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Thursday 23rd July, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Let us begin our business with questions. Honourable Simasiku Oscar Mapulanga, Member for Chobe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke tlaa mo e tseela.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Boniface Bashi Mabeo, Member for Gamalete.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *O tlaa mo e tseela* Honourable Kekgonegile. Honourable Helen Pushy Manyeneng, Deputy Speaker, Member for Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee rra, ntse ke fano, ke tlaa mo e tseela.

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

MR SPEAKER: *O tlaa mo e tseela* Honourable Lekau. I understand that both Honourable Mabeo and Honourable Deputy Speaker are not well. I am in receipt of one of them sick note. Honourable Caterpillar Kainangura Hikuama, Member for Maun West.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, Member for Tswapong South. I know he is attending Pan African Parliament (PAP).

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa e mo tseela *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela *Honourable* Kekgonegile. *Honourable* Arafat Kitso Khan, Member for Molepolole North.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: He is also attending Pan African Parliament, I think because he is one of the PAP Members. Honourable Mopati Mabuse Pule, Member for Kgatleng East.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mma ke mo e tseele *Mr Speaker,* ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela *Honourable* Lesedi.

MR LESEDI: Yes sir.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Gaefele Sedombo, Member for Tonota.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa mo e tseela *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa mo e tseela *Honourable* Kwapa.

LIFE INSURANCE

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Higher Education if he will consider introducing compulsory life insurance cover for aviation schools in Botswana.

Later Date.

BCL LIQUIDATION

MR R. W. KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

(i) measures the Government is taking to expedite the finalisation of the BCL liquidation process, which has now entered its 10th year;

(ii) the estimated timeframe within which the Government expects the liquidation process to be concluded;

(iii) the major outstanding matters preventing the conclusion of the liquidation; and

(iv) progress that has been made regarding the final payment of USD30 million due from Premium Nickel Resources Botswana under the Selebi Mines Asset Purchase Agreement.

MR SPEAKER: I have a letter from the Minister, she is away on official duties, but I do not know who is acting on her behalf. Honourable Ramogapi.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke *Honourable* Mmolotsi, ga ke itse gore o tsamaya fa kae.

MR SPEAKER: Ke tsaya gore gongwe o tlaa fitlhela re ntse re tsweletse. *Honourable* Kaizer, *let us hope* o tlaa fitlhela re ntse re tsweletse. *Honourable* Onalepelo Kedikilwe, *Member for* Serowe West.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker,* ke tlaa mo e tseela.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN BOTSWANA

MR L. LESEDI (SEROWE SOUTH): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:

(i) the number of jobs created by the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government from October 2024 to date in line with pledges and promises from the UDC manifesto;

(ii) the sectors the jobs were created from and the number of jobs per sector and if the number of jobs created have reached the target promised in the UDC manifesto and election pledges;

(iii) the rate of youth unemployment in Botswana from 2024 to 2026;

(iv) the total rate of unemployment in Botswana as a whole and why youth unemployment is high in the country and the youth seem disproportionately affected;

(v) comprehensive plans, solutions and strategies in place to create employment for the youth of Botswana;

(vi) the number of unemployed graduates in Botswana to date, causes of high unemployment in Botswana and what will be done to create employment for the youth;

(vii) the number of people who have lost jobs in the last two years; and

(viii) if the ministry will consider introducing unemployment compensation to cushion all those who have lost jobs due to the pandemic as well as unemployment insurance and unemployment benefits for unemployed youth graduates.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Gongwe fela ke tlhalose pele ke re ke lebogela potso e ya motlotlegi, e ke dumelang gore e ka thusa batho ba le bantsi ba ntse ba botsa thata ka yone, mme fela ke re, e na le *seven pages*. E telele thata mo go maswe, jaanong *I was debating* gore a ke ka mo e neela.

MR SPEAKER: General Mokgware, o ka e soboka *or we invoke* Standing Order 38.4.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee rra, jaanong ke gore ke ka bua dintlha di le dingwe fela tsa yone.

MR SPEAKER: O ka e soboka?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee rra, ke ka e soboka fela gabedi ka tlhalosa gore, jaaka motlotlegi a itse gore re mo manokonokong a *economy* jalo, mme maiteko otlhe a ntse a dirwa. Gongwe fela dilo dingwe tse ke ka di go supegetsang, ka gore babereki fela botlhe… ke go fe e le sekai mo Botswana, babereki botlhe fela ba ba hirilweng mo Botswana *are* 804, 663, mme e bile ba kgaogantswe jaana; babereki ba ba mo *Central Government* ba...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, General Mokgware...

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Rra?

MR SPEAKER: A ko o simolole gape, *that does not make sense.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Nnyaa, ke ne ke re, babereki botlhe ke soboka, ke bua ka *statistics* se e leng gore *is still ongoing*, ga se a felela, ke sone se o bonang ke sena dipalo dingwe. Ke re babereki botlhe fela mo Botswana, *there are* 804, 663, mme ba kgaogane ka dikarolo tse di ntseng jaana mo go Goromente; mo go Goromente e le *Central Government,* 121, 901; *Local Government,* 19, 222; *parastatals* 16, 689; private sector, 323, 362. O ka bona gore *the private sector* e feta Goromente jang. Re bo re re ba Ipelegeng/Ikageng 80, 000; Non-Governmental, 2, 367; *private household* 80, 733. Ke bo ke re ba ba *self employed* kana ba ba iperekang fela jalo ba tlhakane gotlhe 142, 537, ke raya ke e baya jalo.

Gongwe se ke ka se go supegetsang se sengwe fela fa ke gore, ka gore re ntse re bua rotlhe re re *youth unemployment is at* 38.2 *per cent, it has been reduced* to 28.9 *per cent.*

MR SPEAKER: General Mokgware, are you able to summarise what is the crux of the question?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee rra, ke ne ke re ke tlaa felela fa, tse dingwe tse ke tlaa di mo neela, o tlaa ipalela le gore *how did we arrive at those numbers.* Ke a leboga *sir.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke re General Mokgware, *the crux of the question is on* (i).

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee, ke ne ke batla go tlhalosa gore *the study is still ongoing from the figures* tse ke neng ke di go bolelela tse, re tlaa tla re go tlhotlhela gore tsa gompieno di kana, ga se ise se fele.

MR LESEDI: *Supplementary. Mr Speaker,* ke a leboga. Ke utlwa Tona sentle. Ke gore gongwe fa ke tsietsegang teng ke gore, fa a sena go nna a di ntlhotlhela ka o tlaa ya go di tlhotlha, ke tlaa bona karabo ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka gore tota gongwe se a ka bong a se supa ke gore gongwe ga a ise a nne *ready* ka karabo? Ke raya gore gongwe o ka bo a rile jalo fela. Kana fa a tla a tlhotlhile, ga ke itse gore re ya go kopana jang le karabo e. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister* o ka araba, mme se sengwe se se dirang...

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee, *thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re...

MR SPEAKER: *Hang on General,* ke ne ke re se sengwe se se ketefatsang ke gore, kana o ne a re karabo e boleele jwa *pages* tse *seven.* Jaanong kana *we are not privy to the details* tse di mo teng, mme *I thought in summarising* o tlaa itebaganya thata le *what is really the crux of the question.* Araba *supplementary Honourable* Mokgware.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke re, kana motlotlegi o boditse *a very good question, which is very technical*, e e batlang go sekasekiwa sentle. Fa o lebelela gore *it was noticed* leng, le gone gore *the study is still ongoing,* se nna le *timeframe* ya yone. *So,* go bo go ntshiwa *report. Report* e ya teng *is public.* Le wena o kgona go ya go e bona, e tlaabo e ntshiwa ke ba Statistics Botswana, *any person* o kgona go e bona. *So, you will get the answers*, o tlaa di fitlhela mo teng moo fa o ipalela le wena. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary. Honourable* Mokgware, wa re *unemployment* e fokotsegile go tswa kwa go 46 *per cent to* 28 *per cent*?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke ne ke re *youth unemployment* e ntse e le kwa go 38.2 *per cent,* jaanong e kwa go 28.9 *per cent.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Potso e nna gore, re lebile gore ga ba kgone go bua gore ba dirile ditiro di le kae, sone seo fela se raya gore *possibility* ya gore ga ba a dira ditiro, e kwa godimo. E bile gape dikgwebo di ntse di a tswalwa, mme e bile gape batho ba ntse ba a kgaolwa mo ditirong. Potso e nna gore, gone mme jaanong, e fokoditswe ke eng? 12 *per cent* yo, go bonwe ditiro kae tsa 12 *per cent* tse e leng gore di fokoditse *youth unemployment* go tswa kwa go 36 *per cent* go ya kwa go 28 *per cent*?

E bile gape a re *study* ga se ise se felele, ga a na dikarabo. Potso e nna gore, gone mme o na le dikarabo dife, ga o na dikarabo dife? Go tla jang gore o tlhoke dikarabo tsa *unemployment* mme wa kgona go nna le tsa gore yone mme e fokotsegile? E fokotsegile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, kae, kwa komponeng efe, *Honourable* Mokgware?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Motlotlegi o bua *perceptions* tse ba di buang ba sa lebelele dipalo. *Figures never lie* motlotlegi. Fa o nthaya o re batho ba a kgaolwa, *that is a perception which you are having yourself and your group. The fact of the matter is that* rona re bua ka *statistics* se se dirwang ke ba Statistics Botswana, ba ba tlileng go dira buka e le wena o tlaa e ipalelang, o bo o bona gore go oketsega ga ditiro go tsamaile ka lebelo le le kae, go fokotsega ga ditiro go fokotsegile ka lebaka le le kae. Re a utlwana? Fa ke go raya ke re *this is a preliminary report* e e tlaabong e go supegetsa dipalo tsotlhe, ga e ise e tsene mo dikgweding jaaka motlotlegi a mpoditse dikgwedi gore mo kgweding ya go tswa fa go ya go tsena mo go ya gore. *Then we will have to filter through that.* Fa o dirile *statistics,* o tlaa tlhaloganya selo seo gore re bua ka eng. Ga re bue ka *perceptions* tse wena e reng fa o di bua, o bo o boa o akanyetsa. Dipalo di

dirilwe, di teng, tse di dirilweng ke bomaitseanape. Buka ya teng e tlaa tswa le wena o bo o e bala. *Go to* Statistics Botswana, *you will get the figures there.* Ga di itirelwe ke ope. *We are here to be honest and tell the nation the truth.*

MR SPEAKER: General Mokgware, *o ne o reng mo karabong ya gago ya* seven pages? Honourable Lesedi, you will study the answer, and then if there are aspects that you feel have not been answered, you will have to identify them for General Mokgware. What I will make a follow-up on is when he can provide that information. That is my ruling.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Procedure. Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse, gongwe o tlaa nthusa gore General Mokgware a nkarabe. Ke ne ke mmotsa gore ka gore o bua *statistics*, naare *statistics* se a se buang, se mo *sector* efe? Ke efe *sector* e e fokoditseng *unemployment* ya banana go tswa kwa go 36 *per cent* go ya kwa go 28 *per cent*? O tshwere *statistics Honourable* Mokgware *that explains* se o se buang. Potso ke gore ke *sector* efe? Ke yone potso fela, e seng tse dingwe tse di ntsi.

MR SPEAKER: We have to deal with Honourable Kekgonegile's procedure. General Mokgware, the query by Honourable Kekgonegile *ke gore kana* you pointed to the 12 per cent reduction in youth unemployment, I think what he is trying to find out is where that 12 per cent came from. I do not know whether the answer which you provided in terms of; you are referencing Statistics Botswana, and whether you are unable to say which sector. *Mma ke go utlwe*, 12 per cent.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke sa lemoga gore a motlotlegi o tlaa tla go mpotsa gore ke bue *sectors.* Fa ke ne ke di goboka mo *the first quarter* e ke buang ka yone e, *but it is various sectors*. Fa ke ne ke kile ka akanya gore o tlaa tla a mpotsa a batla *sectors* tseo *one by one, I would have brought the answer, but I do not have a problem, I can look for those and give them to him* gore ke mo supegetse gore *sectors* tse ke buang ka tsone ke dife tse di fokotsegileng. *Thank you, Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moalosi for Honourable Mapulanga.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to state:

(i) how much has been paid out as workman's compensation between 2019 to 2024;

(ii) the number of people who were paid in the tourism, agricultural, mining and industrial sectors respectively; and

(iii) what causes the delay in payments, if any, and what will be done to address such delays.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Thank you* motlotlegi. Ke potso e ntle thata.

Ke tlhalose jaana gore nngwe ya ditiro tsa rona kwa *Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs* ke gone go tlhomamisa gore mo ditirong babereki ba babalesegile, e bile botsogo jwa bone ke jo bo siameng thata. Ga re batle go bona mmereki a ya tirong a na le menwana e metlhano, e bo e re fa a boa, o mongwefela o bo o tlhaela.

Fa ke tsena mo karabong ya motlotlegi ke re,

(i) Madi a re setseng re a duetse go tla go tsena gompieno *from* 2019 *to* 2024 ke *Six Million, Six Hundred and Four Thousand, Four* Pula *and Thirty-Three* Thebe (P6,604,004.33). Batho ba re neng re ba duela, ba phimolo dikeledi ba 295. Ba e leng gore dikgobalo tsa bone di ne di diragala kwa meepong, mo Lephateng la *Tourism*, mo go la temothuo, le mo *industrial sector.* Ke batho ba ba golafetseng gone koo. Ke na le bone fa mo karabong, ke ba kgaogantse ka gore;

- *Tourism* - 25
- *Agriculture* - 53
- *Mining* - 25
- *Industrial Sector* - 192.
- *Total is* 295.

(ii) *Mr Speaker,* potso e nngwe e a neng a e botsa o ne a re, se se diang dituelo ke eng. Dituelo di diiwa ke mabaka a a farologanyeng. Mabaka

mangwe a a diang dituelo ke gore lantlha go a bo go na le puisanyo fa gare ga ba bongaka. Ke gore *the Medical Board* le dingaka tsa mogobadi le dingaka tsa mohiri. Selo seo se a diega fa e le gore *investigations* di a bo di santse di tsweletse jalo.

Mo gongwe re a bo re diiwa ke one molao. Fa ke ka gakolola Ntlo e ka e bolelela gore molao wa rona wa *compensation* o sa le o dirilwe ka 1967. Ke gone mo e leng gore mo malatsing a a tlang, ke tlaabo ke o tlisa kwano gore le tle go o baakanya sentle. Ga o tsenye dikgobalo tse dingwe mo teng. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore gantsinyana re na le dikgannyana tsone tseo. Gongwe jaaka motho a golafetse mo mokwatleng. Kana *according to the* Compensation Act ya re, fa o golafala, mongwe a bo a le teng, a go bona gore o a golafala. O bo o bega, le ene a kwala *statement.* Jaanong dikgolafalo tse dingwe o fitlhela e le gore ga di a nna jalo. Jaaka dikgolafalo tsa mokwatla jaana, ke tse di tswang mo lebakeng le le telelenyana. O bo o fitlhela e le gore gone foo re a bo re santse re batla bosupi, go tlhotlhomisiwa gore a e kile ya re nako nngwe wa ya kwa ngakeng *complaining* ka one mokwatla. Ke dumela gore mathata a molao mo go yone Palamente e, le tlaa fedisa ka ke tlisa *Act to review* le *regulations* tsa yone.

Ke tlhalosetse Ntlo e ke re, molao wa bogologolo wa re, fa o na le dikgolafalo tsa gago tsotlhe di tsamaya kwa go P500, 000 kana P1 000 000, gatwe *you are compensated* ka P200, 000 *not more than* P200, 000 *despite* gore dingaka di ka bo di go neetse *percentage* ya bokae. Ke selo sengwe se re dumelang gore se beile Batswana ba bantsi ka kwa mosing. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker. Honourable* Mokgware, ke utlwa fa o araba o re, "re setse re duetse", gongwe o re tlhalosetse gone foo gore ke mang yo o duelang? Ke raya gore fa e le *a private company,* motho a bo a golafala teng, ba na le *insurance* ya bone ya *workman's compensation.* Lona le tsena fa kae mo go dueleng ka gore fa o re re setse re duetse, o baya gore o kare Goromente ke ene a duelang?

Potso ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, a mme o a itse gore go na le dikompone tse e leng gore fa mmereki a golafaletse mo tirong, *they find a way* ya gore ba mo kobe mo tirong? A go na le *cases* tse di setseng di gorogile kwa ofising ya gago tsa babereki ba ba ntseng jalo, ba e leng gore o ne a bereka, a bo a golafala, e bo e re a sena go nna le bokoa, a bo a kobiwa mo tirong? Golo moo, fa e le gore go teng, o a go itse, gongwe e le gore molao ke one o letlang. Maikaelelo a gago ke eng o le *Minister* go thiba phatlha eo *to protect employees who put their lives on the line* go berekela lefatshe le? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Motlotlegi, potso e, e ne e nthaya e re, go setse go duetswe bokae; ke bo ke araba ke re, go setse go duetswe 604, 000.

Potso ya bobedi, o botsa gore a re setse re lemogile gore a go na le bangwe bahiri ba e reng fa mmereki a golafetse mo tirong, ba bo ba mo koba kana ba mo ntsha mo tirong ka nngwe tsela fela, ba tshaba go duela *compensation.* Go ntse jalo, mme go na le tsamaiso ka gore mmereki o ya go supa nako e a golafetseng gore o ne a golafala a santse a le mo tirong. A bo go ya go supa le dikgato dipe gore o ne a bega a santse a le mo tirong. Fa go ntse jalo, re ema ka dinao *to make sure* gore mmereki o a duelwa. Ga a ka ke a tsamaya fela jalo, molao e bile *covers that person*. Molao wa rona *covers,* one o wa *compensation* gone foo. Jaaka o itse gore mo ditirong tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le *mine* jaana, fa o hirwa o ya go tlhatlhobiwa pele. Letsatsi le o tswang, le gone o tshwanetse o tlhatlhobiwe, go bonwe gore a o mo seemong se o neng o le mo go sone nako e o neng o hirwa. Ke gone go leka go sireletsa dikgwetlho tse o buang ka tsone tseo motlotlegi.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Very short question; Honourable Minister, Major General*, ke lebogela gore a bo o buile ka kgang ya gore o ikaelela *to amend* molao. A ga o lemoge gore fa le emisa dikopo tse di setseng di tsene tsa *compensation,* le di emisa gore le santse le baakanya molao? A ga o lemoge gore o dia *cases* tseo ka gore molao fa o pasa, *past cases* tse di tlaa tlang *after* o tsena mo tirisong? Ga o ke o nna *retrospective.* A ga o lemoge gore o dia *cases* tse di setseng di diragetse, ka o di emisetsa *to improve* molao le *compensation rate?* Ke eng *cases* tse di setseng di le teng, o sa di dire ka bofefo tsa feta, la tla la fetisa molao le lebile *cases* tse di tlaa tlang mo malatsing a a kwa pele? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* motlotlegi. Ga re diye *cases* motlotlegi. Kgang e o e

buang eo, ya gore molao o simolola fa kae, leng, re setse re na le yone, re a e itse. Mathata a *cases* tsa dikgobalo ke gore, *they are almost like a process,* ga di tswe gone foo motho a re ke golafetse fa, a bo go nna motlhofo. Gantsi o tlaa fitlhela e le gore se se dirang gore di nne di telele, ke *insurance* tsa *companies* tse ba berekang mo go tsone. Re a leka ka bojotlhe gore re bone gore *cases* tseo, di a goroga di nna teng.

Although re ne re dumela gore *most of compensations* tsa teng tse dingwe *are ridiculous, they are very, very low.* Gompieno jaana *a welder* fa monwana wa gagwe o dule o, P16 000, monwana o seyo, *completely* o dule. Ga ke itse gore, re botsa ba molao. Fa go buiwa jalo, go buiwa ka nako ya gore, ga go tewe gore molao ga o reye gore e tlaare fa re o tlisa gompieno, e bo gotwe ba ba golafalang gompieno jaana. Ke tseela gore go tlaabo go tewa nako e motho a tlaabong a tsisa *case.* E seng gotwe ba botlhe ba ba golafetseng bogologolo bale, ga ba duelwe kana ba tlaa duelwa ka nneu e kgologolo. Ke raya gore mme ke a go utlwa. *I have taken your point.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ke mang yo o tseelang* Honourable Mabeo? *Ke* Honourable Moalosi. Honourable Kekgonegile for Honourable Mabeo for question two.

2027 TAFISA WORLD CONGRESS

MR B. B. MABEO (GAMALETE): asked the Minister of Sport and Arts:

(i) to state if Botswana will be hosting the 2027 TAFISA World Congress; and if so, what the rationale is for that decision given the current fiscal pressures and competing priorities;

(ii) what feasibility studies or assessments were conducted before confirming Botswana's commitment, and will the ministry provide Parliament with the full study, including estimates of costs, infrastructure needs and anticipated benefits;

(iii) to state if a comprehensive cost benefit analysis has been completed for the 2027 TAFISA Congress; if so, will it be made available to Parliament;

(iv) what is the estimated total cost to the Government of Botswana; including venue hire, logistics, security, transport and hosting obligations; and

(v) what oversight structures have been established to manage planning, procurement, expenditure, and delivery of the TAFISA Congress.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Sport and Arts…

…Silence…

MR SPEAKER: Gatwe o tshwareletswe ke *Honourable* Ookeditse, o kae?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O kwa Ghana.

MR SPEAKER: *Ga a boa kwa* Ghana? *A re e feteng.* Honourable Lekau for Honourable Deputy Speaker, for question three.

INTERNET CONTENT IN SCHOOLS

MS H. P. MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): asked the Minister of Communications and Innovation to state whether it is possible to filter internet content in schools.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. Thank you very much, good afternoon. Mr Speaker, indeed, it is possible technically to filter internet content in public schools. Such filtering was previously implemented on a trial basis within the civil service to assess the technical feasibility and effectiveness. However, in the absence of an appropriate policy and governance framework to guide its implementation, the initiative was halted.

However, Mr Speaker, a centralized managed web-filtering solution can be implemented to schools or any other constituency to:

- block access to malicious, illegal and inappropriate websites;
- protect the learners from harmful online content;
- scan internet traffic for malware and other cyber threats;
- enforce acceptable-use policies;
- control access to high-risk applications and online services;

- manage bandwidth usage; and
- provide security logs and reports for monitoring and incident response.

Mr Speaker, the provision of free internet access to public facilities must be supported by appropriate cybersecurity, content-management and acceptable-use controls. Unrestricted internet access, like what we have in public facilities may expose users, particularly learners, and the Government Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure to harmful, illegal or inappropriate content that includes the malware, online fraud and other cyber threats.

As part of the broader Universal Access and Service initiatives, Government through the Botswana Communications and Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) has the mandate to ensure that underserved and marginalized areas are not left behind. Several villages are benefiting from these initiatives as seen by the installation of digital labs in various schools in remote areas.

Lastly, Mr Speaker, Government's approach is guided by both national policy objectives and international commitments, including the African Union Digital Transformation Strategy (2020-2030) and the Agenda 2063. Thess frameworks promote universal and affordable access to digital services, while recognising the importance of ensuring that the digital environment is safe, secure and appropriate for all users, particularly children. Accordingly, any measures relating to internet content management in public institutions will be implemented within an appropriate legal and policy framework that balances children protection, access to information, privacy and freedom of expression. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary*. Hei! Di dintsi mo go maswe, go tlaa re o di kwale foo *Minister*. Kana kwa Mogoditshane re wetswe ke seru sa gore le fa o feta jaana, batho ba eme ka diterata. Re bua ka bana ba ba feletseng mo go bo *Form* 3, ba ba setseng ba le bannyennyane. Ke ne ke re o ikaelela leng go tla ka *policy* e? Ke gore le gone kwa dikoleng ba ne ba neetswe *tablets* ba kgona *to download* ditshwantsho tsa matlhabisaditlhong mo teng. A golo mo ga o bone gore go *urgent,* go ka bo go ka dirwa ka lepotlapotla ka gore *at the same time* fa re ne re re go ka *benefit* bana, jaanong ba na le seemo seo? Se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke a se go botsa gape *Minister*, kana bana ba ba godile fa ba le *at* 18, *in anything*. Jaanong bana ba ba kwa dikoleng ba kwa tlase ga 18 *but* o fitlhela e le gore ba tseneletse *gamblings* tsa maina a masha a a tsileng a. Re dira jang go dibela bana ba mo seemong sa gore re iphitlhele ba tseneletse mekgatlho e *at a very early age*, e re itseng gore e na le *negative impacts*?

Sa bofelo; tsaya lefatshe le tshwana le France le Australia, *they have banned social media* mo baneng ba ba 15 *and* 16, mme ba rona gompieno o kgona gore o tsena mo TikTok o bo o fitlhela ngwana fela yo o kwa *junior* kana *senior* a le mo TikTok. O dira jang o le *Minister* wa *Technology* gore bana ba ba dingwaga tse di kalo le fa a ka tswa a na le *gadget*, a se ka a letlelelwa go tsena *in the social media*? Ke a leboga.

MR TSHERE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker, and thank you very much Honourable* Lekau. Gongwe ke simolole fa gore kana *internet content* fela *generally* e ama maphata a le mantsi. Fa re bua ka bana re bua ka *Ministry* wa *Child Welfare and Basic Education*. Ke sone se o utlwang re bua gore go tlhoka *policy* e e tlaa re tshwaraganyang rotlhe gore re ya go dira jang. *Certainly, it is not Ministry of Communications and Innovation that can prescribe* gore re tshwanetse go lebelela eng, go se ka ga lebelelwa eng, sa rona *we provide the internet connectivity to all users* jaaka ke ntse ke bua.

To come to your question, re ya go tla leng ka *policy* e ka re a bona? *We are starting to engage with ministry* jaaka ke bua o o tshwanang le wa *Child Welfare and Basic Education because* ke bone ba ka re supegetsang gore bana ba tshwanetse ba bone *content* ya mofuta mang. Rona kwa lephateng, *we are basically providing a centralised internet system*, *and as we upgrade to the* "triple Double Crochet (DC)" *right now*, re ya go nna le tshono ya gore re ka tsenya *filtration at the data centre so that whenever you access it* kwa o leng teng, e bo e le gore *is filtered from the source*. *That is what we can do technically*, *that is why we say it is feasible.* Fa e le gore go ya go tla mo seemong sa gore sekole X *and* Y *have to be filtered,* go raya gore re tlaabo re tshwanelwa ke go tsenya *these filtering systems* mo dikoleng tsotlhe, *which can prove to be very expensive*.

Ke ne ke tlhalosa mo karabong ya me gape gore selo se se kile sa dirwa, ga bo go tswalwa bo Facebook,

YouTube *and all others* mo go Goromente. Go bo go nna le *outcry* ya gore jaanong rona *we have freedom of information, why are you closing us*? Kgang e nna gore kana yo mongwe ke yo ene o dirisa YouTube botlhaswa o lebelela dilo tse e seng tsone. Jaanong rona fa gotwe re tswale, kana re tswala gotlhe. Go raya gore jaanong le wena yo o e dirisang sentle le mo tirong ya gago, ga o boelwe ke gore o ka dirisa selo se. Ke gone fa *discussion* e leng teng, ke gone fa *policy* e tlhokafalang teng ka gore fa o tswala re tlaabo re tswala rotlhe. Re tlaabo re le tswala rotlhe gore fa o le mo *Government offices or any other Government facility, you will not be able to access* YouTube, Facebook *or any other social media*. *This is the concern, and that is why the policy is needed*.

Developed countries o bolelela ruri; China, France, *lately is* France. *They are banning social media* mo baneng *completely up to* 14. *In fact, they have gone further to say we should ban even laptops and devices* tsa ICT mo baneng ba ba santseng ba le mo *primary school. That is not the policy with* Botswana *at the moment but* re rotloetsa gore sa ntlha re rute *and that is what we are doing through* makalana a rona kwa lephateng. Re leka go ruta ka borai jwa *internet*.

Sa bobedi; *we implore also the parents* ba ba nnang le bana ba *to make sure* gore o tsenya leitlho la gore ngwana wa gago o dira eng mo maranyaneng. Tsweetswee, a re thusaneng mmogo foo ka gore kwa sekoleng jaaka re ba fa ICT *laboratories* (*labs*), *we rely on the teacher who do supervision* go lebelela gore selo se se tsamaya jang. *At the end of the day,* go tlhoka *policy*, ke yone e e amang bo Betway *and all online betting systems that he is talking about. We can ban them on the Government systems but it will affect all of you. The question becomes, why then would I ban for everybody when I am trying to address a problem of one person who is being delinquent*? Ke gone fa kgang e leng teng *and there is a need for policy for that matter. Thank you very much Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kekgonegile for Honourable Hikuama.

CURRENT STATE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCHOOLS

MR C. K. HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education whether she is aware of the current state of infrastructure in schools across the country, more specifically in the Maun West Constituency; if so,

(i) what assessment has been made regarding the extent of the repairs needed; and

(ii) what steps are being taken to address these infrastructure backlogs in the current financial year.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the ministry is aware of the current state of infrastructure in schools across the country, including those in Maun West Constituency.

(i) Mr Speaker, the ministry made an infrastructure assessment for the entire education facilities in 2024 and has observed an accelerated deterioration of school infrastructure brought about by aging structures and rising repair backlogs. To address the current state of infrastructure in Maun West Constituency, the ministry has identified and budgeted for Ngami Junior Secondary School and Sekgoma Junior Secondary School during the current financial year 2026/2027.

(ii) Mr Speaker, to address infrastructure backlogs in the current financial year, the ministry has established a Public Schools Management Company called the Education Infrastructure Management Company (EIMC). The company serves as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) mandated to modernise, transform and maintain national public schools' infrastructure across the country. The country will assume full responsibility for refurbishment, maintenance and expansion of public schools using a lifecycle asset management model. The company has so far advanced project costing, scoping and technical assessments in 22 schools this financial year to commence the procurement works, services and supplies required to initiate the maintenance programme. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, o ka re potso e ne e ganeletse thata mo *timelines*. Maikaelelo ke gore dikole re bo re re di

mo seemong se se siameng mo ngwageng o wa *financial year*, re ikaelela gore e a bo e le leng, *not only the two schools*?

E e latelang ke *management company* wa *maintenance that is formed by the ministry.* Naare *management company* e dipoelo tsa teng di ya go tla ka tsela e e ntseng jang mo go yone ka gore fa re bua ka seemo se go tsenngwang ditswalo le difensetere? Jaanong *it is more of expenditure than income generating*. *Management* e ya go dira madi ka tsela e e ntseng jang, kana re tlaabo re tsaya madi a *maintenance that is allocated to the ministry* a isiwa kwa *management company* e? Pharologanyo e tlaabo e le eng mo go se se ntseng se le teng go se diragatsa? Konokono ke gore *target date, timeline* ya gore dikole lefatshe ka bophara re bo re bona di le mo seemong se se siameng, re bua ka leng?

MR HUNYEPA: Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Kekgonegile, *ga go na gope fa go builweng ka* timeframe, *mme fela ke potso e e botlhokwa*. Companies have started rolling the maintenance. So, the intention is that we should do as many schools as possible this year. *Re setse re le mo go* July *ngwaga o fela, mme* they will speed up. Already they have identified more than 20 schools *tse ba tlaa tla ba di* maintain.

I would like to add *gore* the school infrastructure is in a very, very bad shape. So, it will really take long to cover all the schools. We have 779 primary schools, around 250 secondary schools. Majority of them need maintenance. So, in terms of profit making, *gore* how will the company make profit or we need to make profit, yes, if it has to make profit, it will be minimal, but mainly the company intends to refurbish as well as build more classrooms.

The main sources of income for the company as you may have seen, third parties are already coming on board. I take that you are aware *gore* just recently, one company came on board and donated around P1 million for refurbishment of such. So, partly the money will be coming from third parties, but again, money will be collected from the rentals and other sources that the …(Inaudible)… has always been sent to. So *matlo a a mangwe a a rentiwa*, *madi a mangwe a tlaabo a tswa gone koo* to maintain.

The other money will be budgeted for by the ministry. We also have development partners like *bo* World Bank, already they have released some funds to help maintain and refurbish the schools. So, I take that the economy will also stabilise. With Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), we are coming in full throttle that the economy will pick and will make more money, and help build more schools and refurbish further. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED BY EMERGING LOCAL MANUFACTURERS

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (TSWAPONG SOUTH): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship if he is aware of the challenges experienced by emerging local manufacturers in respect of the services offered by the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS); and he should further state:

(i) whether for example, there are standards for sawdust and leather products;

(ii) options which are available for local manufacturers in the event of absence of local standards;

(iii) the rates charged by BOBS to local manufacturers; and

(iv) whether there are plans in place to address the challenges faced by emerging local manufacturers.

Later Date.

DISSOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BHC

MR A. K. KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to state:

(i) the reasons and circumstances that led to the dissolution of the Board of Directors of the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC);

(ii) the specific provisions of the BHC Act or any other applicable legislation that empower him to appoint or remove a Chief Executive Officer, including an Acting Chief Executive Officer, following the dissolution of the Board; and

(iii) in light of the provisions of the BHC Act and principles of corporate governance, how he justifies these actions; and further assure the House that due process and good governance principles were observed.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke tseye sebaka se ke leboge Motlotlegi Arafat Kitso Khan.

Mr Speaker, jaaka o itse Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC), ke *parastatal* kana ke kompone ya Puso, e e tshwanelwang ke go tsamaisa ditsamaiso, mananeo le *vision* tsa yone le Puso e e busang. E bile gape BHC, go dule *directive* e e supang gore ke yone fela e e tshwanelwang ke gore e age matlo, mo go bitswang gotwe *single housing authority*.

Goromente o ipeetse seelo sa gore a age matlo a le 100 000, mme mo matlong a a 100 000 a, BHC e saletse kwa morago fela thata, e le yone *driving* go aga matlo. *To make matters worse Mr Speaker,* fa ke ka go fa sekai, gore ke itse potso e e reng fa o re e saletse kwa morago o raya ka bokae. Re na le metlhale e e farologaneng ya go aga matlo, go tshwana le ya *social housing*, go bo go tsena *commercial housing*. Ka fa tlase ga *commercial housing* go na le e gotweng ke *partnerships*. Mo *partnerships* tsa rona *Mr Speaker*, mo seelong se ba se ipeetseng gore ba tlaabo ba se dirile mo ngwageng o, BHC e na le *zero*. Ga e a dira le fa e le sepe.

Mo dingweng tse e leng gore fa re ntse re tsweletse gape ke di sekaseka, go ne ga nna le *project* ya Kgale View, e e neng e tshwanetse gore e age matlo a le 3000, ba bo ba supe gape le gore mme matlo a ya re fa ba ntse ba tsweletse ba re kompone e ba e tlhophileng, ga e a siama kana e paletswe, ba tlaa dira e nngwe gape, go tsere selekanyo sa ngwaga *Mr Speaker*, *just to select a company*. Jaanong ka bona gore batho ba le fa ke ba leboga tse dingwe ba di kgonne, mme ga ba ka ke ba nkisa gope.

Mr Speaker, dipotso tse di tlaa etla di *overlap* le tse dinyennyanenyana, ke dirisitse *Section* 6 (3) of Botswana Housing Corporation Act, e e supang gore *Minister* o ka ntsha mongwe le mongwe wa *board* kana *board* yotlhe a bona a sa tshwanela.

Mr Speaker, Section 4 (1), ke di bale tsotlhe le ya boraro, e supa gore go tshwanetse gore go nne le *board* e e sa feteng batho ba le *seven* go ya kwa go 10. *Section* 4 (3) e supa gape fa o ka ntetlelela ka e *quote* ka Sekgoa,

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ya re; "*furthermore, Section* 4 (3) *of the Act provides that subject to any special or general direction of the Minister*." E supa ka bokhutshwane gore *board* e dira tiro *subject to* se *Minister* a tlaabong a file ditaelo mo go tsone.

Mo kgannyeng ya gore tota mme gatwe go dirisitswe molao ofe go ntsha ba ba tlhomilweng, go dirisitswe molao o ke sa tswang go o tlhalosa le o o latelang wa Interpretation Act 20 of 1984. O o supang gore motho yo o nang le thata ya go tlhoma, o na le thata ya go tlhomolola. Jaanong ka gore ke ne ke na le thata ya go tlhoma, ke dirisitse thata eo ya go tlhomolola. E tswelela e re, e ka nna *to dismiss* kana *to reappoint that individual*.

Section 13 le yone gape *Mr Speaker* e supa jalo gore *appointment* ya ga Chief Executive Officer (CEO), e dirwa ka *approval* ya ga *Minister*. Jaanong ka gore ene yoo ke ene yo o nang le thata ya *approval*, ya go tlhoma le go tlhomolola, ke ntse ke ene.

Mr Speaker, BHC re tsweletse re sekaseka re bo re lebelela melao yotlhe, re bo re tsaya ditshwetso tsotlhe, go sireletsa koporase go bona gore ga e phutlhame, e tswelela pele, e bile e diragatsa se e se kwadileng mo *roadmap* ya sone. E bile gape gore koporase e diragatsa maiteko a Puso jaaka e le *shareholder* ya Puso. Ka jalo, ditshwetso kana dikgang tsotlhe tsa *governance,* di setswe morago ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. E bile di tlaa tswelela di salwa morago.

Mr Speaker, mma ke rurifaletse Ntlo e gore re tlaa tswelela re dira maiteko otlhe a go dira se re se solofeditseng Batswana, re sekaseka kana re diragatsa molao wa lefatshe la Botswana Housing Corporation Act. Ka go rialo *Mr Speaker, I therefore submit. Thank you.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. A Tona o tlhomamisa gore *partner* ya *project* ya Bonno kwa Kgale View, e ne e tlhophilwe ke BHC?

Secondly, a go na le *partner* e e kileng ya tlisiwa gore e ye go aga matlo e sa tlhophiwa ke BHC? Fa e le gore karabo ke ee, *what was the due diligence,* le ne le mmone jang? A wena *Minister* mo dithateng tsa gago fa o sena go phatlalatsa *board,* a go na le sepe se se go fang

dithata tsa gore jaanong o iphe *the powers* tse e neng e le tsa *board?* Fa e le gore ga go yo, a o ne wa tsaya ditshwetso dingwe tse e leng gore ka fa molaong ke tsa *board,* e se tsa *Minister?*

Ya bofelo, fa *Attorney General* a tlaa tla a ntsha mokwalo wa gore o ne o tsaya dikgato dingwe tse di seng ka fa molaong, ke dife dikgato tseo, e bile a o di boetse morago? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga Moetapele wa Baganetsi. Motlotlegi Moetapele wa Baganetsi, ke go tlhomamisetsa ka boammaaruri gore, kompone e e neng e tshwanetse go aga kwa Kgale View, e tlhophilwe ya ba ya sekasekwa ke BHC, e seng ope gape. Ba sale ba simolotse *process* ya teng re ise re tsene mo Pusong, fa re tsena ra ba raya re re bagaetsho, a re akofeng.

Ke go tlhalosetsa jaana ke bua mo Ntlong e e tlotlegang e ke re, ga go na ope le fa e le yo mongwefela yo o kileng a isiwa kwa BHC ke mongwe motho a sa sekwasekwa ke BHC, e bo e re rra motho ke yo mo sekaseke e nne ene a re agelang koo. E tlhamaletse fela, ga go ise go ke go nne jalo. Se ke se itseng ke gore go na le dipego dingwe tse di seng boammaaruri, tse di nnang di ntse di dikologa fela di bua ka BHC, ke bo ke itlhophela gore mme re di didimalele ka gore *to be silent is a strength.*

Mo go e o reng fa ke sena go nna ke tsaya dithata tseo, a ke ne ka ipha dithata tsa *board.* Dithata tsa *board* fa o bala molao, ke di filwe ke molao wa BHC. Fa re bala Botswana Housing Corporation Act, Section 4 (3) e ke e nopotseng, e supa gore *board* e dira ditiro *subject to any special or general directions of the Minister. So those powers are derived from the piece of legislation.*

Mo go e e latelang e e reng *Attorney General* o ne a kgalema a re ga ke dire dilo dingwe sentle *or filed* kwa *Court,* molao o thata, ga o na *one answer.* Nako e ke neng ke ithuta molao, *lecturer* wa me o ne a nthaya a re, molao o thata mme ga o thata, o thata ka gore ga o na karabo e nngwefela. Yo mongwe o ka tswa jaana o a tshwaelwa, yo mongwe o tswa jaana o a tshwaelwa, mme *mathematics* one o na le karabo e le nngwefela, fa e se *lecturer* a ka go utlwela botlhoko mme *formula* yone o tla o kwalakwala sentle. Fa ke bua jalo ke raya gore, *we may differ on the understanding of the law.* Kwa bofelong nna go na le gore ke re nna ke o tlhaloganya jaana, ke filwe bogakolodi jo bo ntseng jaana, e bile ke dumalana le jone. Yo mongwe a bo a tla a re mme fa o fositse, nna ke dumalana jaana. *That is why Judges* le diagente di sa dumalane, o fitlhela e le gore yo mongwe o kwadile jaana, yo mongwe jaana. Ka ke mo Pusong, lefoko la bofelo le ke le tsayang ke la ga *Attorney General,* ka gore ke ene *my principal advisor.* Ka jalo, ga se gore ke ne ke itireletse gope fela mo ke neng le tlhakatlhakanya ke reng, nnyaa. *What I was doing, I believed that it is correct and I believe those who advised me by then. Attorney General believes that,* gongwe se ke se dirileng e ne e se sone, mme nna ka tsaya la gagwe. Kgang ya teng ya fela molemo, e fedile, *it is buried* e bile ga e ka ke ya tsoga gape. *We managed it the way we did,* ra bona gore re tsamaisa lefatshe rotlhe sentle, re ka e dira jaana gore re e baakanye, e bo e fela. *I therefore, submit Mr Speaker.*

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. Mr Speaker, there is one part he did not answer*, gongwe ke nna ke sa e botsang ka botswerere. Fa ke bua gore a molao o go fa dithata tsa gore *board* fa e seyo, wena o le Tona *you exercise the powers* tsa teng? Ga o a e araba ka gore wena o bua gore molao wa re *board* e tlaa tsamaya ka fa tlase ga ditaelo tsa gago, dilo tseo di a farologana. Ga re bue ka *board* e tsamaya ka ditaelo tsa gago, se ke se botsang ke gore fa o phatlaladitse *board* jaaka o ne wa e phatlalatsa, a molao o go fa dithata o le Tona gore jaanong dithata tse di ka bong di tsamaiswa ke *board,* o di tsamaise wena o le Tona, e seng o o fa ditaelo? Ke fa kae mo molaong fa go go fang dithata tsa go tsaya ditshwetso tseo.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga. Fa o bala Botswana Housing Corporation Act *as a whole,* o sa o bale *in a piecemeal,* le se se ntseng se diragala *(traditions)* di supa gore ga go tlholo ntša gore *Minister* o ka phatlalatsa *board* kana *board can operate* e sa lekane. *The traditions* tse di ntseng di le teng e le *part of the laws,* fa re tsaya Puso, BHC e ne e ntse e *operate,* mme e *operate* jaana e le gore maloko a yone ga a mmogo, a se mmogo jaana a ka se ke a tseye ditshwetso. A ka se ke a tseye ditshwetso jaana, *the then Minister* yo o lebaneng e ne e ntse e le ene a tsayang ditshwetso, ka gore molao fa o o bala otlhe o supa gore fa *board* e seyo, *Minister* ke ene a tsayang ditshwetso.

Se se neng sa diragala, kgang e o e neng o e mpotsa, e rile fa ke belaela gore ba bangwe ba a bo ba tloga

gore ke eng ke ne ke dira jalo, ba ba nkgakololang ba re o ka nna wa ya kwa *court,* ya re ka nakwana ya go neela dithata tse. Ka dira jalo, gore ka nakwana e nneele dithata tse fa ke santse ke baakanya *board.* E ne ya dira jalo ya dumalana le nna. Ka jalo rraetsho *I submit,* ke tsaya gore o ntlhalogantse.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members,* A re yeng kwa Ditshutisong.

MR DISHO: *On a point of procedure.* Tanki *Mr Speaker. I think last week, Honourable* Moalosi o ile a kopa gore Tona wa *Health* a ntshe *statement,* mme *Honourable* Ookeditse a supa gore o tlaa se ntsha *this week. So,* re ne re batla go itse gore a se tlaa dirwa *this week* kana leng, kana go fetogile? *The Minister is here and he just left and tomorrow is the last day.*

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the House, I am sure you will recall the issue *e ya* statement which was promised. *Ba ipaakantse go le kae ba* Health?

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Mr Speaker, I remember* e le gore go ne go na le kgang ya melemo, *I can follow it up. I would like to make a commitment to the House* gore *early next week* se ka nna teng fa ba ise ba ipaakanye, *because* ke tsaya gore *it will be communicating position* ya ga Goromente. Kgang ya melemo e a tshwenya, gongwe e bile go tshwenya go gaisa le Rre Disho… Ke tsaya gore beke e e tlang re tlaa tla re lekodisa setšhaba ka kgang ya melemo. Ke a leboga, mme ke leboge le Rre Disho go bo a gakolotse.

ADOPTION OF THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL MIGRATION POLICY

Motion

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, please note that the debate for this Policy has been allocated three hours. I shall now call upon the Honourable Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Retired Pius Mokgware to present.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*, mma ke dumedise batlotlegi mo Ntlong e. Ke ba reye ke re letsatsi leno ke tla ka *Policy* ke e, tsamaiso e re tlaabong re laola tsa mesepele; *Migration Policy*. *Policy* e e botlhokwa ka mabaka a gore e dira gore go nne le tsamaiso e e maleba fa gare ga mafatshe kana mo Botswana. E dira gore go nne le dithulaganyo dipe tse di tlaabong di rileng di tsamaelana le tsa mesepele. Jaaka *Policy* e ke e tlisa bagaetsho, e setse morago Susitanable Development Goal (SDG) 10.7 e e tlhalosang ka *orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration.*

Gape e bile e tsamaelana le African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, e e rotloetsang metsamao ya batho fa gare ga mafatshe, ke gore *free movement of people.* E bile gape e tsamaelana le maikemisetso (Objective No, 1) ya Global Compact for Migration, e e buang ka go goboka kana go phutha tsotlhe tse di maleba tse di tsamaelanang le dipalo, ka puo ya Seeng e e bitswang *data management*. Gore e ka nna ka popego e e ntseng jang, e bile e ka tsamaya ka tsela e e rileng. Maikemisetso a *Policy* e ke eng thata? Maikemisetso a yone fela ke go tlhomamisa gore metsamao mo Botswana le fa gare ga mafatshe a mangwe le a mabapi e faphegile, e tsamaya ka thelelo, ka tsela e e tlhokometsweng fela thata kana e e laolesegang.

Sa bobedi ke gone go dira ditsamaiso tsa melelwane *(border control)* gore, re bone gore ditsamaiso tsa kgwebo fa gare ga melelwane ya rona di tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang go thusa bagwebi, le ba tsa bojanala, gore tse tsotlhe di tsamaye ka tsela e e rulagantsweng sentle, e laolesega ka fa molaong.

Sa boraro, ke gone go sireletsa ditshwanelo tsa batho ba a bong ba tsamaya mo Botswana le fa gare ga mafatshe a re bapileng le one, kana mafatshe a mangwe. Jaaka batho ba ba tshwanang le batshabi, ba ba tshwanang ba ba tlileng go kopa botshabi mo go rona kana boagedi mo go rona. Le gone go sireletsa bana ba ba a bong ba ka tsamaya fa gare ga lefatshe le la Botswana le a mangwe, gore ba babalesegile, ga se bana ba ba ka tswang ba thopilwe kana *trafficking of children,* jaaka re itse gore go botlhokwa gore gompieno go atile, e bile go godile thata gore bana ba bo ba rekisiwa, ba tlodisiwa mafatshe, kana ba isiwa kwa mafatsheng mangwe a a rileng a a rekang dirwe tsa batho, a a rekang bana. Ke dilo dingwe tse re dumelang gore golo mo go tlaa re thusa fa re bua ka *border control management.*

Sengwe gape se se tona se *Policy* e e se etseng tlhoko, ke *trafficking in person*. Ke gore bone batho ba ba tlodisiwang melelwane e se ka fa tsamaisong, go na le tsamaiso ya gore fa ba tshwarwa kana ba bonwa

jaana, go ka dirwa eng ka bone. Jaaka re itse gore gompieno *human trafficking is one of the crimes which is happening* mo ga rona. Jaaka le e tle le utlwe re ntse re tshwara batho ba le bantsi ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba tla go tsena mo Botswana e se ka fa molaong. Dibeke tse pedi tse di fetileng re tshwere batho ba le 18 ba tsentswe mo teng ga teraka ba tswa kwa lefatsheng la Ethiopia. Dilo tse ke gone go laola batho ba go bona gore ga go nne jalo.

Se sengwe ke gone *to promote labour migration.* Kana jaaka batho ba tsamaya mo melelwaneng re fapaana le batho re le bantsi, mo Botswana ba tlisa *skills* tse re ka bong re tswa re sena natso, ba tlisa boitseanape. Ke gone gore fa ba tlisa boitseanape, *we can control them* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Le rona jaaka re tlaabo re ya kwa mafatsheng a sele, batho ba ba kgakala koo, *how do we benefit* mo go bone? *Migration* mo mafatsheng a mangwe *is part of the* Gross Domestic Product (GDP), e kgona go tlisa letseno mo lefatsheng. Re se ka ra lebelela kgang e ya *migration* jaaka e kare re a bo re bua ka *undocumented illegal immigrants*. *No,* re bua ka tsamaiso ya batho ba ba tsenang ba na le dipampiri ka fa molaong. Ke kopa gore re e tlhaloganye. Fa o utlwa ke re re bua ka batho ba ba ka tlisang ditlhabololo mo ga rona, ba tlisa *skills* tse re senang natso mo Botswana. Fa o ka lebelela mafatshe a mantsi, ga a tlhabololwa ke beng ba one. Mafatshe a mantsi a tlhabolotswe ke batswakwa, o ka lebelela lefatshe le tshwana le la America, le tlhabolotswe ke makgoa, lefatshe le tshwana le England, e tlhabolotswe ke batho ba letso la seIndia. Mafatshe a otlhe, ga le yo le le kileng la ikemela le le nosi le re lone le siame le batho ba lone, e bile le ka itlhabolola. Ke sone se re buang gore, go botlhokwa thata go lemoga gore, gore re gole le yone itsholelo ya rona, ke go nna le tsamaiso e.

Se sengwe se re tshwanetseng go bona gore re a se rotloetsa kana se rotloediwa ke *Policy* e, ke mo re ka reng ditsamaiso fa gare ga mafatshefatshe. Go botlhokwa bagaetsho gore jaaka re ntse jaana, re bo re na le ledula, re na le tsamaiso e e rileng le mafatshe a mangwe. Re na le ditumalano re le lefatshe la Southern African Development Community (SADC), AU le United Nations, mme metsamao ya batho ba botlhe jaaka ba tla kwa go rona, e tshwanetse gore e bo e na le tsamaiso e e leng teng. Re itse gore re leka gone go tsamaisa selo se ka tsela epe e e faphegileng.

Policy ya rona e, fa re bua sentle, ke batla go e nankola gore e inaakantse le eng fela thata. E inaakantse le eng se o kareng o se bala wa bona se ka sologela Motswana mosola ka sone? Kana *migration* botsadi, ga e reye batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Go na le *internal migration.* Ke gore rona jaaka re le mo Botswana, o tsamaya o tswa kwa lefatsheng le lengwe o tla kwa go le lengwe, mo gotweng *forced displacement.* A ke tseye gompieno batho ba tla mo Gaborone ba tswa kwa ba tswang teng kwa, ba tlile go tlala fa mo toropong e le gore ba gogiwa ke ditlhabololo kwano. *Migration* eno ya re nnyaa, Goromente o tshwanetse go tswa ka mananeo a a rileng gore ditlhabololo di latele batho kwa ba teng, di se ka tsa tla kwano. Ke sone se o tlaa bonang batho ba tla go tlala mo Gaborone. Fa ba tsena kwano ba sa bone ditiro, ba ya Mogoditshane, *crime* e a gola, e ya kwa godimo. Fa o ka lebelela Palapye a ntse jaana gore batho botlhe ba metse e e mabapi le fale, ba kgobokanetse kwa Palapye.

Migration Policy e leka go thusa, le go araba dilelo tse gore a re tseyeng ditlhabololo re le lefatshe re di ise kwa bathong gore re kganele phudugo ya batho go tswa kwa magaeng go tla mo ditoropong. *Factories* dingwe tse re tshwanetseng gore re di dire, a re di iseng kwa magaeng, di se ka tsa tla go bonelwa mo toropong. Ke sone se *policy* e e lekang *to address,* le go dira gore e re re le Puso, e re supegetse gore tsamaiso ke eng.

Mogopolo o wa rona wa gore e re re bone ditlhabololo golo gongwe re bo re fudusa batho re ba isa go sele, *the Migration Policy is addressing this issue* gore golo moo ga go a siama, ke go tsuolola ditshwanelo tsa batho. O ba rutlomolola gone kwa ba tswang teng kwa modi wa bone o leng teng koo, o ba isa go sele, wa re ba sutele ditlhabololo gona le gore o dire gore ba nne bontlha bongwe jwa ditlhabololo tse o tlang ka tsone. *This is what the Migration Policy is preaching and is saying. Let us act accordingly,* re tlotle ditshwanelo tsa batho, re se ka ra fudusa batho re ba pateletsa re ba raya re re ditlhabololo ke tse di a goroga, fudugang, re bo re ba isa go sele, e bile nako e nngwe re ba isa le kwa go senang metsi teng. Go bo go raya gore jaanong re ba neele ditlamelo, kana re bo re boa re palelwa le *to provide them* ka ditlamelo gone kwa ba leng teng koo, kwa re ba isitseng teng. *This is what the Migration Policy is preaching to make sure* gore nako le nako fa re dira tiro, re e lebelele, re bo re bona gore yone ya reng. Jaanong ga e sireletse bone ba ba kgakala ba ba tlang ba

tswa kwa ntle fela, e sireletsa le ba rona mo Botswana ba *internal migration,* kana kwa re tlaabong re pateletsa batho gore ba ka fuduga ba sa tshwanela go fuduga, re ba ntsha mo go tsa bone.

A re tsene mo go tsa mesepele, *border management. Migration Policy* e a tlhalosa, e bile e a leka gore a go nne le tsamaiso e e rileng fa gare ga *borders.* Fa e le gore ke ka go bo re batla gore bangwe ba duele *visa*, a ba di duele. Fa ba tshwanetse go tla, re tlhalose ka botlalo gore ba tshwanetse go tla ba tshotse eng. A re netefatseng gore lefatshe lengwe le lengwe kana re le Botswana, re letlelela batho ba ba siameng go tsena mo Botswana, ba e leng gore dikakanyo tsa bone le ditiro tsa bone di tsamaelana le tsa rona. E bile go nne le tsela e re dirang gore melelwane ya rona yotlhe e sireletsegile, ga e dire gore bangwe batho kana ba ba dirang ka ditagi ba ka tsena kwano. Selo se e a se rotloetsa gore a go nne le melao, *rights and standards* tse di tlaabong di setswe morago jalo.

Sengwe se se tona sa botlhokwa ke gore, *all these processes* a re direng gore batswakwa ba ba tlang mo garona mo, re na le tsela e re nyalanang le bone ka teng, *sharing our culture* le bone *and they participate meaningfully in the country.* Ke dilo dingwe tse di ntseng jalo.

Gongwe e ke ka e tlhalosang ke e e buang ka *migration and security.* Go botlhokwa bagaetsho gore re itshireletse, re sireletse Botswana jwa rona mo go ope, re itshireletse mo dirukutlhing tse di tlaa tlang di tswa fela go sele go tla go kgotlela *our way of life. That is critical.* Re netefatse gore ga go na ope yo o tlang go kgotlela *our way of life*. Re ka dira jalo ka go tlisa melao e e siameng, e re itseng gore fa batho ba tsena kwano ba tshwanetse gore ba tle ba ntse jang, e bile ba itseye jang. Re ka dira jalo gape ka gone go oketsa tsa itshireletso. Gompieno malwetse a mantsi a tlhagogile jaana. Maloba go ne go na le mo gotweng jo jwa dipeba jo, gompieno go na le Ebola. Dilo tse ke tse di supang gore *policy* ya re fa di le teng jaaka di tlhagogile jaana, *as a responsible nation, we should be having the means and ways of protecting this country* gore malwetse ao ga a tswe kwa a tla go tsena mo ga rona. Ke se *policy* eno e se gatelelang gore Goromente fa a dira jalo, a itlame, a sale melao e morago gore fa gotwe bolwetse bongwe bo tlhagogile jaaka maloba bo ne bo tlhagogile kwa, re dire gore gongwe le gongwe mo *borders* tse tsa rona tse, re tsentse tse di tshwanetseng tse di maleba go kganela malwetse a sele a re sa a batleng mo ga rona, go leka go a lemoga mo bathong ba ba tsenang mo ga rona.

E bile sengwe se se botlhokwa, *our Migration Policy says* re tshwanetse gore re bo re itse kana re *account for* motswakwa mongwe le mongwe yo o mo ga rona, re itse kwa a nnang teng, re itse le se a se dirang. Fa e le gore o bereka golo gongwe, re itse gore o bereka kwa kae. *This is what the Migration Policy is saying; management and security. It is critical that we do that*. E se ka ya tloga ya re kamoso re bo re sa ikitse gore re fa kae, re tlhasetswe ke batho ba le mo garona ba kgotletse *our way of life*. Fa ke re *our way of life*, ke raya ka fa re tshelang ka teng re le Batswana, *including culturally.*

Ke batla ke gatelele gore yone fa o ntse o e bala mo teng mo, e bua ka *irregular migration. Irregular migration* fa o ka e bala sentle, kana ke yone e ke neng ke e bua ke re *smuggling of people and goods into the country,* go tsisa dilo ka bokukuntshwane mo lefatsheng la Botswana, le go tsisa le batho ba ba seng maleba mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaaka gompieno re tlhasetswe ke batho ba ba tswang ka kwa mafatsheng a sele jaana, beke le beke re tshwara batho ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele ba tsena kwano ka *fake passports.* Re tshwara batho ba nna mo Botswana mono ka *fake permits.* Ba bangwe ba nna mono ba utswile bo Omang ba rona. Dilo tse ke tse e leng gore *Migration Policy* e leka go itebaganya le tsone gore a re boneng gore go se ka ga ba ga nna jalo.

Sengwe se e se rotloetsang, se o ka se fitlhelang se diragala thata mo mafatsheng a rona, se se tlhaelang mo ga rona, ke *interagency collaboration,* e bile e e beela kwa godimo. *Interagency collaboration* go tewa gotwe maphata otlhe a itshireletso, go tshwanetse gore go bo go na le tsela nngwe e a kopanelang ka yone dikgang tse, go sena lepe lephata le le gaisanang le le lengwe, go sena lepe lephata le le ipayang kwa pele. Ke gore mongwe le mongwe a tla ka *mandate* wa gagwe fa a leng teng; *Immigration* e na le *mandate* wa yone, Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), *Police and* Botswana Defence Force (BDF) botlhe ba na le *mandate* wa bone, *then we have this. In other countries, they even have a command* e e nnang e eme yotlhe, *commanding all the interagencies,* gore e re fa go tlhagoga sengwe kana mathata mangwe, batho ba ba bo ba ka tsiboga ka nako

e le nngwefela, go sa nne gotwe nnyaa, re santse re batla semangmang fale. Jaaka maloba re ne re solofetse mathata a a tswang ka kwa, re ne re dirile *command centre. All the agencies were under one roof* gore re se ka ra re fa re batla dilo, re bo re re nnyaa, semangmang o kae fale. Ke sone se e leng gore e a se rotloetsa, se re tshwanetseng gore re dumalane le sone.

Sengwe se e buang ka sone gape ke *electronic data base,* maranyane, sebalamakgolo sa batho jaaka ba le mo Botswana jaana, gore re bo re ba itse gore *electronically* fa ke batla go itse gore semangmang o tsile leng mo Botswana, ke kgone go itse jalo. Le fa e le wena Motswana, jaaka o ntse o tsamaya o ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, ke kgone go tlhalosa gore o dule mono leng o ya kae. Dilo tsa maranyane tse tsa gompieno fa o reka *ticket* o ya kwa Ennyelane, fa o palama *flying machine* jaana, *before* o goroga kwa Ennyelane kwa, ba a itse gore *flying machine* nngwe le nngwe e e mo phefong e pegile mang, e bile o ne a le kae labofelo, e bile jaaka a goroga mo UK jaana, ba tlaabo ba itse gore nnyaa, o goroga ka sefofane *number* mang. Ke tsone dilo tse re buang ka tsone, tse re batlang go di rotloetsa, tse re batlang gore le rona mo bogompienong re di dire, re tsweng mo dilong tsa bogologolo tse o fitlhelang batho ba tsena kwano gotwe ba saene *forms* ke gone ba gorogang. *This is what the Migration Policy is talking about to say, let us encourage electronic database. Let us know who is coming to* Botswana *before* ba tla go goroga mono. Re tshwanetse re bo re itse jaaka o buka *flying machine* o le kwa Taiwan o batla go tla Botswana, kwa o bukang teng o le *a tourist*, o reka *ticket, immediately* re tlaabo re itse mo Botswana gore batho ba kae, ba tshwanetse go tla ka di kana. Ba rekile *ticket,* ba ya kwa Kasane. Re bo re itse le difofane tse ba tlang ka tsone. Jaaka ba di palama kwa, di tla kwano, go a bega le rona kwano gore re bone. Re tlaabo re kgona go tlhola le *background* ya motho yoo *straight away* gore o ntse jaana le jaana, o kile a ya kwa le kwa. Re kopantse le tsa mafatshe a mangwe. Re bereka le tsa mafatshe a mangwe e le gore di kopanela golo go le gongwefela, re dira dilo tse di ntseng jalo.

E nngwe e re batlang go e rotloetsa thata gone fa ke *mobility and development;* e e reng fa ke bua ka yone ke re, Batswana ba rona ba ba berekelang kwa ntle kwa, re gokagana jang le bone. Gompieno re batla go tsaya gore *labour should be one of the commodities* e re e rekisang kwa ntle. Batswana ba tswe mo Botswana ka dipalo tse di ntsi ba ya go bereka kwa ntle. Batswana ba ba kwa ntle kwa, re golagane jang le bone*? How are they contributing to the economy of the country*? Fa o lebelela mafatshe a a tshwanang le Ethiopia le Kenya, babereki ba bone ba ba kwa ntle kwa, ba tsisa madi a mantsi mo lefatsheng. *They are part of the* GDP. Madi a a tswang kwa ba a tsisa, le rona Batswana re batla gore ba ye go berekela kwa ntle. Fa ba le kwa jaaka ba tla, ba bo ba tlisa madi kwano. Madi a ba a tlisang kwano, *that foreign currency,* ke yone e e agang *our economy* kwano. Selo se, ke sengwe sa botlhokwa.

Re rotloetsa thata gore *with this unemployment*, e re ntseng re bua ka yone re re, a re tseyeng Batswana re ba ise kwa ntle, mafatshe a mantsi a a ba batla gore ba ye go berekela kwa ntle.

MR SPEAKER: Move honourable.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ke sone se ke neng ke re, ke batla go ema fa, ke lese go e golola thata ka maroo Motlotlegi *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Move.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *I move "that this House adopt and pass the* Botswana National Migration Policy." *I move so Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, the floor is open. As I have indicated, this debate is three hours. Lead debater will be given 20 minutes. Is that you Ambassador Honourable Kapinga?

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): *Yes.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Kgang e ya *Migration Policy,* ke bua sa me sebelebele, ke tswa kgakala le yone. Fa ke santse ke le kwa sepodiseng, re ne re buisanya ka yone gore re eletsa *Migration Policy* ya lefatshe le, e nna jaana. *I remember there were some hardliners* tse re neng re kopana fa re ntse re buisanya ka kgang e. Ba rata go bua gore *we have only one* Botswana. *Mr Speaker, I always asked them* gore ke lefe lefatshe le le nang le *duplicate?* Le e leng gore *exists twice or three times. Every country* le lengwefela fela. Gore lefatshe la gago le lengwefela fela, ga go a tshwanela gore o gane go reetsa sengwe le sengwe se se buiwang ka *Migration Policy. The fact that we have only one* Botswana, ga go reye gore ope yo o buang ka *Migration Policy,* re bo re mo tshela mmu *Mr Speaker.* Re a bo re itatlha *when we adopt that approach.*

Go buiwa kgang e nngwe gape gotwe *if you relax your Migration Policies, they will overflood us.* Ke ne ke na le boso e nngwe e e neng e rata kgang eo, ga ke ka ke ka mmua ka leina. *Over-flooders*; maloba ba ne ba tlhasetswe kwa South Africa, *have they over-flooded us*? *Some people on* Facebook *were spreading those rumors, spreading fear, fearmongers* gore batho bao ba tsile go tlala mo Botswana, ba kae?

Mr Speaker, we should not deceive ourselves. In the past, this nation has had a very, very blown up impression of the attractiveness of this country Botswana, *compared to others. There are some people who felt* gore Botswana *is the most attractive country in the world* go feta mafatshe otlhe, *especially* a Africa. *The reality is that we are not, and* e bile mo seemong se re leng mo go sone se, *our attractiveness has declined even more.*

We must have an open mind towards migration Mr Speaker. Ke batla go simolola ka kgang e ke botse *Minister* fela gore pele fa a tlisa *policy* e mo Palamenteng, a o kile a ya go bua le setšhaba kwa ntle kwa, go utlwa gore maikutlo a bone ke eng? Selo se se botlhokwa *Mr Speaker,* ke gore fa re tsaya *any direction, we must ensure that we are pulling the nation, with us,* kgotsa *the nation is following willingly behind us,* ba tlhaloganya gore re batla go ya kae. Potso e le gore a *Minister* o kile a ya golo gongwe a ya *to present this Draft Policy to the nation*? Bone ba ba tlholang ba bua letsatsi le letsatsi, ba sa batle go utlwa sepe gotlhelele ka batswakwa ba letlelelwa go tsena mo lefatsheng le, ba batla go nna mo lefatsheng le, ba tsenya letsogo le bone mo itsholelong ya lefatshe le.

Nna ke le Mopalamente wa Okavango, ke bone *policy* e, jaaka ke ne ke tla Palamenteng jaana. Ga ke a bona nako ya gore ke ye go e rola fa pele ga bone gore bagaetsho, le itse gore Goromente o tla ka *policy* ke e, e bua jaana le jaana. Lona maikutlo a lona mabapi le baagedi ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele, ke eng? Ke tlaa go raya ke re, *I have an idea, I have personal experience, a lived experience* gore batho Okavango, ga ba kgatlhanong le go amogela batswakwa. *That is part of our history. Pre-independence up to now,* batho ba Okavango ga ba kgatlhanong le go amogela batswakwa. Ga ke a bona nako ya gore ke ye go nna fa fatshe le bone, re buisanye gore maikutlo a lona mabapi le batswakwa ba tla mo lefatsheng la rona, ba tla go nna le rona, ke eng? Sekgoa sa re, "*no man is an island*," mme *policy* ya rona mo nakong e e fetileng, bagaetsho, e ne e le ya seroophata, e le kgatlhanong le batswakwa le bafaladi. *Policy* ya rona e ne e le kgatlhanong le bafaladi ba ba neng ba tla mo lefatsheng la rona e se batshabi *per se,* e le bafaladi ba eletsa go tla go nna mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

Our Migration Policy was hardline, e ne e sa batle. E bile e ne e rotloetsa Batswana gore ba nne kgatlhanong le batho go tla go nna mo lefatsheng la rona. Se se neng se kgaramediwa ke mapolotiki mangwe, mme gape se kgaramediwa ke *even our securocrats,* ba re ba fileng boikarabelo jwa go lebelela tshireletsego ya lefatshe le. Ba le elang dilo tlhoko, *you will remember or agree with me* gore *there is a time in this country,* go ne go na le nako mo lefatsheng le la rona le, e e ne Puso ya rona le ka fa e lebang dilo ka teng, e ne e gateletswe thata ke *security consideration*.

I have said this in my first term in Parliament in the 12th *Parliament* gore *our national outlook; national world view was dominated by secure crates* ba ba bidiwang gotwe *hawks*. Fa gotwe *hawks* mo *security* go tewa *hardliners*. Ba ba neng ba le *more flexible in their approach to security,* ba ne ba gateletswe ke *those hawks* ba ba neng ba fa Goromente *the wrong advice* ya gore go letlelela bahaladi, baeng le batswakwa go tla mo lefatsheng le, *necessarily or automatically translates into compromising the security of this country*.

Ke badile *policy* e, ke e ratela gore *it discounts, it rejects that mindset* wa gore *migration necessarily compromises the security of this country*. Ga go a nna jalo *Mr Speaker*. *Those hawks even took over the management of visa applications*. E le bone ba ba neng ba laola gore ke mang yo o neelwang *visa,* ke mang yo o sa e neelweng. Go sa tlhole go laola *the Department of Immigration*. Lefoko la bofelo e sa tlhole e le la *Multi-Sectoral Committee* e e tshwanetseng go ka bo e tsaya ditshwetso tseo, tshwetso e tsewa ke lephata lengwefela le re se neeleng motho yo *visa. Once* ba dirile jalo, *there was no liberty, there was no option for that person to get a visa*. *The results*; e bo e le gore re bona morafe mongwe wa matlho a masesanyane e le one o fiwang Omang. Bagaetsho ba ba sa leng ba halala ba tswa kwa Namibia, Angola…

MR SPEAKER: I am sure you know that it is a derogative ascription of people. *Ga ke batle o bua jalo*

Honourable Kapinga. Withdraw, *a bo o tswelela fela ka* argument *ya gago*.

MR KAPINGA: *I withdraw Mr Speaker*, mme ga ke itse gore o batla gore ke ba tlhalose jang *without necessarily stating their nationalities*. Ke a *withdraw Mr Speaker*. Bone bao ba ba tswang kwa Asia yo o botlhaba, ke fa re simolola re ba bona jaanong e le bone ba ba fiwang *citizenship* ka mmetela. E bile go feta foo *Mr Speaker*, re bo re ba bona e le gore ba ntsha madi ba neela *party* nngwe mo lefatsheng le gore ba a dirise mo ipapatsong.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)…

MR KAPINGA: Ga ke a re Domkrag.

MR PULE: *Clarification. Mr Speaker*, gongwe Rre Kapinga o ka re thusa. Fa gongwe re kgona go dira *sweeping statement* jaaka go ne go na le *quota* ya *citizenship* ya 200. Gongwe o ne a ka re bolelela gore batho ba ba neng ba filwe Omang e le ba letso la kwa Asia, ba ne ba le kae *compared to the entire quota* ya 200. E seng go bua fela *to entertain the gallery*. Ke a leboga.

MR KAPINGA: *Mr Speaker, I do not have any intention to entertain anybody*. *It is not my propensity* go bua dilo *for the purposes of entertainment in this House*. *I am talking my least experiences* tse ke di bonyeng ke le modirelapuso, ke le monni wa lefatshe le ke lebeletse se se neng se diragala ke sa dumalane le sone *Mr Speaker. I am talking my personal experiences*.

Ke buile ka *visa management Mr Speaker*. Re ne gape re leka *in terms of law enforcement* e *Minister* a buileng ka yone. Re ne re leka go fokotsa tshologelo ya *migrants* tse di *illegal* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re ne re sa nne fela, re ne re leka ka go fokotsa ka *the clean-up operations* tse ke neng ke di dira *with my professional colleague* Major General Mokgware. E bile ke dumela gore o santse a gakologelwa kgang e re neng ra e tshwara, re ne re tswa mo *clean-up operation* re dira *postmortem* ke mo raya ke re, "o itse gore ke tshwenyegile *in terms of human rights of the people that we are dealing with.*" Fa mosadi fela wa moZimbabwe e le gore *her only offence* ke go tsena mo lefatsheng le a tlodile terata, a alolwa ke lesole *during clean-up operation* le tshotse *machine gun Mr Speaker*, *what does it say about our law enforcement attitude*? O a gakologelwa gakere General re bua ka kgang ele? A bo a nthaya a re, kana tlhobolo *is a tool* ya lesole, e tshwana le *digging fork* ya *gardener,* ke se a berekang ka sone. *At least I want to appreciate* gore *when we discussed, he appreciated my point* gore *it does not reflect well on us* gore re kgona go alola motho ka tlhobolo fela *just because they happened to be an illegal immigrant in* Botswana.

The history of migration in Okavango *Mr Speaker*. Kwa gaetsho *we were a cashless economy*. Re ne re le balemi, re tsoma ditlhapi, re rua dikgomo, re sena madi. Re bonye madi ka botsadi jwa rona bo ya kwa Gauteng e le *migrant laborers. They were earning cash there*, e bo e le gone re kgonang go bona madinyana a tsena *into our economy. At that time* re ne re sa itse go rekisa dikgomo kwa Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), *we had no access at all*. Re ne re le *economy* e e neng e tswaleletswe koo, *the only access we had to a financial economy* ke batsadi ba rona ba ya kwa Gauteng ba ya go bereka kwa meepong. *If we have been beneficiaries of such kind of arrangement even though it was exploitative, at least* e ne e tsenya madi mo go rona. *Why can we not use that thing if it can benefit the economy of this country*?

MR MOTAOSANE: *Clarification. Thank you, Honourable Speaker, and thank you Honourable Member*. O tshwantshantse *the illegal migration* le jaaka borraarona ba ya meepong kwa South Africa. A mme ga o bone fa bale ba ne ba tsamaya ka tsela e e tshwanetseng? Ke gore go sena mo go sutlhelelwang melelwane. *How do you compare the two*? Ke raya gore o ntlhalosetse, gongwe ga ke e tlhaloganye sentle *that kind of migration*.

MR KAPINGA: *Legal migration and illegal migration* di tsamaya di bapile. Fa o ka botsa tsala ya gago e o bapileng le yone foo, o tlaa go bolelela gore Bakgatla ba ne ba itsamaela fela ba ya go iperekela kwa dipolaseng tsa Maburu. O a bona gore o tshikinya tlhogo, o a dumela. Gongwe le gongwe fela, *legal and illegal migration* di tsamaya mmogo. *That is why* le *policy* e e dumalana le *legal migration but* gape *emphasising* gore go na le dikgato tse di tshwanetseng go tsewa *to mitigate, to subdue illegal migration*. Eo e tswa kgakala e ntse e le teng monna wa gaetsho.

Rural to urban migration; *Mr Speaker*, ke bua jaana ke le mongwe yo o ka fiwang e le sekai sa *rural to urban migration. When I was a small boy, my brother* o ntsere

kwa Shakawe a nkisa lantlha kwa Selebi Phikwe, ra felela re nna kwa Mahalapye *in the pursuit of better opportunities*. *If it was not for that, I would not be a lawyer, I would not have attained the education levels that I have attained. I would not be here*.

Gape *Mr Speaker,* ke batla *Rural to Urban Migration Policy* e e leng gore *people should feel free to move to any place in* Botswana. Fa ke le fa jaana jaaka ke ne ke fudugetse kwa Mahalapye, ga go pale sepe gore ke ka bo ke ne ka tlhopha gore jaanong Mahalapye *is my new hometown*. Gongwe Tshere o ka bo a se fa go ntse nna gone fa. …(*Laughter*!)… Fa re ka bo re ne re lebaganye mo *primary*, ke ka bo ke go latlhetse kwa. *Mr Speaker, I still look at* Mahalapye *as my home town*, ka gore ke tsene *primary* le *secondary* teng. *I spent most of my growing years* kwa Mahalapye. *That is something that we should encourage,* mme e bile re rute batho gore ba se ka ba kgetholola batho ba ba tswang kwa metseng e sele. Basimane ba Mahalapye, ba Botalaote ke tlaa *specify* Kgotla ya teng, ba ne ba ntshwenya, ba ntwantshetsa ruri, ba mpitsa maina a e seng one, bo montsho le pelo…

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR KAPINGA: …bo lesankomane, *all derogatory names you can imagine Mr Speaker*. …(*Laughter*!)… Fela ka gore ke ne ke sa tswe mo Mahalapye kana kwa Serowe ke tswa kwa Shakawe kwa ba sa go itseng. *So, it is our responsibility. Through my lived experiences* di nthutile gore ke nne *receptive to migrants*, ke nne *sympathetic and empathetic to foreigners because I also lived in a society*…

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, tanki. *My procedure* e ne e le gore tota ke kope maitshwarelo *officially* mo go Kapinga ka fa mafoko a neng ba mmuisa ka teng. *It is not* Mahalapye *people who would do that*, go raya gore e ne e le batho ba o neng o tshameka le bone. Jaanong e nna o kare batho ba Mahalapye ba a kgetholola. Ke kopa maitshwarelo rra. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Laughter!)…

MR SPEAKER: O bua ditso.

MR KAPINGA: Ke bua ditso *Honourable* Tshere. Mathaka a ke buang ka bone ke ditsala tsa me gompieno, re bitsana bo *homeboy, it is history that has shaped my outlook on life*.

Ke digela *Mr Speaker* ka *proper treatment of migrants*. Batho le fa e le batswakwa, fa ba le mo lefatsheng la rona, re tshwanetse go ba tshwara ka tsela e e supang gore re a lemoga gore ke batho jaaka rona. *Our detention facilities, the way we treat them, should reflect* gore *we recognise that these are creatures of God just like me and you*. Gore wena o Motswana o tshotse Omang, *does not make you more of a human being than somebody coming from* Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) *or* Zimbabwe. *We are all human beings*, ga re a tshwanela go ba sotla fela ka gore ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Sa bofelo, bangwe ba *those migrants, they are victims of trafficking*. Ke ba ba gogotsweng ke dirukutlhi *for certain purposes* ba ba isa kwa ba batlang go ba isa teng *for exploitation, where they have been intercepted Mr Speaker*. Go tshwanetse go supagale gore *our policy recognises that they are victims and they are offered the necessary support*, *treated properly as victims of trafficking*, e seng gore e re e le *victims* tsa *trafficking,* le rona re ba sotlela kwa pele. *It does not reflect well on us as a country that respects the human rights and dignity of a human being*. Ke ema go le kalo *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, mma ke emelele *to support* Tshutiso e e tsileng ka *Honourable* Retired General Mokgware. Gongwe ke simolole ka yone ya Mahalapye gore kana Mahalapye *is actually built by immigrants* ka bo ene fela. Fa o gakologelwa ditso tsa Mahalapye, batho ba Dikgotla tse nne tse di agileng motse wa Mahalapye, ke Herero, ba e ne e le batswakwa, ke Xhosa ba e neng e le batswakwa le benggae ba babedi ba Botalaote jaaka o bua ka Botalaote le Konyana. Jaanong o ka lemoga gore motse wa Mahalapye, le nna tota, *I am an immigrant, my parents were working for the railway line as most of* batho ba Mahalapye, *either* o ngwana kana o ngwana wa ngwana wa motho yo o neng a bereka mo *railway line*. *So,* mo go rona *immigrants* re ba bone e le batho fela jaaka rona, *that is why* ke gakgamala gore go raya gore ba ba neng ba go buisa gore o montsho le pelo, ba ne ba *clown fela* tota e se gore ba tsentse kgang eo mo teng. Tota re *embrace* batswakwa ka gore Mahalapye o agile ka bone.

Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore mo Palamenteng e e fetileng, re kile ra isiwa dithutong tsa kgang e, go lebeletswe gore *Motion* o, o tle re o fetise, ga ba ga tswalwa Palamente o ise o tsene. Kgang e tona e ke neng ka e tlhaloganya *at that time,* ke go tlhaloganya sengwe ka setho le motho. Ga o ka ke wa re motho is *illegal*, fa o re motho o *illegal,* ga re itse gore o raya eng. Motho fela fa a tsholwa e le ngwana fela jaana, ga e ka ke ya re o mo leba o bo o re yo o *illegal*. Gakere ke motho o dirilwe ke Modimo, *so*, motho ke motho, ga go na gore o ka nna *illegal* gotlhelele. Gongwe motho o kare fa a tsholwa jaana, e bo e re o mo leba o bo o re ga a na dipampiri, *therefore, he or she is irregular*, ga a tsamaelane le melao ya lefatshe. Lefatshe la rona la re gore o bo o le Motswana, o tshwanetse gore batsadi ba gago botlhe a bo e le Batswana, o tsholetswe mo Botswana jalojalo. Jaanong fa o sena dilo tseo, ga go reye gore o *illegal*, ka gore *illegal* go tewa gotwe o kare ga o motho, mme *at the end of the day* o motho. Re tshwanetse re tlhaloganye gore batho botlhe ke batho, ke dibopiwa tsa Modimo, ba tlhodilwe ke Modimo, o ka tswa a sena dipampiri fa a leng teng, *therefore,* ga a bidiwe *illegal,* o bidiwa *irregular*. Fa o na le dipampiri jaaka gongwe ke tsholetswe mo Botswana, batsadi ba me e le Batswana, *then I am regular*. Yo o tlaabong a tla a tshwere ngwana yo o senang dipampiri *is irregular*, ke one mafoko a a dirisiwang *and* ke rata thata gore General ke a, o a a gatelela gore re tshwanetse re lebe batho jalo.

In cross-border control, re lebelele thata mo dikgannyeng tse. E ke neng ke batla go e akgela gape ke ya *asylum seekers*. Ke gakologelwa go tsile *team* ya Eritrea mo Botswana, ba tshameka fela jaana, e rile fa *game* e fela, banna bale botlhe, kana ba ne ba le *eight*, ba bo ba sia ba bo ba re bone ba kopa boagedi. Ke gakologelwa Puso e e fetileng e bo e ba tlhatlhela e e bua gore ga re ba batle, ba lebetse melao ya mafatshefatshe. Fa motho a ka tsena a bo a ema fa a bo a re, ke kopa boagedi, ke motshabi…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR TSHERE: Gone foo fela, melao ya mafatshefatshe e tsena mo tirisong.

MR MOTAOSANE: *Procedure*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Tshere o tswa mo tseleng jaanong. Ka fa tsamaisong ya molao, fa o dule kwa lefatsheng la ga lona o etela kwa lefatsheng le lengwe, o fiwa dinako tsa gore o rile o tsile go nna malatsi a a kana. Malatsi a, fa a feta o a tsamaya, mme jaanong *Honourable* Tshere, ke dumela gore *he is imputing improper motive* mo go ba ba neng ba busa pele. E ne e le tshwanelo le ba ga bone batho bao, ba ne ba dumela gore batho ba bone ga ba a tshwanela, ba ne ba tlaa feta ba botswa gore jaanong le tlogetse ba bangwe kae? Puso ka nako eo, e ne e dira *the right thing,* go tsaya batho bao gore ba boele fela jaaka ba tsile kwa ba yang teng. Fa ba batla go tla Botswana, ba bo ba tla Botswana sentle, fa ba batla go tla e le batshabi, ba tle e le batshabi, *we would have accepted them*. *Honourable* Tshere, *I think you are imputing improper motives* mo *the past regime. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motaosane, *certainly I do not think he is imputing. He is pursuing a line of argument and his line of argument*, *I think* ke *the human right side of dealing with asylum seekers. I think* o bua ka *asylum seekers*. Gakere fa e le gore botshelo jwa gago bo mo kotsing *Honourable* Motaosane, ka boammaaruri bo le mo kotsing, o bo o ya mosepeleng wa Palamente, a re re kwa Geneva, e bo e re fela fa re re thoo! A bo o tsena fa go ba molao kana ba ba lebaneng koo, o ba raya o re, le re go mpona fa, ke nnile lesego le le gakgamatsang gore ke bo ke iphitlhela ke le fa. Fa ke ka bo ka boela kwa ke boelang teng, ke ka nna ka felela botshelo jwa me bo fedile. *That is how other asylum seekers arrive in host countries where they seek asylums, so that is the line of argument* ya gagwe *on how the matter was handled. I am not saying that it is factual what he is saying,* wena go mo go reng o tle o mo ganetse gore a se a se buang ke sone. *That is the line of argument he is pursuing, the human rights side or approach to asylum seekers.*

MR TSHERE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker,* nnyaa, o e tshwere tota.

Tota ke ne ke leka go tlhalosa. *I remember, I even made a comment at that time, I think it was to the former* Member of Parliament (MP) *for* Bobonong *at that time.* Ke ba raya ke re, *no, you see this approach, it is only in the* Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) *that reflects that ugly side of the* Botswana *character that we all do not want to embrace.* Rona re tshwanetse *to embrace* batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle. E bo e le gore batho bao ba felela ba kopa gore ba fetisediwe kwa lefatsheng le

le latelang, ka gore Botswana e ne e sena melao e e ka ba sireletsang ka ntateng ya gore re ne re sena *policy* e. Jaanong ke gone mo ke lebogang Tona Mokgware gore o tla ka *policy* e, gore fa re ka nna le diemo tseo, re se ka ra tla ka megopolo ya rona fela le letlhoo le ke neng ke utlwa *Honourable* Kapinga a bua ka lone, gore ba bangwe ba ne ba re, aa! Hei! batho ba ba tlile go re tlatsa ba, ga re ba batle. Nnyaa, ga go buiwe jalo ka motho fa e setse e le motho a le mo lefatsheng la gago.

Nte ke go fe *another point of view* ya mafatshe ka fa ba re lebelelang ka teng kwa ntle, *Honourable* Dr Butale ke yo gongwe e bile o tlaa go tlatsa. O a bona gore lefatshe la Botswana gompieno jaana kwa London ba go raya ba re o tle ka *Visa,* kwa America gatwe o duele P100,000 *or something* gore o kgone go tsena kwa America. Dilo tseo di dirwa ke eng, ke eng mafatshe a bua jalo ka lefatshe la Botswana? Batswana ba emeletse ba ya kwa mafatsheng, fa ba tsena kwa ba bo ba re ke kopa boagedi, ke a tshaba kwa lefatsheng la Botswana. Kana mo molaong wa lefatshe la Botswana, gore o kope boagedi, o tshwanetse o senye lefatshe le o tswang kwa go lone ka nngwe ya ditsela fela, gore o kgone go utlwelwa botlhoko. O ka nna wa re ke a bolaiwa, Puso e ntša e batla go mpolaya, fela fa ba ka mpusetsa kwa ba a mpolaya. Gone moo fa o go bolelela mafatshe a mangwe, mafatshe a mangwe a go tsaya tsia, e bile a kgona go leba lefatshe la Botswana ka tsela eo. A ka nna a le leba jalo gore, *indeed* golo kwa go raya gore ba dira dipheko tsa batho, jaaka ke utlwa mo go buiwang thata go a twe go na le boloi kwa Botswana, ba batla go dira dipheko ka nna. Jaanong dilo tse *on the flip side of it,* go raya gore fa o bua jalo ka lefatshe la Botswana, *automatically* o molato *in the view of* lefatshe la Botswana, ka gore o le sentse. *Remember* fa o bua kwa lefatsheng le o le kwa ntle, ba kwalela mo lefatsheng la Botswana ba bolelela Tona gore kana go na le motho wa Botswana ke yo a re, a re, wena o bo o nna molato. Fa o boela mo lefatsheng la Botswana o a tshwarwa, ke molato go dira jaana. Jaanong ke rata thata gore re bo re tla ka *policy* ya mofuta o, gore dilo tse di tle di tswele mo pontsheng. Ba bangwe ba ba ka tswang ba siile, ke itumela thata gore Puso ya UDC e ne ya itshwarela ba le bantsi ba ba neng ba siile ka Puso e e fetileng, re a ba itse, re ba itshwaretse gore ba boele mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaanong ba bangwe o ne a le gone kwa e le Motswana, a ba a felela e nna lesole, ke molato ka gore jaanong o ya go tsholetsa o ikanela folaga e sele kwa ntleng ga ya lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong dikgang tse re tshwanetse re di lebelele, re bo re tla re bona gore go ntse jang.

Ke itumela thata fa o bua ka *refugees,* gore jaanong ba ba batshabi ba re tlaa se ke re ba tsenye mo ditoronkong kana toronko *like setup,* jaaka re dira kwa Francistown. E re fa batho ba tla ba re ba a tshaba, re bo re ba tlhatlhela ka toronko. Golo moo mafatshefatshe ga a go batle, ba batla gore re ba *integrate,* jaaka a bua gore fa e le gore ke ba ba nang le dikitso tsa go baakanya dikoloi, re ba tsenye mo lefatsheng la Botswana re ba fe dipampiri tse di maleba ba ye go baakanya dikoloi, fa e le ba ba itseng metlakase, ba dire jalo. Ke one mogopolo o o siameng wa mafatshefatshe, o o tsamaisang dikgang tsa boagedi.

Nte ke go fe sekai sa bofelo se re neng re se rutwa ka nako ele, go na le mafatshe a e leng gore gompieno jaana fa re bua a a nyelela, mafatshe a a neng e le *islands* fa gare ga lewatle. Jaanong lewatle jaanong *rises,* fa le ya kwa godimo lewatle jaana, mafatshe a otlhe jaanong a nna *submerged* mo metsing. Mafatshe ao ga a sa tlhole e le mafatshe, jaanong baagedi ba teng ba ya kae, ba a kopelwa mo mafatsheng mo. Le rona go ka re diragalela, *not knowing if we would be covered* ke metsi kana sengwe seru se se ka re diragalelang. Re tlile go felela re kopa mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Jaanong le ele tlhoko dilo tse, ka gore ka mafatshefatshe ga go na motho yo o tshwanetseng gore a nne *landless,* gotwe ga go na ko o nnang teng.

Jaanong ke itumela kwa bofelelong gore *you mentioned* gape le ya gore re nne le *electronic data.* Ke itumela thata gore e bile kana re tshwaraganetse thulaganyo ya Digital Identity (ID) mmogo, e e leng gore fa re setse re e wetsa jaanong, e ya go re thusa gore re itse, re bo re kwadise le batho ba bangwe ba ba tswang kwa ntle re ba itse gore ke bomang. Le Batswana re ba kwadise mo maranyaneng a, re nne le *database, a clean database.* Kana *database* ya rona gompieno e kgotlelesegile, gakere le a itse gore Puso ele e ne e tsenya le ba batswakwa gore ba tle ba ba tlhophe, jaanong re batla *to clean it through this exercise* ya *digitalisation of the* ID. Omang o a fetoga, o tlaa sala o bona *Honourable* Mmusi, re a ba ntsha, re a ba ntsha bone ba ba neng ba tlhopha gantsintsi bale. Jaanong ke a go rotloetsa e bile ke a amogela *and support the Motion. Thank you.*

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ke kopa gore kwa tshimologong fela ke tlhalose gore Tshutiso e e o tlang ka yone Tona, ke Tshutiso e e tsamaelanang le dikakanyo tse mafatshe a di tshwereng mo nakong ya gompieno. Tshutiso e e araba selo se jaaka ba bangwe ba ntse ba bua, *migration increasingly is becoming a global development issue.* E rotlhe re tshwanetseng re e lebe, mme re e leba ka tsela ya gore re se ka ra dumela gore *migration* ke sengwe kana ke bothata jo bo tshwanetseng jwa baakanngwa. Ke rata *the positive outlook adopted by this policy.* Jaaka *migration experts* ba a tle ba bue ba re, *"migration is not a problem to be solved, it is actually a powerful driver."* Fa o le lefatshe le le tshwanang le Botswana, *it is a powerful driver towards economic growth.* Ke sone se ke itumelelang santlhantlha gore fa o e bala, o bona e tsamaela gone kwa baitsaanape ba lebileng teng.

Se sengwe se ke se itumelelang thatathata ka *policy* e ke gore, kana betsho, *migration* jaaka ke bua, e tshwanetse ya re lefatshe lengwe le lengwe fa le dira *plans* le leka go araba mathata a ba a tshwereng letsatsi le letsatsi, e tshwanetse e nne sengwe sa *the main considerations.* Fa o lebeletse dilo tse re lebaganeng le tsone mo malatsing a gompieno, *the geopolitical turmoil* le tse re neng re dumela gore di tshwanetse tsa tsamaya ka tsela nngwe, e bile re itse gore di tlaa tsamaya jalo, ga di sa tlhole di ntse jalo. Re itse gore *there are shifting allegiances and alliances everywhere,* dilo tse tsotlhe tse di go raya di re, o tshwanetse o nne fa fatshe o bo o tlhaloganya gore *migration* ke sengwe sa dilo tse o tshwanetseng wa iteba ka sone.

Se sengwe se ke itumelelang gore e bo e le se o se bonang o sa se batlisise mo *policy* e, ke gore *this Government* e dumela gore re tshwanetse ra nna le mo gotweng *shared prosperity* re le mafatshe a Borwa jwa Afrika, le Afrika. Fa re na le *shared prosperity,* rotlhe re dirisana gore mongwe le mongwe kwa a leng teng kwa lefatsheng la bone, go bo go nna le *prosperity, migration becomes an option not an escape.* Batho ga ba sie kwa mafatsheng a bone ka gore ba eleditse gore ba ye go batla ditiro, ba tlaabo ba tsamaya jaaka *Honourable* Lucas a ka emelela gone fa a ya go ithoba matsadi morago ga *weekend* a ya kwa Enyelane, go siame fela e se gore o tshaba sepe. Batho ba ba bosula thata, ba ntshitse tsala ya me a sa bolo go emela phathi e ka dinao, ke utlwile botlhoko fela mo go gakgamatsang. *Migration* e felela e le *an option* jaaka ke tlhalosa, se se botlhokwatlhokwa thata e bile ke rata ka fa *policy* ya gago e se lebang ka teng.

Se se botlhokwa se sengwe se ke bonang re tshwanetse re se gatelele ke gore, *policy* e kana e bile e ikaegile ka matshego a re dumalaneng le one re le lefatshe la Botswana. Fa o lebeletse Agenda 2063 ya Africa: The Africa We Want; e a tlhalosa gore re tshwanetse ra nna le Africa o e leng gore maAfrica mo Africa, ke bone ba nnang le seabe mo itsholelong ya Africa. E bile gape go nna le mo gotweng *easy movement* ya batho ba Africa, ba tsentse letsogo mo itsholelong ya mafatshe a bone le a Africa, Agenda 2063.

Jaaka *Policy* ya gago e tlhalosa, fa o lebeletse SDGs, *which are* dilo tse re dumalaneng le tsone re le lefatshe la Botswana kwa lekgotleng la mafatshe a boditšhabatšhaba, o lebeletse ditumalano tsa rona mo Borwa jwa Africa kana SADC Protocol on Movement of Persons, dilo tse di supa gore *Policy* e *it was long overdue.* Ka gore mo nakong e e fetileng jaaka bangwe ba ne ba ntse ba tlhalosa, re ne re lebeletse *migration negatively, mistakenly so,* re e lebeletse *negatively,* e bile re tlhola re kobakobile batho ka dishamboko, melamu le ditlhobolo, re lebala gore *we could*…(*Laughter*!)… ke bona mokaulengwe yo mongwe o a tshega, o kare o a gakologelwa gore o ne a dira jalo, mme ga ke itse gore a o ne a dira jalo. Dilo tse tsotlhe ke dumela gore di botlhokwa. Jaaka mokaulengwe Tshere a ne a bua, re tshwanetse ra gakologelwa, e rile fa lefatshe le la Botswana le le simologa, jaaka ba ba badileng buka ya ga Tautona wa rona wa pele, Sir Ketumile Masire ya "Very Brave or Very Foolish," e rile fa go tsewa boipuso, mafatshe le ba bangwe ba ne ba botsa gore, *why are you embarking on this rather hopeless day* ya gore le re le nna lefatshe, e bile le ka ikemela, *you are so poor, there is no prospect of ever recovering. This country was built by immigrants.* Ga go na ope wa rona gone fa yo o ka emelelang a re, ga e a re a tsena sekole a se ka a rutwa ke morutabana yo o neng a tswa kwa Zambia, yo mongwe a tswa Lesotho, yo mongwe Zimbabwe. *These things contributed immensely to the development of this country*. Fa o tsena kwa *University* ya Botswana, *the lecturers* ba ne ba le koo, *they built this country.* Go re raya gore *we can continue to anchor our growth on a positive outlook on migration.* Go botlhokwa Rre Mokgware jaaka o ne o tlhalosa gore, re tshwanetse

jaanong ra netefatsa gore *efficient border management* e tle e re thuse go laola *irregular migration*. Ke rata tiriso ya mafoko e, Om Luu o e tle a re ke rata go ela tlhoko thata mafoko a, "*regular and irregular migration.*" Go raya gore ga re a tshwanela go dirisa mafoko a a sa nnang sentle jaaka *Honourable* Tshere a ne a bua, mme re tshwanetse ra ya go netefatsa gore jaanong re dira jang gore go se ka ga nna le gore go nne motlhofo gore *irregular migration* e nne teng mo lefatsheng la rona. Dilo tse tsotlhe di go raya di re… *if you are going to now leverage on technological advancement,* gore re thuse ka *border management, sharing of data,* dilo tse tsotlhe tse di ntshupegetsa gore *this Policy is up to date, is in line with the new thinking and* re tshwanetse ra e tseela kwa godimo.

Ke batla gape gore ke bue ka gore, go na le *opportunities* tse di tlisiwang ke *migration on the global economy*. Kwa ke tsamayang teng, *a lot of countries* di na le *different situations. Some economies* mo letsatsing la gompieno ba na le mathata a gore *they have aging populations.* Mo go rayang gore fa re tsamaela fa pele fale ba ya go tlhoka *skilled labour. This country invested hugely in education,* mo go nthayang gore *if we position ourselves properly,* re ka kgona gore jaanong Batswana le banana ba rona ba ba rutegileng, e bile gape ba le *very strong on technology* kana jaaka ba e tle ba bidiwe gotwe *they are natives* tsa *the technological space*, go raya gore *we can benefit from these opportunities* tse di leng teng.

Ke rata gape kgang e o neng o e bua ya gore le *asylum seekers* gore re ba tseye sentle. E re fa ba tla mono, *according to international practice*, re se ka ra ba baya re ba tswalela kwa bo Dukwi *in that confinement setup. Integrate them, make sure that* re felela e le gore *we benefit and they benefit too as they contribute to the growth of this country.*

I want to buttress what I said. The approach of the UDC Government ke gore, re batla go dirisana le mafatshe a re bapileng le one, le mafatshe a Africa, gore go nne le mo gotweng *shared prosperity, so that at the end of the day, migration becomes an option, not an escape. People should travel because they are going on holiday or whatever other reason, not because they are running away from anything*. Ke sone se o bonang e re fa go na le mathata a a tshwanang le a re nang le one a di *visa* kwa bo United Kingdom (UK) jaana, o bo o utlwa e le gore le bone ba tla kwa go rona ba gakgametse gore, kana Batswana ba ba tlang kwano ba re bolelela gore ke siile, ka gore *there is a practice* ya *sacrifices, I was next on line.* E ne e le gore jaanong ke kgaolwa tlhogo, go raya gore ke sie. Dilo tse tsotlhe di batla re eme sentle ka *policies* tse di ka emelelanang le mathata a a leng teng mo nakong ya gompieno. *I support you, this policy needs to be supported. I thank you.*

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga go na *procedure.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure *mongwame.* Please!

MR SPEAKER: What is out of procedure?

MR PULE: Ke ne ke re *Mr Speaker,* ke lemogile gore e rile fa o tsosa tlhogo, tota o ne o sa lebelela gore kana UDC *has already been represented by two Members of Parliament,* e tlaabo e le wa boraro o ise o tle ka kwano.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, ga gore sepe.

MR PULE: Nnyaa, go a re sengwe. Gape ga o *Speaker,* didimala.

MR SPEAKER: But I have called His Honour the Vice President. *Gakere* you know the rules? *Kana* you were the Deputy Speaker, you know the rule. The rule is that you catch the Speaker's eye.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)...

MR SPEAKER: The rule is that you catch the Speaker's eye and His Honour the Vice President has caught my eye.

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Mr Speaker. Allow me to stand and weigh my voice to this policy. I am standing not so much to debate, but to commend the work that the Ministry of Home Affairs has done. This draft, Botswana National Migration Policy represents a landmark reform that provides Botswana with its first comprehensive framework for managing migration in a safe, orderly and strategic manner. Rather than treating migration as sorely as a challenge, the Policy

recognises migration as a tool for national development for economic transformation and regional integration and enhanced national security.

One of the greatest strengths of this policy is a clear alignment with our True North. A high-income Botswana that is digitally enabled, diversified, that is export-oriented in which every citizen is empowered, employed and fulfilled.

One of the other things that attracts me to this policy Mr Speaker is that, there are clear signals of a policy that will facilitate the attraction of highly skilled professionals that we know are in critical shortage areas. This policy certainly will support our Foreign Direct Investment initiatives by improving our visa, our permit and residence processing systems. The Home Affairs Ministry Mr Speaker also has to be commended for what will certainly strengthen labour mobility to support productivity and economic diversification.

I see clear signs of a policy that will promote engagement with our Batswana in the Botswana diaspora to attract skills, technology, research collaboration and investment back to this country. I see a policy that will facilitate this man, my neighbour's sector, tourism, trade and business development through more efficient migration and management systems. There is no doubt that this policy will therefore, contribute directly to governance ambition of transforming Botswana into a high-income, knowledge-based and globally competitive economy.

Mr Speaker, if I may also mention, I am always pleased to see Comrade Om Luu, and I want to say with everyone listening, and I have said this before, I will eternally appreciate the patriot that you are. I will always appreciate your humanity, regardless of the circumstances and regardless on which side you are on.

Mr Speaker, contrary to fears that the policy might prioritise only facilitation over security, this policy actually dedicates significant attention to strengthening Botswana's border management and security architecture. It certainly will add to the strengthening of our border controls to prevent entry of persons and those that may pose security risks. It is clear that this policy will enhance cooperation among immigration, security and law enforcement agencies within and outside Botswana. It will establish early warning and rapid response systems for migration related security threats. It will indeed improve capacity to combat human trafficking, migrant smuggling and transnational crime. There is no doubt that it will strengthen document verification, travel document integrity and pre-entry vetting system.

Mr Speaker, Botswana's economy is deeply, and I mean deeply connected to the Southern African region. The policy supports regional integration by aligning national migration management with SADC and AU initiatives. It certainly promotes safe, orderly cross-border movement of people and goods, it supports one-stop border posts to improve trade efficiency and reduce delays. It strengths cooperation with neighbouring countries on migration and border management. It facilitates recognition of professional and academic qualifications within the region. It supports Botswana's ambition to become a regional trade investment and logistics hub.

Mr Speaker, this policy reinforces Botswana's long-standing reputation as a responsible and respected member of the international community. It aligns migration governance with the international, continental and regional frameworks to which Botswana subscribes. It supports the implementation of migration related sustainable development goals.

It aligns with global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in global compact on refugees. It promotes compliance with the International Convention on Migration, Refugees, Anti-Trafficking and Human Rights. It enhances Botswana's credibility and influence in regional and international migration dialogues.

Mr Speaker, the policy modernises migration governance by introducing stronger coordination mechanisms, integrated data basis, as the Minister has indicated, and indeed evidence-based planning systems. We do hope that we will establish to improve migration data collection and analysis that we will experience better coordination across ministries and agencies; that we will ensure to faster and more efficient visa and permit processing. We have no doubt that this policy will enhance accountability, monitoring and evaluation of migration programmes.

Mr Speaker, the Draft Botswana National Migration Policy should be viewed as a strategic development

instrument, rather than merely a migration management framework. It strengthens border security, promotes economic transformation, facilitates trade and investment, it deepens regional integration, improves governance effectiveness, and positions Botswana as a responsible global partner. Most importantly, it equips Botswana with a coherence system to harness migration for national development while protecting national interest and security.

Mr Speaker, it is with no hesitation, in fact Mr Speaker, it is with great pride that I am able to say I was not debating, or discussing, I was simply and merely commending the General and his ministry for a job well-done.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Applause!)…

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke dumedise le Mapalamente a gompieno. Tota ke mang yo o ka go kganelang gore fa o biditse yo o mmiditseng jaaka e bile e le mogoloarona, gongwe ke bo ke ka reng? Ke kopa maitshwarelo, ke ne ke gakolola fela gore o se ka wa re lebala ka kwano ka gore ke bona gore nako e ntsi o lebelela *computer.*

Mr Speaker, ke mo Komiting ya *Labour and Home Affairs which was thoroughly briefed about this Draft Migration Policy, with a lot of understanding* e e neng e tswa *from the technocrats, especially from Immigration Department. I want to announce to you Mr Speaker, that I was one of the proponents of this Draft Policy, many years ago. I remember* nako ya fa re e simolola, *we consulted local stakeholders* jaaka mongwe a ne a bua gore re kile ra nna le mo gotweng *Migration Policy* Pitso *where all stakeholders were called in one roof to come and discuss this policy. We even ended up* kwa South Africa re ya go nna le mo gotweng *a benchmarking workshop, where* South Africans *interrogated* ka fa ba neng ba *interrogate* ka teng. *I remember one of the professional in* South Africa a ema ka dinao a re, *you can only tell when you have a proper national or international Migration Policy when you provide migrants with the right to come into your country so that every person who wants to come to* Botswana *is looked at as a potential citizen of* Botswana. *So,* ke dumalana le *Your Honour the Vice President* ka fa a neng a bua ka teng gore *policy* e tota go bua nnete, *indeed it is overdue. The technocrats* ba ne ba re tlhalosetsa gore ke eng e diegile gore *they will continue to consult with other stakeholders.* Gongwe se ke neng ke ka se bua fela ke gore, dingwe tsa dilo *that I raised* kwa *meeting* ke gore go lebega ka 2023, *the same policy was ran through the* International Organisation on Migration (IOM) go tla go e lebelela gape. *They had a unit* e e bidiwang gotwe *Migration Governance Unit,* e e leng gore *it has identified some principles* kana *areas* tse e leng gore *they have to be strengthened and included in the policy. One of them Mr Speaker,* ke ya *to strengthen evidence-based whole of migration governance*. Ke ne ka kopa ba *Labour and Home Affairs,* Rre Mokgware, gore ke eletsa e kete fa ke e bala, dilo tseo di ka nna *very clear. Issues of strengthening evidence-based in a whole of Government approach to migration governance. Migration* jaaka go buiwa, lefatshe la Botswana *has always been privy and free with movement of persons*. *I remember* ka 2005, *there was a conference* e e neng e tshwaretswe kwa Cape Town. Rre Mogae *was the President of this country at that time, where we signed with other* SADC *countries,* re bo re tla ka *the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in* SADC *countries.* Re supa gore tota lefatshe le, le tswa kgakala le eletsa gore *migration governance should actually be promoted in this country*.

The other thing se ke neng ke se bua, *which was insisted by* IOM, ke *improving migration data systems and inter-agency data sharing* jaaka dilo tse di tshwanang le *permits and border control statistics*. Di tshwanetse go nna *available for different departments.* Ke fa sekai; *I know* gore *in the past, border control system* fa motho a batla *to apply for a passport,* go lebelelwa pele gore a ke Motswana. *The way it is,* o tla ka Omang wa gago, a bo a tsenngwa mo *system* ya *passport. Then the passport system will read that indeed you are* Motswana, *you should be given a passport*. Re itse gore *passport* e neelwa *citizens* tsa Botswana fela. Ke dilo tse re eletsang go di bona di tlisiwa *not only to departments* tse di tshwanang le tsa Omang le *Immigration,* le kwa *Education, Health, across different departments.* Re tshwanetse re bone *those inter-agency collaboration* e le teng, di rotloediwa ke *this policy* ka fa e ntseng ka teng.

IOM *was also insisting on ensuring rights-based and migrant centered approach*. E e neng e buiwa gore *the*

rights of migrants should be put forward, jaaka Rre Butale wa tsala ya me a ne a bua gore batho ba ba kwa Dukwi gongwe *at one point,* re tshwanetse go ipona Rre Mokgware ba neelwa Identity Documents (IDs). Motho fa a le kwa Dukwi, a letlelelwa gore o ka ya Francistown a ya *shopping.* Ba bangwe *are harassed by the police* kana *law enforcement agencies*, e le gore ga ba na Omang. Ke dingwe tse re tsayang e kete *policy* e fa e sena go diragadiwa, go ka fetolwa molao wa *citizenship* gore go nne le *aspect* ya gore *migrants* ba ba nnang kwa Dukwi, ba kgone go neelwa IDs. Fa ba bonwa ba le *at the shops* kwa metseng e e gaufi, ba se ka ba tshwenngwa ke mapodise. *It is just one example* e ke nang le yone. *There are many others* tse di ka dirwang.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Director* wa pele wa lephata le. O e tshwere sentle thata, segolobogolo fa o bua ka dikgang tsa batshabi ba kwa Dukwi. Ke ne ke re o tlhatswe jaaka gompieno re itse gore lefatshe la rona re na le *flow* e ntsi ya *foreigners, more especially* tse di tswang kwa Zimbabwe. Fa o tsena mo Mogoditshane, gongwe le gongwe, o ya go fitlhela ba le teng. Ba dira ditiro tse di ntsi, ga ba duele Value Added Tax (VAT), ga ba reng. Ga ke itse gore o akanya eng, ka ke utlwa o bua ka *documentation* ya bone gore re ka dira jang, gore ke *migrants*, re tlaa rialo? Ke sa itse gore ba bangwe ba a bo ba le *illegal,* ba bangwe ba le *legal.* Re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore botlhe re itse gore re na le bone mo lefatsheng la rona? Ke raya gore o e tlhatswe ka o na le…

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker, it is very difficult to develop statistics* sa *undocumented migrants, but it is very easy to develop a statistic* sa *documented migrants. Documented migrants* ke ba ba tlang ba bangwe e le *visitors,* e bo e re ba tsena mo Botswana, ba bo ba bereka ba se na *work permits.* Go ya ka nna, *those ones can be captured into our systems*. Re bo re bona gore ke batho ba sebopego se se ntseng jang. Re tshwanetse go bona gore a ba na le *credentials* tse di rileng, tse e kareng kwa bofelong jaaka o bua ka Mogoditshane, gongwe re na le *engineers* tse e leng gore *instead of sending them back to* Zimbabwe, re ka ba *obtain* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *and engage them* gore ba tlhabolole lefatshe. Jaaka Rre Kapinga a ne a bua, *I think* le Rre Butale o buile gore fa gongwe go tsaya batho re ba pega mo dikoloing tse di tshweu re ba busetsa kwa, ba bo ba tla ba re setse morago ba boa fa Plumtree, *it does not help us.* Ke kgang e e sa bolong go buiwa thata bogologolo *even during the*…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: …(Inaudible)...

MR PULE: *Yes,* ga ke go ganetse rraetsho, ga e a bolo go buiwa *for* 58 *years.* Ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ga e a diragadiwa. Re fano, ga re bue 58 *years back,* re bua ka nako ya gompieno. Dilo tsa rona di tlhabologile, re akanya botoka. Ga re sa tlhole re akanya jaaka wena nako ya fa o le mo *sleeper cells* tsa Botswana National Front (BNF). Ka fa o neng o rutiwa ka teng, go ne gotwe Puso e a ntshiwa *and stuff like that*. Gompieno re bua ka *contemporary Government* e e lebelelang *human rights,* jaaka o ntse o utlwa go buiwa ka *human rights*. Ga se nako ele ya lona ya bogologolo e le neng le dira dilo ka teng. *I am standing here,* e le gore nako e o buang ka yone, ke ne ke le *a civil servant. I was not a decision-maker*. Ke ne ke sa dire melao. Bo rramelao ba nako eo, fa e le gore ba ne ba se ka ba bona dilo tse di tshwanetseng go dirwa, rona ba ba sha re mo Palamenteng, re tshwanetse go leba dilo ka leitlho le sele. O se ka wa ntshwantshanya fela le 58 *years* e e fetileng. O itse gore *I am thinking like a contemporary politician,* yo o akanyang dilo tsa sesha rraetsho.

We need to integrate migration into development, labour and health planning jaaka o ne o bua Rre Frenzel. Fa re bua ka *labour,* re raya gore re tshwanetse *to capture* batho ba ba nang le *some skills* tse di ka re tlhabololang re le lefatshe la Botswana. Re se ka ra latlhela fela, ra tsaya mongwe le mongwe jaaka *migrant,* mme re tlogela dingaka, *engineers and architects* ba re ba tlhokang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re nne le *policy,* re fetole melao jaaka ke ne ke bua le Rre Mokgware *in such a way that such people are kept in our systems. We need to address migration in the context of climate change, disasters and crisis*. E builwe ke ba ba buileng pele ga me gore *migrants are not only pushed by economic factors. Some of them are pushed by climate factors and disasters* go tswa kwa mafatsheng a bone. *The pull and push factors* tse di tsamaelanang le *migration,* re di lebe ka leitlho le sele. Melao ya rona re e fetole, re e beye re itse gore *migrants are not people who are just running away,* e le gore motho o na le *problems. They could be running away from other things*. Fa gongwe e le ngwana a tswa kwa lefatsheng la gagwe, a tla a tshaba batsadi *because was sexually abused*. Re tshwanetse *to assess*,

re bone *status* sa gagwe gore *before* re mo romela *back to* lefatshe la gagwe, re bo re itse gore ke ngwana wa mofuta ofe. Re tshwanetse gore ngwana fa a tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana a re, ke swetswe ke batsadi, re itse gore o swetswe ke batsadi. Fa re ka mmusetsa kwa lefatsheng le a tswang kwa go lone, o tlaabo a nna *stateless because* ga a na batsadi. Ga a na motho ope yo a ka ikayang ka ene kwa lefatsheng la bone. Ke sengwe sa dilo tse e leng gore IOM *is talking about.* Ke go a tshepa Rre Mokgware, gore dilo tse di fa…

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re Motlotlegi Pule a fete ka kgang e; a tlhalose ka go lebega a bua ka matsetseleko a a tshwanetseng go dirwa, a re e ne e se lepolotiki, e le modirelapuso. Go nnile le kgang e e neng ya ama mookamedi wa badirelapuso a eteletse lephata le ya gore, go bo go na le motho yo o setseng a digela 25 *years* kwa Gantsi kwa sepateleng. A tsile e le motshabi, ga go itsiwe le gore motho yoo ke mang? O beilwe kwa sepateleng, ga a lwale, ga a bue. O raya gore Rre Pule o ne o le *fit* fela, o bo o sa tlhotlhomise ka botlalo gore motho yo o ntseng jaana, o ka tweng, o dule kae? Go na le batlhotlhomisi ba bantsintsi mme gape o na le marapo ka nako eo. A ko o itlhalose rraetsho.

MR PULE: Ga ke itse tsala ya me gore o bua ka kgang efe. *Mr Speaker,* ke dilo tsa gagwe fela tse a itlelang ka tsone. O rata go bopa kgomo ya mmopa, e bo e lela e re, "*moo*!" Ke tsaya gore fa a ne a mpegetse kgang e ka nako ya ke santse ke tshwere setilo, *I would have dealt with it*. Ke ka mo rotloetsa gore a ye kwa go Rre Mokgware, a mo neele kgang ya go nna jaana.

Point e nngwe ya bofelo e ke neng ke batla go bua ka yone, ke ya *promoting safe, orderly and regular migration, regional, as well as continental cooperation*. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke neng ke di bua ke re, a nne a di lebelela e le *suggestions.* Ke eletsa e kete di ka se ka tsa tsena fela mo *policy* tsa diragadiwa, e bo e re melao e dirwa ga netefatswa gore *such things are well drafted in our policies.*

Finally, ke anya mafoko a ga *His Honour the Vice President* (VP), kana fa re bua ka *migration,* re bua ka dikgang tsa bo *border control* le ka *free movement of persons within and across borders*. Ke ne ke utlwa Rre Kapinga a bua gore kgaolo e ke tswang kwa go yone ke ya *migrants*. *We migrate between* Botswana *and* South Africa kwa dikgaolong tsa rona. Batsadi ba rona bontsi jwa bone ba santse ba le ka kwa South Africa, le bana ba rona jalo le jalo. Re ne re eletsa e kete Rre Mokgware le ba Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), le ka akanya jaaka Tona a setse a buile. Ke ne ke eleditse e kete ke ka bo ke buile a le gone fa ka gore ke nna fela mo Palamenteng ke bua ka *expansion* ya *border* ya Sikwane. *For reasons* tse di itsiweng ke lona, ga e kgone go okediwa mme ke ne ka utlwa Tona a bua nako nngwe *in this House* gore ga go na madi.

Fa re lebeletse dikgang tse jaaka re fetisa *policy* e, *we should actually work very hard to make sure* gore molelwane o o tshwanang le wa kwa Sikwane *should be expanded so that our people can move* ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Ke tlile go le bolelela; *figure* e e neng e dirisiwa gotwe go feta batho ba le 4 000 ka kgwedi *and the number is not enough*, go ya ka nna *when analysing,* e dirwa ke gore ditsela tse di ka kwa Africa Borwa ga di a nna sentle. *I am telling you, if* tumalano re a e dira le ba Afrika Borwa gore re baakanye ditsela tse di yang kwa melelwaneng, *the numbers are going to increase maybe three or four times* tsa batho ba ba tlaabong ba feta kwa molelwaneng wa Sikwane. *That will call for expansion of that border*. E bo Batswana ba rona ba ba mo dikgaolong tsele tsa Kgatleng East, ba bo ba kgona go ya kwa Afrika Borwa nako nngwe le nngwe e ba ratang ka yone. Motho a kgona gore a tswe kwa Sikwane a ye go ja *lunch* kwa Rustenburg, a bo a boa *same day*. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore fa tsela ele e ka baakanngwa, *and* ke *stretch*-nyana fela sa bo 30 kilometres (km). Fa e ne e ka dirwa e e boelang kwa molelwaneng, *I am very certain* gore batho ba tlaa tsamaya *between* Botswana *and my area* ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo.

Ke ka kopa gape gore go ntse go ntse fela jalo, a bo re kopa Puso gore e oketse nako ya go feta mo melelwaneng. Kana gompieno re tsamaya *between* 6 a.m. *and* 7 p.m. *and that is not enough. At least* fa re ne re ka re nako fa gongwe e dirwa, ga netefatswa gore palo ya go dirisa molelwane, fa re ka se ka ra goroga kwa go 24 *hours, at least* re e simolole ka 6 a.m. e re ka 12 p.m. go bo go tswalwa. Ke dingwe tse ba kgaolo e e nthomileng fano ba lelang letsatsi le letsatsi ka kgang e. *They are excited* gore *today* a bo e le gore re buisanya ka *Migration Policy, human rights* e bile re bua ka *free movement of persons*.

Ke re ke eme go le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke bo ke bua fela ke re ke eme fano *as a* Member of Parliament (MP) wa Kgatleng e bile ke le *member* wa *Labour and Home Affairs Committee* ke ema nokeng Tshutiso e. Ke a leboga.

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe gore kana fa go ne go na le tlhopho ka w*eekend* jaana e e ntatlhegetseng, bangwe kooteng ba tlhobaetse gore botsogo jwa me ke eng jwa maikutlo. *Let me assure you* gore ke siame fela, ga ke mosha mo go latlhegelweng ke ditlhopho. Pele fa ke tsenelela tse ke neng ke di tseneletse, ke ne ke setse ke kile ka latlhegelwa ke tsa setšhaba di le nne. *I am a veteran of four general election losses*. Gape ke ne ke setse ke kile ka latlhegelwa ke tsa phathi di le tharo. Ke latlhegetswe kgatlhanong le Gil Saleshando, Gobotswang, letsatsi leno ke Unity Dow. Jaanong le se ka la tshwenyega ka gore go latlhegelwa ga go dire gore ke latlhegelwe ke molelo wa go batla go fetola setšhaba go bona gore tšhaba ya rona e tshela botoka. *The vision is still there, the ideological clarity is still there*. Le se ka la tshwenyega ba le nkutlwelang botlhoko.

Mma re tseneng mo kgannyeng e re e tletseng gompieno. Batho betsho, go na le gore re bue dikgang tse di tshwanang le tse re di buang tse, re di bua mme re sa di amanye thatathata le tsa konokono. Ke batla go supa gore fa re bua ka *safe, orderly structured migration, that state of affairs* e tlhoka gore go bo go na le *certain pre-requisites*; dilo tse di tshwanetseng tsa diragala pele fa re ka nna le *safe, orderly and structured migration*. Fa re santse re na le seemo se e leng gore letlhoko, bogolo jang la ditiro le le kwa godimo thata, bontsi jwa banana ga ba bereke ba tshelela mo bohutsaneng mme e bile gape ba na le tšhakgalo ya gore ga ba dire; *safe, orderly and structured migration is always going to be difficult*. Fa re santse re na le seemo se e leng gore bontsi jwa batho ba lefatshe la rona ba mo tlaleng ya gore gongwe ga ba dire, ga ba bereke, go tlile go nna thata gore re nne le *safe, orderly and structured migration*. Batho ba ba mo tlaleng e tona ba nna ba batla sepe fela se se ka ba thusang gore ba kgone go tlhalosa gore ke eng ba le mo seemong sa lehuma. Mo gongwe ba bangwe ba ka nna ba akanya gore fa o bona ba le mo tlaleng jalo, ba tlhoka ditiro. Go raya gore sengwe sa mabaka a a dirang gore ba nne jalo ke batho ba re tlaabong re dirisanya le bone ba tla mo lefatsheng la rona.

Go botlhokwa thata gore e re fa re bua ka *migration,* re bo re akanya le seemo sa itsholelo ya lefatshe la rona, re bo re se amanya le seemo sa itsholelo sa Batswana ka bongwe ka bongwe. Fa re sa dire jalo, re tlaabo re na le batho ba tsena mo lefatsheng la rona mme ba tsena ba fitlhela tšhaba e e shakgaditsweng ke letlhoko la ditiro le lehuma. Batho ba ba ntseng jalo ga ba ka ke ba lebelela motho fela ba re o tswa kwa Zimbabwe kana Zambia re a mo rata e bile e ka nna ya re a tsile kwano a dira *contribution*. Nnyaa, ba mo leba ka pelaelo ya gore motho yo o bosula, o a bo a tlile go ba tseela ditiro, o tlile go ba okeletsa letlhoko la ditiro le tlala.

MR MMUSI: *Point of elucidation*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge *Honourable* Lucas. Kana tota mafatshe a a humileng thata, o fitlhele e le gore bontsi jwa one a na le batswakwa ba le bantsi, ke bone ba berekang. Jaaka ke itse le wena o na le mongwe wa lesika la gago yo o kwa Dubai *Honourable* Mopalamente yo o tlotlegang, golo moo o raya gore ga go tsweledise lefatshe? Ke a leboga.

MR LUCAS: Go raya gore go latlhegelwa ke Puso go tshwana fela le go latlhegelwa ke ditlhopho kwa ke… …(*Laughter*!)… Ke supe jaana; gore ke na le lesika kwa Dubai kgotsa jang, ga go nkitse *to debate* kgang e e tshwanang le e.

Kgangkgolo ya rona fa ke gore o ka bua ka *safe, orderly or even structured migration*, itse gore ga o ka ke wa kgona seo fa e le gore re santse re tshelela mo seemong se re se bonang. *Not only in* Botswana, le gone kwa mafatsheng a mangwe a re bapileng le one *in the region*, fa e le gore tlala koo e santse e le kgolo kwa Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa le kwa Namibia, batho ba ba tlang kwano gotwe ke *migrants,* fa gongwe go tla batho ba ba tshwerweng ke tlala go tswa ka kwa. Fa gongwe go itlela manaba ba ba batlang bogolo fela fa ba ka bonang bopi ba kgona go ja, go bo go sa reele gore *they can add value* mo itsholelong ya rona. Re tshwanetse ra itse gore *pre-requisites for a safe and orderly migration* ke gore re bo re na le ditiro mo lefatsheng la rona.

E bile ke batla gore ke supe jalo *Honourable* Mmolotsi gore re tshwanetse e re pele fa re simolola go galaletsa *movement wa* batho, re bo re bua re papametse le le Puso ka koo, le bua ka botlhokwa jwa mo re go bitsang re re ke *full employment*. Fa o ka se ka wa nna le *a state of full employment* Motsamai, go tewa o na

le bo *unemployment rate* ya bo 5 *per cent*. Ke gone fa re buang ka *state of full employment*. Fa go ntse jalo o le mo *a state of full employment*, ke gone o ka *attract* batho ba ba tswang koo, ba ba ka re ba tsena fa le bone ba tsenya *value to the economy.*

Fa e le gore jaanong *unemployment* ya banana e tsamaya *at around* 40 *per cent*, o bo o re o oka batho ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, se o tlileng go se bona ke se se tshwanang le sa kwa Aferika Borwa bo "*abahambe*." *Abahambe* o o dirwa ke gore go fitlhetswe seemo se e leng gore batho ba mo tlaleng, ba mo lehumeng, ga ba bereke, ba tlhalosa mathata a bone ka ba ba tswang kwa, ba tsena mo lefatsheng la bone ba re ba tsile go batla botshelo le bone. *So, it is important* gore lona le le Puso, le bo le bua thatathata ka gore *economy* e e tshwanetse gore e kabakanngwe gore re tsene mo *a state of full employment. When we are at a state of full employment,* ke gone fa e leng gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas, there is point of procedure.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Point of procedure. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.* Ga ke itse gore a ke ka bo ke kile ka re ke kopa *clarification* gore ke leke *to correct* motlotlegi. Ke dumela gore fa o bua ka *migration* o o kare ga a mo tlhaloganye. Fa a ne a le teng ka fa ke neng ke ala kgang ka teng, *migration is two ways*, le rona Batswana re tsamaya re ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, re ya go bereka teng. Jaaka gompieno jaana re setse re saena Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) le bo Spain, Qatar le Mauritius di batla Batswana ba ya go bereka teng. Japan le yone e re reile ya re *it is an old aged population*, e batla Batswana, mme ba re ba ithute seJapan. Re mo dithulaganyong tseo, *so migration does not mean only people coming to* Botswana, *it also means* Batswana ba tswa ba ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. *So*, ke kopa gore o e bale fela jalo mongwame.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, General Mokgware, go raya gore ene o tlhophile *this line of debate*, *and it does not mean that he is wrong to debate that way. That is the line of debate he has chosen,* wena e kare fa o tla o *reply to the debate*, o bo o ka tlhalosa kgang ya teng. Ke raya fa a gana go go fa *clarification*.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gore *General* o tshwentswe ke eng, ka gore ga ke ise ke goroge mo ke reng ke gana *migration*. Ke santse ke bua gore ke eng se se ka paledisang gore go nne le *safe and orderly migration*.

Fa batho ba santse ba le mo lehumeng, ba batla sengwe le sengwe se ba ka ipatang ka sone, mme jaanong fa e le gore e kare ba le mo lehumeng jalo, ba tlhoka ditiro, ba lemoga gore go na le tshelegelo ya batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle, gone moo ka bo gone go ka dira *problem* e tona thata, ka gore batho jaanong ba simolola ba batla mathata a bone ba a tlhalosa ka batho ba ba tsenang mo lefatsheng la rona.

Ke sone se ke se buang, jaanong ga ke itse gore ya gore o kare ga ke a bala; mme kana ke dumalana le wena gore *migration* o ka diragala le batho ba rona mono, ba ka tswa mono ba ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe. Fa gongwe fa e le gore ba tswa mono ba ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, fa ba ne ba tshaba Puso e e sa tsamaiseng dilo sentle, fa ba bona ba ba yang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe e a bo e le batho fela ba e leng gore tota gone kwa mafatsheng a, *they do not add value*. Fa gongwe go *escape* batho ba gongwe ba ba boi go gaisa ba bangwe ba re ke ya kwa lefatsheng lele ka gore ka kwa go la rona ga re tsamaise dilo sentle. Tota kgang ya me ga se eo, kgang ya me e tona ke gore re tshwanetse ra dira diemo tse di ka letlang gore e re fa *migrants* ba tsena ka kwano, a bo e le gore ba ka kgona *to add value*. Ka fa re leng teng gompieno, se se tlileng go diragala ke gore re tlile go nna re lebelela batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle re ba leba ka pelaelo ya gore ba tlile go re tseela se re nang le sone se se leng se nnyennyane ka kwano. *That is why* ke bua gore *there is a necessity* ya gore Puso ya lona; *and* ga nke ke utlwa le bua jalo, le ene Rraetsho Ndaba Gaolathe ga ke nke ke utlwa a bua ka kgang ya *full employment* gore re batla gore *at one-point,* Batswana ba bo ba hirilwe.

Fa re re *unemployment* e kwa godimo, e a bo e le 5 *per cent*. Jaanong le tlaabo le bua fela ka BETP, a bo le re le batla go tlhama 500, 000 *jobs in five years*, mme jaanong re mo ngwageng wa bobedi, go lebega e kete ditiro di a fokotsega, batho ba a kgaolwa mo ditirong kwa bo Debswana, University of Botswana (UB), mo dibankeng le mo *wholesales*. Seemo seo sa go oketsa *unemployment,* se raya gore jaanong se tsile go dira gore *migration* e nne bokete mo lefatsheng la Botswana fa

batho ba tsena kwano ba ba sa berekeng, ba belaela gore batho ba ba tlile go re tseela ditlamelo, *they are going to compete with us for* dipilisi tse di seyong tse.

Ba a belaela gore gompieno jaana gatwe dipilisi ga di yo, mme dipilisi di neelwa batswakwa, e bile ba bua ka maina fa gongwe ba re dipilisi di neelwa ba ba tswang *to the north*, ba ba tswang kwa Zimbabwe. Ba a belaela ka gore jaanong ba dumela gore tlhaelo e e dirwa ke gore mongwe le mongwe o a neelwa tse e ka bo e ne e le tsa bone. Seemo se re tshwanetse ra se ela tlhoko. *There are certain prerequisites* tse re di tlhokang gore *migration* o nne *safe* mo lefatsheng la Botswana, go botlhokwa thata. Fa re santse re na le dipharologanyo tse di kanakana tsa itsholelo, *huge inequalities, this*...

MR SPEAKER: E go tshwere Honourable Lucas.

MR LUCAS: Thank you very much.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Mma lantlha fela ke re le nna ke hutsafetse mabapi le maduo a ga Rre Lucas, mme go tlaa siama. *Mr Speaker*, e bo e re le fa ke itse gore fa gongwe o bua a le mo kgatelelong, ke kgaphele mafoko a mangwe a a buang kwa morago gore mafoko a teng ga a mo tshwanele. Ga a mo tshwanele gore o ka bua mafoko a a ntseng jalo, e le motho yo o okomelang dibuka kgapetsakgapetsa.

Fa lefatshe le bua gore diteemane ga di rekiwe, go bolelelwa mongwe le mongwe wa kganetso le yo o e seng wa kganetso. Fa seemo sa itsholelo se nwela jaaka se nwetse jaana, mongwe le mongwe o a itse, o a tlhaloganya, o a bona gore re na le mathata. Fa dintwa di phagetse kwa America le bo Iran, go na le tlhaelo ya leokwane, ke seemo se se supang gore itsholelo e ka kokonelwa, mme ga go na ope yo o ka akanyang gore ditiro di ka tlhagoga fa itsholelo e sa dire sentle. Ditiro di ka tlhagoga fa jaanong mahura a tura, dijo di tura, jalojalo, go a bo go supa gore botshelo bo a tura. *So*, go maleba gore fa gongwe nako e nngwe bogakolodi bo nne teng, mme re se ka ra iphatlha ka motsoko re bo re lela re re go leso, mme re iphatlhile ka motsoko.

Mr Speaker, ke batla gore ke dumalane le molao o thata fela ke ntshitse sehuba, ke buela jaana...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke tlaa go neela *sir*. Ke buela jaana *Mr Speaker*, ke gatelela thata le kgang e nngwe e le ene Rre Lucas fa re dumalanang teng. Kana dikgang tsa melao le ditsamaiso, re tshwanetse gore fa re di simolola, re di dira, le rona re ipaakanye mo go tseneletseng le go re baya mo maemong a a tsepameng totatota gore bape ba ba re fitlhelang, ba fitlhele batho ba ba nang le boikarabelo, ba ba laolang itsholelo ya bone, ba ba nang le dikitso, ditsela, dipatela le dikole. *Precisely*, ke sone se UDC e se lwelang gompieno fa o utlwa go buiwa ka BETP jaana. Fa o bona re bua ka tlhabololo ya leruo, re nne le dikgomo tse di bo *five million*, re bua jalo re itheeditse gore batho ba bone ditiro. Batho ba ba kwa magaeng ba e leng gore totatota ga ba bereke mo diofising, mme ba tshwere dikgomo, dipodi le dithulaganyo tsa *policies* tsa dikoko jaaka go letse go dirwa melao ya thekiso ya dikoko, ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse re tshwanetseng gore re di tlhwaafalele re le lefatshe. E seng jalo re tlaa nna le letlhoo le re le bonang le dirwa.

Mr Speaker, ga ke batle go fitlha kgang e nngwe ya gore ke mongwe wa Batswana ba ba nnang mo pepeneneng. Fa go na le motswakwa yo o tlaabong a tla, a o tla e le motshabi kana o tla a ntse ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme a tla ka ditsela tse di sa siamang, ke mongwe wa Batswana ba e leng gore mowa wa me fela le kitso ya me ke gore motho yoo ka letsatsi leo o tshwanetse gore a emelele a ye ga bone. Ke letse ke lebile ka kelelelo dikgang tsa kwa South Africa, go kopakopanngwa fela gongwe batho ba tshasiwa ka *brush* bo le bongwe fela.

Fa go na le tšhaba nngwe e e tsenang ka go rekisa *drugs* ka palo e e kwa godimo, fa gongwe bangwe ba ipaya jaaka e kete ke batswakwa, mme ba tlile ka maikaelelo *a* go rekisa *drugs. Drugs* tse di gogwang ke bana, ba bolaya bommaabone, dithubetso, dipolaano le dikotsi tsa dikoloi di ya kwa godimo. Tšhaba e e ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker,* ga ke kgatlhegele gore ke re ke ka e baakanyetsa seemo sa botshabi. Ka re e tshwanetse gore e boele kwa e tswang teng, ke sone fela se ke se tlhalosang *Mr Speaker.* Go senya fela go akaretsa mongwe le mongwe, go bo gotwe nnyaa, yo o molato, yo le ene o molato *Mr Speaker.*

Re tshwanetse gore re bue thata re bo re beye le dikai, jaaka bangwe ba ne ba ntse ba bua gore batsadi ba berekile kwa bo South Africa le Namibia. Tota fa e ka bo

e se morafe o re o bitsang Maburu, bangwe ba rona re ka bo re sena kitso nngwe e e rileng, bogolo jang ke lebile dikgang tsa *farming.* Dikgang tse re tshwanetse ra itse gore, dilo makwati di kwatabololwa mo go ba bangwe. Go tewa ka sebaka le ka ditsamaiso tse di siameng. Se se raya gore le rona jaanong re le lefatshe la Botswana, fa go tlhokafala gore mafelo a a tshwanang le bo Kole le Grootlaagte, go tshwanetse gore go bulwe *borders* tse dinnyennyane, a go dirwe jalo. Gore batho ba se ka ba ipata ka gore nnyaa, ke ne ke tlola ke tlolela ka kwa ka gore *border* e kgakala thata, go sebaka. A batho ba *access* masika a bone ka thokgamo, ka thelelo. Fa re le Goromente wa gompieno wa UDC, re se ka ra tshwana le Goromente yo o fetileng. Yo o neng e re batho fa ba se na go mo tlhopha, a bo a ba sekisa, a ba bakisetsa go re ba mo tlhophile, ka go dira *policies* le melao e e thata le go šhapa batho a re batho bao ba a iphetlha, mme ba sa iphetlhe.

A re dire dithulaganyo tse dingwe *Mr Speaker,* dithulaganyo tsa itsholelo tse di dirang gore itsholelo e wele tlase. Ga o ka ke letsatsi le letsatsi o bo o thotha batho ka diteraka o ba isa kwa mafatsheng a bone…

MR PULE: *Point of order.* Ke tsaya gore Rre Motsamai *is imputing improper motives,* ga a ka ke a dirisa mafoko a gore Puso e e fetileng e ne e betsa batho. Ke gore o kare o re tshwantshanya le mafatshe mangwe fela a ke sa a tlhaloganyeng. O ne a sa dirise mafoko a a *Parliamentary,* ga ise Puso e e fetileng e betse *migrants,* ga go nne sentle mo setšhabeng. Le batho fa ba reeditse, ba ipotsa gore naare monna yo o bua ka lefatshe lefe? Ke a leboga Motsamaisa dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Motsamai, a re ga ba ise ba šhape ope.

MR MOTSAMAI: O ne a batla e le ene a ba bone ba šhapiwa, nna ke ba bonye batho ba šhapiwa gotwe ga ba a tsena ka fa molaong. Le ka nako ya COVID-19 seemo seo se ne se le teng batho ba betswa. Ga ke itse gore o ne a le kae, ke tsaya gore o ne a ntse a le mogolwane jaaka a le mogolwane jaana, ga a ka ke a ipata ka gore o ne a le monnye *Mr Speaker.*

It is a fact gore re tshwanelwa ke gore re nolofatse diemo, Puso fa e tlhophiwa e tlhophelwa gore e baakanye melao batho ba tshele sentle, e seng go kgokgontsha batho ka melao.

Ke ne ke bua ka *to cross borders…*

MR PULE: *Point of order.* Ga ke itse gore a Rre Motsamai o a go utlwa mongwame, kana o *Speaker.* Fa o kgalema gore a se ka a re batho ba ne ba betsa batho, ka gore fa e le gore Rre Motsamai a re ene o *sure* gore batho ba ne ba betswa, a a tlise bosupi re bone *videos.* A re o bonye batho ba betswa, ga a itse gore nna ke ne ke le kae? Fa a na le bosupi jwa gore Puso e e fetileng e ne e betsa batho, a a bo ntshe. *This is derogatory,* ga o ka ke wa dirisa *statement* se se ntseng jaana o le Mopalamente. Ga se dilo tse di siameng. O a mo kgalemela, mme o a tswelela a re ee, ba ne ba betsa batho, ga ke itse gore o ne a le kwa kae?

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, gone ga ke ise ke kgaleme, ke ne ke re a tlhalose gore o bone kae? Jaanong o supa gore ke selo se a se itseng, a bo a fa le sekai sa COVID-19. *Honourable* Motsamai, o ka ntsha bosupi jwa gore batho ba ne ba itewa ka Puso e e fetileng?

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker,* tota bosupi fa go ne gotwe ke bo ntshe, ba santse ba le dipadi, ke ne ke ka supa fela gore o bona lebadi la ga rre yoo le la ga mme yoo. Jaanong go nyeletse, se se leng teng ke gore ba iteilwe. Ga a rate gore ke re batho ba iteilwe, mma ke boele kgang eo morago *Mr Speaker* ke kgone go tswelela.

Ke bo ke supa gore, o bona kgang e nngwe e ke bonang o e *address* Rre Mokgware, e re tlaa go akanyang ka yone ke ya go tlhodumela dikgang tse di amang mafatshe a SADC. Go na le *tradition* e e dirilweng, SADC e setse e itsaya jaaka mafatshe a o fitlhelang e le bone kwa UN ba ba laolang gore go tsamaisiwe jang. Go na le kgang ya gore lefatshe lengwe fa le sukura a mangwe kana le sukura batho ba lone, go bo gotwe nnyaa, kana eo ke tsamaiso ya lefatshe leo, *we cannot interfere.* Nna ke le Motsamai ke le fa, ke batla gore SADC e bue dikgang tsa polotiki *loudly!* Mongwe le mongwe a utlwe! SADC a e tsoge, SADC e tlaabo e emetse eng e kopanela eng, fa e sa kopanele *welfare* ya mafatshe le batho ba ba amegang mo mafatsheng a bone? Fa e le gore lefatshe lengwe le gataka ditshwanelo tsa batho ba lone e bile le gataka ditshwanelo tsa batho ba bangwe, re tlaabo re buela eng le mafatshe a mangwe re a bitsa *imperialists?* Go raya gore kgatako ya ditshwanelo tsa batho e e ka diragalang mo Southern Africa, e tshwana fela le e e dirwang ke mafatshe a Bophirima. Re tshwanetse gore re amogele

seo, fa e le gore re setse *principle* morago. Re amogele gore gongwe le gongwe fa sebopiwa se gotweng motho se sotliwang teng, go tshwanetse gore go elwe tlhoko.

Melawana e *Mr Speaker,* ke yone e ke buang ka yone gore batho fa ba tla ba tshabile jaaka bangwe ba buile, a ba tlhotlhiwe go bonwe gore tota ba tshabile eng, mathata ke eng, ba ka thusiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Bone batho bao gape fela, ke bone ba re ba dirisang nako e nngwe re le mafatshe. Re ba dirisa mo palong ya batho. Re ba dirisa mo dilong tse di farologanyeng, mo ditlhabololong. Palo ya batho kana e raya gore fa o ya go aga dikole, o a itse gore lefatshe la Botswana le na le batho ba le kae. Fa o aga kokelo, o a itse gore e tlile go tsena batho ba le kae jalojalo. Ke tsone dilo tse re tshwanetseng gore re remelele mo go tsone *Mr Speaker.*

Ke feleletsa *Mr Speaker,* go na le kgang ya Baherero ba kwa Namibia. Kgang ya batshabi ba Baherero ba kwa Namibia, ba santse ba seka dikgang tsa bone tsa phimolo dikeledi mo mmusong o o fetileng. Re tshwanetse gore gompieno re le Botswana, re eme batho bao nokeng. Re bone gore ba a duelwa, ba phimolwa dikeledi mabapi le *genocide* e e neng ya diragala kwa Namibia.

MR KHAN (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Ga ke tle go tsaya lebaka le le leele thata, ka go lebega Ntlo e yotlhe re dumalana.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Members.* A re reetseng Mopalamente wa Molepolole North.

MR KHAN: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker,* go bo o mphile tshono e gore le nna ke eme *this National Migration Policy* nokeng. Ga ke tle go nna moleele thata, ka go lebega Ntlo e yotlhe e dumalana ka bongwe jwa pelo gore *policy* e, e botlhokwa thata. Re a go leboga Tona, re leboga le Puso ya UDC go tla ka *policies* tse di amang matshelo a batho thata.

Ke ema jaana ke le moemedi wa Molepolole North, Kgaolo e e itsegeng thata ka dikgang tsa *migrants.* Fa o tsaya kgaolo e ke kileng ka e emela mo ditsong ya Borakalalo, re ne re gola bontsi jwa batho ba Molepolole ba ya kwa *mine* kwa, le go tla ga *investors* ba le bantsi. Bontsi jwa batho ba ba neng ba tlhabolola kwa Borakalalo le kwa Molepolole, e ne e le batho ba ba neng ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a sele thata. Ra ba amogela ba tla ba dira dikgwebo tse dintsi. Kgaolo ya rona e ne ya nna *developed,* ya simolola ditlhabololo, tsa tswa ka *migrants* tse.

Ke leboga thata ka gore mo tlhalosong ya gago, go supafala gore *Policy* e ya *Migration* e *aligned* thata le African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 ya *free movement.* Re tshwanetse gore re nne re ema re bua, jaaka Rre Motsamai a ne a bua jaana, kwa mafatsheng a mangwe fa go sa direge sentle, re se ka ra tshaba go kgala fa batho bantsho ba sa tsewe sentle. Fa kwa Afrika Borwa go betswa bangwe le bangwe, magodu ba itseetse taolo ba koba bangwe le bangwe fela, re tshwanetse go ema ka lentswe fela le le tlhwaafetseng, re kgale dilo tseo. Re se ka ra re fa go diragala kwa Afrika Borwa, ra akanya gore nako e nngwe ga go ke go diragale mo lefatsheng le le ka kwano.

Mosola wa *this Migration Policy* ke gore, go ya go nna le *border control,* go ya go kganela le *human trafficking*. Go tlaa re mme *when we are implementing Honourable* Mokgware, re lebelele thata ba ba dirang *smuggling,* le ba ba tlisang *drugs* mo lefatsheng la rona. Ke dumela gore ba ba *drugs,* ga ke itse gore ke ka e baya gore molao wa bone o nne ba ba bolaiwang. Fela fa o ka tla go tshwarwa ka *drugs* mo lefatsheng la rona…ke dumela gore batho ba *drugs* ba bolaiwe, ba kaletswe.

Fa ke boela kwa morago, ka e bile ke tlile go nna mokhutshwane, *I support policy* e ka gore *it strengthens*…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification, before *o wetsa.*

MR KHAN: Ga ke neele ope.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o mphe ne monna! Bona Khan.

MR KHAN: O buile mafoko a a sa siamang kgantele.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Hei! O e tshwere bontle thata motlotlegi, ke utlwile ke tswa pelo ka fa o neng o e tshwere ka teng, segolobogolo dikgang tse di tshwanang ba e leng gore gongwe…kana re tshwanetse ra tlhaloganya gore, jaaka re le mo Botswana jaana, le mafatshe a re bapileng le one a bo South Africa le Zimbabwe, re a bo re le selo se le sengwefela. Ke ratile *point* ya gago e e supang gore batho ba Molepolole go ya kwa bo South Africa ba ne ba bereka thata, e le selo

se le sengwefela. Fela jaaka ba bo Malawi ba ne ba feta *through* Botswana ba tswela gone kwa. Jaanong dilo tse re tshwanelwa ke gore gongwe re di lebelele, a bo re bona gore ke dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke go laola *movement* wa batho ba. Kgang ya me e bo e nna gore, mo metseng e e gaufi le *borders,* ke ne ke akanya gore Puso e ka lebelela kgang ya go dirisa gongwe *gate pass. Honourable* Motsamai o ne a bua ka go bula *borders* tsa kwa bo Kole, ka gore metse e e along *the border line* o ya go fitlhela e le gore batho ba na le masika ka kwano le ka kwa. Ke gore e le batho ba le bangwefela. Fa o tsena kwa bo Matsiloje, batho ba ba ka kwa *side* e e ka kwa Zimbabwe ke masika le bone, jaanong fa ba ka nna ba dirisa *passport* dinako tse tsotlhe, go raya gore…*passport* e na le boleng, mme jaanong e ya go tlala ka bonako. *Tourists* fa di tla kwa bo Kasane, o ya go fitlhela e le gore fa ba le ka kwa *side* e e ka kwa ya Namibia kana *on the* Zambian *side*, fa ba nna ba tlola ba tla *shopping* kwa bo Kasane, go a bo go le molemo fa re ka nna re ba direla *gate pass Honourable* Mokgware gore ba dirise tsone. Ke raya gore dilo tsa go tshwana le tseo ke ne ke re ke go tlatse ka fa o neng o tla ka teng. Ke bo ke go akgola gore o e tshwere sentle ka fa o tlang le yone ka teng motlotlegi. Ke a leboga, *I support Bill* e fela jaaka wena.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Khan. Ke *policy* batlotlegi.

MR KHAN: Go na le *clarification* kafa.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Honourable* Khan. *Clarification* ke go go botsa mokaulengwe gore, o ne o bua ka Agenda 2063 ya AU ya *free movement,* a ga o bone e le *unreasonable,* e le kgakala thata gore re ka e isa gone koo? *With this policy we need it urgently*, e ya AU ke bona e le *unreasonable.*

Ya bofelo ke gore, kgang e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Lucas mokaulengwe, ke ne ke kopa gore o e tsibogele, ya gore *there should be creation ya* ditiro mo Botswana. Ke re, a mme ga o bone gore… kana re batla *skilled people* ba ba tlang mo Botswana, ba tle ba tlhame ditiro; *agriculture, tourism,* ba tle *le experience eo.* Batho bao ka bontsi ba ka re thusa gore re tlhame ditiro, fela jaaka America o bona e ntse jaana, e agilwe ke batswakwa. O bona sengwe le sengwe se tletse jaana, gore a mme ga o bone kgang e e buiwang ke *Honourable* Lucas e le *unreasonable for us?*

MR KHAN: Go botlhokwa ka fa ke bonang Puso ya UDC e tsamaya ka teng, re tlile go tlhama ditiro tse dintsi thata mo re tlogang jaanong re kopa le ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele le bone ba ba *skilled* go tla re ba batlela le ditiro. Re tlile go tlhama ditiro tse dintsi thata gore Batswana bontsi ba nne le ditiro, mme re ya go tlhoka le ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba tle go tsweledisa. Ga ke batle go farologana le Rre Lucas thata, ga go a tsamaya sentle ka *weekend.*

Fa ke tsamaela go wela, Rre Mokgware se ke se itumelelang ke gore Puso e ya UDC, ga e lebale maikano a yone. Re bua thata ka *the human rights*, kana re Puso ya ditshwanelo. Mo teng mo o tlhalositse gore re ya go *protect the human rights*. Go raya gore le bone ba re ba tsayang ba garona ba sena dipampiri sentle, le bone re ba tseye ka seriti, re emise go ba pega mo dikoloing tse di senang difensetere o kare re pega dikgomo, gore a le bone ba ba senang dipampiri Rre Mokgware ba nne le seriti, le fa ba dirile diphoso. Go botlhokwa gore le fa motho a ne a dirile phoso, a nne le seriti. Ke wela ka yone eo ke re, ke e ema nokeng thata. Ke a e leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Who is leading the debate *ka kwa* side *ya lona?*

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke leboge Tona…

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Honourable Kedikilwe, who is leading the debate on your side?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *He is the one leading,* ke tlaa nna ke ntse ke tsena ka *clarification. Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)…

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke bo ke leboga Tona gore a bo a tlile ka *policy*. Le fa e le gore ke boela kwa morago, letsatsi leno re bua ka *policy.* Gongwe ditso tsa Botswana fela ka fa di ntseng ka teng, batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle *either* e le batshabi kana e le ba ba tlileng ka tiro, mme go tswa foo ba bo ba thibelela fela mo Botswana e ntse lefatshe le la Botswana le ba amogela. Ke rata go fa sekai fa mongwe a ka belaela, ke gakologelwa nako nngwe ke santse ke le kwa khanseleng kwa Serowe, re

na le kgang e re neng re e bua, gore *library* ya Serowe e bitswe ka mongwe. Ke ba raya ke re, ga re ka ke ra dira jalo ka gore motho yo o tlile e le motshabi, mme re mo amogetse mo lefatsheng le, ra bo ra mo neela le lefatshe tota. Letsatsi leno o na le *plot* ya bonno, o a robala. Jaanong re na le batho ba rona ba e leng Batswana ba ba dirileng ditso, ba re santseng re ise re fetse go bitsa dilo ka bone. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra bitsa dilo ka motshabi. E le gore mme go supa gore re mo amogetse. Ga se gore ke gone re tlaabong re simolola gore lefatshe la Botswana le amogele batshabi, fela ke gore re ne re sena *document, policy* e e papametseng gore *nationally* ba tlaa tshwarwa jang. Mme fela go tswa goo-lowe, Batswana ba ntse ba amogela batshabi. Jaaka gompieno jaana ba setse batho ba tswa kwa fa re ne re ka gakologelwa kwa morago, ba ne ba aga seporo go tswa kwa Rhodesia se feta jaana. Fa seporo se tla go fela, go na le batho ba ba setseng foo ba e leng gore ga se letso la Batswana, le a ba itse le lona. *Honourable* Tshere o ratile go fa sekai kgantele le ene, gore batho ba ba tlile ka seporo mme Botswana a ba amogela, ba nna fela sentle. Ba bo ba boa ba tswelela ba aga metse mo Botswana *and contribute mo economy* ya lefatshe. Jaanong e tlaabo e se tlholo ntša, fela letsatsi leno ke gore Tona o batla go nna le *document* e e *specific* e bua ka kgang ya bone.

Document ke dumalana le yone, *policy* ke dumalana le yone. Mme fa gongwe ke farologana le ka fa batlotlegi ba bangwe ba batlang *to debate it* ka teng. Ga ke dumalane thata le dikgang tsa ga Motlotlegi Tshere fa a re, "motho o *regular,* o *irregular*," rona re re o *illegal,* ene a re ga go na motho yo o *illegal,* ra re, ga a na *documents, is not documented*, go raya gore fa a se *documented,* o *illegal there* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ke gone fa kgang ya rona e leng teng. Jaanong gore a o na le kitso kana ga a na kitso, ga ke dumalane le lona, ka gore motho fa a na le kitso *will apply for* sesha a le kwa ga bone. Ke gore ga re ka ke ra mmona fela a le gone fa, ka gore fa go ntse jalo, ga re ka ke ra nna le *control.* Fa re ka leba ka fa mafatshe a mangwe a dirang ka teng, jaaka Motlotlegi Lucas a ne a bua, re santse re le *desperate* ka banana ba rona ba ba sa berekeng, ba e leng gore fa o ka tsena kwa kgaolong…kana gongwe tsa lona di pharologanyo le ya me kgaolo, fa le bua ka fa le buang ka teng jaana, ba lona ba a bereka.

Le letsatsi leno *I am so much worried* ka gore e tlaa re mo seterateng ke bo ke fitlhela tironyana e e motlhofo fela e e ka dirwang ke ngwana wa Motswana, go baakanya *cell phone screens,* ke bo ke fitlhela motswakwa a le gone foo a re o baakanya *screens.* Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, fa e le gore yo o tlhokile tiro ya boammaaruri mme letsatsi leno a bo a bona gore a itshetse ka go baakanya *screens*, re bo re re ka gore yole o na le kitso ke motswakwa re mo tlogele a tle *to compete* le Motswana mo mmaketeng o monnyennyane wa *screens,* nna ke a gana. Ke farologana le ene gone foo ka re nnyaa, a ba ba nang le kitso *apply* fela sentle, re ba amogele jaaka palo ya mongwe le mongwe yo o ipatlelang tiro ka kitso ya gagwe. Re tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Moo ga go laola *statistics,* re tlaabo re itse gore *immigrants* ba ba tlileng kwano ka mabaka a tiro, ba kae, ka gore ba tsene kwa ka *applications and qualifications* tsa bone, e seng re mmona mo seterateng fela re bo re re nnyaa, go tlaa rotloetsa batho gore ba tlolele kwano ka bontsintsi.

Ke yone kgang ya maloba e ke kileng ka botsa potso fa ka re, ke utlwalela gore batho ba re letsatsi leno jaana motho fa a tlodile, jaaka mo Tona Tshere a reng re se ka ra bua lefoko la teng re re *illegal,* a le *irregular,* a re ke rialo, fa a sena go tlolela kwano, gatwe *he is regularised,* jaanong o direlwa dipampiri mo Botswana. Gone moo *will encourage* batho ba ba ntsi go tlola ka gore ga re lebelele gore o tlodile fa kae. Fa a tsene ka *border,* gongwe go ka reetswa, mme fa a tlhagetse gongwe le gongwe, go raya gore ka gore ga re na batho ba ba *enough to man our borders,* jaanong fa e le gore ga re na bodiredi jo bo *enough to police our borders,* go raya gore batho ba tlaa tlhagelela gongwe le gongwe le fa go seng *gazetted.* Jaanong ka re mme Motlotlegi Tona Mokgware, le fa e le gore re batla gore re itshwantshanye le mafatshe a a tlhabologileng, fa o ka ya kwa United Kingdom (UK), o tlaa fitlhela e le gore Batswana ba ba mono ba re ba ya go batla ditiro kwa, ga ba ye go bereka ditiro tse wena o tsayang gore gongwe ba a di bereka fa ba le kwa, o ya go fitlhela bontsi jwa bone ba tlhokomela bagolo, ba bereka mo dishopong tse e leng gore makgoa ka boone ga ba kgone gore ba ye go tlhokomela bagolo kwa magaeng a agetsweng bagolo ba ba kgobokantsweng ke Goromente foo. Jaaka le itse gore bana ba makgoa fa ba gola, mongwe le mongwe o ikemela a le nosi. Jaanong ke sone se e leng gore bontsi jwa batho ba ba tswang mo Africa, ba tlhokomela bagolo kwa Enyelane. Ga ba bereke tiro e lona le e akantseng gore ba a e bereka. Jaanong batho ba rona ba santse ba

sena ditiro gotlhelele. Jaanong a re lekeng gore mme le fa e le gore re a ba letlelela, ee gore ba tshwarwe sentle jaaka motho, foo ke a dumela, mme e seng gore jaanong re dire gore go nne botobetobe mo e leng gore ba tlaa bona gore jaanong go tlolela kwa Botswana o a bo o ile moepong teng.

MR LUCAS: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Rre Kedikilwe. Kgang e o e buang e ntle thata. Ke utlwa batho ba leka go supa dikai tsa bo Amerika le mafatshe a a tlhabologileng, gore batho ba letlelelwa fela go rata le go bona, nnyaa, se se diragalang ke gore, le fa batho ba tlaabo ba ya kwa mafatsheng ao, go a tlhotlhiwa, go na le sefo (*sieve), people apply* sentle, ba sekasekiwe pele ga ba amogelwa. Jaanong mo e keteng jaanong ke *free for all,* go ka re direla tlhakatlhakano e e gakgamatsang, ka gore o tlaa fitlhela batho jaanong ba bereka ditiro mono tse e leng gore tota di ka berekiwa ke Batswana, le ba ba senang *skill* tota. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Rre Kedikilwe.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a go leboga Motlotlegi Lucas, ke dumalana le wena 100 *per cent.* Jaanong ka re fa re sa tlhotlhe jaaka Motlotlegi Lucas a bua, re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle, gape re tlaabo re sa direle lefatshe le sentle. Fa re ka re fela gatwe *free movement for all,* re raya le yo o tlang fela o kare o kgabola fa gare ga leboana fela a sa itse le kwa a yang teng, mme e le lefatshe le le nang le batho ba lone, o tlaa bona gore lefatshe le le tshwanetse la bo le sena beng ba lone. *I am very much jealous* ka Botswana jwa rona. Ga ke batle e le gore jaanong e tlaa re bana ba Botswana ba santse ba sokola, re bo re bona motho ene a tla go tshela botoka gona le Batswana.

Mo bogompienong, fa ke ka le fa sekai, batho ba maabane gotwe "*A'shambe*" ka kwa, ba a thibelela mo Botswana. Re ntse re na le matshwenyego a gore re bona dipolase; o kae *Minister of Agriculture?* Bangwe ba ba tlileng mono re tsaya gore ke komponenyana e nnyennyane, gompieno ba rekile dipolase tse di ntsi mo go maswe. Potso ke gore ba tsaya kae madi a a kanakana? Jaanong o a bona gore lefatshe le letsatsi le lengwe le tlaabo le le mo diatleng tsa *foreigners* fela. Fa re ka leka gore jaanong boemong jwa gore seemo se re se tlhabantshe se santse se simologa, re bo re re nnyaa, jaanong re a bulela a go ye kwa pele, nnyaa, re tlaabo re sa diragatse sentle.

Ke dumalana le *policy,* mme e tshwanetse gore e tlhotlhe, batho ba tsene ka gore *they qualify,* re a mo tlhoka, e seng ka gore re mo fitlhela gone fa. Fa a tla re mmona gone fa, a a boele kwa ga bone, o tlaa ikopela sesha, fa a ikopela, ke gone re tlaa bonang gore a mo Botswana ga go na ngwana ope yo o nang le *qualifications* tsone tse motho yo a lekang go ikopela, gore ene o na le tsone, tse e leng gore o ka bona boagedi ka tsone mo Botswana, kana o ka bona tiro ka tsone. Re tlaabo re bone gore nnyaa, go raya gore ene re a mo tlhoka. Ke gone mo re tlaabong re re ke *imported labour from outside,* e le *migration from outside to* Botswana *to add value* mo lefatsheng la rona ka gore re tlaabo re sena *skills* tse di ntseng jalo. E seng fela mo re itebatsang gore re na le batho, bana ba ba tsenyeng dikolo, ba na le *Degree, Masters,* letsatsi leno jaana ba dikologa lefatshe le lotlhe ba tswa ka fa le ka fa, ba setse ba tshela ka *tenders,* o kare ga se batho ba ba ka bong ba bereka tiro ya go tlhabolola lefatshe. Ba tshela ka *tenders* ka gore ba tlhokile tiro ya boammaaruri.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Mokaulengwe *Honourable* Kedikilwe, ga ke ka ke ka tsaya 10 *minutes* otlhe.

Dingwe tsa dikgang tse o tlang ka tsone sentle mokaulengwe, ke tse e leng gore tota jaaka o supa, ga re a tshwanela gore e re gongwe *foreigners* tse di a bong di tla mo lefatsheng gongwe di tlola jaaka di rata, e bo gongwe re sa itse gore di tsena ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kgang ya me e ke batlang gore gongwe re e tlhaloganye mmogo, kana go na le ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a a tshwanang bo Ethiopia, re na le ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a a tshwanang le bo Somalia, Zimbabwe, ba sa bolo go nna mono ka lebaka le le leele, mme ba santse ba tsewa jaaka batho ba ba *illegal,* ga ba na Identity Documents (IDs), ga ba na sepe se ba nang le sone. Jaanong ke re mokaulengwe, yone eo, a re ka se ke re leke go fa Puso lesedi gore nnyaa, mme ba ba tlileng e le batshabi, re bone gore re ka ba direla ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore re ba neele IDs tsa go leka go ba farologanya gore ba ke ba ba tlang ba tswa kwa? Le fa di ka se ke di tshwane le tsa rona tsa Botswana, gongwe re leke gore re tle re e lebise sentle.

Ntlha ya bobedi e bo e nna gore, *foreigners* fa ba tsena mo Botswana, ba nna le bana, ke gore ngwana a tsholelwa mono, a tsena sekolo mono, a bo a tla a

berekela mono, jaaka ke na le sekai sa yo mongwe kwa kgaolong ya me yo ke ratang go bua ka ene, yo ke reng o tsholetswe mono a bo a bereka, ya ba ya felela e nna lepodise. *You can imagine* ngwana a ya go nna lepodise, go bo go tla gotwe jaanong ke *foreigner.* Jaanong dikgang tsone tse, ke ne ke re gongwe Puso e di lebelele, e bone gore e di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *You can imagine* ngwana a tsholetswe gone mo le fa e le gore o tshotswe ke *foreigners*, Goromente *invested* mo go ene ka go mo tsenya sekole, go felela a ya go bereka, e bo e re kwa bofelong go bo go tla gotwe motho yo ga se Motswana. Jaanong batho ba go tshwana le bone ba ke akanya gore Puso e tshwanelwa ke gore e ba direle se se tshwanetseng, e nne Batswana ba e leng gore gongwe go a bo go bonwa gore nnyaa, ba ga ba na lefatshe lepe le ba le itseng. Ke gore le fa e le gore mongwe o ya go tla o re ke *illegal immigrant* o tswa kwa Malawi, kana Zimbabwe, o ya go ya kae kwa a sa go itseng teng? Jaanong ke ne ke re Puso a e lebelele dikgang tsone tse, e bile e di dire *special cases,* bana ba ba direlwe IDs tse di tshwanetseng, e tle e nne Batswana ka gore ga go na lefatshe lepe le ba le itseng kwa ntle ga Botswana. Ke a leboga. O tlaa tla o mpha e nngwe, ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Honourable Kedikilwe, let me appeal to you that in terms of our time, *go raya gore ka* 20 to *ke tlaabo ke bitsa* the mover to reply to the debate, *gore o ba siele nakonyana e e setseng.*

The other thing is *ba le tlaabong le tsena, fa le ne le dumalana, le ne le ka tsaya* five minutes each so that a few *ba tsene.*

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

MR SPEAKER: It is just an appeal to Honourable Kedikilwe.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke tlaa ba ketlolela.

Ke ne ke re Motlotlegi Frenzel, fa ke simolola ke rile, molao wa Botswana kana lefatshe la Botswana, le ntse le amogela batswakwa *though* go ne go sena *document* e e tshwanang le e. Ke ne ke e fa sekai ka batho ba ba neng ba tswa kwa le seporo, batho bao ba tlile fela ba tshwana le bone ba o ba buang bao, mme letsatsi leno jaana ba na le bo Omang. Ofisi e ntse e amogela batho ba ba nang le lebaka fa ba le mo Botswana. Se ke se ganang, ke batho ba e leng gore gatwe re mmona gone foo, e bo e le gore ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go raya gore o ka neelwa dipampiri tsotlhe tsa gore e ka nna Motswana.

Ke gone fa ke ganang teng gone foo gore nnyaa, gape batho ba ba gorogang e santse e le batshabi, ga o ka ke wa ba baya jaaka re ba beile kwa Dukwi. Ga go na le fa e le molato, ka gore fa ba tla, ba santse ba na le mekgwa ya bone e e leng gore *sieve* e tshwanetse e bereke gone foo. *The reason why* ba beilwe koo, ke gore *sieve* e tle e bereke gone foo. Ga e ka ke ya re batho ba goroga fela, ba santse ba le magorogo masha, o bo o ba tsenya mo setšhabeng, o ise o itse le mekgwa ya bone, gongwe ba tla ka *drugs.*

Ga re itse gore fa ba tla ka *drugs,* ba ya go tsweledisa mokgwa wa bone fa gare ga tšhaba ya gago, o tlaa itse jang. Tumelo ya me ke gore, ga go molato go ba baya jaaka ba beilwe kwa Dukwi. Fa e le gore ba phaka dijo fela sentle ba a ja, ba a tshela, ga go tshwane le kwa ba tswang teng. Ba a robala, ga ba na le fa e le bothata. Ke lona le bonang bothata ka gore le mo mathateng a go aba Botswana jwa lona, jaaka o kare le a fantisa. Ke lona le nang le mathata. Ga ba na bothata fa ba leng teng. Ba amogela ka fa Botswana e ba tshwarang ka teng. Ka a a ntseng jalo, mma ke re, ka gore sebare o kopile gore ke mo tsetolele gone fa, ke eme gone fa. *I support* gore *policy* e tshwanetse e nne teng, gore e nne *a document that sieve.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA): Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Hei! Go fuduga ka kwa *Mr Speaker*…

MR SPEAKER: O lebe nako eo.

MR NYATANGA: Ke ne ke re go fuduga ka kwa, go raya gore go na le mathata. Ke tseela gore dikgang di builwe *Mr Speaker.* Fa ke reeditse bakaulengwe ba bua, re tshwanetse re galaletse Goromente yo wa UDC gore, *for the first time, this is why* go na le *this policy,* e e ntseng e seyo. Mabaka otlhe a ba ntseng ba a bua, mme ka e bile ga go na nako, ke go tseele *story* fela ka gore ke moanelwamogolo mo kgannyeng e *Mr Speaker.* Fa re tsena mo Pusong, fa ke sena go rongwa kwa *ministry* o, go bo go raya gore re a tsamaya, re batla go tlhola gore gatwe go diragala eng. Re tswa go tsena kwa *prison* ya Francistown, re fitlhela batho ba le 357, mo teng go na le bana ba le 223, ba e leng gore *they have been there for over five years*. *Some of us* ka re na le kitsonyana,

fa re re re a tlhola, kwa *prison* o tshwanetse ke gore fa o le teng, e bo e le gore *there is a committal warrant* e e supang gore o tsene leng, o ya go tswa leng. Nnyaa, batho ba ba ne ba le koo fela, mo gotweng *until further notice.*

This issue Mr Speaker, I later learnt gore e ne e re beile ka fa mosing re le lefatshe la Botswana. Fa o tsena kwa UN, ke ne ke ile kwa Switzerland, fa ba re ba bua ka yone, ba ne ba re lona kwa Botswana, le tsere batho la ba tsenya kwa kgolegelong. *The good thing* se ke tshwanetseng ke se akgolele *General* ke gore, fa re tsenya tlhogo ke mo raya ke re, go na le *this problem,* re re, re a lebelela gore mme ba bewa ke eng, re bo re fitlhela e le gore *no, you cannot deny* bana tshono ya gore ba tsene sekole, ba le mo kgolegelong, ka gore ba ne ba le koo fela.

Ke sone se e leng gore *we did something that is very historic* mo ditsong tsa lefatshe le, re sena go buisana le *General* le ba Khuduthamaga. Ga tsewa tshwetso ya gore batho ba, ga ba nne mo kgolegelong. A ba tsamaye ba ye go nna kwa Dukwi, kwa e leng gore *these efforts* tse e leng gore *General* Mokgware o a di dira, ke go tsweledisa *some of the commitments* tse re di ipeileng pele. Jaaka re le *a human rights organisation* gore *we will make sure that people's rights* ga di gatagatiwe. *General, I appreciate this* ka gore golo mo go fa batho tshono ya gore ba itse gore ba ya *to handle* jang *issues of migration*. *Migration* ga se ba ba tswang kwa ntle fela jaaka o ne o bua. Go thusa le *to address issues* tsa *internal migration*, jaaka o bona motho a kile a palelwa ke gore a ye go tsena kwa ga bone kwa Ghanzi *because somebody was saying,* motho yo ga a na tshwanelo ya go ya go nna gone koo.

This framework for the first time, it is going to really demonstrate gore fa re re re Goromente wa ditshwanelo, re raya eng. *Mr Speaker, I must tell you* gore maloba ke ne ke le kwa Gambia, kwa AU *Human and People's Rights Meeting,* Botswana jaanong e a galalediwa. *I think what we need to do more Mr Speaker* ke gore, re rotloetse Batswana jaaka mongwe a kile a bua gore, ba itse gore dilo tse di tshwanetse ke gore re di dire *positively* re le lefatshe. E se kgang ya gore o direla bangwe *favour* kana o rekisa mafatshe, nnyaa.

Re tshwanetse ke go itse gore go botlhokwa go tshela le ba bangwe ka gore *internationally,* ke gone kwa go iwang teng. Go nna bothata fa e le gore *you do not have a framework that guides you* gore o ya go dira jang. *This thing* ke na le tumelo ya gore e ya go re thusa gore ditshwanelo tsa batho di sekasekwe. E ya *to deal* le *issues of public health threat* tse e leng gore batho ba fa ba sa itshupe gore ke bomang, ba kgona go tla ka malwetse a a sa siamang. O bo o fitlhela e le gore *our population here is vulnerable.*

Mr Speaker, *I support* thata fa, e bile *on record,* maloba re ne re e fa batho ba le 65 *citizenship* ya Botswana. Ke tseela gore *General,* re ntse re bereka le ene. *We are going to do more. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke tseye nako e, go dumedisa le batlotlegi ba ba leng mo Ntlong e. Ke simolole fela ka gore, banna ke lona, re a le bona. Ke ntse ke le reeditse *these past couple of days*, le bua ka mokgwa o e leng gore dipelo di botlhoko ka Om Luu. Rona re le bomme, re ya go lebogisa Dr Dow. *Victory for a woman is a victory to us all. So, congratulations Mother of the House*. Rona re a itse gore *the future is female.*

Fa ke ntse ke le foo Om Luu, ke batla go go bolelela gore hei! kwa ga Beula ke sa ga Ragele, o nne o mo tlhole monnao. O mo rotloetse gore nnyaa, mme go tlaa siama, jaaka ke ne ke go utlwa o bua mo Ntlong e. Ke sa ga Ragele tota, go ne go sa robalwa bosigo ba fa *results* di tswa, a re ga a amogele maduo. Ga ke itse gore o tlile go dira jang jaanong.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: …(Murmurs)…

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: I am still there Mr Speaker, I rise to support the Motion *o e leng gore* it has been brought before us by Minister Mokgware. *O e leng gore* seeks adoption of the Botswana National Migration Policy, I wish to unequivocally associate myself with the contributions *tse di setseng di dirilwe ke* the Honourable Members who have spoken in support of Motion *one o.*

Ke simolole fela ka observations *tsa ga Tona* Butale, our Minister for International Relations; he correctly observed that migration is increasingly becoming a global and developing issue. It is therefore important

that Botswana has a clear and coordinated framework to manage migration. *Ga re re, e nne bulela ditswe fela, mongwe le mongwe a dire fela jaaka a rata.* I support the positive outlook adopted by policy *e* Mr Speaker. Migration should not only be viewed as a challenge. When properly managed, it can actually create opportunities for education, employment, skills development le economic growth.

Re a itse batlotlegi gore the United States (US) is considered a nation of immigrants, formed by centuries of global migration. Population *ya teng* comprises of thousands of distinct ethnic groups and nationalities *tse di akaretsang* communities *tse di tswang kwa* Germany, Irish, African, Mexican and Chinese descent, alongside a vast array of global ancestries.

As African countries *batlotlegi,* we must work together towards shared prosperity. We have to create opportunities *tse e leng gore batho ba rona* thrive in their own countries. Migration should be a choice *e e leng gore* it is made in pursuit of opportunity rather than necessity that is driven by limited prospects at their home countries.

I further support the point raised by Minister Tshere regarding refugees. While we must protect our national security and ensure that *melao ya rona e a tlotliwa*, refugees should also be treated with the dignity where appropriate. In accordance with the law, they should be supported to integrate *jaaka re ne re ntse re utlwa* Honourable Assistant Minister Nyatanga *a bua* of the progressive policies *tse ba ntseng ba di dira. Re a bona tiro e le e dirang ka kwa* Ministry *wa lona* Minister Nyatanga *e bile re a le akgola*.

Re tshwanetse ra letlelela these people *gore ba kgone* to integrate responsibly in our communities and contribute meaningfully to society *ya rona.* At the same time, the interests *tsa* Batswana must remain protected, including and ensuring that no one is left behind. *Gakere le yone* Bible Mr Speaker, Honourable Kapinga can attest to that, it contains hundreds of references to foreigners and refugees. It explicitly commands *gore* believers, they must welcome, protect and provide for the refugees while strictly prohibiting their oppression. Mandate is deeply rooted in historic reality *ya* major biblical figures.

Mr Speaker, *ke wela fela ka gore,* I support adoption *ya* policy *e*. It will help Botswana manage migration in a more coordinated and responsible manner, while protecting our country and its people and ensuring that vulnerable persons are treated with dignity and humanity. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Ke go leboge thata *Mr Speaker*, gore o bo o mphile tshono ya go akgela mo *policy* e e tlisitsweng ke Tona. Ke mo lebogele gore a bo a *tlisitse this National Migration Policy*. O e tlisitse ka nako e e maleba *Mr Speaker*, ka gore fa re gakologelwa sentle, Puso e ya rona ke ya ditshwanelo mme re gakologelwe gore re na le batho ba re tshwanetseng gore go nne le ka fa re ba tshwarang ka teng. E ka tswa e le baeti mme le rona re tshwanetse go gakologelwa gore re na le ba rona ba ba berekang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe jaaka kwa bo United Kingdom (UK), China kana mafatshe otlhe fela a re itseng gore ba teng koo ba ile go batla mafulo a matalana.

Jaaka bakaulengwe ba ntse ba bua, re tshwanetse re nne le sefe e e lebelelang. Go tshwanetse go sekasekwe *Mr Speaker,* e seng gore go nne kwa ga mmapereko kwa go tlaabong go tsenwa fela, go tshwanetse go nna le go sekaseka mesepele. Mo melelwaneng ya rona re tshwanetse go gagamatsa thata, go tlhomamisiwe gore ga go tsenwe fela. Re tshwanetse re dirise *technology* e e teng, e e tlaa kgonang go tlhomamisa gore ga go tsenwe fela jaaka re itse gore bangwe ba teng ba ba *undocumented,* ba ba nnang ba buiwa ke *Honourable* Tshere. Re a itse gore ga se botlhe ba ba nang le *skills*.

Mr Speaker, re le lefatshe la Botswana, re tshwanetse re tseye malebela mo lefatsheng le tshwana le la China. Fa o ka lebelela ka fa lefatshe la China le runtseng ka teng go tswa ka fa le neng le ntse le tshela ka teng *from way beyond* 1978, le ne le itsege ka khumanego. Ya re ka 1978, Rre Deng Xiaoping a simolola *to launch reform* e e dirilweng ke Motlotlegi Mokgware. *He reformed and opened policy to leverage on the western technology and know-how*. Ke ka moo re bonang lefatshe la China mo bogompienong le ikaegile thata ka *export* mme e se ka *technology* kana kitso e ba neng ba ntse ba na le yone.

Fa re le kwa China *Mr Speaker*, ba ne ba re bolelela gore boitseanape jo ba nang le jone ga bo a simolola mo China, ba ne ba ngwega ba ya kwa Japan le mafatshe a mangwe go ya go tsaya botsipa. Le rona *Mr Speaker,* re tlhokana le botsipa mo lefatsheng, jo re tshwanetseng re sefe re itse gore batho ba re ba tlhokang, re tlaa tswelela re ntse re tshela le bone.

Gongwe ke farologane le Motlotlegi Kedikilwe jaaka a ne a bua gore kana batho ba rona ba ya mafatsheng, ba bo ba ya go bereka ditiro tse e seng tsone. Ke dumela gore ga go molato go fetola ditiro mme re tshwanetse re tlhomamise gore batho ba re nang le bone ke ba re ka anyang dikitso tse dintsi mo go bone. Lefatshe la China gompieno *it exports* go le gontsi ka thulaganyo ya *open door policy*. Le gompieno ga o ka ke wa ya fela kwa China go sena sepe se o yang go se senka. Ke sone se ke reng re tsweletse, re tshwere sentle.

Ke dumalana le Tona gore re tshwanetse *to regulate* metsamao ya batho. Re tshwanetse *to strengthen the* Interpol gore ba ba tlaabong ba tlile mo lefatsheng ba bo ba dira melato, re bone gore re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E seng jaaka go direga kwa Francistown kwa Mothusa Tona Rre Nyatanga o neng a bua gore go gogobilwe fela, bana ba tsholetswe kwa dikgolegelong. Re tshwanetse re tlotle ditshwanelo tsa batho ka gore re fitlhela re na le batho ba sebopego seo. Re tshwanetse *to document* batho *Mr Speaker*, gore re tswelele re isa lefatshe le kwa pele. *We are the torch bearers, we need to see to it* gore *we build this nation*. Ke wela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ke ema nokeng Tona. *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. E re ke taboga jaana ka gore e wetse, re lebelele gore *Migration Policy* ka fa e ntseng ka teng, fa e ka se ka ya elwa tlhoko, *it will lead to what is called brain drainage*. Fa re nna le batho ba bantsi ba ba tlaabong ba tsamaya ba batla ditiro kwa ntle kwa bo UK, Canada le gongwe le gongwe kwa ba yang teng, go raya gore *that expertise* e e ka bong e bereka mo lefatsheng, ga e na go nna teng, e ya go tsamaya. *To guard against that*, go raya gore *the* UDC *Government* e bone gore *it creates more job opportunities* gore batho ba tle ba batle ditiro mo ga bone, gona le gore ba bo ba ya kwa ntle. A re se ka ra bula fela.

Kgang e nngwe e ke e utlwileng jaaka Rre Mokgware a e bua, ke ya *documentation* gore re itse gore re na le bomang mo lefatsheng ba ba tseneng ka fa molaong, go se ka gatwe go bulwe fela.

The other point; a re ruteng Batswana go itshwara sentle fa ba le kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, *not to damage the reputation of this country* ka gore go a diragala fa ba le koo, go tlhoka go itshwara sentle, re bo re nna le *more visa restrictions* jaaka go sa go tswa go diragala *recently* kwa UK. Re bo re simolola re nna le mathata.

Botswana e ntse e le *very slow when it comes to the issuance of visas*, e bo e le gore *job opportunities, industrialisation and investors* ba felela ba fela pelo, ba bo ba tsamaya ba ya kwa mafatsheng *and we end up losing* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Re ntse re itse gore go tlhokafala gore re amogele batho ba ka gore fa o tsaya batabogi ba tlhwatlhwa ba ba mo lefatsheng kwa bo UK, *they are of certain origins* kana ba tswa kwa Kenya. Jaanong go a re e re fa re dira jaana, re tle re lebelela gore *what is it that we may benefit from this Migration Policy*. Botswana *has a small population*.

Re a dumalana gore mafatshe ka bontsi a tlhabolotswe ke batswakwa jaaka bo Dubai le bo Qatar. *That is due to skills transfer or the expertise that is being brought from outside into the country.* Go raya gore le rona fa re ntse jalo, a re lebeng gore batho ba ba tlang mo lefatsheng re bo re ba amogela, *are they going to add value* kana e tlile go nna morwalo mo lefatsheng la rona. Tse dintsi betsho re dumalana thata. Ka a le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ema ke sa re ke feditse.

MR SPEAKER: I now call upon General Mokgware to reply to the debate. As you can see, it is 17:40 hours. General Mokgware *le fa ke re* 20 minutes *kwa, e re fela fa go setse* three minutes, just allow for a vote.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Mme ke leboge botsadi jo bo ntseng go akgela mo, ke ba reye ke re, *I value their comments very much* mme e bile ke dumalana le tsone thata ka bontsi. Gongwe fela fa le ka ntetlelela ka nankola ba se kaenyana, ke ithutile mo go ntsi mo go Rre Kapinga ka fa a neng a tlhalosa ka teng jalo. A leka go tlhalosa gore *migration* go tewa eng le gore *internal migration* mo Botswana e berekile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, mme e bile e ka re thusa thata mo tseleng e e ntseng jang. Botlhokwa jwa yone, rotlhe re bo bone re a bo itse mo ga rona.

Rre Tshere le ene ke dikgang tse ba neng ba bua ka tsone. O ne a botsa potso ya gore *did we have consultation, I want to assure him that major stakeholders in this particular piece of policy were actually consulted*. Go

nnilwe fa fatshe ga buiwa le bone *and we also have the benefit of calling experts on this particular matter to come and advise us. That is why it was aligned to all the progressive pieces of this legislation across the international spectrum. Now, we know and we said so, this is what we want and where we are actually chatting.*

One of the motivating factors was trying to make migration part of our GDP. Re se ka ra nna re tsaya batho jaaka re ba tsaya pele, re ba tsenya mo ditoronkong re reng, *because we were actually violating a lot of conventions which were not supposed to be actually violated.*

I would also want to take note of what members actually advised gore a golo mo e se ka ya nna *an open blanket*. Ke gone mo tota re buang ka yone *an orderly, safe and well managed migration.* Ga re letlelele mongwe le mongwe go tla mo Botswana ka gore o tswa kwa o tla a okiwa ke nneu. Re tlhaloganye selo se, go na le mo gotweng *economic refugees*, ba e ka reng ba bona le dira sentle ba bo ba tla go tsena mo go rona kwano, *so we have to make sure that...* Kgang ya ga Rre Lucas o ne a re jaaka le e *promote* jaana, *do not forget* gore *you have to mend your own economy*. E tle e lebege e le *very attractive*, e tle e nne botoka e kgone go ngoka batho ba ba rileng, ba *certain investors and skills*.

Rre Kedikilwe fa le ene o tlhalositse jalo a re, *let us make sure that this is not an open blank cheque*, e e leng gore jaanong batho ba tlaabo ba tla kwano, le dirukutlhi tota re bo re tlogela. Kana e bile ba tla go tlala kwano ba bo ba tseela Batswana ditiro, go bo go raya gore jaanong tse di diragalang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, re di bona di diragala mo go rona. Fa o ka bala *policy* e sentle o bo o e ela tlhoko, *it is well balanced, it takes care of all those concerns* tse e leng gore re le Puso, re tshwanetse gore nako le nako di bo di ntse di le teng. Re bona gore mme re ka di baakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang ra di ela tlhoko.

Ga re ka ke ra tsaya mongwe le mongwe fela a tswa kwa a tla a tabogile kwano, kana a tla e le motho yo o dirang le *drugs* kana eng. Fa o ka bala *policy* sentle, e tlaa go bolelela gore *what are we supposed to do in case of people who are dealing with human trafficking, people who are dealing with organ sales;* ba *transport* batho ba ya go ba *harvest organs* tsa bone ba di rekisa. Re ya go dira eng ka batho ba ba tlaabong ba tla go rekisa batho kana ditagi jalo. *So*, melao e yotlhe e ntse e ya go nna teng, ya re a re *make sure* gore batho ba go na le ka fa re tlaabong re ba tsaya ka teng. Ga go tshwane le motho a tla kwano e ne e le *an asylum seeker*, re ba kgaoganye botlhe, *an economic refugee* le *an asylum seeker*, le yo o tlang fela kwano a tlile go bula kgwebo ya go senya fela jalojalo. Dilo tse re di etse tlhoko, re dumela gore ga re ka ke ra di letlelela mo ga rona ka gore fa re ka dira jalo, re tlaabo re sa itirele sentle. E tlaabo e le gone jaanong gore kamoso mafatshe otlhe a bo a re a re yeng kwa ka gore re bone go na le *an opportunity.*

Sengwe se re tshwanetseng go se ela tlhoko fa gotwe *managed migration, we do not want to find* lefatshe la rona le tletse batswakwa, lona le le kwa tlase ka dipalo. Sengwe se se botlhokwa ke gore a batho ba se ka ba ya ntlha e le nngwe fela jaaka gompieno go tlwaelesegile go na le lefelo ka fa, ba tletse teng koo. Kgantele jaanong ba tlaabo ba bitsa lefelo leo ka nneu ya bone. Re leka *to avoid* dilo tse, re tshwanetse go itse gore ga go nne jalo.

Dilo tse bakaulengwe, ke batla go le raya ke re, *when we talk of these issues as leaders*, re leke *to guide* Batswana, re ba rute. Re se ka ra ba tshosa, gongwe e tlaare kamoso motho a bo a tseela gore fa gotwe *migration* go tewa batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba tlile go re tlatsa mo ga rona. *When you go through all these issues in the social media,* bangwe ba ne ba setse ba na le mowa o o tshwanang o re o bonang o diragala ka kwa baagisanying…

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Clarification. Thank you very much Mr Speaker and General. I must admit, I have not had time to read the policy document,* mme fela *listening to the debaters earlier*, ga ke a utlwa go papamala gore *the best interest of a child which mandates* gore sengwe le sengwe se re se dirang, go sa kgathalesege gore ngwana o *legal or status* sa gagwe, re tshwanelwa ke re dire sengwe le sengwe se se sireletsang boleng jwa gagwe. E nngwe e ke sa utlwang e papamala ke ya gore go le gantsi *migrants* ba na le go tshabelelwa ke go gatelelwa ke go nna mo mosing fa go tsena ka fa Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). *I hope policy* ya gago *will ensure* gore dilo tsa go nna jalo *are taken care of*. Bana ba o fitlhelang ba kgaogana le batsadi ba bone, malwapa a thubega, bana ba le koo, batsadi ba le kwano. Ke kopa gore o *clarify* gore a mme dilo tse le tsone di lebeletswe go fema dikgang tsa go nna jalo? Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Motlotlegi, dikgang tse re di tshwere thata ka tlhwaafalo. Go tshwara ngwana ka fa re mo tshwarang ka teng, re batla *to make sure* gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe yo o tlang kwano a tsena mo Botswana, o tshwarwa ka fa molaong. Dilo tse di teng, le gone *they have to be accounted for*, ga go na ope ngwana yo o ka se keng a tsewe sentle. Ke sone se le fa e le maloba jaana, *the way* re neng re dira ka teng, re dumela gore batho ba ka tla kwano ba le bantsi, re ne re beile dingaka le batho ba ba *specialise* ka bana. Ngwana mongwe le mongwe o ne a tlhatlhobiwa *and documented properly*. Go bo go itsiwe botsadi jwa gagwe, go itsiwe gore go ntse jang, dilo tse re dumela gore re a di dira, *policy* e eme sentle ka tsone.

Jaaka o bua gore batho ba ba tshabelelwang ke nneu tseo, kana mathata a dira gore batho ba ba tshabelelwe ke go tshola thata nako e nngwe, ke go nna ba le mo kampeng ba sa tswele kwa ntle, go sena sepe se ba se dirang. Ke sone se molao o reng ga ba a tshwanela go tswalelwa ruri, ba tshwanetse go neelwa *an opportunity* le bone ba bereke. Re ba buletse kwa Dukwi gompieno jaana ba a bereka. Kgang e Motlotlegi Pule a neng a e bua fale ya gore re ba batlele *some of documentation, Government has instructed the Ministry of Labour to make sure that* batho bale ba na le *some form of documentation*, ba letlelelwe go bereka, *they interact* le mongwe le mongwe. *The emphasis is that they should be able to monitor them where they are and what they are doing. So,* ga ba a neelwa fela gore ba ka tsamaya fela ba tsena gongwe le gongwe, ke gone go ba *monitor* le go…

MR FURNITURE: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Mokgware. Gongwe o tle o ntlhalosetse ka e e neng e buiwa ke *Honourable* Kapinga thata ya *consultation*. Kana le yone e tsenya le *public participation* gore kana rona jaaka re le Botswana, re *border* mafatshe a ka tshwara *four*. Re na le *issue* e tona e e leng gore fa go buiwa ka kgang e, *cross-border crime* e nna kwa godimo gore kana jaanong batho ba ba tla ba re senyetsa. Re thuse o re tlhalosetse gore re ka dira jang le gore thuto e ka tsena jang kwa bathong ba ba gaufi le molelwane.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: *Thank you very much* motlotlegi. A re lekeng go farologanya batho ba ba tlhagelang molelwane ba ikutswa ba tla kwano, kana bao batho ba a bo ba sa tle sentle ka tsamaiso e e rileng. Bao ke ba re ba tsayang, re bo re ba supegetsa molato wa gore ga o a tshwanela go tsena fa, go na le molelwane kwa o tshwanetseng go tsena teng o tshotse dipampiri tse di siameng tsa mosepele. Bao ba a bo ba itse gore ba dira molato, ba na le tsamaiso e re ba tshwarang ka yone, e bile ga se gore re a ba letlelela.

Jaanong se se tshwanetseng gore se diragale ke gore, re bo re ka kgona go kopanela kgang e le bone ba ba ka kwa melelwaneng. Gompieno jaana re na le tumalano jaaka ka kwa go lona ka kwa gore, ba ba senang metsi ka kwa lefatsheng la Zimbabwe ba kgone go gelela ka kwano, re beile, re tshephile mo go lona le le baagi ba motse gore le tlaa lebelela thata gore ga go tle ba ba dinalanyana kana ba ba senyang. E le lona ba le rotloetsang le bua gore kana le masika, jaanong ga re batle gore re leke go le kgaoganya thata. Ka kwa Mochudi ka fa go ntse jaana, ke jaaka le utlwa le ene Morena Mabuse a bua gore *border* e e kwa ele go na le gore ba tle go kgabola fa, fa ba tla ba rekile sengwenyana ka kwa South Africa ba tle go boa ka kwa Tlokweng, ba ka nna ba boa fela le teng ka kwa, *border* ele e dirwe *a commercial border,* e tshwane le melelwane e mengwe. Batho ba ba tshwanang le ka kwa melelwaneng e e kwa Namibia le Borolong, *we have a similar arrangement.*

Mathata a rona *is to educate our own people,* a re ba ruteng gape rotlhe re leke go nna le bo ntebela-ke-go-lebele, rotlhe re itse gore fa go tlodile motho yo re sa mo itseng, re bo re kgona go bolelela mapodise kana re kgone go bolelela ba bangwe. Ke bone ka kwa ga Motlotlegi Lucas, ba e tsamaisa sentle. Ga go na ope yo o ka tsenang a ya go tsena kwa dikgaolong tsele ba sa mo itse, e bile ba sa itse gore o batla eng. Mophato o teng, mophato o rulagantswe, mophato o bereka le ba ba ka kwa Zimbabwe ka kwa. Jaanong mongwe yo a tlaa tlang fela a sa tsamaye ka tsela nngwe, ba tlaa mo itse mme ba tlaa mo tsaya ba bo ba botsa ka kwa gore motho yo ke mang, o batla eng. Fa re ka dira *that sort of an arrangement,* ke dumela gore re ka fokotsa motsamao wa batho ba ba tlolelang ka kwano ba sena dipampiri. Ba ba tlaabong ba tsena ka kwano ba na le dipampiri, a re direng gore le bone re ba sekaseke. Gakere fa motho a tla mo garona gompieno jaana, ga se gore ga re ba sekaseke. Ke jaaka ke ne ke le bolelela *system* ya gore, fa batho ba fofa ka sefofane a le kwano, o kgona go mo

tlhola gore a motho yo o na le melato kwa a tswang teng. Le rona kwano jaaka ba tsena mo melelwaneng *with the systems* tse di disha, re tlaabo re tsaya *data* ya bone, re kgona go tlhola gore a mme motho yo tota ke ene, a ga a na melato ka kwa, ga a ka ke a dira molato ka kwa lefatsheng le lengwe a bo a siela mo go rona. Fa e le gore ke motho yo o nang le melato ka kwa, fa a goroga mo go rona mo, re tshwanetse re nne *careful* ka ene. Ke sone se re ba kganelang, go na le one molao o wa *Visa* o.

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *General,* ke tshwenyeganyana gore *consultation* gongwe e ne ya tlhaela. Kgang e tona ke gore, o raya ba gongwe ba gateletsweng ke itsholelo mo nakong ya gompieno ba sa bereke ba le mo tlaleng, o ba raya o reng ka kgang e ya *migration* ka gore *a hungry man is an angry man*. Fa e le gore gongwe bale ba ka goroga ba fitlhela re tshwerwe ke tlala jaana, ga se gore gongwe go tlaa tloga go nna le bothatanyana jwa gore re bo re ba polompegela re ba tlhasela? O ba raya o reng bone bao, ba botshelo bo ba beile ka fa mosing, mme e le Batswana?

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki mongwame. Ke go reye ke re, go na le batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ga Botswana, ba ba ntseng ba goroga gompieno jaana, ba tlhametse Batswana ditiro mo Botswana. Bone Batswana ba ba senang ditiro ba, ba tsile kwano ba tla ba tshotse madi le ka ditlhaloganyo fela, ba bo ba bula dikgwebo ba bo ba hira Batswana. Ga se gore re tshwanetse gore re e tseye fela gore, batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba tlile go tseela Batswana ditiro. *No, let us look at this issue of migration on a positive way,* ya gore *these people they are coming here also to create jobs which we very much need.* Re kgona gore re nne fela jaana go bo go sena moroki, a bo a goroga kwa a tla go nna moroki. Gompieno manyalo a a jewang mo garona mo, go roka batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ba isa teng koo, mme Batswana ba ntse ba le teng. Ke eng Batswana ba sa dire ditiro tsa teng?

Jaanong dilo tse re tshwanetse gore re di tlhaloganye jalo. Ke gore *this is the honest truth, nothing else.* Gone gompieno jaana lona jaaka le bo le tletse fa, batho ba ba nang le dipampiri mono, ke bone ba ba le soleterelang dikoloi mo ditseleng mo. Ga le ke le bo le botsa, ga le ye *to garages,* o a bona. Ga o re ba tseela Batswana tiro wena Morena Lucas, o tsena fela fa tlase ga jarata ya motho ba bo ba soleterela koloi ya gago, e bile o a re ba *cheap*.

Jaanong *let us look at this issue from a positive eye,* re se ka ra lebelela *on a negative eye. The bad boys and girls should be dealt with,* ra rialo. Re tshwanetse gore re kgone go nna le *system, which sieves* ba ba siameng le ba ba sa siamang. Re tshwanetse gore re nne le *consequences for those ones* ba ba tlang mono e le gore ga ba itseye sentle. Re tshwanetse gore re bone gore re ba tseela dikgato, gompieno *when you look at my file, the number of people I have deported in this country is over* 100, ba ba ntseng ba dira molato kwano, ba tswa kwa ntle kwa. Golo mo go go supegetsa gore…

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O na le dithata tsa *to deport?*

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Ee rra, ke na le dithata tsa *to deport*. Jaanong le bone fa ba tsile mo garona ga ba sa itseye sentle, re na le *that opportunity* ya *to reverse* re bo re ba raya re re boelang kwa morago. Go tshwana fela le fa o kare fa o tsile mono re bo re go neela boagedi jwa rona jwa Botswana, fa o sa itshole sentle re a busa. Re busetsa gape kwa go rona, gore jaanong o bo o simolola o boela kwa o tswang teng. Dilo tse ke tsone tse ke kopang gore a re ruteng batho ka *migration on a positive way, not on a negative way.* Ba ba tsenang kwano e se ka fa molaong ba sena dipampiri, a re ba tseeleng dikgato.

Mr Speaker, I would like to move that the National Migration Policy be allowed to pass and be adopted. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: *O tshwanetse gore o e bitse yotlhe* Honourable Mokgware, "That this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana National Migration Policy."

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I beg to move Mr Speaker, that this Honourable House resolves to adopt the Botswana National Migration Policy.

Question put and **agreed to.**

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members, as it is nearly 6 o'clock and having concluded the business in today's Order Paper, I shall now call upon the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Father of the House, Honourable Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Thank you very much Honourable Members for the productive day, that we have had. Now that it is 6 o'clock, I wish to move that this House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Friday 24th July, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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