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| Hon. B. Mathoothe, MP. | Serowe North      |
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#### (Alliance for Progressives)

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| Hon. W. B. Mmolotsi, MP. | Francistown South |
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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

**P R A Y E R S**

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**MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI):** Let us start our business of today with questions.

**BUSINESS MOTION**

**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO):** Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker. Since it is the last day and the Order Paper is quite packed with a number of questions, I wish to move in terms of Standing Order 130.1 that the time limitation for questions be suspended to allow for all questions to be answered. I thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CITIZENSHIP REQUESTS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS**

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

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

**Later Date.**

**CASES OF NEGLIGENCE**

**MR S. N. MOABI (TATI WEST):** asked the Minister of Health and Wellness to state;

- (i) the number of civil law suits involving cases of negligence which have been lodged against his ministry;
- (ii) the reason for each civil suit involving medical negligence; and
- (iii) the value of each claim.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITSWE):** Thank you so much Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there has been a total of more than 300 civil law suits that have been lodged against my ministry from 2015 to date.
- (ii) The reasons for these law suits are many and varied. However, for the purpose of answering this question, I will divide them according to the thematic areas that the law suits were about. These are;
  - (a) Complaints on general services.
  - (b) Complaints on obstetric and gynecological services.
  - (c) Complaints on neonatal and under five child care services.
  - (d) Complaints about alleged diagnostic and medication errors.



(e) Complaints alleging that negligence led to death of loved ones.

(iii) The following are the computed total values of suits that have been made since 2015. The numbers that I am going to say here, *ke madi a a neng a batliwa ke batho mme go sa reye gore ke one a a feletseng a tsewa*;

| Thematic Category   | Amount Claimed (BWP)  |
|---|-----------------------|
| Complaints on general services                                  | 133,458,057.00        |
| Complaints on obstetrics and gynaecology services               | 96,438,889.86         |
| Complaints on neonatal and under five child care services       | 189,605,000.00        |
| Complaints on surgical and injury related services              | 97,940,000.00         |
| Complaints about alleged diagnostic and medication errors       | 30,577,200.00         |
| Complaints alleging that negligence led to death of a loved one | 122,756,664.01        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>670,775,810.87</b> |

*Ke claims tseo Mr Speaker, mme madi a a duetsweng for the past five years ke P31, 500, 479, kana a dikgang tsa teng di fedileng go bo go felela go duelwa ke lephata. P670 million o ke neng ke bua ka ene, I must underscore that the values given here are for claims that have been instituted against my ministry and not what has so far been awarded or paid to litigants. This is because the cases are at different stages of adjudication by the ministry and the courts. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

**MR MOABI:** *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke lebogela ka fa o tlhalosang ka teng Tona. Batswana ba ngongorega ka fa o neng o supa ka teng. Madi a a duleng a ka bo a ne a aga clinic e o e itseng ya Gulubane. Ke madi a a duetseng batho. Tona, o ne o supa dipalo di le kwa godimo tsa bangongoregi, le ya go dira jang le le lephata go fokotsa dingongorego tse di kana? Dingongora tse di felelang madi a tsamaya jaaka a tsamaile jaana. O tlhalosetse Batswana ba Gulubane ba tle ba itse gore clinic ele ya bone e ba e tlhokang, e e palang, re ya go dira jang gore re somarele madi, ba bone clinic Mr Speaker? Ke a leboga.*

**MR LELATISITSWE:** *Thank you so much Honourable Member for the question. It is quite a good question. Ke supe fela Mr Speaker, gore dikgang fa di sena go fela, go nniwa fa fatshe and they are assessed go bonwa gore diphatlha di fa kae. Fa e leng gore gongwe go tlhokana jalo gore le rona re thibe diphatlha tseo, re romela bana ba rona kwa training ba ya go bona gore diphatlha tse re ka di tswala jang. Kana re ka gakologelwa gore dikgang tse dingwe jaaka go buiwa, ke buile gore di tla mo diphatlhaneng tse di farologaneng. Jaanong re ya go lebelela tota gore e se ka ya re kamoso this repeats itself. Ke gone mo e leng gore fa case e sena go fela re nna fa fatshe, re a e sekaseka re bona gore a mme diphoso tse di neng di diragetse kana se se neng se diragetse, ke se se ka tilwang go ya kwa pele Mr Speaker, e le go thiba. Ga go na ope yo o ka itumelelang gore go bo go na le diphoso tse di kana go tswa ka kwa go rona e bile di dirwa mo bathong. Ke a leboga.*

**MR REGOENG:** *Supplementary. Tanki Mr Speaker. Good afternoon members. Tona, gongwe ka golo fa potso e ne e re dikgang tse di diragetseng ka bofalele, negligence, mo nakong ya gompiano, le setse le tsetse ba le kae dikgato gore ba bo ba dirile tiro e e ntseng jaana mo matshelelong a batho, le Puso go senyegelwa ke madi a a kanakana jaaka o ntse o a kaya? Kgato e le e tsereng ke efe kana e le santseng le tlaa e tsaya ke efe mo bathong ba ba dirileng tiro e?*

**MR LELATISITSWE:** *Thank you so much Honourable Member. Re supe jaana gore re na le lephata la rona. Kana badiredi ba rona kwadisiwa ke Botswana Medical Health Council. Fa cases di tshwana le tse, tse re bonang gore go na le bofalele jo bo rileng, they are reported kwa Botswana Health Professionals Council ba bo go kgona go tselwa dikgato tse di lebanyeng. Gone fa ke emeng teng fa, ga ke na karabo ya gore go setse go tseetswe dikgato ba le kae. Ke dumela gore ke potso e ntle. Mokaulengwe, ke ka kopa gore o e tsenye, setšhaba le sone se tle se lemoge gore tota ba ba tseetsweng dikgato ke Botswana Medical Council ka mabaka one a bofalele, ba kae Mr Speaker. Ke supe jalo gore gompiano fa ke leng teng fa, ga ke a tshwara karabo ya gore ba kae ba ba tseetsweng dikgato.*



Bokete jwa kgang bo ka supa gore go na le batho ba e leng gore *they can be warned. Others can be dismissed* go lebeleletse gore bokete jwa kgang bo bokete go le kae jo bo beilweng fa pele ga Botswana Health Professional Council *Mr Speaker*: Ke a leboga.

#### INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS OF TOWN AND CITY COUNCILS TO SELF-FUND

**MR T. LETSHOLO (KANYE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to apprise this Honourable House on specific initiatives and efforts of town and city councils to self-fund, and further state:

- (i) when councils will be in a position to fully fend for themselves;
- (ii) what proportion of their annual expenditures is funded from their own revenue; and
- (iii) if they can make enough money to invest in revenue generating projects.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR MODUKANELE):** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboge Rre Letsholo ka potso e a re e beileng fa pele. Mr Speaker, ke tlaa e buisa ka leleme la basweu ka jaana e boditswe jalo.*

Mr Speaker, towns and city councils have been continually making efforts and developing initiatives to expand own sources revenue to reduce reliance on Central Government grants. Specific initiatives and efforts include implementation of Revenue Maximisation Strategy of 2019 which includes amongst others, review of existing fees and charges and identification of new revenue streams. To date, three out of the six urban councils have reviewed and implemented new tariffs while others are still at consultation stage.

Mr Speaker, the most impactful opportunity to increase own source revenue in urban councils is property rates. In this regard, efforts have been made to facilitate valuation of properties in towns, cities and districts. This will be done in phases and will go a long way in assisting councils to generate revenue and reduce reliance on Central Government. To this end, budgetary provision of P89.5 million has been made to facilitate the exercise in three of councils of Gaborone, Francistown and South East, in particular in Game City and Commerce Park.

Mr Speaker, while opportunities exist for urban councils to generate more revenue, such revenue remains inadequate to fully fund all council expenditure obligations, given that one of the key responsibilities for council is to provide social services as well as promote equity within the respective communities. Such fees and charges are usually subsidised and low yielding, necessitating funding augmentation from the Central Government. Given the above scenario, councils will not be in any position to fully fend for themselves in the foreseeable future.

Mr Speaker, my ministry expects that once the Decentralisation Policy is approved and implemented, funding systems for councils will be reformed to motivate them to generate their own revenue sources going forward.

Mr Speaker, about 23.3 per cent of the urban councils' expenditure is funded through own source revenue. For financial year 2021-2022 expenditures amounting to P229, 663, 870.00 (23 per cent) of the requisite P984, 030, 379.00 was funded through own source revenue.

Finally, Mr Speaker, with appropriate revenue generating strategies, robust collections efforts and sufficient buy-in from stakeholders, urban councils can generate adequate revenue to invest in income generating projects. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR LETSHOLO:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a tlhologanya ka fa Tona a buang ka teng gore gone mme ga go ka ke ga kgonega gore dikhansele tse di itirele madi a tsone fela otlhe a di a tlhokang. Ke re gongwe a re bolelele gore a go na le seelo se lephata ba se beetseng dikhansele tse gore motlhang mongwe di goroge foo. E tlaabo e le sone se e leng gore ba dumela gore e tlaabo e le gone fa di ikemetse sentle ntswa di ka tswelala di fiwa sengwe ke Goromente.

Potso ya bobedi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke e a buang gore gantsi ba bona madi ka *rates*. Jaanong ke re gongwe a re e tlhalosetse gore go *collect rates* tse ba tsamaya jang ka tsone? Ke kile ka bua mo Ntlong e ke kopa gore ke eng ba sa dire gore digongwana tsa banana ba ba tlhokang ditiro mo lefatsheng la rona ba ba kgobokanye ba ba dire gore ba ba thuse go tsamaya ba ba phuthela *rates*, mogopolo o ba tsamaya fa kae ka one?

La bofelo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke kope Tona gore a re tlhalosetse gore fa ba dikhansele ba



ntse ba leka go itirela letseno kana go ipatlela ka fa ba ka bonang madi ka teng, melawana e e teng e e dirang gore go se ka ga nna le tshenyetso-setšhaba kana go se ka ga itirelelwa mo lenaneong leo ke efe e e leng gore dikhansele di tshwanetse gore di bo di e setse morago? Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR MODUKANELE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke lebogetse *Honourable Member* dipotso tse di nang le boleng tseo.

(i) Mma ke simolole jaana gore boammaaruri ke gore jaaka Rre Letsholo a kile a *suggest*, tse tsotlhe re di lebeletse *and in the fullness of time*, megopolo e e tshwanang yone e, e e leng gore *indeed* le rona re a dumela gore *there is always room for improvement*, e e tshwanang ya gore re ka dira jang go dirisa banana *to form* digongwana tsona tse a neng a bua ka tsona gore di bo di ka thusa mo *collection* yone eo, ke mengwe ya megopolo e e leng gore *going forward* e bile e ka thusa le go fokotsa banana mo mebileng ba bona letseno. Ke sengwe se e leng gore *indeed we will explore it* re bo re bona gore re ka e dirisa jang *Mr Speaker. I do welcome that. I did note that* gore o boditse gore re tsamaya fa kae. *At this point in time* gongwe mma ke arabe fela jalo gore, *it is something* se e leng gore *we welcome that suggestion and going forward* re tlaa sekaseka gore re ka e dira jang mo nakong e e rileng.

(ii) O buile ka seelo, gore mme re le lephata re solofela gore gongwe dikhansele di ka fitlha fa kae kana tsa fitlhelela fa kae fa re dumelang gore gone foo re tlaabo re re, nnyaa ba tlaabo ba lekile. *Mr Speaker*, go boammaaruri, go dilonyana tse dintsi tse le nna *seated where I am seated now*, ke dumela gore re tshwanetse gore *we have to up our game on issues* tse di tshwanang tsa bo *collection* jalojalo, tse e leng gore *indeed* fa ke lebile dingwe tse ke di bonang fa pele ga me, di ka re thusa gore dikhansele tse di nne le letseno le le *reasonable*. Gompieno *we are talking* jaaka ke ne ke supa, *about 23 per cent and my own thinking* ke gore, gongwe *if you can up that 23 per cent by another 20*, tota re tlaabo re le mo mosepeleng o ke dumelang gore o ka re isa kwa e kareng kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi gongwe dikhansele di kgona *to reasonably generate their revenue* *Mr Speaker*.

(iii) Kgang ya bofelo ke dumela gore, mme kana *we have to accept one thing that is true*, gore gone

koo, *we cannot do this overnight* *Mr Speaker*, *it would be a gradual exercise*, gore re bo re fitlhe kwa re batlang go ya teng. O feleleditse ya bofelo o reng Letsholo *if I may ask* ya boraro?

**MR LETSHOLO:** Ke ne ke re go se ka ga nna le *corruption* kana go sa dirisa tsamaiso e sentle.

**MR MODUKANELE:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Like I said*, re tlaa thulanya ditlhogo le wena o ntse o le gautshwanyane, *we will pick brains of Honourable Members here present*, go bona gore ga go nne le gope fa e leng gore kwa bofelong jwa letsatsi *people use these initiatives* go gopela itsholelo. Mma ke supe gape gore...ke maabane fa ke sa fose, fa re bua ka *report* e re neng re e bewa pele ke Rre Brooks, ke nngwe ya *the recommendations* tse e leng gore *indeed Honourable Minister* e rile fa a tsiboga a supa e le sengwe se re se tsayang ka tlhoafalo. Ke *recommendation* ya gore “*no tolerance for corruption in the Local Authorities*.” Re a dumela le rona *Mr Speaker* gore re tshwanetse go dira sengwe le sengwe go bona gore tshenyetso-setšhaba *at the Local Authorities we nip it in the bud as early as possible, like yesterday* *Mr Speaker*. Ke gone fa ke reng, gongwe ke se ka ka bua thata, mma fela ke supe jalo gore ke sengwe se re se tsayang ka tlhoafalo. Le lona bo *Honourable Member*, ke tsaya gore le tlaabo le ntse le le gaufi go re loma tsebe, go re tsibosa gore re tseye dikgato tse di maleba *to see to it that these cancerous thing called corruption is nipped in the bud, in the Local Authority*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke re Tona, kana golo fa go na le dikgang tse di mmalwanyana. Ya ntlha ke yone e o reng *collection* ya *the rates*, e lebega e kete ga a e a tlhamalala, e bile e bonya. Ke re tota bonya joo bo dirwa ke eng?

Sa bobedi ke gore, a Tona o a itse gore go na le *the properties* tse di setseng di na le bo 10 *years* gompieno *without being valued*, gore go tle go kgonwe *to collect the rates* mo go tsona? Ke re *valuation* ya *the properties* tseo go lebega e diwa ke eng, mme e bile ba ikaelela go dira eng mo nakong e khutshwane go bona gore *the properties* tseo *are being valued* gore go tle go kgonwe *to collect the rates* mo go tsona?

Ya boraro ke kgang ya melao, le maloba jalo ke kile ka go botsa ka melao ya Public Private Partnerships (PPP) le Dikhansele. Ke melao efe e le berekang mo go yone gompieno e e tlaa le kgontshang gore mafelo a tshwana bo Game City le Mogoditshane a kgone go duela *the*



rates? A le na le thulaganyo ya paakanyo ya melao e le tlaa e tlišang mo pele ga Palamente e, e re tshwanetseng re e solofele mo bogaufing? Le gone fa e le gore e teng melao eo, ke efe? O tle o re e tlhalosetse Tona ka gore fa gongwe go padisa yone melao, mme fa melao le ise le e dire go tšile go nna thata *to collect the rates* mo mafelong a tšwana bo Commerce Park le mo *side tsa* bo Mogoditshane. Ke a leboga.

**MR MODUKANELE:** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ga ke na go abelela, sepe mo bogompienong. All what I can say ke gore, re mo tseleng, re dira everything that is necessary go bona gore valuation di a dirwa, hence ke supile gore we have secured these monies a P89,5 Million a a yang go re thusang to make sure that this process ya the valuation and whatever, is done. I do accept Mr Speaker gore go na le properties tse e leng gore we are aware of that, gore if they were valued di ka bo di setse di duela the rates and generating a lot of money. Jaanong mma ke re se se bothokwa ke gore, we have realised that, we are taking the necessary steps to see to it that the valuation ka go lebega e le gore that should be the starting point, we are doing exactly that and ke solofetse Ntlo e gore mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo that process is going to start and re tlaabo re simolola to generate, go bona gore those rates are paid. Mma ke re, all the necessary statutes tse go ka tlhokafalang gore either di fetolwe or erected that would be done to facilitate the process. Gompiano where I am seated kgang ke gore, a re direng se se tlhokafalang go bona gore we start the process and that process apparently we need to do the valuations tsa bo Commerce Park jaaka Honourable Lucas a ne a supa.*

*E se fela foo Mr Speaker, jaaka ke ne ke bua gore kgang ya decentralisation for it to be effective kana gore dikhansele di simolole di itseele ditshwetso, di dire ditiro, kwa ba leng teng, ke gore ba bo ba kgona go itirela letseno. That would be of necessity gore go bonwe gore a ke bo Palapye, Serowe le Kanye, a ke kae fela kwa e leng gore malls are mushrooming all over these big villages, semi-urban areas, le tsone ba simolole gore ba bo ba duela se se tlhokafalang in terms of rates Mr Speaker, which they are not doing now. Ke gone fa ke reng, we are trying to do... maikaelelo ke gore tshwetso e re e tsereng ke gore re felele re dira sengwe le sengwe se se tlhokafalang gore le bone ba felele ba duela the rates, gore dikhansele tse di kgone to meet...ba kgone go tsamaisa ditiro tsa bone gone koo, ka gore le fa ba ntse ba sa duele the rates jaana...a ke Commerce Park, Palapye Mall or whatever you call it, khansale*

*e tswelotse, it is rendering the services koo, collecting matlakala, ba dira dilo tse tšotlhe tse di tlhokafalang gore municipality e di dire.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Last supplementary Honourable Motaosane.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Supplementary. Thank you sir. Honourable Minister, ga ke itse gore a go nnile phosonyana ga o araba Honourable Letsholo ya gore, mme gone dikhansele di solofelwa gore di bo tsone in the grant e le e ba di neelang, di bo di dira bokae? If I got you correctly ke utlwile o kare wa re 23 per cent, but unless it has just changed ke sa itse, I know gore dikhansele are expected to raise 10 per cent of the total budget. Jaanong gongwe o e tlhatswe, ka gore dikhansele di palelwa ke to raise 10 per cent o e ntseng e le gore nako le nako you are giving then 90 per cent, mme bone they are expected to raise the 10 per cent. They have failed to raise that amount.*

*Ya bobedi Honourable Minister, you see kgang e ya decentralisation e tšile go re diela dilo tse dintsi ka gore, dilo tse dingwe ke tse di ntseng di le teng tse le sa bolong go di dumalana le le Palamente, mme ga di diragale. Kgang e ya rates Honourable Minister, ke batla fela o ko o e tlhatswe, ga ke kgone go itse gore fa e lebega e kete e nna golo mo go ntšha jaaka the valuation tse gompiano e leng tsone di ntseng di diile go tla jang gore go tseye dingwaga tse di fetang bothano, borataro go ntse go buiwa ka go ntsha budget of evaluating the property, di tle di kgone gore rates...(inaudible)... I have said this many times ka gore places like Mogoditshane, we should not be suffering ka madi a re a itirelang. Jaanong ke a kopa Tona gore a ko o tlhalose golo fa, ga ke dumalane le wena Minister wa me yo ke mo tlotlang, ke mo rata thata. Fa ga ke dumalane le wena, something is not right.*

**MR MODUKANELE:** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Nte gongwe ke simolole ka go supa gore the 23 per cent Honourable Member o ke neng ke bua ka ene, tota re bua ka urban councils, not district councils.*

*Potso kana gape e ne e supa gore quite proportion of their annual expenditures is funded from their own revenue, so tota the 23 per cent, o buisa (ii) ya potso ya ga Rre Letsholo.*

*Ke supe gape Rre Motaosane, I think kgang e o e buang, honestly and sincerely we are in agreement. Fa o ka gakologelwa fela if we cast our minds back, only I think yesterday, if not the day before yesterday, Rre*



Molale *in his debate* o ne a bua ka *report* e ke neng ke *refer to it* kgantele. *He did use* kgang ya Mogoditshane *as an example* gore *if we had moved*, re setse re dirile tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang; *valuation which is the basis* ya gore go duelwe *rates*. O supile jalo gore *a place like* Mogoditshane, gongwe gompiano jaana ke nngwe ya mafelo a e leng gore e ka bo e *generate a lot of revenue* fa nne sengwe le sengwe se dirilwe se se tlhokafalang. *I do agree with you*, ke kgang e e leng gore le rona *we are in agreement with it*. *I want to accept* gore *what is necessary for us to do is to move with speed and make sure* gore ga re sa tlhole e re ngwaga o o tlang, re bo re bua ka *issue* e. Ke tsaya gore ke sengwe sa dielo tse *this ministry* wa ga Rre Autlwtse o se ipeetseng pele gore e re *next year*; re bo re sa tlhole re bua ka gore gatwe re santse re ya *to value*. *Next year* ke raya *next financial year*, re bo re sa tlhole re bua ka *issue* e ya *valuations* e e keteng jaanong e nna *shololovia*, *we have to bring it to the necessary finality* Mr Speaker. *I do accept that*. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, are you ready to answer question Number 2?

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Trade and Industry!

...Silence...

**MR SPEAKER:** Morolong, e kare batho ba ba siile.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ga ke itse gore batho ba ba tshaba eng Mr Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O ja motenterapa fela mo koloing Kgabo.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Motsamai!

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** A ga ba ya Pasekeng tota.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Wena ke eng o sa ya?

#### UNEMPLOYMENT SURVEY

**MR M. BALOPI (GABORONE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether an unemployment survey has ever been undertaken within the last five (5) years:

- (i) what the outcomes of such survey, if any, indicate about unemployment numbers;
- (ii) whether there are no identified sectors that Botswana has comparative advantage on and which Botswana can focus on in order to generate more jobs.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME):** Thank you Mr Speaker and good afternoon, and thank you Honourable Member for the question.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Statistics Botswana has within the last five years been conducting the Quarterly Multi-Topic Survey, which has a labour module. The survey provides labour statistics results which include unemployment numbers and rates. The latest Quarterly Multi-Topic Survey is that of the fourth quarter, which is October to December of 2021. The results for this quarter estimated the general unemployment rate to be 26 per cent, which translates to 252,316 people.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, in the past, Botswana's economy has depended on natural resources and raw materials for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, particularly primary sectors of mining and agriculture. The country's endowment in these natural resources has given it a comparative advantage in the production of diamonds and beef in particular.

Although these sectors have created many jobs in the past, their growth has slowed down over recent years, with a corresponding shift towards an increasing contribution to GDP growth and employment opportunities from the secondary and tertiary sectors; that is sectors such as manufacturing, construction, tourism and services.

In order to create more job opportunities going into the future, we need to further exploit existing comparative advantage across sectors such as mining, beef, light manufacturing and tourism, and build upon successes in these areas.

It must also be noted Mr Speaker, that comparative advantage is not static, and can be developed strategically over time by appropriate investment and policy support. There is great potential in exploiting niche opportunities offered by the secondary and tertiary sectors.

These Mr Speaker, include selected manufacturing sub-sectors such as building materials, furniture,



pharmaceuticals, vehicle components and others, as well as solar energy production; information and communication technology related businesses; developing the creative industry, education, as well as business and financial services. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR BALOPI:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga Tona Serame gore o bo o mphile karabo e ke tsayang gore e maleba. E bile gongwe e supa gore o a bona gore tse re neng re ntse re ikaegile mo go tsone, e kare jaanong ga re sa tlhole re dira jaaka pele.

Ke ne ke na le potso gore Tona, a ga o bone mohama wa tsa mesepele le tse di amanang le tsone, ka ba a tle ba bue ka *transport logistics* gore Botswana fa a leng teng, le seemo sa gore maloba mo lephateng la ga Motlotlegi Rre Segokgo, nngwe ya karolo e e neng e dira sentle e ne e le ba Gabcon, ba ba dirang ka *to transport containers* jalojalo, *clearing* le go reng jalo, ba supa ba dira sentle fela thata. A ga o bone gongwe nako e le eno re lebile bo Kazungula Bridge, bo A2, tse di yang kwa bo Angola, Namibia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), gore e ka nna nako ya gore re le mo Botswana, re godise mohama o wa *transport logistics, clearing le exchange of containers* go fokoletsa mesepele ba ba tswang kgakala, gape re tlhama ditiro mo lefatsheng la rona ka bontsi jo bo kalokalo? Ke potso ya ntlha e ke batlang go go e botsa.

A mme fa e le gore gongwe, go tswa gore o tlaabo o e arabile jang, a ga se nako ya gore Puso fela jaaka e dirile ka bo Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) le tse dingwe fela, gongwe ba tsene mo mohameng o wa *transport*, ba e reke ka bokete gore re tle re kgone go nna *comparative and competitive in that space*, e re kwa bofelong ba bo ba e *privatise*? A ga o bone e le sengwe se re ka se dirang?

**MS SERAME:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Balopi. Jaaka ke ne ke di bua di le bophara, mehama e re dumelang gore go ya pele tota e ka re thusa, e e neng kgotsa e se kalo mo nakong e e fetileng, ke amile bo *communications, business and financial services. Transport and logistics* fa o e lebelela fela o di tsaya kwa godimo, o ya go fitlhela le tsone e le dingwe tse di welang mo teng. Ke dumalana le wena gotlhelele, tota ke leka *to confirm* gore fa re leng teng mo itsholelong, go ya kwa pele mohama o wa tsa go tsamaisa dithoto, batho le tse di tsamaelanang le tsone o botlhokwa thata ka gore e bile kana *it facilitates* dilo tse dintsi. *It is also an enabler in many aspects of the*

*economy*, mme e bile le yone e le *a growth sector on its own*. So ke dumalana le wena.

E o neng o botsa gore a ga se nako ya gore Puso e tsene? Ke dumela gore Puso e, e ntse e na le seabe go le gale, mme kgotsa se re tshwanetseng gore re se dire, ke gone go lebelela *policies* tsa rona tse re nang le tsone tse di *related to transport and logistics* gore a mme *policies* tsa rona, melao le melawana e e leng teng, a e lekane, kana re tsene mo seemong sa gore re e tlhabolole ka gore seemo se re tshela mo go sone, le sone se fetogile. Kgotsa go botlhokwa gore re di sekaseka *to improve* gore re kgone gore re bone bo Air Botswana le bo Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) le tse dingwe tse di tsamaelanang le tsone di dira botoka gona le jaaka e le seemo. Ke dumela gore ke sengwe se e leng gore ke tsaya gore nna le wena re a di dumalana. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

**MR LUCAS:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Tona, go na le kgang ya gore kana fa o bona letlhoko la ditiro le a bo le ntse jaana, bontsi jwa lone le kwa metseng ya magae, le kwa bo Molepolole, Kanye, Bobonong, kwa bo Gumare. A ko o re kaele gore le dira eng le le Puso go tlhomamisa gore kabakanyo e ya itsholelo kgotsa *economic diversification* e goroga kwa metseng ya magae, gore kwa metseng ya magae le gone go nne le ditiro tse bana ba ba nnang kwa magaeng ba ka kgonang go di bereka. Tota ke batla fela gore o ko o nnele mananeo a gompiano le tsweletseng ka one go itebaganya le kgang ya *economic diversification in rural areas*. Ke dumela gore bontsi jwa palo e o e buileng ya 250 000 ya batho ba ba sa berekeng, bontsi jwa bone o fitlhela ba le kwa magaeng. Ke a leboga Tona.

**MS SERAME:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Lucas. Tlaa ke tlhalose gore go kile ga dirwa dipatlisiso kana ditshekatsheko mo dingwageng tse di neng di feta, tse di neng di lebelela *regions* gore kwa *region* ya Bobonong ba na le eng se se farologanang le se se kwa Borolong kana se se kwa Bokalaka kana kwa kae. E bo e re fa go sena go dirwa ditshekatsheko tseo, se ne se dirwa ke Botswana Investment Trade Centre (BITC), mme ba bo ba di amogana le ba bangwe gore *both people in the private sector and the public sector*, re kgone go itse gore ditshono di farologana jang go ya ka mafelo, ka gore ga go ka ke ga bereka gore kwa Bobonong re bo re ya go dira *the same thing* se re se dirang kwa Francistown.

Ditshekatsheko tseo di ne tsa dirwa, mme ke dumela gore se se leng teng, ke gone go tswelela re bona gore



mme re rekisa jang kwa *private sector because a lot of them Honourable Lucas*, ga se dilo tse e leng gore tota di tshwanetse go dirwa ke Goromente, *but it is important that as Government, we share what we think is available out there*. Le gone gore re tsamae re di *update* ka gore dilo ga di eme golo go le gongwefela jaaka diphetogo di nna teng.

Sa bobedi, go na le *Rural Development Council* e e eteletsweng pele ke Mothusa Tautona, e e kopanang, e tsenya mehama e mentsi *including the private sector and civil society*. *From time to time* ba lebelela botshelo jwa kwa magaeng, ba bo ba lebelela tse di leng teng mo Pusong le *projects* tse di leng teng, ba bo ba di fa *direction* ya gore nnyaa, mme re dumela gore, gore re tlhabolole metse selegae, le tshwanetse gore le lebelele se, le tse dingwe tse di sa berekeng, ke eng fa di sa bereke. O bo o dira *the necessary recommendations to both Government*, mme gape ba itomagantse segolo bogolo le one mohama o o ikemetseng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

#### PROGRESS MADE TO ATTEND TO THE CHALLENGES AT TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND BRIGADES

**MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST):** asked the Minister of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development to brief this Honourable House on progress made to attend to the challenges at technical colleges and brigades, with particular emphasis on:

- (i) the status of the current students who have not been examined in any of the three stages of their course despite having spent three years in these colleges;
- (ii) the rationale of a three-year certificate course in brigades and technical colleges, and when this period will be revised;
- (iii) the rationale for stopping fishing and boat building/maintenance courses at Maun Technical College despite its significance to local industries; and
- (iv) the status of delayed progression payments in colleges and brigades; including how many workers are owed; and in which institutions, and when they will be paid.

**MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR SHAMUKUNI):** *Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker, ke*

*go dumedise mo tshokologong eno. Ke go dumedise Honourable Kekgonegile le Batlotlegi Mapalamente.*

Mr Speaker, the ministry has administered examinations for Trade Test National Craft Certificate and Accounts, Business and Commerce Programmes during the past three years in brigades and technical colleges. Students wrote theory and practical examinations across institutions except for the following subjects;

- 54 students studying Livestock Trade Test C did not sit for Biology examination at Barolong Brigade.
- 32 students studying Panel Beating Trade Test C did not sit for Technical Mathematics examination at Kweneng Bophirima Brigade.
- 24 students studying National Certificate in Secretarial Studies at Zwenshambe Brigade did not sit for Information Processing and Computers Skills Examination.
- 27 students studying Panel Beating Trade Test C did not sit for General Mathematics examinations at Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA), and finally;
- All 17 students studying Certificate in Accounting and Business Studies *kwa* Ngethu Brigade, *ya ga* Honourable Hikuama, did not also sit for Commerce and English examination.

Mr Speaker, students did not write examinations since they did not cover much ground in their course curriculum. This is because of the unavailability of relevant subject lecturers. The ministry has started the process of engaging lecturers on temporary basis, and the last batch of lecturers are to start beginning of May 2022. Special examination for all these subjects will be arranged in July 2022 to rectify the anomaly. 16 students under the Waiter/Chef Programme have written their theory examination in November 2021 while their practical examinations were only conducted from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 1st April 2022.

Mr Speaker,

- (i) The duration of the current programmes offered in Brigades and Technical Colleges is actually four years save for Waiter/Chef which is three years. The rationale for this duration is for provision of industrial attachment to promote industry relevant skills. The programmes' structure is as follows:



- Trade Test C: 2 years
- Trade Test B: 1 year
- National Craft Certificate (NCC): 1 year

The ministry is in the process of reviewing the curriculum in line with the National Credit Qualifications Framework (NCQF) as per the BQA regulations of 2016. The structure and duration of the new programmes which are exit levels is as thus:

- Certificate Level 3: 6 months (Entry Programme)
- Certificate Level 4: 12 months (4 Months Industrial attachment)
- Certificate Level 5: 18 months (6 Months Industrial attachment).

All these three Levels have workshop practice.

Mr Speaker,

- (ii) The Fishing and Boat Building/Maintenance course at Maun Technical College ceased in 2007. The main reason for discontinuing the programme was that it was not viable at the time. The programme attracted very limited numbers of trainees which was not cost effective. Furthermore, the programme relied much on Thamalakane River, but due to climate change, the river dried for some years which negatively affected trainees learning.

Mr Speaker,

- (iii) The ministry is aware of pending delayed progression payments that are due to 22 of our officers in the technical colleges.
- 10 of these officers are based at Jwaneng Technical College, while the remaining 12 are based at Maun Technical College.
  - These officers have retrospective promotional letters from the then parent Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research Science and Technology (MOTE).
  - All the 22 officers with retrospective promotional letters will be paid salary arrears due to them during the second quarter of the Financial Year (2022/2023). I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*: Re lebogela karabo Tona. Bana ba ba neng ba tshwanetse go kwala *examinations* mme ba sa di kwala, *are over 100*, ba tsamaela fa go 150, wa re ba ya go di kwala ka *July*. Potso ke gore ba ne ba tshwanetse go di kwala leng? Nako e e kanakana e ba ntseng fela mo sekoleng ba emetse go kwala *exam*, ba ka bo gongwe ba setse ba tshwere ditiro ba itirela matsshelo. Le ya go ba *compensate* jang le le *ministry for nako*, ditsompelo le matsshelo a le a emisitseng?

Sa bobedi, *Certificate Levels* tse o di buang; *six, 12 and 18 months*, pharologanyo fela e nngwefela mo go tsone ke gore tse dingwe di na le *industrial attachment* tse dingwe ga di na yone. Potso ke gore kana *artisan work is all about industrial attachment*. Mosola wa *certificate* se se senang *industrial attachment*, sone se sa *six months* sa *theory* mo ngwaneng, e ya go nna eng ka gore o ya go tlhoka *job market* a sena tiro ka ntata ya gore ga a *qualify* ka ga a itse go tshwara o itse go kwala fela? A ga o bone go le botoka gore le nne le *certificate* se le sengwefela sa *18 months and scrap off* tsa *six and 12 months*?

Sa boraro, Thamalakane e kile ya bo e kgadile, ga e sa tlhoke e kgala gompiano. A ga o bone go le mosola gore le busetse *fishing and boat building and maintenance* kwa MTC le kwa *brigade*, re lebile gore go a tlhokafala e bile ditiro di teng gone mo Maun tsa batho ba ba ntseng jalo. *Practical* ba ka e dira kwa Okavango River le Chobe River ka gore tsone ga di kgale. A ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore go oketsa ditiro le busetse?

Ya *delayed progression* Tona, e le ya bofelo *Mr Speaker*, o bala batho ba le 22 fela, mme go na le ba e leng gore ga ba ise ba kwalelwe makwalo, mme ba santse ba le teng mo *system* ba le bone ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba ka bo ba sa bolo gore ba bo ba *progress*. A ga o bone gore golo fa go siame gore botoka, gone ka *second quarter* e ya 2022, le duele botlhe fela ba ba leng *due rather than* go lebagana le 22 *cases* tse fela ka gore bale le bone ba ya go itsheka? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SHAMUKUNI:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*; bana ba ba sa kgonang go kwala ba ka bo ba ne ba kwadile ka *November* ngogola, mme jaaka ke supile ga pala gore ba kgone go kwala *because of* go tlhoka *lecturers*. Jaanong *process* ya *recruitment* ya *lecturers* e tsaya nakonyana. Ke yone e e dirileng gore mo nakong ya gompiano, ba kgone *to sit for examination* ka *July* ka gore re tlaabo re *recruit some of the lecturers by end of May*, ba ya go tsaya nako le bone ba ba tlatlaila go bona



gore programmes tse ba yang go di kwala, ba ya go di kwala ba na le lesedi le le siameng.

Ya programme ya boat building le maintenance, ke tseela gore re ka e lebelela go tla go bona gore a mme e santse e ka nna viable. The reason I am saying this Mr Speaker, is because it was discontinued ka 2007 e ne e le fela gore we felt gore it was not viable ka gore the last enrolment then e ne e le around 16 and e re neng re tseela gore e ne e le kwa tlase. This is something that we can still look into go bona gore a still ke programme e re ka tlang ra e busetsa ka gore we are having a retreat le ba Skills Development kwa Maun ka di 25 and 26 Mr Speaker, re ya go lebelela bontsi jwa mathata a a apereng ministry, particularly mo Department ya Skills Development go bona gore re ka a itebaganya (tackle) ka tsela e e ntseng jang. I want to assure the Honourable Member gore le yone re tlaa lebelela gore is it a programme which can be reintroduced.

With regard to ya Certificate Level Three e e tsayang six months, it is still relevant Mr Speaker, ka gore I have indicated gore all these programmes di na le workshop practice. So sa Certificate Level, gongwe we feel gore the workshop practice is adequate and tsa Level Four and Five, ke tsone tse bontsi jwa nako, re yang go eletsa gore bana ba nne le industrial attachment e re e fang dikgwedi tse di kalo tsa bo four le six months. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Last supplementary Honourable Majaga.

**MR MAJAGA:** Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Member Kekgonegile. Mr Speaker, tota fa go ne go batlile Minister's question time because of time. Kana these courses last time the problem e ne e le the courses which were not accredited. Gompiano we have done the review of the curriculum ka 2016, but still o ka bona Honourable Minister gore ke mathata after mathata. Sentlentle fela Tona a le tlhoka lecturers, a bana ba Botswana ga ba yo ba ba ka dirang mo technical colleges le brigades kana mathata a matona e ne e le restructuring kwa ministry ka bo one? Mathata a a matona mo e leng gore ga ke bone gore le fa o re tlhomamisetsa (assure) Minister, this year or next year mathata a ka fa ke a bonang ka teng, e tlaabo e le thing of the past. Tota fela in short wa reng gone fa, a re solofele gore these courses will go as planned, bana ba botlhe ba tlaa thusiwa ka gore it is a serious challenge and outcry, the whole country ka bana ba brigades le ba technical colleges? Ke a itse gore the new broom, Makgoa ba e tle ba rialo.

**MR SHAMUKUNI:** Honourable Member, I will be the first to admit gore go na le mathata a matona mo lephateng la me mo Skills Development particularly kwa brigades le some of the technical colleges. Ke mathata a a apereng botlhe baithuti le barutabana. The learning environment fela broadly has to be fixed hence ke supile gore we are going for a retreat kwa Maun, a week after next, tota go tsenelela mo dikgannyeng tse e le rona ba Skills Development fela, re tsentse le principals tsa brigades tsotlhe le team e e ka kwano at the centre from headquarters to look at all these problems. Le to establish gore why re le mo seemong se re leng mo go sone, re gorogile jang mo seemong se. Le fela to craft a path that will give confidence mo go lona le le batlotlegi, baithuti, the lectures le batsadi fela ka kakaretso. Gone go supa fela gore we really want to turn around the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme which we offer mo lephateng la rona and turnaround issues tsa skills development. I want to assure you gore ke lemoga mathata a a teng, but Mr speaker ke eletsa to assure this Parliament gore we will do the best we can, I will do the best I can to ensure gore go na le a turnaround mo ngwageng o re tsenang mo go one o. Tsotlhe tse batlotlegi ba supang lesokolela ka tsone, re bo re ka di tackle. I want to assure you gore le mo budget ya rona, re e dirile in such a way that most of the issues which were of concern, re leka gore re tle re di address particularly around procuring equipment tsa workshops, to beef up staff sa rona sa lecturers le to rationalise go bona gore re ka simolola go ba kabakanya jang gore kwa ba leng bantsi teng, re ba fudise teng, re ba ise kwa brigades tse go letlhokonyana teng. I just want to assure this House Mr Speaker, that we are going to do our level best to ensure that we normalise dilo. Thank you Mr Speaker.

#### BOTSWANA QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (BQA)

**MR O. RAMOGAPI (PALAPYE):** asked the Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology to apprise this Honourable House on the total number of applications pending for new accreditation and renewals; he should further state:

- (i) the turnaround time for new applications and renewals;
- (ii) the total number of staff involved in the accreditation process and how many staff members were suspended, at the office dealing with accreditation and renewals, how many



staff contracts were not renewed including the management leadership and how many remained in the office;

- (iii) mitigation strategies in place to ensure that service delivery is not affected as the accreditation process is said to be moving very slowly or not moving at all;
- (iv) the cost of the new Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) system for accreditation and training respectively; and
- (v) the benefits of the new system compared to the old one.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MR LESASO):** Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke go leboge* Honourable Ramogapi ka *potso e o kopileng gore o arabiwe mo go yone ka* Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA). *Karabo ya teng e tlaa nna telelenyana, ka gore e batla go tlhalosiwa dilo dingwe tse di amanang le ka fa* BQA *e berekang ka teng. Ke tlaa e araba ka puo ya seeng* Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, BQA has as of 31 March 2022 registered 498 qualifications on the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCQF). A total of 499 qualifications were still being processed with 195 pending decision-making.

A total of 348 applications for learning programme accreditation had been received from registered and accredited Education and Training Providers (ETPs). A total of 182 had been accredited while 148 were pending processing. Of the 148 applications pending processing, 49 were at the decision-making stage, while 99 were being evaluated. Applications at the decision-making stage are those which have gone through the evaluation phase, and awaiting the different approval structures to consider. BQA has the following approval structures for registration of qualifications; Management Qualifications Framework and Maintenance Committee (MQFMC), Qualifications Framework and Maintenance Committee (QFMC) and the Board.

The approval structures for applications for learning programme accreditation are Management Quality Assurance Committee (MQAC), the Quality Assurance Committee (Board Committee) and the Board.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the turnaround time for learning programme accreditation ranges from 2 to 8 weeks

depending on the NCQF level of a programme. Learning programmes at NCQF Level 5 and below are approved by the Management Quality Assurance Committee, NCQF level 6 and 7 by the Quality Assurance Committee while those at Level 8 to 10 are being approved by the Board. Learning programmes going through to the Board must first be considered by the lower structures. This is what accounts for the different turnaround time.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, BQA is made up of three core departments being Department of Quality Assurance (DQA), Department of National Credit and Qualifications Framework Services (DNCQFS) and Department of Business Development (DBD). The DQA, NCQF and part of DBD are fully involved in the accreditation process. DQA is involved with the Registration of Education and Training Providers (ETPs) ... (Interruptions)...

**MR SPEAKER:** Naare gatwe mathata ke eng, re tlaa bona dilo.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Apologies Mr Speaker.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Shamukuni le batho ba gagwe ba *corruption*.

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

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Lesaso!

**MR LESASO:** ... as well Accreditation of Learning programmes and awarding bodies. DNCQFS is involved in the Registration of Qualifications and DBD on Capacity Building on the registration and accreditation process.

The staff compliment directly involved in the registration and accreditation is 49 divided as follows:

- Department of Quality Assurance - 28
- Department of National Credit Qualifications Framework - 15
- Capacity Building Division - 9

Mr Speaker, in September 2020 seven employees were suspended from duty. The seven comprised of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, two Directors, and



four Managers. After charges were preferred against them, due process was done to all of them through a disciplinary hearing and as a result five of them were re-instated back to work, one resigned and another was dismissed. The dismissed officer is challenging the decision and the matter is before the courts and therefore I would not want to delve on it.

Mr Speaker, of the seven suspended, five were directly involved in the registration and accreditation process. These were Director Quality Assurance and Manager Higher Education, Manager Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Manager Framework and Maintenance, Manager Qualifications and Instrument Development. The suspension for the concerned officers lasted between 8 to 11 marks.

The suspended officers were in management positions and their absence may have impacted on service delivery. The Authority however mitigated by appointing officers to act in their place. Mr Speaker, in March 2020, employment contracts for 15 staff members were not renewed. Of the 15, 9 were from the Department of Quality Assurance including two Managers. In 2022 a total of 42 officers were due for contract renewal; one did not show interest for renewal of contract, two were renewed different positions while the rest had the contracts renewed for periods ranging from 1 to 2 years.

(iii) Mr Speaker, to ensure that the service delivery is not affected the Authority has set up a project for accreditation of learning programmes with specific timelines and additional temporary staff to effectively facilitate the transition to the NCQF based system. In addition, BQA has reviewed processes would ensure that the process efficient and facilitates applicants to submit documents which are compliant. This will also improve the turnaround time.

(iv) Mr Speaker, the Authority has never done cost comparison between the new system and the old. However, even without a precise comparison, the new system requires more resources. Following the enactment of the BQA Act and subsidiary regulations, all ETPs that were existing at the time were required to re-apply to transit to the new system. The Authority charges for providing registration and accreditation of ETPs. The fees range from P10, 000.00 to P20, 000 depending on the number of learners in the ETP.

The new system requires that qualifications be first registered on the NCQF before the learning programmes leading to such can be accredited for offering. Qualification developers, which include ETPs, develop qualifications in accordance with the requirements of the NCQF. Qualifications that meet the requirements are then registered on the NCQF. When a qualification is registered on the Framework, any ETP can develop a learning programme that would lead to the award of such a qualification. The Authority does not charge for the service of registration of qualifications.

Accreditation of Learning Programmes is paid for, and the fees range from P5, 000 for learning programmes below NCQF Level 5 to P70, 000.00 for a NCQF Level 10 (Doctoral Degree) programmes.

(v) Mr Speaker, the new system is based on the NCQF which is a tool that has been developed to regulate the development, registration and awarding of qualifications in Botswana. Through the framework the national education and training qualifications are recognised and quality assured. The NCQF is underpinned by learning outcome approach to education and training which emphasises on what the learner should be able to do on completion of a programme of study. The benefits are that the NCQF system:

- makes local qualifications more portable, (qualifications can be used productively in different jobs, occupations, industries, and certification and recognition of qualifications within national and international labour markets.)
- assists in comparing qualifications and determining their equivalency.
- helps in evaluating local and foreign qualifications.
- ensures that there is a common credit point system for qualifications.
- enables referencing to other regional and international qualifications frameworks.
- facilitates and guides articulation processes. (This enables learners to move from one education and training context to another)
- enables multiple access pathways



Further, accreditation of learning programmes ensures relevance, access, equity and quality of teaching and learning. This promotes the protection of enrolled learners.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona ke go leboga thata go bo o nkarabile ka bophara. Ke go simolole fela gone fa o neng o wela teng, o re ga le ise le *compare costs* tsa *new system* le e e fetileng. A mme le bona e le tsamaiso e e phepa, gore o ka ntsha *system* mme o bo o sa tshwantshanye ditshenyegelo gore golo mo go mpatla bokae fa ke go tsenya mo *system*, e bile mosola wa gone ke eng? Golo foo ke utlwile e le gore ga le a tshwantshanya. A ga o bone e le gore golo foo Tona, ke tsamaiso e e bokoa go bo go sa tshwantshannngwa ditshenyegelo ka gore sengwe le sengwe fa se dirwa, go lebelelwa le ditshenyegelo?

Ke go utlwile sentle Tona o bua ka dikonteraka tse di sa shafadiwang le ba ba neng ba seegelwa fa thoko ka nakwana. Ke go botse gore *are you aware Honourable Minister* gore batho ba ba neng ba sa shafaletswa *contracts*, bangwe ba bone ba le *suspended*, BQA e ne ya boa gape e ba rapela gore *let us settle this matter out of court? Are you aware of that?* Fa e le gore o *aware*, a selo se e ne e se gone mo re kareng ke *admission of guilt* gore ba dirile phoso? A bo o tlhalosetsa Ntlo e e tlotlegang e gore *how much was spent* mo bathong ba e leng gore kgang ya bone *was settled out of court?* O tlhalose le *salaries* tsa batho ba ba neng ba duelwa ba sa dire tiro gotwe ba seegetswe fa thoko ka nakwana? Molao wa re ba duelwe fa ba seegetswe fa thoko ka nakwana. O tlhalose le *legal fees* tsa teng *Honourable Minister*. Ka boikokobetso, re kopa o tlhalosetse Ntlo e *Honourable Minister* gore a selo se, ga se go senya madi a a ka bong a agile ditsela tsa Palapye ka dikgang tsa *out of court settlements* tse?

O tlhalose gape Tona gore a ga o bone go tlhokega gore o tlhotlhomise mathata a BQA? Fa re botsa dipotso jaana, o tlaabo o ya kwa go Permanent Secretary (PS), PS o tlaabo a ya kwa mothong yo Batswana ba lelang ka ene. Ga se nna ke lelang ka mong wa lephata le *Honourable Minister*; Batswana ba lela ka ene. A ga o bone go tlhokafala gore o tlhotlhomise, o tsenele kwa teng *Honourable Minister?* Tona, a o a itse gore Batswana ba lela fela thata gore fa e sale Chief Executive Officer (CEO) yo a tsena, a bo go nna le mathata a gore batho ba a kobiwa, ba sa shafaletswa dikonteraka, go tswa foo kwa morago gape o a ba rapela a re a re fetseng kgang re se ka raya kwa *court?* A selo se o a se itse selo se?

A mme Tona o a itse gore go na le *restructuring* e e leng gore go ikaeletswe ba go neng gotwe a re, *settle the matter out of court?* A o a itse ka selo se Tona? *Disparity* ya dikonteraka gore ba bangwe ba direlwa *one year*, ba bangwe ba direlwa *five years*, dilo tse, a Tona o a di itse? Ke go leboga thata Tona. *Thank you Mr Mbidzi* go bo o mpile sebakanyana.

**MR LESASO:** Nnyaa mme dipotso tse rra, fa e ne e le gore o di tsentse mo potsong e o neng o simolotse ka yone, gongwe di ne di ka arabesega sentle. Ke tlaa leka *Honourable Ramogapi* go araba fa o boditseng teng. *Mr Speaker*, potso e ya go gore go na le babereki bangwe ba palo e e rileng ba e leng gore kgang e ne ya arabiwa, *being settled out of court*; ee, *we are aware that 12 out of the 14 employees* ya BQA *who were unionised settled out of court with BQA*. Ke kgang e re e itseng eo gore go ne ga nna teng.

O ne wa botsa e nngwe Rre Ramogapi, ke gore di ne di tlhomagane o di goloketsa. Legale ke tlaa leka go araba fa ke go utlwileng teng. Potso ya gore re tlhalose gore a ke a itse gore go ne ga nna le madi mangwe a a neng a ntshiwa *that was used to settle cases* tse ka one, e ne e le bokae; *fortunately*, ke ne ke go ipaakanyeditse ka yone, ke itse gore o ka nna wa e botsa. Ke go reye ke re, *out of court settlement of the 12 employees* madi a a neng a duelwa e ne e le P1, 492, 784.00. *The total salaries paid to suspended staff* e ne e le P3, 842, 950.00, *and the total acting allowances during suspension* e ne e le P519, 810.00. *The total cost of disciplinary hearing* e e neng e dirwa e ne e le P1, 307, 839.90. *The total legal fees related to end of contract case* e ne e le P189, 601.00. *The forensic investigation prior to disciplinary hearings of suspended staff which was carried out before they were suspended* e ne e le P881, 200.00. *The legal fees related to suspensions* was P137, 469.00.

E nngwe e o neng o e botsa ke ya gore fa e sale ka CEO yo mosha a tsena, go ne ga nna le *none renewal* le *termination and suspension of staff of contracts* mo BQA tse dintsi; ke re, *yes we are aware that since the coming of new CEO at BQA suspensions, non-renewal and termination of contracts are rampant. The only suspensions I know are the ones I have just referred to. We are not aware of that rampant suspensions* tse o di buang Tona, *neither the Honourable Minister nor the PS has addressed BQA staff on their grievances, although they have visited the authority many times.* Ke go reye ke re, ga re ise re kgone go kopana le bone.



Ya bofelo ga ke itse gore a ke tlaa go araba sentle, o ne o re go na le *restructuring* e e solofetsweng; *Mr Speaker, I am aware that there is a restructuring that has been sanctioned by the board. This was in response to the reviewed strategy of the authority. Originally, this was to be done by the 30 September, 2019 but due to budgetary constraints, this could not be implemented. The authority only managed to start the project in the financial year 2021/2022. The restructuring is not a witch-hunt as suggested by the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP). Thank you Mr Speaker.*

**MR RAMOGAPI:** *Disparity* ya konteraka.

**MR LESASO:** *Disparity* ya konteraka e ne e reng?

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Ba bangwe ba fiwa *one year*, ba bangwe *five years*.

**MR LESASO:** Eo, e santse e dirwa ke gore go santse go diriwa *restructuring* e ke buang ka yone, e tlaare e sena go nna e fela, ke gone go tlaa baakanngwang *Honourable MP*.

**MR RAMOGAPI:** Tanki, re tlaa go tsetsena.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, o re tlhalosetse gore phiro ya CEO wa lephata la BQA e dirilwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang? *Was it advertised?* O re tlhalosetse gore gone kwa a neng a bereka teng pele, o ne a bereka a le mo *position* efe e e dirileng gore a bo a ka nna CEO *from that lower position?* A o a itse gore o ne a le mo *position* efe gone kwa a neng a le teng? Potso ya bofelo *Minister*, ka fa e leng gore BQA e dira ka teng *ever since the new CEO* a tla, a go a go itumedisa mo matlhong a gago? A o bona BQA e le mo tseleng e e siameng re lebile ka fa go kopakopaneng ka teng? A o dumela gore CEO o siametswe kana o lekanwe ke tiro e a e neetsweng? Ke batla o gatelele thata mo goreng *recruitment* ya gagwe e dirilwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang? *Was she headhunted or it was advertised?*

**MR LESASO:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tota dipotso tse pedi tsa ntlha tse, ga ke *in a position* gompeino gore ke ka di araba. Gongwe fa *Honourable Member of Parliament* a ne a ka mpha nako ka mmatlela karabo e, ke ne ke ka e mo tlela ya gore a go ne ga nna le *advert* le gore o ne a bereka kae pele ga a hirwa mo BQA. Ke ka go e senkela ka bonako jo bo rileng ka tla go e neela.

Ya go kgotsofalela ka fa go ntseng ka teng kwa BQA, kana tota BQA e bereka ka melao e e rileng jaaka o bona

fa e le gore go na le motho yo o seegetsweng fa thoko mo tironng, go na le *a due process* e e dirwang mme fa motho a sa bonwa molato a boele mo tironng. Fa e le gore go na le tlhakatlhakano, go na le boikuelo jo bo dirwang gore go baakanngwe dilo tse di sa dirwang. Ka fa go ntseng ka teng gompieno, ke tsaya gore go ntse go dirwa dilo ka fa molaong ka fa go tshwanetseng go dirwa ka teng. Ke tsaya gore boikuelo bo teng, yo o sa tseegang sentle o kgona go ikuela ka *processes* tse di teng *internally and outside, it is system.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, are you ready to answer Question Number 2?

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MS MANAKE):** *Mr Speaker, Number 2 re dumalane ka later date le the Honourable Member.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Ehe.

#### COMPANIES ASSISTED BY GOVERNMENT TO STAY AFLOAT DURING COVID-19

**MR W. B. MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry to state citizen and non-citizen owned companies that were assisted by Government to stay afloat during COVID-19.

Later Date.

#### BUSINESS RESCUE LAW

**MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST):** asked the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry:

- (i) if he is currently in the process of developing a business rescue law as an alternative legal route for financially distressed companies, as opposed to liquidation proceedings; if so, to elaborate and give clear timelines and if no, to explain; and
- (ii) update Parliament on companies which are currently under liquidation.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MS MANAKE):** *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Member for the question. Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry ga o dire molao ope wa business rescue*



law. Kana se *Honourable* Keorapetse a se re kopang ke gore re tshwanetse go dira molao o o tlaa tshereganyang kana o reye ba bangwe o re o se ka wa duela yo mongwe jang, jang. Jaanong tota ga re dire molao wa teng. *What we are trying to do is to ensure that we capacitate and ensure that our institutions di aga businesses tsa boleng jo bo rileng, which are viable and will continue being sustainable and profitable. So, the answer is no, we are not doing any business rescue law. Go na le dilo dingwe that I must say that we have done as a Government, especially re lebeletse lekalana le tshwana le la Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA). In 2010, go ne go na le mo go bidiwang gotwe CEDA Real Estate Equity Fund mme back then it was called Citizen Entrepreneurial Mortgage Assistance Equity Fund. E thusa dikgwebo tse e leng gore they deal with businesses that are into real estate, bo rentals jalojalo gore di se ka ya re fa di kolota gongwe yone CEDA di bo di ka rekisiwa kana for closure jalojalo.*

*Mr Speaker, Question (ii) ya re update Parliament on companies which are currently under liquidation, it is another open ended question because usually fa o lebeletse makalana a tshwana le a rona, ba bo CEDA jaana, ga re nke re write-off. So, we are wondering gore Honourable Member o raya from which year until which year? So, if he had stated dingwaga, go ka bo go ya go nna motlhofo. It becomes very difficult for us gore re arabe se a se batlang ka gore a re currently. Ke tlaa leka gore ke re mo dingwageng tsa... ke lebeletse CEDA, ke sa lebelela dikompone tse dingwe tse e leng gore maybe di ... (inaudible)... in the private sector. Ka ngwaga wa madi wa 2020-2021, dikgwebo di le 21 di ne go supile jalo gore they will be liquidated kana they are going for closure and then ka ngwaga wa 2021-2022, di le 41 di ne di supa jalo gore le tsone di tlaabo di ya for closure. Mo ngwageng wa 2022-2023 that falls within this financial year, go lebelega e le gore re setse re na le tse 18 tse le tsone di ka nnang tsa tswalwa Mr Speaker. Ke sone se ke reng go thatanyana because now di... ga re nke re write-off projects. So, o fitlhela e le gore maybe it is backdating to bo 10 years or so which is why it was very restricting gore re kgone go neela the Honourable Member the kind of response he was looking for. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

**MR KEORAPETSE:** *Supplementary. Ke a utlwa Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I have discussed this question with the Minister and ga ke itse gore a o ne a kile a bua le the Assistant Minister. The reason why it was later dated was to avoid answering it in the matter that the Assistant*

*Minister has answered it. Tota se ke neng ke batla go se itse, you would recall that when toured moepo wa BCL o o ka fa tlase ga liquidation, the liquidator, Rre Trevor Glaum o ne a bua gore go ka bo go nnile botoka fa nne lefatshe la Botswana le na le molao wa business rescue o o ka bong o dirisitswe instead gore moepo o tsene under liquidation. It was against this backdrop I asked this question and the Minister understood it very well because o ne a supa gore karabo e a neng a e tshwere ka nako eo, which is what the Assistant Minister has just answered, o ne o a supa gore ga a e kgotsofalele mme o tlhaloganya se ke se batlang.*

*So, tota se ke se botsang fa Honourable Minister ke gore why re sa develop molao wa business rescue that will facilitate rehabilitation ya companies that are under financial distress by providing for among others, bo temporary supervision of the company, management of its affairs, business and property by business rescue, moratorium, all those things? Ke eng re sena le molao o o ntseng jalo o o tlaa nnang an alternative to liquidation?*

*On the second question, we discussed the update again le the Minister on companies which are currently under liquidation. If you go to the Registrar and Master of the High Court, mo tafoleng ya gago, dikompone tse di mo liquidation jaaka fa re bua jaana ke dife e bile di kae? That is the question. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

**MS MANAKE:** *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I have discussed this question with the Minister extensively and I think Honourable Keorapetse o leka go sia ka ditlhaloganyo tsa rona a bua gore he understood and I did not understand it, which is not true. They discussed it, and I am answering it exactly how the Minister told him gore, “monna, wa reng?”*

*Mr Speaker, go na le mo gotweng judicial management. Ke tlaa tlhola mafoko a teng sentle mo e leng gore you can actually apply it kwa court and then company eo e bo e nna under the kind of things that he is asking about gompieno gore e tlhokomelesege ka fa molaong go bona gore e dira dilo sentle. It is there. I remember gore we wanted to put one of the parastatals under it, but we could not do it because it was registered as an Act of Parliament, but if it was a company e e tshwanang le tsone dikompone tse e leng gore o a botsa ka tsone, it could have judicial management. Ke yone e e ka bong e le teng. So, there is already this allowance, e setse e le teng under the High Court that can actually be utilised for these purposes. Like he is saying Mr Speaker, a re it is public knowledge, it is in the public domain, you can*



actually just go into the High Court o bo o botsa gore di kae these companies, you will get the information and not really have to come Parliament about it. That is why we have given him the numbers tsa an institution that we are currently supervising. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Last supplementary Honourable Member.

**MR KEORAPETSE:** Further supplementary. Honourable Minister, o bua ka judicial management provision. Ke botsa gore wena go ya ka kutlwisiso ya gago e na le all the elements of business rescue, because you know circumstances under which the company may be placed under judicial management? The example of C&B comes to mind, jaanong ke go botsa gore molao wa judicial management a o na le all the elements tsa business rescue and what do you make of the observation by Trevor Glaum when he addressed the Members of Parliament (MPs) that BCL could have been saved fa go ne go na le molao wa business rescue, as opposed to placing it under liquidation?

Sa bobedi, the reason why I asked the question ya update on companies which are currently under liquidation, I am not just looking for the number, because this is supposed to inform policy ya business rescue. This is supposed to inform policy ya ga Goromente in terms of making sure that companies do not go under. So when we ask these questions we are not just looking for numbers, otherwise I will just phone kwa High Court and ask this question. So I do not think this mischief is necessary ya gore, I might as well just call and ask for this number. We ask these questions for reasons tsa gore inform the public policy. Thank you.

**MS MANAKE:** Mr Speaker, let me appreciate gore the Honourable Member o lekile go tlhalosa ka fa a e tlhalosang ka teng, mme a afa BCL as an example, which to me is a very bad example more so that BCL was a state owned entity in a way. I thought maybe o e boletsa in terms of small businesses, especially Batswana owned businesses that are foreclosed kana di tswalwa di bo di rekisiwa, gore molao oo re tla le one leng. Mme jaaka ke ne ke bua, it is going to be a very difficult law, but I would urge the Honourable Member to bring a Private Member's Bill on this particular business rescue law, re tle re e lebelele gore a re e diriwe jang. What we are basically saying, yesterday I was here ke araba potso ya gore Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) e dirile which companies, and there was financial services in it e ke neng ke re Investec e setse e kgonne go adima

different companies madi jalo le jalo. So what this law might say, ka fa re neng re e tlhaloganya ka teng that is another aspect of what the law that he is talking about could actually do. Ke gore gongwe yo mongwe a se ka a feleletsa a duetse yo mongwe, but all of these people are actually investments, which is why I am saying, maybe the best thing like he is saying gore this is as per the policy direction. It will be very prudent for the Honourable Member to bring a Private Member's Bill to assist, and we will see how to actually handle that particular law. Le ene a bo a bona gore does it really make business sense to actually bring it like this. I thank you Mr Speaker.

#### TRAINING PACKAGE FOR DIKGOSI AND DIKGOSANA

**MR P. MAJAGA (NATA-GWETA):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware that some Chief Representatives and Dikgosana lack basic knowledge and skills in managing Dikgotla and Dikgotlana and that others are involved in politics; if so, to state:

- (i) the training package for Dikgosi and Dikgosana so that they could diligently carry out their mandate;
- (ii) on plans for orientation of the newly appointed Dikgosi ; and
- (iii) plans for refresher courses for these Dikgosi .

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke lebogela Mopalamente wa Nata-Gweta, Motlotlegi Majaga, for potso e a e boditseng. Ke potso e e bothokwa thata e e bileng e re thusa re le Lephata la Local Government go supa gore tota re berekisana jang le magosi. Gongwe pele ga ke tsenela mo go arabeng potso ka gore e boditswe ka Sekgoa mme maikaelelo a me e le go e araba ka Setswana, ke re o ntetlele Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente to quote temana nngwe mo Molaong wa Dikgosi o o buang ka thuto ya marara, fa o ntetlelela mongwame.

Mr Speaker, in terms of Section 4(a) of Bogosi Act of 2008; "A Kgosi is an individual who possesses such minimum educational qualification as may be prescribed from time to time." Mme ke tlhalose gore, re a itse re le ba lephata foo gore Magosi le Magosana mangwe ba tlhoka dikitso dingwe tse di ka ba kgontshang gore ba laole Dikgotla kana Dikgotlana tsa bone. Mo sebakeng



se re leng mo go sone se lephata la me le na le tsamaiso fela e e tsepameng ya gore mongwe le mongwe yo o bewang mo bogosing a nne le mo gotweng ke *induction* ya go mo ruta gore go tlaabo go tlhokafala gore a reng-a reng, ba ba kgonang go bala Sekgoa re ba neele le molawana gore ba o bale, ba ithute gore molao o o bereka jang.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mme fa re le lephata re na le bosupi jwa gore golo gongwe Kgosi fa a ntse a tswetse mo tirong ya gagwe ya bogosi o inakanya le tsa polotiki, re na le temana nngwe e e leng gore e teng mo Molaong wa bogosi, Section 13 ya Bogosi Act, e e tlhalosang gore o ka tselwa dikgato tse di ntseng jang.

*Mr Speaker*, ka ngwaga wa 2018/2019 re ne ra tsaya Borara kana Marara a ka nna 276 ra ba isa dithutong tse di farologaneng, thatathata tse di lebaganeng le boeteledipele, mo gotweng ke *leadership skills*. Re ba ruta ka dilo tse disha tse di tlhagogileng, mo gotweng ke *induction*, le tsamaiso yotlhe fela e e lebaganeng le tsa molao, mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *legal procedures*.

Mo godimo ga moo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re ne re bereka le ba Botswana Public Service College (BPSC), e re neng ra dira lenaneo lengwe le le tsepameng, le le lebaganeng le go ruta ba bogosi kana Marara ka tsa bogosi. Mme nako ya fa re dira jalo mo go se sebaka re setse re isitse magosi a ka nna masome a matlhano kwa go yone thuto e, kwa sekoleng se, gore ba ye go rutiwa ka tsa bogosi mo kgwedding e re neng re tswa mo go yone e e fa moragonyana ya *February* fa ngwaga o simologa. Tsamaiso ya rona ke gore re tswelele re dira fela jalo, re tseye Magosi ka ditlhopho tsa bone gore re nne re ba ise kwa BPSC. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore mo bofelong jwa ngwaga wa 2022/2023 re tshwanetse gore re bo re ba kopantse ba botlhe.

Fa ke tsena mo potsong ya bobedi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke batla gore, re setse re rutile kana re rutuntshitse magosi a le 109 kana a le lekgolo le borobabongwe mo *courses* tse di tshwanang le tsa *induction*, and e ne e le *courses* tse di farologaneng. Go na le *course* e e bidiwang gotwe *case procedure*, re rutile Magosi a ka nna 29 mo *case procedure*. Re bo re ba ruta ka dikgang tsa *trial and execution of court orders*, bone ba ka nna 54. Re bo re ba ruta gape ka *criminal and civil procedure*-bone ba ne ba le 31 ba re neng ra ba ruta ka tiro e. Mme ba bangwe ra ba ruta ka *Customary Court procedures*- bone ba le 45. Kana dithuto tse ke buang ka tsone ke tse re neng ra di kgaogana le bone ka ngwaga o re neng re tswa mo go one wa 2021/2022 *financial year*.

Kwa bofelong *Mr Speaker*, ke re, re le lephata re itlamile gore re batla go tswela re direla Magosi mo go bidiwang gotwe *refresher courses*, tse e leng gore mo ngwageng wa 2021/2022 re setse re dirile *courses* tsa go nna jalo di ka nna makgolo a mabedi le metso (203) e le meraro re ba ruta ka dikgang tse di lebaganeng le Gender Based Violence kana kgokgontsho ka bong. Re ne re dira jalo re kopane le ba United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Fa ke feleletsa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke tlhalose gape gore, re ne ra emisa dithuto tseo ka ntata ya gore jaanong re bo re nna le bolwetse jwa COVID. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore ka seemo ke se o kare se ntse se a tokafala, jaanong re tlaa tswela re rutuntsha magosi le magosana ka dithuto tse, bogolo jang tse di lebaganeng le tsa bo GBV, gore ba itse gore fa di tlile kwa go bone ba ka di tsaya ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MR MAJAGA:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a go leboga Tona, o lekile go araba. Motho o ka go botsa fa gore a ga le bone go ka nna kaone gore mo dikgaolong gongwe di tshwana le tsa bo Nata/Gweta jaana ka kwa kgaolong ya me ke gone kwa e leng gore *they are interested* thata mo dipolotiking le tse dingwe, gore mo ga Dikgotla tse dinnyenyane kana ke tsa tetlanyo, ga ke itse gore di farologana jang. Fa e le gore ga ba kake ba ya kwa bo *Public Service Management Courses*, gongwe bo Molaodi le bangwe ba ka nna ba ntse ba leka go ba rutuntsha, kana ba dira dipe fela tse gongwe ba ka bayang mo seelong ka gore kana ke bone baletlanyi ba batho mo Dikgotlaneng. Gongwe Balaodi le bangwe, *even* mo magaeng, ba ka leka go thusa.

E nngwe ke gore, a ga se gore gongwe ba dikgaolo dingwe, Magosana mangwe le Dikgosi dingwe, ba na le go tsietsega *Minister* ka ba kile ba bona dingwe Dikgosi di tsena mo Palamenteng, ba batla dikhansela le Palamente? Ka *the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament*, re ne re na le Kgosi Lotlamoreng, Kgosi Khama le Kgosi Tawana. A ga se gore bangwe ba a tsietsega, ga le nke le ba tlhalosetsa sentle, gongwe bone ba sa batle Bogosi, ba batla go tla kwa Palamenteng le kwa dikhanseleng? La e baya *clear* gore ba ba batlang go ya kwa, go dirwa jaana, gongwe bone ga ba itse jaanong ba a tsietsega ba batla go tla kwano. Dilo tse le tshwanetse go di thamaletsa gore ba itse gore go tliwa jang; gongwe o kgona go tlogela kwa kana le batshwareledi.



Ya bofelo ke gone gore kana jaaka o ne o tlhalosa gore le nna le ntse le ba rutuntsha jalojalo, go a gakgamatsa fa o utlwa ke kopa thata gore ba nne ba direlwa dithuto, gore motho a itse gore gongwe o mo konterakeng jaaka re itse kontereka ya rona nna le wena, e se e re re tsietsang. E bo e re konteraka e fela gongwe a santse a sekasekiwa dingwe, a bo a ka kopa fela gore a nne a bulelwa diofisi kana a dire dipe fela tse a kgonang gore le fa mo lesong tota, a bo a ka bolelela batho gore e santse e le Kgosi ya Ga Mmangwato, a sa bodiwa sepe fela mme a kopa *slot*. Mo o bonang gore go raya gore batho ba a bo ba tsietsaga ba batla dithuto gore ba nne ba ntse ba direlwa *courses Honourable Minister*. Ke a leboga.

**MR PULE:** Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga Rraagwe Tshephi ka potso e o e boditseng eo, e bothokwa thata. Fa o bua ka kgang ya gore gongwe re nne re ba ruta *locally*, foo ke dumalana le wena 100 *per cent*. Ke tsaya gore fa e le gore ditsompelo di teng, ke sengwe se se ka sekegelwang tsebe sa dirwa. Kana gantsi fa o ruta batho kana Marara, o a bo o lebeletse gore golo gongwe go ka tswa go na le fa go nang le diphatlha tse di supang gore ba tlhokana le dithuto. O na le *cases* dingwe tse di supang gore Magosana kana Magosi mangwe ga ba tsamaisa dilo sentle mme o bo o leka go ka ruta.

Ga re dire fela jalo Rra Tshephi, gone kwa *ministry* wa rona, nako le nako Tona e e lebaganeng le tsa *Local Government and Rural Development*, o a gakolola ka mekwalo, o kwalela Magosi fa a utlwa dikgang gotwe Kgosi semangmang o kare o siane le tsa sepolotiki, Kgosi semangmang o itebaditse tiro ya gagwe. Ke tsaya gore Bogosi Act ka fa e kwadilweng ka teng e papametse fela e tlhalosa gore fa o le Kgosi, o tshwanetse o dire eng. E bile e ntse e papametse e tlhalosa gore fa o sa tlhole o batla go nna Kgosi, o tshwanetse o dire jang. Ke raya gore molao o o tlhamaletse fela ga gona fa o belatsang teng. Jaanong tota fa e le gore mongwe o na le *confusion*, le rona re tlaabo re hakgametse.

Ga ke batle go dumela gore batho kana Marara ba *confused*. Marara ba a itse jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa *Section 13* e ke neng ke bua ka yone, e papametse, e tlhalosa gore fa gotwe ga o dire tiro ya gago ka botlalo, go tewa fa o dira eng. E bile e ntse e le yone *section* e, e papametse e tlhalosa gore fa o sa dire se o tshwanetseng go se dira, *Minister of Local Government* o ka go tseela dikgato tse di ntseng jang; *either* o ka go biletsa *for a hearing*, kana a go kwalela gore *to reprimand you*, kana gongwe *salary* ya gago e seegelwa fa thoko *because you are not being what Bogosi Act is saying you should do*.

So tota kgang ya *confusion* ga ke bone e le teng. Ke raya fa e le gore Magosi kana Marara ba bala molao ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

### MOBILE MONEY SERVICES

**MR D. TSHERE (MAHALAPYE WEST):** asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to apprise this Honourable House on mobile money services; and further state:

- (i) the yearly transaction by each mobile money service provider (MyZaka, Orange Money and Smega) since inception;
- (ii) what happens in an unfortunate case of death of the subscriber when he/she still has a balance on their MyZaka, Orange Money or Smega;
- (iii) how much money has been left pending or unclaimed as a result of the above; and
- (iv) plans to rectify this problem so that beneficiaries of the deceased can claim the balance.

**MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,

- (i) average yearly transactions by each mobile money service provider since inception are as follows:



| Account      | Value          |
|--------------|----------------|
| Orange money | P4.5 billion   |
| MyZaka       | P295.8 million |
| Smega        | P50 million    |

These transactions include cash-in and cash-out by subscribers at an agent, cash-in deposits through bank to wallet, withdrawals by registered and unregistered subscribers, withdrawals by payroll, withdrawals at Automated Teller Machines (ATM), point-of-sale payments, online VISA Payments, transfers to registered and unregistered subscribers, bulk payments, transfer to international recipients, airtime purchases, bill payments, as well as prepaid electricity purchases.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, in the unfortunate case of death of a subscriber, the mobile money providers follows a standard process to redeem the funds to the beneficiaries upon receipt of information about the death of the mobile money subscriber. The beneficiaries are then expected to submit all the necessary documents (death certificate and proof of authority to claim from a court of law or any authorised institution indicating the individual appointed for the deceased estate). The account is then closed once the claim has been processed.

Mr Speaker, if no information is received about the death of the mobile money subscriber and no one comes forward to claim the funds within 12 months, the account is managed under the dormant account process as prescribed in the Electronic Payments Services Regulations, 2019. A dormant account is any financial account that has not posted any activity such as deposits, withdrawals, or transfers for a set period of time, 12 months in the case of the Electronic Payment Services Regulations. An account can be dormant for various reasons, including the death of account holder.

Mr Speaker, the mobile money providers are guided by Regulation 29 of the Regulations as I have already indicated on handling dormant accounts which makes provisions for a mobile money account that has not registered activity for a period of 12 months to be declared a dormant account. Specifically, Regulation 29 (5) provides that where there is no request for reactivation of a dormant account, the mobile money provider shall transfer all funds held in the dormant account to a separate account held with a commercial bank.

The funds held with a commercial bank shall be kept for a period not less than three years, to allow the possibility for claims. Where the dormant account funds held with a commercial bank remain unclaimed after the three-year period, the mobile money provider shall transfer such funds and contact information of the customer to the Abandoned Funds Account held with the Bank of Botswana.

Mr Speaker, since the Electronic Payment Services Regulations were promulgated in 2019, none of the mobile money accounts have been declared dormant and therefore no such funds have been transferred to Bank of Botswana for the credit of the Guardian Fund.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, the total value for dormant accounts across all Mobile Money Providers as at December 2021 is P3 579 338.49 and this is breaking down;

| Account                             | Value                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Orange money Botswana (Pty) Limited | P2 129 294.83        |
| Mascom (MyZaka)                     | P1 399 974.66        |
| BTCL (Smega)                        | P50 069              |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>P3 579 338.49</b> |

However Mr Speaker, I need to indicate that we are unable to provide further breakdown as these are not unbundled any further when they are collected Mr Speaker.

- (iv) The ministry is not aware of barriers in claiming funds of the deceased from the Mobile Money Operators (MMOs). To ensure that mobile money subscribers are aware of the processes and procedures to redeem



funds in the dormant account or in the case of death, Mobile Money Operators are encouraged to enhance customer education so that such information is available to all.

In addition, the Bank of Botswana (BoB) will publish information on declared dormant accounts transferred to the Abandoned Funds Account in local newspapers, three years following the dormancy of the Account as per Regulation 29 (5) of the Electronic Payment Services Regulations which provides that “a licensee shall transfer all funds held in dormant account to a separate account with a commercial bank to be kept for a period not less than three years.” I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR TSHERE:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona Serame ka karabo eo. Kana go a lemotshega gore go raya gore fa motho a tlhokafetse *who have subscribed*, go raya gore jaanong madi a teng kana dithoto tse *are treated* fela jaaka e kare go abiwa dithoto tsa moswi jaanong, go iwa *court*, go iwa kae. Tona, a ga o bone gore golo mo go bokete, e bile gongwe go le gantsi bontsi jwa batho ba itlhobogile mo tseleng ka yone thulaganyo eo ka gore gongwe ba a bo ba sa itse le gore motho yoo o tlhokafetse a na le bokae?

Ke ne ke akanya gore e tlaa re mo potsong ya bofelo eo, o bo o re le tlaa fetola molao gore e re fa batho ba *subscribe* bo Smega, bo MyZaka bo Orange Money, go bo go nna le *portion* e e buang ka *next of kin* gore *in case like this*, e bo e le gore *you are contacted* fela *the next of kin being declared* ke ene *the subscriber at the beginning when applying for* thulaganyo yone e. A ga o bone golo mo e le thulaganyo e e tshwanetseng e dirwe ka potlako go tlaa gore batho ba tle ba itlhoboge, madi a bolele koo jaaka o bua gore a setse a tsamaya kwa go P3 *million*? Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

**MS SERAME:** *Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Tshere, and thank you for this question* ka gore tota e a thusa gore re rute Batswana. Se ke se bonang se tshwenya thata *Mr Speaker*, ga se molao, ke *public education* ka gore bontsi jwa sebaka batho ga ba itse gore ba tshwanetse go reng, ba itlhoboga fela. Kgang e nngwe e a bo e le gore mo gongwe o fitlhela e le gore ka gore fa ke dirile *between me and David Tshere*, fa mongwe wa rona a tsamaile, *God forbid*, go tlaabo go sa itse ope gore go na le madi kae. Se ke bonang se tshwenya le go feta ke *public education more than the law*.

*Mr Speaker*, ga ke mo seemong sa gore ke re re ya go fetola molao ka gore fa re leng teng, ga re ise re ko re nne le seemo se se re bontshang bothata jo botona e le molao. *However*, ga ke gane gore fa e ka re re tsamaya, ya re re ntse re buisana ka gore *we continue to engage with different stakeholders including service providers* mo go tsone dikgang tse, mo tsamaong ya nako fa re ntse re buisana le bone, fa e le gore se e ka tswa e le kgwetlho jaaka *honourable* a e bona, ga go itse sepe gore re ka boela kwa morago re ya go lebelela molao. Fela *Honourable Tshere, I think* se ke neng ke se gatelela thata, ke gone gore le one molao, o a Bank of Botswana le bone *the service providers* bone ba bo MyZaka le tse dingwe, ba rute batho ba bone.

Ya gore a go kwalwa *next of kin*, ga ke sure gore *forms* tsa bone di ntse jang, mme tota *it has an administrative process* e e leng gore ga ba kganelwe ke molao gore ba e kwale. Fa e le gore ga ba e kwale, ke sengwe se re ka se tsayang ra ba rotloetsa gore ba dire *because it is just an administrative process*, ga ba tlhoke molao gore ba kope gore *that information be provided*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY:** *Supplementary.* Thank you Mr Speaker good afternoon. *Ke a leboga Honourable Minister le Honourable Tshere* for asking this question.

*Honourable Minister, ke utlwa o bua gore dikgang tse dingwe gongwe ke public education e e tlhokalafang. Jaanong kana* if the provider is not coming forward to do it, sometimes that is why there is a need for a law, because if you leave that to them, *fa re teng fa*, clear is not working. So, I ask that question again *gore* in light of all that, do you not think there is a need for you to have legislation to force them to comply with this.

*Sa bobedi*, often at times *batho ba a ngongorega* *gore* midway in the transaction, *gongwe network e tlaabo e kgaoga, go tlaabo go tlhoka* *gore a simolole sasha*. So, *Honourable Minister*, do you not think *golo mo ke go ja* Batswana *ntsoma* *gore* for the same transaction, you may have to pay more than once for the very same transaction?

*E nngwe* *Honourable Minister, ke gore rates tsa teng*, people complain about the rates. These rates, how are they when you compare regionally or whichever comparison you want to make? The rates that are charged by these mobile service providers, are they competitive?



Lastly, *ke tsaya gore melao e e direlwa* for anti-money laundering purposes. *Jaanong seemo se o fitlhela e le gore* your simcard can be connected to the network *mme e se* registered, does this not open a loophole for money laundering to happen because *go raya gore* that person can use that thing and throw it away, and you will never be able to trace them? I thank you.

**MS SERAME:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke belaela tse tsa maranyane a simcard di ka arabiwa botoka ke *Honourable* Segokgo, ke tlaa di araba fa ke kgonang teng.

Se ke se itseng *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse fa go fetogile, ke itse gore pele fa o ka dirisa simcard mo *network*, e tshwanetse go bo e le *registered*. Fa e le gore go a letlelesega gore motho a kgone go dirisa simcard e se *registered*, ga ke itse gore go diragala jang. Le gale jaaka ke buile go itse *Honourable* Segokgo botoka gona le nna, ke ene a ka e arabang botoka.

Se sengwe ke boela kwa go tsa ntlha tse a neng a di bua tsa bo molao wa *public education*, tlaa ke e bue fela ka gore tota ga ke itse gore a ke a le utlwa, ke tseye fela gore ke tlaa e tsaya ele mhago *Mr Speaker*, gore mo kgannyeng e ya *public education*, re ka dira jang gore re e tokafatse, re ka patika ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kana fa re dira molao, re tshwanetse go dira o e leng gore re ka kgona go boa re o *monitor*, re bo re kgona go tsaya dikgato. Ke tlaa e tsaya e le mhago, re tlaa e buisana le bone *the other stakeholders including* BoB gore tota mme a gatwe *public education* e a tlhabela, a ke molao kana ke kgang nngwe e sele e re ka e dirang.

Ya *network* gore e a kgaoga, tota tse dingwe tse *Mr Speaker*, ga ke kgone go di arabela, ke maranyane a a mphitileng.

Gatwe motho o duela gabedi, ga ke itse gore a go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*, ka gore jaaka ke kgona go dirisa dilo tse *for my own personal account*, ke a itse gore fa go kgaogile, ke ya go boa ke simolola sesha, mme ga ke ise ke bone ke le *charged* gantsintsi. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng tse dingwe tse di tlaa mpalela ka gore di tlhoka *the experts in the area* gore ba di tlhalose botoka, kgotsa *Honourable* Segokgo o botoka gona le nna.

Ya *rates*, kana batho ba *for purposes of mobile money, they are licenced by* BoB. Bank of Botswana *is the regulator*. Jaaka e le *regulator*, o lebelela le tsone *rates* tsa bone. Ga go na ope wa bone yo o ka dirisang *rates* tse e leng gore ga di ka fa molaong le tumalano ya yone

le BoB. Jalo, ke dumela gore ke selo se ba tsamayang ba se tsentse leitlho, mme e bile ke dumela gore BoB ga a ka ke a letlelela fela gore e bo e le gore *rates* tse ga di *competitive* kana di farologana thata le tse dingwe *in the region*. *However, Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa e tsaya le yone gore ke bue le bone ba Bank of Botswana gore *there are concerns*, go na le go ipelaetsa gore ba ka tswa kwa *charge rates* tse di kwa godimo thata, ba di lebelele. Tota fela e yone ya simcard *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gore motho o ka dira jang ka simcard e e seng *registered*. Ke a leboga *Mr speaker*.

**MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY:** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Kana *Minister* a re *she is not aware* gore *network* e kgona go kgaoga *and you get charged again*. *So I am making her aware, and I want to hear her position* gore fa go diragala jalo, *and you get charged* gape, a golo moo go siame kana nnyaa. *That is what I want to understand. Thank you Mr Speaker.*

**MS SERAME:** *Mr Speaker*, a re o ntirile *aware*, ke a amogela. Gore a go siame, ga ke ka ke kare ee kana nnyaa. Tota ke dikgang tse di batlang gore ke ye go lebelela, ke botse dipotso, ke bo ke tlhaloganye. Ke bo ke botse gore go tla jang gore motho a duelwe gabedi. Tlaa ke eme fela foo. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

#### DELAYED CONSTRUCTION OF RADISELE-PILIKWE ROAD

**DR K. GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI):** asked the Minister of Transport and Communications to update this Honourable House on progress made in securing funds for the delayed construction of Radisele-Pilikwe road after assurances made to construct the road through the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) and a P300 million Chinese Government grant which failed to materialise.

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

Mr Speaker, my ministry has not been able to proceed with the construction of Radisele-Pilikwe road since completion of the designs in June 2017 due to non-availability of funds following failure to secure the Chinese Government grant.

My ministry is pursuing funding avenues such as Public Private Partnership (PPP) for targeted road development projects to relief pressure on the Domestic Development Fund (DDF). This in a bid to facilitate construction of



delayed Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) projects such as the one we have mentioned, through the DDF.

On that basis, my ministry plans to incorporate the Radisele-Pilikwe road in the National Development Plan (NDP) 12 as a carryover from the current plan. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister*, kana rona re baba lebadi kwa kgaolong e. Re kile ra solofediwa sekole sa bobedi sa Ramokgonami sa tsena mo lenaneong, kwa morago sa tswa mo lenaneong, ga se ise se tlhole se boela go fitlhela gompiano. Ra solofediwa gore *secondary* ya Sesholo e tlaa tlhatlosiwa to *Form 5*, ya tsena mo lenaneong, ya re kwa morago ya tswa, ga e ise e ko e tlhole e tsena mo lenaneong go fitlhela gompiano. Ke batla go itse gore a o ka tlhomamisetsa Palamente e e tlotlegang gore tsela e jaaka e le mo lenaneong, e bile o re e tlaa tsena mo lenaneong le le tlang, a e tlaa nna e le mo lenaneong go fitlhela e dirwa *Honourable Minister*?

Ya bobedi, kana dilo tse dingwe tse di diang ke gore e bo lephata le le botlhokwa jaaka la ditsela, o bo fitlhela nako e nngwe le nna le sena bookamedi. Ke batla go itse gore fa re sale re lathegelwa ke *Director* wa lephata le, moya wa gagwe o robale ka kagiso, a le setse le kabile phatlha eo *Honourable Minister*? Fa e le gore ga le ise le e kabe, madiadia e ka tswa e le a eng? *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

**MR SEGOKGO:** Ke a leboga *Honourable* Gobotswang. Hei! O umakile *projects* di le mmalwanyana tse le neng le di solofeditswe mme di le mo lenaneong mme o supa gore di ne tsa ntshiwa. Ke tlaa tsaya mafoko a o a mpolelelang fela e le a a nang le boammaaruri. *Honourable*, ke supa mo karabong fa gore maikaelelo a rona ke gore re tle re e tsenye mo NDP 12. Ke batla go rurifatsa gore seo ke maikaelelo a rona. Seemo se se dirileng gore re se ka ra dira tsela e, ke se ke neng ke se tlhalosa mme gape ke tlaa go kopa *honourable* o nne o botsa dipotso, o se ka wa nna o tsenya *angles* tse dingwe tse ke di bonang mo teng mo. Tota ke go tlhomamisetsa gore ke na le tsholofelo gore mme fela fa re ka kgona go tlosa tsone melatsa ya ESP, e ka diragala sentle mo NDP 12.

Ya bobedi potso ya gago *sir*, o tlile ka potso e ntsha. Tla fela ke leke go e araba ka bokhutshwane gore nnyaa, ga re ise re kabe phatlha ya *Director* wa *Roads* mme re mo tseleng. Re tloga re kgona go wetsa kgang eo ya gore re bo re mmone. E ne ya re fela fa phatlha eo e sena go nna

teng ra simolola dithulaganyo, ke na le tshepho ya gore re tlaa kgona go wetsa seo mo nakong e khutshwane. Ke a leboga *sir*.

#### COMPENSATION TO HOME OWNERS

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

- (i) the number of houses that have been identified for compensation resulting from damages during the construction of Charleshill-Ncojane road; and
- (ii) timelines when such compensation will be paid.

#### MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR SEGOKGO):

Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, lephata la me le itse ka dijarata tse di ka nnang masome a supa le bongwe (71) tse di amegileng mo kagong e ya tsela ya Charleshill-Ncojane. Mo dijarateng tseo go na le matlo a ka nna 89 a e leng gore a tshwanetse gore otlhe a bo a sekasekiwa a tlhomamisiwa gore a tlhoka go nna le *compensation* ka mabaka a go amega. Se *Mr Speaker* re se dira jaana ka go leba gore matlo ao a bokgakala bo kae go tswa legare la tsela, *distance* ya 50 meters go tswa mo gare ga tsela. Mo sebakeng se ditshekatsheko tseo di tswetsetse, le rona tota re ne ra kwalela rakonteraka gore a wetse ditshekatsheko tseo, ba ba tshwanetseng go duelwa matlo a bone go supafala gore a ranyegile ka mabaka go agiwa ga tsela, go diragale. Se ke ka se tlhomamisang mo nakong e ke gore matlo a le supa kwa Ncojane one re setse re itse gore a tshwanetse go duelwa mme a duelwa ka mabaka a gore a ne a amiwa ke go tsena metsi (*flooding*) mo teng. *Mr Speaker*, ke tlhalose gore mo matlong a ke neng ke bua ka one a a tshwanetseng go direlwa tshekatsheko, metse e e amegang ke Makunda, Kole le Ncojane.

*Mr Speaker*, kwa go ya bobedi potso ke gore, jaaka ke ne ke bua re ne ra kwalela rakonteraka ra mo supegetsa gore dituelo tsa ba ba amegileng di tshwanetse tsa bo di dirilwe by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MOTSAMAI:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go botse gore Rraetsho Tona gore, ka ke moo o tlhalosa o tlhaloganya gore go diragala eng, a mme gone ka fa dijarata tse di amegileng ka teng e bile di tswelela di amega, go raya gore le dira ditlhotlhomiso, batho ba ba ka arabiwa ka fa ba ka arabiwang ka teng kana ba duelwa? Le bo le tsamaya, pula e nngwe e bo e ya go goroga e tla go senya gape, le bo le tla go dira



ditlhotlhomiso le bo le ba duela, le bo le tsamaya? A ke one mosepele o le bonang o siame? Ke bua jaana ka gore dijarata tse dingwe di ne di dirwa ke seemo sa gore tsela e ntse jang. E seng gore gongwe a rakonteraka o ka duela kana o ka se ka a duele, e le gore fa gongwe dijarata di dirilwe, di fetotswe mogobe ke tsela. A seemo se le se ipaakanyeditse le se bone gore jaanong le fetole dijarata tse e nne dijarata e se ka ya nna megobe?

La bofelo, mme gone ka o bua gore di 31 tsa ga *May* le ne le bona gore le bo le setse le weditse tiro e rraetsho, ba ba neng ba senyegetswe ke matlo fela *completely*, ntlo ya wela fa fatshe, o raya gore ka ba robala mo ditanteng ba tswelile fela ba robala mo ditanteng go simolola nako ele le gompiano jaana *Honourable Minister*? Ke ba reye ke reng rraetsho?

**MR SEGOKGO:** Potso ya gago ya ntlha ke dumela gore o botsa ka gore dijarata tse di tseneletsweng ke metsi, a re kgotsofalela gore di nne di tsenwe ke metsi re bo re nna re ya go duela? Nnyaa, ga re kake ra kgotsofala jalo, re tshwanetse go leka go rarabolola bothata jwa gore metsi a bo a tsena mo dijarateng. Ke seemo se e leng gore ke kgonne go se bona maloba bosheng mme e bile ka bo ka botsa gore, tota fela re ya go se rarabolola jang. Ke botsa bone ba lephata la me mo e leng gore le bone ba lebeletse gore ba tlaa dira jang ka *drainage* ya tsela ka gore ke e bone le nna gore e fa godimo thata, dijarata di kwa tlase. Go tlhoka gore metsi a fete foo gore go tle go se ka ga nna le yone *flooding*. Ke emetse go utlwa gore re tlaa rarabolola bothata joo ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ya bobedi, ga ke a ka ka itse gore e bile go na le bangwe ba ba neng ba tshwanela gore ba nne mo ditanteng. Ke lebogela gore o bo o ntsibositse gore go ka bo go na le seemo se se ntseng jalo. Fela jaaka ke bua, ke tlaa itse gore fa e le gore re ne ra ba bonela ditante, se ke neng ke se lebile mo nakong e ke gore e re ka 31 *May* re bo re weditse gore batho ba ba tlhokang *to be compensated* go dirwe jalo. Ke setse ke buile le bodiredi gore re fefose tiro e e wele, re tle re kgone go itse gore ga re sa tlhole re na le sepe se se saletseng kwa morago. Ke tlaa ya go botsisa, bogolo jang ka seemo sa ba o reng ba filwe ditante e bile ba nna mo go tsone. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

**DR GOBOTSWANG:** *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister*, maabane fa re bua ka kgang ya ba Maunatlala ba ba neng ba senyegelwa go dirwa letlamo, go ne go supafala gore go tsewa dinepe tsa matlo pele ga go diriwa tiro ya *blasting* le morago

ga foo. Ke batla go itse tsamaiso ya lona gore, le kgona go itse jang gore matlo ao a ne a le mo seemong se se ntseng jang mo le ka kgonang go lemoga gore ka fa a thubegileng ka teng a dirilwe ke tsela eo.

Sa bobedi ke gore, seemo se botsadi jwa kwa Ncojane, Charles Hill le Makunda ba felela ba lebagane le dikompone tse di kanakana le Puso, tota ke mang yo o emelang dikeletso tsa *those ordinary people*? A mme nako ga e a goroga *Honourable Minister* gore, gongwe re akanyeng ka gore go nne le motshereganyi gore fa go nna le manganga fa gare ga kompone le Puso le setšhaba se se senyegetsweng, go nne le mongwe yo o ka emelang dikeletso tsa setšhaba se se senyegetsweng *Honourable Minister*. Ke a leboga.

**MR SEGOKGO:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Gobotswang*. Kwa tshimologong mo potsong ya gago, tota kana kgang e re ne ra e tlhalosa. Ke ne ka e tlhalosa gore, fa go agiwa tsela go a bo gore pele ga e agiwa, dijarata le matlo a go lebilweng gore a tlaa amega, e bile ke ne ke supa gore kwa Charles Hill/Ncojane re ne re lebile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go tswa fa legareng la tsela. Go a iwa kwa go one, a feta a tsewa dinepe, go nna le bosupi jwa seemo sa one gore a ne a ntse jang. Go tswa foo ke gone tiro ya tsela e tswelelang. E re morago ga tsela e sena go nna e agiwa, go iwa kwa go one gape go ya go bona gore seemo sa matlo a se fetogile jang, *structurally*. Jaanong e sekasekiwa ke ba ba nang le boitseanape.

Ke tsaya gore nna le wena re ne re ka dumalana gore sengwe fela se se motlhofo se re ka se bonang, gongwe ke go fitlhela e le gore fa go neng go rantshegile teng, jaanong go bulegile thata gona le jaaka ka nako ya fa re santse e le la ntlha re tla. Ke dingwe tsa dikai tse ke dumelang gore di a bo di lebilwe go tlhomamisa gore golo fa re ne ra ama ntlo. Go bo go tla kgang ya gore re dira eng go busetsa ntlo mo seemong sa gore re baakanya seemo seo. E ka nna dipaakanyo, dikatso jalojalo. Ke kopa gore ke re, tsamaiso e ntse ka fa ke e tlhalosang ka teng jaana.

Mogopolo o o tlang ka one wa motshereganyi, ga ke na ke o kgapela fela kwa thoko ka bofelo. Ke dumela gore Puso ka boyone e tlamega go tlhomamisa gore Batswana ba direlwa tshiamelo. Lephatla la me le tlamega go bona gore Batswana ba direlwa tshiamelo. Ke sone se o bonang le gompiano jaana ke supa gore re kwaletse rakonteraka, gore a dire gore a bo a weditse ka dituelo tse ka 31<sup>st</sup> *May*. Re dira se gore re tsiboge, le ene a itse gore re batla Batswana ba direlwa tshiamelo.



Le fa ke sa reye gore ke tsela e ke eletsang gore e nne e ke reng e ka thusa Batswana, molao one o teng o motho fa a na le ka fa a ngongoregileng ka teng, a bona gore ga a direlwa sentle o ka o dirisa gore a bone thuso e a e batlang. Se wena o se buang ke gore, o kare jaanong go nne le *some arbitrator*, ke kgang e ke sa batleng gore ke itlhaganelele fela gore ke e arabe ke re, ee kana nnyaa. E batla fa gongwe motho dilo tse o sekaseka o lebelela gore a mme go tlaa tokafatsa seemo sa gore re bo re kgona go thusa Batswana. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

**MR REATILE:** *Supplementary.* Tla ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*, ke bo ke lebogetse Tona le mmotsi wa potso. Potso e ke ka e botsang motlotlegi ke gore, a mme o lemogile gore dinepe di a tsewa, mme fa go sena go nna le thubego ya dikago dingwe, borakonteraka ba felela ba loba dinepe tseo ba sa di ntshe. *Cases* tse di teng tse o utlwanang go ntse gotwe ga re ise re duelwe, mme tsela e sale e dirwa bo *7 years back*, ke ka mabaka a gore fa ba tsena ba fitlhela kago e thubegile ga ba ntshe dinepe tsa nako ya fa go tsewa dinepe tsela e ise e dirwe.

Sa bofelo o tle o re thuse gore, tota fa Puso e itshenyetsa fa e dira ditlhabololo, Batswana ba ikuele kae? Ke bua jaana ka gore fa le dira tsela ya Sekoma motlotlegi, le ne la kganela metsi gore a se ka a fetela kwa lecheng. Jaanong metsi a thibeleda mo kokelwaneng. Mooki ga a theogele, batho ga ba bone ditlamelo. Jaaka pula e e tshologile jaana, go ya go tsaya *six weeks* batho ba sa tsene ka *clinic* ya Sekoma. Le ikaletse gore le tlaa baakanya (*rectify*) diposo tse leng?

Le madi a le saleng le ema ka one motlotlegi mo Triple C, go duela batho ba Sekoma, Keng, Konkwa le Khakhea o ya go ba neela madi a bone leng? Tota ga gona fa ba tlaa tlholang ba bereka teng. Dijoene ga di yo kwa Aferika Borwa, ke gone kwa Batswana ba neng ba bereka teng. Jaanong ba agile ka madi a ba santse ba tsamaya bo Johane, Ipelegeng ga e ka ke ya ba agela matlo motsadi. Ke a leboga.

**MR SEGOKGO:** Ke a leboga *Honourable* Reatile. Nte ke simolole ka ya bofelo, jaanong o mpoditse potso fela e ke sa itseng gore a o solofetse gore ke tshotse karabo ya yone, ya Triple C ya tsela ya kwa Sekoma. Rraetsho, ga ke a e tshwara. Ke a go kopa go gabedi; gore a o tlaabo o e tsenya mo Palamenteng, kana ke tlaa nama ke ithomile gore ke bone gore ke ye go utlwa gore kgang e o e mphang e boammaaruri bo fa kae, ke tle ke go fe karabo sentle.

Nte ke boele fela kwa go ele ya ntlha e o neng o e botsa. Seemo se o se buang go raya gore ke sengwe se ke neng

ke sa se itse, ke sa se lemoge fa go le boammaaruri jalo. Se ke kgalatlaneng le sone ke dikgang tse fa gongwe go fitlhetsweng, ka fa ke begelwang ka teng, gore ba ba neng ba na le matlo ba kile ba se ka ba nna teng ka nako ya fa go tsewa dinepe, mme ya re jaanong fa go ya go wetswa go bo go simolola kgang e o e buang gore bosupi jo re bo tlhokang jwa tshimologo ga bo yo. Fa ke go reeditse jaana, go supa gore re baakanye tsamaiso ya rona, re tokafatse tsamaiso ya rona gore *those records* di nne le rona, gape di nne *available to* beng ba matlo ka tsela e go tlhomamisegang gore ga re beye gore ka tsela epe ke rakonteraka yo o tlaabong a ka fitlha dilo tseo. Tota ga go tlhokafale gore dilo tsa go nna jaana di fitlhege ka tsela epe.

Ya gore go na le seemo kwa kokelwaneng, ke dumela gore o bua ka ya kwa Sekoma, Batswana ba ikuele kae, rraetsho jaaka o dira jaana o a ikuela. Ga ke reye gore ke diemo tse ke eletsang gore o tshwanelwe ke gore nako tsotlhe o bo o ikuela jaana mo go rona. Ke swabisitswe ke go utlwa gore go ka bo go na le seemo se se ntseng jalo, se se dirang gore *clinic* e se ka ya bereka ka fa e tshwanetseng go bereka ka teng. Tsholofelo ke gore kwa nteng ga wena Mopalamente, gongwe le ba kwa Lephatheng la Botsogo ba ka bo ba re tsibositse gore, e rile le tsenya tlhabololo le re le a re thusa e bo e nna le ditlamorago tse jaanong di re kokonelang. Ke tlaa latisisa go bona gore seemo seo se a baakannwa. Ke a leboga.

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### SOLDIERS' ALLOWANCES

**MR S. J. BROOKS (K GALAGADI SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security to state whether the soldiers who returned from Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) have been fully paid their allowances; if so:

- (i) the full list of allowances that are due to troops deployed under SAMIM;
- (ii) if these allowances have been paid to all members of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) who have returned from SAMIM deployment; and
- (iii) if not, what is still outstanding and why.

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI):** *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke go dumedise mongwame, ke bo ke dumedise *Honourable* Brooks Mopalamente wa Kgalagadi South



le Mapalamente otlhe a a fa. *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa araba potso e ka Sekgoa, ke bo ke tsaya metsotsonyana kwa bofelong go e ranola ka Setswana.

- (i) Mr Speaker, troops deployed in SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) are entitled to payment of three basic allowances; the first being Foreign Deployment Allowance (FDA) which is paid in line with existing policies and regulations of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF). Secondly, married service members are entitled to Family Allowance for the entire duration of the mission. Thirdly, SAMIM is funded on a cost-sharing basis between Personnel Contributing Countries (PCC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC). On this basis, SADC pledged to pay Mission Support Allowance (MSA) to deployed troops.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, all the allowances that are due to deployed troops from Botswana Government have been paid, however some amounts due from SADC are still outstanding. Let me provide the full picture on these allowances:

The first BDF Contingent to SAMIM consisted of 298 and the FDA was paid to this group at a rate of 25 per cent of the host country's per diem allowance as provided for in BDF Circulars No. 144 of 1998 and No. 89 of 2001, because they are provided with food and encamped. The individuals were paid a monthly FDA of P21, 480.04 per person over a period of six months making a total of P128, 880.04 per each member. Overall, Government paid out an amount of P38, 406,312 to pay all BDF members deployed under SAMIM as per their deployment days.

Regarding the Family Allowance, a total of P525, 000 has been paid to 173 qualifying personnel. As per the BDF Act, a spouse for a deployed member is paid P627.40 per month while each child below 21 years is paid P67.95.

In total, the amount spent by Government on FDA and Family Allowance amount to Forty-One Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Pula (P41, 136,232) for the six months which is being is paid to the 173 qualifying personnel.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, the SADC Mission Support Allowance (MSA) has not been fully paid to

members. Botswana Government received only P16, 652,401.52 from SADC as part payment of the MSA. As at Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, an average of P38, 000 was paid out to each member, calculated on the number of days an individual spent at SAMIM. The delay to pay out the SADC MSA to members was due to the necessary reconciliatory process and subsequent observations on discrepancies of the amounts due against those remitted by the SADC Secretariat. BDF had established that SADC did not pay for the first month of deployment from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and for the months of October to November that is the only amount which is outstanding and that amount is estimated to be about US\$ 405,00 per each member deployed. That is outstanding amount at of this date.

Mr Speaker, there are four officers who were deployed at the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) office in Maputo were paid at a rate of 100 per cent of the host country's per diem allowance since neither accommodation nor food were provided for them. The individuals were paid at a monthly average of P84, 000 per person over a period of six months making a total of P504, 000 per person for the period. Overall, Government spent a total of P2, 204, 920 for these four members and this has since been paid out. All the four officers were fully paid per diem during the six months of deployment. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR BROOKS:** *Thank you.* Ga ke itse gore a *Minister* o ne a wetse *Mr Speaker*?

**MR SPEAKER:** Ee, o wetse.

**MR BROOKS:** *Supplementary.* *Thank you Minister.* *Just a quick one* e ke batlang go e tlhloganya, ke tsaya gore o e arabile ka botlalo *sir*: Ga ke tlhloganye gore a wa re go na le madi a a duelwang ba ba nyetseng? Potso ke gore, ba ba sa nyalang mme ba na le bana, go raya gore bana ba bone ga ba wele mo *category* epe fela ka gore *they are not legalised* ka molao wa BDF? A ko o e tlhatswe gore bone bana ba bonwa ke mang ka gore fa ba le mo tikologong, ba tshwanetse ba tlhokomelesege.

**MR MMUSI:** Ee rraetsho, ka fa ditsamaisong tsa BDF Act, molao o papametse gore ba ba tlaa duelwang ke ba ba setseng ba nyetse basadi ba bone kana banna ba bone. Ba tlaa neelwa le bana ba bone ba ba ka fa tlase ga dingwaga tse 21.



**MR BROOKS:** *Supplementary* e khutshwanyane *Mr Speaker*, just a follow-up on that one, a mme ga o bone gore nako e gorogile ya gore re baakanye the Act because re dira bana masiela borraabone ba le teng kana ga le ba tle banna ba ba tshola?

**MR MMUSI:** Nnyaa rraetsho, Act e etle e lebeletse mme gompiano e ne e supa jaana. Re tlaa tswelela re lebelela ka dikgakololo ka gore e tla mo Palamenteng, e tle go buisannngwa mo Ntlong e.

**MR KEKGONEGILE:** *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, ga o wele mo potsong e ya bofelo e o neng o e bodiwa ke *Honourable Brooks*, kana *political will* ke selo se se Tona thata mo tsamaisong. A o le Tona, o bona go siame gore madi a ka a dirisiwa go tlhokomela ba lelwapa le le nyetseng fela, le le sa nyalang le bo le sa tlhokomelwe, thatathata re bona bana? A wena fela *personally*, o bona go siame kana go sa siama? Gone foo ke gone go tlaa tswang karabo ya gore a molao o tlaa tla kana jang. Tanki Tona.

**MR MMUSI:** *Mr Speaker*, golo fa ga ke bereke ke le *personal*, ke bereka ke le mo tsamaisong ya melao e e beilweng e e tsamaisang letsatsi le letsatsi. Ke bereka ka molao o o leng teng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

#### INCREMENT OF PARK FEES

**MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN WEST):** asked the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism to state if she does not consider it prudent to defer the decision to increase the park fees to a later date to allow for the recovery of the tourism sector; the Minister should further state the following:

- (i) if her office has received any request for the increase to be reconsidered by any stakeholder representing any interest group in the sector;
- (ii) the magnitude of the increases and how they will affect the sector, particularly in light of the deferred bookings that were sold as packages prior to the increase;
- (iii) if employees working within the parks are excluded from the fees as has been the case in the past; and
- (iv) if licensed local guides are also expected to pay the fees when accompanying clients into the parks.

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND TOURISM (MS KERENG):** *I thank you Mr Speaker and good afternoon Honourable House.* Ke a leboga motlotlegi ka potso ya gago. *Mr Speaker*, lephata mo kgannyeng e motlotlegi a e botsang ya gore a re ne re sa sekaseke gore re name re lebeletse sentle koketsego ya madi a a duelwang go tsena *in our parks*; ke batla go simolola karabo ya me go supa se se neng se diragala gore karabo e se ka ya nna *isolated* ka tse di diragalang mo mohameng wa bojanala. *Mr Speaker*, the *park fees* tse go buiwang ka tsone, di sale di sekasekwa dingwaga di le masome a mabedi le bobedi tse di fetileng ka 2000. Go tswa ka 2000 go tsena ka 2021 re ne ra ntsha tse di sekasekilweng, di bo di oketsega. Re ne re ntse re file bojanala tshono ya go dira go sena *charges* tse di oketsegang kgapetsakgapetsa mo lebakeng le le telele. Ke batla go supa gape *Mr Speaker*, bojanala jo bo diragala *in the parks* tse re buang gore boleng jwa tsone, bo a phophoma, bo a rekisega. Re a bo re rekisa selo se se nang le boleng se e leng gore go botlhokwa gore re bue ka *the park fees* gore go duelwe Puso e tle e babalele, e somarele, e bo e tsamaisa ditirelo tse di botlhokwa *in those parks*.

*Mr Speaker*, e rile ka 2019, ga nna le dipatlisiso le dipuisano tsa gore *parks fees* tse di okediwe go thusa gore Puso e nne le letseno gore e re fa re ntse re kopa madi jalo e bo e le gore le rona mme re na le letseno le re le tsenyang ka koo re tle re kgone gore *through budgetary processes from the treasury*, go bo go nna le letseno leo.

E rile morago ga moo, ga bo go nna le gore go sekasekiwe *fees* kana ditlhwatlhwa tseo tsa bo di okediwa ka *Statutory Instrument* se se neng sa ntshiwa ka 2021.

*Mr Speaker*, e ne e le gore ka 2021 go bo go simolola dituelo tse di oketsegileng tse, di diragadiwa. Re le lephata, re ne ra tsaya tshwetso re lebile gore ke nako e nneng manokonoko a COVID-19 a gaketse tota, *businesses* tsele di ne di tswetswe, go ne go sena le fa e le bojanala jo bo diragalang gotlhelele fela jaaka re itse. Ga ke tlhoke go tsena thata mo go yone. Re bo re tsaya tshwetso gore mma re se ka ra diragatsa ka April 1 wa 2021. Re file batsayakarolo kana *operators* ngwaga gore *fees* tse di okeditsweng tseo di se ka tsa diragala mo nakong eo, di tlaa diragala re sena go bona gore mme mohama o o a tsoga le itsholelo e a tsoga.

Ke batla go supa gape *Mr Speaker*, gore mo nakong eo, ke nako e nneng Puso e semeletse go leka go babalela



manokonoko a COVID-19 a a amileng mohama wa bojanala ka fa re neng re ntse re bona go ntse go diragala, e le dithulaganyo tse di farologaneng jaaka *wage subsidy* le *Industry Support Fund*, re bo re thusa ka Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (ERTP) go thusa gore se segolo kwa godimo e nne gore re baakanyetse mohama o kgolo go tsoga mo maibing a COVID-19.

Ke gatelele gore *Government revenue* re a itse gore go tsamaile jang ka COVID-19 jaaka maphata otlhe re ne re fokolelwa *budget* gore go ye go thusiwa go fokotsa manokonoko a bolwetse jo. Mme kana *revenue collections* tse di tshwanang le *fees* tse di a bo di raya gore fa re di dira jalo, re leke gore re kokotletse kwa letloleng gore Puso le yone e tsamaisa dilo tse di ntseng jaana.

*Mr Speaker*, ke batla go supa gore mo 2022 re setse re bona go na le tsogo, bojanala bo a tsoga le itsholelo e a nanoga, e a tsoga. Ga go tshwane le ngwaga wa 2020/2021 fa re bua ka manokonoko a COVID-19.

*Mr Speaker*, ke supe gore e ntse e le maiteko a Puso, re foo gore re leke gore mohama o re o *support* o tsoge jaaka o bona gompiano re *host international events*. Gompiano bagwebi ba bojanala ba kwa *World Travel Market* ba rekisa *packages* tsa bojanala, *bookings*. Ke tswa teng kwa Cape Town koo mme go a itumedisa, go supafala gore mohama o o a tsoga *Mr Speaker*.

Jaanong ke supe gore *the grace period* e re neng re e filwe gore *fees* tse kana *charges* tse di se ka tsa diragadiwa ka 2021, re ne re e fa bagwebi tshono le monyetla wa gore ba ipaakanye gore fa go setse go ya go simolola gore go nna botoka, itsholelo e a tsoga e bile e simolola go gola le bojanala bo bulelwa e bo e le gore *this increase* kana koketsego e ba bo ba dirile lenaneo le dithulaganyo tsa gore ba tlaa dira jang *packages* tsa bone ka tsela e e leng gore *they can absorb this increase* gore re tlhaloganye gore mme di botlhokwa gore re di dire.

Potso ya ga motlotlegi ya re re sa sekaseke tshwetso ya go oketsa *fees* mme ke re nnyaa, tshwetso e setse e tserwe. Re bua ka gore di ka diragadiwa ka nako efe e le boikuedi kana dikgakololo le dikopo tse di neng di tswa kwa go ba ba amegang.

*Mr Speaker*, ke batla go gatelela kgang ya gore go dirilwe *consultations* fa go tla go okediwa *fees* kana *charges* tse. Motho o ka batla gore re bue gore re ka batla go itse gore mme e rile go ipaakannwa jalo mo mohameng ga bo go ipaakannwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

*Mr Speaker*, mma ke fetele kwa karolwaneng ya potso e nngwe ya gore a re kile ra amogela dikopo tsa gore re sekaseke dikgang tse tsa koketsego ya *fees*, re di amogetse. Ke na le dikwalo ke tse fa. Tse dingwe di tlike ka *phone calls*, sms le WhatsApp di farologane ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ba ba neng ba ikuela ba ne ba tlhalosediwa gore re sa ntse re le mo thulaganyong ya gore tota re lebelele gore dikopo tsa bone le se Puso e ntseng e se dira kana e se dira, tota re ka kopanela fa kae, a mme gone go tlaa kgonega?

Ke gatelele kgang ya gore fa e le gore re ya go sekaseka dituelo tse le dinako tsa gore *effective date* jalo, re tlaabo re tsamaisa ka dithulaganyo tsa Puso tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa fa re fetola *Statutory Instruments* kana *Cabinet approval* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

*Mr Speaker*, re na le kopo e ke setseng ke e tshwere fa e e tswang kwa go ba Botswana Guides Association (BOGA). Gape ke kaetswe fa go na le kopo e e neng e tswa kwa Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana (HATAB) jalo. Ke supe gore re di lebeletse. Fa re di lebeletse jaana, mo dikgannyeng tse ke sa tswang go di ala, re batla gore go di lebelele ga tsone jaaka ke ne ke bua, re lebelele gore tota gatwe ke bafe sentlentle ba ba amegang? Ba amega ka bokete jo bo kae? A mme gone ipaakanyo ya bone ya gore ba tsoga ka tsela e e ntse jang, ba tsogelela mo *fees* tse ba ntseng ba itse ka tsone, a ra re mohama go tsoga ga yone fa re leng teng le kwa re yang teng, a re ka se ke re kgone go dira dithulaganyo tsa gore re kgone gore re thuse Puso re *collect fees* re babalele *parks* tse tsa rona re tswedise letlole la Puso? Gone mme re kgone go dira jalo.

Sengwe sa dithulaganyo tse re setseng re di dirile ke gore re ye go kopana le bagwebi mo bekeng e e tlang re buisane le bone. Fa bokopano bo ka se ke bo kgonege mme gone re tlaa tshwaragana ka maranyane ka gore ke batla go ba utlwa *Mr Speaker*, gore ba re tota se re se dirileng ga se kgonege ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Koketsego e e tsamaya go ya *between 5 per cent* le *30 per cent* re kgaogantse mehama kana dikarolwana tsa ba ba duelang *park fees*.

*Mr Speaker*, ke supe gore mo go ya boraro ya gore a babereki ba ba berekelang mo dikgwebong *that are in the park* a bone ba a duela kana jang, ba duela mongwe le mongwe P1,400 ka ngwaga. Go na le *payment options* tse kgwebo e ka di dirang gore ba ka duela. Le ba *local guides* ba a duelwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.



*Mr Speaker*, ke wela ka gore tota letlole la Puso le tlhoka madi. Re ntse re *collect revenue*. Re buile thata le mo Palamenteng mo gore *revenue collection* e tshwanetse ya dirwa mme ga re itlhokomolose le go ikgatholosa fa manokonoko a a sa ntseng a le teng.

Ke ne ke re ke beye mo leseding batlotlegi le setšhaba gore tota tsogo ya itsholelo le ya mohama wa bojanala e tshwanetse gore re e bone e le selo se e leng gore gongwe se ka re thusa gore re tlhologanye gore re santse re ka tswelala gongwe ra diragatsa thulaganyo e ya gore re oketse dituelo tse. Re tlaa tla re buisana le bone sentle re ba utlwe sentle gore a mme ra re gotlhelele fela tota ipaakanyo ya rona mo *grace period*, kana re setse re atolositse ka ngwaga, re batla go tsenya ngwaga o mongwe; ke bomang sentlesentle mo bagwebing ba ba farologaneng, a bajanala le bone a ba rialo ba re ga ba kgone gore ba ka kgona *charges* tse di ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker*? Ke a leboga, *consultation* e tlaa re phuthololela.

**MR SALESHANDO:** *Supplementary*. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge le Tona ka karabo ya gagwe *and welcome back from Cape Town*. Ke ne ke tseetse gore gongwe e tlaa se ke e nne ene yo o arabang. Ke ne ke tshogile gore fa e le gore gatwe go araba Motlotlegi Modukanele ke wa ga mang.

Mma ke kope tse di latelang mo go Tona, le tlaa tsaya tshwetso leng? Ke a utlwa gore wa re le tlaa *consult*, e le selo se ke se amogelang. Go botlhokwa gore re itse gore maikaelelo ke gore go bo go tserwe tshwetso ka nako efe? Ba le bantsi ba ba buang mo molaong wa bojanala, e re e ntse o tswa o lebega o tswa mo maibing, ga re ise re boele mo seemong se re neng re le mo go sone pele ga mathata a COVID-19. Mo go ba ba tshwanang le babereki, tota fa gotwe mmereki fa a berekela *in the park* fa a tsamaya a ya tirona a duedisiwe P1,400 ka ngwaga, a ga o bone go le botoka fela gore e re e beele fa thoko? Re e beele fa thoko ka gore *either* e ya go imela mohiri gotwe ke ene a e duele, mme fa e le gore ke mmereki gotwe a e duele, tota kana fela go tshwana le nna le wena phakela gotwe fa o tsoga kwa o tswang teng o tla go thegelela fa Palamenteng re bo re direlwa *tollgate*-nyana gotwe duela madi mangwe go tsena kwa tirona. Ke eng re ba duedisetsa go ya tirona? Ke eng a sa ba beele kwa thoko?

Go amana le bone ba e leng *guides*, bogolo jang *local guides*, ke batho ba ba tshwereng ka bothata jo botona mo nakong e telele, bangwe ba tseetswe dikoloi, ke gone ba simololang go leka go tsosolosa dikgwebi tsa

bone ba bona bajanala ba tla. Fa jaanong re ba imetsa merwalo e le gore kana le tsone di *licences* tsa bone tse re ntse re di ba duedisa, ke eng fa *tour guides* tse e leng gore ke Motswana re tseye tshwetso ya gore fa o le Motswana o tla o tsena *in the parks* o na le bajanala wena re tlaa se ke re go duedise e le tsela nngwe ya go fokotsa bokete jwa ditshenyegelo tsa bagwebi ba bojanala ba e leng Batswana? Ke a leboga Tona.

**MS KERENG:** Ee, ke a leboga. Re re mmogo, re a dumalana. Kana ga ke supa gore tshekatsheko le dipuisano tsa rona re tlaabo re lebeletse *different categories* ya *operators* tse di koo, go dihotele, *lodges*, *mobile operators*, *guides*, ba bantsintsi. Re batla go utlwa gore jaaka re re bathong re a tsoga, re dumela gore le re file *grace period*, re dumela gore jaaka re ntse re dira *different activities*, re le direla bo Forbes Under 30, le *hostings* tse di farologaneng, e bile gape re le thusa gore le tsamaye le ye kwa bo World Tourism Travel Market le ye go rekisa ka koo, a mme gone tota la re tsogo ga e ise e wele. Golo koo ke teng kwa re tlaa tsayang tshwetso. Mme tshwetso e e tllile go supa gore mme fa go supagala e le gore golo fa go ka bereka, fa mme gongwe re ka nama re tsere nako ka gore ga se fela ka gore *fees* kana di oketsegile. Go na le kgang gape ya gore *effective date* a ke yone e re ka e sekasekang.

Se sengwe ke gore, tota bomang mo gare ga bone ka gore re a tlhologanya gore ga ba lekane, e bile ga ba dire *business* tse di tshwanang. E bile ke rata fa o re kana bone bogolo jang ba e leng Batswana, gongwe e le bone ba bo *guiding* jaana, gongwe manokonoko a ka tswa e se gore tsogelelo e ya mohama gongwe ba sa kgone go tsoga *at the rate* e ba bangwe ba kgonang gore ba tsoge ka yone. Ke tlhologanya selo seo.

A re dumalane motlotlegi gore ra re, *the consultation will unpack* kana e phutholola gore tota manokonoko le gore bothitho le bolelo le botsiditsana bo fa kae mo *different operations* tsa *the sector*. Re bo re ka tla ra tsaya ditshwetso tse di siameng. Ke batla go gatelela gore, kana *this is a statutory instrument* se e leng gore fa re ya go se lebelela, *this consultation* e tla thusa, mme e bo re tsamaisa dilo ka fa thulaganyong ya Puso e ntseng ka teng.

O ne o re thulaganyo ena e tlaa wela ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke supile gore ke ya go kopana le bone mo bekeng e e tlang. Mme e tlaa re mo bekeng e e tlang re bo re na le tshwetso. Tshwetso e e supang gore a mme gone re a obega gore re boele kwa *the processes of Government*, re ye *to propose* go dira dithulaganyo tsa go kopa gore go nne le tshekatsheko e e ntseng jalo.



Se sengwe se se botlhokwa *Mr Speaker* ke gore, kana fa batho ba na le rona kana *the operators* le rona, thuso e nngwe ya rona ga se fela gore e bo e le gore re dira ka fa re ntseng re dira ka teng kana mo go tlwaelesegileng. Re batla gape re bue ka gore re thusane gore mo kgwebong ena, bogolo jang bone ba ba botlana le...*(inaudible)*... kana *the capacity*, gore mme *in terms of business operation, how do we absorb these charges* gore di kgone gore mo *packages*, selo se re neng re solofetse gore mo *12 months* yo o tlaa dirwa, ke sengwe sa dilo tse re tlaabong re di buisana mo *consultations*. Ke a leboga.

**MR NKAWANA:** *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, mo lephateng la gagwe, ga o ka duela *park entrance fee in advance, three, four, five months before* o goroga, mme ga go ka nna le diphetogo mo lenaneong la gago la mosepele o bo o kopa *to be refunded*, a o a itse gore *refund* ga e yo? Le gore a o bona go siame gore bajanala ba tsewe jalo go bo gotwe o jelwe? Fa o setse o duetse *especially* bone ba *wildlife*, e le bone ba le *unique from other Government institutions*, ga o ka ke wa bona le fa e le thebe fa mosepele wa gago o fetogile, *regardless* ya gore *you notify them after how many days*.

*The next one* ke gore, a o bona go siame *Honourable Minister* gore e re...ke go fe sekai fela ka gore Moremi Game Reserve e tshwaragane le Chobe; Khutse Game Reserve e tshwaragane le Central Kalahari, Mabuasehube e tshwaragane le Transfrontier, mme ka tsamaiso ya gago, fa motho a tsena *in a park for a day*, a bo a tswa mo mosong a ya *next door*, o mo duedisa letsatsi le a tswang ka lone fa a *exit*, o bo o mo duedisa *the next one* le a gorogang ka lone. Ke gore o fitlhele motho e le gore o duetse gabedi. A mme o ne o ka se ke o sekaseke gore fela jaaka mo dihoteleng, le gone mo *wildlife* e ne e le gore fa e le gore o ka tswa *around 11, you are allowed to exit*. Wena o bona go siame fela gore *regardless* ya gore o tswa nako mang e bile o ya fa kae, e bo e le gore o duela Chobe, o bo o duela Moremi tse di tshwaraganeng gabedi?

Sa boraro ke gore... fa e le gore o nkutlwile mo go ya bobedi. Sa boraro ke gore...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Monna fetsa go itsheka, nako e tšhaile.

**MR NKAWANA:** Ga ke se ke dipolase tsa Banyana golo fa. Sa bofelo ke gore, a tsone ditlhwatlhwa tse tsa gago fa o di lebile, *have you compared them* le tsa ba re bapileng le bone, ka gore gompiano selelo se setona ke

gore, *the Botswana tourism is very expensive*. Go tura dihotela, *park entrance fees*, go tura sengwe le sengwe. A re lebelele South Africa *for instance* kwa Transfrontier *Honourable Minister* gore kana *the entrance fee* e kile ya bo e le bo R5, ba ka tswa ba okeditse, mme ga ke solofele gore ba ka tswa ba okeditse ka matsebetsebe a wena ke bonang o a dira. Ke gone mo e leng gore ke bontlha bongwe jo bo bolayang bojanala. Batho ba a siya ba ya kwa *parks* tsa mafatshe a re bapileng le one. A o ka se ke o sekaseke ditlhwatlhwa tse ka fa di ntseng ka teng? Ke a leboga.

**MS KERENG:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. O a re o seka tsa kae, ga o seke tsa kae?

**MR NKAWANA:** Ga ke seke tsa Banyana.

**MS KERENG:** O seka Khutse? *Mr Speaker, advance payment* ya *park fees, case* e Rre Nkawana a e buang ga ke itse gore a o e bua e le *a practice* ya gore go ntse jalo, ke motseletsele fela wa dikgang tsa gore batho *have booked*, ba se ka ba kgona go goroga, mme gone ba duetse *and they were not refunded*, ke kopa gore ke e tseye ke ye go e sekaseka, *because* ga ke itse gore a o bua ka *case* e nngwefela kana go na le bothata jo ke tshwanetseng ke bo lebelele. Ke dumela gore *if you raise it*, o raya gore tota re tshwanetse re ye go e lebelele. Tota fela motho fa a sa goroga mme a duetse *in advance*, ke selo se re tshwanetseng ra se lebelele. Ke batla go itse le nna gore go a bo go diragala ka tsela e e ntseng jang, le gore *the circumstances around that booking* e a bo e le dilo tse di ntseng jang, go diragala eng. Go na le eng gape se se tshwanetseng go sekasekwa.

A go siame gore fa *parks* di bapile, motho a tsene ka nako e nngwe, o ka bo e le gore fa nako e santse e letla o ka suthelela ka kwa go e nngwe, akere wa rialo?

O batla gore re *harmonise* ka fa ke go utlwanng ka teng, gongwe *the entrance fees in parks*, gore motho a kgone *to traverse parks* di bapile, a dirisa *payment* e nngwefela?

**MR NKAWANA:** Yes.

**MS KERENG:** Le yone ke batla go ya go e sekaseka rraetsho. Ke tlaa e sekaseka, mme ga ke itse gore e tlaa wela e ntse jang. Re lebeletse gore kana dilo tse di tsamaelana fela le gore *the unified and harmonised processes where we want to make this parks seamless* go tsamaya mo go tsone, fela jaaka re batla gore mafatshe le one a tsamae go le *seamless* fa re bua ka bo ...*(inaudible)*... dilo tse di tshwanang le tseo. Mma ke



ye go e lebelela le yone eo. Ke utlwe gore molao oo a o ka tlhokana le gore re farologanye re re, fa go bapileng teng mme go ka nna le gore ka mabaka a a rileng go ka kgona go nna le a *uni-permit* kana *uni-entrance* e e kopanyang *parks* tse pedi tseo. Ke kopa go e tsaya ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Rona le mafatshe a mangwe re a tura, re dira jang; ga ke batle gore ke re mafatshe a mangwe re tshwana le bone *in what we offer. We offer value*, dilo tse ke tsayang gore ke tse di kgatlang bajanala fa ba setse ba tlhophla. E bile go na le mabaka a mangwe a a ba dirang gore ba tlhophe Botswana kwa godimo ga mafatshe a mangwe rraetsho. Jaanong fa o tlhophla selo se se tshwanang le sa Botswana se se boleng jo bo nonneng jaana, ba kgona go bona gore *it was worth me paying this amount*, gore ke tle go tsena kwa Botswana ke se ka ka ya koo, mma ke re gongwe Angola kana Zambia, ka wa re mafatshe a a bapileng. A re se ka ra leka gore re re re itepatepanye le mafatshe a mangwe, kwa ntle fa e le gore tota re tla tlhomamisa gore se re se rekisang se le sa boleng, a re batla go se isa kwa tlase ka tlhwatlhwa, re bo re re re batla go tshwana, mme kana a *tourist choose* gore *this was worth my money*. So ke itumeletse gore ke tle ka koo. Ke tlaa supa gore jaaka re ya go simolola dipuisanyo tsa go tsweledisa *the revised* Tourism Policy mo dipitsong tse re yang go di simolola mo kgwedding e e tlang e, ke dilo tse re tlaa tlang re bua ka tsone. Ke dumela go tlaa re thusa gore re bone gore fa melao e tshwanetse *to change* teng, *statutory instruments* tsa rona fa ditsamaiso di tshwanetse di ka fetolwa teng, re ka dira jalo mongwame, go leka go bona gore re se ka ra bolaya bojanala. E bile gape re se ka ra tloga ra dira le diphoso tse gongwe re ithutang *lessons* tse di ntsha ka COVID-19 le go ya kwa pele. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

**MR MAJAGA:** *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke re gongwe dipotso tsa me ka bontsi di tlaa fetswa ka gone go tlhalosa gore *Tourism* Pitso le wena *in a week's* time o tlaabo o dira sengwe. Gongwe motho o ne a ka go botsa go le gontsi. Ke re *Minister*, fa re bua jaana go motlhofo, jaaka re bua re le mo Ntlong jaana, o araba, go motlhofo thata, mme ke re gongwe a ko le lebelele le le lephata gore ga le ka le la dira *industry* e ya *tourism, value chain linkages* le yone ya bonala. Ke buisiwa se ke gore gompiano jaana re a bo re bua ka *guides* tsa Botswana, ba na le *associations* tsa bone, *they freelance* ka bontsi, ga ba na dikhiro. Jaanong fa *park interests* di nna dintsi, go raya gore ga gona yo o ba hirang *as freelancers*, gore ba bone itshetso.

Jaanong a ga le bone gore jaaka e le kgang e gongwe e tlaa yang go tsena kwa *Tourism Pitso, companies* tse ditona tsone ga di na mathata le *these charges because they have got parties* kwa mafatsheng a mangwe? Gape o ya go fitlhela e le gore Botswana bone ba bannyennyane, *let us say* gongwe o na le dikoloi tse pedi, Mowana yone e na le 20 mme ba tsena mo *park* e nngwefela. Golo moo fa o bona ke palelwa ke go botsa jaana, le ye go go bona. *That is why* ke re ke tlaa palelwa ke go botsa ka gore o na le sengwe se *next week* o yang go se dira.

A ka bokhutshwane ke eme gone fa, go gontsi mo ke neng ke ka go bua mme le ye go bona dilo tse go sireletsa *our guides*. Fa o bona Leader of the Opposition (LOO) a ne a botsa potso e, ke gore ke selelo fela se Botswana ba bonang gore o kare ba ya go tswalelelwa kwa ntle ka gore ba tshela ka dikompone tse dinnnyennyane, tsele le di neetse batho. *I rest my case Mr Speaker*.

**MS KERENG:** *Thank you so much. Mr Speaker*, kgang e ya gore Botswana ba se ka ba iphitlhela gongwe ba saletse kwa morago, ke sone se lephata le batlang go se tlhomamisa rra. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, re lebeletse gore e re fa re bua ka dikoketsego le diphetogo tsa ditsamaiso, re lebelele gore mme Botswana fa ba tseneng teng ba tsentse letsogo, a ga go nne ka fa mosing. Ke dumalana le wena gore re lebelele kgang eo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Fa o bua ka *value chains* rra, re setse re ntse re le mo thulaganyong ya gore re di dire. *These value chains* mo *tourism* ke tsone tse di tlileng go re supegetsa gore bagwebi, bogolo jang ba ba botlana ba dikgwebo tsa bone di tsamaisanang le bojanala, ba ka gokagana botoka jang le ba e leng gore ke ba bagolo. E bile fa re setse re ntse re atolosa bojanala re bua ka bo *cultural tourism*, ke *activities* dife tse dingwe tse di ka dirwang gore fa *hotel*, nte ke fe sekai gore go na le a *cultural activity* kana *cultural village* mo motseng, *hotel* eo e ise batho koo, e nne thulaganyo e e ka kopanelwang. Re mo thulaganyong eo e le *part of the Tourism Master Plan* le *strategy* se re ntseng re thusiwa ke United National World Tourism Organisation go se dira. *It develops strategies* tse re tlileng go di phuthololela bagwebi ba ba botlana. Ditshono tse di hakgamatsang jaaka re setse morago *the RESET Agenda* go phuthololela *value chains* gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone go roba, e bile go nne le tekatekano *in benefiting from this tourism sector* Mr Speaker.

Jaaka a bua, re tlaa kopana kwa dipitsong, re batla go di dira ka dikgaolo, re bo re ya go kopana, re kopanya



dilo tse tsotlhe go re thusa go phutholola mathata a le dikarabo di tswa mo Batswaneng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, you may recall that last time you were asking questions, I think *e ne e amana le* the syllabi *gore go rutiwa eng mo dikoleng tsa rona*. I think you asked the question to Honourable Dr Letsholathebe as the Minister, *fa a le araba go bo go buiwa ka boloi*. Apparently in the social media, *o kare batho ga ba a mo utlwa sentle, ba mo utlwile ka tsa ga morakile*. He had been totally misunderstood, *jaanong* he wishes to correct *gore* Setswana *ke sone se se neng se pala* and he wants to put that one straight *gore eo ya boloi jaaka ba mo utlwile, ga se yone*.

### STATEMENT

#### CLARITY ON HONOURABLE DR LETSHOLATHEBE'S UTTERANCES REGARDING INCLUSION OF WITCHCRAFT IN THE CURRICULUM

**MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR LETSHOLATHEBE):** Ke go leboga thata go bo o mphile tshono e *Mr Speaker*. Ke letse ke sa robala le nna, ke bona ditshwantsho tse di neng di ntsosa bosigo. Ke re o mphe sebaka se gore ke tlhalose.

*Mr Speaker*, ke batla go tlhalosa gore kgang e ke neng ke e gatelela ke ya gore re dirise dikitso tsa rona gore re itshetse ka tsone. Dikitso tse e le tsone tse e leng gore mo botshelong re tswa goo-Lowe re di dirisa. E ne e le gone go gatelela kgang yone eo, ke araba potso e ke neng ke e botswa ke *Honourable* Hikuama. Ya bo e re ke tsaya sekai sa *universities* tse dingwe ka bone ba dirisa lefoko le e leng gore *equivalent* ya lone kwa go rona ke boloi, ke bo ke dira *direct translation* mo e leng ke lefoko le le sa re siamelang. Ke lefoko le e leng gore re le Batswana le raya dilo tse di sa siamang mme ke batla go le boela morago *Mr Speaker*...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O ne o sa tshwarwa ke sebetledi bosigo?

**DR LETSHOLATHEBE:** Se ne se ntsware.

*Mr Speaker*, ke lefoko le ke batlang go le boela morago ka gore le tlaa ntshetsenya le yone kgang e ke batlang go e dira. E tlaa re gongwe ke re ke boela kwa Batswaneng ke re a re tseneng mo kgannyeng ya *technology*, ba boele kwa morago *and stigmatise* se ke batlang go se dira.

*Mr Speaker*, kgang ya me e tlhamaletse, ke gore a re diriseng dikitso tsa rona, *patent them*, re di itireleng, di kgone gore di kwale fa fatshe go sena ope yo o di tsayang. Jaaka Rre Hikuama a ne a bua, re kgone gore re di rutuntshane, ba bangwe ba di tokafatse go yeng kwa pele re dire di *researches*. Ke yone kgang ya me *Mr Speaker*. Ke we ka lengole ke kope maitshwarelo go bo se ke neng ke se buile se sa tswa sentle, ke sa se baya sentle, batho ba bo ba felela ba tsaya gore gongwe go tlaa nna le *curriculum*s tsa boloi. Ga gona *curriculum*s tsa boloi tse di tlang *Mr Speaker*. Ke a go leboga.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Ba mo loile.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Rona o ne o re gaggamaditse.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Sebetledi se se thusitse.

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

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITWE):** *Procedure*. Kana fa Tona a beile *statement* jaana, re tshwanetse go mo kgwa dikgaba.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Nnyaa, iketle pele.

**MR SPEAKER:** O raya ofe?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Yo o sale a loilwe bogologolo.

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

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(Chairperson – Portfolio Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS)

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, you have noticed that we have an addendum relating to statements. It has not completely covered everything but there should be three statements.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MORWAENG):** Mpa ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente rraetsho, ke ikokobetse, ke bo ke lebogele sebaka se o se mphileng gore ke buise Palamente ka mafoko a a latelang, a a kwadilweng ka Sekgoa mme ke tlaa a bala ka Setswana.

Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kana re ya kwa bokhutlong jwa Palamente e re leng mo go yone e ya gompiano jaaka re tlaabo re tswala. E bile o itse mongwame gore re le mo 12<sup>th</sup> *Parliament* jaana, *re halfway through five years* yo e leng gore re mo go ene, yo re mo neetsweng ke setšhaba. Ke go eleletsa bagaetsho masego le matlhogonolo jaaka re ya kwa dikgaolong mme kgang kgolo ke gore kgang ya rona ya go dirisanya le go tswelela re tshela mmogo sentle le fa re ka tswa re na le dipharologanyo, e rotloetsege e bile re e rotloetse.

Ntliha e e botlhokwa mongwame ka gore mo nakong e e fetileng go diragetse dipuo, *statements* tse di dirilweng mo teng ga Palamente le ka kwa ntle, tse di kgatlhanong kgotsa di nyenya segarona (*our national values*) e bong puso ya batho ka batho, botho le popagano ya rona re le setšhaba. *Statements* tsa mofuta o di dirilwe mme e bile di...

*Statements* tsa mofuta o di dirilwe, mme e bile di tswelitse fa o ka reetsa kwa le kwa, di ntse di a dirwa. Kgang e e leng gore ke tla ka yone ke gore, kana re le setšhaba Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re fano rona re le Mapalamente a a tlotlegang, re le mo Ntlong e e tlotlegang, e bile re bidiwa batlotlegi. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tumelo ya me ke gore, re faphegile, re beilwe fale, bogolo jang re le mo Ntlong e, setšhaba se re lebile re le batho ba re ka nnang sekai le sekao mo go bone. Bogolo jang ba ba kwa tlase bomonnaarona, bana ba rona, bagolo bone ba solofetse gore e re ba re bona, ba ipone mo go rona bogolo jang ka dipuo tse re di buang. Ka tsela eo, kgang ya go nna sekai le sekao sa rona Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke sone se ke neng ke kopa ke rotloetsa gore a re tswelile ka sone re se dire. Tota dipuo tse re di buang

mo Ntlong e le ka kwa ntle, fa gongwe fa re ka bona Hansard ya rona, o tlaa lemoga gore ga se dipuo tse di agang Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

*The values of which this nation was built, are known.* Segarona Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente se a itsiwe gore boleng jwa rona le segarona se se re supang re le Batswana le popagano ya rona, e itshetletse ka botho jo rotlhe re bo itseng re bo rutilwe, e bile re tswelitse ka jone go bo rotloetsa. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, botho jone jo rotlhe re bo rutilweng e le gore bo a re gwetlha gore ka ditiro le ka dipuo, re leke bojotlhe gore re tlotlane, mme e bile re buisane sentle bogolo jang ka gore go a lebega batho ba setse ba ngongorega ka rona re le Mapalamente ka fa re tsaanang ka teng, fa gongwe le ka fa re buisanang ka teng. Le dipuo tse re a tleng re di bue kwa ntle bogolo jang tse di utlwalang mo setšhabeng, batho bangwe mafoko re sa a dibebe fa re bua le setšhaba.

Re le setšhaba bogolo jang re le baeteledipele jaaka re le fa jaana, bogolo jang jaaka e le gore Palamente ya rona, kana Puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya gore Palamente e gasiwe *live on television, radio* le mo maranyaneng a mangwe. E le gore kgang ya rona ke gore kopo ya rona ke gore kgang e re tshelang re e rotloetsa re re a mme bakaulengwe ga re buisane ka tsela e re ka tlotlanang, ra itumela fa mafoko a rona le kamoso a ka boeelwa gore e rile ke le mo Palamenteng e, ka bua ke reng, ka bua jaana, ke sa kgopisege, fa mafoko ao a ka buiwa a boeelwa. Bogolo jang ke bua ke lebisitse mafoko ao mo go yo e leng moeteledipele wa setšhaba, e bong Motlotlegi Tautona. Go tlhamaletse gore ene bogolo jang go na le kgang e e ntsi e e leng gore e atle e dirisiwe. Ke gakolole gore, tota go dirisa mafoko a ka Sekgoa ba ka reng *inflammatory or derogatory*, mafoko a lesenyio le a go nyenya, go gogobisa seriti sa yo mongwe, a go sotlaka leina la motho a tshwana le Tautona, re re nnyaa batlotlegi. Go setse go lemo...*(Silence)*...

**MR SPEAKER:** We have lost you Minister.

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

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Mr Speaker, Mr Morwaeng is having network issues, so he is coming downstairs to use my laptop.

**MR MORWAENG:** Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke kope maitshwarelo, motlakase kwa ofising ya me o ne o sa dire, mme jaanong ke tlile mo go ya ga *Honourable* Mthimkhulu.



Ke tswaledisa kgang ya me, ke tsaya gore ke ne ke utlwetse fa ke supa gore go bonetse, go a utlwala ka dinako tsotlhe gore fa gongwe dipuo tse re di buang tse di sa amogelesegeng, mme tota re le Palamente ya bo 12 keletso e le gore go ya pele re lemosege re le batho ba re kgonneng go tshela mmogo sentle ka go tlotlana jalo, ke se Batswana ba se solofetseng mo go rona.

Tautona wa lefatshe le, ke motho yo o dumelang thata mo pusong ya batho ka batho. O dumela mo kgannyeng ya morero le go rerisanya, le *freedom of expression* gore mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse gore a bue a gololesegile. Ke sone se e leng gore ka dinako tsotlhe ba re sa dumalaneng le ene, re kgona go farologana le ene, mme kopo e le gore tlhe, a re farologaneng ka go tlotlana, ka go buisana sentle. Go na le mokgwa o o setseng o lemosega o le teng mo ga rona, wa gore bangwe go ba jesa monate, e bile go lebega go ba fa serodumo fa e le gore ka dinako tsotlhe Motlotlegi Tautona fa gongwe o bidiwa legodu, motho yo o senang maikarabelo, o bidiwa mosimanyana. Ke gore mafoko otlhe a e leng gore ga se mafoko a mantle, kopo e le gore tlhe, a re lekeng bojotlhe gore re dire gore Batswana ba se ka ba latlhegelwa ke tshepho mo go lebelelele *television* ya rona. Re ka tswa re farologana le Tautona ba re farologanang le ene, mme batho betsho tlhe, a re mo feng tlotlo le seriti se se lebaneng ofisi ya gagwe. Thulaganyo e e tswelletseng jalo, fa e ka tswelela, tota e tlaabo e sa re direle sentle re le Batswana ka kakaretso, bogolo jang rona re le baeteledipele ba setšhaba.

Ka a le kalo *Mr Speaker*, ga re ka ke ra tswelela ka go dira jaaka re dira. Re ka se tswelela ka gore re le setšhaba bogolo jang re le baeteledipele re bo re bua Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona ka mafoko a lenyatso, kana a go mo nyefola re re ke gone fa re supa pharologanyo le ene. Ke se re se ikopelang fela gore nnyaa, bakaulengwe a re baakanyeng thulaganyo e mme e bile e re fa re ya kwa *holidays* tsa rona, re bo re ya kwa go tse di gololesegileng, re tsamae ka lerato le le kalo. *Yes*, re a dumela gore rotlhe ba re mo Ntlong e re tshwanetse re tlotle e bong Mapalamente, *Speaker*, e bong Ntlo e e fano, e bong badiredi ba Palamente le rotlhe fela. Kopo ya rona ke yone eo gore re dire dilo ka tsela e e amogelesegang batho betsho.

Mokwalo o wa me *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa o tsenya mo *group* ya rona gore rotlhe re kgone go o bona le fa e le gore mo *group* o tlaabo o tswa o kwadilwe ka Sekgoa. Ka bokhutshwane e ne e le yone kopo ya me fela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, your Standing Orders allow after such a statement for short questions, for the purpose of elucidation.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke go leboga *Honourable* Morwaeng ka kopo e o e bayang pele. Ke sa dumele gore go na le ope yo o ka gananang le wena gore se o se buang, ke boammaaruri, se tshwanetse sa diragala mo boeteledingpele jwa lefatshe le gore bo buisane ka lerato le tlotlo. E seng fela boeteledipele go buisana ka lerato le tlotlo, boeteledipele le go buisa setšhaba ka tlotlo. Setšhaba le sone *deserves* tlotlo.

Rre Morwaeng, kana Makgoa ba bua gore, “*respect is earned, it is not demanded.*” Tlotlo ke e o tshwanetseng gore o e fiwe ke batho *willingly* ka se o se dirang e le se se tlotlegang. Fa o dira se se sa tlotlegang, o dira se se go nyenyang ke wena yo o inyatsang. Kana batho ba a bo ba dira *platform* ya gore o itsenye mo go yone, wena a bo e le wena yo o itshenyang mo setšhabeng ka dipuo tse o di buang le ka fa o itshwarang ka teng. Selo se se botlhokwa se re tshwanetseng go se rotloetsa, ke gore boeteledipele, bo ka tswa e le jo bo kwa godimo jwa maemo a Office of the President (OP), bo itseye ka seemo sone seo, gore re tle re tlotle. Setswana se sengwe le sone, ga keitse gore a e bile wena o a se itse kana jang ka o Mokwena, go na le Setswana se se reng, “e e anyang e leletse, e ruta e e mo maleng.” Go raya gore se o se dirang, yo mongwe o tlaa se kopisa a bo a go se raya.

Jaanong dilo tse ga re a tshwanela go tshwenyega fela fa go buiwa ka Tautona. Re tshwanetse go tshwenyega le fa Tautona a buisa batho, le mo Dikgotleng le mo mebileng, go re tshwenye. O le Tona wa OP, o eme o supe gore se se builweng ke Tautona ga re se amogele, gore batho ba tle ba bone gore le wena o a bona gore fa gongwe le ene Tautona o a bo a sa buise batho sentle. Dilo tse fa di ka diragala, di simologa gone kwa ofising yone eo, ga o ka ke wa bona ope a buisa ope ka lenyatso. Fa o bona ofisi e tona ya lefatshe e buisa batho ka lenyatso, *obviously* e tlaa nna ngwao e e tlaa diragalang mo lefatsheng la rona. Ke dumalana le wena gore re kgalemele dilo tse, re bue dilo tse. Mafoko a bo “nyweenywee” a a buiwang mo Dikgotleng, mafoko a mantsi a a buiwang ke moeteledipele wa rona, ga a re jese diwelang. A ko le rona re bue, re supe gore mafoko a ga a siama, gore re tle re tshele ka thokgamo, go tlotlana. Le ka fa o dirisang dilo tsa Puso ka teng...



**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Hikuama, the Standing Order says short questions for elucidation.

**MR HIKUAMA:** Yes, mma ke e wetse. Ke *elucidation*. Ke ne ke sena dipotso tse dintsi. E ne e le *elucidation* ke supa gore kana se se bothokwa ke jone boeteledipele go supa ka ditiro le ka fa ba direlang batho ka teng, *so that they earn the respect they deserve*. Ke a leboga Honourable Member.

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

**MR BOKO:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, mafoko a me ga a mantši. Ke batla go pagama mo mafokong a ga Honourable C. K. Hikuama, a gore fa gongwe le baeteledipele ba ba kwa godimodimo, *there is a certain level of maitshwaro* a re a solofelang mo go bone. *I am saying this with the greatest of respect and in reference to incident* ya maloba ya kwa Serowe e re neng re solofetse gore gongwe Tautona o ile go gomotsa, fa a tsena kwa a bo a tsenya *rally* e tlhakane le go se ke go buise batsadi ba batho sentle. Ke ne ke solofetse gore gongwe...

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, I do not want to be unfair to you, as I indicated from 2019, I expect you to understand these procedures far much better.

**MR BOKO:** I do Mr Speaker. Thank you so much.

**MR SPEAKER:** *Fa gotwe* short questions for elucidation, it is exactly that. For a lawyer...

**MR BOKO:** *Here is the short question*. Honourable Morwaeng, ke gore mme ke eng e re fa gongwe Tautona a dira dilo tse di gagamatsang setšhaba, re se ke re go bone o tla ka *the speed of light* e o nngang o tla ka yone, gongwe jaanong o kgalemele dilo tse gore nnyaa, mme Motlotlegi Tautona le ene o ne a fapoga go le go nnyennyane? Ke solofela gore mo nakong e e tlang, o dire botoka go gaisa foo, gore re tle re bone gore nnyaa, mme o re tsaya ka tekatekano. Le fa e le gore Tautona ke ene a re eteletseng pele, mme le ene fa a dira dilo tse di gagamatsang setšhaba, o ka tsena le wena mo thulaganyong ya gore o tle ka *speed of light* o kgaleme mo Palamenteng. Ke go lebogile Mr Speaker.

**HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, just a brief intervention or question mo go Tona, gore ka re utlwile tsotlhe tse o di buileng, o re thuse fa re di fithelele gore mme gone o a lemoga Tona gore kana fa re le setšhaba jaana, re ikaegile ka mekwalo e e bothokwa ya setšhaba, e e bileng e simololang ka lefoko

*national* e le mebedi, e bong *the National Development Plan (NDP) and the National Vision 2016 and now it is 2036*. *Those two important documents*, ke tsone tse re tshwanetseng gore re bo re ikaegile ka tsone. Di a supa gore ka botsone, di batla gore setšhaba se bopagane jaaka yone Vision 2036. A o a lemoga seo gore fa o dule mo tseleng, o tlhoka botho, tota e a bo e se se e leng gore *it is our national aspiration*? O a bo o dule jaanong mo sethong se Batswana ba se batlang. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke botse dipotso di sekaenyana. Honourable Morwaeng, tota ke botse gore a mme *statement* se o se fang mo Palamenteng, o se fa ka tlhwaafalo kana o se fa ka go leka go tlaopa Motlotlegi Tautona Rre Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi?

A o a itse Honourable Morwaeng gore Motlotlegi Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana, ke gantsi setšhaba se ntse se ngongoregela ka fa Tautona Masisi a buisang setšhaba ka teng; e ka tswa e le mo diphuthegong tsa Dikgotla kana mo ditirong tse di farologaneng. Jaaka tiro ya maabane e e neng e le kwa Serowe, a roga motsadi fela yo motona thata mo go ene e bong Rra Dumelang kgotsa Former Member of Parliament (MP), Honourable Saleshando. A mme o a lemoga Honourable Morwaeng gore gone mo o go dirang mo, e ya re o ntse o bona fela gore Tautona wa lefatshe ga a dire dilo sentle, o bo o tla o tabogetse mo Palamenteng, o tla go leka go baya setšhaba bobi matlhong gore ba akanye gore Tautona ga a buisiwe sentle? A ga o lemoge gore golo mo ke gone mo go felelang go dira gore bo Tautona ba tswelole ba sa dire dilo sentle, e le gore ba tswelodisiwa ke gore *Ministers* tsa bone ba a ba boka, mme ba ntse ba itse gore tota Tautona ga a dire dilo ka tsela e e siameng?

Potso ya bofelo ke gore Honourable Morwaeng, a o ka solofetsa Palamente e gore go simolola letsatsi leno, o tlaa leka gore o bue le moeteledipele wa lefatshe gore *values* tsa lefatshe le, tse re tswang kgakala re di sireleditse, di tlhoka gore re di tshole. Mme re ka di tshela thata fa e le gore ene e le moeteledipele wa lefatshe le, o ka kgona gore a etelele ka sekai, kgotsa a etelele pele ka go supa sekai le bokao jwa gore setho sa Setswana ke fa motho a dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke gore ke raya fela jaaka le ntswa Honourable Hikuama gotwe ga a itse Setswana, a ne a bua ka kgang yone e Tautona a neng a bua mo Kgotleng gore mogolo o kgona go tla mo Kgotleng a tla a re, "Tautona wee, nnywee, nnywee, ke batla terata wee" a bo a tsitla...



(Interruptions)... o ka bo o ntsha *statement* ka tsone, go supa gore mo lefatshe la Botswana, mo Dikgotleng ga go buiwe mafoko a a ntseng jaana. Se o se dirang gompiano *Honourable* Morwaeng, ga se amogelesege mme e bile Palamente e, e ka bo e go kgalemelela gore boemong jwa gore o ka bo o gakolola Tautona, o bo o tla fa o tla go baya Batswana bobi matlhong gore e tle e nne o kare Tautona ga a buisiwe sentle, mme o ntse o itse gore ke ene yo o kareng *he dropped the bar* mo tsamaisong ya go buisa setšhaba sentle.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Morwaeng, if you think you have enough of the questions from Honourable Members and you want to reply to those, you can indicate, so that we do not pile you with too many.

**MR MORWAENG:** Mma ba wetse *sir*:

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Minister.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION (MS MAKWINJA):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona Morwaeng gore kana jaaka a ntse a bua, re ya kwa dikgaolong, mme tota ke bona batlotlegi ba remelete se thata mo goreng Tautona o rile, o rile. Ke re dikgang tse tsa gore boitshwaro jwa rona mo Palamenteng ga se jo bo eletsegang, e bile bagolo kwa metseng ba tima *televitions*, ke re motlotlegi, re ye go ba raya re reng jaaka re tlaabo re sabalala le *constituencies* jaana? Selo se, se dule mo tseleng mme e bile tota dipheretlhego le maitseo a a sa eletsegang a re a bonang gompiano, gongwe re ka ne rona re le batlotlegi ba ba fano, re na le seabe mo go one. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR KAPINGA:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke tla e baya fela e le khutshwanyane ke re *Honourable Minister*, a ga o lemoge gore *statement* se sa gago se, ka mokgwa mongwe, o tlhobosa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente? Gore ga a kgone go bona fa e le gore batho ba ga buise Tautona sentle, a bo a ka kgalema gore ga go buisiwe Tautona sentle. A o tsaya e le wena yo o nang le thata kgotsa *moral standing* wa gore o ka tsaya tshwetso kana wa baya katlholo ya gore ga go buiwe sentle mo Palamenteng, *Mr Speaker* a ntse a le teng? *What makes you think* gore ke wena o ka tlang go bolela fa gore Mapalamente ga a bue sentle kana a bua sentle, *Speaker* a le teng? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MINISTER OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORT AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT (MR RAKGARE):** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke na le *two quick questions* to Rre Morwaeng. Ya ntlha ke gore, kana mme Rre Morwaeng, re tlhaloganya gore Tautona

wa rona wa pele General Khama, pharologanyo ya gagwe ya dingwaga le Tautona wa ga jaana Tautona Masisi, e teng e a itsiwe gore ke mogolowe, ke rre yo motona. Go na le mafoko a a etleng a a dirise fa a bua le Motlotlegi Tautona wa gompiano, mme e le mafoko a a tlabang, a a botlha, a a botlhoko. A e leng gore ke ne ke re ke tle ke utlwe mo go wena *Honourable* Morwaeng ka gore le ka *weekend* fela jaana, fa go sena go nna go ntshiwa maduo a ditlhopho tsa *ward* ya Bophirima, o ne a dirisa mafoko a mangwe a a neng nna a ntshosa, ka ipotsa gore a mme mafoko a, ke mafoko a a buiwang ke botsadi. Potso mo go wena ke gore wa reng ka mafoko one ao Rre Morwaeng?

Potso ya bobedi e bile e le ya bofelogo, ke gore Rre Morwaeng, fa o sekaseka mathata a bo *Honourable* Molao ba tshwaraganeng le one kwa dikoleng, a bana ba dikole ba buisang barutabana jaaka ba batla, ba bua mafoko a a botlha, ba tlhapatsa barutabana. A ga o dumele gore boitshwaro jo jwa bana ba rona kwa dikoleng jo re bo bonang, a ga se jone jo ba bo kopang mo go se se diragalang mo Palamenteng? Fa e le gore ene Motlotlegi Tautona o kgona go tlhapadiwa mo Palamenteng, e bile gape le rona ka borona, ga re buisanye sentle. Mme re itse *Honourable* Morwaeng gore bontsi jwa dikgang tsone tse di sa nngang sentle, di a bo di tswa ntlha efe. Wa reng ka mafoko one a? Le gone gore a mme bana ba rona ga se gore jaanong, golo mo ga go ntsha dipuisanyo tsa Palamente mo *television*, ke mo jaanong go lebege go jwala mowa o e seng one, go jwala go tlhoka botho mo baneng ba rona ka gore ba kopa dilo tse mo bangweng ba rona, le dintwa tota. Ke dumela gore Rre Morwaeng, o tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore o akgele, ka batlotlegi ba re kileng ra bona mo nakong e e fetileng, ba batla go ya go kgama *Speaker*, ba bo ba latela *Honourable* Healy kwa ofising ya gagwe. Golo moo, a o a gakgamala fa o bona bana ba tshwara barutabana ka diwashene ka gore baeteledipele bangwe mo Palamenteng yone e, ba supa boitshwaro jone joo? Ke a leboga.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke botse Tona gore *statement* se a tlang ka sone se, a ke se a se tlhakanetseng le Khuduthamaga? Le gore jaaka a se tlisa jaana, a o ne a setse a buisantse le Tautona gore nnyaa, o ya go tlisa *statement* se se ntseng jaana? Ke bona e le gore ba Khuduthamaga jaanong, ke bone ba ba botsang dipotso. Kwa bofelong fela ke bo ke supa gore nnyaa, mafoko re a utlwile, ke tsaya gore Matona a tshwana bo Rakgare jaana, ba tlaa ikgalemela ka gore ke bone ba etleng ba bue mafoko a e seng one, a bo a raya *Speaker* fela a re ke seganka. *Thank you Mr Speaker*.



**MR RAKGARE:** O lese go ntshenya leina.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** O reile Pono wa re fa o mmona jaana, o bona seganka, ga ke go senye leina.

**MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY:** *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Tona Morwaeng, re lebogela kgalemo eo ya gago. Jaaka Honourable Rakgare a ntse a bua, tota we are breeding militancy amongst our people. Le fa o tswa o le kwa ntle fela, outside the House of Parliament, interacting in a political scenario, o fitlhela go na le hostility. Ke gore Batswana jaanong go setse o kare re tsena mo go ilaneng, mme re dirwa ke dikgang tse tsa rona tsa sepolotiki tse. Jaanong ke ne ke re this statement is way overdue and e ne e tlhokafala totatota.*

Ke botse *one or two questions. The first one e tlaaletsa mo go e Honourable Rakgare a ntseng a e bua. Ke ne ke batla go utlwa maikutlo a gago ka ditiragalo tse re atleng re di bone di diragala in the House of Parliament. Where we have seen Honourable Dumelang Saleshando leading the likes of Honourable Reatile and others, where they descended upon the Speaker's Chambers and tried to physically get to the Speaker, as well as myself. Le nna ba ne ba tla mo ofising ya me, ba kgaola the computers tsa ga Goramente, ba nkitsa go bua. Motho o ka batla go itse gore maikutlo a gago ke eng ka the behaviour in general, which gets to a point e e leng gore re felela re sa ngange ka dikakanyo, jaanong re batla gore re ngange ka mabogo? Fa yo mongwe a dira sengwe se re sa se batleng, re felela re batla go mo tshwara ka diatla. Ke ne ke re fela fa o nyalanya statement se sa gago, le the point e e leng gore we have moved from our culture e gotweng, "it is better to jaw-jaw, than to war-war," re setse re goroga mo e leng gore re kgona go thaselana physically.*

Sa bofelo, ke batla go itse gore lona le ikutlwa jang, jaaka ke bua gore mo setšhabeng *at the rallies, as a reflection of Parliament, how do you feel ka the point where we got to, e e leng gore re ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, re ya go thasela the Republic of Botswana politically? Re dirisa whatever platforms that may be availed in those countries, whether radio or television. Batswana jaanong ke gore o kare ga re na sepe, re latlhile mokgwa o wa rona wa Setswana, to the extent that re batla gore even if it means the country must burn, so be it, to satisfy our individual outcomes tse di batliwang ke rona. I thank you.*

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

**MR MOTAOSANE:** *Thank you. Mr Speaker, ke fitlhela ke sa itse go bua batho ba bua. Batho ba, ga ba nke ba go reetsa. Mr Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity ya go akgela mo kgannyeng e kana go botsa. Honourable Morwaeng, fa ke gola ke ne ka rutwa Setswana se se reng, "more mogolo go betlwa wa taola," le se se reng, "susu ilela suswane gore suswane le ene a go ilele." My question ke gore, fa o leka ka bojotlhe go itshwara, motho a go tseuletse ka dipuo tse di bosula a go tlhapa, a go tlhapa, a golo mo ga o lemoge... Ke ntse ke utlwa bangwe ba bua ka Tautona gore o buile a reng, a reng, a dilo tse ga se tsone tse di felelang di tsala gore motho a felelwe ke seemo sa go itshwara? The degree ya gore motho o ka itshwara, ke ya seemo se se ntseng jang? Honourable Minister, ke bona o kgalema sentle. Bakaulengwe mo Palamenteng dikgang tsa bone fa ke ba reeditse, ba dira ka gore semangmang o dira jaana. Ke batla o tlhatswe mafoko a 'susu ilela suswane,' le 'more mogolo go betlwa wa taola.' Mr Speaker, ke ne ke utlwa mongwe a feta ka lefoko le le reng go intshiwa Speaker. Bagaetsho, Speaker yo, ga re mo tlotle, that is why ke batla go fetolwa Standing Orders to give the Speaker protection e e leng gore le fa a tsaya dikgato, go se ka ga nna le ope yo o ka mo tselang dikgato kwa ntle ga Ntlo e. Dikgang tsa rona mo Ntlong e ya Palamente fa re sa di tshware sentle, ba tlaa go gakolola kwa ntle gore go tshwanetse go itshwarwe jang, re solofela eng.*

Ya bofelo, fa o utlwa ke dirisa lefoko la 'susu ilela suswane,' ke adima mafoko a ga Rakgare a a reng dingwaga tsa ga Tautona yo mo setilong le tsa yo o fetileng mo setilong, o lekile ka bojotlhe go itshwara gantsintsi. Ke tsaya gore *we should respect the chair that the President is sitting on because kamoso e tlaabo e le yo mongwe. Fa lenyatso le supafala kwa go ba ba ka bong ba lead by example, what do you expect Minister? Ke kopa gore golo mo go tsenngwe kgalemo. Fa o ka reetsa ka fa go buisiwang Tautona ka teng le ka fa go sosoediwang batho gore ba dira sentle, ba ye go tshuba dikoloi tsa batho.*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Botsa potso.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** O bona batho ba mofuta o, Honourable Gobotswang, ke tlaa go phatšhegela mo o tlaa ikotlhayang. O tsena kwa Tswapong o sa rutiwa...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Gakere o a utlwa.

**MR MOTAOSANE:** Ke dikgang tse o buang ka tsone tse Honourable Minister. Ga ke itse gore *as the Minister, o dire eng ka gore wena nako le nako o a bo o tsenya*



kgalemo, o re kopa gore re itshware sentle, re tlotlane. *What do you make of the whole situation* e ke ntseng ke bua ka yone le ka fa barwarre ba e buang ka teng, e bile gotwe *Speaker* o a netla, e le rona re nyatsang *Speaker*?

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

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ke kopa go akgela. *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga. Potso ya me ya ntlha ke gore, a motho yo o tllileng ka *statement* o *fit* go bo a tlile ka sone se ntse jalo, ene fela ka boene? A go a mo tshwanela? A go mo lebagane gore ka fa a ntseng ka teng, ke ene yo o ka tlang ka mafoko? Ke bua jaana *Mr Speaker*, ke batla go tlhalosa gore mmolai ga se ene a tlang ka mafoko a kgomotso. Mafoko a kgomotso mo lesong a tla ka baruti. Rre Morwaeng *is conflicted*, ga a *fit* go tlisa dikgang tse di ntseng jaana. Fa a ne a didimetse ... (*interruptions*)...

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

**MR MOTSAMAI:** Ke a feta *Mr Speaker*. Rre Morwaeng a *statement* se a se ntshitseng se, a o kile a re ka boene, a bua le Tautona gore dikgang tse dingwe di tlaa go nyatsisa batho? Bagaetsho, ke batla Tautona a tlotliwe, a fiwe seriti. Re mo tseye jaaka Tautona wa lefatshe, re se ka ra mo tsaya jaaka Tautona wa *party*. Ke batla Tautona yo o itsayang jaaka Tautona wa lefatshe, e seng yo o itsayang jaaka motho yo o sa neelwang boikarabelo. Rre Morwaeng, a o lebagantse Tautona dikgang tsa gore maabane jaana kwa Serowe, re letse re utlwa motsadi mongwe yo o neng a le mo Palamenteng e, yo e leng gore ga a ka ke a ikarabela, Tautona a mo kgobotla ka mafoko fa a bua le Leader of the Opposition (LOO), a re o goditse rraagwe? A dikgang tse o ne wa di mo lebaganya gore ke tse o tshwanetseng o di bue le ene pele ga o tla go re bolelela gore boitshwaro bo rileng, bo itaya gore susu ilela suswana, kang e le ntseng le e bua? Ke botse Rre Morwaeng gore, mme gone go dirwa ke eng gore le le babusi, le bo le tsaya gore go na le boeteledipele jo bo tshwanetseng jwa tlotlwa? Fa le leba kganetso, le bo le leba e le boeteledipele jo bo ka gogwagowang jwa buisiwa ka fa go ratwang ka teng, le bo le tswelala le tlotlwa fela. Susu ilela suswana, le le bosusu jalo rona re le bosuswana, le tlaa re ilela leng, le tlaa ila leng, le ikaelela go ila leng, le kganelwa ke eng go ila?

*Mr Speaker*, ke fetse ka mafoko a gore bagaetsho, le fa ke buile a a ntseng jaana, ke batla dikgang tse di ka bo di isitswe kwa *General Assembly* ra ya go di bua mo go tseneletseng. Re supana ka menwana, re bona gore go diragala eng, e seng go tliwa fa, e bo e le gore

Mapalamente ba kgalemelwa ke *prefect* bone e le bana sekole, nnyaa, ga ke dumalane le yone.

Ke akanya gore o ka bo o sekasekile dikgang tse ka botlalo wa di isa kwa *General Assembly*. Dikgang tseo tsa se ka tsa tla ka wena, tsa tla ka Mothusu Tautona, a di re lebaganya, re bua ka tsone ka gore *you are conflicted*, o matlholo a di dira.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le kwa *General Assembly* le a re roga gakere. Yo mongwe o ne a re rogela batsadi maloba, o kile wa mo kgalemela?

**MR LEUWE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker, good afternoon.* Ke supe ka botlalo gore ke lebogela *statement* sa ga Tona. Ke se lebogela go menagane. Ke mmutse gore a gompiano o bona go santse go tshwanela gore *television* le *radio* tse, tse di neng di dirwa go na le mabaka, Batswana ba di batla, e bile ba eletsa go re bona re bua, ba re utlwa re bua ka setho, a o bona go santse go le mosola gore re tswelala jalo mo tlase ga Batswana? Go ruta bana eng ka fa o fitlhelang re buisana ka teng? Ga se gore mafoko otlhe ke matlhapa, *but* mafoko a mangwe a re a dirisang mo Palamenteng e, o fitlhela o bona tota gore ga se a a amogelesegang mo thutong ya ngwana. Nna fela kwa lelwapeng la me, ngwanake yo motona le yo monnye, ga gona ope yo o ka rayang yo mongwe a re o a yaka. O dirisa *a polite word* ya go mo raya a re o a fosa. *But* maloba ke ba mpotsa gore, “kwa Palamenteng papa, ke eng re kgona go bona mogolo a raya mogolo yo mongwe a re o a yaka?” Golo mo ga mpontsha gore tota ga re rute sentle, ga re nne sekao. Re tswanetse go nna sekao re le mo Palamenteng. Batswana ba a ngongorega ka fa re buisanang ka teng. Le fa o ka tsamaya mo lefatsheng, o kgona go utlwa ba go balela le maina tota gore semangmang maloba o ne a dirisa lefoko la gore, semangmang o ne a dirisa lefoko la gore, mme gone mo fela mo ga go age. Fa *statement* se tshwana le se, ke dumela gore re ka bo re dibelana.

Ka Setswana fa e re yo mongwe a bua o bo o mo tsena mo ganong, *still* ga go supe setho, ga go age. Fa Rre Hikuama a le *on the floor* a bua, ke bo ke mo tsena ganong, le fa ke sa bue sepe se se molato, re dumela gore o a bo o sa dire boitshwaro jo bo siameng. O a bo o sa mo tlotle. Ke lebogela fela gore go bo go tsile *statement* se, gongwe se tlaa tsisa pharologanyo mo Palamenteng gore Batswana ba tle ba tswelala ba *enjoy* Palamente jaaka ba eletsa jaaka lebaka la teng e bo e le gone gore ba re utlwe, mafoko a rona a se ka a isiwa kwa go bone a tlhotlhilwe (*edited*), a tle a ntse fela jaaka a ntse. Ke raya gore ke ne ke re o arabe tsone tseo.



Fa e le gore o bona go se botlhokwa, ke eng re sa ye kwa Batswaneng re ye go ba botsa gore a re tswelele Tona, re tswelele ka thulaganyo e ka gore ke a tshwenyega fela jaaka Batswana ba tshwenyega ka fa re itsayang ka teng mo Palamenteng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MR MORWAENG:** Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa ka boikokobetso gore o mphe sebaka ...

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a hand, I think it is the last one, Honourable Reatile and then you answer Honourable Minister.

**MR REATILE:** *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore Tona o rotse mafoko ka boikokobetso jo bo feteletseng *Mr Speaker*, e le kgang e ntle e e leng gore o tshwanetse a e tlise fa pele ga Ntlo e. *Mr Speaker*, dilo tse dingwe di a gagamatsa gore e re fa e le gore Tona o ka tla ka dikgang tse di tshwanang le tsone tse, e bo e le gore jaanong re leka go itira botoka ke le Reatile, ke bo ke maramara bangwe ka dipuo. Ga se mo e leng gore go tlaa tla go aga boleng teng le seriti sa Ntlo e e tlotlegang e. Kgang e e leng teng ke gore fela o simolola pele ka go ikgalemela *Mr Speaker*; fa o le ngwana wa Setswana.

Fa e le gore bo *Honourable RAKGARE* o ka nna le *audacity* ya gore e re... yo o boleletseng *Honourable Deputy Speaker* gore ke seganana, ke mmolai wa batho, e bo e le gore gompieno ke ene yo e leng gore leina le a ka itlhatswang ka lone ke la ga Dumelang Saleshando le Mephato Reatile, nnyaa, ke dilo tsa matlhabisa ditlhong fela.

Kgang e gongwe motho a neng a ka feta fela ka yone *Mr Speaker* ke ya gore, ke dumela gore fa e le gore dikgang di teng, a di buiwe. Kgang e gongwe fa re di bua re di konetela, ke gore dikgang tsa maloba Tautona le ene a di bua, a bolelela gore o ruile ba kganetso, ke diruiwa tsa gagwe, ke dilo tse e leng gore ga o ka ke wa dumela gore go na le Tautona kana *Minister* yo o ka di buang, e le dilo tse e leng gore jaanong ke yone kgang ya letsatsi.

*Honourable Morwaeng*, re go utlwile o kgalemetsa mo Palamenteng. Jaanong tsamaya o ye go kgalema kwa Office of the President (OP) gore lefatshe le tlaa tlhoka boleng ka *statements* tse di ntshiwang ke Tautona. Jaanong a a netefatse fela gore a tshegetse serodumo sa ofisi ya gagwe le sa leina la gagwe. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

**MINISTER OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORT AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT (MR RAKGARE):** *Point of order Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,*

*I think Honourable Reatile o dule mo tseleng. I have never called ope seganana jaaka a ne a bua. Never!*

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O ne o re seganka.

**MR RAKGARE:** Ga ke ise ke ko ke bitse ope jalo *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa a se ka a ntshenya leina, a amogege fela gore ke motho wa ntwa, o ne a re o ya go betsa *Deputy Speaker*, a lese go mmara ka dikgang tse e leng gore ga di nkame gotlhelele.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** O reetse Moatlhodi wa re ke seganka.

**MR REATILE:** O rile wa re Moatlhodi ke seganka. O itsege fela gore ga o na botho RAKGARE, o tlhapaditse Moatlhodi fa pele ga bana ba gagwe.

**MR RAKGARE:** A se ka a ba a dira jaaka a dira jaana *Mr Speaker*. A itshware sentle, ke motho yo motona.

**MR MATHOOTHE:** Nnyaa, go teng mo Hansard. O rile ke seganka.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we are not debating as to who said what. Honourable RAKGARE was putting forward what he heard. Then Honourable Reatile said, "no, I did not say that," and he was correcting the Honourable Minister as to what words were used.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa rra. Ke a tshaisa e bile ke a tsamaya.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Nnyaa, ke procedure Mr Speaker. It will benefit.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Boko.

**MR BOKO:** *Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse, le tlaa nkgakolola fa e le gore ke dule mo tseleng. Ke ne ke bua ka gore nako e a tshaya mme mo Order Paper go lebege go na le dilo tse pedi tse di botlhokwa, *one of them being the statement* sa ga Leader of the Opposition (LOO) ga reng ga tse dingwe. Ke re gongwe o ka bua *move Motion* wa gore gongwe re ka oketsa nako *Mr Speaker*, ra kgona go ka fetsa dikgang tse, di botlhokwa. *I am saying this because if you were listening carefully...*

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Boko, *ke go utlwile*. You can bring from your side a Chairman who is going to chair because I am going at six o'clock. I have engagements which have been set.



**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Le nna ke batla go tsamaya *Mr Speaker*. Yo o bua ditsiabadimo.

**MR SPEAKER:** Nnyaa, o na le tshwanelo ya go kopa.

**MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MORWAENG):** *On a point of procedure Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke kopa mong wa me ka boikokobetso jo botona gore ke bona nako gore bakaulengwe ba boditse dipotso di le mmalwa, ke kopa ka boikokobetso gore mongwame mpha sebaka ke ba fetole.

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes, it is okay Minister.

**MR MORWAENG:** Ke a leboga. Ke leboge bogolo jang ba ba dumalanang. Go lebega bontsi bo dumalana gore boammaaruri ke gore re tshwanetse re laole se re se buang, re ikele tlhoko. Go lebane ka gore re dirisa Palamente e re bua le setšhaba. Re a bua kwa ntle. Go lebane gore mafoko a re a bue mo Palamenteng, e seng gore gongwe re re kwa *General Assembly* ka gore mafoko a otlhe, Batswana ba a bo ba re reeditse re a bua fa gongwe teng mo Palamenteng mo. *So*, ka tsela eo ke re, ga ke bone phoso ya gore ke bo ke tlile mo Palamenteng, teng mo re berekelang teng fa gongwe re bua le setšhaba.

Mongwe o ne a botsa gore a mme gone *television* le *radio* fa go nna jaana, maikutlo ke eng, ke akanya? Ke re nnyaa, jaaka e ne e le maikaelelo kwa tshimologong, e ntse ke one maikaelelo gore *television* le *radio* di tswelele di gase. Ke a dumalana Rre Leuwe gore ntateng ya tse di a tleng di diragale mo Palamenteng e, go a tle go dire gore batsadi, Batswana kwa ntle kwa, ba latlhegelwe ke kgatlhego mo go lebeng Palamente le go e reetsa. Mme kana seriti le serodumo sa Palamente ke rona re ka se isang kwa tlase fa re ka tswelela ka go dira dilo le go bua dipuo tse e leng gore Batswana fa ba re reeditse kwa ntle kwa, ba latlhegelwa ke kgatlhego e bile ba batla bana ba a bo ba sa reetsa mme ka tsamaiso ba ka bo ba ne ba reeditse.

Rre Leuwe o ne a botsa gore thuto e ga se yone e e leng gore e a diragala, mme jaaka ke ne ke supa ke re, gantsi yo e leng gore gantsi e bile kwa ntleng ga gore le rona fa gongwe re a tle re tlhoke go buisana sentle, ene Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona, go makgetho, ka Sekgoa e le gore *he is been ridiculed*, a buisiwa mafoko a go nyadiwa le go nyefodiwa. Ra re mafoko a, ga se one, mme fa e le gore o teng mo go rona, yo o bonang go siame fela, ke dumela gore Batswana ba re reeditse rotlhe.

Batswana ke bone ba tlaa tsayang ditshwetso ka rona, mme e bile rotlhe ba re mo, re Batswana. Re a itse gore ga se gone go buisa motho a tshwana le moeteledipele wa setšhaba ka tsela e e fa gongwe bangwe ka gore... ke rile, *inside and outside*, mongwe a tshwana le mogolole Rre Kapinga o ne a re, ke eng go tla nna ke tla go bua mafoko a, ke eng e se *Speaker*? Ke ne ke re ke gakolole Motlotlegi Rre Kapinga gore mo nngweng ya ditiro tsa me Rre Kapinga, ke dira le Tautona yo o mo setilong le boTautona ba ba seng mo setilong.

Ke maikarabelo a me Rre Kapinga. Fa o bua ka Tautona, fa o reng ka Tautona go ama ofisi ya me *direct*. Ke sone rra se e leng gore bogolo jang fa go tlhoka tlotlo go lebagantswe le ene ka fa leina la gagwe le a tleng le gogagogwe ka teng, bangwe ba itumela ba bona go siame, go a nkama rra gore ke dire jalo. Ke fete ka yone ke re, fa gongwe mogolole nngwe ya ditiro tsa me o itse gore ke tlhokometse bo Tautona, yo o mo setilong, le ba ba neng ba le mo setilong, ke tiro ya me Rre Kapinga. Ke dumela gore o le motho yo o itseng tsa semolao, *order* le *protocol*, o a itse gore fa gotwe go tlhokomela bo Tautona go tewa eng morwarre.

Mongwe o ne a botsa le Rre Rakgare gore, mafoko a a e tleng a buiwe ke Tautona wa pele kgatlhanong le yo o setilong ke a leba jang? O ne a botsa gore mafoko a e leng gore gantsi a buiwa ka bogale ke yo e neng e le Tautona wa pele gore, nna ka reng ka one; Rre Rakgare, tota kana jaaka rotlhe re ntse jaana, ke sone se re le kang go se bua gore, nnyaa batho betsho a re dibeleng ka gore mo *statement* se sa me go na le fa ke tlhalosang gore kana Tautona fa a le mo setilong kamoso e tlaabo ele yo mongwe, kamoso e le yo mongwe, mme a re tsweleleng re tlotla bo Tautona ba rona. Le o seo mo setilong tlotla yo o mo setilong. Kgang eo jaaka e buiwa ke Rre Rakgare ya gore, gongwe yo o seng mo setilong dipuo tse a di buang kgatlhanong le yo ga se tsone ke re, ee ke boammaaruri, mme ke dumela gore Rre Rakgare ga go go ntle, ga se se Batswana ba se solofetseng.

Rre Rakgare, Botswana ba solofela gore fa o tlogetse tiro o le kwa lelwapeng, o ya go itsaya ka tsela e e leng gore o rara, o motsadi, ga o nne le go tsobera yo mongwe a le mo setilong ka mafoko. Ke raya ke araba wena Rre Rakgare. Kana ga se lantlha Rre Rakgare re nna le Tautona yo o neng a le mo setilong. Re ntse le Tautona Mogae le Tautona Masire. Ga ke eletse go ya mo go yone thata kang eo rra, mme ke re tota keletso le tsholofelo ke gore a re buisane ka mafoko a mantle. Ga ke gakologelwe Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona yo o mo setilong a buisa ope wa bo mogolowe ba ba neng ba le



mo tirong pele ga gagwe ka tsela e e sa amogeeseng. Ke re Batswana le bone kwa ntle kwa kana ba tshwanetse ba re lebe, jaaka mongwe a ne a re a ke nna moatlhodi. Ke re nnyaa, ga se nna moatlhodi, moatlhodi ke Setswana le Batswana, gore a mme gone moo ke mo re ka go rotloetsang, ra bo ra go sireletsa, re bo re batla *justifications* tsa gore Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona a bo a sa buisiwe sentle. Ke tsaya gore Batswana dintlha tse ba di lebile.

Ntlha e nngwe e e neng mongwe a e bua gore mme kana Tautona le ene fa gongwe...mongwe o ne a re o buile ka fa a neng a re o buile ka teng maloba ka fa a neng a bua ka teng. Ke sone se ke neng ke se bua ke re, a re se kang ra iphitlhela re le mo seemong se e leng gore ka fa Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona a kgobotlediwang ka mafoko ka teng, a bo a felele motho wa Modimo a re, nnyaa tlhe batho se nkgobotletseng ka mafoko. A kgobotlediwa ka mafoko a e leng gore ga ke gakologelwe a tlhapaola ope. Fa e le gore go ntse jalo jaaka mokaulengwe a bua ke re, nnyaa bakaulengwe a re se ka ra patika Tautona...

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

**MR MORWAENG:** Mma ke bue ke ntse ke le tlogetse Rre Boko, mma ke bue tlhe rra. Jaanong ne ke kopa gore a re se ka...e bile ke kopa ke khubame, ga ke tlhaloganye gore a kopo ya mofuta o ke yone e kareng ke e kopa ke bo ke tlhaselwa ka mafoko ke re, a re se ka ra tlhapaola Tautona, a re se ka ra goga leina la ga Tautona mo seretseng. A re se ka ra mmuisa jalo. Motho a bo a ntlhasela ka mafoko. Ke re nnyaa tsala ya me, nnaka Boko, a re dire dilo sentle...

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

**MR MORWAENG:** Ga ke molato, ke mafoko a nna le wena a re lebaneng.

Ntlha e nngwe e ke neng ke re ke wetse ka yone ke ya gore...ka gore motho o ne a botsa gore maikutlo a me ke afe fa e le gore sepolotiki se tsaya phekelo ya go tlhoka go buisana sentle. Boammaaruri ke gore, ga se gone, kgang ya go buisana ka mafoko a e seng one e nna tlwaelo, e bile e nna tlwaelo e e leng gore fa yo mongwe a re, nnyaa a re se ka ra dira jalo re mo tlhasela ka mafoko ra re, ga se wena o ka tlang ka mafoko ao, ke re, nnyaa tsala ya me Rre Motsamai, ke ne ke ntse ke tlhalosetsa Motlotlegi Kapinga gore ke Tona Rre Motsamai. Fa ke dirang teng ke maikarabelo a me, ga ke ka ke ka ya go kopa *permit* kwa go ope kwa ntle, kwa ntleng ga ba ke dirang le bone *sir*. Ke mo tseleng, ga ke

a fapoga gope gore re gakololane gore re tsamaisa dilo sentle. Ka fa o tswang kgakala ka teng le dipolotiki Rre Motsamai, ke dumela gore o a itse gore nna le wena re le baeteledipele re tshwanetse go nna sekai le sekao. E bile o ne o ka nkgakgamalela fa ke sa gakolole gore batho betsho a re se kang ra gogagoga leina la ga Tautona jaaka re dira jaana, e bo e kare jaanong ke *competition* gore o o gogang leina la gagwe mo seretseng thata ke ene yo o siameng.

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

**MR MORWAENG:** Ntlha e nngwe e ke neng ke re ke fetse ka yone ke ya ga Rre Mmolotsi, e a neng a tlhalosa gore mogolo mongwe o rogilwe, a mmua ka leina. Ke re ga se Setswana Rre Mmolotsi. Le fa gongwe go ka bo gone go ntse jalo, o ka seke o bue fela o le mo Palamenteng e o bo o re botsadi mongwe go tilwe, o bua mafoko a o neng o a bua. Ke re Rre Mmolotsi ke tlhalositse gore kana Hansard e ya rona jaaka re ntse re bua le gone jaana *it records us*. Le mo ngwageng tse 10, 20 tse di tlang, tse re di buang gompiano jaana mo Palamenteng, bana ba tlaa nna ba bala ba tla go bona gore nna le wena Rre Mmolotsi re ne re bua re reng. Fa o utlwa ke re ga ke gakologelwe lefoko la tlhapa le Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona a le dirisitseng. Se ke se lemogileng, go na le batho ba e leng gore *deliberately we misinterpret* Tautona, re faposa mafoko a gagwe, re batla gore se a se buileng re se fapose, re bo re leka go mo tlhobosa mo setshabeng. Batswana ke dumela gore dilo tse ba a di bona, ba a di itse. Kopo ya me fela ke ne ke re a re ka latlhegelwa ke sengwe fa re ka tlotla Tautona, ra bo ra dira gore Rre Nkawana ba ba buisang Tautona mafoko a mofuta o a lenyatso, le a go mo nyefola re ba kgaleme gore ga se gone. Motlotlegi Rraetsho Tautona a ka se buisiwe jalo ka gore kamoso Rre Nkawana gongwe e tlaabo e le wena o le Tautona wa lefatshe mo dingwageng tse di tlang tse 50, 10 kana tse kae. Jaanong o tlaabo o tlhoka go tlotlwa kana yo o mo tsentseng Rre Nkawana. Se ke se kopang fela Rre Nkawana ke gore, a go phoso go kopa gore re tlotlane. Tota Rre Nkawana a o ka nkomanyetsa kopo ya mofuta o ke re, a re tlotle Tautona, a re tlotleng boeteledipele jwa lefatshe, a re se ka ra buisa Tautona jaaka re mmuisa Rre Nkawana. Ba ba mmuisang kwa ntle jaaka re tshela re utlwa *clips*, leina la gagwe le gogwa mo seretseng, a bidiwa mosimanyana, motho yo o maaka, legodu. Re re a tsone dilo tse Rre Nkawana nkgonne, a o bona go siame? Tumelo ya me ke gore, Rre Nkawana ga o dumele gore a ke se nna le wena ka fa re tswang kgakala le sepolotiki ka teng re se dumelang. Re ka tswa re



farologana ka dipolotiki Rre Nkawana, mme ga go re re rogakane, se tlhaselane ka mafoko, re bo re nyatsane mo re sa lemogeng gore yo mongwe ka tiro o Tautona, o romilwe mo nakong ya gompiano a le Tautona.

Jaanong ka a le kalo rra ke re, ke a kopa, e bile ke rotloetsa gore, a Tautona wa lefatshe...

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

**MR MORWAENG:** Ee rra, jaaka o ne o e buile ke re, mafoko one a sepolotiki, jaaka o ne o re bangwe ba buisa diphuthego ba le kwa ntle ba tlhasela lefatshe la Botswana, ke dilo tse di utlwisang botlhoko. E bile Batswana ba tshwanetse ba re lemoge. Fa ke ya kwa ntle ke ya go tlhasela lefatshe le, ke tlhasela Moeteledipele wa lefatshe re bo re mmuisa dipuo...

**MR SPEAKER:** The time is up. Honourable Morwaeng! It is six o'clock...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, can we listen! Honourable Boko was trying if I heard him, to move a Motion that the hours be extended. Indeed the House has got that power but *nna ke tlaabo ke seyo*. The Deputy Speaker is also engaged, so you will have to find a Speaker, *ga ke itse gore* who will be swearing in that Speaker...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Ke ka tsamaisa* Mr Speaker, I am capable.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** *Neela* Boko, he is a lawyer.

**MR SPEAKER:** I have no power to do that. Read the Constitution, it says Parliament is the one which appoints the Speaker and in that, indeed Parliament can appoint an Acting Speaker; Parliament, not the Speaker. *E tshaile*, may I call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

#### MOTION

#### ADJOURNMENT

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE):** *Mr Speaker*, mma ke leboge Mapalamente gore ba bo ba tsere lebaka le le kana. E bile jaaka o nkopile nako e tshaile, ke ba kopele gore ba tsamae sentle, ba itlhokomele, ba ye go ikenta, ba bo ba rurifatse gore batho ba a ikenta kwa dikgaolong tsa bone. Ka mafoko

a a kalo *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa gore Ntlo e jaanong e tle kwa bokhutlong. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:04 p.m. *sine die*.



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