba ba tlhalelwang ke barutabana kwa dikoleng. Jaanong tsayang tshwetso le baakanye *budget, amend the budget* pele ga le e fetisa *for human rights purposes, temporary teachers* otlhe jaanong a a tsena e nna babereki ba sennelaruri.

Ga re dumalane le ka fa le batlang go fokoletsa dikhansele madi ka teng, *underfunding of Local Government*. Kana boammaaruri ke jo Rre Gaolathe, *most of these Local Government authorities* kwa ntle ga Gaborone, bontsi jwa tsone ga di na *any viable ventures* tse di ka ba tlisetsang madi. Kwa go nang le tse di ka ba tlisetsang madi jaaka kwa bo Ngamiland, makgetho

otlhe a a tswang mo go tsa tlhologo tse re nang le tsone, a ya kwa *Central Government*. Fa bogolo le ne le re mo *district* nngwe le nngwe, bontlha bongwe jwa se re se tsayang bo tlaa sala kwa kgaolong, oketsang se le se tsayang kwa kgaolong ya lona, ka gore fa le oketsa le tlaa bona go le go golwane, go ka bo go utlwala. Re ya go tsena mo mathateng a dikhansele tse le batlang go di *decentralise*, le batla go di fa dithata le bo le di tseela ditsompelo. Ga go ye go bereka, jaanong e sekasekeng re thulanyeng ditlhogo gore e ka tokafadiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

*Tertiary students' allowances*, ga re dumalane le go didimala ga lona. Bana ba le bantsi ba ba tsenang dikole mo mafelong a mangwe a a tshwanang le Gaborone, kwa boroko bo turang, go a itsiwe mo Gaborone gore jaanong ba dirisiwa botlhaswa ke borre, ka gore ba batla go oketsa letseno la bone. *Out of desperation*, ba iphitlhela ba patelesega gore e nne babereki ba ba gwebang ka mmele. Re se ka ra re ga go a siama go bua jalo, *it is a reality*, go teng. Jaanong itebaganye le dituelo tsa bana, le solofeditse P2500, ke gore go didimala ga go amogelesege. Ke gore lona le tsaya gore go didimala go siame, go didimala go supa go tlhoka boammaaruri ka tsholofetso e o e dirileng. Fa Rre Koma, golo a go letseng a ne a le fa, o ne a tlaa re golo mo ke botšhekwane. Go solofetsa o itse gore o tlaa didimala, ke botšhekwane. Re a le kopa Puso ya Botswana yo mošha, tlogelang botšhekwane, ga se dilo tsa Botswana yo mošha yo re mmatlant.

*Old age pension*; mo nakong e ntsi re ne re bolelelwa gore e fiwa mongwe le mongwe, ka gore fa re ka leka go farologanya batho gore ke mang yo o kgonang, ke mang yo o sa kgoneng, go ka re turela. Fa ke le utlwile sentle la re ka madi a a fiwang bana go tlaabo go lebelelwa gore yo o kgonang ke ofe, yo o sa kgoneng ke ofe. Ka jaanong le na le botlhale jwa go farologanya, a re farologanyeng le bagodi ba *old age pension*. Seemo se o fitlhelang e le gore le *a retired chief executive of a multinational company, a retired President*, a amogela *pension* ya go tlogela tiro e le Tautona, a bo a boa a ya go fola gape a fiwa P1400, nnyaa. A re fokotseng, ka gore fa go ka dirwa jalo, go ka re letlelela gore gongwe le atumele fa go P1500 wa BCP, re tle re le opele diatla sentle.

*Approach to corruption*; ke na le mathata le lona mo kgannyeng ya tshenyetso-setšhaba. Fa re ipapaletsa ditlhopho le kwa *Presidential debate*, nna le Tautona wa UDC re ne re opela sefela se se tswang mo kopelong e

le nngwefela. Gore re ya go dira ka ponyo ya leitlho go itebaganya le tshenyetso-setšhaba, *but comrades, you are so lukewarm*. Le batho ba ba tsamayang ba itsiwe gore ke bone, *judgments* di teng tsa *High Court* tse di supang ka fa ba sentseng ka teng, le ntshanya se inong le bone mo nakong ya gompieno. Kwa Maun, e teng *report* le dipotso tsa Palamente tse di supegang gore lekgotla la Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), le ne la tsaya *tender* e e abilweng ka fa molaong le e neela o sele, le bo le raya yo o tseetsweng *tender* yo le re, “o se ka wa ngongorega, P200 million ke yo tsaya o didimale.” Ba bo ba neela yo mongwe gore a dire *tender* eo ka madi a a fetang a yo a neng a e fentse a ka e dira. *This DIS is now protected by the UDC. The fountain of corruption is protected by the UDC*. Ke gore le fa gotwe go lebala, mo ga lona mo *speed* sa teng ga se sone.

Jaanong mma ke le tlhomamisetse gore re ya go tswela ka *Motion* o re rileng re a o tliša wa *Commission of Enquiry on Corruption*. E ya gore go batliwa *forensic audit*, di ka tsamaya mmogo fa le e batla. Fa le ne le tlhwaafetse, le ka bo le sa bolo go simolola. Boammaaruri ke gore, ga o ka ke wa nna le *forensic audit on the entire Government* le *parastatals* tota o di tsenya mo teng, ga go kgonagale. E bile le re, le ya go batla bo mmantswitswidi ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Ke *billions* tse re senang natso. Ka jalo, amogelang gore le tlaa tshwanelwa ke go thusiwa mo mosepeleng o. E etla *Commission of Enquiry Motion*. Fa e le gore le a e gana, re tle re le bone le gana, ba ba sentseng ba le opele diatla gore re sireletsegile ka fa tlase ga Botswana yo mosha ka o tshwana le yo mogologolo.

Gender Based Violence (GBV); ga ke dumalane le dikgato tsa lona mo kgannyeng ya GBV. Selo santlha Tautona gakere le a itse gore a re, ene ga a dumele gore go na le mo gotweng GBV. A ko o bone gore re tsena mo mathateng. Ba bangwe ba re re dira se ka GBV, Matona, Tautona kafa ene a re, “ga go na GBV.” E ne a re, “*we are just a violent nation*.” Ke re bitsang phuthego, setšhaba, re *declare* gore *we have a national crisis* ya GBV. Re dumalane ka *immediate to long-term plan* e re ka e ntshetsang madi a a faphegileng. Fa e le gore go a tlhabela, re boe re tle go bua gore morago ga go nna le morero wa dikgang tsa GBV, jaanong re rebola madi a mangwe go ya go itebaganya le sebetso se re lebaganeng le sone se. *Come out of this denial* ya lona ya gore ga go na GBV *and convene a national pitso* ya GBV.

Ke batla gore ke fe Puso e, dilo tse e leng gore BCP, *all future budgets* re tlaa di kala re di lebile. Re tlaa kala *budgets* tsotlhe re lebile eng gore a mme go tlaa nna le

pharologanyo. Ka gore rona re mo go bidiwang gotwe a Social Democratic Party. Tsamaiso ya rona ya *social democracy*, e batla batho ba tshelela mo kgololesegong ya sepolotiki le ya itsholelo. Re tlaabo re lebeletse gore a ke *budget* e e tlišang kgololesego ya itsholelo. *Therefore, the 10 things we will look at;*

- (1) *Budget* eo e raya eng mo letlhokong la ditiro?
- (2) *Budget* eo e raya eng mo lehumeng?
- (3) *Budget* eo e raya eng mo dipharologanyong tsa itsholelo, *inequality*?
- (4) *Budget* e e raya eng mo *human capital development*, re lebile tsa botsogo le thuto?
- (5) *Budget* e e raya eng mo *food security*? A e oketsa palo ya batho ba ba kgonang go ja gararo ka letsatsi kana e a ba fokotsa?
- (6) Go na le mo gotweng *budget transparency*, ga se ga rona mo re go itiretseng. Botswana *budget transparency* e kwa tlase. Re tlaabo re batla go lebelela gore a re a oketsa seriti sa rona mo go direleng dilo mo pontsheng. *Level of transparency on our extractive industries. Extractive industries* re raya meepo. Botswana go a itsiwe gore sephiri sa gagwe se kwa godimo mo dikgannyeng tsa ditswammung kana ditumalano tsa ditswammung. Jaaka le ipaakanyetsa go digela le De Beers, re tlaabo re le lebeletse. A le ya go dira jaaka Botswana yo mogologolo e nna phitlhela kana e ya go nna a *new departure*, e nna Botswana yo mosha? Ka gore le buile ka bo *fiscal consolidation*, *budget* nngwe le nngwe re tlaabo re lebeletse sekoloto se Puso e tseneng mo go sone. *The total debt* re tlaabo re se lebeletse as a *proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)*. Re tlaabo re lebeletse le yone *investment ratio*. Ka le solofeditse P100 *billion a year*; a mme go a supafala fa re lebelela *investment as a proportion to GDP? Economic Diversification Index* le yone re tlaabo re e lebeletse. Tsone tse tsotlhe tse, ga go na *budget* e re tlaabong re akgela, re sa di tseela kwa godimo mo nakong e e tlang. Ke le bolelela nako e sale teng gore le ye go ithulaganya. Fa e le gore dipalo tse di ya go tshwana le tsa Botswana yo mogologolo, go raya gore le se ka la tlhola le re bolelela ka Botswana yo mosha ka gore rona re batla Botswana yo mosha wa ditiro, yo o senang lehuma, yo o nang le botsogo jo bo botoka, yo o nang le thuto e ntsha e e botoka. Fa e le gore le ya go dira tsone tseo, re tlaa le phophotha legetla.

Ke tsamaela go digela, ke supe gore e re ntswa ke sa itumelela ka fa Mothusa Tautona a ne a tsaya tshwetso ya go itibisa go sele mo go tsa *manifesto*, a dira *budget* e e keteng ga a itse gore go solofeditse eng, re tlaa go ema nokeng mo nakong e go ya kwa pele. Rona go opa diatla ga rona, e tlaabo e se fela ga gore o badile, e tlaabo e le ga gore re ka di balolola tse o di dirileng. Ke badile di le 12 mo letsatsing la gompiano tse ke neng ke di solofetse mo *budget*, tse lona le di solofeditse. *Out of 12*, ke tsaya gore le a itse gore ga le a kgona le fa e le *three*. Golo moo ke go palelwa. *Le ungraded* mo *budget* ya gompiano.

Ke batla gore ke le gogele gongwe mo pampiring nngwe e le neng le e kwadile fa le ya ditlhophong, ke e tshotse fa. UDC-Funding UDC Programmes. Ke ya go nopola *just one paragraph* mo pampiring yone e, *at page eight*. E bua ka Sekgoa ya re; “*UDC is extremely concerned with the continuous mismanagement of the public pension fund by some asset managers. UDC Government will take an active role in the management of public pension.*” Lefoko legolo fale ke *mismanagement of the public pension fund*. E le tshwentse gakere, la rialo. Fa le sena go le tshwenya, ya re le batla gore lona le ye go bona gore le ka a dirisa jang madi a teng. A le tla ka diatla tse di phepa. A *mismanagement* e maina a lona ga a ise a kgabole mo teng. Fa e le gore maina a lona a kgabotse mo teng, Motswana o robala jang a itse gore ba bangwe madi a nyeletse gotwe a fitlhetswe kwa go bone, jaanong ke bone ba boneng dithata tsa go ya go tsweledisa. *There is nothing personal about this. In the past*, BCP e begile Matona mangwe kwa makgotleng a Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) ka dikgang tse di neng di le teng ba Puso e e fetileng. Ga re ka ke ra emisa fela ka gore lona re kile ra tshela le lona kana ka gore le lebege le le bonolo.

Mongwe o ne a kwala mo maranyaneng mangwe a re, “o tshabe motho yo o lebelelang kwena e ntse fa thoko ga metsi, a bo a re e lebege e na le kagiso e itidimaletse, e le bonolo.” O ka se ke wa dumela gore ke yone e e bolaileng nkwe, nkwe e leka go inwela metsi fela. Ka jalo, *you are going to have to address the issue* e le itseng gore BCP e e ntshitse mabapi le madi a *pensions* a e leng gore jaaka le re le tshwenyegile, tshwenyegang le rona le re pate letsatsi la fa re ya go pega kgang, re tlaa lo itsise gore re ya go pega kgang leng.

*Mr Speaker*; fa e le gore UDC e tlaa tsena mo dikgannyeng tse re di batlang, re tlaa le thusa. Potso e tona ke gore a *New Botswana or a New BDP, where will the dice fall?* A ke Botswana yo mosha ka dipuo kana e tlaa nna

Botswana yo mosha ka ditiro, kana e tlaa nna Botswana yo mosha ka *speeches*, kana e tlaa nna o mosha o o farologanang le o mogologolo ka letlhoko la ditiro, lehuma, letlhoko la dijo, ka itsholelo mo malwapeng? Fa e le gore le batla Botswana o, re mmogo go yeng kwa pele. Mo nakong e e tlang fa dipalo tse di supa gore ke Botswana o mosha, o e leng gore *it is a Siamese twin, this budget early warning signs* di supa gore Botswana o mosha ke Mpho le Mphonyana. Mpho ke Botswana o mogologolo, Mphonyana ke Botswana o mosha. *It is for you to prove me and our colleagues wrong*. Fa dipalo di sa fetoge, fa le tsamaya le lebala gore le solofeditse eng, fa e le gore re ya go fetsa ngwaga o go sena *target* ya ditiro gore go ya go dirwa tse kae, fa e le gore Tona wa tsa metsi o fa dikarabo tse di tshwanang le tsa gompiano gore a re rapeleng Modimo gore gongwe dilo di ka siama, go rapelwe bosigo le motshegare ke gone 30 *per cent* o ka fokotsegang, *then* ga re na go opela Mphonyana diatla ka gore re ganne Mpho, re ka se ka ra tla go tsaya Mphonyana. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, the floor is open. Honourable Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi, Minister.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI):** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

Ke tseye nako e ke leboge gape Modimo. Ke leboge le Batswana gore ba bo ba ne ba tsaya tshwetso ya gore ba fetole Goromente ba neele UDC tsamaiso ya Goromente le tsamaiso ya Botswana jaaka go ne go tshwanela ke gore go diragale. Ke batla go ba leboga gape Batswana ka gore le jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke tsamaya ke buisa diphuthego tsa Kgotla kwa kgaolong ya Francistown South e e ntsisitseng mono, mme e bile le Batswana jaaka ke tsamaya ke kopana le bone mo metlhaleng e ke tsamayang ke kopana le bone mo go yone, ba supa gore ba itumetse thata, mme e bile ba supa gore ba a lemoga gore nako e re neetsweng Puso ka yone, go ne go le maswe. E bile ba re re se ka ra tshwenyega thata, re se ka ra utlwa botlhoko fa re kgalwa ka gore ga e ka ke ya re re na le dikgwedi tse pedi re ntse re le mo Pusong, e bo e le gore re a kgalwa, re batla go bolawa mo go kanakana, mme e le gore ke gone re tsenang mo Pusong.

Ke batla go lebogela Batswana ka kakaretso, mme ke lebegele le ba Francistown South ka sebele gore ba bo ba tlhologanya gore ga go na Goromente ope gope o e

ka reng a na le dikgwedi tse pedi a bo a setse a kgonne sengwe le sengwe se a neng a se solofetsa. Le ba ba dumelang gore ba ka bo ba kgonne, gompiano ke a le bolelela, Batswana ba tlaa ba tlhoboga, e bile Batswana ba a bona gore golo fa go na le mathata a a gaisang ka fa ba neng ba akanya ka teng.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Go tsamaisa Puso bagaetsho, re tshwanelwa ke go itse gore jaaka re ne re ntse re le mo kganetsong, go na le ba ba neng ba tsamaisa Puso ka fa ba neng ba itse ka teng, ba dira dilo ka fa ba neng ba batla go di dira ka teng. Re le Puso e ntšha, ga re tlhabiwe ke ditlhong go supa gore re mo Pusong e ntšha re le ba ntšha mo Pusong yone e, mme re tshwanelwa ke gore dilo tse dingwe re di bone, re di gakgamalele, re di ithute. Golo mo go santse go tlaa tsaya nakwana gore re kgone go tsena mo seemong sa go tlhologanya sentle tsamaiso ya Puso. *We are there* ka lebaka la gore ditlhologanyo le ditsamaiso re na le tsone mme re tlaa kgona. *That is why the Vice President (VP) said we will overcome, and indeed we will overcome.* Ke batla ke ikuele mo go lona bakaulengwe ba ditsala tsame ba BCP, se re feleleng pelo, Batswana ga ba ise ba re felele pelo, ba re lebile, mme kana fa le ka re felele pelo, ba tlaa tlhoboga lona gore o kare le emetse gore re palelwe le bo le itumela, le duduetsa. Ba tlaa tlhoboga lona ba tsaya gore le batho ba e leng gore o kare ga le na kelelelo mo go kalokalo.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke batla go supa gore *Mr Speaker*, fa re ne re tsaya Puso, re fitlhetse go na le mathata a a seng kana ka sepe. O utlwile *Mr Speaker*, gore re iphitlhetse e le gore re tsaya Puso e e senang madi, Goromente a tšhonne letšhono le le tlhabisang ditlhong le e leng gore ga go na ngwaga ope mo ditsong tsa lefatshe leno le e leng gore Goromente kgotsa lefatshe la Botswana le kile la tšhona ka tsela e le tšhonneng ka yone jaaka re ne re tsaya Puso. Selo se Batswana ba tshwanela ke gore ba se itse gore fa re tsaya Puso, le lona ba BCP re le boletsetse gore re fitlhetse sepatšhe se sena sepe, *we are struggling right now* ka lebaka la gore Puso e e tswang mo setilong e tsamaile e swapeletse sengwe le sengwe.

Ke sone se o bonang *for the first time in the history of this country, the GIA* e ne e na le madi a a kwa tlase ga P1 *billion* a e leng gore a aga a le kwa tlase le one madi a a ka duelang *salaries* tsa badirelapuso. Fa re ne ra se ka ra kgona go bona Southern African Customs

Union (SACU) receipts, re ka bo re sa kgona go duela badirelapuso mo kgwedding ya December. Le lona ba BCP fa le ne le tsere Puso le e fitlhela e le mo seemong se se ntseng jalo, mpoleleleng gore lona le ne le ya go dira jang le fitlhela batho ba swaapeletse sepatšhe, badirelapuso ba le mo mathateng go sena se se yang go ba duela? *What were you going to do?* Ke le tilhalosetse gore *there was no cash flow*, go ne go sena madi a e leng gore re ka a dirisa. Le gompiano jaaka re bua le lona jaana, madi ke mathata. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke ne ke re e re fa le re kgala, le re kgale le itse gore lefatshe la lona le na le mathata, madi a fedile.

Re fitlhela Goromente wa rona a kolota madi a a seng kana ka sepe, a kolota madirelo a a seng kana ka sepe. Fa ke le fa sekai fela, *Ministry of Health* o kolota dipatela tse tsotlhe tse di *private* tse a isang Batswana kwa go tsone, madi a a fetang P1.5 billion a e leng gore gompiano dipatela tsone tse di ka nna tsa tswalwa nako e nngwe le e nngwe. Re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore re ya go senka madi kae a go leka go sireletsa dikokelo tse gore di se ka tsa tswalwa le go bona gore Batswana ba ba lwalang ba tswalele ka go isiwa kwa dikokelong tsone tseo. Fa batho ba fitlhela seemo se ntse jaana, ba leka ka fa re le kang ka teng, ke bona go rona gore ka e bile re ditsala re ne re ntse re le mmogo, re bo re kgalana ka tsela e o ka reng la re re bolaile motho. Le ka bo le utlwa bothoko le rona gore ka re batho ba re utlwehang batho bothoko mmogo, a re utlweng bothoko, re thusanye ka dikakanyo gore fa BDP e dirile ka fa e dirileng ka teng, re ka ntsha Batswana mo mathateng ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Jaanong lona le a tshega le bona go le monate, e bile moeteledipele wa lona o emelela ka dinao motshegare otlhe a tlhalosa gore nnyaa, le dirile dilo tse nne fela mme le ne le solofeditse tse 12. Re di dire ka eng dilo tse 12? Dilo tse di ntseng jaana bagaetsho, le lona le tlaa itlhubogisa batho. Ke batla le itse gore re tsere Puso maloba re fitlhela diteemane di sa rekwe, re fitlhela Puso e ne e gogagogana le kompone ya De Beers.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Mo nakong ya gompiano re kgonne go dumalana le ba De Beers gore re ya go tsamaisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Moeteledipele wa Kganetso o ntse a bua jalo gore nnyaa, mme ba batla go bona gore jaanong re dumalane eng le eng. *At least* o a dumalana gore go na le se re se dirileng sa gore re bone gore tumalano fa gare ga Goromente le De Beers e nna teng, re tsere e seyo. *Honourable* Motaosane, o batla go ipolela.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Point of elucidation.* Thank you *Honourable* Mmolotsi. Ke re ke dumalane le wena, ke go tlatse fa o buang ka seemo sa *cash flow problem*. Ke re kana mme jaaka re ne re ntse re itse re tsena mo Pusong gore diteemane ga di rekwe, ga go ka ke ga nna le madi ka fa re ka a bonang ka teng. Gongwe ke re o wele mogolole ka ya gore mme gone fa jaaka re tsweletse re ntse re leka *to organise* madi a seyo, mme ka fa gape re batla *to waive some billions from taxes* tsa kompone nngwe, a mme gone *is that a prudent way or a good way of dealing with* seemo se Goromente a iphitlhelang a le mo go sone ka mabaka a gore *the main source* ke diteemane?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a go utlwa *Honourable* Motaosane, jaanong mathata ke gore o bua *waivers* tsa dikompone dingwe tse ke sa di itseng. *So* ga ke ka ke ka tsena mo magatweng, ke bua ka dikgang tse ke di itseng tsa boammaaruri. Ga ke itse Goromente yo ke leng mo go one *having waived* sepe sa kompone epe, *so for now* o tlaa nama o intshwaretse. Fela se ke se itseng ke gore re dubana le thankga ya ga Domkrag. Re dubana le thankga ya lona *Honourable* Motaosane, e e leng gore fa re ya kwa ditlhophong mogolole, le ne le tsamaya *commissioning projects* tse di seng kana ka sepe, le dira *ground breakings* tsa *projects* le itse gore ga gona madi. Le tsamaya le bula *police stations* di sa fela, le dira mekete e e seng kana ka sepe. Nngwe ya tsone ke Central Police Station, e le neng le e bula e sa fela le tse dingwe, le dirisa madi a a seng kana ka sepe. Le ne le le kwa tseleng ya A3 kwa Mathangwane le dirile mokete o o seng kana ka sepe wa ditante tse ditona le tla le rwele dikatakata ka *low beds* le re le simolola tiro. Fa le fetsa le rwala dikatakata le di busetsa kwa Gaborone le re batho ba koo ga ba na kelelele ba tlaa tsaya gore le dirile. Madi a sentswe ke lona *Honourable* Motaosane. Ke dumela gore ke ne ke dumalana le bakaulengwe ba ditsala tsa me bo Rre Lucas le Rre Saleshando gore le a senya ka dilo tse, e bile ga le bolelele batho boammaaruri. Ke sone se nna le bone ke dumelang gore re tlaa tswalelela re dumalana gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re dire dilo sentle ka gore re tswa kgakala re dumela jalo.

Ke batla gore le gakologelwe bakaulengwe rotlhe fela ka kakaretso mo Ntlong e gore go na le dilo tse dintsi tse di senyegileng. Fa dilo tse dintsi tse di senyegile, re tshwanelwa ke go tlhologanya gore golo gongwe kwa re tshwanelwang ke go simolola teng, ke go baakanya melao mengwe gore dilo tse di siame. Go baakanya molao ga se selo se se diragalang letsatsi lone leo. Re a itse rotlhe re ntse re le mo Palamenteng gore paakanyo

ya molao e dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re mo thulaganyong gompiano ya go baakanya melao ka go farologana go leka gore re tle re kgone go baakanya dilo tse di neng di dule mo tseleng. Jaanong se re feleleng pelo e re re ise re fodise le sone setilo, e bo e le gore le setse le re tlhobogile e bile le re bitsa batho ba ba senang boammaaruri, ba tlhona. Le ntse le itse gore molao ka fa o dirilweng ka teng, o dirilwe ka tsela e o tshwanelwang ke gore o salwe morago. Mo nakong ya gompiano re dirisa molao o re o fitlhetseng, go fitlhelela molao o o fetoga, ga le ka ke la re tshwaya diphoso tse re di dirang ka fa tlase ga molao one o ka gore fa re sa di dire, re tlaabo re o tlola. Jaanong le mpolelele gore re dire jang, a re tlole molao, e re kamoso le bo le re ke e Puso e ntsha gatwe Molaomtheo wa re go tlhophiwe ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, go na le *allowances* tse mme Puso e ntsha e tlola molao. A re tlole molao bakaulengwe? Dilo tse ke sone se re reng le itlhaganeletse go kgala thata. Le itlhaganeletse go tenega thata, emang pele le tle le re kgale re setse re na le nakwana, bogolo *six months*. Le raya gore le ka palelwa ke go re neela *six months* gore re simolole go baakanya melao? Nnyaa, Batswana ba tlile go lemoga gore ba ba utlwile botlhoko gore ba ne ba solofeditse Batswana gore ba ya go tsaya 31 *constituencies* jaaka mokaulengwe Saleshando. Kana mokaulengwe Saleshando o ne a tsamaya *all over* Botswana a re *they are taking 31 constituencies*, mme gompiano ga re ka ke ra mo sala morago ra re o solofeditse 31 *constituencies* mme gompiano jaana di 15. *We cannot do that.*

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Can we? We will be unfair* mo go Rre Saleshando gore a ba a ne a solofetsa dilo tse di kalokalo.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Honourable* Saleshando o ne a solofetsa Batswana gore o ya go nna Tautona, o ya go dira jaana le jaana. Ga ke ka ke ka mo opelela ka mo raya ke re o reile Batswana a re o ya go nna Tautona mme o Leader of Opposition (LOO). *I cannot do that because* ke a itse gore o ne a le mo dikeletsong, mme e tlaa re nako e nngwe dikeletso tsa gagwe di tlaa diragala. *So* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke mo gakolole gore le ene o solofeditse Batswana tse di seng kana ka sepe, le rona re solofeditse Batswana. O tlile go diragatsa ka nako e o diragatsang, le rona re a diragatsa. Itse gore tse dingwe re patikiwa ke molao, molao wa lefatshe le o thata, re tlhoka *to amend it*. Kana le yone *economic*

*empowerment* e simolola fela ka gone go baakanya Molaomtheo, go dira ditiro. Sengwe sa dilo tse re tshwanelwang ke gore re se ele tlhoko ke e gore le one Molaomtheo tshimologo ya ditiro tse di siameng re ka e simolola le ka molao.

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re gongwe a mphitise fa ka ke utlwa a re *to respond* ga ga LOO ke go kgala. Gongwe fa a ka boela mo Standing Orders a re bolelela gore *functions* tsa ga LOO tiro ya gagwe ke eng ka gore a re ene fa a gakolola kana fa a bua fale, a re go a bo go kgalwa?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *I do not think* gore tiro ya ga LOO ke go kgala. E bile gape Motlotlegi Saleshando ke mongwe wa Mapalamente kgotsa mongwe wa batho ba ke ba tlotlelang botlhale jwa gagwe. E bile ke dumela gore ke tlaa tswelala ka go mo tlotla ka fa a leng botlhale ka teng le ka fa a ratang lefatshe la Botswana ka teng. Ke tlaa tswelala ke go gakolola gore fa o tenegang thata fokotsa, fa o re felelang pelo teng fokotsa ka gore ke a itse gore Rre Saleshando o ka re gakolola sentle gore re tsamaisa Puso mmogo, mme re tlaa...

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *On a point of order.* Nnyaa, *Honourable* Mmolotsi *is distorting*, ga ke a shakgala, ga ke a tenega. *I am much more measured than* jaaka o ne o bua fa o santse o nna fale, o ne o fitlhela ke ikaba ditsebe o bua. Ga se wena o ka potang ka koo jaanong ya re ke bua gore re dumalana mo go tse, ga re dumalane mo go tse, ga bo go omana wena, ke go bolelela gore ke dumalana le wena fa kae, tokafatsa fa kae. Nnyaa, motho yo o tlhokang go nwa metsi ke yo, maUDC ga ba mmone.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable* Mmolotsi, a re ga a shakgala, *he is more measured.*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Kana mme gongwe ga a itemoge, ke ne ke lebagane le ene, a ntibile a ntshitse matlho otlhe *Mr Speaker*.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ka gore gone le nna ke ne ke tenega thata ke hupeditse ke Domkrag, ene ga ke itse gore o hupeditse ke eng ka gore rona re na le *two months* fela, ga re ise re simolole.

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Nna ke ne ke hupeditse ke Domkrag e na le 58 *years* e sa re tseye sentle.

Ke dumela sentle *Honourable* Saleshando gore rona le lona re ya go berekela Batswana ba lefatshe le ka botswerere le ka botswapelo, re gakololana gore re dire. Ke dumela gore ka gore Batswana ba a lemoga seemo sa itsholelo se ke sa tswang go se tlhalosa, le fa re ba raya re re batsadi ba rona bonang re lekile sengwe le sengwe se re ka se kgonang. Re a tlhaloganya gore ke lona ba le tlhokomelang bana le bana ba bana, re ne re na le maikaelelo a go le neela P1800 mme o padile re tlaa nama re le neetse P1400. Batsadi ba rona ba a amogela, ba amogetse ba re bongwanaka re a bona gore le a leka, ga le tshwane le Domkrag e e neng e dumela gore fa re ka tsaya P1000 re ka oboga.

**MR MONAGENG:** *Elucidation.* Minister o bua ka ditsholofetso le dikeletso tse nneng UDC e na le tsone. Ke ne ke re a o ka se ka a di tshwantshanya, a ga di tshwane le monna a nyala mosadi mme a ba a mo solofetsa tse a di mo solofetsang, e bo e re go ntse go tswetse e bo *economy* ya lefatshe e phuthama? A mosadi o ka fetogela monna yo seemo se sa dirwa ke ene mme se dirilwe ke itsholelo ya lefatshe?

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Nnyaa, mme o e adile sentle, wa fa sekai se se siameng thata.

Ke ne ke santse ke supa gore batsadi kwa gae ba amogetse. E bile re batla gore re ba kope maitshwarelo gore re bo re ise re kgone go wela mo go ene P1800 yo re neng re mo solofeditse. Re ba tlhalosetse gape gore le bakaulengwe ba rona ba re neng re dumalana thata e bile re utlwana ba BCP, bone ba ne ba solofeditse P1500, rona re ne re solofeditse P1800. Go raya gore re ne re farologana fela ka P300. Go raya gore fa e le gore re ne re sa bone gore seemo sa itsholelo se ntse jang, go raya gore le bone ba ne ba sa bone. *So* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, re le neetse P1400 o le tlaa mmonang fela jaaka *financial year* e simolola. Jaaka ke bua, re tlaa diragatsa se re se solofeditse sa P1800 mme *what I am 100 per cent sure about* ke gore ba Francistown South ba a amogela gore seemo se re lekile mo re neng re ka go leka. Ga se bone fela, ke dumela gore Batswana ka bontsi, fa o kgala gore re ba file P1400, ba ntse ba bona seemo sa itsholelo ka fa se ntseng ka teng, ba ka go omanya le wena. *So*, e re fa le ema le kgala bakaulengwe, le itse gore Batswana ba bogale ka tsela e e ntseng jang, gatwe morogo wa ngwana ga o tlhophiwe ditlhokwa.

Gape gore re bo re re re lemoga gore itsholelo e mo seemong se se thata, mme go na le bana ba e leng gore ba tsholwa batsadi ba bone ba sena se ba se tshwereng.

Re bo re re re tlaa nama re le tshwarisitse P300 kgwedi le kgwedi *for 12 months*, tota fela batho ba tshwanetse ba leboge ka gore dilo tse ke dilo tse dišha, tse di ntseng di seyo. *Honourable* Saleshando a re 12 *months* o monnye. Ee, tla re bone gore fa re digela 12 *months* gore a re tlaa se ke re tswelele gape ka gore golo fa re mo *budget* ya 12 *months*. *So*, ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, o se ka wa re felela pelo.

Le gone gore re bo re re re ya go thusa bana ka gore re a itse gore kwa dikoleng, bana ba bangwe ga ba kgone go ithekela *sanitary pads*. Gone moo fela ke go leka mo go šha ka gore Domkrag yone e ne e sa lemoge gore go mosola gore e ka dira jalo, mme rona re na le *two months*, re kgonne go dira jalo. Batswana kwa gae ba ntse ba lela ba re, “madi a Ipelegeng a a re tshwenya a manyennyane, bogolo fa nne le ka tsaya madinyana a *snack* la a kopanya le one a Ipelegeng a re a amogelang a, go ne go ka nna botoka.” Bona gore re na le *two months*, mme re tsere tshwetso ya gore re ya go kopanya madi a *snack* le a Ipelegeng gore go nne botokanyana re santse re itshekatsheka go bona gore re ka tokafatsa itsholelo ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e goroge mo seemong se e ka thusang Batswana. Ao! o raya gore Dums ga o ka ke wa opa diatla?

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke go iteka ka fa tlase ga seemo sa itsholelo se se maswe. Go riana gompiano ba Ipelegeng le bone, bonnyennyane, *whatever it is*, mo e leng gore e ne e le ga *snack* mo go tsenang mo mading a bone, go ya go tlisa *combo* e e neng e ntse e seyo. Dilo tsone tse, ke dumela gore re dira tshipidi tonto e e paletseng Domkrag *for 58 years*. Ke sone se e leng gore nna ke ne ke re jaaka re leka jaana, re a itse, e bile ga re itebale gore re solofeditse gore bana ba dikole ba tlaa neelwa maP2500. Ga re ka ke ra solofetsa fela re bo re gana madi a le teng, madi ga a yo. Letsatsi leno jaaka re bua le lona, GIA e na le *about P2 billion*, mme ga se madi a sepe. Nako le nako go tshwanelwa ke gore go sutisiwe go bonwe gore go ka duelwa sefe se se hisang, go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka lebaka la gore madi ga a yo. *We knew, but we did not know the severity of the problem.*

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Jaanong ke sone se ke reng, rona le lona ba BCP re a tshwana, ke gore *that is why* le ne le re P1500, rona re re P1800. *So, we knew* rona le lona. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke sone se ke reng, ga re a kgona gore re neele bana ba dikole P2500, mme re tlile go diragatsa ditsholofetso tse re di dirileng.

Re batla go lebogela Batswana ba e leng gore bone ka bo bone, badiredi kgotsa bo radikompone, ba ba tsereng tshwetso ya gore ba itsamaisitse kwa pele go bona gore ba duela Batswana maP4000. *I want to appeal to many more* Batswana ba ba tsamaisang dikgwebo tse di ka kgonang go duela maP4000, ba simololele ruri go ka duela Batswana maP4000, ka gore go dira jalo ke gone go dira tshiamo. E re le rona re ntse re le mo tseleng ya gore re tle re baakanye melao e e tlaa tsamaelanang le gore go diragale jalo gore Motswana yo o duelang madi a a kwa tlase, a duelle P4000, ba ba kgonang ba bo ba tsamaetse kwa pele. Dilo tse Batlotlegi Mapalamente, re tlile go nna re ntse re rerisana le lona, re le bolelela gore, “nnyaa, re tsamaya fa. Fa makgwere ke a, le melao re tlile go e tlisa kwa go lona gore molao ke o o batla go baakanya gore se se tle se diragale. O o tlile go baakanya gore se se tle se diragale.” Re dumela gore Batlotlegi Mapalamente lotlhe ka koo le ka kwano, re tlaa tshwaraganela mathata a ka gore, re busa re le nosi, mathata a a dirilweng ke *party* e e neng e busa a matona, a batla gore re patagane re leke go bona gore Motswana o tla pele.

Re dumalana le lona gore gongwe re sekaseke jaaka re tlaabo re ya kwa kgannyeng ya gore gongwe *pension* go tle go bonwe gore e simolola ka 60 years. Re ye go sekaseka go bona gore a mme ga gona *duplications*, a ga gona *double dipping* mo teng gore re tle re bone gore a mme dilo tse re ka se ke re kgone gore re di baakanye, e re fa re ya go tswa ka tsamaiso ya gore 60 years, re bo re tswetse gotlhe mo e leng gore go ka dira gore thulaganyo e e tle e nne bokete.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Honourable Mmolotsi*, ke ne ke re o e tlhatswe sentle, ga ke a go utlwa sentle. Ke gore fa o re go sekaseka gore *pension* e ka simolola ka 60 years le gore a go na le *double dipping*, go tsamaelana jang, ka gore 60 ke dingwaga gore e simolola koo? Go sekaseka gore go na le *double dipping* ya eng? A 60 o ka tsena fela fa e le gore ga gona *double dipping* kana o raya jang? *I am failing to understand the link.*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Thank you.* Tla ke go tlhalosetse motlotlegi. Re dira *a comprehensive assessment* e e tlaa re thusang gore fa re ya go tsaya tshwetso, re bo re bona gore mme re tsaya tshwetso e e ntseng jang. Mma ke go fe sekai gore gompiano jaaka Rre Saleshando a ne a bua, go na le batho ba e leng gore tota *they do not deserve* gore ba bo ba ka tsaya *tandabala*. Gompiano

fa o lebelela, go na le batho ba e leng gore Goromente gompiano o ba duelela *pension*, mme e bo e le gore fa a ba duelela *pension* jaana, fa ba tsena mo *pension*, go raya gore ba tsaya *pension* e ba neng ba e duelelwa ke Goromente, ba bo ba tsaya *tandabala* ya ga Goromente gape, golo moo ke *double dipping* e ke buang ka yone. Ke sone se ke reng kana fa re dira *assessments* tse, ke tsone tse di yang go dira gore re bo re ka kgona go *accommodate* 60 re lebile gore *those who do not deserve*, ba bo *double dipping*, ke ba eng, bone fa ba tswa jalo, go bula diphatlha tsa gore jaanong ba ba 60 Goromente a bo a ka kgona gore a ba *afford* go na le fa nne e le gore re dira jaaka fa go ntse go dirwa ka teng. *So, this is an assessment* e ntsi e e leng gore re a e dira gore e re fa re ya go diragatsa 60 ene yo, yo e leng gore le lona le tabogetse go omana ka ga ene, re bo re mo dira re itse gore re tla ka lenaneo la sennelaruri.

Re ne re ntsha maitlamo. Maitlamo ke maitlamo. Go tsweng foo fa le tsaya Puso jaanong le dira ditshekatsheko tse di tseneletseng le baakanyetsa go *implement* maikano, ga o wele fela bakaulengwe. Jaanong lona le batla gore le re golege, le re tsenye mo mathateng, kamoso le bo le re, re le boleletse. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo bagaetsho, ke ne ke re tota fela *budget* ya gompiano re e dirile ka fa tlase ga seemo se se bokete sa itsholelo e e olang, re e dira jaana e le gore maikaelelo a rona ke go bona gore re leka go fetola matshelo a Batswana.

Jaaka le ne le ntse le le *concerned*, kana gompiano jaana, *economic growth* fa e le kwa tlase ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, re tlhalositse gore *we need to grow our economy* ka 10 *per cent* gore re kgone dilo tse di ntsi. Mme kana mo *two months* yo, gore tsholofelo e bo e le gore re setse re godisitse itsholelo ka 10 *per cent*, tota bakaulengwe le raya gore le re direla sentle mme gone? Ga re ka ke ra kgona go godisa itsholelo mo dikgweding tse pedi ka 10 *per cent*. Golo mo go mo tseleng ya gore e re fa re sena go nna re tsenya dilo tse re yang go godisa itsholelo ka tsone, e bo e le gore jaanong re mo seemong se se siameng. Re le boleletse gore *the fundamentals of the economy are okay*. Selo se re se tlhokang gore re se dire jaanong ke gore madi a kgone gore a goroge. Madi a, ke one a re tlaabong re a dirisa jaanong go godisa itsholelo. Re ne re le bolelela gore re batla go dira *multi-national companies* tse e leng gore re ya go godisa itsholelo ka tsone, re ya go dira tsele, re ya go dira tsele, tse ke neng ke tlhola ke di le bolelela fa ke ntse ke le ka koo. Ke ka kwano jaanong, re ya go di diragatsa gore re kgone go godisa itsholelo. E bile bontsi jwa tsone, re ne re di

dumalana le lona bakaulengwe, re di buisana. Kana *in fact*, se re tshwanelwang ke gore re se itse le Batswana se ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba se itse ke gore bontsi jwa ditsholofetso tse tsa *manifesto* o re o dirisang gompieno, di dirilwe BCP e ntse e le mo UDC. E bile *Manifesto Committee* ya teng e eteletse pele ke Leader of the Opposition.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *On a point of order.* A bogolo re leke go bua boammaaruri fela Rre Mmolotsi; *just for three minutes.* Ga go boammaaruri gore re nnile le seabe go dira *Manifesto* wa UDC wa gompieno. Fa e le gore o raya wa 2019, ga se one wa gompieno; wa 2019 o ne o se na bo 10 *per cent*, 100 *billion a year. These things were not there, so* bua boammaaruri. Ke utlwile kgantele gore *in three months* ka re go bo go okeditswe itsholelo ka 10 *per cent*, o a itse gore ga o bolelele boammaaruri. Ra re *growth for the year; for 12 months.* Ga ke itse gore a boammaaruri bo simolotse go go bifela o pota fela ka foo, a golo ka foo go bati mo go kanakana, o go bona fela o le ka kwano?

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Honourable Mmolotsi a re o a mo golega, baakanya. A re o ne a seyo fa le kwala maitlamo.*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *No, ga ke re wa 2024 o kwadilwe ke ene, ka re bontsi jwa dilo tse di mo Manifesto wa UDC, di ne di dirwa ke Manifesto Team. Tse dingwe di tsene tse di neng di seyo nako ya teng. Honourable Saleshando ga o ka ke wa itatola manifesto o o neng o o tlhalosa ka botswerere jo bo kanakana nako e o neng o le moUDC. Le fa go ntse jalo go siame, fa e le gore o itatola manifesto wa gompieno gore ga o o itse gotlhelele, ke tlaa dumela gore ga o o itse.*

**MR SALESHANDO:** *On a point of order. Mr Speaker, I think Honourable Mmolotsi jaanong a kgalemelwe because clearly ga se gore o a tshameka, o leka to mislead setšhaba. Ga go na sepe se se ka nkamanyang le Manifesto wa UDC wa 2024. Tse le di setseng le di kopolola kwa go rona le bo le di fetola, of course e rile rona re re re ka dira tse 300 000 le bo le tsaya gore lona le ka ya fa godimo le ye gore 400 to 500 000 jobs. Fa re re P1500 for pension, lona la re P1800. Le ne le tsamaya le dira fela jalo. Jaanong se nkamanye le diemo tse le iphitlhelang le le mo go tsone tse di le palelang. Mr Speaker, mo Honourable Mmolotsi a reng o a go dira ga go tlhoka boammaaruri, ga go sa tlhola go tshegisa. You are not being truthful and the Standing Orders tsa Palamente di re pateletsa boammaaruri re bo rata re sa bo rate. Itebaganye le boammaaruri.*

**MR SPEAKER:** *Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Mmolotsi, Honourable Saleshando o a ngongorega a re o a mo golega. Tota fela sepe se UDC e se solofeditseng ga a amane le sone. Ke a go utlwa gore wa re ka 2019 o ne a eteletse lekoko lengwe, mme jaanong o bua ka gore ditsholofetso tsa lona tse di le tsentseng fa le leng teng fa, tseo e ne e se bontlha bongwe jwa tsone.*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Go siame ke a utlwa Honourable Speaker. Ke dumele gore go siame manifesto o re neng re o dirisa ka 2024 o ne o sa amane gope gotlhelele le o o neng o dirisiwa ke UDC ka 2019. Ke sone se e leng gore gongwe re...*

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE):** *On a point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Mmolotsi, a mme o itatola gore Manifesto wa UDC wa 2024, dintlhakgolo tsa one di ne di sa tshwane le tsa 2019, the only difference e bo e nna some marginal adjustment ya the figures? Ke batla go itse gore are you standing on the floor of Parliament and telling Parliament gore those two manifestos did not have significant similar points?*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** *Yes, Honourable Hikuama, it is a point of order in the sense that kana le ene o gwetlha boammaaruri jo bo buiwang ke Honourable Mmolotsi. Go raya gore o dule mo tsamaisong ya gore a se a se buang o bolelela Palamente e gore gotlhelele fa o tsaya manifesto wa 2019 le wa 2024, ga go na fa di amanang teng?*

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Kana jaanong ke setse ke tshaba Rre Saleshando ka gore...*

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

**MR MMOLOTSI:** ...o a itse gore seemo ke eng, ga a batle ke bua. Ke sone se e leng gore kakanyo ya me ke gore gongwe kgang e re e tlogele fa gore re tle re tswa mo Palamenteng re ntse re utlwana *Mr Speaker.*

Ke kope Batswana gore ba nne *patient*, ba re neele nako ya gore re bone gore re dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore se se mo maikutlong a rona ke dikeletso tsa go leka go thusa Batswana, go ntsha Batswana mo lehumeng, go bona gore Batswana ba nna le ditiro, seemo sa botsogo jwa lefatshe le se a tlabologa, kwa dikoleng sengwe le sengwe se a tokafala, go nna le dibuka le dijo. Go bona gore *temporary teachers* ba a hirwa. Seemo se jaaka re

kokonetswe ke itsholelo, mme re eme ka dinao bosigo le motshegare, go leka go baakanya dilo tse, tse re neng re ngongorega ka tsone fa re santse re le kwa *opposition*.

Re ne re ngongorega ka tsone; re a di itse, botlhoko re kile ra bo utlwa, mme fa re kile ra utlwa botlhoko, ke sone se o bonang re eme ka dinao fano re re maikaelelo a rona ke go baakanya lefatshe le, ra tsena mo Botswaneng yo moshaka boammaaruri jo mongwe le mongwe a tlaa akolang maduo a Botswana jwa teng. Ke sone se ke ikuelang mo bakaulengweng gore ee, re a itse gore le lona le tlhophilwe gore le re gakolole, a re gakololaneng. Re ya go tsaya dikgakololo tsa lona bosigo le motshegare ka gore re dumela gore *together we can go far*. Re dumela gore mmogo re ka aga Botswana yo moshaka lebaka la gore rona le lona re ne re le mo mathateng.

Fa e le gore go na le bangwe ba e leng gore gongwe e kare fa re le mo seemong sa botlhoko jwa lefatshe le ra ba lebala, e ka nna ba ba *four* bale... (*Interruptions*)... ka gore bone ba a itse gore ba ne ba dira eng. Lona re bana ba motho, re tlhologanya se se wetseng Batswana. Ka mafoko a a kalo, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members, let me draw your attention to Standing Order 58.4, *le se bale thata se ka le thusa mo tsamaisong*. "While a Member is speaking all other Members shall be silent and shall not make unseemly interruption." Honourable Members, I am aware that this is Parliament, certainly you are not on some night vigil, *mme le se ele tlhoko thata* Standing Order *se*.

**MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, mme ke tseye sebaka se ke leboga Vice President (VP) of the Republic of Botswana, Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe go bo a abile madi a lefatshe la Botswana ka botswerere jo bo kwa godimo thata. A a aba jaana mo dinakong tse di thata tse go sa solofeleng ope gore o ka bo a dirile botswerere jo bo kanakana. Re a go lebogisa Rraetsho Gaolathe, mme e bile ga se rona fela re go lebogisang, le batlhophi ba rona kwa dikgaolong ba re ba ne ba sa solofela lemnyana le o ba le tikeletseng la *tandabala*. Ba re ba ne ba sa solofela gore ngwana wa mosetsana o tlaa mo gopola ka gore a nne le *pads*, ke ka moo re reng rraetsho re a go leboga.

Bagaetsho, re tshwanetse re itse re bo re lemoga gore Puso e re tswang mo go yone ya Domkrag, e fitlhetse matshebetshebe a madi, e fitlhetse re humile, mme ya a ja gotlhe, ya sadisa P2 *billion* fela. Boammaaruri jo re tshwanetse gore re bo bue.

**MR MMUSI:** *On a point of procedure*. Ao! rraetsho, kana Domkrag fa e tsaya Puso ka 1966, go ne go se na madi mo lefatsheng le. O lebetse selo seo? O se ka wa re re tsere Puso go na le madi, ga o bue nnete, ga o bolelele Palamente e nnete, ao!

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Ramogapi, a re ga o bolelele ruri.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** *Mr Speaker*, Domkrag e fitlhetse matshebetshebe a madi, ya a ja ya ba ya a ja. Mo e go tlogetseng *Mr Speaker*; tota ga se P2 *billion*, ke dikoloto tse di gaggamatsang. Mo go ya P2 *billion* re gakolegelwe fela gore ke madi a a neng a tswa kwa go P50 *billion* a bo a sala kwa go P2 *billion*, mme dikoloto di gaggamatsa. Se se raya gore ka nako e e neng Botswana e tsaya boipuso, go ne go le botoka thata ka lebaka la gore e ne e sena sepe, e bile e sa kolote sepe. Re filwe boswa jo bo botlhoko, dikoloto tsa teng di ne di gaggamatsa.

*Mr Speaker*, ke batla go tsena mo kgannyeng e e reng re ne re itse fa re dira *manifesto* mme ra o kwala fela. *That is not true*, re ne re sa itse. Re ne re sa itse *Mr Speaker* ka lebaka la gore, go na le dikoloto tse di fitlhegileng, tse di sa kwalweng kwa Bank of Botswana, tse di sa kwalweng fa go fiwa *statements*. Dikoloto tse e leng gore le mo go bitswang gotwe Government Purchase Order (GPO) e e leng gore fa o dira sekoloto kana o fa motho *tender*, o a mo e neela, fa o sena go mo e neela, jaanong *system* e e bitswang Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS) e tlaabo e supa gore o na le bokana, ga o na bokana. Go ne go na le tsamaiso e go neng go ntshiwa mokwalo fela o bo o isiswa kwa sepateleng gotwe se dire *tender* kana se duele, kana se thuse ditirelo tsa gore, sekoloto seo ga gona gope *where it appears*. Fa re tsaya Puso *Mr Speaker*, re iphitlhela e le gore jaanong kwa South Africa Goromente wa lefatshe la Botswana o kolota madi a a gaggamatsang. Dipatela tsotlhe tse di *private* tsa lefatshe la Botswana, o kolota madi a a gaggamatsang. *This debt is not written anywhere, only those who are concerned know* gore Goromente o re kolota bokae. Jaanong kgang ya gore le ne le itse le se ka la bo la tlhola le e bua, ka gore dilo tse dingwe re ne re sa di itse. Ke a e feta *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, go na le kgang e gotweng re na le *social contract*, kana *manifesto* ke *social contract*, heela! *Mr Speaker, even the contract can be revised*. Konteraka o a e baakanya fa o bona gore re ne re tsene mo konterakeng mme golo fa go thata, o nna fa fatshe o bo o baakanya. Ke se Rre Ndaba a se dirileng. Fa re ithuta mo sekoleng, ke ithutile dithuto tsa *business*, tsa *law*, ke rutilwe gore *you can revise the contract*. Ke a ipotsa gore ke gore batho ba ba tsene sekole kae?

*Mr Speaker*, re utlwa gotwe re Domkrag yo mosh, ke Mpho le Mphonyana. Banna ba ke bo maja-a-itshutlha ba ba Botswana Congress Party. Gompiano jaana ke bone basupi ba ba ka bong ba re, ka nako ya Domkrag, Mapalamente ba ne ba sa kgone go tsena mo dikomiting, ba sa kgone go nna *Chairmen* tsa dikomiti. Gompiano ke ba ke bo *Chairmen* ba dikomiti. Golo mo ke *democracy* e re e kwadileng mo *manifesto* wa rona. *We strengthen the democracy*. Le tshwanelwa ke gore le re boke, le re leboge gore re dirile sengwe. Le bone ba ba *fours* ba, ba ne ba ema gone fa ba nna ba re, “nnyaa, le se ka la ba tsenya.” Fa re tsena *Mr Speaker*, ga re a ka ra nna le mowa wa go busolosa. Re rile le bone ba *fours* ba ba tsenyeng, ke Puso ya batho ka batho. Golo mo re tshwanelwa ke go go lebogela *Mr Speaker*.

*Constitutional review*; *Mr Speaker*, re ne re itumela re bona Rre Saleshando a na le Tautona Rre Boko. Fa a tswa koo Tautona wa Botswana Congress Party a bo a itumela a re, “ke itumetse, Tautona Rre Boko *is a leader*, gompiano jaana rona le ene re dumalane ka dilo dingwe tsa Puso ya batho ka batho.” Letsatsi leno o fetogile, o a gana a re ga gona le fa e le sepe, ke Mpho le Mphonyana. Ao bakaulengwe! tse di molemo tse re di dirileng mmogo, a re tshwaraganeng mmogo ka Puso ya batho ka batho. O bona motho yo ke ratang go mo reetsa thata ke bo ke mo lemoga ka koo, ke Rre Kenny Kapinga. O na le gore fa gongwe a re gakolole o bona gore monna yo o a re gakolola, ga a na le fa e le sepe sa dibebejane. Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, dilo tse ke ne ke batla go feta ka tsone.

Go na le kgang e nngwe ya Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), re rile mo Pusong ya rona e dingwe tsa dikgang tse Tautona a neng a di dumalane le Rre Saleshando, re rile DCEC ga e ye go nna ka fa tlase ga Ofisi ya ga *President*. E ya go tla *to report* mo Palamenteng, ao! opang legofi maBCP, le raya gore dilo tse ga le di itse?

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

**MR RAMOGAPI:** *Mr Speaker*, our promises, kana gatwe re tshwere *one* kana gatwe bokae. Mma ke ba bolelele gore re tshwere bokae. Puso ya rona jaaka Rre Ndaba Gaolathe a ne a bua, e rile *sanitary pads* di mo teng, *tick*, le ne le re ke *one out of 12*. *Sanitary pads* di mo teng, re ya go thusa bomme e le la ntlha, ga se Mpho le Mphonyana ka gore... bona gore e le la ntlha mo lefatsheng la Botswana, gompiano bana ba ya go bona *sanitary pads*, bana ba ne ba dirisa materase go ithusa.

*Mr Speaker*, ao! le fa e bile gotweng, fa e sale Domkrag e busa *for 50 years*, ga e ise e ko e oketse *tandabala* ka madi a a kanakana, go tswa mo go P830 e ya kwa go P1400. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re leboge Puso e e ntsha e gore mo malatsing a le 100 fela e bo e setse e dirile *achievements* tse di kana. *Mr Speaker*, re tshwanetse ra leboga. Mo malatsing a le 100 fela. O nne o *tick* ka koo Disho, o siile Rre Saleshando, *tick for him...* mo malatsing a a kana fela.

Re bo re re re baya bana botsetsi. Ao! go baya bana botsetsi re ntsha sengwenyana! Ke utlwile yo mongwe wa Domkrag mo maranyaneng, e bile a ikgatlha, yo ke ka se keng ka mmua ka leina a re, “ijoo! gatwe batho ba dire bana rona re ntshe fela.” Heelang! bagaetsho, go na le bana ba ba sa kgoneng go baya botsetsi ka fa tlase ga Puso e e ntsha e eteletse ke Rre Gideon Boko le Rre Ndaba Gaolathe, ra re re ya go baya bana botsetsi. *Mr Speaker*, re buile gone fa, *tick* foo Disho, re buile gone fa ke bua mongwe le mongwe a ntheeditse, ke re, go thata, mme le fa go le thata jaana, maikaelelo a rona a gore re ya go fokoletsa Batswana metsi ka *30 per cent*, re ya go leka, ke lwa ka sengwe le sengwe go bona gore re ka fokotsa jang. Maiteko a a rona a teng, a tswetse, ditherisanyo di teng, re mo go *100 days*, se re feleleng pelo...

**MR LEKAU:** *Elucidation*. Rre Ramogapi, ke ne ke re o e tshwere sentle fa o bua ka phokoletso ya metsi, gore a ga o bone thulaganyo ya kwa Mogoditshane e e simolotsweng ya gore go tsennngwe *prepaid metres*, e le selo se se lekang go tokafatsa le matshelo le tiriso ya metsi?

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, a ba nne ba *tick* gore re rile matlo a ya go agiwa, re buile jalo, *tick!* Kana re setse re tsamaya mo go *seven* jaanong, *tick!*

Re buile, re kwadile, re supile, *number eight* ra re, *reviving of Bargaining Council* e e neng e sule, re a e tsosolosa. Badirelapuso, *unions*, jaanong di ya *to bargain* ba nna fa fatshe mo tafoleng, golo mo ke phitlhelelo e tona *Mr Speaker*.

*Tick* foo, *international relations*, *Mr Speaker*, go ne go padile. Dipuisanyo tsa Botswana le De Beers di ne di padile, fa motho a emelela fela go bo gotwe, lemphorwana ke le tshwere fela jaana. Fa ba emelela ba re, “ba kile ba re peperepepere! ke ba tshwere fela jaana.” Rona e rile re tsena ra nna kwa tlase, ra buisanya re re re a tlhokana. Ao! *achievement* e e kanakana, la re ga le e opele legofi? Opang legofi *and tick* maBCP.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke tlaa go e neela fa pelenyana. *Living wage; Mr Speaker*, a re bueng boammaaruri, fa re re santse re dira melao re bo re ya kwa *private sector* re re, re a le rotloetsa, lona ga le patikiwe ke melao epe, tsweleng le nne le baakanye, le buisane, le neele batho sengwe. Bagwebi ba le babedi ba ke ba itseng ba setse ba tswetswe kwa ntle, ba Tau Construction ba rile re ya go duela batho P4000 *living wage*. Ba Choppies ba rile re ya go duela batho P4000 *living wage*. Dingwaga tse 58 go ne go pala, UDC e le gone e tsenang mo 100 *days* e bo e setse e le gore e tswetse ka kgang e, a la re ga se phitlhelelo? Ao! Hikuama *tick*, kana jaanong ke 11 *out of 12*.

*Mr Speaker*, nngwe ya dikgang tse re di tshwereng re ya go di dira, ke ditiro. Fa e ne e le gore batho ba a reetsa, le ka bo le utlwile Vice President (VP) gore o ne a bua gore re ya go dira *pipeline* e e tswang kwa Chobe-Zambezi. Ke gore gongwe ga ba reetse thata, o ba itshwarele VP. O rile re ya go dira *pipeline* e e tswang kwa Chobe-Zambezi. Kana *pipeline* e e tlang e tswa bokgakala jo bo kana bagaetsho, ke ditiro tse di gagamatsang tse di yang go tswa gone foo, tse e leng gore *already* re setse re ntse re bua ka tsone. Fa re bua ka matlo a, re bua ka ditiro tse di gagamatsang. Fa re bua ka *hemp* e re neng re bua ka yone re le bolelela gore *hemp* e tswetse, re bua ka ditiro tse di gagamatsang. Tshwa gape rra, kana jaanong ke 12 *upon 12*. Go raya gore UDC mo go 100 *days*, ga se mo gotweng e ganne go tlisa *report*, e pasitse. Re pasitse rraetsho.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Ramogapi. Ke utlwile o bua ka gore le setse le baakanya melao e e sa ameng dituelo tsa badiredi ba dikompone. Ga ke itse gore o raya melao efe e o yang go e baakanyang, gongwe o ka e nankola, e e itsang Puso gore e ka bua gore nnyaa, mme re fitlhelela *promise* ya rona. Ke melao efe e le e baakanyang, e bile re e solofele leng?

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Hikuama. Bodirelapuso bo laolwa ka molao. Kgang ya *living wage* ga e yo gope mo melaong ya lefatshe la Botswana, gore go kgonagale ke gore re simolole re tle ka molao o re o bitsang re re ke *living wage*. Go dira molao o, go batla *consultation*. Fa go tswa mo go nneng le *consultation*, go tla gore *how are we going to implement it*, ka gore go na le dikutlwisisanyo tse di farologanang. Yo mongwe o dumela gore, ke le *maid* ke tshwanetse gore ke tseye

P4000. Yo mongwe o dumela gore, le nna ke le mo Choppies ke tseye P4000. Yo mongwe a re, ke le modisa ke tseye P4000. Re tshwanetse gore re farologanye gore, fa e le gore yo mongwe o tlaabo a amogela P4000, o tlaa duela yo mongwe ka eng? Dilo tse ga re re nne fa fatshe, re itse gore fa re dira *policy* le molao pele, re ya go tsamaya jaana. Re bua ka *formal sector*, e seng *informal sector*. Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re di rute Batswana, ba bo ba di tshaloganye.

*Mr Speaker*, re tshwanelwa ke gore mo kutlwisong ya rona...

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le fa o mpha moragonyana, ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka tumalano ya Puso le De Beers. Ke re gongwe o ka re etelela pele gore, re bone bokae *in terms of percentage*? Go ikaletswe gore seabe se e tlaabong e le *stake* sa Botswana, re ya go se dirisa leng, jang? Fa e le gore o itse *percentage*, o ka re etelela pele mo go tsone.

**MR DISHO:** *Clarification.* Tanki Tona, a o a re Tautona o ne a sa itse molao kana ga a itse molao, fa a tshepisa Batswana ka *November* gore o ya go duela batho P4000? Ke a leboga.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Kgang ya De Beers le Debswana gore re ya go ba duela bokae, ga ke batle go iphitlhela gongwe ke le mo mathateng *Mr Speaker*, ka gore dilo tsa konteraka ke tsa batho ba le babedi. Ka semolao, ga di ntshiwentshiwe fela yo mongwe a tswa a re mme kana tumalano ke e ya riana, yo mongwe a re tumalano ke e ya riana. Ke tsaya gore Tona yo o lebaneng Mma Kenewendo fa a batla go e ntsha, o tlaa e ntsha. Mo go kwadilweng mo dipampiring mo ke go bonang ga 50/50, a go boammaaruri, mme ke a tle ke bone go kwadilwe jalo.

Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, e nngwe ya ga Disho ke ya sepolotiki fela, a re a Tautona ga a itse molao? Ke gore o ka raya Advocate wa re ga a itse molao, Advocate fela o bo o re ga a itse molao? Ke tsaya gore eo o ne o intsha bodutu fela ka yone tsala ya me. Ke motho yo o itseng molao, yo o balang molao. Boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gore, se a se buileng o rile, *tandabala* e tlaa re fa re sena go tsaya Puso gompiano, e bo e le gore kamoso re tlaabo re duela *tandabala*, e ne e le tsholofetso. Mo Baebeleng gatwe tsholofetso ga e tlhabise ditlhong, jaanong o nne ka tsholofelo. Le gompiano re santse re raya Batswana re re, nnang ka tsholofelo, P4000 wa *living wage* le tlaa mmona. Batswana, yo o le tshepising o boammaaruri, o boikanyego, o a tshephafala motho yo o le tshepising yo.

*Mr Speaker*, ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tse dingwe tse gotweng o kare re palelwa ke *corruption* ka dikgang tsa Development Manager (DM). *Mr Speaker*, re dirile maiteko a mantle thata. Fa re fitlhela go nkg a sebedu go bodile, e le gore batho ba ikabetse *project* e e neng e ka ja P1 billion ke e fa sekai, go bo gotwe nnyaa, ke P8 billion ka DM projects. E bo e re fa re tsena, re bo re re nnyaa, mme re a di emisa. Ao! batho betsho, re re *we are suspending them*, gore re dire *review*. A le raya gore le fa e bile le reng, gone mo ga e ka ke ya nna *tick* gore re dirile sengwe? Ke mo le ka re kuelelang la re thaaka! ke bao ba re ba fedisa *corruption*? Ao! batho betsho.

*Democracy* ke golo mo go tsamayang go baakanngwa, jaanong mo tseleng fa re ntse re dira jaana, go tlaa tla go ntse go nna le lerole, le ntsi e wela mo mashing. Rona ka fa re godileng ka teng, ga o tsholole mashi otlhe. Fa ntsi e wetse mo mashing, re ne re tsaya legonyana fela re bo re e ntsha, re bo re e nwa mashi. Jaanong tse di tshesanyane tsa gore nnyaa, yo mongwe o kile a re, yo mongwe o kile a reng, bagaetsho ke *processes* tsa *democracy* le *development*. Le tshwanelwa ke gore le re iteele legofi gore, tse dintsi re di fitlhetse *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker*, ke itumeletse ka fa *budget* e abilweng ka teng, gore nnyaa mme le dipatela ga di ka ke tsa lebalwa. Kana fa gotwe le dipatela ga di ka ke tsa lebalwa, ke gopola sepatela sa Palapye *Mr Speaker*: Ka boammaaruri batho ba Palapye, nnang ka tsholofelo, sepatela ga se ka ke sa lebalwa. Fa Rre Salakae le *Minister of Finance* ba ntse ba bua ka ditsela, ke gopola tsela ke ele e bitswa gotwe Mogome-Mokgware, ke gopola ditsela ke tsele tsa Palapye, o itse gore ga gona le fa e le *internal roads*. Ke na le tsholofelo ya gore *budget* e, e e molemo, e e leng lantlha ya lefatshe la Botswana e tlaa e le ya kganetso, e tlaa re isa golo gongwe.

Jaanong ke batla gore ke re *Mr Speaker*, mo botshelong a re sekang ra tsaya dikgang tse di *personal* re bo re taboga ka tsone, re bua ka tsone mo Palamenteng. Golo moo ga go ka ke ga re isa gope, re Botswana. Ga ke bone go siame gore re tseye dikgang tse di *personal* fela, re bo re re nnyaa, mme kana go raya gore go ntse jaana, re tshwanetse *to discredit* motho. Nnyaa bagaetsho, fa re le mo Palamenteng a re bueng ka ditlhabololo tsa lefatshe la Botswana. A re bueng gore re ka tlhabolola lefatshe la Botswana jang. Fa e ka re kamoso yo mongwe le ene ka fa a bo a tika lentswe a re, Kaizer ke yole fale, re kile ra mmona a ntse jaana, heela! go tlaabo go sa siama. Ga ke tseye gore moo go ka re isa gope *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore mo go siameng ke gore, re tlotleng puso ya batho ka batho, re gakololaneng, re boneng gore re ya kwa pele jang.

*Mr Speaker*, ke a buile, mme e bile nna ke itumeletse *budget* e fela thata. Botswana ba ke neng ke na le bone kwa Palapye re buisa diphuthego, ba ke neng ke buisa diphuthego kwa go bone go ya go tsena kwa Tonota, go ya go tsena kwa Jakalas No. 1, e ne e re fa re ba solofetsa gore bagaetsho, yo o le solofeditse o a tshpagala, mo dikgweding kana mo malatsing a mannyennyane, o tlaa diragatsa tsholofetso ya bone. Lone lefoko leo fela, basadibagolo ba ne ba letsa megolokwane. Jaanong ke rata gore ke reye barutabana ba ba *temporary* ke re, re fitlhetse go senyegile. Ba re tseneng mo Pusong e ntsha, re ya go baakanya. Solofelang gore le lona le tlaa hirwa, mme le tlaa hirelwa ruri.

Re simolotse go baakanya ka mapodise a *Special Constable*. Mapodise a *Special Constable Mr Speaker*, ba ba sa bolong go goga lebaka, ba a hirwa jaanong ba tlaa nna *permanent*. Dilo tse, di molemo.

*Mr Speaker*, fa o ne o reeditse *budget* ya ga *Minister of Finance*, o buile ka mananeo a mantle e le lantlha. Batho ba ne ba re, ga go ka ke ga kgonagala. Fela jaaka kwa South Africa, go na le matlo jaana a Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP), mo Botswana le gone re ya go nna le mantlo. A bo a re, matlo a leina la one ke Bonno National Housing. Lenaneo le re tlaabo re tsamaya re aga mantlo lefatshe lottle la Botswana. Kgang e tona ke gore, bonno, *roof* ka fa tlase ga tlhogo ya motho, e botlhokwa fela thata.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** E tseye.

**MR MMUSI:** *Point of clarification*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke botsa gore Bonno Housing e ya go farologana fa kae le Self-Help Housing Agency (SHHA), ke botse fela?

**MR RAMOGAPI:** O botsa sentle tsala ya me. Bonno e ya go farologana le SHHA ka gore re tlhabolotse. SHHA ele ya bogologolo ga e sa tlhole e le teng. Re bo re tla ka lenaneo le lengwe gape la gore re ya go aga matlo a le 100, 000. Matlo a a 100, 000 ga se a SHHA, matlo a a 100, 000 ke *plan* e sele e e turang, e *company* e tlaabong e tla gangwefela. E aga go tshwana le mo Gaborone jaana, e bets matlo a le 3, 000 gangwefela a a tlaabong a nna badirelapuso.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Lenaneo lele la SHHA le ne le lebile ba ba amogelang kwa tlase fela. Lenaneo le, ba ba amogelang D *scale* and C *scale* ba tlaabo ba

na le tshwanelo ya go tsenya kopo, ba bo ba thusiwa. Batswana ba tlaabo ba tla ka *plans* tse di farologanyeng gore ke ka bona e, ke ka bona e, e le gore *they have a choice*. Ba na le mo gotweng ke *variety*, e seng go ntse gotwe owaii! Ele ke ya SHHA e e itsegeng, e e rileng, e e bidiwang maina gotwe ke ya batlhoki. Gompiano rra, re mo Pusong e ntšha, re tla ka bonno jo bo ntle, jo bo *decent*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification  
Honourable Minister.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ke a go neela rra.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Point of clarification.* Golo fa o bua ka lenaneo le le kwa tlase ga *ministry* wa gago. Tlhaloso ya gago e botlhokwa fela thata, ke gore o se ka wa nna *casual* mo go yone. Tlhaloso ya gago e botlhokwa ka gore *you are the responsible Minister for this programme*. Fa o tlhalosa jaana, le motho yo o leng kwa Bodibeng le yo o kwa Shakawe ba go reeditse thata. Ke gore ga ke ise ke utlwe o tlhalosa sentle gore *this* lenaneo le ya go dira jang? *Please try to unpack it so that the ordinary person* kwa a leng teng o a utlwa sentle le ene o a ipaakanya gore go ya go diragala eng. Ke gore o ntshe metlaenyana mo teng.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister Ramogapi, unpack the programme in four minutes.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Re santse re le mo *Budget Speech*, nako ya teng e e tla. Ka gore ke kgotlile mafoko, e bile a monate, ke a bona gore o ja monate mo go one gore Puso e e tla dilo tse di ntle. Motlotlegi, se lenaneo le le yang go tla sone ka re, go simolola ka *D scale* go ya kwa tlase, ba tlaabo ba kgona gore ba dire dikopo, ba agelwe matlo le bone. Batswana ba gape, ba ba tlaabong ba re, ga ke nne kwa gae, ke batla go hirisa ntlo ya me, re bo re tla ka lenaneo le re ka ba thusang gore o ka e hirisetsa Puso e jaana, go na le gore re bo re ba tlogela fela ba le fale ba nna le mathata. Go tlaabo go tsamaya ka go farologana gore yo o ka tsaya *loan* ya bokana, yo o ka tsaya *loan* ya bokana.

Gakologelwa gore ele ya SHHA, e ne e le ya ba ba kwa tlase fela. Jaanong e, ke e e tsenyang batho botlhe. *Not only that*, ka fa tlase ga Bonno National Housing, re tlaabo re kopana le PPPs fa re kgonang gore Gaborone a ntse jaana, re bo re re bagaetsho, re tlhokana le maroko gongwe a le 3000 kana 5000. E bo e le gore gone foo re aga matlo. Re ka dirisa le methale e mesha, e tshwana le e e bidiwang gotwe *prefabrication*. E e leng gore fa

o tsena, o tlhoma fela konkoreite ka sepiti fa e le gore o ne o le teng nako e go neng go agiwa *mall* ole wa Molapo Crossing. Go bo go agiwa dilo tse tsothhe tse, di tlaabo di wela ka fa tlase ga Bonno National Housing. Re kopane le PPP.

Jaanong le kwa dikgaolong tsa lona, re setse re kopile ditsha. Ke reile ba *land board* ke ba raya ke re, lona ba *Ministry of Lands*, re batla ditsha tse e leng gore fa re tsena gotwe golo kwa go na le letlhoko la boroko, re ka kgona go aga matlo a le mantsi gangwefela. Re bo re itse gore re ya go thusa bodirelapuso jo bo kwa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nnyaa, ke sale ke kopile *clarification*.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ee, a e ka nna Shakawe kana e ka nna kae, fa go tlaabong go dirilwe *assessment* gore golo fa go tlhokana le boroko thata. E tseye ka bonako, o a bona gore e fedile.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Tanki *Honourable* Ramogapi. Ke re ke...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable* Disho, o bidiwa ke *Speaker*.

**MR DISHO:** *Point of clarification.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona ka ke utlwa a bua ka matlo thata. Ke boletse ba Okavango East gore ba solofetsa batho ba Okavango East matlo a le kae le gore ba ya go simolola go a aga leng? Ke yone potso ya me fela e khutshwane Morena wa me. Tanki.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Nnyaa, ke gore lona fa motho a santse a apeile, le gaketse “o tshola leng, o tshola leng?”

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

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ga re, re apeile, re tsile go tshola, welang dibete. Re tlile go le tsholela. Puso e ya rona e, fa le ne le ntemogile, ga re buse re re, “ba ga re ba fe ba, ke ba kganetso.” Nnyaa ga re batle dikgang tseo. Re batla gore motse mongwe le mongwe *as long* fela go dirilwe *assessment* ya gore fa go tlhokafala boroko, re ye go le thusa. Jaanong le gone koo rraetsho, boroko bo tlaa tla, re tlaa le agela. Ga re ise re nne le *timeframe*. Re santse re apeile ka gore dilo tse go dirwa *policies* pele, gore e se ka ya re fa re setse re dira, go bo gotwe ba bangwe ba kae, ba bangwe ba kae. Gape gone ka fa tlase ga Bonno National Housing, ga re ye go lebala ba *settlements*, ba ba senang le fa e le sepe. Re tlaa tsosolosa mogopolo ole wa go ba thusa re ba kopela mo bathong gore re ba

agele. *I therefore Mr Speaker, support this budget ke re e ntle fela thata. It is a historic budget. It is historic in the sense that, ke lantlha ya Puso ya kganetso e e neng e tsaya Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I shall invoke Standing Order 26.2 for your convenience and adjourn the House for 15 minutes. We shall reconvene in 15 minutes, please do come back, if you do not you will forfeit your today's sitting allowance.

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 5:02 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES**

**PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 5:21 P.M.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Please be seated. The floor is open.

**DR GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Puso e a nkgaa, jaanong re tshwanetse re itlwaetse go ema. *Mr Speaker...*

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** ... (Inaudible)...

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Mr Speaker*, mma lantlha le nna ke re re lebogela pego ya *Minister wa Finance* ka gore ke pego e e bothokwa fela thata, jaaka go buiwa gore ke yone ya ntlha ya Puso e ntsha. Labobedi *is a political statement*, re supe gore ga se fela gore ke pego ya madi ya go aba madi, re tseye e le pego e e tshwanetseng gore e re supegetsa popego ya yone Puso e e busang gore ke Puso ya popego e e ntseng jang. Fa re rialo, re tshwanetse gore re bo re lemoga gore re bua ka Puso ya diphathi tse di tshwaraganeng, tse di nang le ditumelo tse di farologaneng. Jaanong re leka go e tlhaloganya gore Puso e tota ke ya mofuta mang. Re tshwanetse gore re ye kwa goreng se se neng se leka go ba tshwaraganya e le diphathi tse di farologaneng kana ke *manifesto*. Re boeleng kwa *manifesto* re o sekaseke gore wa reng, re bo re ya kwa *budget* re bona gore a mme *budget* le *manifesto* a di a buisana.

*Mr Speaker*, fa o lebelela *manifesto* wa UDC wa 2024, o tlaa lemoga gore go na le pharologanyo fa gare ga *manifesto* le *budget*. *Manifesto* wa UDC o tlhamaletse fela o supa gore ke Puso ya mofuta mang le gore ba ya go tsamaisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *If I may quote Mr Speaker*, mo *preamble* ya bone, ba re "*Our Model of Development will be spearheaded by development state ending at intention, rapid and inclusive economic growth and achieving a social democratic programme for the*

*benefit of all.*" Fa e bua e re *model wa development state*, go raya gore ke pharologanyo e tona, ke yone e e supang gore tota Puso e o solofela gore ke ya mofuta mang. Jaanong fa o re o ya kwa *budget*, yone e bua ka *a private led economy*. Kana jaanong *private led economy* ke mo ka Sekgoa gotweng ke *neo-liberal market economy*, so di thulanye mo di thulanyeng. Ke pharologanyo e e seng kana ka sepe, e tshwanetse gore re e lemoge gone foo, re bo re lemoge gore golo fa go na le bothata jo botona, go kopane metsi le *oil*, ga go tshwaragane. Ke jone bothata, bo simolola fela gone foo gore ga go tshwaragane gotlhelele. Go raya gore *budget* e ya kwa, *manifesto* o ya kwa, gongwe le SONA fa o ka e ela tlhoko, o tlaa fitlhela e ya go sele. Dilo tse tsotlhe di tlaa re supegetsa gore tota bothata jone bo teng. *Neo-liberal economic system* ka bokhutshwane fela fa re e tlhalosa motlhofo gore motho a e tlhaloganye, ke seDomkrag. Kana batho ba bangwe ba tsaya gore seDomkrag go tewa o apere bohobidu kana o na le jeke, mme seDomkrag ke yone *neo-liberal economy*, ke yone *the foundation and the basis of this budget*. So, ke gone fa mathata a leng teng gone foo. Jaanong dilo tsotlhe tse e leng gore di ya go diragala re tshwanetse gore re di tlhaloganye jalo gore di dirwa ke eng.

Ke batla gore ke taboge ke tsene mo dikgannyeng tsa *integrity, ethical leadership, transparency, accountability and meritocracy* gore ba bua ka tsone tse, di a buega ga ntsi. Tota go bua boammaaruri, tota fa ba simolola fela, go a supafala gore go na le bothata jwa gore a tota mme ba tlaa tsamaya ba di setse morago fa re di etse tlhoko. E rile maloba fa Tautona a re fa pego ka seemo sa madi; *I think ke last year*, fa a fetsa, o ne a bua dikgang tse tsotlhe tse di monate gore di ka diragala, di ka reng. Ke ne ka mmolelela fa a gakologelwa, ka mo raya ka re *action speaks louder than words*. Re tlaabo re lebile mo go se o se buang le se o se dirang, a di tlaa tsamaelana. E rile go ise go ye kae, dikgang tsa gore ba ya go tshwara madi sentle, ba ya go dira madi sentle, ke fa ba oketsa *specially nominated councillors* ka dipalo tse di gakgamatsang. Fa godimo ga moo, ba bo ba ba duela *allowances* mme ba sena *wards* jaaka *Comrade Dumelang Saleshando* a ne a bua. Jaanong fa o bua gore ga o na madi, go tshwanetse gore ditiro le tsone di supe gore o supa gore ga o na madi ka ditiro. Jaanong fa o re ga o na madi, o bo o dira se sele, ga se gone. So, motho o ka nna a re o onywa ka legare o bo o beolwa ka lone o le *Vice President*.

Kgang ya *meritocracy* gore motho o tlhophiwa go lebilwe bokgoni jwa gagwe, fa e ne e le gore go dirwa jalo, bone ba gotweng ba tlhophilwe ba *specially elected*

councillors, fa re ne re ka raya *Honourable* Motshegwa *challenging him* gore a ko o re neele *profiles* tsa bone, le tle le bone metlholo, dilo tse di gaggamatsang. O tle o bone batho ba tsentswe ka botsala le bo lesika, dilo tse di gaggamatsang. Jaanong fa ke bua jaana, le nne le gakologelwa gore *neo-liberal ideology* ya reng, gore re tsamaela kwa kae, o tlaa bona gore golo fa re golo go le gongwe fela, e kare re a tsamaya mme re eme golo go le gongwefela.

Jaanong fa go tla mo *meritocracy*, ba setse ba dirile *appointments*, go na le bangwe ba ba setseng ba filwe maemo a rileng, go setse go re supegetsa gore maemo ga a ye go fiwa go lebilwe bokgoni, ka gore fa e ka re phakela o bo o utlwa gotwe go tlhophilwe motho *and appointed to be Deputy Director of DIS*, o sa itse gore *advertisement* e dirilwe leng, go ne go lebilwe eng gone foo, o tshwanetse o bone gore golo fa ga go tsamaye sentle. Kamoso ke *Chief Justice*; o tlhophilwe jang? Re ne re omana; Rraetsho Mmolotsi o a gakologelwa ka dikgang tsone tse tsa gore go tlhophiwa batho jang ba *Judiciary*, re batla tsamaiso e e leng gore e *transparent with integrity*. Le nkutlwe sentle, ga ke re batho ba ga ba *qualify*, se ke se buang ke gore re batla tsamaiso e e leng gore re ne re ntse re tsaya gore re dumalana le yone gore ga go a tshwnela gore ope a tsene foo re sa itse gore o tsene jang le Batswana ba sa itse gore ba tsene jang. Jaanong ga le simolole sentle bakaulengwe.

Fa ke santse ke bua ka *integrity*, ke batla re tsene mo ke go bitsang *the Minister of Finance and the CMB scandal*. Ke bue gore bagaetsho, fa re bua ka tsamaiso e e lolameng re e rera mo dipampiring re e bua, re tshwanetse go itse gore re tshwanetse re e diragetse. Fa re sa e diragetse, *there must be consequences*. Jaanong fa VP e le ene *Minister of Finance* a umakiwa gore o na le kgalagano le batho ba e leng gore ditiro tsa bone re a di itse tse di sa siamang, tse di itsiweng mo Botswana le kwa ntle, a bo a felela gotwe o duetswe madi mangwe mme a sa dira tiro ya teng, re le BCP ra nna *very lenient* mo go ene. Ka boikokobetso ra re re kopa gore o tlhalosetse Batswana sentlentle wena ka molomo wa gago gore wa reng. *You know comrades, this matter is not going to go away unless the Minister of Finance takes this Nation into confidence*, a ba bolelela sentle gore a reng ka gore re bua ka *pensions*, ba ba reng ke *personal, no, ga go na personal*, re bua ka *public funds* gone fa. Jaanong ke yone kgang e re tshwanetseng re e ele tlhoko yone e.

Bagaetsho, re a bo re sa gagkamale fa e le gore dilo tse di neng di solofeditse kwa *manifesto* jaanong ga diyo ka *budget*. Re ka gagkamala jang? Ke tsone tse di neng

di balololwa ke *Comrade* Dumelang Saleshando, ga ke batle go tsena ka tsone, di di ntsi bo 13<sup>th</sup> *cheque* di mo teng, bo Chema Chema le tse dingwe. Jaanong se e leng gore re a se omanela le lona fela ke gore, *I think it is contemptuous of this Government* gore e bo e palelwa fela ke gore ba bolelela setshaba gore bagaetsho, re a dumela gore re ne re le solofeditse gore ka *November* a fela re tlaa le neela se, e tlaa re ka *March* a tsena re tlaa le neela se, mme ga go ka ke ga kgonega ka mabaka 1234... *that is decent*. Le bolelele setshaba, le se ka la re nnyaa, fa re re a bua, nnyaa nwang metsi... (*Interruptions*)... Nneele metsi foo e bile ke nwe.

#### MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

(MR MMOLOTSI): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re ke botse gore, Motlotlegi Mopalamente yo ke mo ratang thata, a mme ga o gakologelwe gore *Minister of Finance* o ne a ema fa a leka go tlhalosa ka seemo sa itsholelo ka fa se leng makgwakgwa ka teng, le gone go supa ka fa e leng gore re sokola ka teng?

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Honorable* Wynter Mmolotsi, fa o bua ka Rre Ndaba Gaolathe, o bua ka motho yo e leng gore o na le *reports* tse nna le wena e bileng re senang natso, gongwe re ise re di bone. O na le kitso e e tseletseng ka itsholelo. Ga ke itse gore a le raya gore... *unless* le nthaya le re ene le ba bangwe ba ke itseng gore ba a tlhaloganya, ba ne ba seyo nako e nneng *manifesto* o dirwa. Bone ba ne ba itse sentle, e bile tsala ya me Patrick Molutsi o ne a itse thata le go feta ka gore ke berekile gaufi le ene, ke a itse gore o ne a itse mme gongwe o ne a le mo *programme* ya go kwala *manifesto*. Nnyaa, seemo re ne re se boleletswe, *Minister of Finance* o ne a le gone fa a re se bolelela. Dr Keith Jefferis *I think* o ne a romilwe ke ba Botswana Insurance Fund Management (BIFM) gore a ye go ba kwalela *report, he reported the same*. So re ne re itse seemo. *That is why* rona re le BCP, *we were very conscious* ka gore re ne re itse seemo se re re re akanya gore re ka kgona P1,500. Fa re re P1,500, lona le bo le re le batla go re gaisa le tlaa dira P1800. Jaanong re mo mathateng a a tlhatlaganeng, P1800 o padile mme ke bona gore gone le ne le le gaufi fa le ya kwa go P1400, le ne le le gaufi le P1500. Ke belaela gore le tshabile gore P1500 ka gore le ne le itse gore re ya gore ba simolotse *these plagiarists*, ba ba kopang *manifesto* wa rona. Le tshabile se, ga gona sepe se se le padisitseng. Ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, ka fa le leng gaufi ka teng le P1500 wa BCP, le tshabile fela gore re ne re tlile go le kuelela re re ke bao!

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):**

*Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke leboge Rre Gobotswang go mpha sebaka, le fa a ipokela go ntlhasela. A mme o gakologelwa gore ka bo 1995 kwa Ramotswa, go ne ga nna le buka e e neng ya dirwa ke ba Botswana National Front (BNF) e e neng e bidiwa Social Democratic Programme (SDP), mme ya re BCP e ya go tswa mo BNF le yone ya itirela SDP ya yone? A o raya gore go nna gautshwane mo ga rona, go dira dilo ka go tshwana kana ka go tsamaelana, a go ka go gagamatsa thata fela mo go fetang selekanyo, o rile o tswa mo BNF o bo o kopa o itirela mo go tshwanang le ga BNF? Le jaana fa o sena go tswa mo go rona o ema ka fa, o bo o boa gape o re re kopile. O nkutlwile?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ee ke go utlwile.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** O nkutlwile sentle?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke itse, o bua dilo tse dingwe tse di kgakala thata le tse re di buang gompieno. *Document* e ke e itseng ya Front ya thoothoo ke *Pamphlet Number 1*.

Jaanong e ke batlang go tsena ka yone ke ya *people centred budget and inclusive economy*. Ke supe gore kana fa itsholelo e sa kgone gore kwa bofelong e bo e le gore e itebaganya le mathata a batho a letsatsi le letsatsi a letlhoko la ditiro jaaka re bua, a lehuma, a dipharologanyo tse di kanakana tsa itsholelo, go tlaabo go raya gore tota ga e a tsepama. Ke lemogile gore *Budget Speech* se, e ne e tlhabela thata fa go tla mo dikgannyeng tse.

Jaanong e nngwe fa go tla mo ditirong kana ke yone ya 90,000 *jobs* mo ngwageng, e le e solofeditseng Batswana, *estimating it* gore le ne le batla go dira jalo, e e leng gore gompieno ga le bue sepe ka yone, go didimetswe. Ga ke itse gore le didimaletse eng. Rona re le BCP, re santse re re molemo o kwa *bring back our jobs*. Ke gone kwa molemo o le teng. Re tshwanetse go tlhomamisa gore re dira dithoto ka tse re nang natso, ditswakgomong tse di tswang kwa *minerals* tsa rona le tse dingwe fela jalojalo le tse re di bapalang mo nageng.

Jaanong fa e le kgang ya *corruption, inefficiencies and leakages* gore madi a setšhaba ga a dirisiwe sentle, nnyaa eo ke kgang e re e itseng, e builwe. E bile *the former Finance Minister*, Dr Thapelo Matsheka, o ne a e tsere ka dipalo a re 37 *per cent of the Development Budget* e tswa ka dipatlha tsa menwana. *Minister* ga a

ka a kgona *to quantify* le gore *target* ya gagwe ya gore a baakanye seemo e fa kae. Jaanong ke ne ke re go bua eo, re a e itse e builwe mo nakong e e fetileng, se re se tlhokang ke gore re leke gore re a baakanya.

*Social Protection Programmes*; bagaetsho mananeo a re batlang go thusa batho ka one a batla gore re a sekaseke. Re a sekaseke, sa ntlha *Social Protection Programme*; mananeo a a thusang batho ba ba tlhokileng lesego mo itsholelong *must be targeted*. Ga a ka ke a kgona go tsenya mongwe le mongwe, ga go kgonege, *we must target and* re tshwanetse go simolola *to target* gape ka lone la *pension* le. Ke eng ke tshwanetse gore ke tsene mo *pension* ya *tandabala* mme ke le mo *pension* ya *university*, tsotlhe e le gore di ntshiwa ke Goromente? Ke eng *the Former Presidents* ba tshwanetse gore re ba duele madi a kgwedi le kgwedi, matshebetshebe a a kanakana, e bo e bile ba neelwa gape le *tandabala*; *why?* Re ntsheng mo teng ka gore fa le ka ntsha batho ba di *tandabala* tsa ga Goromente mo teng, le tlaa bona madi a tlaa nna teng; P1500 o ka nna teng, P1800 o ka nna teng. Jaanong *Minister just shied away from being bold* gore a tsamaele kwa pele.

Se sengwe ke se se neng se buiwa ke *Honourable Mmolotsi* sa *double-dipping*. Kana go raya jalo gore fa e le gore o ja *pension* ka fa e duelwa ke Goromente, o ja e nngwe ka fa e duelwa ke Goromente; nnyaa ke *double-dipping*. Le batla gore motlhoki fa a ja go bo gotwe ga a bereke Ipelegeng, le bo le re nnyaa, ga o ka ke wa bereka Ipelegeng ka gore ke *double-dipping*. *Double-dipping* jaanong e dirisiwa mo bathong ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane, lona le batla go tswela le e ja madi otlhe.

Jaanong se sengwe ke gore *programmes* tse tsa batlhoki, di tshwanetse gore le tsone di sekasekwe. Ke eng re tshwanetse gore re bo re santse re tswela ka *assessment tools* tse di fetilweng ke nako, tse di botsang gore a ngwana wa gago o a bereka, a ngwana wa gago ga a bereke kana jang? *What has* ngwana yo o berekang *to do with* botshelo jwa ga mmaagwe? Molao o kae o o go pateletsang go tlhokomela mmaago? Fa e le gore molao ga o yo o o go pateletsang go tlhokomela mmaago, re dira eng ka *assessment tool* e e tsenyang mmereki mo teng le ngwana wa motsadi? Le dira eng ka tsone? Re dira eng ka go lebelela matlo a *tiles* a a agilweng ke ba ba neng ba e aga ka nako yone eo, gongwe e le motho a setse a tsamaile a tlogetse lelwapa mme a agile ntlo ya teng? Re tshwanetse go bua dilo tse re di baakanye bakaulengwe.

*Forensic audit* re dumalana le yone bagaetsho gore go tshwanetse *to audit* ditsamaiso, mme jaaka re bua, ditshenyegelo di dintsi. Rona jaaka *Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO)* a bua, re batla go tla ka *Judicial Inquiry*. Re batla re le e beye fa pele re tle re e sekaseke, re utlwe gore re ka dumalana kana ra se ka ra dumalana. A mantsi maphata a ga Goromente a a batlang go sekwasekwa; lengwe la maphata le le tsenang ka fa tlase ga lephata la me jaaka *shadow Minister*; ke la National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI). NARDI bagaetsho e batla gore e tsennngwe leitlho ka ditsamaiso tsa yone. Ga ke batle go bua thata, go gontsi mo go diragalang kwa NARDI. Le a itse gore re ntse re botsa gore madi a a rekileng dipoo kwa Texas a tswa kae? Maloba Rre Dikoloti o ne a bua dikgang gone fa tsa Domkrag tse a neng a ntse a di bua, *Speaker* a nkomanya ke re ke mo *hold to account*, a batla gore a re madi a dule mo Palamenteng. Ga gona madi a a duleng kwa Palamenteng, madi go boelwa gore a dule kwa NARDI, a utswilwe teng a ya go reka dipoo. Meroto e mengwe e gotweng e kwa Ramatlabama, meroto e kwa NARDI e bile e bolela teng. E bile bangwe ba batona ba e leng gore *they are connected to the previous regime*, le bone meroto ya bone... *Sorry*, e seng meroto ya bone.

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

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Le bone go buiwa gore ba ne ba beile gone koo jaanong gatwe e senyegile. O ka ipotsa gore ke eng NARDI e hirisa diofisi tse di turang kwa Setlhoa Village, ba na le diofisi kwa Sebele di sena batho. Ba na le *facilities* kwa Kanye, le tsone di le *half empty, why? This* NARDI ke tsone tse di dutlisang madi a ga Goromente, re tshwanetse gore re tseye dikgato tse di tlhoafetseng. *Procurements* tsa bone ka fa ba rekang ba rekisa, ba dirang ka teng kwa *centres* tsa bone kwa bo Serule, Kanye, Kang, ke dilo fela tse di gakgamatsang.

Fa e le ka De Beers le Goromente wa Botswana gore ba dumalane, tumalano ga se ya ntlha, di dirilwe di le dintsi. Ga se yone ya ntlha, se re se batlang *is the report*. Re batla *agreement*, gakere ke yone e re neng re ntse re e bua. Re batla *agreement*, ga re batle go duduetsa, re batla *agreement* jaaka re ntse re dumalane. Re ne re ntse re le ka fa re le mmogo, re dumalana gore sephiri ke boloi. A tumalano e ya De Beers le Botswana re e bone. Ke gakgametse le *Honourable Ramogapi*, tsala ya me, a lebega a sa itse le gore e na le eng, *which was very, very bad*. O tlaa bona gore re mo mathateng a a gakgamatsang.

Fa ke tswelala ka tsame tsa *lands and agriculture* bagaetsho...

**MR LESEDI:** *Clarification*. Ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa, mme o e tshwere sentle. Ke batla go tlhaloganya fa a neng a bua ka meroto gore wa re bangwe ba beile meroto kwa NARDI, o raya bafe? A o raya ba maloba kana bone ba bašha ba?

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** Tanki *honourable*. Go lebega e le ba maloba, mme bone ba ka fa ba gogang maoto ka teng go baakanya dilo, re tloga re ba belaela.

Jaanong fa go tla mo *agriculture* bagaetsho, e kwa tlase, le mo *budget* go a itshupa gore e kwa tlase ka gore ke ya bo *seven*. Ke dumela gore e tshwanetse e bo e filwe 4 *per cent* fa ke sa fose, mme kana mafatshefatshe re itlamile gore re batla gore e tsamaye mo go 10 *per cent of the total budget*. So, re santse re le kwa tlase fela mo go gakgamatsang. Fela go tla go mpelaetsa gore a mme *the political leadership*, a *the commitment* e teng? A *President* wa lefatshe le o *committed* mo *agriculture*? Ke potso e ke tshwanetseng gore ke e ipotse. Kwa ntle ga *hemp* fela, *President* wa lefatshe le ga ke mo utlwe a tserema sentle ka kgang ya go jesa lefatshe le fela mo go tlhwaafetseng.

Maloba fa ke le fa sekai, ba ne ba laleditswe, ba tshwanetse go ya go bua ka dikgang tsa temo le leruo kwa East Africa. E rile a tshwanetse gore a tlhophe gore o ya kwa East Africa kana o ya Ghana, a bo a bona gore o ka ya Ghana. Kana koo ke moka e leng *party* fela, go ya go bona motho a ikanisiwa le gone o sa ye go bua. O ka bo a ile East Africa fela a ya go tsena dikgang tseo.

Konokono ya dikgang tsa temo le leruo ke dipatlisiso. Re tshwanetse re lebelele makalana a dipatlisiso tsa temo le leruo, bone bo Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) le NARDI gore *are we getting value for our money*. A madi a re a tsenyang mo makalaneng a re boelwa ke sengwe, ka gore re ka bo re setse re na le *commercialisation* e e leng gore ba dirile dingwe tse di ka dirwang, ra dira dithoto, tsa direla batho ba lefatshe ditiro. A madi a a re a tsenyang kwa, a mme a tlaa re busetsa?

Fa go tla mo kgannyeng ya *horticulture* bagaetsho, kgang e ya go tswala le go bula melelwane ya merogo ya maloba e tsositse modumo, e re thusitse ka gore e senotse dilo tse di ntsi tse di sa tsamayeng sentle mo thulaganyong e ya kgwebo ya merogo. Dikgoreletsi tsa balemi ba ba botlana, go rekisa mo madirelong a a teng mo Botswana, ga di kana ka sepe. Melao e a fokola e e leng gore e tshwanetse gore e dire gore go se ka ga nna motlhofo gore merogo ya mafatshe a mangwe, e e kwa

tlase ka boleng, e bile e sa sireletsega, e bo e ka tsena. Melao e bokoa. So, lekoko la me ka fa tlase ga *shadow ministry* wa me, re mo tseleng ya gore re tle ka molao wa Phytosanitary le e mengwe e e leng gore e amana le *safety* le *quality* ya sengwe le sengwe sa merogo se se tlaabong se tsena mo lefatsheng la Botswana. So, ke tsaya gore le tlaa tla le re ema nokeng fa re tlisa molao o ka gore go tulwe re tlise melao.

Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI); ke ka bua fela gore e tsweletse, mme gongwe re lebelele gore a ga re mo seemong sa gore jaanong re dire melemo. Ga ke itse gore ngaka o kae gongwe o ne a ka tsaya molaetsa o, e se ka ya dira melemo ya dikgomo fela, ka gore *facility* e ke dumela gore e ka dira le melemo ya batho, ka gore ka nako ya COVID-19, go ne ga umakega ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Se e leng gore se a tshwenya ke *intellectual property* ya *vaccines* tseo gore ke ya ga mang. Kgang e re tshwanetse re e tlhomamisa gore ke ya ga mang, go belaelega gore e ka tswa e le ya kompone ya Fora e re kopanetseng BVI le yone.

*Strategic land acquisition*; Puso e e fetileng e ne e tsere tshwetso ya gore e reka lefatshe. Ba rekile 45 000 *hectares* kwa Tati, re santse re emetse gore re utlwe gore la reng ka lone gore le ya go dirisiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Go tsogile modumo ka lefatshe la Kgagodi gore ba tsaya lefatshe gone koo la 10 000 *hectares*, le lone re batla go itse gore la reng ka lone.

Sa bobedi e ne e dumalane gore e ya go reka dingwe tsa dipolase tsa Tuli Block gore go bulege phatlha (*buffer zone*) ya gore re nne le *access to* Limpopo, re kgone go dirisa Limpopo ka tsela e e rileng. So, le yone eo ya Limpopo re batla go itse gore la reng ka yone?

*Equitable distribution of resources*; bagaetsho, re tshwanetse gore tota re simolole go sekaseka kgang ya gore re aba ditsompelo tsa rona jang. Ka gore fa nne re di aba sentle, Tswapong e ka bo e na le *full district*, mme e bile re a e batla, re e batla kwa Tswapong South, ka gore re na le ditsompelo tsotlhe *that can support full district* kwa Tswapong South. So, re a e batla ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Fa e ne e le gore go na le tekatekano ya meamusu, Mahalapye District e ka bo e neelwa seabe se se fetang *districts* tsotlhe ka gore ke yone e tona go di feta tsotlhe. Jaanong dilo tseo ga di yo. Fa nne go abiwa ka tekatekano, ke tsaya gore motse wa Chadibe o ka bo o na le Kgosi ya bobedi, e bile metse ya Letoreng le Ngwapa e ka bo e le *upgraded* e le metse e e leng gore e na le *Headmen of Records*. Dilo tse re tshwanetse re di tseye tsia bagaetsho.

Ga re boele morago kgang ya *ethnic equality*. A re fetseng ka melao e re neng re tlhola re bua ka yone e bile re dumalana, bo *Section 77, 78*, a e tswe. Ga re e tlhoke, e bile gape re batla gore *decentralisation* e ye go tsena kwa *land boards*. Ngwato Land Board a e tlhantlhamololwe fela jaaka go tlhantlhamolotswe Central, gore re kgone go direla batho, ditlamelo di nne gaufi le batho.

Jaanong tsa Tswapong South bagaetsho ke tsamaela kwa bokhutlong, kana re ne re solofeditse ditlamelo, sekole sa bobedi kwa Ramokgonami, sekole sa bobedi kwa Chadibe, sekole kwa Letoreng le *clinic* ya kwa Pilikwe. Ditlamelo tse maloba go tulwe di buseditse kwa morago. Bagaetsho ba e leng gore le na le boikarabelo, re kopa gore le fefoge le baakanye, ditlamelo tse di dirwe, di tswelele kwa pele.

*Dilapidated schools and shortage*; bagaetsho, go mathata kwa dikoleng re a itse, *but* se e leng gore se a tlhabela ke gore ga re kgone go bona mo gotweng *marshall plan*. Ke gore *plan* fela ya go supa gore le a lemoga gore seemo sa dikole se ntse jang le gore go tshwanetse go diragale eng. Ke gore fa go sena *exercise books, textbooks*, go sena sengwe le sengwe, dijo di seyo, jaanong batsadi e le bone ba ba rweleng mokgweleo o o ka bong o rwelwe ke Puso, tota ra reng gone foo?

Le fa go ntse jalo, ke batla go tsaya sebaka se go akgola dikole tse pedi tsa kgaolo ya me tsa *primary* tse di dirileng sentle fela thata; Maape Primary at 90 *per cent* le Machaneng Primary at 81 *per cent*. *Under these circumstances*, o kgona go bona go na le dikole tse e leng gore di a iteka mme go le thata jaaka go le thata jaana.

*Road infrastructure*; re solofeditse tsela ya Radisele-Pilikwe, ke tsaya gore e tlaa simolola, gatwe *tender* e dule. Re santse re na le *network* ya ditsela tse di tlhokanang le gore di baakannwe, di tsene mo seemong. Ditsela di tshwana le ya Mokobeng go ya go tsena Pilikwe, Moshopha-Shakwe le Borotsi-Matlhako, ke ditsela tse re tlhokanang le gore di tle di dirwe di tsennwe mo seemong se se rileng.

Metsi le motlakase mo kgaolong e santse e le mathata. Go na le metse e e leng gore ga e a ka ya akola *project* e e neng e tswa Mahalapye, e e tshwanang le yone ya bo Malete, Rasesa, Seleka, Tutswa, Letoreng, Matlhako le Machaneng, e santse e saletse kwa morago. Jaanong motlakase ke one o o dirang gore seemo se bo se le maswe thata le go feta ka gore o tima kgapetsakgapetsa.

Ke wela ka kgang ya ga Rre Gomolemo Motswaledi ka gore e umakegile. Ke ne ke re bagaetsho, ke gore ga go a lekana gore re bo re tla fela re bo re re nnyaa, re mo gopotse ka gore re ne re na le ene mo nakong e e fetileng. Re ne re le gone fa re ngongoregela ka fa e leng gore o tlhokafetse ka teng, mme re sena ditsompelo tsa gore kgang e e nne le *closure*, gore e tle bokhutlong re itse gore gatwe morwa Motswaledi golo a go robetseng, go diragetse eng. Ke gakgamala gompieno le tla fela le bo le bua fela, go le bonolo fela go le motlhofo, go le go nnyennyane fela gore nnyaa, re santse re mo gopola. Nnyaa bagaetsho, nnyaa bakaulengwe, *we want the report*. Fa e le gore *report* ga e yo, le re bolelele gore maikaelelo a lona ke eng ka gore gompieno jaana le na le tsotlhe mo go lona tse e leng gore kgang e e tshwanetse gore e diragale, e wele. *There must be closure, the family wants closure, the nation demands closure*. Jaanong *it is your responsibility to do it. I thank you*.

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

**MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke le dumedise gape bakaulengwe, ke ne ke tseetse gore re tla e re riana 1:3, 1:3 jaanong ke bona ba tshaba.

Ke leboge thata *Mr Speaker*, gore re ne re bewa pego ke Mofusa Tautona e bile e le *Minister* wa tsa Madi. Go dingalonyana gore re bo re tla fa gotwe re tle re goge *trigger* mme tlhobolo *when it was set*, o ne o seyo. Ke bua se *Mr Speaker*, ka gore tsamaiso ya go dira *budget* ga ke e itumelele *and* ga e re beye sentle re le Mapalamente gore go bo gotwe baya monwana fa, o sa itse gore o beela eng monwana, se dirilwe leng, jang, go lebilwe eng.

*Budget* e gatwe *it is people centred and inclusive*. Ke dumela gore *it was just funding the elites* ka gore fa o lebile gone fa, *projects* tse di buiwang rona ba bangwe re kgakajana, re kwa morago thata mo go tsone. Ke ne ke dumela gore fa e le gore re bua ka go dira ditiro, re tshwanetse ra itebaganya thata le kgang ya *manufacturing* le *agriculture*. *As long as* re ka itibisa go sele *Mr Speaker*, mo kgannyeng ya *agriculture*, ga gona se re tlaa se fitlhelelang *and we will never go anywhere* mo kgannyeng e.

Diteemane tsa go tsamaya re kopa gore baya monwana fa, ditswammung tse *capacity* ya rona le fa e le teng ga re na dithata mo ditumalanong tse. Ke dumela gore *agriculture* e ne e ka re tshetsa ya re isa golo gongwe. Ke dumela gore a re iseng madi kwa *research*. Gompieno

go ne gotwe go ya go dirwa dipeo tsa Genetically Modified Organism (GMO). A re tsweng mo dipeong tsa di GMO, a re itireleng tsa rona *and own them*, re nne le *property right* mo go tsone ka gore re lemogile gore mehero yotlhe gompieno e e mo masimong, *we have imported* ka dipeo tse. Go wela tlase ga boleng jwa mebu ya rona ke menontshane e go sena *pests*, go phakisiwa fela mongwe le mongwe. Temo e ka ya golo gongwe. E bile mongwe le mongwe, letsatsi le letsatsi re bua ka *food security and* fa go sena *food security* ga gona kwa re yang teng. A re simolole ka go bona gore Batswana ba neelwa *grant* kana go dirwe lenaneo la gore ba epe didiba pele. A re tsenye mo mananeong a bo *national funds*, go nne le *component* mo mananeong a gore go tsenngwe ya didiba.

Fa e le gore o batla go epa sediba ke gone o ka ruang, fa o sena sone *comrade* ga o ka ke wa lema. A re neele Batswana metsi mo didibeng tsa bone kana mo *projects* tse ba di batlang. A re simolole gone foo ka gore kgang e fa re ka e tlogela e le kwa morago, re ya go nna le seemo. Gompieno jaana ke ka go neela sekai *Mr Speaker*; metsi a a tswang mo *infrastructure* ya Pandamatenga ke one a a dirang merwalela kwa bo Zoroga le Gweta mme go arabilwe potso mo Palamenteng e gotwe go ya go tsenngwa *component* ya letamo; ga le a dirwa. 2010 go tla go tsena gompieno; 15 *years* mme la re le batla go goga metsi kwa Chobe River. *That is a technical language*. Ga gona selo se gotweng Chobe River le Zambezi River, o goga mo nokeng e e tshwanang *Honourable Mmolotsi*. *This project is going to kill our tourism*. A re direng letamo *and harvest* metsi.

Le tswa bogologolong le bua ka dikgang tsa matamo, metsi a elela melapo e yotlhe. Letamo le la Gaborone ga ke itse gore la bofelo le fatololwa ke leng gore re tlhole gore a mme le santse le tshwara *capacity* ya metsi a a lekanyeng. Gongwe go tletse diretse gompieno jaana mme ra re re batla go goga metsi kwa Chobe River. Le goga metsi kwa Chobe River le gana ka sepatela sa rona, ga seyo mo *budget Mr Speaker*. Ke gore o goga metsi mo go nna mme o ntima sepatela.

Fa o utlwa ke go raya gore ke re *this is a budget for the elites*, ga e a ntsenya mo teng. Go raya gore *budget* e santse e abiwa *according to the discrimination* ya *Constitution, Sections 77, 78 and 79*. Go laola gore o mo *Constitution* gore *budget* e lebagannngwe le kwa ga gago, fa o seyo ditlamelo o le bale *Comrade Ookeditse unless* o le mo *Constitution*. *This budget does not trickles to the minorities or the underprivileged*, ga re yo mo teng.

Re ne re le gone fa ka State of the Nation (SONA), re tlhalosa gore re na le dikole tse di nang le seemo. *Budget* e bua ka go aga tsela ya Kasane/Nata; *that is rebuilding that road*. Re bua ka ditsela tsa bo Kachikau/Parakarungu, re bua ka ditsela le metsi a bo Pandamatenga, ga a yo gone fa mme gatwe nna ke goge *trigger Mr Speaker*, ke dumalane gore *budget* e dirilwe sentle. Kgang e ga ke dumele gore e re ema sentle.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *On a point of clarification*. Ke ikobile thata *Mr Speaker*, ke go leboge rraetsho go mpha sebaka. Ke ne ke re ke go leboge o latofatsa dilo tsoitlhe e bile o utlwile bothoko jo bongwe jo bo gakgamatsang mme ke lela le wena mo kgannyeng ya teng. Ke ne ke re a mme gone fa go ntse go latolwa madi jaana, go supega le dikai fela tsa gore madi ga a yo, gone o a utlwisisa mokaulengwe gore gongwe ke ka letlhoko la madi, ga se ka bomo, e seng semorafe?

**MR SPEAKER:** A o a utlwisisa *Honourable Mapulanga*?

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke a mo utlwa. Ga ke itse, gongwe bone ba ne ba na le tumalano le Puso e e tsamaileng gore ba ya go ba sadisetsa. Ke itse gore Puso fa o e dira, o tshwanetse wa itse gore dilo tse di dirang madi mo lefatsheng ke dife. Ga gona mo gotweng re tlaa le sadisetsa fa re tsamaya.

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

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke yone *budget*. *This is a...*

**MR HIKUAMA:** *On a point of elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Mapulanga*. Kgang e o e buang e siame fela thata. Kana re bua *as if* ga re bone se se diragalang, re bua *as if* le ene *Honourable Motsamai* ga a bone se se diragalang. Ga o ka ke wa re fa o bua ka madi fa go tla mo go direleng batho se se siameng, o bo o bona go tshwanela gore o ka oketsa Makhanselara a a ithlophelwang ke Phathi ya UDC mme a sa tlhokafale mo itsholelong e re leng mo go yone, o bo o re Batswana ba dumele gore ga gona madi. O bo o oketsa le ditiro tse dingwe. Ke bona gompieno go kwadilwe gotwe go na le *advisors* tsa *projects* tsa ga *President*. Go hirilwe motho gompieno, *all these things* di supa gore madi a teng, ke gore *our priorities* ke tsone tse di sokameng.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a go leboga, mme ke tswelele *Mr Speaker*.

Ke ne ke santse ke tlhalosa ka *priorities*. Fa o sena madi mo lelwapeng, o tshwanetse wa itse gore se se tlang pele mo thekong ya gago ke eng. *These mega infrastructures*

*that we target*, ga ke dumele gore ke *priority* go goga metsi. Rona ba bangwe ba re senang le fa e le sepatela se se *fully-fledged*, re ne re dumalane gore go ka bo go lebilwe sepatela pele go na le gore go ye go dirwa Kasane Face-Lifting e le e bitsang Kasane/Kazungula Re-Development Programme. Golo moo ke go gapa lefatshe gape *Mr Speaker*, ka gore gone fa re fudusiwang teng, go ya go tsena bahumi. Rona bo esemang re boela kwa morago gape. *So they are funding the project for the elites. They are not funding the project for our human rights*. Golo mo ga re ka ke ra welelana rotlhe mo maikutlong. Jaanong ke re ke kope gore *priority* ya *to fund...* kana *budget* e tshwanetse ya itebaganya, jaaka re bua gore *it is people centered*. Ditshwanelo tsa rona di fa kae pele *on the budget, people, economy and the planet*, re fa kae? Dikgang tse *Mr Speaker*, ga ke dumele gore re ya go dumalana sentle mo go tsone.

Ke tsamaela fa pele ke bue ka lefatshe *Mr Speaker*, re na le lefatshe fa o utlwa ke ne ke bua ka *agriculture*. Gompieno lefatshe le le gapiwa ka ditsamaiso, o a itse *Honourable Mmolotsi* mo mafelong a re a tsamaileng. O a itse dikgang tsa *agriculture* le *conflict* ya diphologolo. O a di itse *land management plans* tse di dirilweng tse di gapang lefatshe la batho. Chobe ga se lefatshe la diphologolo, ke a kopa *that statement must never be used again*. Chobe ga se lefatshe la diphologolo, go nna batho *Mr Speaker*. *You cannot prioritise an animal over a human being*. Re gapelwa lefatshe le bo le neelwa *tourism*, dikgomo di bo di jewa. *Just last year* dikgomo di ne di swa, di bolawa ke mopalo o o dirwang ke *overgrazing* ya dipitse. Ke boditse potso gone fa, *Honourable Mmolotsi* a bo a re ba na le *strategy* sa go di koba mo motseng. Le gompieno jaana ga ke itse gore o ka tlhalosa gore o dirisitse bokae mo go ntsheng diphologolo fa gare ga masimo, di santse di le teng. Kgang e ya *to prioritise tourism over agriculture*, ga e ka ke ya re kgontsha gore re ka ya golo gongwe mo botshelong. Re abile lefatshe la Chobe, *over 50 per cent* wa Chobe re mo neetse *tourism as a national park*. Ra itshadisetsa *only less than 10 per cent*, mme mo go *10 per cent* ke fa gotwe go dirwa *research* ya *human-wildlife conflict*, e direlwa kwa *communal area*. Re ne re botsa potso gone fa ya *campsites*, ba gana go ya go aba *campsites in the park*, ba batla go di aba *in the communal areas*. O bona gore go ntse jang? *Park is gazetted to create opportunities* mo go ba ba batlang go tsena mo *tourism*, mme gompieno le fa re emelela fa, o ya go fitlhela go beilwe *board* fa gare ga motse gotwe, “tsela ya diphologolo,” e lebile kwa masimong. *How do we balance the food security and the human life against*

*the issue of promoting tourism?* Ke ne ke dumela thata gore a re lebisise dikgang tse re boele fa moragonyana *honourable*. Diphoso tse di diragetseng le rona re se ka ra wela mo go tsone. A re se ka ra tswelera re wela mo go tsone, re bo re iphitlha ka gore ba ne ba senya. Nnyaa, fa e le gore ba ne ba senya, go senya ga bobedi ga e sa tlhola e le tshenyo. Le a bo le dira dilo jaanong ka tsela e e leng gore le a e itse.

Ke re ke kope jalo gore *Mr Speaker*, *budget* e ke solofela gore e tshwanetse *to address the core issues* tse e leng *gore one*; ke *health*, *two*; ke *education*; *three* ke *land*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ema pele *comrade* ke santse ke le teng. Lefatshe fa le sa tshwarwe sentle *Mr Speaker*, dilo di ya masweng. Lefatshe fa le tsewa mo bathong ba batla go le dirisa go ikhumisa, wena o batla go le dirisa go lema gore botoka bana ba se ka ba lala ka tlala... Kana *social grant is because of mismanagement of land*. Matlole a mo Pandamatenga gompieno, ke ka go neela sekai *Mr Speaker*, a ne a diriwa a agiwa go lengwa ka kgomo, *not* se le se bonang gotwe makgoa a tlile, *no*, go ne go lengwa ka kgomo. Fa gotwe monna ga a na dikgetsi ke fa a na le 50 *kilogrammes, more than 400*, go lengwa ka kgomo. Go bo gotwe *now* go tsenngwa Conservation Act, e bo e bolaya batho. Fa o utlwa ke go raya ke re *the land* e e setseng e le ya setšhaba re bo re e kopanela le diphologolo, *now we are conflicting*. *This budget should address* matshwenyego a gore, jaanong ntshang diphologolo mo masimong batho ba leme. Tlisang mananeo a go lema re epe didiba, kgarametsang kwa. Re ntshitse megopolo gore, *fence off the areas*, ntshang madi re ye *to fence Honourable Mmolotsi. Fence off the problem animal areas*, gore re se ka ra gotlhogotlhana. O di bone dikolobe fa gare ga motse, le di bone ditshwene ka fa di senyang ka teng. Gompieno *we are compromised at the state of the art bridge*, ditshwene di senya, mme kgang e eme ka *budget*.

*Budget* ya rona *should address* se Batswana ba se kopang. Kwa Chobe re kopile dilo tse *two* fela, ga re a kopa sepe, botsogo le thuto. Rona re ya go neelwa tsela ya Nata-Kasane. Re neelwa gore re ya go gogelwa metsi. Dipula di ana, ga gona kwa pula e sa neng teng, mme ga go dirwe matamo *to harvest* metsi. *I can assure you* gore *budget* e *Mr Speaker*, le fa gotwe *we should approve it*, rona ba bangwe e re tlogetse kwa ntle, e re tlogetse thatathata kwa ntle.

*Unemployment Mr Speaker*, ga re ka ke ra tswelera re re batla go aga itsholelo re bo re tshaba *to announce, we need to, deliberately*. Puso ke yone e tshwanetseng *to set standard* ka go baya gore jaanong re dumela gore re ye go dira P4000 yo. E seng yo o nang le megatlana ya gore ke go phakisa dijo, ke go phakisa eng, *no* ra re P4000 *as a net salary, not on conditions*. Re theogetse gompieno, re kwano, madi a a tsena, re itumetse. Le tlaa tla letsatsi *comrade* re seyo gone fa, ke gone re tlaa lemogang gore *unemployment* ga e a nna sentle. Batho ga ba itire *Mr Speaker* gore a bo a bona go le botoka gore go nna mo toronkong *is better*. A utswa *deliberately* gore le mo tshware botoka a ye go nna mo toronkong, ka gore *the hardships outside* ga di sa tlhole di letla.

*Our low hanging* ke *manufacturing and processing*, re na le mabele, mme ra re re aga diporo, a tswa. Re na le *coal* ra re e tswa, re na le dikgomo, ra re matlalo a tsamaye. *Why not turn around and process*, mongwe o ntse a tswa *on the floor* a re *manufacturing* ke yone e re ka reng *bring back our jobs*. Re hire bana ba rona, ba tsene dikole *Mr Speaker*, ga re ka ke ra tlhola re re santse re batla *expatriates*. *Yes, here and there* ba tlaa nna teng, *but let us manufacture*. O raya gore re ka palelwa le ke go sila mabele moroko wa ya kwa Gantsi, *Honourable Motsamai*. La ya *to feed* nama ya ya kwa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), matlalo a ya kwa Nata *to be processed*...

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

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

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ee le ye *to feed*. Re ye *to feed* dikgomo tsa rona. Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, tota ke dumela gore *budget* e e dirilwe, mme fela ke dumela gore e a tlhabela. E tlhabela ka e re tlogetse kwa ntle ba bangwe. Go tserwe Development Manager (DM) *model*, re tshaba go tsaya tshwetso mo go yone. Re neetswe 40 *days, to date* maabane go ne gotwe go santse go lwantshanwa le kgang ya *to appoint the Chairperson*. Kana go raya gore ke *scapegoat*. 40 *days* o wetse, le fa re ka ya go e sekaseka kana re feditse ka yone, *budget* e re siile. *All the projects* tse re neng re solofetse gore di re tlhabolole, di gone koo.

Ka ke wela *Mr Speaker*, ke leboqe. Setswana sa re, “takataka ga a tshwane le tshootshoo.” Re leboqe gore mo pitaganong e kanakana ka fa re e tlhalosetswang ka teng, bagodi ba tlaa bona sengwe. Mo go boneng sengwe mo, ke le kope bakaulengwe, go kile ga dirisiwa lefoko fa gotwe “*to fix prices*.” Ke gore fa madi a ya

kwa godimo, le bagwebi ba tsamaya le *salaries*. A re potlakeng re bone gore melao re e baakanye gore le fa re tshaba *the price control department Mr Speaker*, ke dumela gore e ne e le molemo mo itsholelong ya lefatshe la rona. *Let us track the production* ya dilwana tse di tlang kwano, gore motho a se ka a tla fela a re nnyaa, kana dilo tse re di reka kgakala, ke tsenya P200. *Salaries* tsa Botswana di santse di le kwa tlase, le fa gompiano re re re na le *an upper bracket* e re yang go e okeletsa 1.5 per cent wa *tax*, re santse re amogela madi a a kwa tlase. Kgang e e tlhoka gore re dire molao, o o laolang gore a le rona re itse *prices, the customer price index* gore *production* ya rona kana *input* a mme e tsamaelana le *price* e a e beileng. Gore Batswana ba se ka ba kokonelwa ke seemo sa gore le selwana fela o se itse gore se ja P10 kwa se rekwang teng, fa se tsena mo Botswana go fetolwa P kana R kana US\$, e bo go bewa *same price*. Re jewa ntsoma, ka gore melawana ya rona ga re a e baya ka fa e tshwanetseng e dirwe ka teng. A re baakanyeng melao, gore re sireletse mogwebi. *Prices* tsa bagwebi ba rona re a itse gore gompiano jaaka go ne go tlhalosiwa gore ba okeleditswe *leases, they are our members, they subscribe* ba ntsha dikoleke, jaanong re tshaba go ba gotlhagotlha. A re baakanyeng *the price control*.

*Competition Authority* ga e re sireletse re le baji le bareki. A re baakanye molao o gore le one fa *salaries* re di isa kwa go P4000, a ko ba se ka ba palama ka gore ba re ba lwantshana le go dira madi. *These companies declare billions and millions of profits, then* ba go raya ba re ga re dire madi. A re baakanye melawana gore re itse gore ga ba fetise *the mark-up price, we are constrained by the mark-up price*.

*Mr Speaker*, e ntshitswe *budget, tandabala* P1400 le P300 yo gotweng *it will be targeted*. Re a a lebogela *Honourable Mmolotsi*, mme a re direng go feta ka gore batho ga ba bereke. Batho fa ba sa bereke, ke kope gore tsamaya o ye go bula Chobe National Park, o ye go neela batho *campsites*. *Imagine* gompiano motho a ya go nna 30 years on a lease ba bangwe ba fodile line, without an advertisement. O bona gore o ya kwa go 45 years a tsamaisa *campsites* tse. Ba bangwe ba ya go tsena leng mo kgwebong, le fa re re re ba neela *opportunity*? A re lebiseng le melawana ya go tshwara ditlhapi.

Sa bofelo se ke batlang go tswala ka sone *Mr Speaker*, ke *cyber security*. Re iketlile, and go tlaa tla letsatsi le e reng o re o ya bankeng, o bo o ya go fitlhela gotwe kana rona kwano go tulwe o sule, o tshela. Re palelwa

ke go laola *networks* tsa rona. Monna fela yo motona a le ditedu le dimpa, a tlhola fela a le mo Facebook a roga ba bangwe ka maina a e seng a gagwe. A dirisa *network* tsa rona tse re nang le tsone, mme re palelwa ke *to track them*. Botswana o laolwa ke *fake accounts*. Re ya go tsenya leng melao e e sireletsang gore fa o dirisa maranyane, o sa bue sentle kana e le *fake account*, re kgone *to track you* re bo re go raya re re ke mang yo a neng a le fa ka nako ya gore kana o fa kae? Re kgone *to track* gore you *logged* mo *gadget* ya *serial number* mang, re go tshware re go botse sentle gore a dipuo tsa gago di a tsamaelana. *Not cyber bullying only, even security*. Motho o tlaa tsena mo *server* ya sepatela *Mr Speaker*, a bo a fetola *prescriptions because* re iketlile. Dilo tse ga di a nna sentle.

Ke tsaya gore Tona yo o lebaganeng le tlaa mmolelela ka bonako, ka gore *it is very risky* gore re re re a tlhabolola e bile re isa maranyane mo dikoleng, mme re sena melawana e e sireletsang gore *our servers and network be monitored*, re kgone go lebagana le seemo fa motho a batla *to hack*. Ke tsaya gore le a gakologelwa gore maloba *I think* ke kwa Namibia, *accounts* tsa bagolo *were hacked*. Kgang e e tlaa re gorogela fa e le gore ga re ye *to act* ka bonako, and *tighten up the cyber security Ministers*.

#### ASSISTANT MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MOTSAMAI):

*Elucidation*. Ke re tota jaaka ke ntse ke tla ke gatelela dikgang tsa gagwe, ke boe gape ke gatelele e nngwe. Letsatsi la gompiano o mo moweng. *Mr Speaker*, puo e a e buang e tota ke boammaaruri fela jo bo sa jelweng pheko. Le gompiano jaana ke mo mathateng, mongwe o gweba ka leina la me, a re re butse kgwebo, re itaya re reng *Mr Speaker*. Go mo ditlhotlhomisong. Ke raya gore e se ka ya re le bona mongwe a tla kwa go lona, le bo le ipolelela gore ke nna. Ke bege sebaka se sale teng, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go eme nokeng *sir*.

**MR MAPULANGA:** Ke a leboga. Ke a wela *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge ba kwa dikampeng, banni ba Kgaolo ya Chobe. Ke ba tlhalosetse gore go maswabi, gongwe mo nakong e e tlang ka gore ga se yone ya bofelo *Budget Speech*. Ga re na go bona sengwenyana mo nakong ya gompiano, mme re se ka ra itlhoboga, re tlaa nna re ntse re bua le ba ba lebanyeng gore ba re neele tse di tshwanetseng. Di goroge banana ba bereke, re nne le lefatshe la dipolase. Re batla lefatshe la dipolase, Batswana ba neelwe masimo le bone ba leme, ba neelwe madi e nne bagwebi ba batona. Ka jalo ke ba kope gore,

ba se ka ba itlhoboga. Re a simolola, re tlaa nna re ba kopa to prioritise sentle mo budget. A e nne inclusive go bonala, e se ka ya nna inclusive batho ba itirela kwa bone ba tshelang sentle teng. A e nne inclusive ka go amogela gore le rona ba re leng kwa tlase re a tlhoka, e bile re tlhoka go reediwa re neelwe budget e e re kgontshang gore jaaka le fudusa clinics le di busetsa kwa dikhanseleng, go bonale gore the RSG e e yang koo, ditlanelo le ditirelo di goroge kwa Batswaneng. Ke latlhele go le kalo Mr Speaker, ke a go leboga.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA):**

*Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Le nna ke batla go tsaya sebaka se, ke latlhele mabapi le kgang e re e beilweng pele ya budget. Mr Speaker, ke batla go simolola pele ka go supa gore e tlaare fa o re go thata, e bo re le mo seemong se re leng mo go sone se. Fa o lebelela budget gore e dirwa jang, o tshwanetse o dire budget go sena dikoloto, e bile o le sure gore you are going to deliver in terms of the mandate. Fa o ne o reeditse His Honour Mr Vice President (VP), budget ya rona go supa gore re simolotse fela re na le deficit ya P22 billion.

Ke seemo se se thata gore o tlhaloganye gore you need to operate ka mo re go bitsang re re, reality principle. Ga go na gore o ka fitlhelela dilo tse di ntsi jang, o le mo seemong se se ntseng jaana. Re tshwanetse re ipotse gape gore what are the burning issues mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana? Very clear to me Mr Speaker, gore this issue ya unemployment is a time bomb e e tlhokang gore fa re le Goromente re ntse jaana, re ka bo re ne re fitlhetse dilo di tsamaya sentle gore re kgone to plan for these things.

*When you look around gape, recently it is very clear gore the results tsa rona kwa dikoleng are slowly going down. Mo go supang gore is very, very important gore mohama o wa thuto, le one re tshwanetse re o lebelele.*

E nngwe ke diteemane; the challenge e e teng ke gore, diteemane ga di rekwe, it is a fact. You cannot beat about the bush ka yone. Projections di supa gore go tlaa nna botoka fa re ntse re tswelsetse, there is a looming risk Mr Speaker. This thing ya synthetic diamonds, it is something, it is a monster in the room, se a tshela. Fa re solofetse gore go tlaa nna botoka, batho ba na le tumelo ya gore ba ka tlhophisa synthetic diamonds because in the eyes of the public, go tshwana fela, you will not pick. It is a risk e e leng gore le fa o bona re solofetse gore go tlaa nna botoka, go ka nna ga nna worse. Ke batla

go akgola the VP of this republic, le rona re le mo teng ka gore as Government of the day, re nnile le seabe thata mo go gakololeng gore mo letsatsing la maloba, a bo a kgonne to present the budget to the people. Go botlhokwa Mr Speaker. Ke supe gore mo nakong e re leng mo go yone e, ga re ka ke ra iphitlha ka monwana bagaetsho. We have taken full responsibility and we will continue to take accountability gore re a itse gore batho ba re tlhophile ka tsholofelo.

*I am reflecting gape Mr Speaker, fa re tsamaya mo re bua le batsadi, ke batla go rolela botsadi jwa lefatshe le thoro ke re, ke batho ba ba reetsang. Ba a reetsa because re bua boammaaruri, e seng sepe gape. Ga re ake jaaka mongwe a ne a akanya. Re boleletse batho gore bagaetsho, go thata. Fa go le thata jaana, re lemoga gore re na le dikano tse re di beileng fa pele ga lona. Dikano tse le fa go ka nna thata jang, re tsile go di diragatsa.*

Fa o reeditse the speech ka fa se neng se ntse ka teng Mr Speaker, the VP was very deliberate and intentional fa a bua le rona, a bua le setšhaba gore re a itse gore re reile batho re reng. E bile ga re ka ke ra tla go tšhentšha gompiano. Re tshwanetse gape bagaetsho fa o na le boikarabelo, re itse gore fa re le fa jaana, the test e mo go rona. Fa batho ba ka lemoga gore ga re na nnete, go tlile go ya fela jalo ka rona. Ke ema fa ke le motlotlo, e bile ke sa tshabe go ntsha sehuba jaaka o bona ke se ntshitse jaana Mr Speaker, gore batsadi re ba tlhaloseditse, gore go diragala eng. Le fa re tsamaya mo, re ne ra ba raya ra re, re apeile, pitsa ya rona e tloga e butswa. Re ne re bua re tlhaloganya gore mo seemong se re leng mo go sone se, re tshwanetse e re fa re tla go bua le batsadi, e bo re lemogile gore re na le madi a le kae. Fa o ne o reeditse madi a re buang ka one a batsadi a, ga se a re neng re a tsaya golo gongwe go le motlhofo. Go ne ga tlhokafala gore dilo dingwe re di lebelele, re bo re ipotsa dipotso tsa gore a selo se se tlhoka gore se nne ka fa se ntseng ka teng kana re ka kgaola gore re nne le madi a re ka etelelang lefatshe le ka one.

*Mr Speaker, ke rata thata gore in this budget, re bua ka job creation. Fa re bua ka job creation, ba tshwanetse ba tlhaloganye gore we are not only talking e le Goromente a dira ditiro. Re papametse gore re ya go batla gore ba ba nang le bokgoni le madi, re tshwaragane le bone gore ba re thuse ditiro tseo. Honourable Ramogapi kgantele o ne a fa dingwe dikai. Ke gakologelwa gore ke nngwe tsa dikano tse re rileng re tsile go di dira. Budget ya ga VP e dumalana le gore that is what we are going to do. We are going to focus mo manufacturing industry.*

Re ne ra ba ra fa sekai gore fa re bua ka go dira dikoloi, re ya go tlhama *a lot of jobs*. Batswana ba tshwanetse ba tlhaloganye gore fa re dira koloi, jaaka re buile, re ya go dira seemo se e leng gore o itse gore e bereka jang; e na le dipone, dihutara, *gear*, maotwana le dithaere. *So, in terms of manufacturing, we are going to create and reach out to batho ba le bantsintsi providing ditiro.*

Fa re lebelela gape *agriculture, we are going to get into manufacturing industries* tse e leng gore *we are going to create jobs*, e seng tsa motho a le mongwefela. *So, that is very, very important...*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification  
Honourable Member.

**MR NYATANGA:** Go santse go le go sha, ema pele mongwame ke tlile go go neela. E bile wena ke tlile go go neela.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** We are neighbours *kana*.

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

**MR NYATANGA:** *Mr Speaker*, ke batla o ntshireletse. O utlwile gore go ne go buiwa ka Standing Order 58.4. Bagaetsho, *when I am on the floor...*

**MR SPEAKER:** 58.4.

**MR NYATANGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker.

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

**MR NYATANGA:** Nnyaa, ke dingalo...

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

**MR NYATANGA:** *Mr Speaker*, ke batla re tlhaloganye sengwe gore Puso e ya rona e, *we prioritised* dilo tse re rileng re tsile go di neela batho mo maitlamong. *That is very, very important* ka gore fa o lebelela *manifesto* wa rona bagaetsho, o na le dilo di le di ntsi di feta bo 20 tse re rileng re ya go di dira, mme fa o le Puso e bile o batla *to deliver*, o tshwanetse o nne le mo gotweng ke *implementation programme*. Ke gore o ya *to prioritize* gore tse e leng gore o ya go di dira ke tse, tse dingwe di tsile go tla kwa morago. *Remember, in terms of our social contract*, re na le *five years*.

Ke batla gore Motswana kwa gae a tlhaloganye gore e rile re le fa, re lebeletse kgang ya bagodi e bile re bona gore bagodi ke botsadi jwa rona jo bo tlhokafalang jo e leng gore re a bo tlhompha, re tsere ditshwetso go le thata. Ke a itse bagaetsho gore re ne re dumalane gore re

ya go ba neela P1800. Ke selo se e leng gore ga ke ka ke ka iphitlha ka monwana *Mr Speaker*, mme lebelela, *from P830 to P1400* go go supegetsa e bile go dira kgang ya maloba re ntse re e bua re re re tsile go dira sengwe le sengwe se e leng gore re ka se kgona *to deliver*. Batsadi ba setse ba nteleditse ba supa gore bongwanaka tshwarang thata, mme e bile ke ba boleletse gore re santse re tlaa tshwara thata, mme e bile ke na le tumelo ya gore le bakaulengwe ba bangwe bame fa, ba fiwa dikgakololo tse di ntseng jalo ka gore re rile fa seemo se tokafala, re tsile go dira dikano tsa rona gore P1800 re mo fe batsadi.

Lebelela gape *Mr Speaker*, bomme ba ba nang le bana...

**MR LESEDI:** *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Kgang e ke nngwe ya tse di intumedisang thata ya P1400. Ke ne ke re gongwe o tlhalose gore *this* P1400, kante re raya Batswana re re a go na le *back pays*? Ke kile ka utlwa go buiwa ka *back pays*, gongwe e nne *very clear sir*. Ke a leboga.

**MR NYATANGA:** Tanki mokaulengwe. Nnyaa rra, Batswana ba tshwanetse ba nkutlwe ke bua ke tlhamaletse, ga go na *back pays*. Re ya go neela Batswana P1400 *from April*. Go botlhokwa gore re bue kgang e ka gore bone bo thelela thelela ba ba tsamayang ba bua mo, ba kgona gore ba tsietse botsadi. Tshwetso e re e tsereng fa re e tlhamaletse, *Vice President* o tlhalositse gore P1400 *from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April*, mme e bile Motswana o tshwanetse a itse sone seo.

Ga re a felela fela gone foo. Ke ne ke santse fa o tlaa kopa mokaulengwe, ke bua ka...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification...

**MR NYATANGA:** Nnyaa, iketleng pele ke tswelele bana ba ga mme. *I am not yielding sir*.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** A re ga a *yield*.

**MR NYATANGA:** Bomme ba ba nang le bana ba rona ba ba tsholang, *we are very deliberate* ka gore re tsere *welfare* ya batho re e beile *close to our hearts*, re rile re ya go ba neela madi one ao gore ba tshele. *Historically, even honourable* mongwe o ne a bua ka kwa, go a supafala gore fa o batla *to address issues of malnutrition, you must address them at a very tender age*. *So, this* P300, o ya go thusa bomme ba e leng gore ba tlaabo ba na le bana gore ba bo ba ka kgona go tlamela bana ba go fitlhelela *one year*.

Le tlhologanyeng gore fa VP a bua, o buile gore re ya go nna le *Mid-term Review*, *these things are not cast in stone* bagaetsho. Fa go tla go tlhokafala e le gore seemo se a letla, re tsile go lebelela ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng re bo re bona gore re ka tokafatsa jang. *So*, ke nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore re rile re ya go di dira.

*The issue* ya bana ba rona ba e leng gore ba kwa dikoleng, ba e leng gore *it has been an eye sore* mo bathong ba le bantsi, le bone bana *it was affecting them in terms of their integrity and well-being* ya bone gore fa o le ngwana wa mosetsana, fa o tsena mo setswalong, o iphitlhela e le gore re mo dipharagobeng, *we are going to make the life of our young girl fantastic*. Ga ba ye go ntsha sepe, re ya go dira gore bana ba ba nne le *access to the sanitary pads*. Ke raya o lebelele gore e le Goromente yo e leng gore o a tsena, ga a na le fa e le malatsi a le kalo, mme e setse e le gore *we have got a very comprehensive and deliberate programme* ya gore re ya go dira eng mo bathong ba rona. *So, it is not for us to judge*, re tla atholwa ke batho ba ba kwa malwapeng, bone ba ba re tlhophileng. Ga se gore re a ipoka bagaetsho, ke bua ka *the facts*.

*The other thing* e re buileng ka yone bagaetsho, ke e le yone batsadi ba tshwanetseng ba e ele tlhoko, mo go neng go tshwenya batsadi *Mr Speaker*, ke kgang ya botsogo. Botsogo jwa rona re a itse gore seemo sa dipilisi se ne se ntse jang, le jone batsadi jwa rona seemo sa bone se ne se ntse jang. *We are also being deliberate Mr Speaker* re bua ka *National Health Insurance*. Ke dilo tse e leng gore fa o di lebelela, *prioritizing*, re rile *for this year under review we are going to deliver these things*. *We are making sure* gore Batswana botlhe ba ya go bona access ba e leng gore *they qualify to get this thing*.

*Mr Speaker*, I want to talk about the challenges of procurement. One of the value leakages tse re di itemogelang, ke gone fa e leng gore Goromente o jewa ntsoma ka ntateng ya gore go na le diphatlhaphatlha tse di ntsintsi mo thekong ya dithoto. *So, some of us has experienced it* fa e leng gore *we have got certain resources* ke bua ka *human capita*, ba e leng gore *when they have been given an opportunity to deliver under this mandate*, o fitlhela e le gore batho ba kgona go nna madi a ga Goromente a sa dirisiwe, ditirelo di ya kwa tlase. Ke ratile kgang ya *monitoring and evaluation*, ka gore *I am a certified Lead Auditor Mr Speaker*, because *issues of governance are very important* ka gore fa gongwe fa o bona Goromente a phutlhama, ditirelo tsa gagwe re sa kgone go fitlhelela kwa bathong, ke gone

gore go na le dilo tse dintsintsi tse di diragalang jaaka yone e. Go bo go fitlhelela go o fa *situations* tse e leng gore batho ba nna *corrupt*. Jaanong *these short interval controls they are going to help this Government* gore re kgone go bona gore bothata bo fa kae, e re fa go na le bothata, re bo re kgona go tsaya *corrective actions*.

*Mr Speaker*, we have also talked about decentralization of Local Government, go tsaya ditirelo tse dingwe re di isa kwa *councils*, ke morago ga go lebelela ka lebaka le leele gore ditirelo dingwe ga di kgone go fitlhelela kwa bathong. Jaanong *councils* di ya go nna le gone gore ditirelo tse di tshwanang le tsa *clinics*, ba bo ba kgona go thusa batho, gore fa go tlhokafala gore go tsewe ditshwetso, di tsewe ka yone nako yone eo. Ke na le tumelo ya gore bagarona ba *Ministry of Health* are going to work hand in hand with councils to make sure that we deliver on our mandate. This is a commitment e ke tshwanetseng ke reye Batswana ke re *watch out*, we are coming to improve the welfare of our people because it is very central. Fa re re *we are a human rights led Government*, it is not a joke, we live by example, and we can use this as a reference to test and check gore a mme dilo tse re di buang tse ke dilo tse di tlaabong di diragala.

*Mr Speaker*, we are aware that when it comes to issues of education, there are issues tse di tshwanetseng to be addressed, go na le *student-teacher ratio* that is affected ke yone kgang e e teng ya go tlhoka madi, o bo o fitlhela e le gore *most of the temporary teachers* ga ba yo kwa dikoleng ka nako e, *most of the Teacher Aides* ga ba yo kwa dikoleng. *Look at the commitment*, it is something se e leng gore *we are going to rectify*, and I want to believe that going forward, re tsile to manage because we take education very central. When I say we take education very central to our service delivery, I mean it *Mr Speaker*. Nna yo, le maloba fa ke tsamaya ke buisa diputhego, ke ne ke bolelela batlhophi le botsadi gore fa re re *education*, re tshwanetse re e *support*, and I was leading barutabana le bagokgo botlhe ba Kgaolo ya Mahalapye East ba dikole tse di pasitseng. Ke ne ke ba diretse *certificates*, di na le *signature* ya me, ke ba neela *awards* tsa teng, and that motivated them. It is something se e leng gore *we are going to continue doing because our interest at the end of the day*, we want bana ba rona gore kamoso ba bo ba ka kgona gore ba bo ba le mo Palamenteng kana ba dira ditiro tse ba di ratang, ba rutegile *Mr Speaker*.

*Mr Speaker, having said that, ke batla go bua ka digitalisation. We are very intentional, o bona maranyane Mr Speaker, ke one language e e buiwang mo malatsing a. Re tsile to invest jaaka o ne o utlwa the Vice President (VP) a bua, gore re bone gore re nna le maranyane a a yang go re thusa go ntsha maduo le go supa bonatla le bonokopila mo tirong because digitalisation is the way to go. The world is going digital, le Botswana re tshwanetswe ke go bona gore we are digital.*

**MR MAPULANGA:** *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ke a go leboga *Honourable Assistant Minister.* Gongwe *balance the two; between the future world of work,* ka gore o bua ka *digitalisation,* mme *compare it* gore *how are you intending to protect the work of those* ba gompiano ba sa ntseng ba di tshwere ka gore fa o tsenya maranyane o itse gore ba bangwe ba tshwanetse go tswa? Gongwe a ka e *balance.*

**MR NYATANGA:** O utlwetse mokaulengwe. Mokaulengwe, *I want to assure* Botswana gore o bona *that thinking is very outdated,* ke mo go tshosiwang batho gore fa maranyane a tla batho ba senyegelwa ke ditiro, *and for your own information, there is research to that effect. With digitalisation, they are going to be creating more jobs.* Jaanong Botswana ba tshwanetswe go tlhloganya se. *With digitalisation, we want to maximise productivity, output and efficiencies.*

*Mr Speaker, having said that* ke batla gore ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya *agriculture.* *Agriculture* fa o lebelela gore re rile *we are going to create a...* E bile ke batla go e bua ka Setswana ke se ka ka tshoma thata. Kana fa gongwe bo Motlotlegi Mapulanga ke bone ba dirang gore ke tshome ka gore o fitlhela o ka re ga ba nkutlwe sentle ke ntse ke bua.

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

**MR NYATANGA:** Jaanong mo *food security* bagaetsho, re tlhamaletse re supile gore temothuo ke selo se re yang go se tseela kwa godimo. E bile le gakologelwe gore re rile *we are going to target small scale farmers,* balemi-barui ba ba kwa tlasenyana, ke bone ba e leng gore re lemogile gore ba a imelwa thata fa go tla go tsena mo dikgannyeng tsa *farming.* Fa o lema go sena kwa o rekisang teng e nna mathata. Re tlhalositse gone fa gore re ya go dirisa seemo se e leng gore *we will have markets where people will be able to sell their produce.* Ke na le tumelo ya gore golo mo ke selo se e leng gore *Mr Speaker,* re tshwanetse go se akgola *because* re ntse re na le mathata a e leng gore fa o lema o ipotsa gore

o ya go rekisa, o rekisetsa mang. E bile re ntse re na le mathata a *businesses* tse dingwe tse re neng re itse gore di dirwa ke bo mang, mme o reetse ka fa re buileng ka teng. Re rile *we are going to make sure* gore ga go na *businesses* tse e leng gore tsa dikoko e tlaabo e le tsa bo semangmang. Re ya go bereka le Botswana *to empower them to make sure that we create* ditiro *because our interest* ke *to create* ditiro. Kana *to create* ditiro bagaetsho ga se go ya go bereka kwa diofising, fa o dira *business* e e leng gore *at the end of the day,* e baya letseno fa godimo ga tafole, o a bo o dirile ditiro e bile o a bo o eme nokeng malwapa a mantsi.

Bagaetsho, re tshwanetse gape re tlhloganye gore *there are a lot of investors,* go na le bagwebi ba ba batlang go tla mo lefatsheng le, re rile *we are going to cut the bureaucratic red tapes.* Re batla seemo se e leng gore fa motho a tla re itse gore o na le madi o ka kgona go dira a *invest,* fa a batla *to do business* a bo e le gore *within one day* kana *two or three days,* a bo e le gore *somebody is able to be ready to start producing.* Dilo tse ga di a tlwaelesega, e bile mongwe fa a sa akanye sentle o ka nna a re gongwe ga di ke tsa diragala, *but we are going to be challenging the traditional orthodoxies, because it is very important and we have been deliberate* re le Puso e gore *we are going to ... (Interruptions) ... happen.*

*Mr Speaker,* kgang ya makgetho re buile ka yone, *the tax regime,* kwa re rileng re ya go batla ditsela tse dintsintsi tse re ka dirang madi. Kwa e leng gore dithoto tse e leng gore jaaka o ne o utlwa VP a bua, tse di tlaabong di kgetha, re tlaa di kgethisa, le bone ba ba amogelang madi a mantsintsi thata go ya go kgethwa, go dirilwe *adjustment* ya lekgetho leo ka dipalo tse re neng re di bua. Maikaelelo e le gore *it is not to punish anyone, we want to generate more funds* tse di tlaa kgonang gore di tle e re le re ntse le tsweletse le bo le ka utlwa gongwe ka *Mid-Term Review* re re bagaetsho re ne re sa dira se, re bo re oketsa a *bouquet of services* tse re batlang go di dira. Ke dilo tse e leng gore *they are going to happen.*

*Mr Speaker,* ke batla go tswala ka tse di latelang; o bona *social protection programmes,* mananeo a a amang matshelo a batho, le utlwile gore *we want to create* matlo a le 100 000. Ke tseela gore ke dumalana le *Honourable Ramogapi* gore fa re dira jaana, re rile re ya go akanya mo re reng *innovation.* Ga re na go batla gore e bo e le *companies* fela gongwe e le *Company X* e le gore e dira ditiro tse. Re ya go lebelela gore *how can we empower our Village Development Committees (VDCs),* batho

ba rona ba ba *skilled*, ba ba mo mafelong a mangwe fela, fa e le gore gongwe matlo, a bo re ka iphitlhela e le gore ba kopane ba aga matlo a gore go nne le letseno. Akere go ntse jalo *Honourable* Ramogapi?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Go ntse jalo.

**MR NYATANGA:** Ee, go ya go go supa gore golo mo re na le maikaelelo a matonatona a gore meamuso ya lefatshe le e tshwanetse e bo e le gore mongwe le mongwe *is able to benefit*.

E nngwe e ke e ratang thata ke ya *empowerment of VDCs*. Bagaetsho, *VDCs are small Governments who operate at grassroots level, we need to empower them* gore ba lebelele ka fa ba dirang ka teng. Ga re sa tlhole re batla VDC e e agang ntlo ya polata e bo e tseela gore e tlaa tsenya madi, re batla VDC e e ba tshwanetsweng ke *to be empowered* gore ba akanye se *modern*, re kgone go aga matlo; go nne le *bachelor pads* tse e leng gore fa go na le banana ba bereka mo motseng o tshwana le Mookane kana Kudumatse, ba bo ba ka kgatlhega go nna mo teng, e seng ntlo e o tlaabong o na le bolao, bata ya moZimbabwe e fa, le dilo tse e leng gore... le fa o apeelang teng, *no*. Re ya go ba gakolola gore ba nne jalo *because our idea is to make sure that even VDCs di nna le madi, ga re batle VDC e e leng gore gatwe ga e na madi. So, this is how this Government is going to touch and empower our people.*

Re ntse re itse bagaetsho gore mo mafelong a rona, *we have got people living with disabilities. Our social protection programmes, batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole le bone re tshwanetswe ke gore re tle re tsamaye mo mafelong a rona re dire assessments, re bo re ka bona gore le bone they benefit equitably from these programmes because re nnile very deliberate, re rile re ya go ba thusa ba nne le access to housing.*

*Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke batla gore ke latlhele a le kalo. Ke batla gore ke fetse ke re le fa o bona go ntse jaana *Mr Speaker*, tota tsela ya Makwate-Mahalapye, lotlhe ke batla gore le tle le e lebelele gore *the business that we are missing from South Africa, makgoa ba tsena fale, re tshwanetswe ke gore re dire sengwe ka tsela eo bagaetsho, because we need gore tsela e e tsennngwe sekontere, e bile ke a itse gore fa this road e ka tsennngwa sekontere, we are going to be seeing bo border mall fa bo Makwate, fa e leng gore Rre Gobotswang, le nna le ba bangwe re tlaabo re kgona go ya go reka re sa tlhole re ya kwa go Ellisras. Tsela ya Makwate batsadi ba me, e botlhokwa, ke batla gore re thusane. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, ga se gore gongwe kamoso re kope Whips gore di tlise lists? Ka gore go na le tsamaiso fela e re e itseng ya gore fa go buile a le mongwefela ka kwano, ka kwa go bua ba le kae. Jaanong babusi ba ntse tsididitsididi mme mariga a le kgakala. Jaanong nna ke ne ke kopa gore a re dumalaneng gore kamoso go tlisiwe lists ka gore ke belaela gore re ka nna ra latlhelgelwa ke metsotso re ntse re lebane mo matlhong mme go sena ba ba buang. Re feditse quota ya ka kwano, jaanong re le lebile.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Ba reeditse, ke tsaya gore ba go utlwile *Honourable* Saleshando, ke kgakololo. *Honourable* Digwa le *Honourable* Hikuama, gongwe ke gone gore kamoso le tlise *lists*. Mme fa le santse le *debate general principles*, gone go ne go se molato gore le ka ema *and catch the Speaker's eye*, e bo e le gore le ka *debate* batho betsho, mme ga go itse gore le ka tla ka *lists*. Ke dumela gore le setse le simolotse *caucuses*, le ka tsamaya la ya go ipua, la bona gore *skeem* tsa lona le di peka ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *This also applies to other political parties* gore le bone ba ka bona gore ba ipeka ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

**MR HIKUAMA:** *Procedure*. Ga ke senye sepe, ke oketsa fela mo go se o se buang. Le nna *on my part* ke ne ke tseetse gore re ya go dirisa *the tradition* ya *two* ka kwa, *one* ka kwano kwa *opposition side*. Then *quota* ya gore fa nne re bala nako, yone e feletse e re neng re e baakantse gompiano. *That is why* re bona e kete rona re feletse, ka gore e ne e le gore dipalo tse re di ntshang tsa gompiano, fa go ka tsamaya jaaka re tlwaetse, rona re ne re feletse *for today*.

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members*, ke utlwa *Honourable* Hikuama gore fa re *debate general principles*, kana e le *debate* ya *State of the Nation Address*, e e leng gore *it is a Government Motion, tradition* ke gore *members* ba tlaa emelela *to catch the Speaker's eye, but* fa re lebeletse *ratio* ya dipalo mo *House*, *Honourable* Hikuama o bolelela ruri gore go ka tsewa *two* ka fa, *one* ka fa. Ke ka fa re ntseng re tsamaisa ka teng gore re *balance* dipalo ka gore di di ntsi ka fa go na le ka fa letsogong la me la molema. Jaanong *this also applies to the Appropriation Bill* gore le yone fa re e *debate*, mo *10 days* yo le mo neetsweng wa gore le *debate general principles*... fa o lebeletse

Standing Order 86, ke gone gore le tlaa tsaya malatsi a le lesome le *debate general principles*. Jaanong mo malatsing one a a lesome a, tsholofelo ke gore *you just catch the Speaker's eye*, ga le tlise *lists*, mme ga go le itse batlotlegi gore le ka tlisa *lists*. Fa e le gore le na le *preference* ya gore... gakere le mo *team* go na le ba gotweng ke *strikers, defenders, but* ga ke ise ke tshameke kgwele ya dinao mme ke itse gore go na le gone moo.

Jaanong le gololesegile *Honourable* Digwa le *Honourable* Hikuama gore le ka dira *lists* tseo, mme fa di seyo, *I will not hold it against you*, ke tlaa leka fela thata gore ke tsamaye ka fa *tradition* e batlang ka teng. *I am still conferring with the Clerks on something that I wanted for them to help me with.*

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members. I think the lawyer will need more time to advise on the matter that I had raised. Honourable Members, as it is now 7 o'clock, the time that we agreed to adjourn, I shall now call upon the Leader of the House, Minister for State President, Honourable Mohwasa to move a Motion of adjournment.

#### MOTION

#### ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

#### SPEAKER'S REMARKS

**MR SPEAKER:** *Honourable Members, as you adjourn*, fa le ka leba go bapa le *Honourable* Motaosane go ya kwa o kare o ya kwa *the officials' booth*, go na le ditilo di le pedi tse di sa tshwaneng tse le di ntseng batlotlegi. Ditilo tseo *are mounted*, ke dikai tsa gore ditilo tse ba akantseng gore ba ka le di tsenyetsa mo Ntlong ke tsa mofuta one oo. Go na le ka fa di *adjust* ka teng, e re fa re ntse le tswa le nne le ya fa go tsone le ye go bona gore a ke tse di le siametseng.

Ke itse gore ditilo tsa lona di onetse batlotlegi, mme gape ga ke batle go sekisiwa gotwe ke le file ditilo tse di ka le tsenyang bokoa. Tsele go lebega di tlhatlhobilwe gore di tlaabo di le siametse. Ke kopile mongwe wa bo maitseanape gore a tle a le supegetse gore di bereka

jang. Di tlaabo di ntse di le gone fale, le kamoso fa le batla go ya go di tlhatlhoba gore di ntse jang, le ye fa go tsone, ke tsone tse pedi tsele. *Good evening Honourable Members.*

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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