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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 KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated. Honourable Members, good afternoon.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Afternoon Mr Speaker.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER: Before we go to questions, you would note that there is an Addendum adding two items, that is, the Bill that we discussed this morning which Honourable Mokgware briefed us about and a policy but I am fully aware of Standing Order 44. So, the policy can only come in if either the Leader of the House or any one of you Honourable Members, moves in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Standing Order 44. I say this because I am made to believe that this policy was circulated in February. We were briefed about it at Committees and General Assembly and that you Honourable Members would be ready to debate it, unless you feel otherwise. As I say, the only way for you to debate it is if you move in accordance with Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Order 44. So, think about it as we proceed with questions.

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of procedure*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ga ke na bothata jo bo kalo le gore ba ka e dira ka tsela e o e buang. Boammaaruri ke gore le rona kwa komiting *where we were briefed,* ga re a bona *the real copy of the policy.* Go ne ga nna le *some sort of talking points, just briefing points, those are the only ones that we have been given. I think it will be difficult for the members to debate a policy* e ba sa kgonang go e bala, ba tlaabo ba thulathula fela le go akanyetsa.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR HIKUAMA: *No, the copy was not provided. Even now, there is nothing that has been provided to the members, unless* le batla gore batho ba thule fela *and we will not do justice to that debate.* Ke ne ke raya fela gore gongwe re e beele malatsi a mangwe ka gore *today* tota e tlaabo e le go tshwara Mapalamente *off-guard.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ke go utlwile* Honourable Hikuama, let me just confer with the Clerk.

…Silence…

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, my ruling is that this policy will come after your holidays. So, we will only discuss the Bill.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

BAMB PROFITABILITY

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state if:

(i) Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as announced by the President to the nation; and

(ii) there had been any organisational strategic plan adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025, if the organisation remains loss making.

MR SALESHANDO: Thank you Mr Speaker. I am not sure whether the Minister is ready to answer because the Assistant Minister has said they are struggling to establish if BAMB missed profits last year. *Fa e le gore le santse le ya go tlhotlhomisa,* later date.

Later Date.

SERULE POLICE STATION

MR G. SEDOMBO (TONOTA): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether:

(i) he is aware of the dilapidated condition of the Serule Police Station, which is characterised by structural cracks, a sunken floor, non-functional electrical systems, falling ceilings, a leaking roof, and an unusable holding cell due to sewerage system failure; and if so,

(ii) there are any plans in place to rehabilitate the facility, and when such remedial works are expected to commence.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker.

(i) Mr Speaker, we are aware of the condition of the Serule Police Station and its maintenance remains a concern. Due to current budgetary constraints, there are no plans for a comprehensive

refurbishment of the facility. However, minor maintenance is performed as needed to ensure that the station remains operational and continues to provide police services to residents.

(ii) Additionally, the rehabilitation of the sewer system at the Serule Police Station which was previously stalled due to fiscal challenges has now been revived. The contractor is expected to commence works from the 26th August 2026 to the 27th November 2026. This rehabilitation will mitigate current sewer challenges including in-the-station cell wing, ensuring improved hygiene and operational efficiency. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SEDOMBO: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke *supplement* ka gore fa a bua ka *minor maintenance,* segolo jang a ikepela mo kgannyeng ya *sewer*, kana seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng, se maswe mo e leng gore ga ba sa tlhole ba tshegetsa babelaelwa kana batho ba e leng gore ba sentse. Le one motlakase fela, babereki ba kwa ba patelesega gore ba reke *solar lights* go tshuba mo teng. Ba tsibogela seemo se ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang ka gore ke seemo se se sa siamang tota mo e leng gore le go theogela mo bosigong kana go raya gore ke go mammanyetsa fela, ga se go theogela? Le tsiboga ka bofefo jo bo kana ka eng ka gore go tsere nako e telele go ntse go ntse jalo?

Fa o bua ka *August* 2026 mme seemo se ntse jaaka se ntse jaana, le e lebile ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang gore le ise kwa dikgweding tse di kwa pele jaana? Ke a leboga *sir.*

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Rre Sedombo. Ke tsaya gore mathata a fa a fatlhoga mo bekeng e e fetileng kana mo malatsing a a fa moragonyana, ke mathata a a ntseng a le teng. Mathata a, kwa ntle ga gore gongwe o lebagane le kgaolo ya gago, ke mathata a a aparetseng lefatshe le lotlhe. Fa ke ka go fa sekai, re ne re le kwa Jwaneng maloba go kopana le ba khansele ka thulaganyo ya Ikageng, re bo re dira le ga Vocational Training Centre (VTC), ba Dulux Botswana, re kopana le ba Buildings go baakanya *cells* le go baakanya *police station.*

Fa re ile kwa Lobatse ka Drug Day, re fitlhetse e le gore ga go na *cell*. Mathata a a apere lefatshe le lotlhe mme jaaka ke bua, ga a simolole dibeke tse pedi kana dingwaga tse pedi. Re fitlhela mathata a, *so we have a backlog* mo seemong se e leng gore ga go na madi. Se re tsweletseng re se dira jaanong, re bua le ba ba ikemetseng go baakanya kgang e. E bile jaaka ke bua jaana, kwa Jwaneng Police Station e baakantswe e bile *cells* di a bereka jaanong. Fa re tswa fa re ya kwa Lobatse re ya go dira seo.

E bile ba ba kwa Serule ba botoka, le fa go sa lekana ra re sengwe se ya go diragala, *August* ke kgwedi e e latelang Rre Sedombo, gongwe ga o a di *check* sentle. Ya re *June, July, August*, *so* go raya gore kgwedi e e tlang ba tlaabo ba le kwa Serule. Bone sengwenyana se bonetse go ba thusa, mathata a mantsi, le kwa ntleng fela ga *police stations*, batho ba welwa ke *ceilings* mo dikoleng, le matlo a mapodise, ba bangwe go nna bo mmamanthwane. Fa o ka lebelela bogolo jang kwa kgaolong ya ga *Honourable* Disho, re fitlhetse seemo sa teng se sa nna sentle, bo mmamanthwane ba nna fela mo *ceilings*. Mathata a ga a mannyennyane, a batla madi a mantsi a Puso e senang one mo nakong ya gompieno. Jaanong wena o ka bo o leboga gore sengwenyana se rothegetse gore bangwe ba ye go tlhola ba le kwa ga gago. Ba bangwe ga go na ba ba tlang ka *August*. Ke a leboga.

PAST INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY FORMER BDF PERSONNEL

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on measures put in place to redress past injustices suffered by former Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel (Privates to Warrant Officers) in the years between 1980 to 1998 while undertaking official local trips in particular to state:

(i) the reasons they were not paid subsistence allowances but also personally paid for their meals during the trips;

(ii) if the ministry has any plans to reimburse the officers the meal expenses and to pay them their dues in terms of subsistence allowances (night outs and meals); if so, when, if not, why not; and

(iii) the number of officers involved and to further brief on the current status of payments for subsistence allowances to BDF personnel of Private to Warrant Officer ranks.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. *Pele ga ke araba Rre* Kekgonegile, *gongwe ke re maloba kana o ne wa ntsha tshwetso* Mr Speaker *ka* supplementary questions *tsa ga Rre* Furniture, *ke go tsibose, le ofisi ya gago re e itsisitse, re mo neetse dikarabo tseo motlotlegi. Ke a leboga.*

Mr Speaker, as far as we are concerned, there were no past injustices suffered by former Botswana Defence Force (BDF) personnel (Private to Warrant Officers). Before 1997 members of the BDF were paid ration allowance at the rate of P66.00 per month, deployed or non-deployed.

Mr Speaker, the BDF introduced commuted subsistence allowance in 1997 to enhance the salaries of its members at the rate of 50 per cent of the subsistence allowance. The other 50 per cent was reserved for the provision of rations for BDF members while on deployment/trip within Botswana. The commuted subsistence allowance was paid at the initial rate of P456.00 per month and currently is paid at P1500.00 per month deployed or non-deployed. Mr Speaker, this commuted subsistence allowance is necessitated by the nature of military services, where a serving member can be deployed to local trips without prior notice.

Mr Speaker, comparatively, commuted subsistence allowance provided a financial benefit far better than the ration allowance. *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary*. Tona, fa motho a ka go botsa, pele ga 1997 badirelapuso *subsistence allowance* ya bone e ne e le bokae *per day*? A fa o e tshwantshanya le P66 yo o neng a fiwa masole ka ngwaga, mme ka nako ya teng badirelapuso ba bangwe ba ne ba tsaya one a a kalo ka letsatsi fa a le mo *trip*, a wa re ba ba fiwang P66 ka kgwedi ba diretswe sentle go na le ba ba fiwang P66 ka letsatsi fa ba le mo *trip*? A mme ga se gore ba ba fiwang P66 ka kgwedi, madi a bone a mangwe fa ba le mo *trip* a ne a tshwerwe ke Goromente, ba na le tshwanelo ya gore fa ba le mo *trip* ba fiwe madi a bone otlhe? A selo seo e ne e se tsuololo ya ditshwanelo mo go bone? A ga ba *entitled* gore ba ka duelwa madi a bone a Goromente a a tsereng mme a ba tshwanetse?

Sa bobedi ke gore wa re ba fiwa *commuted allowance*. Kana *commuted allowance* le *per diem* kana *subsistence allowance* di dira ditiro tse pedi tse di farologanyeng. *Commuted allowance* gantsinyana, o na le gore o bereke ka dinako tse di leele thata, *so* go na le gore o duelwe *overtime* o fiwa gone moo. *Subsistence allowance* ke fa motho a ile *trip* gore o letse ntle. A wa re *commuted allowance replaced subsistence allowance* mo BDF? A mme di a tsamaelana? A ga o bone gore *commuted allowance* e dira se sele, mme *still* fa ba ile *trip they are entitled to subsistence allowance*? A ga se gore le *change* tsamaiso ya masole go na le gore ba tle ba seke kwa morago le ba fe ditshwanelo tsa bone gompieno?

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Kekgonegile. Ke tsaya gore Motlotlegi Kekgonegile o utlwile sentle karabo ka fa e neng e ntse ka teng, e araba sone se a se buang. Ra re motho o ne a neelwa P66 ka 1996 e seng ka 2026 ka kgwedi. Le fa o ka nna *five years* o sa ya *trip* o tsere P66 ka kgwedi e bile ga go na go tla a tsewa mo go wena. Gompieno le gone go ntse jalo, o neelwa P1, 500 ka kgwedi ka kutlwisiso ya gore o kgona gore nako nngwe le nngwe go bo go ka twe tsamaya o ye *trip,* mme madi fa o a neetswe go raya gore go ka twe o a buse.

Gompieno jaaka modirelapuso o sele, ene ga a tseye thebe, o kopa madi a malala-ntle fela fa a ile *trip*. Yo mongwe o kgona go nna a theogela a bo a palelwa ke go akola le ene P1, 500 go fitlhelela a tswa mo tirong. Yo mongwe ene yo o botsang potso, ba ba neng ba go romile, bone ba tsaya P1, 500 ka kgwedi mme ba sa ya *trip*. Jaanong se re tshwanetse go se tsaya jaana, gongwe le gongwe fa batho ba berekang teng, go na le gore boeteledipele bo sekaseke go bona gore ga bo beye babereki ka fa mosing. Jaaka o bona mo nakong ya gompieno re ne re fitlhetse go na le madi a masole a a neng a le kwa morago a wela mo go P5 *billion*. Fa re bua jaana, re mekamekane le go a duela ka maikaelelo a gore re ba direle tshiamo.

Fa o lebelela gape gompieno go na le madi a masole ba santseng ba bua ka one a melala a go neng gotwe go sale *half*. Re mo maikaelelong a go ba direla tshiamo go bona gore re baakanya dilo tse tsotlhe jang. Go na le tsotlhe tse re di lebelelang go bona gore masole ba ba ntshitseng matshelo a bone setlhabelo ba direlwa tshiamo. Se se sa ba siamelang re tlaa se baakanya ka e bile ba kopane le Puso e e kgatlhegelang ditshwanelo tsa badirelapuso. Ke a leboga.

SIR KETUMILE MASIRE TEACHING HOSPITAL

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on:

(iv) whether Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital is a public hospital; and if so,

(v) why patients are still required to pay and use medical aid at the facility; and if not, whether services at this hospital are free like in all other public hospitals.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to inform this House that pursuant to Presidential Directive

CAB: 9, 8 of 2026, Cabinet approved the winding down and deregistration of Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital as a public company and its conversion into a public hospital under the Ministry of Health. The process of implementing the CAB Directive is ongoing, meaning that Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital is in transition to a public hospital. However, the process has been halted by a court order until resolution of the court matter on the 4th of November 2026.

We remain committed as a Government to providing equitable access to health care services for all citizens through the public health care system.

As part of this approved transition *ya* Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital, we have preserved the pre-existing billing mechanism *o o neng o ntse o dirisiwa ke sepatela sa* Sir Ketumile Masire. *Jaanong ba ba nang le* medical aid *ba tswelela e ntse e re fa ba ya kwa sepatela,* they be charged *mo* medical aid *wa bone jaaka gale. Ba ba tsamayang e le* private clients, *le bone* they are charged *ka* the billing system *e e neng e ntse e le* in place. *Se e le go leka gore sepatela sa* Sir Ketumile Masire, *se kgone go ka tswelela se neela batho ditlamelo, ka gore jaaka le itse seemo sa itsholelo ga se gore re na le letseno le le kalokalo re le ba Botsogo kana Goromente. Fa re ne re ka emisa gore ba ba nang le* medical aid *le tse dingwe ba tswelele* and be charged *jaaka pele, go ne go tlaabo go raya gore ene* Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital *o ya go feleletsa a palelwa ke go tlamela batho jaaka go tshwanetse le jaaka go ne go ntse go dirwa*.

Jaanong ke lemotshe Ntlo e gore, ministry *wa rona o tsweletse ka go baakanya tsamaiso e e leng gore batho ba duelela ditsabotsogo, jaaka le itse gore go yeng pele re lebile jalo go dira* National Health Insurance (NHI), *e e leng gore* some of the practices *tsa yone e tlaabo e le tse di tsamaelanang* to some extent *le se o se bonang kwa* Sir Ketumile Masire. *Ka jalo le se ka la tsaya gore jaanong tsamaiso e fetogile kwa dipateleng, batho ba a ituelela*, this is only confined to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital. Tse *dingwe tse tsotlhe tsamaiso e ntse ke e le ntseng le e tlwaetse. Ke a leboga*.

MR LEKUTLANE: *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge *Honourable Speaker.* Ke bo ke leboge tsamaiso ya gago ya maloba, e Mabuse Pule a e itumeletseng. *Question* ya me e ntse jaana *Honourable Minister,* golo kwa Sir Ketumile Teaching Hospital o na le babereki ba babedi; ba ba neng ba ntse ba le kwa Sir Ketumile ba bereka ba duelwa madi a a fale, mme o tsere ba bangwe kwa Marina o ba isitse koo. Potso ke gore o baakanya leng *salaries* tsa bone gore di tshwane, gore go se ka ga tsoga kgotlhang fa gare ga babereki. Tanki *sir.*

MR SPEAKER: Tona, ga ke itse gore a o na le karabo, mme potso ya teng ga e tsamaelane le Order 40.2.

MR OOKEDITSE: Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Ke ka e araba fela ka ke motho yo o siameng. Ke supe *Mr Speaker* gore, fa re leng teng ka *Directive* e re buang ka yone ya *Cabinet,* e ne e le gore se re batlang go se dira *is to harmonise* dituelo tsa botlhe dingaka *across the different platforms* tsa botsogo, *whether in the public health system* kwa University ya Botswana le Sir Ketumile, *so that* ba kgone go duelwa ka go tshwana kana ka go lekalekana. *Pursuant to that Directive,* go bo go raya gore jaanong re tlaabo re *deregister* kompone jaaka ke ne ke supa, re dira gore Sir Ketumile Masire e nne *a public hospital.* Jaanong e rile fa re tsweletse ka *process* e, a bo go raya gore bangwe go na le ka fa ba neng ba akantse ka teng ba bo ba ya kwa Kgotlatshekelo. Go bo go raya gore *process* ya go tsweledisa le go tswala se re batlang go se tswala se e a ema, e tlaa simolola gape sentle morago ga 4th *November* 2026 *after* lekgotla le rebola ka fa le rebolang ka teng. Go go neela karabo fela e e siameng ke gore, maikaelelo a rona ke gore go lekalekane. *Process* e santse e emisitswe ke lekgotla, mme re tlotlile tshwetso eo. Re tlaa tsweledisa morago ga 4th *November* 2026.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Arafat Kitso Khan, Member for Molepolole North.

MR SEGOKGO: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker.*

TURNAROUND STRATEGY TO MAKE SELEBI PHIKWE A PLACE OF CHOICE FOR INVESTORS

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House on the planned turnaround strategy to make Selebi Phikwe a place to go to for local and foreign investors.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I wish to assure this Honourable House that the Government of Botswana through Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship remains fully committed to ensuring that Selebi Phikwe retains its position as a strategic investment destination that promote economic diversification and sustainable growth.

Mr Speaker, the Selebi Phikwe Economic Diversification Unit (SPEDU) is currently implementing its five-year strategic plan 2021-2026. As the plan approaches its conclusion, it will be reviewed to inform the development of a comprehensive turnaround strategy aimed at renewing and revitalizing investment attraction and economic diversification initiatives in Selebi Phikwe. The new strategy will be aligned with the objective of the National Development Plan (NDP) 12, the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), the Urban Development Plan (UDP) and other relevant national initiatives that supports the socio-economic development of Selebi Phikwe.

Finally Mr Speaker, I wish to inform this Honourable House that the SPEDU Board is fully constituted and remains committed to providing the strategic leadership foresight and oversight necessary to ensure the necessary development and implementation of the anticipated turnaround strategy. I thank you.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Tona, o nkarabile le fa gone ke sena bosupi jwa gore dikgang tsa gago ke tse di kwadilweng tse re ka di kgaoganang le bogogi jwa Toropo ya Phikwe. Fela motho o ne a ka botsa gore ka gore wa re e ntša gongwe le setse le simolotse, e bile o bua gore go na le *board* nngwe ya SPEDU e e leng gore gompieno re mo mathateng a gore *Executives* tsa SPEDU di fetolwa malatsi otlhe, a ke bontlha bongwe jwa *strategy* go fetola botsamaisi jwa boeteledipele jwa SPEDU. Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Nkawana ka potso kana kakgelo. Ke tsaya gore ga go na *strategy* se e ka nnang go kabakanya *leadership. I think you will remember that* SPEDU *for a long time* e ntse e sena *substantive* Chief Executive Officer (CEO), jaanong re mo *process* yone ya go hira. Go kabakanya re a bo re tsere kwa *ministry* re potisitse ka kwa gore fa re santse re le mo dikgannyeng tsa go hira, a bo e le gore go santse go na le mongwe yo o tshwereng teu mo nakong e wa sennelaruri a iseng a hirwe. Yo re neng re ntse re mo adimile SPEDU re mmuseditse kwa lephateng, mme re tlhomile yo mongwe re santse re le gone mo *process. In the absence of the board,* go nna thata gore o hire CEO ka gore ke bone ba e leng gore *they recommend* CEO ka ke bone ba tsamaisang *strategy* le ene CEO. Jaanong ba mo *proc*ess eo ya go hira ene yo e leng *a substantive* CEO. Ke tsaya gore ga ba na go tsaya lebaka, go tlaa diragala mo nakong e e seng kgakala. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Simasiku Mapulanga, Member for Chobe.

MR DISHO: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker.*

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TEACHER AIDES AND CARE TAKERS

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

(i) to state the difference in the general job descriptions, scope of work and remuneration between Teacher Aides and Care Takers;

(ii) if there is a difference in remuneration and conditions of service between those employed directly by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and those employed under the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs;

(iii) whether her ministry provides any form of assistance to these cadres, such as training opportunities, housing, or allowances, in recognition of their work demands and specialised roles; if so, what specific programmes or benefits are currently in place;

(iv) what provisions exist for career progression from initial employment to promotion, including recognition of length of service; and

(v) how her ministry ensures that these positions offer a clear pathway for professional growth and retention.

Later Date.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi, Member for Nkange.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke bona SMS mo nomorong ya me e ke sa e itseng, ba re ba kopa *later date*, ga ke itse gore o tswa kae *message* wa teng. Ke a ngongorega *Mr Speaker, every time* fa ke na le potso *Minister conveniently* ga a tle, mme ga a bue le nna. Ke romelelwa *message* ke dinomoro tse ke sa di itseng, go kopiwa *later date. Monday I had a question, she was not there. Yesterday she was there. Today I have a question, she is not there.* Ga ke itse gore *is she dodging* dipotso tsa me kana o tshwerwe ke tiro.

MR SPEAKER: So, it is a later date.

MR MOALOSI: I have no choice. Later date.

PERMANENT ABSORBPTION OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS

MR M. MOALOSI (NKANGE): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to state:

(i) the process that would be used to permanently absorb temporary teachers;

(ii) whether those that worked for a long time as temporary teachers would be given preference over newer graduates;

(iii) if she is aware that some posts held by temporary teachers are said to have "disappeared" in the Oracle system, such as the post for an English Teacher at Goshwe Junior Secondary School;

(iv) plans to get back the posts that are no longer available because the Oracle system deleted them; and

(v) if she is aware of the service disruption in schools where posts that are said to be "no longer available" remain unfilled.

Later Date.

SHORTAGE OF TEXTBOOKS IN SCHOOLS

MR S. O. DIGWA (BOTETI WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

(i) if she is aware of the serious shortage of both core and supplementary text books in the five junior secondary schools in Boteti West Constituency;

(ii) what measures are in place to ensure that there is adequate supply of text books in those schools; and

(iii) whether the shortage is not limiting teaching and learning in these junior secondary schools.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education. *Ga gona yo a mo tshwaretseng* Leader of the House?

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Mr Speaker, I am not aware* gore ke mang yo o tshwanetseng gore a bo a ka thusa Mma Mokoka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR MOHWASA: Nnyaa, *Mr Speaker* o ne a re *who is acting, so* ga ke itse gore ke mang *who is acting* gompieno. Se ke ka se buang *Mr Speaker* ke solofetsa Ntlo, fa gongwe go tsaya nako go baakanya. Maikaelelo jaaka re ne re kile ra bua kwa thoko ke gore, bo Tona fa ba dirile dipotso re di kopanele (*share*) mme ga go na go diragala ka bofefo. Maikaelelo ke go leka gore, fa Tona a seyo, kana le fa a le teng dipotso di tle mo ofising ya ga *Leader of the House,* gore fa yo mongwe a seyo re kgone gore re thuse batlotlegi ka dikarabo. Re tlaa leka go ipaakanya ka seo. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: Ke lebogela *reminder* e re e fiwang ke *Leader of the House.* Ke tsaya gore kgang e e tswa kgakala re bua, e ka nna la bo *four* letsatsi jeno re bua gore fa *Minister* a seyo a itsise ba ba tshwanetseng gore o tlaabo a seyo. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore fa ke batla karabo ya Batswana kwa Boteti mme go sena yo o nkarabang, tota mathata ke nna kana ke batho ba Boteti? Ke sone se ke sa se tlhaloganyeng.

MR SPEAKER: *Mma ba baakanye.* I warned this morning *ka dipotso tsa* Child Welfare and Basic Education. I told the Clerk *gore a tshwaragane le ba* ministry because they have so many questions, and I was worried that the Assistant Minister is on leave. I understand he is away, he is not available. I had gotten a hint of the likely unavailability of the Minister responsible. So, I asked the Clerk to relay the message *wa gore, kana* they have I think about four questions in the Order Paper, and that they should arrange *le mongwe gore a tle a di ba arabele ka di dintsi*. Otherwise it would not be a productive usage of Parliament. *Ga ke itse ka gore dipotso tsotlhe ke tsaya gore ya* to the Clerk of Cabinet.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of procedure*. Ke ne ke re ke thuse *Mr Speaker,* Mme Mma Kgafela-Mokoka o na le mathata a a mo tlhagetseng, a ke dumelang gore a mo tsieditse gore o ka laela. *The aunt was knocked down by a vehicle* maabane, o mo lesong. Jaanong fa o na le mathata a a ntseng jaana *you lose the bearing,* go *normal*. Ke raya gore gompieno jaana ke mathata a a tshotseng, a a mo tlhagetseng a kotsi. Ke raya gore bakaulengwe re ka bo re dumela fela gore e ka nna ya re fa go nna fela jalo le wena o bo o lebala dilo tse dingwe tse o tabogela kwa o bidiwang teng.

MR SPEAKER: *E utlwetse* General Mokgware. *Se ke se buang ke gore, ke ratile go utlwalela gore o ka nna a se ke a nne teng* this afternoon, and my concern was

that there are four questions. So, the reason I tried to intervene in that way was to have somebody come and answer those questions on her behalf. *Ke sone fela*. I am not faulting her *go le kalokalo ka mabaka a o a buang.*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Le nna ke bona molaetsa o o nang le nomore e ke sa e tlhaloganyeng. Mme *Mr Speaker,* gongwe re ne re ka re, le bone ba ba romelang *messages, at least they should state* gore ke bomang, gore re tle re itse gore *is it authentic* kana jang.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, *I cannot engage a ghost*. *Ministers* di tshwanetse go tlhalosa gore fa ba roma batho ba re bolelela ba supe gore ke bomang kwa ofising. Gongwe ke *message* fela o o sa tsweng gope.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ga ke ka ke ka letsa, ga se tiro ya me go letsa, tiro ya me ke go arabiwa mo Palamenteng...

MR SPEAKER: Bua le nna kwano, *ignore side remarks.*

MR HIKUAMA: Tiro ya me ke go arabiwa mo Palamenteng. Jaanong bo Wynter Mmolotsi, *Leader of the House,* ba ba tshwanetseng *to put their House in order,* o a bona gore ga go a tlhwaafalwa, ga ba na sepe, ba kwa ga tlebebe. Ke gore ba iketlile tota.

Later Date.

WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION FACILITIES

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement if there are plans in place to relocate the Water Utilities Corporation facilities in Mochudi particularly the sewerage ponds in Boseja North and Mabodisa Wards and other associated facilities that are now a health hazard to the community.

ACTING MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (DR DIKOLOTI): *Ke a go leboga* Mr Speaker.

(Certain words were expunged from the record as ordered by the Speaker.)

Karabo ya ga Honourable Morolong Mr Speaker; Mochudi village has two sets of ponds, one in Boseja and other one in Kgamanyane. When both boseja and Kgamanyane ponds were established they were deliberately allocated land at a safe distance away from active residential developments. However, due to increased population growth, and an escalating demand for residential plots within Mochudi, consecutive land allocations have gradually encroached upon the perimeter zones placing communities near this preexisting utility infrastructure size. Mr Speaker, while my ministry acknowledges the community's desire for a complete relocation of these facilities, current financial constraints prevent immediate relocation of the infrastructure. Mochudi sewage infrastructure upgrade has been budgeted for under National Development Plan (NDP) 12. Under this envisaged development plan, the identification of alternative new sides and the discontinuation of existing systems will be systematically assessed when funding for project has been secured. Mr Speaker, the ministry recognises the importance of maintaining robust sanitation infrastructure to ensure optimal operational efficiency and structural integrity.

Both Boseja and Kgamanyane ponds have recently undergone comprehensive refurbishment which covered cleaning of the 135 kilometre sewer pipeline and attending to the blockages along line, desludging of pump station sumps, desludging of all ponds at Boseja, desludging of aerobic pond at Kgamanyane and construction of discharge bay at Kgamanyane. With regards to concerns over health hazards and air pollution affecting nearby residence and request for relocation of the ponds WUC has implemented critical changes to localise operations.

Due to proximity of Boseja ponds to neighbouring homesteads, a decision was taken to completely haul the discharge of the effluent by vacuum trucks at this site thereby relocating the discharge bay to Kgamanyane ponds which are far off from homesteads relative to Boseja ponds. This action reduces the intense localised air pollution and odour spikes traditionally experience on trucks of load or discharge raw sewage at the Boseja ponds. Consequently Mr Speaker, these Boseja ponds are now dedicated to receiving effluent exclusively channeled through the reticulated sewer network systems. The system shift guarantees that waste water goes through primary treatment stages beforehand significantly neutralising odour levels before reaching the open ponds. I thank you Mr Speaker.

(Certain words were expunged from the record as ordered by the Speaker.)

MR MOALOSI: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke kopa *to invoke* Standing Order 38.1(m) e e buang gore '*a Member may ask a question seeking statement from the Minister.' Mr Speaker*, kana ke letsatsi la boraro re le mo Palamenteng, mme ga re ise re bue sepe ka melemo, mme batho kwa morago kwa ba a lwa.

MR SPEAKER: *Hang on,* fela fa dipotso di fela, o bo o emelela.

MR MOALOSI: Ke ne ke ithaya ke re di fedile.

MR SPEAKER: Ga di ise di fele, go na le tsa bo *Honourable* Mapulanga tse di tsewang ke bo *Honourable* Disho.

MR KHAN: *Dumela* Mr Speaker, *ke* question Number 5.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga go dirwe jalo* Honourable Khan. You must show respect to the House, you are just arriving now.

MR KHAN: Ke ne ke setse ke dumedisa, ke a go dumedisa *Honourable Speaker.* Ke ne ke santse ke tabogile, ke bo ke kopa Rre Segokgo gore a ntseele potso. Ke kopa maitshwarelo go tla thari.

OVERALL DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP OF A MINISTRY

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state who between Ministers and Permanent Secretaries is constitutionally and operationally responsible for the overall direction and leadership of a ministry, and to further state:

(i) if Ministers have any formal role in the recruitment and appointment of senior ministry officials (e.g., Directors, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, and Permanent Secretaries) to enable them to assemble teams aligned with the Minister's vision for the ministry; if so, to outline the Minister's role in the recruitment process;

(ii) if he is confident that Ministers exercise effective control and oversight of their respective ministries, or there are systemic issues that allow Permanent Secretaries to override or derail Ministerial direction; if so, what reforms are proposed to restore Ministerial leadership;

(iii) concrete measures that the Government is taking to remove or otherwise deal with corrupt and/or incompetent officers who remain in senior public service positions and whose conduct hampers the new Government's ability to deliver on its promises, and to provide the legal and administrative instruments the Government will use, including a timeline for implementation; and

(iv) the relevant policy documents, statutes or circulars that govern appointments, oversight and discipline of senior public officers.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker.

Ministers have a strategic governance and oversight role. The Public Service Act vests the appointment of senior management officers (other than those appointed by the President under the Constitution or any other law) in the Permanent Secretary to the President.

However, recruitment and appointments must be conducted in accordance with the Public Service Act, General Orders, Schemes of Service and applicable Government directives. Selection is based on merit, competence, qualifications, experience and performance through fair and transparent processes. Ministers do not appoint or direct the appointment of Executive Management Office.

Mr Speaker, the Constitution of Botswana, the Public Service Act, 2008, and the General Orders establish a clear governance framework for the Public Service. Within this framework, Ministers provide political leadership, policy direction and oversight, while Permanent Secretaries are the administrative heads responsible for implementing Government policies and managing ministries, subject to the direction and control of their respective Ministers.

Permanent Secretaries exercise their functions under the general direction and control of their Ministers while remaining bound by the Constitution, the Public Service Act Section 9:2 and the General Orders and other lawful instruments.

Mr Speaker, Government has zero tolerance for corruption, misconduct and persistent poor performance. The Public Service Act and General Orders provide mechanisms to address misconduct and underperformance, including:

- performance management through Performance Agreements and Performance Development Plans;
- continuous performance monitoring and appraisal;
- coaching, counselling and capacity development;
- disciplinary proceedings in accordance with due process;
- suspension where investigations warrant;

- removal from office where misconduct or incapacity is established; and
- criminal investigation and prosecution where criminal conduct is suspected.

These are continuous statutory and administrative processes, and are implemented as whenever need arises; therefore, no single implementation timeline applies. For example, the Forensic Audit that was undertaken recently.

Mr Speaker, the principal instruments include;

- The Constitution of Botswana.
- The Public Service Act, 2008.
- The Public Service Regulations.
- The General Orders (1996), as amended.
- Applicable Schemes of Service.
- The Public Service Charter.
- Government Directives, Circular Savingrams and other administrative instructions issued from time to time by the Office of the President and the Directorate of Public Service Management.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, Botswana's Public Service is founded on the principles of merit, professionalism, accountability, transparency and political neutrality. The legal framework clearly defines the respective roles of Ministers and Permanent Secretaries while ensuring that appointments, promotions, discipline and removal from office are undertaken lawfully, fairly and in the public interest. Government remains committed to strengthening public service governance, integrity and performance to deliver efficient and responsive services to the people of Botswana. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary. Honourable Minister,* kana se potso e batlang go se itse ke gore, le tlaa dirisa dithata tsa lona leng go ntsha batho mo tirong ba le tlholang le re bolelela gore ke bone ba ba le kgoreletsang mo go fitlheleleng maikaelelo a lona? Kana le batla gore e re kamoso nako e tla jaanong ya gore le bewe mo sekaleng, le bo le raya setšhaba le re nnyaa, kana rona re ne re kgorelediwa ke batho ba re ba fitlhetseng mo bodirelapusong? Re tlaa bona leng dikgato fela tse di bonwang ke mongwe le mongwe, le sa direle ka fa sephiring, le dira mongwe le mongwe a bona? Re tlaa bona leng dikgato tse le di tsayang fela tse di supang gore batho ba ba sutisa dikgoreletsi tse di ba kgoreletsang mo tirong ya bone ya go etelela pele lefatshe, ba tsenya batho ba e leng gore ba ka ba kgontsha, gona le gore le direle ka fa sephiring le ntse le re nnyaa re kgoreletswa ke molao, mme fela gone go na le tlhokafalo ya gore le tsenye batho ba ba ka le thusang go fitlhelela maikaelelo a lona? Kana ke sone se potso e batlang go se itse.

Sekai se ke se itseng gore e rile le tsena fela la tsaya kgato e e gagametseng la ntsha motho yo le neng le bona le ka se ka la bereka le ene mo Pusong, ke ka *Chief Justice* yo o fetileng. Ke mang yo mongwe gape yo le ka supang gore nnyaa, re ntshitse dikgoreletsi ke tse re di beetse kwa thoko? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR MOHWASA: Ke a go utlwa motlotlegi, mogolole ka potso ya gago. Ke tsaya gore se o neng o se dira ke go oketsa potso e e neng e botswa ke mmotsi. Ke tsaya gore le ene fa a ka emelela a botsa gore a o ne a e botsa jaaka o e botsa, ke tsaya gore o ka go itatola. Se se teng ke gore, ke tlhalositse tsamaiso e e teng mo Pusong ya phiro le melawana e e tlang ya phiro, e e tshwanetseng e dirisiwe mo mongwe le mongweng. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Disho for Honourable Mapulanga.

ANIMALS FOUND IN PANDAMATENGA FARMS

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Environment and Tourism:

(i) to update this Honourable House on the statistics of animals that are trapped or found in the Pandamatenga farms;

(ii) to state immediate and long-term strategies of removing them or managing their numbers; and

(iii) if he would consider the animals to be part of the hunting quota for the trust in the jurisdiction or create specialised hunting permits for the subsistence of the community.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Pandamatenga was identified by the 1998 Task Force as one of Botswana's most suitable areas for crop production, and by 2009, its 25 000 hectares were already producing approximately 90 per cent of the country's cereal output. However, productivity has

remained marginal due to an unconducive environment characterized by flooding and crop damage by wildlife. To address this, Government prioritised the construction of an electrified game-proof fence from 1999 to 2001, which significantly improved conditions in that area. Prior to and during the construction of the fence, there was a continuous exercise of removing wild animals trapped inside. Due to the size of the area, it was a challenge to completely remove all the animals resulting in some of them remaining upon completion of the fence. Several operations followed which further reduced the number of animals in the fence. Today, the 45 074 hectares being the total area covering the Pandamatenga farms are protected by 150 kilometers (km) of game-proof fence, but pressure from wildlife, particularly antelopes moving from adjacent areas such as CH8 and CH12 continues as this is historically part of the habitat for this wildlife.

Mr Speaker, the ministry, through the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP), conducted the surveys in June 2025. The number of animals observed trapped on the Pandamatenga farms was three giraffes, 20 Kudus, 20 Tsessebe, 10 elands, four sable antelopes, and two roan antelopes.

O reetse thata, Mr Speaker, as part of the immediate strategy, the DWNP undertakes the capture of animals from inside Pandamatenga farms and their release back into the wilderness. Furthermore, these animals are captured to support the Keeping Game in Masimo Programme which I think you all know about.

Mr Speaker, as part of the long-term strategy, engagement with farmers will be undertaken with a view to enhancing the fence to prevent animals from entering the farming area. The ministry, through the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Area (KAZA) Programme, is constructing an electric game-proof fence to protect small-scale cluster farmers' fields at Pandamatenga.

Mr Speaker, the trust in the jurisdiction benefits from the annual hunting quota issued to the CH/8 and CH/12 concession areas. The PALEKA Trust was issued quotas of 152 in 2025, another 139 in 2025, and 137 wild animals in 2026, making a total of 428 wild animals, including elephants, buffalo, and impala, in the past three years in the above concessions.

Mr Speaker, it is worth noting that during hunts, hunters and their clients are interested in trophies such as tusks and head mounts, while the meat goes to the communities. As such, meat is made available to the communities for sustenance.

Mr Speaker, the amounts accrued to the communities from the sale of the above quotas were P8, 074, 923 in 2024, P8, 579, 072 in 2025, and P8, 842, 724.69 in 2026.

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, the ministry, through the DWNP, has granted two permits for the hunting of elands and kudus, intended for community use during last year's independence celebrations, in addition to the animals obtained through community quotas. The permits, which authorise the harvest of eight elands and eight kudus respectively, were issued to communities in Chobe in 2019 and 2025. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR DISHO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go utlwa Tona. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke lebogela karabo ya gago. O e arabile ka botlalo. Ke na le dipotso tsa motlaleletsa tse pedi tse ke sa utlwang o di tlhalosa sentle. Ya ntlha ke gore, *research* ya diphologolo tse, e dirilwe leng? *When was the research conducted or the statistics* tse o re fang tsone fa o bua gore kudu di *four* kana di fale le fale?

Ya bobedi, go na le phologolo e o sa e tsenyang fa o ntse o di nankola foo, e e senyang thata le go feta diphologolo tse tsotlhe, noko. Kgaolo ele e tletse bo noko. A mme o a itse gore bo noko bale ba senyetsa Makgoa ale *to such an extent* e e leng gore phologolo e fa o sa e ele tlhoko, ke yone e e senyang, *especially* magapu ka e ja dijwalo tsa bone *like* mmidi *and other stuff*? O re fe *research* ya yone gore e ya go dirwa leng ya bo noko? *These are the most culprits especially* mo masimong, *not only in* Pandamatenga, *even in other areas*. *I have mentioned that in many other areas*, ke yone phologolo e e senyang le go gaisa. Re bua ka diphologolo tse di tshwanang le *jackal*, le tsone ga go na *research* ya tsone mme di tletse mo masimong. Di senyetsa *farmers to such an extend* e e leng gore *as a ministry, you do not understand* ka gore ga le lemoge.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le kwena.

MR DISHO: Nnyaa, ga di yo tseo kwa go rona.

MR SPEAKER: Re lebile nako *Honourable* Disho.

MR DISHO: Ke botse ka tse pedi tse fela, ya bo noko gore o e tsibogela jang? Ke eng le sa dire gore le bone ba tsenngwe mo *quota*? Ba tsomelwe batho bale *at least* ba ba je fa e le gore ga ba dirisiwe *for trophy* jaaka o tlhalosa. Ke bona o itebagantse le ditlou *and other*

stuff tse di nang le *trophy but* bone ba ka jewa ke batho *locally,* go na le gore ba senyetse Makgoa dijo tsa rona. *Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, o dira jang ka bo noko?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba ba senyetsang Makgoa.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke sone se *Mr Speaker*, ke neng ke mmotsa *earlier on* gore a Rre Mapulanga o mo romile *supplementary*? *Clearly,* ga a di mo roma ka gore, ke ne ke bala ke tsaya gore o ntheeditse mokaulengwe. Ke re, *the survey was conducted in June* 2025. *The survey* e o neng o re, e ne e mpolelela gore diphologolo tse di leng kwa, ke dife le dife.

Potso ya bobedi ya bo noko, ke yone eo. Karabo ya yone ke gore, jaaka ke go neetse diphologolo tse *survey* e di boneng, ke tsone tse *survey* e di boneng. Mo *survey* e, ga go na noko e e bonetseng mo nakong ya teng. *So,* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, diphologolo tse ke go di neetseng ka dipalo tsa tsone, ke one maduo a *survey* ya *June* 2025.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ya bofelo *Honourable* Disho. Tona, o kare ga le utlwane le *Honourable* Disho.

MR DISHO: Ke ne ke re kgang ya bo noko, go botlhokwa gore o e tseye *serious Minister.* Kgang ya bo noko *is a very serious matter* mo *those farmers. We are not joking*. Ke sone se ke botsang gore *research* e, e dirilwe leng? Ke go thuse, *that research was long done, not June.* Ga ba a go fa karabo e e siameng. Bo noko ba tletse fa o kgweetsa *through those areas.* O a ba bona fela ba tletsetletse mo Pandamatenga. *Please go and conduct research* e e siameng ya bo noko mo Pandamatenga. Ke a go kopa. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister*, kgang e ya bo noko ga e kgotsofatse *Honourable* Disho gotlhelele. Dira sengwe ka bo noko Tona.

MR MMOLOTSI: Nnyaa, *Mr Speaker,* se se ntshwenyang ke gore, ke tlhalosetsa Rre Disho gore ke tswa kwa Lephateng la *Environment and Tourism* gore *research* e dirilwe ka *June* 2025, *that yielded* maduo a ke a ntshang a. Rre Disho o a ganetsa a re, ga e a dirwa ka *June* e dirilwe bogologolo. Ga ke tlhaloganye gore a go raya gore ke ene Tona kwa kana go diragala jang.

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

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a mmolelela, *and I am responsible for that ministry* gore *the research was conducted in June* 2025.

Kgang ya bo noko ba o reng ke ba Makgoa, ke a e utlwa mokaulengwe. Go raya gore fa e le gore bo noko ke diphologolo tse di tshwenyang jaaka o tlhalosa, re tlaa leka go di tsenya matlho go bona gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore ga re letlelele gore diphologolo di tshwenye go sena maduo a batho ba a bonang mo go tsone. *Sir*, re tlaa leka go dira thulaganyo ya go bona gore re ka dira jang.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, nako ya lona ya dipotso e fedile mme mma ke utlwe *Honourable* Moalosi.

MR MOALOSI: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke kope *through* Standing Order 3.1(m) gore re kope *Minister* wa Botsogo a tle ka *statement* go tlhalosetsa Batswana gore kgang e ya melemo e tsamaya fa kae. Golo kwa ntle kwa go dintsho *Honourable Speaker*, ga gona melemo mo dipateleng tsotlhe fela mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *Minister* o kile a bua maloba *on radio* a re melemo e tlaa tla, mme le gompieno ga e ise e goroge. Batswana ba na le keletso ya go itse gore ra reng re le Palamente ka matshelo a bone a a nyelelang ka bokete jo bo kana. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ke tsaya gore ba go utlwile. Mma ke utlwe Tona wa Botsogo. *Honourable* Ookeditse, *is it something that is feasible*, le ka tla leng ka *statement*?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Yes, it is feasible, we do actually believe the nation deserves to know *gore go diragala eng*, and we will make the statement. Since it is a very urgent matter *ka fa e ntseng ka teng, ke fetise fela gore re tlaa se dira* as soon as early in the coming week. *Mo nakong ya gompieno ke supe jalo gore ntse go na le* a crisis *ka melemo ya* Blood Pressure (BP) *le ya bo* sugar diabetes *mme jaanong* we have received good enough cover for those for the next couple of months. *Jaaka ke bua jaana, go raya gore* they are going to the clinics *jalo le jalo. Se ke se buang ga se gore ka re mathata a melemo a fedile, ka re* in terms of diabetes le BP, we have received *melemo ya teng. Seemo sa teng se a tshwenya*, it is a big problem but it will get better. *Ke a leboga*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga. *Mr Speaker*, kana mo phuthegong e e fetileng go ne ga tsoga kgaruru gone fa, ke ne ke gakolotse Tautona gore o kile a bua mafoko mangwe a re ene mo temong le leruo ga gona fa a tsenang, ene ke wa dibuka fela mme e bile a mpitsa moaki. Jaanong ke ne ka tsaya bosupi ka go bo neela *Mr Speaker, audio* le *affidavit* ya ga *Comrade* Nkawana, yo o neng a le teng fa mafoko a a buiwa. Jaanong ke ne ke re gongwe o dire *a ruling Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Professor, indeed you are correct, I am supposed to make a ruling, *ga ke itse gore* ruling *ya teng e fa kae* because *ke na nayo*. I think *ke go gakolola* Clerk *gore a e tsenye* mo notes *tsa me. E teng e* ready. Honourable Members, let us go to Tabling of Papers.

TABLING OF PAPER

The following paper was tabled:

BOTSWANA NATIONAL MIGRATION POLICY

(Minister of Labour and Home Affairs)

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mokgware, gakere o utlwile *ruling* ya me ka *policy* gore e tla a tsena re tswa *holidays,* ke lebeletse gore *in terms of your rules, it has to be noticed at least for three days*. Go lebega o kare go nnile le mathata a *notice* ya yone, go raya gore e tlaa tla *next week in terms of its presentation*.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke a leboga.

First Reading

PRESENTATION OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

The following Bill was presented and read a first time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 17 OF 2026)

(Mr T. B. Lucas, MP – Bobirwa)

Second Reading – **Later Date.**

BILL

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL, 2026 (NO. 16 OF 2026)

Second Reading

MR SPEAKER: Order Honourable Members! Honourable Members, I now call upon Honourable Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Major General Retired Pius Mokgware to present.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa go tlisa mo Ntlong e *Bill* e e buang ka metlobo ya dibuka, National Library Service Bill, 2026. Mabaka a a dirang jaana ke gore ke e fa *background* kwa morago ke gore kana *libraries* tse di dirilwe ka the National Library Service Bill...

MR SPEAKER: *Hang on*, o gakologelwe gore re dumalane 20 *minutes* akere.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: 30 *minutes*.

Di dirilwe ka Act 58.02 e e saleng e simologile ka 1967. *Act* e e ne ya baakanngwa ka 1978, le ka bona gore ke bogologolo thata re e baakantse. E bile ke dumela gore lotlhe fa batlotlegi ka fa *libraries* tsa rona di ntseng ka teng, tota ga se tsa segompieno e bile gape ga di tsamaelane le ditiro tsa rona tse re di dirang mo malatsing a gompieno. Fa o ka lebelela fela sentle gore a mme di dira se re se batlang, o ka fitlhela e le gore nnyaa, ke sone se re neng ra di bitsa ka Setswana ra re metlobo ya dibuka. Go raya gore ke kwa re beileng dibuka teng. Mme kana malatsing a go ithuta ga se dibuka fela, dibuka tse di fetotswe e bile di tsentswe mo maranyaneng ka fa go ntseng ka teng. Ke sone se o bonang letsatsi leno ke batla go tlisa Molao-kakanyetso o gore re o sekaseke, re o dumalane, re tle re baakanye molao gore o tle o tsamaelane le dipaka tsa gompieno kana malatsi ano.

Mabaka a a dirang jalo ke gore;

(1) Fela jaaka re itse gore batho ba etela *libraries* tsa rona gompieno, re batla gore di kgone *to provide public service* e e reng fa o le mo teng o kgone gore fa o ntse o *research,* o kgone go duela metsi le motlakase, kana o kgone go dira ditiro dingwe tse di dirwang tse di tshwanang le tsa *post office* jalo. O kgone go tsaya Omang gone koo kana o ye *to register* matsalo. O kgone go tsaya *certificate*, *to be able to provide the public service* mo *libraries* tsa rona.

(2) Se sengwe ke gore *libraries* tse tsa rona tse di kgone go dirisa maranyane jaaka le itse gore bontsi jwa dilo di dirwa ka one gompieno jaana. Le gore banana ba rona gompieno jaaka ba le kwa dikoleng jaana re rotloetsa maranyane jaana, le

bone ba kgone go ya go dira selo se se ntseng jalo.

(3) *Libraries* tse tsa rona, o kare di beetse banalebogole ka kwa mosing. Re batla gore le bone ba tle ba kgone go nna le gore ba ka di etela, ba ka di dirisa mme le mekwalo ya bone kana tse di ba thusang go bala le go kwala di nne teng.

(4) Lebaka le lengwe le re di dirang jalo ke la *languages.* Re batla gore *libraries* tsa rona di leke gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe jaaka e bile re itse gore Botswana o na le dipuo tse dingwe, le tsone di kgone go kwala dibuka, di nne mo teng ga *library* eo, Batswana ba tle ba kgone go di bala sentle jalo gore re se ka ra ganelela mo dipuong tse pedi tse e leng Sekgoa le Setswana fela. Ke jaaka le dikgang tsa rona re kgona go di bala ka dipuo tse dintsi tse di teng mo Botswana. Re dumela gore fa re ka dira jalo, Batswana ke gone ba ka akolang thuto ya bone sentle.

(5) Lebaka le lengwe ke gore re tsenye mo gotweng *Presidential Library*. Ke gore ditso tsa bo Tautona mo Botswana. Gongwe re bo re boe re tsenye le dikgang, fa e le *constituency* e tshwana le ya ga Rre Sedombo kwa Tonota jaana, go bo go na le *history* ya yone, e tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ke bomang ba ba teng koo, tse ba di dirang le tse ba di buang gore batho ba tle ba kgone go itse sentle gore Mapalamente ba bone ba bereka jang e bile tse ba di buang a ke tsone tse ba di ba romileng. Re tseela gore ke lengwe lebaka le e leng gore Batswana tota ba ka itumela thata go ya go bona gore ditso di sireletsegile, di teng mo teng ga *libraries* jalo.

Mr Speaker, ke kopa gore mo *part* 2 ke leke go e bua ka Sekgoa ke tsenelela mo teng ga melawana e.

MR SPEAKER: You may do so.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: (i) Clause 2 of the Bill amends Section 2 of the Act by introducing new definitions for the words "educational library:' "electronic resource repository," "information material," "legal deposit," "Presidential Library:' "public library" and "special library."

(ii) Clause 3 of the Bill amends Section 3 of the Act by introducing new Subsections (2) and (3). Subsection (2) sets out the functions of the National Library Service, while Subsection (3) provides for the Minister to declare by Order in the Gazette a place to be a national library, Presidential Library, public library, special library and/or educational library.

(iii) Clause 4 provides for the Presidential Library to serve as a repository for records of the Presidency and ensure that important historical materials remain accessible for future generations.

(iv) Clause 5 of the Bill retain Section 4 of the Act, whilst Clause 6 of the Bill continues the Board under Section 5 of the Act.

(v) Clause 8 of the Bill provides for instances where the Minister may remove a Board Member from the Board.

(vi) Clause 9 of the Bill provides that the Minister may give directions to the Board. (vii) Clause 7 and 8 of the Bill retain Section 6 and 7 of the Act respectively, which Sections provide for meetings and functions of the Board.

(viii) Clause 11 and 12 of the Bill deals with issues of disclosure of interest by Board Members and issues of confidentiality and respectively.

(ix) Clause 13 of the Bill retain Section 8 of the Act except that the Minister is replaced by the Director of National Library Service. Section 8 makes provision for the Director, in consultation with the Board, to be responsible for providing and maintaining a comprehensive, efficient, and accessible library service for the public as directed by the Minister.

(x) Clause 14 of the Bill retains Section 10 of the Act and the words "a document, information material or electronic resource depository" have been inserted in Subsections (1), (2) and (3). The Clause provides for publications which are made by a citizen or a non-citizen in or outside Botswana. Further, Clause 14 (6) amends the fees from P50.00 to P2, 000.00 for persons who contravene the provisions of the Act.

(xi) Clause 15 of the Bill deletes Section 11 Subsection II(I) (a) which provided for the payment out of the National Library Service Fund, or fees and allowances to members of the Board.

(xii) Clause 16 of the Bill repeals the National Library Service Act (Cap. 58:02).

(xiii) Clause 17 of the Bill saves any subsidiary legislation made under the repealed Act and provides for the transitional and savings provisions.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the National Library Bill (No. 16 of 2026) be read the second time. I therefore move accordingly Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, let me remind you that we have agreed that lead debaters will be accorded 20 minutes and all other members will be given 10 minutes and that the Bill will be dealt with within three hours. The floor is open.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. I do not have a lot to add but* ke batla go simolola ka *Clause* 12 (2) ya *this Bill* e e buang ka *disclosure.* Ka fa e kwadilweng ka teng gompieno jaana *Mr Speaker,* e bua gore *disclosure of confidential information,* motho *can do so in terms of any written law or purposes of any judicial proceedings*. Go raya gore motho o na le *options* tse pedi fela fa e le gore go na le molao mongwe o o mo fang tetla eo ya gore a ka *disclose confidential information* kana fa e le gore go a sekiwa.

Ke ne ke eletsa *Mr Speaker,* gore gongwe *in the light of the changing approach to governance*, gore re *encourage openness*, re age *environment* e e leng gore motho fa a bona sengwe se se sa siamang se diragala fa a tshwereng marapo teng, a kgone go dira jalo *in the national interest*, fa e le gore go sireletsa setšhaba kana lefatshe kgotsa go direla lefatshe molemo gore a ka ntsha *information* ya go nna jalo. *So, I am going to propose that we add the following Mr Speaker* gore, *"somebody may disclose confidential information if it is in the national interest to do so, provided there is a proviso to that, provided that the onus of proving that disclosure was in the national interest shall be on the person who disclosed such confidential information*." Go tlaabo go le mo maruding a me fa ke bona gore *information* e setšhaba se tshwanetse gore se e itse ke dumela jalo. E re ke e ntsha ke bo ke itse gore go tlaabo go le mo maruding a me, fa mongwe a ka ntshupa ka monwana gore ke eng o ne o ntsha *information* e, ke bo ke itse gore go tlaabo go le mo maruding a me gore ke ntshe bosupi, ke ntshe mabaka a a supang gore go tlhokafala gore setšhaba se ka itse ka *information* e ke e ntshitseng. Go se ka ga nna mo maruding a yo o ntshupang ka monwana gore a supe gore *this information was not in the national interest.* E nne mo maruding a me gore ke supe gore ke ntshitse *information* e ka mabaka a a latelang a ke dumelang gore a ne a patika gore setšhaba se itse gore dilo tse di latelang di a diragala. Ke feta ka yone *Mr Speaker. I will present a proposed amendment when we get to the right stage.*

Jaanong ke tsena mo go ya *the relationship between the National Library and a department of Government* e ke e itseng e e bidiwang gotwe *National Archives*. Go na le lephata le bidiwa *National Archives* le ke itseng gore *it keeps the records* tsa lefatshe le, *especially those relating to high level policy, events of historical significance and so on and so forth* le dilo tse di amang le bo Tautona ba ba kileng ba etelela lefatshe le. E bile ke gakologelwa gore go na le selo se gotweng *notes and records* fa ke sa fose, ke tsone tse e leng gore o fitlhela go na le *history* e ntsi mabapi le lefatshe jaaka ka bo Seretse le bo Sir Ketumile Masire jalojalo. A le na le maikaelelo ka gore *you are going to harmonise* maphata a mabedi a gore go se ka ga nna le thulathulano ka gore fa ke lebeletse bangwe ba ke ba itseng ba ba tshwanang le bo Jeff Ramsay jaana, o fitlhela e le gore fa ba kwala dilo tse di *historical, information* ya bone ka bontsi o fitlhela ba e tsaya kwa *National Archives*. Ke ipotsa gore *the developments that you are proposing Honourable Minister*, Makgoa ba re go na le selo se gotweng *twin-track approach* jaaka seporo sa terena, gongwe le e lebile jalo. Ke ne ke akanya gore le tshwanetse gore le beye *in place* tsamaiso e e leng gore *the National Library Service* le *National Archives* go nne le fa di kopanelang teng, fa di patelesegang gore di dirisane teng mabapi le *records* tse di amang bo Tautona le ditiragalo tse di faphegileng tse di diragetseng mo lefatsheng le.

Ke tsena jaanong mo kgannyeng ya *Presidential Library Mr Speaker. From my experience*, *Presidential Library* ke selo se se turang. Ke tsere nako *to check* fela *the recent one* e e dirilweng kwa America ya ga President Barack Obama. Go supagetse gore *it costed* 850 million Dollars, *that is more than* P10 *billion when you convert to* madi a Botswana e bile ke ka *rate* e e kwa tlase. *The question that comes about now* ke gore madi ao a mme re *sure* gore re tlaa nna le one a gore re agele Tautona mongwe le mongwe *Presidential Library* kana e ya go nna nngwefela? Maikaelelo a *Presidential Library is a commemoration Mr Speaker*, e a bo e le *to commemorate* Tautona yo o kileng a busa lefatshe le. *Conversion* gantsi ke gore e agiwe kwa Tautona yoo a tswang teng. Jaaka gompieno jaana Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana e le Tautona Boko, fa dilo di tsamaya sentle lefatshe le sa tšhona jaana, *library* eo e tshwanetse gore e ye go agiwa kwa Mahalapye. *Library* ya ga Sir Seretse Khama e tshwanetse gore e ye go agiwa kwa Serowe. Ya ga Tautona Festus Mogae kwa Palapye kana kwa Serowe le ene, ga ke itse gore a o ne a tswa Palapye kana Serowe. Jaanong potso e nna gore a mme gone *is*

that a feasible pursuit, ke selo se re ka kgonang go se dira re lebile seemo sa rona sa madi?

The Presidential Library ga e a tshwanela gore e ye go nna selo se go bewang dibuka le dinepe fela. E tshwanetse gore e bo e na le *some kind of a museum* mo go yone. Ga ke itse gore a re mmogo *Mr Speaker and the Honourable Minister*. E nne le *museum, entertainment places* le *restaurants*. Fa motho a ile kwa go yone, a bo a sa ela go ya go bala buka fela, go bo go na le *other facilities* tse e leng gore motho a ka tsamaya *and spend a day* kwa lefelong leo. Jaanong a mme *would we have that comprehensive picture* ya sone se re batlang go se dira *Mr Speaker*?

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se bua ke gore malatsi a *Mr Speaker, especially generation* e e tlang kwa morago, ga se batho ba ba kgatlhegelang go tsaya buka ba nna fa fatshe ba bala. Ba batla go bala dilo mo maranyaneng, ba rata go dirisa dilo tse gotweng *audio books*. A mme lephata le ipaakanyeditse, le na le ditlogamaano tse di lebaganeng *to transit or migrate*? E bile o ne o bua ka *Migration Policy.* A le lephata le na le *Migration Policy* ya go tswa *from focusing* mo *hard copies, journals*, dibuka, *magazines* le fudugele mo go diriseng *digital images* tseo? *Audio books* tse e leng gore banana gompieno *they prefer* go di dirisa, go na le dibuka tse rona re neng re di tlwaetse gore fa o ya kwa *library* o ya go tsaya buka, le yone Kutlwano tota re ne re e bonela kwa *library* kwa Mahalapye. Ke gone kwa re neng re bonela Kutlwano teng ba re neng re sena madi a go ithekela.

Mr Speaker, a mme *the ministry has prepared for this migration* gore e tswe *from the old style* sa *library to the modern style* sa *library* se e leng gore *is more digitalised than in the past*? Fa go ntse jalo, ke tlaabo ke re go na le golo gongwe kwa re yang teng.

Funding Mr Speaker; fa ke tlhola kwa ke *research* teng, *that Presidential Centre* ya ga Obama, *it was not funded solely* by Goromente. *There is funding that came from Government but a large part of the funding came from the private sector*. E dule kwa bathong ba ba neng ba rata Tautona Obama e le baemanokeng ba ga Tautona Obama. Le rona re solofela gore *Presidential Centres* tse Goromente gompieno a di akantseng ga di tle go ikaega fela ka madi a a tswang mo go Goromente. Ga re reye gore Goromente a ka se ka a tsenya letsogo go lemoga bodiredi jwa Tautona yo o duleng, mme madi ka bontsi a tshwanetse gore a tswe *from the private sector, from donors who appreciate* se motho yoo a tlaabong a se diretse lefatshe la Botswana.

Ka a le makhutshwane go le kalo *Mr Speaker,* re ema nokeng molao o wa go tlhabolola *libraries* tsa rona. Fa e le gore Tona o re tlhomamisetsa gore ditlhabololo tsa go ntsha *library* mo dipampiring go e isa kwa maranyaneng, ke selo se ba tlhomameng mo go sone. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tla ke go dumedise *this afternoon sir.* Ke dumedise le batlotlegi botlhe ba ba fano. Ke *acknowledge* gore ke bua jaana ke le moemedi wa Phathi ya Domkrag, gape ke le *member* wa Komiti ya *Labour and Home Affairs. We have been thoroughly briefed by the Ministry yesterday,* ka bokgabane jo bo rileng, e bile jaaka gongwe ba bangwe ba ne ba bua gore ba ne ba *research, I also went into some archives* ke bala ka *libraries* gore di bereka jang. Ka bo ka bona le *the aspect* e e buang ka *Presidential libraries, including benefits* tsa yone. *I have listed some of them here which I just wanted to share with this House.* Tsa gore *the library preserves history and records of Presidents and then it is a benefit to education and research. It also promotes national identity as well as policy learning* le *public engagement* gore fa re na le *library* ya go nna jalo, *these are some of the advantages that we would have* re le Batswana. *It is very, very important* gore re nne le *library* ya mofuta oo.

Ya bo ya re maabane re le kwa *meeting* ka akgela kgang ya gore, tota *libraries* jaaka Rre Kapinga a ne a bua, *they have to be modernised,* ke bone kwa mafatsheng a tshwana bo Scotland kwa ke kileng ka tsena sekole teng, kana ba bangwe ga le itse gore ke tsene sekole kwa mafatsheng, *university* e ke neng ke tsena kwa go yone kwa Scotland kwa Glasgow, e ne e na le *English library.* Re ne re ela koo fela go ya go ithuta Sekgoa *and to pronounce* mafoko a Sekgoa. *For instance,* ga ba bitse motho ba re Richard jaaka rona kwa Sekgatleng, ba re Richard. Fa o raya Lekgoa o re Richard, ga le go utlwe jaanong go raya gore le rona mo Botswana fa re ka nna le *library* ya Setswana, batho ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele ba tlaa ithuta *to pronounce* le maina a rona tota. Ke ne ke na le rre mongwe wa Lekgoa a nthuta kwa Molefi Secondary School o ne a palelwa ke go bitsa tsala ya me e nngwe a bidiwa Tshepho, a mmitsa Tishepho, jaaka Siri, Siri kana o senya maina a rona. Fa o le Thebe a re Tebee. Jaanong fa re na le *a* Setswana *library, it would definitely teach* batho…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)...

MR PULE: Siri o mo maranyaneng. Ke raya gore fa re ka nna le Setswana *library,* ke dingwe tse di botlhokwa. Ke kgwarela mafoko a ga Rre Kapinga mola kwa

tlase, gore kana gompieno re bua ka Tshutiso e re tlaa e fetisang mo Palamenteng, e re tlaabong gongwe re fa Rre Mokgware *authority to establish libraries* tse re ntseng re bua ka tsone.

Kgang e tona e gompieno e re emeng pele kana ke gore, sepatšhe se makgwakgwa jaaka go buiwa. Melemo ga e yo, *economy* e kwa tlase, ke sone se jaanong ke ipotsang gore a mme gone fa re sena go fetisa molao o, *what is next. Are we going to bear the costs of building the Presidential Library?* Ke fapaana le Rre Kapinga fa a ne a bua gore, ka fa kitsong ya gagwe e ne e le gore fa gotwe *a Presidential Library* re lebeletse *President* e le *one,* go bo go ya go agiwa *library* kwa a tsalwang teng. Ke ne ke akantse gore gona le gore re akanye jalo, a re nneng le *one library* ya *Presidents* tsotlhe tse di fetileng, mme e le *based* mo Gaborone kana kwa Francistown fa e le gore re ka e isa kwa Francistown. Gaborone *would be the right place,* e gongwe re ka bonang *all the six Presidents* ba agelwa *library* e le *one.* Go ka *cut costs because* fa re ka simolola re re re ba tsaya *one by one* bagaetsho, *it is going to be very expensive for us.* Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke neng ke di akanya fa ke emeng teng fa.

Ga ke na go nna moleele Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tota *there is not much that we can debate or talk about* mo *presentation* e, bogolo jang rona ba ba mo komiting *because I do not want to run the risk* ya gore gongwe ke bo ke *divert from what the committee agreed yesterday with the authority* e e neng e tlile fa pele ga rona. Kana tota rona ba bangwe bo Mabuse Pule, Rre Motaosane, Rre Mmusi le Rre Gare, ga re a emela fa go tla go ganetsa. Re batho ba re nang le *experience* e tona ya go busa, mo go rayang gore tota rona tiro ya rona e tona…, gongwe ba ba ka ganetsang e ka nna bo Lucas ka gore ga ba ise ba ko ba buse mo botshelong jwa bone. Rona re busitse, tiro ya rona ke gore re gakolole fa e leng gore golo gongwe dilo ga di tsamaye sentle. *That is why* ke ne ke re ga ke a tshwanela go tsaya lebaka le le leele.

Kgang e nngwe fela e ke ka buang ka yone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e ke itseng gore ke dingwe tsa *subjects,* o tlaa intshwarela mongwame ga ke batle go tlhasela *Speaker.* Ke a itse gore nako ya o santse o le motho o nna mo teng ga Palamente o ise o nne *Speaker,* dikgang tse dingwe tse o neng o e tle o di bue thata o gatelela ke gore o kare mo lefatsheng la Botswana melao ya rona fa re e dira ka 1965 go tla fela kwano, re ne re remeletse thata mo go reng Tautona le Matona ba na le dithata tse di feteletseng, go ntse gotwe "*the Minister shall," "the Minister may." Clause* 9 *and* 10, e bua e re, "*the Minister shall remove the board members."* Jaanong ke re bagaetsho, re bone maloba gore go diragetse eng bangwe ba bo ba felela ba ile *court,* e le gore *Minister* o ne a dirile seo sa *to remove the board, then people* ba bo ba tsamaya. Kana fa gotwe *"remove the board,"* ga ke tseye gore *it is the Minister's solo decision,* ka gore Minister o na le *secretariat* ya gagwe. *Head of secretariat* ya ga *Minister* ke *Permanent Secretary, who is the principal advisor of the Minister.* Jaaka Rre Kapinga a ne a bua, molao re o fetole fa *Clause* eo, re se ka ra re *the Minister shall remove the board.* Re re *the Minister shall, through consultation with the Permanent Secretary remove the board, Permanent Secretary* a kgone gore a mo *advise.*

E nngwe go bo gotwe "*the Minister shall give directions," I think it was* Clause 10, re re *the Minister shall, through the consultation with the Permanent Secretary direct the board.* Jaanong kana fa e ntse jalo, o kare *Minister* ke *Commander* ke Rre Mokgware. Kana bo Mokgware nako ya ba santse ba ise ba tsene mo Palamenteng ba le kwa ba neng ba le teng kwa ba apere *uniform* tsa bone, ba ne ba *command* ba sa ganediwe. Fa a go raya a re Corporal, 45, ga o botse gore *why you go down and do* 45, motho wa Modimo a sa itse gore o otlhaetswe eng. Jaanong *we do not want to see Ministers acting in that fashion,* e a tlaa felelang jaanong a ntsha *directions* fela tsa gore ka re dira jaana. Re tlaabo re fa *Minister what you call absolute power,* re a itse gore *it corrupts.* Tota a re e baakanyeng, le rona e tlaa re ka nako ya re le kwa *Committee Stage*, ke tlaabo ke tsenya *those two suggestions* e le *amendments* tsa *Clause* 9 *and* 10 Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Ke se ka ka ya lololo jaaka ke tlhalositse, ga ke batle go nna moleele. Ke ema fano rraetsho, ke ema nokeng Tshutiso ya ga Rre Mokgware. Ke a leboga.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke leboge *Minister* ka *this timely Bill* ya go tsosolosa *libraries* tsa rona, gape le *to manage them*. Tota fela mo Botswana bagaetsho metse ya rona ya Setswana e re e emetseng ga go na *libraries,* gotlhelele fela. Kwa di leng teng batho ba rona ga ba kgone *to access them*. Gape se re se tlwaetseng thata ke gore, le fa e le gore *library* e teng o tlaa bona e le ntlo fela e sena sepe, kgantele le *staff* se se berekelang mo teng se seyo. Kgantele go nna matlotla, go a wa, ga go na sepe fela se se diragalang. O kare ga re tlotle *libraries* re le setšhaba sa Botswana. Fa re ka lebelela bogologolo go kile ga bo go na le *libraries* mo dikoleng mo bana ba neng ba sena nako e ntsintsi ya

go tshameka, *all the time* fa sekole e le gore se dule, nako ya bone e tlaabo e tsewa ke gore ba tsene mo *libraries, especially junior communities and senior schools.* Go lebega jaanong go sena sepe fela mo bogompienong.

Gape re na le *international organisations* kana ke re *foundations* ba ba ka re thusang gore re tsosolose *libraries* tsa rona jaaka ke ntse ke bua gore ga di sa tlhole di le teng, di sule. Jaaka re itse gore re santse re sokola ka sepatšhe, gongwe re ka ithuta gore ke bone batho ba re ka yang kwa go bone ra kopa thuso go itse gore re ka dira jang go tsosolosa *libraries.* Ga go tlhokafale gore re bo re re Puso e ka dira, re a itse gore ga go ka ke ga kgonagala. Fela tota re le Mapalamente a re emeng ka dinao, re rotloetse gore *we need these libraries* totatota. Kana *library* ke gone go ntsha ngwana gape mo mekgwatlheng, gore re ba ntshe mo dilong tse di sa siamang tse di tsayang nako ya bone e ntsi, ka o kare ga ba na sepe se se ba diang.

Gape ke supe gore, jaaka *Honourable* Kapinga a ne a bua ka Library for Obama, *it is true, it was mobilised by some funds from former sponsors* kana ke re *some organisations,* le yone Obama Proceeds of Books. Jaanong re le mo Botswana re na le ka fa re ka buang le *our partners* gore re kgone go tsosolosa go kopa thuso. *We have* bo Open Society Foundation *or other big organisations* gore ba ka re thusa go aga *libraries.*

Mr Speaker, gape e ne e le gore tota re leboge Tona *for this initiative* ka gore, *many years ago* go na le batho ba ba neng ba ntse ba supa gore ba rata thuto mo e leng gore ga go thata gore *they can donate* dibuka *to* bana ba rona ba dikole.

Lastly Mr Speaker, fa o leba Palamente, Palamente ke lefelo le e leng gore *for now* maemo a yone a kwa tlase ka gore tota fela ga go na dibuka. E ne e tshwanetse gore fa re santse re batla go tsosolosa se re batlang go se tsosolosa ra se dira motlobo kana wa ditso Palamente e bo e santse e na le tseo kwa batho ba ka yang teng. Mme ga go na le fa e le dibuka le *magazines,* ke gore ga go na le fa e le sone *space* le fa nne dilo tseo di le teng fa Palamente e ka dirang *library* teng. Jaanong kgakololo ke gore, re tlhoka *space* mo Palamenteng, jaaka re nna re bua ka *independence of Parliament*. Ke tsone dilo tse re neng re eletsa gore re di tsenye, go tlhwa afalwe go supa gore Palamente ya gompieno ke ya gompieno, ka gore ke yone e e tlaabong bana ba fitlhela *tablets, computers* le tse dingwe tse e leng gore ke tsa segompieno tse di ka gogelang bana ba rona ba gompieno ba ba sa rateng go bala dibuka. E bile gape le rona re tshwanetse gore re tsene kwa go yone *green climate* re tswe mo go tsone dipampiri.

Se sengwe se setona ke gore, re nna re gakolola *Mr Speaker* gore re bale re le Mapalamente kana re dire *research.* Gongwe fa Palamente e na le *such facility* ke ka ne ke tswa ke ya teng ke ya go tlhola teng, ke bona ba ba ka nthusang se ke se batlang, ka *we know* gore re na le *researchers* mo Palamenteng, mme ga ba bantsi, ga ba re kgone, re a ba feta ka palo. Jaanong ke re ke gakolole gore tota rra ke a go leboga thata gore kgang e ya *libraries* ke nngwe ya tse di tlhokafalang tota, e bile e tla ka nako e lefatshe le setseng le fetogile ka fa le ntseng le tsamaya ka teng.

Ke leboga motho yo a neng a bua ka *national archives,* gore kana rona fa re gola re ne re itse gore go na le bo *museum,* go na le kwa o ka yang go bona dilo tsa ditso teng. Jaaka o ne o gakolola go batla gore le *libraries* go tshela ga tsone *some articles* kana le dibuka di tshwanetse gore a bo di ne di le *linked to archives* tseo, ke gore e nne *continuation.* E se ka ya nna gore dilo tse di tswa kae, e nne gore di simolotse di le kae, jaanong fa di tsamayang teng ke fa kae, *so that we preserve our heritage.*

Ke re tota gape ke ne ke akanya gore, ke gore *to have a library* ke go supa gore re rotloetsa setšhaba se se tshwanetseng go bala, go itse, *to research*, bogolo jang re itse gore mo bogompienong Motswana tota ga e sa tlhole e le maloba o mo raya o re, nnyaa selo se ga se sa tlhole se ntse jaana, Motswana o a bala. Jaanong go ka tlhabisa ditlhong gore e re Motswana a tshwanetse gore a go botse potso, bogolo jang o le Mopalamente o bo o sa itse gore o ka dira eng, e le gore o tlhaela kitso eo. Dilo tseo fa di re atumetse re le mo Palamenteng ke dumela gore re ka nna mosola thata mo setšhabeng sa Botswana. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore puo ya me e tlaa nna khutshwane thata ka ntlha ya botsogo. *Mr Speaker*, ke re ke leboge Tona ka kopo e a re e bayang pele, e ke dumalanang le yone ka botlalo. Ka gore kwa ke tswang teng *library has been long designed,* mme fa ke utlwa dilo tsotlhe tse ke utlwang a di bua tse dintlentle tse, *services* tsotlhe tse ke utlwang a di bua di tshwanelwa ke gore di bonelwe kwa go yone. Tota di ka bo di sala di simolotse ke go godisiwa ga *library* ele, go e tlhabolola, le go tsenya ditlamelo tsotlhe tse ke utlwang a di bua. Jaanong ke re ke mo kope gore, fa molao o o sena go

nna o feta o a potlakele go tlhabolola *library* ya rona ya Mochudi, a bo a tsenya ditlamelo tseo. E tle e nne yone e e tlaa reng fa a ntse a atolosa *libraries* a bo *benchmarking* e dirwa mo go yone. Ke a mo kopa. Ke kopa jaana ka gore *Mr Speaker,* ka nako e jaaka dikole di tswala jaana, kwa Mochudi bana ba tlalatlala mo mmolong fale ga ba kgone go tsena mo *library,* ba tlala mo mathoding a dishopo tsa batho, mo dikgwebong tsa batho. Ga ba tsene mo *library* mme e le gautshwanyane le bone, ka ntlha ya gore gongwe ga e na ditlamelo tse di ntle tse ke utlwang Tona a bua ka tsone. Ke *library* e e leng gore tokafatso, tlhabololo e e ka bo e sale e dirilwe ka ngwaga ole wa bo 2000. Jaanong ke re ke go kope mongwame Tona ka maitseo a a tseneletseng gore, Bakgatla re ka fa mosing ka dilo tse dintsi. Re ne re kopa gore wena tlhe gare ga banna a go nne le se re ka se buang se se itumedisang ka wena. Ke bua ke khubame.

Mr Speaker, ke re re se ka ra bua kgang e re sa rotloetse gape le bakwadi. A re rotloetseng bakwadi, segolo jang ba le nang le botegeniki (*technic*) jwa go kwala le dithutego tsa go kwala, kwalang. E se mapolotiki fela, le batho ba tšhaba ya rona ya Botswana. Batswana ga re kwale dibuka ka bontsi. A re kwaleng. Ke a eletsa gore e kete go ka nna le Shakespeare wa rona yo re tlaa nneng re mo *quote* gore, mokwadi Rre Hikuama o kile a bua jaana. Re tlhokana le batho bao ba le bantsinyana. Ke batla gore ke leboge ba ke ba lemogang mo Ntlong e ba e leng bakwadi, *without campaigning for anyone,* ga go na yo o sa itseng gore fa gare ga rona gone jaana Motlotlegi Mma Dow ke mokwadi wa matswadiatleng. Re a go leboga mma ka seo. Ke re a re kwaleng dibuka bagaetsho. Ga ke na bokgoni joo, ga ke na dithutego tsa go kwala, mme ba re nang le tsone a re kwaleng bagaetsho. Re rotloetse le batho ba rona kwa dikgaolong gore ba kwale, re nne le bakwadi mo Botswana. Go ka kgatlhisa thata *Mr Speaker* go fitlhela e le gore *libraries* tsa rona di na le dibuka tse di kwadilweng thata ke benggae, mme di na le tatso ya go ka balwa le go ka utlwiwa ke batho. Re bo re rotloetse le mowa o wa go bala. Re a itse rotlhe gore mo Botswana go na le kgang e ya gore, fa o batla go fitlhela Motswana sengwe se tsenye mo mokwalong. Kgang e ga e re eme sentle, ga e a re siamela, re tshwanetse re tlwaetse mowa o wa go bala mo bathong ba rona.

Ke a tlhaloganya gore re bua ka *national libraries,* re se ka ra lebala go golaganya kgang ya *national libraries* le dikole. *Libraries* tsa rona kwa dikoleng ke tatlhelelo fela e e seng kana ka sepe bagaetsho, e e tlhabisang ditlhong. Go tshwanetse gore go nne le tomagano fa gare ga *libraries* tsa rona tse di tona le tse di kwa dikoleng.

Sa bofelo, re se ka ra lebala gore le tsone dikole kana di tlhabologile, go na le tse gotweng ke *pre-schools,* motho o kare ngwana yo o kana a o ka bala. Re tshwanelwa ke gore kgolagano ya *national libraries* e tsamae go tswa kwa moding jaaka re re go na le thuto ya kwa moding, re e simolola go tswa kwa *pre-school* go tsena kwa *secondary,* le go tsena *at national level,* kwa e leng gore go tlaabo go ka bala mongwe le mongwe. Ke ne ke re ke anaanele puo ya me fela go le kalo *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Tla ke tseye sebaka se le nna ke supe fa ke dumalana le tshutiso e Tona a sa tswang go re e baya pele. Sengwe sa dikgang tse ke neng ka di lebelela fa ke lebelela dikgang tse tsa *libraries* ke gore, *review* ya bofelo e e neng e dirwa, ya National Library Service Act, e ne e le ya 1967. Fa o re o a lebelela mo bogompienong ka 2026 go maleba gore gongwe dikgang tsa go tshwana le tsone tse re bo re tla re di baya pele, re di sekaseka. Go di sekaseka, Tona o supile gore *libraries* tsa nako ya gompieno gongwe re leke *to modernise* re tswe mo segologolong, gongwe re tle mo sesheng. Le nna ke dumalana le tshutiso eo ka sengwe le sengwe.

O supile fa o dira *presentation* ya gago Tona gore *these libraries will be offering services* tse e leng gore gongwe gompieno jaana fa o re o ya kwa makalaneng a e leng gore *they are offered,* o ya go fitlhela go le bokete gore re di bone teng. Fa gongwe o re o ya go shafatsa *license for instance,* fa o tsena gone kwa, o ya go fitlhela *line* fela e e seng kana ka sepe. Fa o re o ya go shafatsa *your identity card* kwa diofising, le gone o ya go fitlhela go ntse go na le *line* fela e e seng kana ka sepe. Jaanong fa re tla mo nakong ya gompieno re bo re re *we can offer these services in our libraries,* ke tsaya gore gongwe ke kgang e e leng gore ga go na yo o ka gananang le yone. Ke kgang e e leng gore gongwe e tlhabologile, ka gore banana ba rona mo nakong ya gompieno ba mo sesheng, Re tswe mo nakong ele ya segologolo, re tsene mo sesheng.

Go tlatsa go feta mo go se *Honourable* Pule a neng a leka go se supa, ke gore kwa mafatsheng a mangwe o ya go fitlhela go na le gongwe *English library that offers English only.* Fa o batla go ithuta teme eo, o ya koo, gongwe gape go na le *the other one that will be offering* gongwe teme e e tshwanang le bo *French* kwa mafatsheng a a farologaneng. Le rona fela jalo, re tshwanelwa ke gore dikgang tsone tse re di bonele

pele, re di diragatse, gore gongwe go nne le bo Kalanga *library.* Fa o batla go ithuta Sekalaka, o itse gore nnyaa mme o ya kwa Tutume o ya go ithuta teme eo, o tsena mo *library* o ya go bula kwa e leng gore o tlaabo o bula teng o ithuta teme. Fa o batla go ithuta Sekgalagadi, o tsena kwa dikgaolong tseo, fa e le gore o a bo o sa se itse gongwe o ile koo ka tiro, o itse gore fa o tsena gone koo, o ya go ithuta teme ya batho ba ba ba gone koo. O ithuta Sesarwa, o tsena kwa mafelong a a tshwanang le kwa bo Ghanzi, o itse gore nnyaa mme o batla go se bua, o itse gore o tsena mo *library* e e teng, dipuo tsa go tshwana le tsone tse o ya go di fitlhela. Le wena o bo o kgona go buisanya le batho ba thota yone eo ka gore o ya go fitlhela e le gore gongwe mo dikgaolong tse dingwe, fa o tsena kwa go tsone, batho bao ga ba tlhaloganye Setswana, gongwe le sone Sekgoa, mme ba tlhaloganya *language* e e buiwang mo thoteng yone eo. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ka dikgaolo tsa Sekalaka kwa bo Tutume gone kwa *along the border line,* batho ba teng ba ga itse teme ya Setswana, mme ba itse teme ya Sekalaka. Kana go tlhoka go itse *language* e nngwe, ga go reye gore gongwe ka nngwe tsela o a bo o saletse kwa morago. Nnyaa, eo ke yone e e leng gore gongwe o a bo o e tlhaloganya go gaisa e e leng gore o a bo o dule kwa tlase o ntse o e bua. Jaanong fa re tla ka dikgang tsa go tshwana le tsone tseo, ke tsaya ke re di dintle, re tshwanelwa ke gore re di atle, e bile re bo re di diragatsa, re lebeletse seelo se e leng gore gongwe mo nakong ya gompieno se a bo se ka neelwa Motswana gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone gore a gololesege.

Sengwe sa dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke go di lebelela, ke gore re lebelele *libraries* tsa rona gore *what do they offer. Bill* e e neng ya feta ka 2024 e ne e supa gore banalebogole le bone re ba amogele. E re fa o tsena mo *library* o le motlhokapono, le wena o kgone gore o dirise *braille,* o bo fitlhele mo teng ga *library.* Fa e le gore gongwe o a bo o le motlhokakutlo, go nne le tse di ka go thusang gore o kgone *to access information* e e leng gore gongwe o a bo o sena yone. Jaanong ke tsaya ke re mo nakong ya gompieno, re le Goromente yo e leng gore gongwe o a bo a lebeletse ba botlhe go ba akaretsa, *our libraries* di tshwanelwa ke go abelana ka dikgang tsa go tshwana le tsone tseo.

Re bo re lebelela le *libraries* tsa rona fa di leng teng, kana ke tsaya ke re di tshwanelwa ke gore di farologane ka dikgaolo. Kwa kgaolong e ke tswang kwa go yone, ga ke itse gore ke eng ke saletse kwa morago ka ditlhabololo, le yone *library* ga e yo. Gongwe fa di tla, re bona sepatšhe, re bo re itse gore go na le dikgalo tse di tlhaelelwang, di sena ditlamelo tsa go tshwana le tseo. Re bo re itse gore re di isa teng kwa mafelong a a tshwanang bo Shashe-Mooke le Mathangwane. E se ka ya re fa o batla *library,* o bo o ya kwa sekoleng kwa e leng gore e tlaa re fa gongwe *after hours* kana *on weekends,* go bo go nna dingalo gore o kgone go nna le *access to information* e e leng gore o a bo o e bona. Jaanong fa re batla go tsisa tlhabololo, re tshwanelwa ke gore dikgang tse tsotlhe re di lebelele.

O supile pharologanyo ya *libraries,* kana rona re itse *public libraries* fela re le bantsi, mme o supile gore kana go na le *libraries* ka go farologana, jaaka *Presidential Libraries,* le *community and cultural libraries.* Fa o tsena kwa metseng e e tshwanang le bo Moreomaoto, gore o kgone go itse ditso tsa motse, o ya go nna le *information* ka go etela *library.* Jaanong *libraries* tsa mofuta one o, di botlhokwa thata mo mafelong a rona gore e re fa motho o batla go itse gore gone mme motse wa Jamataka kwa ke tswang teng o tlholegile leng, o tswa kae, re tle re go supegetse gore nnyaa o simologile o le fa Sedibeng sele sa Jamataka, mme e rile fa o tswa, o bo o ya fa Basarwa, re go kaetsa sengwe le sengwe sotlhe sa gore motse wa Jamataka o a bo o dule kae, o ya go felela kae. E re o batla go itse gore motse wa Mathangwane o simologile leng, re go fe *information* e yotlhe, gore nnyaa mme motse o o dule fa, mokgweetsi wa ntlha wa koloi mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana, o dule mo motseng one o. *Information* e re e tsere, re itse gore go na le fa e leng gore re e beile teng, bajanala e re fa ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele, ba nne le go ka bona *information* e e botlhokwatlhokwa e, ba itse gore go na le kwa e leng gore ba ka e bona teng.

Presidential Library e, re dumalana le yone, e ka tswa mo nakong ya gompieno gongwe e ka nna *costly* fa re ka rialo, gore gongwe re tle re e diragatse. Go botlhokwa gape gore molao o re bo re o fetisitse, se e le go direla gore bo Tautona ba rona ba pele e re fa go buiwa ka bone, o itse gore gone mme Sir Seretse Khama e rile fa a tsena go ne ga diragala jaana. Nako ya teng e ne e re fa go gopiwa, go dirisiwa matlhaku. E rile fa a tsena, ga simolola sekonotere go tswa ka Mafikeng go ya go tsena kwa Lobatse. *Information* e yotlhe, ke yone e e leng gore fa o tsena kwa mafatsheng a America le China, ba a go bontsha. Re ne re le kwa China maloba, ba ne ba re bontsha The Great Wall of China le kwa America. Fa o batla *information* yotlhe, go na le kwa o itseng gore o ya go e fitlhela teng. E tlaabo e go supegetsa gore bahaladi ba ba tswang kwa Mozambique, ba tlile jaana go ya go goroga mo lefatsheng la America. Ke dingwe

tsa dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re di lebelele. Re itse gore fa re na le tsone, go botlhokwa thata gore yo o sa itseng ka lefatshe la rona, a tle a ithute botoka ka lone.

Dingwe tsa dikgang tse di botlhokwa tse e leng gore *libraries* tsa rona di tshwanetse di nne le tsone, ke tsa maranyane. E re fa o tsena mo *libraries* ka go farologana ga tsone, o batla *information* ka sengwe, o bo o itse gore o tsaya *information* e o e batlang kana o nna le kitso ya se o se tlhokang. Re mo nakong e re dirisang maranyane. Fa re lebelela *libraries* tsa rona mo nakong ya gompieno, o ya go fitlhela *novels and newspapers*, go bo go feletse gone foo. Ke gone ka fa *libraries* tsa rona mo nakong ya gompieno, di ntseng ka teng. *It is high time* re lebelela dikgang tse tsotlhe, re bona gore re di diragatsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa o batla tse tsotlhe o le ngwana wa sekole, o batla go ithuta, kana go ithuta ga se gore ke ga ngwana wa sekole fela, le rona re nna re ithuta *on a daily basis* re le bagolo. Le fa o fetile dingwaga tse di rileng, o nna o ntse o batla *information* ka lebaka la gore, ga o ka ke wa kgona sepe fa o sa bale. Go nna o tlhabolola tlhaloganyo ya gago, ke gore o nne o tswa o ya kwa *library,* o ya go ithuta dikgang ka go farologana, go itse gore lefatshe gone mme le na le eng. O batla go itse dintwa tse di diragalang. O batla go itse gore ke eng *fuel* e gola? A mme ke Puso e e godisang? Dikgang tse gore o nne le tsone, go na le kwa o tlaabong o di tsaya teng. Ga go na kwa o ka di tsayang teng, fa e se kwa *library.*

Ke santse ke na le nako e ntsi mo go maswe ka fa ke bonang ka teng. Ke e lebeletse, ke nna yo ke eteletseng pele *debate* ya rona kwa Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF). Ke tsaya gore fa ke lebeletse, o kare ga go na ope yo o batlang go latlhela sepe. Go mpha tshono ya gore ke eme. Ke a bona gore *Honourable* Mokgwathi o ne a batla go latlhela sengwe. O ka supa fela gore o batla *to clarify* sengwe, ka go neela.

Sengwe sa dilo tse e leng gore fa ke di lebelela mo *Clauses* tse o fetileng ka tsone *Honourable Minister, Clause* 9 ya re, "*Clause* 9 *of the Bill provides that the Minister may give directions to the board*." Fa o re o a e lebelela, go raya gore e neela *Minister* dithata tsotlhe. Fa e mo neela dithata tsotlhe, go raya gore *he can dissolve board* nako nngwe le nngwe e a batlang ka yone. Ke supa fela gore tota go botlhokwa, e bile go maleba gore re tshwanelwa ke *to amend* gore morago ga *consultations* le Permanent Secretary (PS) wa gagwe, ke teng fa go tlaabong go batliwa gore *board can be dissolved*, go bo go ka dirwa jalo. Fa Tona a neetswe dithata tse tsotlhe tse di ka nnang teng, go raya gore nako nngwe le nngwe fa a batla go ntsha leloko lengwe kana *to dissolve board* bosigo, e kare maphakela a bo a supa fa a e phatlaladitse. Dikgang tse fa e le gore di ya go diragala, di tshwanetse di diragale morago ga *consultations* tse di maleba.

On this Clause, we amend gore *after consultations* le ba ba maleba, e leng PS le ba ba gautshwane, re se ka ra go fa dithata tsotlhe gore fa e le gore o batla go ntsha maloko, o bo o ka itseela dithata tseo o le nosi. Ke batla go e tlatsa gore ke dumalana le gore, a re tle re e baakanye gone foo, re dire se se maleba. Se se tshwanelwang ke gore se ka dirwa, fa re ka go fa dithata tseo tsotlhe, o ya go fitlhela o iphile marapo a e leng gore kamoso a tlaabo a tla a go imela le go feta, jaanong *to consult* go botlhokwa thata.

MR MONAGENG: *Elucidation.* Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke re jaaka o itse, fa gongwe Batswana ba akanya gore re batla go dira dilo tse di yang go senya madi. Di senya madi jalo ba lebile gore re le mo Botswana, re di itshimololela fela. Gakere o a itse gore *library* e re buang ka yone, e teng kwa South Africa kwa Pretoria le Cape Town. Ba e bitsa *Legal Deposit*, e le *a research hub*. E teng gape kwa Zimbabwe, Namibia, Kenya le mafatshe a mangwe fela jalo. Ka jalo, re tlaabo re sa simolole selo se e leng gore ga se yo mo mafatsheng. Fa o bona se le teng mo mafatsheng a mangwe jaana, go raya gore se botlhokwa thata. Tanki.

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Monageng. Ke lebogela gore o bo o tlhaloganya dilo tse. Re le bantsi, re saletse kwa morago. Motswana kwa gae a tlhaloganye gore dilo tse, re di dira ka re ne re saletse kwa morago. *Our neighbouring countries* jaaka o ne o supa gore Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia le a mangwe fela jalo, a na le *libraries* tsa mofuta one o.

Sengwe se ke batlang gore Motswana kwa gae a se tlhaloganye, le bangwe ba rona gone fa ba ba neng ba sa tlhaloganye, ke kgang e o neng o bua ka *increment* ya *fees from* P50 *to* P2 000. Ke re, nnyaa, go maleba. Gompieno jaana o ya go fitlhela motho a kwadile ka lefatshe la Botswana a le kwa America, England, kana kae fela mme re sa itse sepe ka dikgang tse. *Increment* eo, e maleba. Ke dumalana le yone ka gore kwa South Africa fa o ya go kwala ka lefatshe la bone, gongwe ba Association of Libraries ba sa itse sepe, *a fee they are going to charge you* ke R20 000, rona e bile re kwa tlase. Kwa Namibia ba setse ba le koo gale, bo 2000.

Rona fa o tla o ya *to breach* tumalano o kwala ka motse wa Makobo o re go ntse jaana le jaana, o bua ka *history* ya one, mme o sa *consult* kwano ba Association of Libraries, o bo o itse gore o dirile molato. O tshwanelwa ke gore fa o dirile molato wa go nna jalo, o bo o na le *charge* e e go lebaneng. *The only way* e ke akanyang gore re ka baakanya dikgang tseo, le fa P2 000 a le monnyennyane mme ka gore re tswa kwa go P50, go ne go se na madi ape *that we charged.* Gore re bo re tlile mo mading a, ga se kgang e Motswana a ka e gakgamalelang kwa gae. A itse fela gore go ya go kwala ka selo sa motho a sa itse le fa e le sepe ka sone, e bo e le molato ka tsela nngwe. Ke dumalana le madi a o a okeditseng Tona, ke teng ka fa re ka baakanyang ka teng.

Sengwe sa dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke go di lebelela ke gore go fetisa molao o, fa re tla ka *Presidential libraries* gore re nne le tsone, re ka tswa re ka se ke re dire mo nakong ya gompieno. Kgang ke gore re direla ruri melao gore fa re setse re le *ready* go ka dira *libraries* tseo, re bo re ka nna le tsone. Dingwe tsa *libraries* tse di teng mo nakong ya gompieno ke *special libraries that are offered* mo *ministries* ka go farolagana. Fa o le Bogatsu jaaka ke bona o ntibile o re monna yo o a phaphasela o tla le dikgang sentle, fa o batla *information regarding* dikgang tsa Palamente, o tshwanelwa ke go tsena fela mo Palamenteng *and access them*. Fa o tsena gongwe kwa *Ministry of Education* o batla go itse ka dikgang tseo, o tshwanelwa ke go di tsaya gautshwane. *Special libraries* re tshwanelwa ke go nna le tsone jaaka ke ne ke bua ka *community and cultural libraries* gore *they offer information* e e botlhokwatlhokwa, segolobogolo mo metseng e e tswang kgakala. Metse ya bo Serowe e megologolo, re tshwanelwa ke go bua ka yone. Metse e e tshwanang le bo Molepolole e metona, Maun, Borolong, Shashe-Mooke le mo Makobo le bo Natale. Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR SEGOKGO (TLOKWENG): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. The* French *Philosopher* Reed Curtis o ne a bua mafoko a re, "*the reading of all good books is like having your conversation with the finest minds of past centuries*. *The* Greek *Philosopher* Aristotle fa a bua ka dipadi, o ne a bua gore *the more you know, the more you know you do not know*. A bua ka botlhokwa jwa *the culture of reading*. Golo mo lefatsheng la Botswana re tshwanetse *to inculcate that culture* ya go bala.

Ke ntse ke reeditse batlotlegi ba buisa *Bill* e ka botswerere ka fa e tsamayang ka teng. Ke bo ke utlwa *Honourable* Frenzel a ne a bua thata le ka botlhokwa jwa *researching*, bogolo jang re le Mapalamente, le bua ka bo *Presidential libraries* le *museum libraries*. Re tshwanetse re simolole fa Palamenteng ya rona gore dikgang tse re di buang tse, di bonagale sentle mo Palamenteng ya rona. Ke dumela gore *Honourable Minister* le bodiredi jwa gagwe ba etele Palamente ya rona ba ye go bona seemo se e leng gore *library* ya teng e mo go sone. E re fa re bua ka tsone gore Batlotlegi Mapalamente ba tsene mo *researches*, *debates* tsa bone *will be informed* ke dibuka gore mme gone kwa morago go tsamaile ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Dikgang tse Motlotlegi *Minister* a buang ka tsone tsa bo *tablets* gore go nne le *digital libraries*, ke dilo tse e leng gore Palamente e ya rona re ka bo re simolola fela gone fa *Honourable Speaker*.

Honourable Members ba bua ka *the Presidential library* mme ba e tsaya ba tshwantshanya le *the Presidential library* ya ga Barack Obama. Fa o ka tsena *deep* mo go yone *Honourable* Kapinga, o tlaa lemoga gore fa e dirwa go ne go dirwa ka *the strategic partnerships*. Ke gore *they did not dip into the coffers of the* American *fiscus*, go ne go diriwa *strategic partnerships with different organisations and foundations that funded library* eo ya ga Barack Obama. Le rona ke selo se re tshwanetseng go se dira. *Honouarable* Tona a hire banana kwa *ministry* ba ba tlaa yang go tsena mo go direng *proposals to different organisations and foundations*. *Economy is resting* gone jaana mme ga re tlhoke madi a lefatshe go dira *these kinds of libraries*. Rona ba re tseneng sekole bogologolonyana, go ne go na le koloi e e neng e dikologa gotwe ke e e tswang kwa *library*, e tsamaya e baya dibuka mo dikoleng. *If you can go to* Matlala, Tlokweng, Teachers Training Centre (TTC), *you go to all the libraries* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, o tlaa bona seemo sa rona sa *libraries* gore se kwa tlase ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *I understand* ke *role* ya *Ministry* wa *Basic Education* mme go tshwanetse go nne le *a proper convergence and confluence between ministry* o wa ga General e le *custodians* tsa *libraries* go ya go bona gore kwa tlase re ka ya go leka go tlhabolola ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ra thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang go kgona *to inculcate this culture* ya *library. The ambience* mo *library, it should be an attractive place* e motho o ka tswelang pelo gore a ye go tsena mo teng a ithute, go bala, go dira eng.

Sekai se ke neng ke se bua ka *library* ya rona ke teng fa e leng gore gongwe re ka re fa re *test models* tsa teng, ra simolola ka Palamente ya rona ya Botswana. *Create an ambiance* e batlotlegi ba tlaa kgonang gore Motlotlegi

Nkawana a bo a kgona gore a bo a tshwere kofinyana ya gagwe fale, go siame, go na le motlhonyana ka kwa. O ka kgona gore o bale o se mo tafoleng, fa gongwe o bala e le gore dinonyanenyana ka kwa morago ga *library* ya teng di a tshameka gore o tle o kgone go nna o tswele pelo go nna o ntse o tsamaya o ya go bala gone koo. *Honourable Minister*, ke a leboga.

Tautona e rile fa a tsile kwa Tlokweng o ne a tlhalosa gore o eletsa gore go nne le *children's library*, a kopa gore boeteledipele bo batle lefatshe ka o eletsa gore a dire jalo. Fa o utlwa ke re *we are very lucky in this* 13th *Parliament because we have a real champion* ya *the culture of reading* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re *ready* kwa Tlokweng gore *library* e e tle e kgone go ya go simolola koo mo ngwageng o o latelang.

Test models tse o di lekang tseo General mo *libraries* tse di tshwanang le yone e Tautona a eletsang go ya go e direla banni ba kwa Nkaikela, Mmampotlo, Matlaileng le Ditšhwegeng.

Mo godimo ga moo, ke dumela gore e tlaa re fa re ntse re tsweletse *Honourable Minister because libraries* di a farologana, *especially in the advent of digitalisation*. Fa re bua ka *issues* tsa bo *digital governance* jalojalo, go na le *academic digital libraries*, *public digital libraries*, *national, special libraries*. Jaaka ba ne ba bua, mo lefatsheng la Botswana re ikaya gore re a phatsima mo diteemaneng *but we do not have even a diamond library*. Ke teng kwa *models* tse Tona re ye go di *test* teng, *military libraries* ka e bile gongwe o kile wa feta teng o a di itse. Dintwa tsa rona tse re di loleng kwa bo Sedudu, le bo Cecil Rhodes, tse re neng re di lwa, *even* Batswana ba ne ba ile kwa *Second World War*. Dilo tse *have to be archived,* re nne le yone *as the Museum library* mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Re tshwanetse gore fa re ya go dira, fa re ya go tsena kwa *Committee Stage especially in the advent of digitalisation, we need to protect even our authors Mr Speaker*. Fa o lebelela *case* ya bo Zakes Mda, *the veteran anthropic case* kwa lefatsheng la America, *this advent of digitalisation*, kompone ya Anthropic go ne go na le *authors* tse di neng di iphuthile. Go raya *this* Artificial Intelligence (AI) ba utswa *information* ya bone ba e tsenya mo *training* AI tse re nneng re ntse re di bona mo maranyaneng.

One of the South African *great authors*, *Mr Speaker*, yo o mo itseng Zakes Mda, e ne e le mongwe wa batho ba e leng gore *they benefited from that case*. *We have to ensure that* le fa re tsena *in the advent of digitalisation, we protect even our authors* gore ba se ka ba kwala mahala, go bo go raya gore maranyane a felela a tsaya sengwe le sengwe. *Royalties* tsa bone *we should strive* gore re kgone go bona gore re ba sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *Copyright infringement Mr Speaker*, re ye go bona gore batho ba re ba sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E re fa re ntse re tsamaya le *digitalisation*, re itse gore re tshwanetse go rotloetsa *authors* tsa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Mr Speaker, fa ke ya kwa bokhutlong, potso e tona e Batswana ba tlaabong ba e ipotsa fa re sena go fetisa *Bill* e mo maitseboeng jaaka o ne o bua ka Mosupologolo, *this Bill* e ya go tlhama ditiro di le kae mo Botswana? Banni ba a ipotsa ka kwa Masetlheng, Sefhoke, Khaekholo, Ranfurwa le Letlapeng gore fa le sena go fetisa *Bill* e, wena *Honourable* Segokgo, ke le monni wa Tlokweng, ke ya *to benefit* go le kana ka eng ke sa bereke mo motseng wa Tlokweng? *Do not shy away the Honourable Minister to tie these Bills to creation of employment opportunities which is at the apex, which is at the pinnacle of our priorities as the Government. Number one, the software developers, do not shy away* gore *this is going to create jobs for software developers* ba ba tseneng kwa go bo Botho le Limkokwing *and they are just* mo seterateng, ga ba ise ba bone ditiro. Ke *opportunity* ya bone gore fa re *create these digital libraries,* ba bo ba kgona gore ba ye go tsena mo teng.

Bana ba rona ba *university* ba e leng gore ke *librarians* ba ba dirileng *course* ele ya *Record Management and Library Studies*, *this is an opportunity for them as we do these libraries*. *Sport libraries* tsa bo Letsile Tebogo le Dipsy Selolwane tse re tlaabong re ya go di dira, ke teng fa e leng gore ba bona *the opportunity* teng gore ba ye go bona ditiro gone koo.

Honourable Minister, do not shy away go tlhalolsa gore *the amendment of this Bill* e tlaa *create even* ditiro mo *authors* tse di teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Go tlaa rotloetsa *authors*. O bo o re tlela le ka dipalo le fa e le beke e e tlang gore *Bill* e e ya go tla ka dipalo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke setse ke go file tsela gore *Bills* tse di tlang gone fa re tshwanetse gore re di *tie to* Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). Re tlhalose gore di ya to *create* ditiro tse kae ka gore maitseboa modumo mo maranyaneng mo Facebook e tlaabo e le gore, "le di fetisitse, ga go na melemo mme e bile ga go diphatlha tsa mebereko, lona la reng?" Dikarabo ke tsone tse Tona, simolola go pagama mo go tsone gore *this Bill* e tlaa *create* ditiro tse di kana ka eng mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le Tona Rre Mokgware ka kgang e a re e beileng pele ya go tlhabolola *libraries*. Ke utlwile a bua mabaka a mantsintsi, a bua ka ditirelo dingwe tse di tlaa isiwang kwa *libraries* tsa teng. Ke ne ke ka mo kopa fela gore a di se ka tsa nna *crowded* ga tloga jaanong ga *lose* boleng jwa gore *library* tota *is a resource centre*, *a reference centre* gore batho ba kgone go nna le dikitso tse di rileng. Ee, ke dumalana le ene gore ga e sa tlhole e ka nna fela *storage* sa dibuka ka gore mo bogompienong tota *libraries* ke *store* sa dibuka, batho ga ba sa tlhole ba ya koo, ngwao ya go bala ga e sa tlhole e le teng. Kana ngwao eo e ka rotloediwa ke Puso, Motlotlegi Rre Mokgware ka *libraries* tsa gagwe kana *Ministry* wa Thuto yotlhe fela, *Basic and Higher Education* ka go fa bana tse di tlaa ba rotloetsang gore ba tsamaele gone kwa *libraries.*

Re na le *library* kwa ga rona kwa Kopong mme *it is just a house* ka gore ga go na sepe se se go rotloetsang gore o ye kwa go yone. Le tsone dibuka ga di yo. Fa go ne gotwe *library* eo e na le dibuka, e le *adequately equipped*, bana ba ne ba ka kgatlhegela go ya teng. O ye go e bona Tona Mokgware, ke *library* e ntle thata. Ke utlwa fa *Honourable* Morolong a santse a bua ka *to design,* nna rra ke na le yone, ga ke *design.* Go raya gore ke nna ke ka lebiwang thata gore ka gore e setse e le teng. Bontsi jwa lona ke a utlwa gore le a eletsa gore le ka nna le *libraries, I already have a library, the thing is that it is poorly equipped,* ga go na dibuka, ke ntlo fela e e gone foo.

Le tsone dibuka di a tlhokafala mo *libraries*. Gape o fitlhela re bua *terms*, re bua Sekgoa gotwe go na le bo *robotics*, *we do not have robotic books*. Ga go na gore ngwana e ka re fa go buiwa ka dilo tse a bo a bala gore fa re bua ka mo gotweng bo *robotics* re bua ka dilo tsa mofuta o. Re tshwanetse gore fa re simolola re tla *to introduce something,* re *make sure* gore selo seo se a tsena kwa *libraries* tsa rona, bana ba ye go bala ba tle ba nne le kgatlhego ya gore ke batla go dira *robotics*. Re e utlwa fela e tšhomiwa fela mo maranyaneng. Le ba ba tseneng dikole tsa English Medium bo Motlotlegi Rre Bagaisamang jaana, ke bone ba ka itseng gore fa o bua ka bo *robotics* o bua ka ga eng.

Introductions tse di ka tsenngwang *into libraries* tse ka gore gape re batla gore batho ba nne *versatile,* a re lekeng ka *recording studios* gore fa go buiwa ka yone, re raya sengwe se se ntseng jang, se se tlaa dirang gore ngwana a leke *to exploit talents* tse dingwe tsa gagwe tse a nang le tsone tsa go opela, go letsa, go bina le go reng, a itse gore mme *library provides services* tsa mofuta oo.

Library e tshwanetse e nne *library*, e nne gone kwa re ka bonang dikitso teng tse o ka di tlhokang. Bogologolo fa re santse re na le *libraries* mme ga di sa tlhole di le teng, e e neng e le fa Town Hall fa, ba rona re neng re tsena sekole mo toropong jaaka nna le bo Motlotlegi Lekutlane jaana, *every now and then,* re ne re tsena mo *library* eo, e le *well-equipped,* e na le sengwe le sengwe. *I doubt* gore go santse go na le sengwe mo teng. Ke ne ke kopa gore le tsone di ye go lebelelwa dilo tse go bonwe gore di a tsosiwa ba bo ba re fe (*donate*) tse dintsi tse ba sa di... Ke ne ke rata go bala buka e nngwe e bidiwa gotwe "My Name is David," ke e bonetse gone kwa. Ya ga Karl Marx le Mein Kampf ya ga Hitler ke di bonetse gone mo *library* e e fa e. *Unfortunately,* fa o lebelela Botswana, *this country is not documented,* ga go na sepe se o ka se itseng ka lefatshe le la rona le, ga go na *information.* Kana ke nako ya gore re ye go simolola go ribolola tse di leng teng tsa lefatshe la rona mme re di tsenye gore batho ba tle ba bale ba tle ba tlhaloganye. O kare ga ke pagamele kwa godimodimo jaaka *Honourable* Kapinga a ne a bua ka bo *Presidential Libraries. Let us start small*, re bo re gola. Fa re simolotse kwa tlase, ke gone re ka pagamelelang ra batla tse dingwe tseo e le *one step at a time,* e seng re simolola re bo re re re ya go tsena gone kwa godimodimo koo.

Libraries tsa rona bagaetsho, *connectivity* koo ke mathata. Tona Tshere o kae? Hei! Ke a itse gore ee, sengwenyana se teng kwa *library* ya rona e e kwa Kopong. Go na le *internet but those other resources* tse di tlaa go letlang gore o dirise *that internet,* ga di yo jaaka *computers, phones* kana *tablets* gore go lejwe Tiktok, dilo tsa bo *Honourable* Manyeneng, dilo tsa mofuta o gore ba nne ba tobetsa dilo tse ba diragatsa. E le gore go gone foo *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re o tle o gadime o bone ke itshwareletse golo fa.

Go a tlhokafala gore *library* e bo e na le *those facilities* gore ba ba batlang go dira CD *production* ba bo ba ka ya go dira gone koo ka gore re a itse gore *resources* di a tlhaela. *Let us make it attractive.* Le fa e le gore bogolo e ka nna *at a fee* mme go tlaabo go na le selo sa go nna jalo gore batho ba bone gore ba tsamaya jang. E tlaa thusa ba ba batlang ditiro. O a ne o utlwa gotwe batho ba romele dilo *online.* Rona *from disadvantaged families, we do not have access to these things*, *phones* tse *and everything but if we have a functioning library,* fa gotwe

submit online, you will go to the library, do your work and submit. Ka fa re santseng re tsamaya ka teng, go santse go re sokodisa thata.

Rra, *library* e botlhokwa, kwa dikgaolong ga re na dibuka, dikole ga di na dibuka. Fa nne ba *Education* ba le fa, a buka e ba e ntshang kwa sekoleng, a *copy* e ye kwa *library.* Buka nngwe le nngwe e e fiwang kwa sekoleng, *a copy* e ye kwa *library,* bana ba ye go dira *assignments,* ba itse gore nnyaa mme fa ke ya kwa *library,* ke ya go fitlhela buka ya mofuta o, e e nang le *subject* e. *Most of the books* tse di mo *library are not relevant to anything,* o fitlhela di bua fela ka bo the World Under the Sea. Ga re na lewatle *and then you tell me of the world under the sea. So,* bana ba a ipotsa gore a lefatshe le ka nna kwa tlase ga lewatle, o batla go bua ka *the life that is in the sea.*

Fa ke ya kwa bofelong ke re le *library* ele, go nne le *compartments, kids' corner, elders' corner,* re itse gore fa re ya koo mongwe le mongwe *is catered for* kwa *libraries* tseo tsa rona.

Presidential Libraries are a good idea but ke utlwile gore o fitlhela e le gore bontsi ga go jewe *from the fiscus,* e a bo e le *donations* mme le tsone di a tlhokafala gore batho ba tle ba kgone gore ba itse ka bo Tautona ba ba kileng ba etelela lefatshe le. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Le nna mma ke latlhele la me mo kgannyeng e e fa pele ga rona. Molao-kakanyetso o, ke tsaya gore ba ba reeditseng kwa gae, re makatsa batho ba le mefuta e le mene.

Lantlha re makatsa badiredi ba ba berekang kwa *libraries* tse di leng teng gompieno. Ba re ao, ba kokoane Mapalamente ba re ba batla go tlolela kwa godimo, mme fa re leng teng gone fa, go phutlhame, go tlhokana le gore go baakanngwe.

Re makatsa badirisi ba metlobo ya dibuka, ba re ao, e kare le mo go leng teng gone gompieno jaana go sa bulwe ka nako, ke lebile motho a le kwa Leshibitse, a lebile *library* e e kwa Leshibitse gore le fa o tsena mo teng, tota ga go na *library* ke matlotla fela.

Ra makatsa Batswana ba re ao, ba a kokoana Mapalamente, rona ga re na melemo, ga re na dithuto, ga re nang, ga re nang, ba kokoanetse gore ba batla go dira molao o mosha wa *libraries*. Fa ba tlhomaganya matlhoko a Botswana, a ba bone *library* e le kwa pele.

Re makatsa le ene morutabana yo e leng gore gompieno o a ruta. Fa a re o lebelela *library* e e gaufi le ene, kana re bua ka *national libraries*, ga re bue ka *special libraries* tse gongwe batho ba nang le tsone fale le fale, re ka bua ka tseo. Ga go na *library* kwa Mochudi e o ka buang ka yone. Jaanong ba re ba ka tlolela kwa godimo, a mme go tlaa diragala?

Betsho, ke tsaya gore re tshwanetse go lemoga gore Melao-kakanyetso e mengwe e ke tsayang gore fa re ka o tlhotlhomisa, ga o tswe ka *November of* 2024, *history* ya one *is much older*. Gongwe e akantswe nako ele ya letlepu la diteemane. Ka fa re leng teng, re tshwanetse go lebelela ditsela tse re mo go tsone, re bo re ipotsa gore a sengwe le sengwe se re kileng ra se akanya nako ele re santse re na le madi, a se ka diragala gompieno. Re tshwanetse re ipotse, mme ke ne ke re, le fa go ntse jalo, potso ke gore a mme go na le boleng, go na le mabaka, go na le botlhokwa jwa gore molao o o leng teng wa *library* o fetolwe. Karabo ke gore ee, mme ga go na molao o o senang *a price tag*, o o sa teng go ja madi nako nngwe.

Ke tsaya gore re itse gore re dira molao gompieno go le 2026, madi a gore go dirwe sepe, a tlile go tla ka 2027/2028, gongwe ka 2028/2029 kana 2029/2030. Fa re sena go nna re feta legato le, ra re re kokoane gompieno re dire molao o e leng gore tota o botlhokwa ga ke gane, mme fa re tlhomaganya matlhoko a rona, gongwe ga o kwa pele ga dipilisi, ditsela, *education* le dilo tsotlhe tse re itseng gore di a tlhokafala gompieno. Go tlaa tla legato la bobedi jaanong gore fa re sena go nna re o fetisa, ra re tota jaanong re o *budget* leng, e bile re *budget which aspect of it*. Ga ke dumele gore kamoso re tlaabo re na le *Presidential Library*. Ke tsaya gore moo re ya go kwala o tlaa tla o bona, gongwe ngwanake ke ene a tlaa tlang a e bona fa a le lesego.

Ga re dumela gore e kare kamoso re bo re na le sengwe le sengwe se re buang ka sone fa, mme re tshwanetse gore re lemoge e bile re amogele *Mr Speaker, through you to the Minister* gore go botlhokwa gore re ipotse gore a buka jaaka re ne re e itse dingwaga tse dintsintsi tse di fetileng tsele, a ke buka jaaka re e itse gompieno. E bile go botlhokwa gore re itse gore ga go tlhole go tshwana le pele mo e leng gore *the librarian* ke ene a ka bayang dibuka a re mo ke *section* ya bana ba ba bannyennyane, ya bagolo. O bo o itse gore fa ngwana a le ka fa o bo o re nnyaa ngwanaka, ga gago ke ka fa, fa o tshwanetseng gore o ka bo o bala teng ke ka fa. *That is why* go tlhokafala dilo tse di tshwanang le *board* e *Minister* a buang ka yone *Mr Speaker,* gore

go a tlhokafala gore go nne le *board* e e ka lebelelang ditsamaiso tsa dibuka. Re itse gore buka ga e tlhole e le buka jaaka e re e itseng, go na le *digital*, go na le eng, go a tlhokafala gore re tle re itse gore go tsenngwe leitlho mo dikgannyeng tseo.

Ka bokhutshwane ke ne ke re, Motswana kwa gae, o se ka wa tshoga wa re kamoso re tsoga re tsaya madi a melemo re aga *libraries*. Mo re agela gore *in the future*. Ya gompieno *library* e a pala. Ka madi a gompieno e a pala. *So*, re akanyetsa kwa pele gore gongwe e tlaare *in five*, *seven or* 10 *years* re bo re kgona dilo tse re di buang gompieno. Tse re di akantseng ka nako ele go santse go le letlepu, gongwe di tlaa diragala ka gore gompieno jaana re tlaabo re tlhomaganya matlhoko a rona, mme re itse gore *Presidential Library* ga e botlhokwa fa re e tlhomaganya le dilo tse dingwe le *libraries* tse re buang ka tsone ga di botlhokwa fa re di tlhomaganya le tse dingwe.

E bile gape le se ka la makala Batswana *through you Mr Speaker*, gore melao e e tsile go tla gone fa. Melao ga se gore fa go sena dipilisi kwa sepatela, *education* e le bokoa, ditsela di rileng, dilo tse dingwe di a ema. Dilo tse dingwe di tshwanetse go tswelela re di akanyetse, re ipotse gore se re ka se dirang gompieno ke eng, se re ka se dirang kamoso ke eng. Jalo he, *Minister* ga a phoso e bile ga a tswa mo tseleng gotlhelele gore a tle ka Molao-kakanyetso o. Fela se re se itseng ke gore, re tshwanetse go ipotsa gore o akanyeditswe leng, e bile a ke se re ka se le fang gompieno.

Bangwe ba re *library* e ka tlisa ditiro. Ga ke tlhaloganye gore jang, legale gongwe *Minister* o tlaa tla a tlhalosa gore tota fela *library* e ka tlisa ditiro jang ka gore tota go kwala ga go eme fa go nang le *library* kante ga go na *library*. *To research* ga go eme gore a go na le *library* kante ga e yo, go ntse go tsweletse. Se re se itseng ke gore golo mo *is more of a cost than actually an income generating project. Library* ga se selo se se dirang madi, mme se botlhokwa. Se botlhokwa ka gore jaaka mongwe a ne a bua, ke batla go gatelela mafoko a mongwe ga ke itse gore go ne go bua mang, a bua gore ditso tsa rona ga di bolokesege. Go botlhokwa gore re di boloke. Ga o ka ke wa itse kwa o yang o sa itse fa o leng teng. Ga o ka ke wa itse fa o leng teng o sa itse kwa o tswang teng. *So*, mo ke dumalana le gone gore go botlhokwa gore re boloke dilo tse e leng gore gompieno di a nyelela, dipuo tsa rona, mekwalo ya rona, jalojalo. Dilo tse ga o ka ke wa re ka gore go na le *library* e e botoka, Unity o tlaa kwala go feta jaaka a ne a kwadile maabane. Motho yo o kwalang o a kwala, motho yo o dirang *research,* o a *research.* Tsotlhe di ntse di a tswelela kante go na le *library* kana go na le eng, mme go botlhokwa gore di bolokwe golo gongwe.

Gape gongwe o tle o re tlhalosetse, fa re ka bala re tlaa itlhalosetsa rona ka borona, mme o se ka wa lebala potso e e neng e bodiwa ke *Honourable* Kapinga, a bua gore *national archives* e tsena fa kae mo kgannyeng e, a *library* e e tseela tiro nngwe kana di nyalana jang?

Ka bokhutshwane ke ne ke re ka nako ya go tlhopiwa *Honourable Minister*, ka gore ke dumela gore re tshwanetse go ala phate, mme ga re tle go nna le madi a go dira selo se mo bogaufing, kante tse tsotlhe tse di sha mo bogaufing. Gongwe tse dingwe re tlaa di kgona, mme re itse gore e kare *the aim* ya gompieno ya *four walls, the door and a window*, e seyo, e e *digital* e e turang e re ya go e bona kae. Ka mafoko a *Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I yield one minute and* 47 *seconds of my time. Thank you.*

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): *Thank you Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke eme jaana *to support Bill* e e tlang ka *Honourable Minister* Mokgware, e e buang ka National Library Service Act, ke Bill ya 2026. Selo se re tshwanetse go se leboga ka *Bill* ya ga *Honourable* Mokgware.

Kana gongwe ke fete ka gore kwa *sport and arts*, Lephata la *National Library Services*, fa re santse re bidiwa Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture (MYSC), le ne le le ka fa tlase ga rona. Ke sone se gangwe le gape le gompieno badiragatsi ba ba amanang le bakwadi, *publishers*, ba boa thatathata kwa go rona gore re ba thuse bogolo jang mo go tse di amanang le talente ya bone ya bokwadi. Se se a itumedisa ka gore kana fa o ka lebelela gore la bofelo re nna le *Bill* e, ke nako ya morago ga sekolone, kana morago ga dipuso tsele tsa sekolone ka 1967. *Framework* ya bofelo e ne e le ka nako yone eo, mo go raya gore ke nako e re neng re sena maranyane, ke nako e go neng sengwe le sengwe se diriwa go sena maranyane kana *technology* e re nang le yone mo nakong ya gompieno. Mo go a itumedisa ka gore re tshwanetse re tswelele le dinako.

Mo boemong jwa bakwadi, badiragatsi kana ba ba ka fa tlase ga lephata le, re dumela gore *Bill* e jaaka e tla e le ntle o e kwadile jaana *Honourable* Mokgware, le tlaa lebelela dintlha dingwe tse ke tlaa fetang ka tsone, bogolo jang Literary Work Grant *which finances book production* fa gongwe e bile *financing* le bone ba Braille, e thusa le *digital local content.*

Fa o ka lebelela bogologolo, gantsi e ne e le gore *fund* e e thusa thata *administrative initiatives,* jaanong re tshwanetse gore re e lebe gore e nne *legally locked fund* e e tlaa thusang bakwadi ba rona.

Mo *Bill* e, re tshwanetse re leke thata *to establish a permanent statuary protected literary fund under the administration* ya National Library Service Board. Golo moo go ka re thusa tota, gore go nne le *budget* gore fa e le gore go nna le *priorities* dipe mo *ministry* tse di amanang le *ministry* ke sepe, *fund* e kgona gore e re thuse. E le *budget* e e tlaa thusang bakwadi ba rona, go bo go raya gore ka nako tsotlhe re netefatsa gore ngwaga le ngwaga re thusa bakwadi ba rona.

Fa ke e e lebile, ke bona gore re tlhoka gore re nne le *public lending rights royalties.* Kana fa go buiwa ka katso, o fitlhela e le gore bakwadi ba rona nako tse dintsi fa ba kwala, dibuka tsa bone di adimiwa gantsintsi mo *libraries* tse 45 tse re nang le tsone le kwa go balelwang teng mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ga gona sepe se se ba sireletsang kana katso e ba e bonang e le badiragatsi kana e le bakwadi ba dibuka tse. Molao o fa o tla jaana, re tshwanetse *to mandate it* tota gore go nne le *public lending right system, and partner* le ba Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) gore *structure* se, se thuse gore re nne le *those micro royalties* tse di tlaa thusang batho ba rona fa dibuka tsa bone di adimiwa.

Go tshwanetse go nne le *local procurement mandate,* mo *libraries* tse re nang le tsone lefatshe lotlhe, bontsi jwa *shelves* di tletse dibuka tse e leng tsa mafatshe a sele *(international text books). Even fiction* ya teng, fa o lebelela ditori tse di kwadilweng ka bontsi, ke ditori tsa mafatshe a mangwe. Batho ba rona ba supa gore fa go ntse jalo, *it limits them* gore ba kgone gore ba tsenelele *market* wa dibuka. Fa re ka *enforce a local content quota* ka fa molaong, e e tlhamaletseng, go na le *mandatory minimum percentage* e e leng gore mo *procurement budget* ya Botswana National Library Service e teng e papametse gore ke ya *the local authors and publishers* gape re itebagantse le *indigenous language preservation initiatives,* golo moo go ka re thusa thata *Honourable Minister.*

Ke itumela thata ka *reformation* e ya gore jaanong le ya go nna le *legal deposit system.* Mo *Act* e ya bogologolo, gone go tlhokafala gore bakwadi ba kwale dibuka, ba dire *physical copies* tse e leng gore ba a di isa ka gore go *mandatory* gore ba ise *free copies* tsa dibuka *for pre-reservation.* Golo moo, ba e leng gore *they are self-funded* kana ga ba na madi a *to fund* dibuka tsa bone, ba ne ba nna le mathata. Go bo go raya gore go ba baya ka fa mosing kana gongwe e nna *financial burden* mo go bone. Go raya gore *Bill* fa e ntse jaana, e tshwanetse *to update that legal deposit requirement* jaaka ke bone *Honourable* Mokgware a supa gore go raya gore *the electronic digital format* di tlaa kgona gore jaanong di amogelwe *in place of those expensive physical copies.* Golo moo go tlaa re thusa bogolo jang kwa bakwading ba rona.

Ke amogele *honourable* gore, go botlhokwa go nna le *libraries* jaaka *Presidential Library* kana *military library* jaaka *Honourable* Segokgo a ne a bua. Go re thusa gore re kgone go boloka *history* ya lefatshe la rona, ka gore fa o ka ela tlhoko molao wa *library* wa 1967 o ne o sa tsenye gope, o ne o le *broad,* o bua fela ka *public education and general literary heritage,* o sa kgone *to specialise* kana o farologanya dilo tse gore re tle re kgone gore re ungwelwe mo go tsone.

Honourable Mokgware, ke itumelela gore mo molaong wa gago o tlhalositse gore banalebogole ba tlaa akaretswa. O *clear* o supa gore o ya go dira gore go tsamaelane le Persons with Disability Act. Golo moo re tshwanetse gore re go opele diatla, ka gore go raya gore banalebogole ba ya go lemosega. Go lemosega go tewa eng; go tewa *convenience,* go tewa gore fa ba leng teng go bo go siame go siametse gore ba tle ba kgone go dirisa *libraries.* Fa re bua ka *convenience* ga re reye bone fela, re raya le mongwe le mongwe gore *libraries* tsotlhe di na le *computers* le *internet,* ka gore bontsi re dira *digital content* mo *libraries* tsa rona. Go raya gore go tlaa nna motlhofo le mo go bone bana *to access libraries* tsa rona. Ke ne ke ema jaana ke re ke go eme nokeng *Honourable* General Mokgware mo *Bill* ya gago. Ke a leboga.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Dumela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re dumelang kwa kgaolong, ke boile ke mo Palamenteng. *Mr Speaker,* ke eme ke supa fa ke ema nokeng Molao-kakanyetso oo tlileng ka *Honourable* Maj. Gen. Mokgware. Fa re ntse re gola, go kile ga nna le sekapuo se sengwe se se neng se buiwa gotwe "fa o batla go fitlhela moAferika sengwe, o tshwanetse o se kwale, o se tsenye mo bukeng." Ke tsaya gore Molao-kakanyetso o ke go leka gore fa e le gore go kile ga bo go na le mogopolo o, re o boele morago mme re tle ka Ditshutiso tse e leng gore di tlaa dira gore rona kgotsa Puso ya gompieno, e tsweletse ditsholofetso tsa yone ka fa go tshwanetseng, *(fulfilling*

Government promises, one step at a time). Ke sone se ke bonang o se dirile.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente fa re bua ka *libraries,* go na le sengwe se re kileng ra se bua fa re simolola ka State of the Nation Address (SONA) ra re *equitable distribution of resources among the rural and marginalised communities.* E re fa re bua ka dilo tse, re leka gore re tokafatse kgotsa re šhafatse *libraries* tsa rona mo Botswana, re lebe mafelo a a tlhokang gore ba bone meamuso e e rileng. Fa re bua jaana re tshwanetse la ntlha re simolole re lebe motho pele, gore motho mongwe le mongwe o na le *access* le tshiamelo ya go dirisa *libraries* tse. La ntlha re lebe kwa dikgaolong, e re fa re simolola *project* e e tshwanang le e, re se ka ra leba mo Gaborone fela. Le fa ntswa maranyane a ka dira gore re kgone go tseeletsa dilo tse kgotsa meamuso ya *libraries,* mme fela re simolole re dire *pilot project* kwa dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le tse ke tswang kwa go tsone tsa Letlhakeng District. Ke bua jaana ke itse gore Goromente ga a tshele a le nosi. Fa o lebelela molao o, la bofelo o dirwa ke na le tumelo ya gore ke dingwaga tse dintsi tse di fetileng, *perhaps around* 48 *years* ka 1978. Go bo go raya gore go maleba gore gompieno re fetole ditsamaiso gore e re kamoso le rona re nne le mo gotweng *legacy.*

Re tshwanetse go itse gore fa re le fa re bua ka gore re batla go aga *economy* e e rileng, e e *inclusive.* Ke ne ke utlwa Mopalamente yo mongwe a bua gore, go na le mokwadi mo Ntlong e a re ke *Mother of the House,* ke bo ke re go na le Shakespeare, o kile a bua nako nngwe, Morena o ntlogele ke *quote* fela *if* o ntetla…

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: A re, "*Be not afraid of greatness, some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."* Ke batla go le raya ke re, fa re lebelela jaaka re lebeletse gompieno, mo nakong e re tsamayang mo go yone mo 21st *century*, re tshwanetse go itse gore re tshwanetse go itirela *legacy* e e leng gore le fa go ka nna jang go tshwanetse go bona gore go kile ga nna bagaka, *the greatest people* ka nako e. Dilo tseo re di lebelele betsho. Yo mongwe o ne a ntse a bua ka gore *libraries* di teng, mme gongwe re le Batswana ba re iseng re nne le kgatlhego ya go itse gore re ka tsaya gore re bue ka ditso tsa rona, *the cultural and social aspect of our lives.* Mo e leng gore fa o tsena kwa mafatsheng a mangwe o fitlhela o tlhabiwa ke ditlhong gore a rona ga re ise re nne le bagaka. Ke ne ke utlwa yo mongwe a bua ka *military library,* e e leng gore gompieno re na le bagaka ba batona ba re ba itseng. Tota fela ga o kgone go bala ka bone sentle fa e se o bala ka mongwe yo o kwadileng a tswa go sele, mme go na le ditso tsa rona tse di ka buang gore re le Batswana re ne re ntse jang, bogolo jang ka merafe e e farologanyeng.

Fa o ka ela tlhoko gompieno, ga gona ope yo e leng gore gantsi re ka re ke mogaka yo o ka kwalwang gore go na le Bakgalagadi ba ba kileng ba lwa ntwa. Gongwe motho ga a kwalwa ka gore ga gona ope yo o kileng a bonwa. Fa re dira *libraries* tse, re tlaa dira gore batho le bone kwa dikgaolong kwa go kgone go tsewa ditso mo go bone. Go kgone go kwalwa gore e re kamoso le bone ba kgone go nna le go ikamanya le go aga itsholelo ya lefatshe le. Ke na le tumelo ya gore fa re bua ka *vitalized libraries*, ka ke ne ke bua ka motho pele, dikole tsotlhe kgotsa gongwe le gongwe mo Botswana go nne le *access to internet.* Go se ka gatwe e tlaa bewa gongwe fela fa dikoleng, e bewe gongwe le gongwe le kwa merakeng tota, gore o kgone *to access* o sa tsena ka gore o nnile fa *router* e e fa sekoleng kana *clinic*. Re dire gore fa go nna le *libraries* o kgone *to access them* o ntse o le kwa morakeng, masimo le gongwe le gongwe fa o leng teng. Go se ka ga nna le mo gotweng *communication gaps,* tse di ka kgonang go thibela mongwe gore a kgone go nna le go tsenelela go bona gore meamuso kana dibuka tsa Botswana di tsamaya jang. Ke bua jaana ka gore, fa o ka ela tlhoko fa re ntse re tsamaya mo mafelong a rona re bua re re re a tlhabolola, go na le mafelo a mangwe a ditlamelo tse dingwe di sa tseneng teng. Go raya gore motho yo o nnang kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa tennyanateng le fa re ka dira dilo tse re sa mo leba pele gore re tlaa dira jang ka ene, go ka nna bokete gore Botswana jo e nne jo bo lekaneng go amusa meamuso ka tekatekanyo.

Ke re fa re batla go tswelela pele go nne le *infrastructure development* mo dikgaolong. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, fa gongwe ke tlaa bua gore re tlaa dira, mme go sena fa re ka nnang teng ra kgona gore mongwe le mongwe a kgone go nna teng a batla *to research.* Mo go tlaa nnang thata gore o tsamae o ye golo gongwe o feta o *research.* Le *infrastructure development* e nne teng, re e lebe e le sengwe sa pele. Re lebelele gore le *financing* ya dilo tse e nne *at the epicentre of our decision making here* kwa Palamenteng. Le gone go bona gore *are we funding projects* tse di tshwanang le tse, *utilised libraries or libraries* tse di *national* ka tsela e e tlaa reng kamoso mongwe le mongwe a se ka a re ga re a kgona go dira ka gore ga gona madi. Ke dilo tse ke batlang re di ela tlhoko.

Re boe re lebelele gape gore, go na le tse di ka re thusang, e seng fela tse di kwa tennyanateng, ke raya *they are deep such that,* tse di ka re dirang gore re nne le tshiamelo ya gore sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang ka *libraries* tse se tlhomame, Batswana ba bone fa se siame, re se tlhodumele le go feta. Ke bua jaana ke ema nokeng mogopolo o ke re, *libraries* di ka bo di sa bolo go dirwa bogologolo, 48 *years* re ntse re lebeletse. Ke na le tsholofelo ya gore…*Minister you are showing* gore *you are great. Therefore,* ke na le tumelo ya gore, *support* e ya gore molao o o tswelele o gatisiwe, e nne molao, ke o ema nokeng. Ke a leboga bakaulengwe.

MR MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI): Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Le nna mma ke tseye sebaka se go akgela mo pegong e re setseng re e beilwe pele. Kana tota ga re ka ke ra gana molao, sa rona ke go gakolola gore gongwe o ka baakanngwa fa kae, kana wa re o tsenngwa mo tirisong ga lejwalejwa fa kae. La ntlha ke ne ke batla go gakolola gore, *libraries* tsa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana mo dingwageng re di lesitse *standard* sa tsone sa wela kwa tlase thata ka lebaka. Ke re gongwe Tona, re ka bo re ne ra lebelela gore tse re setseng re na le tsone e nne tse re itebaganyang le tsone gore re a di tlhabolola. E bile gongwe jaaka go ne go buiwa, mo Gaborone fa ke sa fose re na le *library* kwa City Hall, e e saleng e nna bogologolo, ke dumela gore o santse o tsena sekole. E nngwe ya nna fa British Embassy fale, gompieno re na le National Archives le e nngwe ya Palamente, *within less than a kilometre* re na le tsone *libraries* tse di ka nna *four.* Tsotlhe tse ga di na boleng, di wetse kwa tlase, ga di ka ke tsa supa sepe. Ke re gongwe fa o ne o ka kgobokanya madi a o a akantseng… *yes,* ke dumela gore gongwe komiti e e tsamaisang e tshwanetse gore molao wa teng o lejwe seša, o baakanngwe. Gongwe fa o ne o ka kgobokanya madi a, gongwe o bo o ne o agile *library* e tona mo toropong, kana wa tlhabolola e ya National Archives, wa e oketsa wa dira matlhatlaganyane a dikago. E nne *a centre of attraction, a tourist area* e e kareng fa batho ba etetse mo Botswana ba tle go bona, ba ithute ka lefatshe la Botswana. E na le *information* yotlhe, le bana ba ba tswang kwa dikoleng ba tla fa, o tsaya madi otlhe o a tsenya mo teng, o sa a kgaoganye ditokitoki o a isa fale le fale. Ke gore o leka go dira selo se se tona se se nang le boleng rraetsho. Ke dumela gore re ne re tlaabo re ntse re gatela pele re le lefatshe go dira jalo.

Mo dikgaolong mo re ne ra nna lesego, re ne re na le *a donor* mo dingwageng tse di fetileng, ga ke itse gore a ba santse ba le teng, mme ke na le lebaka ke sa ba utlwalele, ba go neng gotwe Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation. Kwa Mmankgodi ke itse gore bogologolo ba ne ba re agela *library*. Jaaka ke bua ke re le kwa Thamaga ke gakologelwa e bile Tautona wa pele, a mowa wa gagwe o robale ka kagiso, Rre Gontebanye Mogae o ne a ya go e bula kwa Mmankgodi.

Libraries tse jaanong di setse jaaka ke bua di wela kwa tlase ka boleng jwa teng. Ga ke itse gore *strategy* sa gago o lebile jang gore o tle o di tlhabolole gore di ye kwa godimo, di eme ka dinao gore di kgone *to attract* bone bana ba rona. Gompieno bana ba itebaganya thata le go dirisa maranyane, ba kgobokana fa go nang le WIFI teng. Gone *library creates future people to be some leaders.* Ba itlwaetse go bala *at a young age,* ba tle ba dire *research*, ba kgone go dira fa *libraries* di le teng. Fela gone ka gore jaanong ga di sa tlhole gongwe di tsenngwa dibuka, di tlhabololwa, di dirwa gore di nne mo *environment* e e siameng, jaanong ga di sa tlhole bana ba di dirisa. E bile ba kgona gore ba dirise *phone to research information* ka bofefo. Gongwe fa o ne o ka leka gore o itebaganye le tseo, go ka nna botoka.

Ya *Presidential Libraries* Tona, ke ne ke kopa gore gone fa re akanyang gore gongwe *National Archives* o ka dira *a very big library,* kana wa batla golo gongwe mo *ministries* tse ditona tse wa dira *a very big library* e e leng gore *it is going to encompass* bone bo *presidential, military library,* fela gotlhe. Le yone e ya rona ya Palamente ya tsena gone koo, ga nna go tona fela go na le bodiredi jo bontsintsi. Le one maranyane jaanong re tlaabo re kgona gore o a tsenye ka bokete gone koo gore re kgone *to access information* e le koo *because* o tlaabo o tsentse madi ka bokete mo *library* ya teng. *As I say, it will become a centre of attraction in the city. It will attract tourists.*

O tlaabo o ntse o golela kwa dikgaolong jaaka ke bua, tsone tse di kwa bo Mmankgodi, di kgona *to access* yone e e fa e *digitally*. Ke gore e e fa e e nna yone pitsana e tona *and then* tsele di kgona *to access this one digitally, information* e goroga kwa go tsone. Di ka kgona gore di tlise ditlhabololo.

Ya *presidential* jaaka ke ne ke santse ke re ke tsena mo go yone, kana fa e le gore re ka tsaya tshwetso ya gore re ya go dira *a Presidential Library*, go raya gore kwa Serowe re ya go nna le *Presidential Libraries* tse tharo, re bo re nna le e nngwe kwa Moshupa, e nngwe kwa Mahalapye gore di nne *six* tsotlhe. Ga re itse gore e e latelang e tlaabo e ya kae fela jalo. Le fa re re re tlaabo re ka batla madi *from donors* kana kae, mme one madi a a

ka bong a tswa *from donors,* ke one a ke dumelang gore o ka bo o a dirisa go dira *a big library, one centre,* tse dingwe tse o bo o agela metse *libraries* tse e leng gore di ka ja mo go yone e *digitally.* Ke yone kgakololo e ke neng ke re ke go e beye pele rraetsho gore o e sekaseke.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR MMUSI: Ee, kwa Tsabong, gakere o tlaabo o *access* gone fa *digitally* Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang. Ke dumalana le wena.

Le yone *information, to capture* ditso tsa rona tsa Setswana, re na le bo Dimawe kwa Mmankgodi le Manyana, tse e leng gore *we need to capture information* eo ya *military*, ya dintwa tse di diragetseng ka Magosi a rona. *There are a lot of people* ba ba diretseng lefatshe le go le go ntsi gona le boTautona fela. Re na le Dikgosi tsa rona tse di neng tsa ya go re batlela boipuso. Le tsone o tshwanetse *to capture information* ya teng. A jaanong le bone o ya go ba direla *libraries* tsa bone *because they did quite a lot*. Batho ba bantsi ba e leng gore ba diretse lefatshe.

Ke sone se tota ke batlang gore ke go rotloetse gore leka gore o lwele gore o dire *a one big huge library which can become a centre of attraction* e bo e tlhabolola le lone lefatshe la rona le toropo ya rona. Ke re ke akgele fela go le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ke batla gore le ye kwa motsubong. Le e buile batlotlegi. Go lebega le dumalana.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): Nte ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke boe gape ke leboge Tona yo o sa tswang go re baya pele Molao-kakanyetso o o supang tlhabololo ya loago le go dumela gore dilo di a fetoga, re tshwanelwa ke gore re mekamekane kana re tsamaelane le phetogo ya gompieno.

Ke tlaa simolola puo ya me ka go supa gore, selo se *library is part of every man's journey,* ope yo e leng gore o a tlhabologa go eleng kwa go nneng se a eletsang go nna sone. Fa ke simolola sekole, golo mo ga *library* go ne go ntse go le teng ka mofuta o o farologaneng, mme e bile gongwe le fa ntswa go ne go le kwa tlase, gone go ne go le teng, e bile ke gone mo go dirileng nna le ba bangwe ba le bantsi gore re nne se re leng sone gompieno. Re ne re e dirisa ka pharologanyo. Fa ke santse ke le kwa *primary* e ne e tsena gangwefela *library* e bile e tla e re etela gongwe mo dikgweding tse tharo. Fa o tsena kwa *junior school,* o ne o nna le *chance* ya go nna le *lesson* ya *library* gangwefela mo bekeng. O a bona gore go dule mo go gangwefela mo *three months to* gangwefela mo bekeng? Fa o ntse o tswelela le *tertiaries* jaanong, e nna e bapile le wena fela, e gongwe le gongwe. Tse dingwe *they are even* 24 *hours. I know at* Faculty of Engineering Technology (FET) *it was always available.*

Jaanong ba ba neng gongwe ba tsena go sele ba ne ba supa gore kwa mafatsheng a ba ithutang kwa teng, ba dirisa maranyane, e bile go motlhofo ka gore ba ne ba supa e le gore ba rutwa bontsi jwa nako ka maranyane. Jaanong golo mo go supa *transformation* yone e *Bill* e o tlang ka yone e lekang go e supa. E bile e supa gone gore thuto mo Botswana jaanong *it is shifting from analogue to digital. We need to appreciate that and align our education system* le se se diragalang mo nakong ya gompieno.

Ga se gore *it aligns* fela le *the education system*, *it supports* gape *the national development and human capital growth especially* mo mafelong a a tshwanang le kgaolo e ke e emetseng ya Mogoditshane, a e leng gore a fetoga ka lebelo le le kwa godimo. Fa mafelo a tshwana le bo Mogoditshane a fetoga ka lebelo le le kwa godimo jaana, le gone ka fa re rutang batho ka teng, kana ka fa re rutang bana ka teng, re tshwanelwa ke gore re fetoge le gone. Ke sone se ke go emang nokeng gore o supa yone phetogo ya *to create information* le go supa gore *information* e ka fitlhelelwa motlhofo jang, le gone *to process it*; fela jaaka o bua ka *depository library.* Ke yone tsela nngwe e e supang gone gore *information* e kgona *to be stored* botoka ka tsela ya maranyane a gompieno.

Jaanong nte ke supe gone gore *Bill* e ya gago e mosola fela thata. Ga e mosola fela mo phetogong ya lefelo kana ya dinako, e boela le mafelo one a a tshwanang le bo Mogoditshane, lefelo le ke le emetseng le e leng gore le gola ka bonako. E bile gongwe ke supe gone gore lefelo la Mogoditshane *is one of the beneficiaries* tsa *the* Rothschild, e ke neng ke utlwa e buiwa ke mokaulengwe ka kwa. Re amogetse *library* e ntša e e abilweng ke *the* Rothschild, mme re a ba lebogisa. Golo mo go supa gore re leka go suteletsa kitso. Re leka go suteletsa *access to information to* batho ka bontsi. Tota se se ntshwenyang fela ke gore, o kare mafelo one a, a *limited.* Keletso ya me ke gore, re di oketse ka dipalo, e bile e se ka ya nna o kare *they are centralised.* O fitlhela e le gore jaaka Mogoditshane a le bophara jaana, gongwe *library* e lefelo le lengwefela.

E bile le *access* ya *internet* kana maranyane a teng, o tshwanelwa ke gore o e atumele gore o kgone go nna le *that access.* Go nne go tlhabololwe go sekaenyana. *Access to this information* e kgone go go latela le kwa o leng teng. E se ka ya nna o kare o tshwanelwa ke gore o ye fa terateng ya Kgotla, gore o nne le *that free internet.* A re bone gore *internet* e nna *accessible* motlhofo jang, gongwe le gongwe kwa mang a leng teng. Bana ba rona gore ba kgone go rongwa, o tshwanelwa ke gore o mo fe nako ya gore, a ye gone fa Kgotleng kana fa kokelong fale. *If we could develop system* e e leng gore *this internet* bana ba rona ba ithuta bontsi jwa nako ka yone, ba kgone go e fitlhelela le fa ba le kwa lelwapeng. Golo moo go ka re thusa thata le gore re itse gore bana ba rona ba kwa kae, leng, ba ithuta eng.

Ke tsela nngwe e e ka netefatsang gore *we match the transformation that we are going through.* Mo gongwe jaaka bana ba rona ba na le *access* ya *internet* e ntsintsi jaana, re tshwanelwa ke go itse gore ba ithuta eng. Dilo tse dingwe ke thuto e e leng gore ga o e eletse o le motsadi. Re leke ka bojotlhe gore re a e ngotla kana re a e laola. Mo gongwe bana ba rona ba ithuta *a lot of information,* e e leng gore *probably is not recognised*. Re senke tsela ya gore jaaka re tlaabo re tlhabolola *libraries* tsa rona jaana, di nna le maranyane, a re netefatseng gore sepe se ngwana a se ithutileng, re kgone *to quantify and certificate* ka tsela e re lemogang gore o ithutile sengwe. Le fa ntswa e se *a formal education*, o se ithutile ka tsela e e leng gore re a itse *it is available.*

Fa ke ya bokhutlong, ke batla go supa gore jaaka o tlaabo o atolosa *access to information, libraries* tse, e nna *the drivers of innovation and research.* Lefatshe la Botswana le santse le na le dilo di le di ntsi tse go ka batlisisiwang ka tsone. Go direng jaana, *these researches* ke tsone tse di ka tlhamang ditiro, tse di ka tsamaisang *economy* e re lekang go e tsosolosa. Gape e nonotsha *the skills development*. *Bill* ya gago, e tlaa nonotsha *the skills development through access to modern information system* jaaka o supa gore le batla go oketsa tiriso ya maranyane mo *library.*

Sa boraro, *it supports inclusive growth by ensuring that* batho ba ba nang le bogole le bone o ba akareditse mo teng. *Even the marginalised groups t have equal access*. Golo mo go tlaa aga loago ka go lekalekana, e bile go sa tlogele ope kwa bofelelong.

Kwa bofelelong, fa ke setse ke ya go digela, *Bill* ya gago ke e ema nokeng. E tsile ka nako e e tshwanetseng, e e tsamaelanang le Palamente ya rona. Ke santse ke gakologelwa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, a supa gore o eletsa Palamente e e leng gore *it is transformed*. E tsamaelana le maikaelelo le maikemisetso a Palamente e, ya *transformation.* E bile a tsamaelana le maikemisetso a Puso ya gompieno ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) ya *to transform* le *economy* tota le dilo ka fa di tsamaisiwang ka teng. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, bontsi jwa nako re leka ka bojotlhe gore dilo di tswe mo *analogue* di ye kwa maranyaneng, go fefosa ditirelo tsa batho. Golo mo gape go tlaa baya Botswana *in the library systems,* mo seelong se se lekanang le sa mafatshefatshe. Tota ka a le kalo, ke emelela fela go go ema nokeng mokaulengwe. Golo mo, ke *Bill* fela e e duleng diatla, e bile e tsamaelana le ditlhokego tsa nako ya gompieno. Ke a leboga.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Re leboge gore bo Tona ba rona ba eme ka dinao ba tla ka Melao-kakanyetso, jaaka re setse re fetisitse e feta masome a matlhano. Ke yone tiro tota e e leng gore Palamente e tshwanetse e e dire. Re tswe ka melao e e ka thusang Batswana. Re tle ka melao e e fetolang melao ya bogologolo e e ntseng e le teng.

Mr Speaker, se re buang ka sone, ke se se saleng se buiwa dingwaga tse 10 tse di fetileng, di buiwa ke ba Botswana National Library Service (BNLS), *Ministry of Youth and Culture* le *ministry* wa *Honourable General* Mokgware. Go botlhokwa thata *Mr Speaker* gore *National Migration Policy* e bo e nna teng. Go botlhokwa ka gore e tshwanetse e tle *to coordinate labour migration.* E tle go thusa thata kwa *border management*...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Monageng, I withdraw the floor from you, please resume your seat.

MR MONAGENG: Mma ke bue ka *library* maitshwarelo. *Library* ka fa e ntseng ka teng *Mr Speaker*...

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

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke simolole ka go supa gore molao re a o tlhaloganya, e bile re a o amogela. Ke le mongwe wa ba ba o amogelang, *Mr Speaker,* gore re ntse re o tlhoka, o saletse kwa morago. Ke supe gape gore *Honourable Minister*, bakwadi ba bantsi. Go na le bakwadi ba e leng gore ke *scientists.* Go na le *scientific journals.* Go na le mokwalo wa *fiction* o e leng gore batho ba a kwala kwa ba leng teng. Fa gongwe ba kwala segolo jang ka *fiction* ka Botswana. Sekai ke gore, re kile

ra nna le buka, mokwadi mongwe ke yo a bidiwa gotwe McCall, a kwala ka *the* No.1 Ladies Detective. Motho yo o neng a kwala *fiction,* e se *Science.* Gape o ne a sa kwale maina *specifically that we can claim* gore o raya semangmang kgotsa lefelo le ke la ga semangmang. E ke e buisiwa ke gore, fa gongwe re e tla re akanya gore fa o kwadile ka Tsabong, go raya gore o kolota batho ba Tsabong sengwe. *Therefore,* o tshwanetse gore *when you deposit* mokwalo wa gago, o duele sengwe, fa e le gore ke ne ke go utlwa sentle.

Fa e le gore ke kgang e ke e utlwang e buega *Honourable Minister,* tota re tshwanetse ra nna le sengwe se se rotloetsang bakwadi. Fa ke ntse jaana, ke bo ke nna kwa lelwapeng la me bosigo le motshegare ke kgwara, ke kgwara, sengwe se tshwanetse se nne teng, se se nthayang se re, tsaya mokwalo wa gago o o kgaogane le Batswana. *The library* e ke isang kwa go yone ka gore fa gongwe ga e ka ke ya nna ya ga Goromente fela, mme re tsenya le tsa ga Goromente gore ke tshwanetse ka rotloediwa ke gore, ke tlaa bona sengwe. Bakwadi *who deposit their books* kwa *library* kwa go Goromente, re ba akanyetse gore go nne le tsela nngwe e ba ka anywang mofufutso wa phatla ya bone.

Ke tsaya sekai mo kgannyeng ya baopedi ba ga Kelebeng gore ba na le thulaganyo ya gore fa ba opetse dipina, ba na le gore dipina tsa bone di dirisiwe ka tsela epe fela. Mokgatlho o wa bone wa Copyright Society of Botswana (COSBOTS), o tshwaraganye le bone gore ba kgone go anywa sengwe mo maitekong a bone.

Mo melawaneng ya gago o ka bo o kile wa kwala gore go nne le mokgatlho mongwe wa bakwadi gore e re fa ba kwadile jaana, go bo go na le kemedi nngwe e e ka nnang teng mo magareng ga bone. Bangwe ba kile ba bua ka *museum, library* mme kana tse tsotlhe ke dilo tse re buang ka *memory* gore re ikgakolole re ye go ithuta kwa mafelong ao. E re re dira jaana re se ka ra lebala gore go fetogile go na le bo Artificial Intelligence (AI) le Information Technology (IT). Re se ka ra tsaya gore re tlile go nna fela jalo e le gore ke rona *depository centre, it receives information*. Malatsi a re tsaya *information* mo *internet* e sa goroga *at the libraries*.

Libraries tse dintsi gompieno di mo gotweng ke Clouds, batho *store information* teng. Ga ke itse gore a *technology* eo re a e itse re le bantsinyana. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore go teng gore fa ke batla *information* ke a tobetsatobetsa, e bo e tswa gone koo ke sa ya *to a physical location* e e tshwanang le *libraries* tsa rona. Ke sone se ke lekang *to demonstrate* gore go na le gore ba ye koo, a le rona re ba ngoke ka sengwenyana gore ba tle ba kgatlhegele go tlisa mekwalo ya bone koo.

Honourable Minister, ga ke itse gore a go tla tswa mo *regulations*. Kana gompieno re bua melawana re sa itse gore a e tlaa re kwa pele re bo re nna re kwala *identifying* gore e ke *public library*, ke *presidential*. Mo gongwe di ntse jalo mo lefelong le le lengwefela, Gaborone e le sekai; gongwe re tlaabo re na le tsone ka mofuta oo. Gone moo go a tshwenyanyana *Honourable Minister* gore re tshwanetse ra nna le tsela e e tla reng kwa pele e supe gore *library* ke ya mofuta mang. Ke tlhaloganya keletso ya gago gore *public library* e thuse batho jang. Jaanong fa e le gore go na le *public library* kwa Selebi Phikwe, tota ga re ise re nne le *library,* re na le ntlo fela e e tsentseng dibukananyana tsa bogologolo tsa bo Lobengula le tse dingwe tsa *history* ya bogologolo. Ke eletsa gore mo *regulations* tsa gago go nne le ka fa motho a ka supang ka teng gore mo ke *public library*, *educational library*, jalojalo jaaka o ne o di nankola.

Mma ke fete ka e nngwe ke e, ga e mo molaong e bile ke itse gore ga e ka ke ya tsena mo teng. E le kgakololo fela gore *since* 1963 *libraries* di santse di simolola mo Botswana, ga ke itse gore di ne di le kae, le nna ke ne ke santse ke le kwa tlase. Ga go ise go nne le *internal recruitment* ya *Director of Libraries Services* mo Botswana. Botlhe ba ga se *career librarians,* ke batho ba ba tsewang kwa le kwa mme re ntse re na le batho ba ba ithutetseng metlobo ya dibuka, ba na le *Degrees* tse ba di tsereng mo *universities* tse di farologanyeng. E re fa o dira jaana *Honourable Minister*, le yone e e seng ka fa molaong o e tseye mofago gore go botlhokwa gore fa re ya pele, re gakologelwe gore bana ba ba saleng ba tsena mo tirong ya *library services*, ke batho ba e leng gore ga ba lemogiwe. Fa e le gore go tlhokega *Director,* ba a tlhokomologiwa go ya go tsewa ba ba kwa ntle. Dikgang tsa me di ne di le dikhutshwane go le kalo *Mr Speaker*, mma ke go babalelele nako. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Monageng, o ne wa kgona go ipaakanya Mokwena?

MR MONAGENG: Ke ipaakantse *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Tsena mo setlhogong, e tlaabo e le wena wa bofelo, *I will then call the mover to reply to the debate*. Le ene e re go setse *five minutes* a re siele ya *voting*.

MR MONAGENG (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Go raya gore ke ne ke re ke agela kgang ya me mosako ke bo ke ya kgakala. Fa re bua ka *national libraries Mr Speaker*, go setse go builwe thata

ka botlhokwa jwa tsone ka gore *they preserve heritage*. Go tlaabo go kgobokanngwa go dirwa gore dibuka tsa bogologolo re se ka ra tlhola re ntse re di bala jaaka rona ba bogologolo re santse re di bala jaana. Le *documents* tsa ga Goromente re tlaabo re itse gore re ka di bona fa kae.

E tlaa thusa gape mo *education and research* go itse gore baitseanape, *researchers* le bana ba dikole ba ka bona bokae. Kwa Molepolole fa re bua jaana ke *library* fela ya bogologolo e e leng gore le bone bana ba gompieno ga ba sa tlhole ba e kgatlhegela. Re bua ka *library* e e tlaa tlang go thusa *to preserve culture* ya rona, ba bale ba bone gore e le banana ba ka itse go le kana ka eng. E tlaabo gape jaaka re itse e bua ka *legal deposit, the law to ensure every book published in* Botswana *gets a copy deposited* ka gore gompieno jaana dibuka di a kwalwa mme fa gongwe di felela fela mo phefong. E bile e tlaabo e kgona *to connect the public* le *community libraries and give them access to read e-books, journals and archives* ka gore re sa le re ntse re itse gore *e-books* ke selo sa botlhokwa fela thata.

Jaaka re bua jaana ke solofela gore go lekilwe ka bojotlhe gore gongwe le ene Tona a tle a re bolelele gore a mme gone fa ba dira jaana ka gore *there has to be a legal deposit mandate* e e leng gore *Government,* United Nations, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) le bong, bo Botswana National Library Services *have to discuss all these*. Ke tsaya gore ba buisantse go tsamaya sentle re lebile gore re tsamaela kwa Vision 2036 *human capital goals*.

Library e tlaabo e ka thusa thata *as a National Library and National Migration Policy* gore go nne le *knowledge and identity* mo lefatsheng la rona. Jaaka ke ne ke bua kgantele, mafatshe a le mantsi a setse a tsene mo tirong e. Ke ne ke bua kgantele ke re South Africa e setse e na le *the national library* kwa Cape Town e go dirwang bo *legal deposit*. O ya go fitlhela gape e le *a research hub,* le *digital archives* di bo di ka dirwa gone koo. Le kwa Zimbabwe go setse go ntse jalo, ba bua ka *heritage preservation*, *liberation* e ba neng ba le mo go yone. Le rona re tlaa nna le ditso tsa rona ka gore re ka tswa re sa lwa *as a country* gore re bone kgololesego ya rona mme re na le *history*. Kana le gone fa Molepolole fale re na le bo Legaga la ga Kobokwe, le e leng gore bana ba gompieno ba ba kwa tlase ga ba itse sepe ka lone. Gape fa gongwe dikgang tsa teng o ya go fitlhela e se boammaaruri, re godile re tshosiwa ka lone gotwe baloi fa e le gore ba ne ba le teng ka nako eo, ba ne ba tsenngwa foo ka seroophatwe se setonatona. Gongwe re tlaa kgona go itse boammaaruri jwa ditso tse tsa rona re di bala. Re tlaabo gape re ka nna le gore e nne *a building flagship national library*, e e tlaabong e le ya seemo se setonatona.

Fa re bua ka *legislation, we do not have Legal Deposit Act* e e leng gore jaanong malatsing a go ka kgona gore *draft Bills that help in past and discussed* le tsone batho ba kgone gore ba di *access.*

Gape go ka nna le *mandate overlap.* Botswana National Library Service ka fa go buiwang ka teng e na le 26 *public libraries and university libraries*, go ka kgona gore jaanong dilo tse tsotlhe di nne golo go le *one.* Jaaka mongwe a ne a ntse a bua a re e ka nna kwa le kwa, kwa Molepolole re na le lefatshe fela le e leng gore le akanyetse gore gongwe e ye go agiwa teng ka gore gape e bile ga a kgakala thata le Gaborone.

Fa re bua ka Vision 2036, o ya go fitlhela e le gore *this library* e ya go thusa gore go nne le *knowledge-based economy* le gore banana ka bontsi jwa bone, ba kgone gore ba bale, ba bone gore go tsamaya jang. Ka mafoko a le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, a re emeng nokeng mogopolo o, *this library* e nne teng, bana ba simolole ba nne le kgatlhego mo go baleng, ba sa bale dibuka tse e leng *hardcopies,* ba dira sengwe le sengwe *digitally*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I now call upon Honourable Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to reply to the debates. Honourable Member, remember you have 20 minutes to reply.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Ke tseela gore ke tlaabo ke senyetsa batlotlegi nako. Ke batla go ba lemogela dilo di le tharo. Selo sa ntlha ke ba lemogela gore ba amogetse Molao-kakanyetso o ka pelo yotlhe, ba dumela mo go one gore o tshwanetse gore o ka dirwa e bile ba bona go le maleba.

Sa bobedi ke ba lebogela megopolo yotlhe kana *recommendations* tsotlhe tse ba di ntshitseng gore tota gore mogopolo o re o dire sentle, re ka o dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore o tle o re tswele mosola rotlhe. Ga ke batle go ba nankola ka bongwe ka bongwe. Mabaka otlhe a ba a ntshitseng a, ke a a nonotshang mogopolo o gore fa re dira *libraries* tse, re di dire re akantse eng gore di tle di re tswele mosola jang.

Sa boraro ke batla gore dipotso tse ba neng ba di botsa kana ba nthaya ba re ke di lebelele fela thata tse jaaka tse

di neng di tswa mo go bo Rre Kapinga le motlotlegi fa, ke tseela gore ke dipotso tse di maleba tse re tshwanetseng gore re di lebelele thata. Re ya go di lebelela re bo re bona gore re ka di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Mogopolo o re neng re o akantse wa *Presidential Library* ke gore re nne le *library* e le nngwefela mme e bo e nna le *sections* tsa bo *Presidential*; go na le *section* ya ga *President* yo, *President* yo *under one roof rather than* re di gasagasa kwa le kwa jalo. Re bone *model* o, o teng le ka kwa Zimbabwe le Serbia kwa e leng gore *all the Presidents,* mongwe le mongwe wa bone o na le *section* ya gagwe. O kgona go tsamaya ka tsone. Ba ba tlhomagantse fela jaana go ya go felela kwa o tlaabong o batla teng ka *history* ya mongwe le mongwe ka gore yo o dirile jaana. Re a itse gore ga re na madi. Re a itse gore fa re ka dira jalo ra kgaoganyakgaoganya, go ka nna golo go le gongwefela.

Re leka gore gongwe mo go tshwanang le bo Gaborone, re dire selo se *as part of tourism*, *city tourism.* Fa re ka dira e le nngwefela re di beile tsotlhe, *floor* ya ntlha ya nna *Presidential Libraries,* ya bobedi kana tse tharo ya nna tsa *national library*, tse dingwe tsele le tsone tsa nna tsa tlhatlagana ka go kgaogana ga tsone jalo, *it will be a center of attraction*. Mongwe le mongwe o ka tla kwano go ya go bona mme tsa kgona go tsisa madi, tsa kgona go re direla madi re le lefatshe ka gore ba ba tlaabong ba kgona go ya go tsena mo go tsone, ba tlaabo ba ntse ba latlhela selo sengwe jalo mo letloleng la madi a rona gore re tle re kgone gore re dire ditiro tse dingwe tse e leng gore re a di tlhoka.

It is important for us to emphasise the need of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Kana ICT ke yone e e berekang *and going forward,* batho ba tlaabo ba kgona *to access other information in other libraries internationally* o le mo Botswana. Ke gore re duelela batho gore e re fa o batla *to access library* e e kwa America o kgone go e *access* o ntse o le teng mono *through the library* e re nang le yone teng mono. Kana o *access library* kwa United Kingdom (UK) mme o dira jalo ka *subscriptions. So, these are the things* tse e leng gore re bona di tlhokafala jalo.

Ke sone se o bonang re tlhokana le gore *other public services* di nne teng gone koo, o se ka ya re o tswa foo fa o *research* o bo o re ke tshwanetse go ya go kgethela *licence*, ke tshwanetse go ya go tsaya Omang. Fa re ka dira dilo tse golo go le gongwefela *under one roof,* re tseela gore di ka re bolokela nako e bile di ka nna botoka jalo. Ke sone se ke le lebogang bakaulengwe ke re ke le utlwile, ke le tsere ka tsoo-pedi, ke tlaa dira gore ke eme ka dinao gore ke bone gore mabaka otlhe ao a le a dirileng ao, a le neng le a bua jalo, re a tsenye mo mogopolong wa rona.

Kgang e le neng le bua ka yone ya gore *Minister* o kare o tla tsaya sengwe le sengwe, kgang ya re "*may give directions.*" Se se diragalang ke gore nako le nako *Minister* ga a ka ke a dira sepe go sena *recommendation* ya ga Permanent Secretary (PS). Ga a ka ke a *act* a le nosi go sena *recommendation* ya ga PS. Le gompieno ke sone se se diragalang. Ga go tlhokafale gore re bo re tsentse PS mo teng *because he or she is still part of the decision-making process* e e tsewang ke *Minister.* Le fa o ka lebelela sengwe le sengwe kana ke kopo ya eng, e tsena pele ka PS a bo a e sekaseka a bo a *recommend, the Minister can approve or reject. So,* go ntse fela jalo e bile go a bo go nnile le therisanyo e e ntseng jalo. Dilo tse dingwe ga di a direlwa gore go tsenwe mo *the day today running of an organisation, they are for strategic decision-making.* Ke tseela gore tota eo ga se kgang e re neng re ka bo re tsena thata mo go yone ka gore e bile go dirisitswe *the word* "*may.*" Ga go tlhokafale gore re tsenye *consultation with the* PS *because he or she is already the advisor to the Minister and the Minister cannot act without the appropriate advice from the* PS. *So*, ke ne ke batla gore eo ke leke go e tlhatswa jalo.

Concern ya lona ka tse dingwe tse e leng gore di a diragala gore gotwe *Minister* o neelwa dithata, ke batla gore re nne re lebelela dikgang dingwe. *As you know, most of the time, national libraries have been funded by the Government, somebody has to account to the Government, what happens to that money* a a neng re a ntshitse jalo. *The Minister* ke ene a tswang kwa a tla go kopela *these national libraries* madi mo Palamenteng. Ga a ka ke ya re a sena go nna a dikopela madi a, a bo a a neela batho, a bo a palelwa ke *to account for that money. Where does he or she account for that money*? Gone mo Palamenteng. *That is why we include the Minister because whatever Parliament has given him or her, he or she should come back and account to Parliament.* Ke sone se o bonang *Minister* a le *at a strategic level, not at the operational level* kwa e leng gore *board* ke yone e tlaabong e tsamaisa *the National Library Services*. Ke yone e tlaabong e tsamaisa, e hira, e tsamaisa ka tshwanelo mme fela gone *to account financially at a strategic level, it is the Minister*. *That is why* o bona a tsentswe kwa godimodimo jalo. Fa re ka se ke ra dire jalo, e tlaabo e le gore le lona ba kwa Public Account Committee (PAC) kamoso le tlaabo le sena yo le ka mmotsang gore madi a re neng re a *approve* maloba kwa Palamenteng re re a ye go aga *library* kwa boketekete a kae ka gore golo fa ga re bone *library* eo? Le tlaabo le raya gore *Executive Secretary* gongwe le

tlaa le sena dithata tsa go kgona gore le mmitse. *As this is an institution established by an Act of Parliament, you have the responsibility to be the oversight. That is why* re tsenya *Minister* a golegiwa mo teng gore jaanong ka gore re tlaabo re *provide oversight* re le Palamente mme wena o le *Minister* wa *Labour and Home Affairs,* ke wena re go romileng gore *strategically* o bo o ntse o lebeletse se se diragalang kwa.

Ke ne ke batla gore eo ke e tlhatswe jalo bakaulengwe gore re e utlwe rotlhe gore *why do we have the Minister at strategic level, not at operational level because of accountability, what had been given.* Ke ne ke kopa go ema jalo *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Move Honourable General Mokgware, *o e bale*, the full title of the Bill.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: I move that the National Library Service Bill, 2026 (No. 16 of 2026) be read for the second time. I therefore move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to.**

Committee - **Later Date.**

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, I heard some of you making suggestions, those suggestions if your wish is to put them in the form of amendments, please send the instructions to the office of the Parliamentary Counsel so that when we come back from the long weekend, those amendments can be noticed and be incorporated, *a kere*.

Jaanong ka tiro ya rona ya letsatsi e wetse batlotlegi, mma ke lebe Moeteledipele wa Ntlo, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, Minister for State President, Defence and Security *gore a sutise gore re phatlalale*.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke sutisa gore dipuisanyo tsa letsatsi leno di felele gone fa.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Friday 17th July, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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