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Thursday 24th February, 2022

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Order! Honourable Members, good afternoon. Let us start our business of today with questions. Before we put the first question, will anyone of you who wants to move a Motion suspending the Standing Order limiting the time for questions to 45 minutes? Suspending that Standing Order, so that we can deal with all the questions on the Order Paper.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Otherwise after 45 minutes, we will have to adjourn.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, I move that the Standing Order limiting question time to 45 minutes be suspended for today.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: You have go to do it standing.

Question put and **agreed to.**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

PALAPYE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PLOTS

MR O. RAMOGAPI (PALAPYE): asked the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services to apprise this Honourable House on the Palapye commercial and industrial plots advertisements which were done about two years ago but the applicants were never invited for interviews; stating the following:

- (i) the total number of applicants;
- (ii) the total amount raised in the tender through buying of the tender;
- (iii) what led to the cancellation of the tender evaluation; and

- (iv) the timeframe as to when the tender will be evaluated and allocation of plots made.

ACTING MINISTER OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES (MR PULE): *Tanki* Mr Speaker. I am acting for Honourable Mzwini. As you know, he is on a trip outside the country. Thank you very much Honourable Ramogapi for the question that you have asked.

Mr Speaker, I would like to preface my response by mentioning that the Tender No. NLB 01/10/2019 for 329 non-residential plots for Ngwato Land Board of which 178 plots were for Palapye Sub-Land Board was published. The Palapye plots consisted of 63 industrial plots, 48 civic and community plots, 42 multi-family residential plots, 19 commercial plots, five tourism and one recreational. The tender was cancelled on the 17th May 2021 after identification of mistakes in the tender document during the evaluation process.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the total number of applications received for Palapye Sub-Land Board was 4440.
- (ii) The total amount raised from Palapye applications was P1, 243, 050.00.
- (iii) The tender evaluation was cancelled due to mistakes identified in the tender document during the evaluation process.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, as this tender was cancelled, the plan is that plots will be re-advertised in March 2022 and then other processes will follow. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR RAMOGAPI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Tona e le gore *mistakes* tse o buang ka tsone, fa go tsweletse go dirwa, go ne go se na batho ba ba etleng ba nne ba tlhola jaaka re itse gore fa go sena go nna go dirwa, go na le lephata le lengwe le le tlholang pele fa go neelwa batho? Ba ba tshwanang le *quality assurance*, ba a e sekaseka, ba bo ba re nnyaa, mme e siame. A batho bao ba ne ba seyo?

Sa bobedi; Tona, kana batho ba Palapye rra, ba sha ntshu, ba a belaela gore a e seng tota bagolo ba lemogile gore ba ne ba sa *apply*, jaanong ba batla gore ba sukunyele? Wa reng ka se *Honourable Minister*? Bangwe bagolo ga ke itse gore ba raya bafe batho ba Palapye. A ba raya *maland board* kana bafe fela. Ba re gongwe go ka tswa go sa diragala sentle gone foo *Mr Speaker.*



E nngwe gape ke botse gore tota mme go tsaya madi a a kanakana a a tshwarang bo *one million* mo Batswaneng, a bo e le gore go khanselwa *tender*, e sa bolo go nna lebaka le le kanakana, a bo a busiwa go sena *interest*, a ga se go ja Batswana *Honourable Minister*?

Ke go leboge rraetsho, ka dikarabo tse o neng o ntse o di nneela tseo, ga ke a simolola ke go leboga *Honourable Minister*.

MR PULE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke lebogela *supplementaries* tsa ga Motlotlegi Ramogapi. Kana go na le Sekgoa se se reng *to err is human*. Ke dumalana le wena rraetsho gore Invitation to Tender (ITT) fa e dirwa, e a tlholwa. Kana fa gongwe go ka nna gore le wena *checker* ya ITT, o bo o dira diphoso.

Ga se yone fela, go na le dilo dingwe tse di kgonang gore di fete di sa lemosege, e le molato kana phoso e e dirwang ke motho. Jaanong kana *as you know, the evaluation committee is made up by* batho ba bangwe ba ba farologanyeng *who are not really in the process of bidding*. Ke batho ba ba ikemetseng koo ka bonosi, jaanong go raya gore bone fa ba tsena, bokgoni jwa bone jwa ba lemotsha gore diphoso di teng mo ITT. Ba bo ba re nnyaa, ga re ka ke ra fetisa *tender* e ntse jaana, a re e khansele.

Jaaka o itse Rre Ramogapi, go tswa mo go 2019, fa *tender* e khanselwa, go ne ga tsena kgang ya COVID, go bo go nna le *restrictions*, go bo go raya gore *the evaluation committees were not able* go dumalana gore ba tle ba tsenye *meeting* o mongwe. Go bo go nniwa fela ka mabaka a *restrictions* tse di neng di le teng.

Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di neng tsa dira gore, jaaka o bua mo potsong ya gago ya bofelo gore madi a jaanong a tlile go busiwa fela go sena *interest*, nnyaa, go ka se ka ga nna jalo ka gore tota molato ga se *land board*, molato ke gore go ne ga nna le madiadia a a neng a dira gore ba se ka ba boela tiro ya teng ka bonako. Boammaaruri jo bo leng teng rraetsho, ke gore fela jaaka e le tsamaiso, fa go ya go dirwa *re-advertisement* ka *March*, go raya gore *the bidders* botlhe ba ba neng ba duetse, ga ba na go duela. Ba e leng gore ga ba na *to bid*, ba tlile go busediwa madi otlhe, mme go sena *interest*. Eo, ke maswabi gore a tlaa busiwa fela go sena *interest*.

Jaanong kgang e nngwe e o e buang mokaulengwe ya bagolo ba ba e khansetseng ka gore gongwe ba batla go tsenya leino mo teng, nnyaa, eo ke e utlwa ka wena. Ga ke itse fa go na le kgang ya go nna jalo ka gore eo, ga e ise e tsene mo ditsebeng tsa rona. Fa e le gore go ntse

jalo, re ka swaba thata ka gore ga re eletse gore go nne le batho ba mofuta oo, mo lefatsheng la Botswana ba ba ka khanselang *tender* ka gore ba batla go tsenya leino mo teng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo la Palamente.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, ke botse gore mo ditsheng tse o buang gore di bapaditswe mme ga nna le phoso, a le ne le na le thulaganyo ya gore go nne le tse le di seegelang kwa thoko *for* banana, bomme, banalebogole kgotsa *targeted citizens*, lefoko ke le re kile ra le bua ngogola. A mme go na le thulaganyo e e neng e ntse jalo?

Ya bobedi ke gore ba bangwe ba ne ba ikopela pele ga go emisiwa ba le dingwaga di le kwa tlase ga 35. Fa e le gore go na le thulaganyo ya banana, ba ka *March* ba tlaabong ba fetile 35 mme ba ne ba ikopetse, le dira eng ka bone?

Ya bofelo ke gore, go lebega batho ba ikopetse ka bokete kwa Palapye ba le 4 000, ke tsaya gore ba bangwe ba ikopetse kwa Bobirwa le mafelo a mangwe a Ga Mmangwato. Ka go lebega batho ba ikopetse ka bokete, a le na le thulaganyo ya go bapatsa gape ditsha tsa mofuta o mo nakong e e khutshwane? Fa e le gore le na le thulaganyo eo, le ikaelela go e simolola leng le lebile gore batho ba batla ditsha tse ka bokete? Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Lucas for such important questions.* Ke tsibogele ka gore, tota mo moalong o ke nang le one fa go ka nna thata mo go nna gore ke go reye ke re mo ditsheng tse, jaaka di kgaogantswe re buile ka bo *civic, industrial, multifamily residential* le *commercial*, tota ga ke na *information* ya gore banana, bomme le banalebogole ba kae mo teng, ka gore go raya gore nako ya teng ke a belaela gore re ne re sa dira *quota* ya teng. Go na le *possibility* ya gore *some of them could be* batho ba *groups* tse o sa tswang go bua ka tsone, ga ke na karabo *right now* motlotlegi. Fa e ne gongwe e rile Rre Ramogapi a e botsa, a bo a kile gongwe a baya eo e e faphegileng gore o mpolelele gore mo batho bao banalebogole, banana le bomme ba kae, ke ka bo ke kopile *information* ya go nna jalo. Go *obvious* gore *applicants* ba na le dingwaga tse di farologaneng, ga ke na bo nnete jwa gore seo se ka bo se dirilwe.

Mo potsong ya gago ya bobedi ya gore, jaaka go ikopetswe e bile go diegilwe, re ya go dira jang ka banana. Le eo ke ne ke re gongwe ke se ka ka ikgolega ka yone, re tloga re fitlhela gongwe mo go bone batho



ba go sena banana mo teng, e bo gongwe ke ikgolegile ke re nnyaa, re ya go fapha tse kana re di faphela banana, kana tse kana re reng, re reng. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e re ka e tlhokomelang ra e baya mo tafoleng ra e sekaseka motlotlegi, re bone gore a go ka se ka ga nna le thulaganyo ya mofuta oo.

Ya bofelo ke ya gore go lebega batho ba ikopetse ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, ke dumalana le wena, 4 440 *is a big number* mo ditsheng di le 329. Tota fela go raya gore Ngwato Land Board e tshwanetse e eme ka dinao, e bone gore mo bogautshwaneng ba dira se o se kopang motlotlegi. Mo go se sebaka ke ka se ka ka go raya ka re thulaganyo eo e setse e le teng re a e itse. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e botlhokwa e o e bayang mo pele ga rona gore, gongwe re e rekisetse ba Ngwato Land Board le ba Palapye gore ba diragatse mogopolo o o tshwanang wa gago o o botlhokwa mo go kalokalo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Mathoothe.

MR MATHOOTHE: I am covered Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Balopi has reported that he will not be in. So we go to number three, Honourable Leuwe.

CONSTRUCTION OF MINI STADIUM

MR F. T. LEUWE (TAKATOKWANE): asked the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development to state when a mini stadium will be constructed in the Letlhakeng Sub-District to encourage sport development in the area.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mavange, please act, *ga gona* Minister.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Leuwe, batho ba siile botlhe.

MR LEUWE: Jaanong re dira jang *Mr Speaker* fa batho ba siile botlhe?

MR SPEAKER: Ga re ka ke ra kgona go e araba, ke gore re fetele kwa go e e latelang.

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

MR S. N. MOABI (TATI WEST): asked the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism:

- (i) whether the ministry instituted educational programmes to empower youth in the tourism sector from 1 January 2020 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so,
- (ii) to update this Honourable House on the status of the specified programmes.

ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND TOURISM (MR PULE): Thank you Mr Speaker, *o nkopile gore ke mo arabele*. Let me first thank the Honourable Member Moabi for Tati West *yo o boditseng potso e e botlhokwa mo go kanakana e*.

Mr Speaker, my ministry has instituted educational programmes to empower Batswana including the youth in the tourism sector through various platforms such as; workshops, career fairs, Kgotla meetings and participation at exhibitions. My ministry, through the Department of Tourism, has sensitised the local communities, including the youth, on the available opportunities in the tourism sector as well as on the requirements for applying for a tourism enterprise licence. For a wider reach, sensitisation was also done through the Bojanala radio programme which is aired on RB1 every Thursday at 5:45 p.m.

Community outreach is continuing in the different districts throughout the country, and at times is conducted in collaboration with the local authorities. Areas of coverage so far include the following:



DISTRICT	DATES	TARGET PARTICIPANTS
Boteti Sub-District: Mmatshumo Moreomaoto Xere Mokobaxane & Mopipi	March, July and August 2021	Local communities including youths, Gaing-O Community Trust Moreomaoto Community Trust Xere Community Trust Mokopi Community Trust
North-East District Borolong, Ramokgwebana & Jacklas No.1	February and November 2021, February 2022	Local communities including youths, Mazibakufa Development Trust
Kgalagadi District Tsabong, Zutshwa McCathys' Rust	February & September 2020, December 2021	Local communities including youths, Qhaa-Qhing Conservation Trust
Kweneng District	September 2021	Tsetseng Ithuseng Development Trust
Ghanzi District Qabo, Bere, New Xade, East Hanahai, West Hanahai, New Xanagas, Kacgae and Grootlagt.	January, February, November, December 2020 and March 2021	Local communities including youths, Xhwiskurusa Conservation Trust, AU-She-Xla-Ulu Trust, Association of Environmental Clubs of Botswana in these areas. (AECB)
Okavango Sub-District Sepopa and Ikoga	July 2021	Local communities including youths.

Mr Speaker, during the period from 1st January, 2020 to date, the educational programmes planned by my ministry were halted primarily due to the COVID 19 challenges and uncertainties that had forced the tourism sector to down-scale operations, including training. My ministry is optimistic that with the easing of the restrictions, initiatives aimed at empowering the local communities particularly the youths, including Tati West youths, will be enhanced as part of the tourism recovery plan.

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, youths nationwide, including Tati West youths, can access various types of information including tourism business opportunities information from my ministry's up-to-date Facebook page. We are committed to reach out to Batswana and ensure the realisation of overall goal of 'positioning Botswana as a tourist destination of choice by year 2030 and beyond' as echoed in the Revised Tourism Policy of 2021. I thank you Mr Speaker

MR MOABI: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a go leboga Tona ka karabo ya gago e e bophara. O e arabile mme ga o a wela. Ke utlwile ka fa o neng o supa ka teng. Golo fa re na le dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le Gulubane, Mambo le Masingwaneng mme ga go na maranyane teng. O ne o supa gore banana can access ka maranyane jalo. Potso ke gore le ya go dira jang gore le goroge kwa bathong ba ba senang access ya maranyane jaaka o ne o supa? O supile gape fa le kila la ya Ramokgwebana le Dimafofa ka teng. Tse dingwe o morongwa, legale re tlaa tla re di buisanya le Tona ka gore ga a yo. Re na le Domboshaba le Nyeweile kwa kgaolong ya me. O tlhalosetse Bakalaka bale ba Tati West gore maikaelelo a lona jaaka le itse re na le Domboshaba ngwaga le ngwaga le Nyeweile, maikaelelo ke eng? Le ya go dira jang go bona le tokafaditse kwa Domboshaba le Nyeweile?*

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



MR PULE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Le fa ke le rraiboipelogo, mme ke yo e keteng o bulegile tlhaloganyo go tshwana le Lucas. Dikgang tse o di boditseng o latedisa Motlotlegi Moabi, ke tsaya gore ke diagetse.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Minister, o raya gore borraiboipelego ba bangwe ga ba a bulega ditlhaloganyo.*

MR PULE: *Nnyaa, ga ke ise ke rialo. O a bo o nkgolega molotlhanyi ke wena. Ke ne ke araba Motlotlegi Moabi ke re mo karabong ya me, ke tlhalositse gore kwa ntle ga Facebook page re na le Kgotla meetings, forum tse re kopanang le trusts tse e leng gore they are established. Ke tsaya gore Domboshaba is one of the established trusts tse re di itseng, tse di popular mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaanong ke ka raya Bakalaka ba Domboshaba ke re, re e tla koo. Jaanong o kare seemo se a re letla gore re ka nna le outreach programmes. Re tlile go tla koo. Re santse re tlile go dira lenaneo le lengwe le re tlaabong re etela dikgaolo tsotlhe motlotlegi go tla go ba bona. Jaanong raya ba Domboshaba o ba reye o re, Lephata la Tourism le e tla kwa go bone mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

MR MOABI: *Last supplementary. Ke a leboga Tona ka fa o supang ka teng. Le nna ke a amogela ka fa o supang teng. Ke buile ka Nyewele Minister; go ne go na le fund e e neng e tshwanetse ya tsosa Nyewele. O tle o fetise kgang e ya gore fund e, re ne re e solofeditse. Ke a itse gore e teng. Lephata la gago le re solofetsa gore madi a tlaa ya go thusa Nyewele, a nna le ditiro, re ya go a bona leng?*

MR PULE: *Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Nnyaa molaetsa o tlaa goroga rraetsho. Jaaka o itse gore ke tshwareletse Tona wa Environment, ke tlaa o gorosa rraetsho. Fa ke tshaisa fa, ke tlaabo ke mo leletsa ke mmolelela gore mma fa o tswa koo, o tle o ipaakanyeditse Nyewele. O ye go tlhalosa gore go diragala eng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development to state:

- (i) the number of youths who have received funding under the Youth Development Fund (YDF) programme in the last five years in Selebi Phikwe East Constituency;

- (ii) how many YDF businesses are still operational and how many have collapsed; and

- (iii) lessons learned from all the projects funded.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Ke kopilwe ke Buti Billy Mr Speaker gore ga a kgona go tshwaragana le Rre Nkawana, o mo kopa gore a tlosolose potso a e ise fa pele, ka boikokobetso.*

MR SPEAKER: O kopilwe ke mang?

MR MOTSAMAI: Motlotlegi Buti Billy, fa e le gore ke yone sentle.

Later Date.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS OF DESTITUTE HOUSING

MR K. K. KAPINGA (OKAVANGO): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development:

- (i) what explains the difference in architectural designs of destitute housing in Okavango as compared to other districts, especially those in the south of the country;
- (ii) why houses in Okavango are much smaller than those being built in other parts of the country.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(MR PULE): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga Honourable Kapinga wa tsala ya me. Tota karabo ya me e khutshwane, ga e na go nna telelele. Ga re na maikaelelo ape a gore mo matlong a batlhoki, re nne le plans tse gotweng tse ke tsa kwa North, tse ke tsa kwa South. E bile ga re na maikaelelo a gore batlhoki ba agelwe matlo fela a a tshwanang. Jaaka o itse Honourable Lucas, re le ba Lephata la Social Work, re dumela mo goreng batlhoki ga ba a tshwanela go nna le mo gotweng ke labels gore gotwe matlo a ke a batlhoki, plan e o e bonang mo go semangmang ke ya batlhoki. Maikaelelo a rona ke gore batlhoki ba agelwe fela jaaka Motswana yo mongwe le yo mongwe.*

Se ke ka se arabang ke gore dikhansele tota ga di agela batlhoki, di lebelela itsholelo ya tsone, a bo di lebelela le palo ya family kana lelwapa le le agelwang gore batho ba kae. Gore motho a agelwe two and half kana one and half, go tlaa laolwa ke palo. Re a itse gore bontsi jwa batlhoki ke batho ba ba tona ba o fitlhelang gongwe e bile ba sena bana. Go bo go raya gore o agelwa one



and half go itsiwe gore kamore ya gagwe e nngwefela. Jaanong ke raya gore tota fela ka bokhutshwane, dikago tsotlhe tsa rona tsa batlhoki di laolwa ke itsholelo ya khansele, di bo di laolwa ke gore ba lelwapa leo ba kae. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR KAPINGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. *Honourable Minister*, ga ke itse gore a o na le *any experience* ya go bona matlo a a agetsweng batlhoki kwa Okavango? Fa e le gore o kile wa ya teng, o tlaa lemoga gore *most of the time* go agiwa matlonyana a a kananyana, a manyennyanenyana thata *compared to* a re a bonang mo dikgaolong tse dingwe tsa lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong potso ya me ke gore, a ga le na *a standard budget* e e leng gore khansele ga e a tshwanela go ya kwa tlase ga yone fa e agela motlhoki *in terms of value of the house*?

Two; a mme *ministry* wa gago o a lemoga gore *the cost* ya go aga kwa Okavango...*(Inaudible)*... go aga kwa Molepolole kana kwa Mochudi.

Le fa go ntse jalo, gore o agele motlhoki ntlo fela e e sa tlhabiseng ditlhong, go raya gore o bo o *double budget* ya Okavango Sub-District. A selo seo le a se lemoga *Honourable Minister* gore *cost* ya go aga kwa Okavango e kwa godimo?

Sa bofelo, *is it not violating your standard specifications* *Honourable Minister* gore matlo a batlhoki a, a bo a agiwa go sena le fa e le *toilet* e yo o agelwang ntlo a ka iphitlhang mo go yone? Fa go ntse jalo, a ga se gore le a bo le sa digela tiro ya lona fa le ka agela motlhoki ntlo mme go bo go sa akaretse *toilet* mo teng? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke ipoeletse gape kwa morago kwa ke neng ke simolotse teng, kwa ke neng ke tsaya gore *Honourable* Kapinga o a nkutlwa fa ke re tota *plans* tse re nang le tsone mo lefatsheng la Botswana tse re di dirisang mo go ageng matlo a batlhoki *are not necessarily standardised*, di laolwa ke *resource base* ya rona le *the size of the ... (Inaudible)*... Fa ke e fa sekai, jaaka a ne a bua, ke na le *example* fa ya matlo a a agilweng kwa South East District a di *one and half*. Ke gore foo, ke ne ke leka go tlhalosetsa motlotlegi gore gongwe fela go diragetse gore go nne le tiragalo ya gore matlo a Okavango a bo ba felela o kare ke a manyennyane bontsi jwa one. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, gongwe ke gore *the peculiarity* ya teng e dirwa ke gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le a Francistown a manyennyane, ke dirubi fela.

MR PULE: Iketle pele wena General.

MR KAPINGA: O kgaogile, boela kwa morago.

MR PULE: Ke boele kwa morago?

MR SPEAKER: Continue Minister.

MR PULE: A ko o ne o ntshireletsa mo bathong ba tshwana le General, ga ke batle gore e re fa ke bua motho a bo a nkgaupetse ka gore ga nke ke tsena ope...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Gape mathata ke go bua o buduletse le wena *Minister*.

MR PULE: Ga ke a budulala, ke bolawa ke matlho rraetsho.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Okay.

MR PULE: Se ikgatlhe ka nna. Jaanong ke ne ke re matlo a rona a re a agang a batlhoki, ke matlo a e leng gore tota go ya ka rona, re ne re sa eletse gore gotwe go ka nna le *a standard plan. It should be based on the resources* tsa khansele le *the needs* tsa bone. Fa e le gore *budget* ya Okavango *for instance*, *gongwe is limited*, mme e le gore *the demand is very high* e bile le *size* tsa *families* di le kwa tlase, *therefore it means* Okavango e tlaa felela e nna e kete matlo a teng a manyennyane ka gore ba tlaabo ba leka go kumaganya ka *families* tse di leng teng ba lebeletse *sizes* tsa tsone. Go ka diragala gore mo dikgaolong tse dingwe o fitlhele e le gore go patelesega gore go agiwe matlo a matona ka gore *families* di di tona. Gongwe e le mme le rre e le batlhoki mme ba na le bana ba ka nna babedi *or* bararo, *they might have to be built* ntlo ya *two and half* kana go feta foo. Tota go laolwa ke khansele, *it is the one that determines* gore tota e batla go...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A mme le ka gaisiwa ke Ian ka matlo a a neng a a agela batho?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moswaane...

MR MOSWAANE: Sorry sir.

MR SPEAKER: You want to be parked?

MR MOSWAANE: My sincere apologies sir.

MR PULE: O tlaabo o thusitse mongwame. *If can park* motho yoo, ke ka itumela thata le fa e le tsala ya me. Kgang ya *toilets* motlotlegi, tota le nna ga ke bone go



tlaabo go siame gore motho a agelwe ntlo a bo a sena *toilet*. Ke raya gore fa e le gore go na le *incidents* tse di ntseng jalo, ke tsaya gore ke tlaa go kopa motlotlegi gore re tle re bue kwa bothokong nna le wena o mpolelele, ke tle ke botse gore go ne ga diragala jang gore motho a agelwe ntlo mme e sena *toilet*? Ke selo se e leng gore ga re se eletse mo botshelong jwa gompiano. Ke araba go le kalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mma re dumedise batlotlegi le setšhaba ka kakaretso. Tona, o fapaana le potso, ga ke itse gore a ke ka bomo kana ga o tlhaloganye potso? Ka fa ke tlhaloganyang potso ka teng e bile ke bo ke kopa gore o e arabe, ya re, ka fa le abang ka teng madi a a agelang batlhoki, a le a aba le lebile gore lona le le *ministry, standard house* e e tshwanetseng motlhoki mongwe le mongwe ke ya mofuta o o ntseng jang kana le a aba le re le fa motlhoki mongwe le mongwe P100, 000? Fa le aba madi le e fa motlhoki mongwe le mongwe P100, 000, a o lemoga gore matlo a teng a tlaa farologana fa le le mo Gaborone le fa o le kwa Shakawe? Fa a farologana, a sone seo fela ga se go supegetse gore batlhoki ba bangwe ka gore kwa ba leng teng go a tura, ba tlaa nna le matlo a mannyennyane? O dira eng ka gone? A ga o bone go le botoka gore le abe matlo ka *standard, rather than* ka madi? Fa le re ke *one and half*, e nne *one and half* e e tshwanang gongwe le gongwe gona le gore e nngwe e nne le *toilet*, e nngwe e se ka ya nna le *toilet* ka gore re na le madi. A ga o bone go le botlhokwa gore o fetole selo se, gona le gore o re o ya go batla dikarabo o ntse o di tshwere gone foo? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a go utlwa Motlotlegi Kekgonegile, mme kana ke ne ke ithaya ke re ke tlhalositse gore khansale nngwe le e nngwe *submits its requests* ba lebeletse *the needs* tsa bone. *Then* go tswa foo fa ba sena go nna ba kopa madi ba lebeletse *the needs* tsa bone ...*(Inaudible)*... gore batlhoki ba ba tshwanetseng go agelwa ba kae. *Then* kana jaaka re itse, batlhoki ba a runya, o ka nna wa re o ne o lekanyeditse (*budget*) batho ba le 10 go bo go nna yo mongwe gape wa bo 11. Ke yone nako ya gore khansale e tlaabo e simolola e lebelela gore mme jaaka ba le 11 jaana, re ba agela jang re lebeletse *sizes* tsa bone. Jaanong mogopolo o o buang ke a o amogela rraetsho. Gongwe ke mogopolo o o tlaa batlang gore re o rekisetse dikhansale gore di lebelele gore *they standardise* matlo a bone, ba se ka ba re re agela motho *one and half* ka gore o nosi fela. Go bo go akannngwa gore re ka aga matlo a gongwe a

sizes tse di tshwanang, mme e bile re se ka ra re nnyaa yo ga a tshwanela go nna le *toilet*, yo o tshwanetse go nna le yone, ga go a tshwanela go nna jalo. Jaaka o itse, tota fela gantsi bokete jwa kgang bo mo go reng go lebeletse motho gore o tshwanetse gore a nne le sengwe se a ka tsenang mo go sone kana mo ka Sekgoa gotweng *you have a roof over your head*, go bo gotwe nnyaa mme a re mo ageleng ntlo, e tlaa re fa re santse re mmatlala *toilet* a bo a na le fa a nngang teng. Ke raya gore mogopolo ke a o amogela rraetsho. Re tlaa o sekaseka re bona gore re ka o diragatsa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang.

Karabo ya me ke yone e ke neng ke bua ka yone ke re re dira jalo fa re agela batho. Kana tota potso *originally* e ne e sa tsene kwa o leng teng. *Original* potso e ne e botsa gore ke eng matlo a kwa *north* le a *south* a sa tshwane? Jaanong ke leka go araba jalo. Le nkgogela kwa gongwe mo e leng gore tota *originally* le ne le sa botsa. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR REATILE: *Supplementary.* Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Ke go leboge le wena Tona ka karabo ya gago. Tona, ke batla go itse gore *the guidelines* tse tsa matlo a *destitutes* re ka di bona kae ka gore fa di le teng e le gore *they are available* Mapalamente a na le tsone, ba kgona *to confront* bodiredi jwa gago kwa dikhanseleng nako e sale teng, gona le gore e bo e le gore... ke gore ditshwetso di bo di nna mo khanseleng e e leng gore le Makhanselara ga ba itse gore *the guidelines* ke dife, go itse *staff* fela. *When can you avail the guidelines* motlotlegi gore batlotlegi mo Ntlong e ba kgone go nna le tsone, ba kgone *to advise accordingly* kwa dikhanseleng? *I thank you sir*.

MR PULE: Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Ke bo ke leboge Motlotlegi Reatile ka potso ya gagwe. Nnyaa, tota *the guidelines* kana ga se sephiri motlotlegi. Fa e le gore go na le batho ba ba di fitlhang, *then* go tlaabo go na le bothata. Ke ne ke re ke go tshepise gore re tlaa leka gore fa ke fetsa Palamente ya gompiano e re kamoso ke kope *Permanent Secretary* gore fa di leng teng, gongwe a di kgaogane le lona, le itse gore *the guidelines* di ntse jang *because* ga se sephiri. Ga di a tshwanela go nna sephiri. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O na le *assignments* tse dintsi jaanong, o bereka tota...

MR PULE: Thata, ke nna ke ntse fela jalo.

MR MOSWAANE: *Supplementary.* *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke botse gore matlo a a *destitutes* a o a itse gore ka boone fela le fa o tsamaya mo toropong ya Francistown,



o kgona go lemoga gore ntlo e ke e e agetsweng motlhoki ke ya khansale, le *size ya rooms* tsa teng tse di sa lekaneng bolao?

A o itse gore selo seo se a diragala motlotlegi? Ya bofelo, ke botse gore ke eng fa le gaisiwa ke *the former President* ka National Housing Appeal e e neng e aga matlo botoka? *Why* lona o kare jaanong le paleletswe ruri, e bile jaanong *standard* se ya kwa tlase go feta? *Thank you.*

MR PULE: Tota boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ka potso ya ntsha ya ga *Honourable Moswaane*, e a reng fa o ka tsena mo toropong o kgona go bona gore ntlo ke ya motlhoki, kana ke sone se ke neng ke simolola ke re, maikaelelo a rona ke gore re leke go ntsha mogopolo o mo bathong kana setšhaba. Ke gore re se ka ra aga matlo a a tlaa felelang a na le letshwao le le supang gore e ke ya motlhoki, ka gore tota batlhoki *are supposed to be part of the mainstream society*. Go raya gore tota re tshwanetse go ba agela matlo *according to their needs*. Go a diragala gore *resources* di bo di nna *limited*, go bo go felela dikhansale di dira *standard plans* tse gongwe di felelang ba re ba ngathoganya batho, di bo di felela di ba supa mo setšhabeng gore matlo a ke a botlhoki. Ke seemo se e leng gore jaaka ke bua, ga ke rotloetse gore se diragale.

E ya bobedi Rraetsho ya gore re gaisiwa ke bo semangmang le bo semangmang, ga ke itse gore o raya ba re gaisa ka eng, ka gore ga ke itse gore fa o re go gaisa o raya eng?

MR MOSWAANE: Ka *plan*, go aga matlo a matona.

MR PULE: E ga ke ka ke ka e araba ka gore ga ke bone e ntshwanetse, ka gore ga re ise re nne fa fatshe nna le bone ra gaisanya, gore fa re aga re gaisana le batho. Ke bua ka matlo a batlhoki fela, tseo tsa dikgaisano ke tsa ga Rre Moswaane.

MR MOSWAANE: Re bua ka Presidential Housing Appeal ya batlhoki.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O e arabile Pule.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES AT MOLEPOLOLE IHS

MR O. REGOENG (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): asked the Minister of Health and Wellness to state:

- (i) the number of people trained at the level of Diploma, Degree, and Masters Degree in the following fields in the last five (5) years;

(a) Ophthalmic;

(b) Paediatrics;

(c) Orthopaedic;

(d) Family Welfare Planning;

(e) Midwifery;

- (ii) if he is aware that Molepolole Institute of Health and Sciences (IHS) which was built to offer among others, programmes such as Ophthalmic, Midwifery, Family Welfare Planning is not running them and that the buildings have not been optimally used over the last 10 years which is a heavy cost to Government, if so when will this be rectified.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITSWE): *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, mo bogompienong babereki ba rona, 284 *officers* ba ba neng ba isiwa dithutong ba ya go ithutela *Masters or Diploma levels* mo dingwageng tse tlhano tse di fetileng mo dithutong tse tsa bongaka jwa matlho (*Ophthalmic*) kana tsa bana or *Paediatric, Orthopaedic, Family Welfare Planning and Midwifery*. Mo *courses* tsone tse *four* tse ke buileng ka tsone *Mr Speaker, four trained for Masters' level; one Ophthalmic; ophthalmic* ke raya ba matlho; ba le bararo *Paediatric*, e le ba dingaka tsa bana, *while* 284 ba ne ba ithuta mo maemong a *Diploma level which is Midwifery*. *Mr Speaker*, mo bogompienong *there are 111 officers* ba ba kwa dithutong, *eight at Masters' level*, ba le *six* e le ba *ophthalmic*...

MR REGOENG: *Mr Speaker, Minister* o a kgaoga; ga ke mo utlwe sentle.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Lelatisitswe*, ga o utlwale sentle.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke simolole sesha *Mr Speaker?*

MR SPEAKER: Leka jalo.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re *we have trained* batho ba le... (*Inaudible*)... *Mr Speaker*, ke a utlwala?

MR SPEAKER: Ee Rra.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Mr Speaker*, currently we have a total of 284 offices trained at Masters' level and Diploma levels in the last five years. Out of the total, four are trained at Masters' level, one Ophthalmic and



three Paediatrics, while 280 are trained at Diploma level. Mr Speaker, currently there are 111 officers who are on training. Of these, 38 are at Masters' level which is Ophthalmic six and Paediatrics (19), Orthopaedic 11 and Midwifery two and 73 are at Diploma level which is Midwifery. Mr Speaker, please note that my ministry has not trained officers on Family Welfare Planning programme. According to my knowledge, Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) does not offer this programme at all.

Mr Speaker, part two of the question *ke e e botsang* ka strategy around IHS *jaanong kana* IHSs are not under our ministry, so I cannot answer for that question. *Ke tsaya gore Mopalamente o tla e tsenya sentle, mme e tlaa lebagana le ba Tertiary Education.* Thank you.

MR REGOENG: Tanki *Mr Speaker.* Ke re jaanong ke sa tshaloganye gore *Minister* a reng, ka gore Lephata le la IHS le na le ngwaga fela kwa go ba *Tertiary Education.* O ka bo a re bolelela gore mo nakong e e fetileng maikaelelo a bone e ne e le eng go tseweledisa gone moo, ka gore *that is the main question.* O ne a santse a araba gone gore *Family welfare planning,* IHS ga e di dire jalo, mme ya Molepolole e ne e agilwe *specifically* e le gore *it is one of the programmes* tse di yang go dirwa kwa 10 years ago. Jaanong ga ke itse gore fa a bo a e busetsa kwano, o a bo a raya gore ke boe gape ke e ise kwa morago *Mr Speaker?* Ga ke a kgotsofalela karabo ya gagwe gotlhelele, ka gore *that is where the main question is.* Gongwe se ke ka se botsang ke gore, la bofelo fa etela sekole se sa IHS sa Molepolole ke leng?

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* kana IHS ga di ka fa tlase ga *ministry* wa rona, so ga ke ka ke ka kgona go di etela *in relation to anything* se se tsamaelanang le lephata la rona. *They are under Ministry of Tertiary Education. We have moved them completely there. All those questions* ke tse di ka arabiwang ke Motlotlegi Rre Letsholathebe, go re bolelela *strategy* sa IHS go ya kwa pele. *We only send our officers for further training to all universities and IHS,* mme re dira jalo *through Ministry of Tertiary Education.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Gatwe lwa bofelo o di etela ke leng?

MR LELATISITSWE: Nnyaa rra, ga ke ise ke etele IHS.

MR REGOENG: *Mr Speaker,* go raya gore *I will submit this question again* e ya kwa *Tertiary Education* gore e tle e arabiwe ka tshoafale. Ke buisiwa se *Mr Speaker* ke gore, *facility* e e kwa Molepolole ele ga e dirisiwe. Goromente *spent P200 Million* mo go yone 10 years ago, e le gore *programmes* tse ke di beileng fa go raya gore *they should be offered* kwa, mme ga go diragale jalo. *General Nursing is the only one that is offered,* fela jaaka o bona mo pampiring ya gompiano ya Daily News *advertised* gotwe *General Nursing* kwa Molepolole, mme e bile go rutwa batho ba le 40 fela *or less.* *Facility* e go dirisitsweng P200 Million mo go yone. *Anyway, I will forward this question to ba Tertiary Education,* gongwe ba tle ba re fe *strategy going forward sir.* Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motaosane, Member for Thamaga-Kumakwane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, *ke kopa* procedure. Procedure, Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, procedure.

MR LESEDI: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke gore fela o kare ga ke wele sentle. Kana kwa *Ministry* wa Youth go na le *Ministers* tse pedi, mme fa e le gore *Minister* ga a yo, mothusi wa gagwe ga a yo, go bo go sa nne le sepe, e bo e re kwa potsong e nngwe *same ministry,* e bo go laelwa Chief Whip jaaka *Honourable* Motsamai a ne a bua, ga ke itse gore a golo mo go tsamaya sentle *Mr Speaker.* Go yeng ka nna ke dumela gore ga go a nniwa *fair* mo potsong ya ga *Honourable* Leuwe. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR SPEAKER: At least no one from that ministry informed me about anything, but the right person to ask is the Leader of the House. He is in charge of these Ministers.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rakgare is in attendance.

MR SPEAKER: It is not an issue of procedure for Parliament.

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

SMALL SCALE POULTRY OPERATORS

MR T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY (GABORONE CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security to state:

- (i) the number of small scale poultry operators in and around Gaborone;



- (ii) how many of these are taking benefit of the market opportunities created by the Ministry of Basic Education which has included eggs as part of their schools menu; and
- (iii) if his Ministry or Ministry of Basic Education or Local Government and Rural Development monitor this to ensure that Batswana are equitably treated in their supplies to schools.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security.

...Silence...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Araba Pule.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le fa gotwe o motlhanka, ao banna!

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kgafela o ntshitse mophato.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba a lofa maDomkrag.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kante letsatsi leno Domi e ile kae?

MR SPEAKER: Ga re itse.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai, Member for Ghanzi South.

COVID-19 RELIEF FOOD HANDOUTS

MR M. G. J. MOTSAMAI (GHANZI SOUTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development:

- (i) if it is true that some Government employees are being pursued by Government to pay back money for receiving COVID-19 relief food handouts during lockdowns; and if so,
- (ii) whether it is rational and sensible to pursue such officers especially that they were given such assistance after an assessment by social workers.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. ...(Laughter!)...Ke tlaa kopa gore mong wa

me o ntshireletse mo banneng ba ba mo Palamenteng, ga ke itse gore ba ntsaya jang, golo fa re tlhoafetse, re a bereka, lona le a tshameka. Ke lebogela le tsala ya me *Honourable Motsamai for potso e a e boditseng.*

Karabo ya teng e khutshwane ke gore, tota ga ke itse fa babereki bangwe ba ba setswe morago gore ba buse madi a dijo tse ba neng ba di filwe ka nako ya *programme* ya COVID-19 ya *food relief*. Ke yone karabo ya me ya ntlha eo.

Ya bobedi ke bo ke re, mme fa e le gore motlotlegi gongwe o na le bosupi bongwe jo a bo tshotseng, jo a ka bo nkaetsang gore go na le batho bangwe ba ba tshwenngwang ka gore gatwe ba buse madi a dijo tse ba neng ba di filwe ka nako ya COVID-19, ke tlaa kopa motlotlegi gore a dire jalo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona, kana kgang e e mo dikhanseleng, jaanong ga ke itse gore fa o re ga o itse, dikhansela *were instructed* ke mang gore ba dire tiro ya mofuta oo? Tsamaya o ye go tsena kwa Khanseleng ya Kgalagadi, o tlaa fitlhela dingwe dikgang di ntse jalo. O bo o ya go tsena le mo dikhanseleng tse dingwe tsa gago. *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore ke ne ke mo sedimosetsa fela gore o ka batlela kae, mme ke ntse ke tlaa tla kwa ofising ya gago rraetsho.

MR SPEAKER: Okay, they have your solution.

UGRADING OF SOME DIKGOTLA

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to update this Honourable House on plans to:

- (i) upgrade Letoreng, Ngwapa, and Seleka Dikgotla or Tribal Offices for ease of accessing basic services by the residents;
- (ii) replace the long boarded tribal office vehicles from Chadibe and Machaneng; and
- (iii) fill the vacant position of Kgosi at Mhalapitsa main Kgotla.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Dr Gobotswang for such a very, very important question.

Mr Speaker,



- (i) Letoreng, Ngwapa and Seleka are among the many villages that have been gazetted and are qualifying for Tertiary III level of services, including upgrading of a Kgotla from Headman of Arbitration to Headman of Record. However, it has not been possible to upgrade the three villages on account of budgetary constraints. Currently, Letoreng is serviced from Matlhako, which is 18 kilometres (km) away, while Ngwapa is facilitated by Mokobeng which is 10km away. Seleka receives its services from Tumasera Kgotla, which is situated just nearby.
- (ii) The vehicle for Chadibe Customary Court, a Toyota Hilux 2.8 GD6 BX 18 4985 has not been boarded as the Honourable Member is saying. It was involved in a road accident on the 18th September 2019. The vehicle repairs are beyond Central Transport Organization (CTO) internal request threshold *e e leng gore* it is P100,000. My ministry has since commenced the process of repairing the vehicle in question through the District Administration Tender Committee (DATC), and will engage CTO to provide technical support to DATC in order to expedite the process. As an interim measure, Chadibe is serviced by Sefhare which is 10 km away.

Mr Speaker, currently the Department of Tribal Administration has 141 boarded vehicles, amongst them, Nissan 2.4 Pick Up BX 09 6525 for Machaneng Customary Court that was boarded on the 13th July 2020. The vehicle has not been replaced because of the backlog of boarded vehicles, dating as far back as 2013 nationwide.

My ministry will continue to replace boarded vehicles including one for Machaneng on annual basis following the normal budgeting process. In the meantime, Machaneng is currently facilitated by Sefhare and Makwate to meet the exigency of service.

- (iii) The position of Headman of Record (Kgosana) at Mhalapitsa fell vacant on the 17th August 2020. Mhalapitsa Bogosi is in dispute and therefore, the process of filling the position will be determined by the time taken to settle the dispute.

It should be noted Mr Speaker, that the process of filling vacant positions was disrupted by the COVID-19 restrictions, and consultations only resumed in November 2021. I thank you Mr Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Rre Mabuse Pule, o tshwere bothata gompieno go arabela *ministries* tsotlhe.

Jaaka o itse, metse e ya Seleka, Letoreng le Ngwapa e ikemetse, kana go raya gore Dikgosi tsa Tetlanyo tse di mo Dikgotleng tse, ke mokang di berekang jaaka Dikgosi tsa maemo a a fa godimo; *Headmen of Records*. Gone moo, a o a lemoga gore jaanong le ba ja ntsoma gore ba bo ba theogela jaaka Dikgosi tsa Dikgotla tse di fa godimo, mme ntswa ba le kwa tlase?

Kgang ya Bogosi jwa Mhalapitsa *Honourable*, e kile ya arabiwa jaaka o e araba ke *Honourable* Autlwetse, a ntse a bua ka COVID-19 le gore Bogosi bo ka se ke bo rarabologe ka gore COVID-19 e rile. Le wena o santse o bua fela jalo. A mme le na le nako e le e ipeetseng, re lebile gore fa Kgosi wa seemo se, a sa dire tiro ya gagwe, go raya gore batho ga ba bone ditlamelo? A mme le berekela mo nakong kana le iketlile fela le kwa ga mothakga *Honourable Minister*?

MR PULE: *Thank you very much Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Gobotswang. Lefoko le o le dirisitseng le bokete la go jewa ntsoma, ka gore tota fa seemo se ise se letle motho gore a bewe mo maamong a a tshwanetseng go nna mo go one, ga se gore go raya gore o a bo a jewa ntsoma. Re a bo re santse re emetse tsamaiso ya Puso e le wena o e itseng, o berekile Puso dingwaga tse dintsintsi. E o e itseng gore motho o tshwanetse gore a bone *promotion* mo *position* ya gagwe, a e diragatse ka fa e ntseng ka teng.

Kana ke tlhalositse ka re, fa re santse re emetse tiragalo ya go nna jalo, Magosana a rona, ga se gore go raya gore ka fa o buang ka teng, ba jewa ntsoma *because* fa ba na le ditsheko, go na le kwa ba di isang teng. Jaaka ke ne ke go tlhalosetsa gore wa Seleka o e isa kwa Kgotleng e tona ya Tumasera, e e nang le *seniors* tsa gagwe gone koo. Jaanong tota ga ke itse gore ntsoma ene gatwe o tswa fa kae.

Ya madiadia a a seng mo taolong ya rona, le wena fela jaaka o rutilwe o le *Doctor* jaana, o a itse gore fa madiadia ...(*Interruptions*)... one a COVID-19, jaanong ke makala fa e le gore e kare e ntse e le wena fela yo o berekileng Puso dingwaga tse di kana, o bo o sa kgone go itse gore go raya gore go na le madiadia, *process* nngwe e e tshwanetseng gore e diragadiwe, e bo e sa diragadiwe. Jaanong nako e tlaa tla ya gore dilo tse re di baakanye. Jaaka e le gore tota ga se rona re dirileng gore seemo se nne ka fa se ntseng ka teng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.



MR LESEDI: *Supplementary.* Ke go leboge *Mr Speaker*. Tota *follow-up* ya me e mo koloing e gotweng *has been boarded*, mme *Minister* a supa gore *is not boarded*. A mme *Minister* o santse o solofetsa kana o solofela gore koloi e mo sebakeng sa dingwaga tse tharo tse e saleng ka e nnile le kotsi ka tsone, a batho ba ba neng ba e neetswe, ba solofele gore a e santse e tlaa boela kwa go bone? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR PULE: Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a go leboga. Ke bo ke leboga le Motlotlegi Lesedi. Nnyaa, kana ke tlhalositse, ga ke itse gore motlotlegi o belaela eng ka ke tlhalositse ka re koloi e a baakangwa. E a baakangwa. Fa e le gore o na le tshepho mo go rona jaaka re le batho ba re tshephagalang re le badirelapuso, o tshwanetse o tshephe gore e tlaa ba boela fa re setse re e baakantse e siame. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Lelatisitswe a *re ke ene a arabang tsa* Agriculture. So he is here to answer Question number 9.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O romile wena jaanong, ga a rome *Opposition Whip*?

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

MR SPEAKER: That is very odd...*(Interruptions)*... supposed to answer and he sends another member to make that announcement?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Eo o tlaa ikarabela *sir*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Puso e e phutlhamo batho! Ga go na Puso.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker*, go ne go na le *network problems this side*, ke bo ke sa go utlwe mongwame.

MR SPEAKER: *Gongwe o ka araba* Question number 3 by Honourable Leuwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: ...*(Inaudible)*...let us go back to question number 3. Is there anybody answering that question?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker*, ga ba re tseye tsia.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rakgare o teng mo Palamenteng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Gatwe o seegetswe fa thoko motho yoo Rakgare.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Batho ba Mhalapitsa ga na ba Kgosana, wena o bua dilo fela.

ACCOMMODATION SITUATION IN THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

MR P. K. MOTAOSANE (THAMAGA-KUMAKWANE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to give an update on the accommodation situation in the Thamaga-Kumakwane Constituency primary schools; he should state:

- (i) the number of houses in every school and the shortage thereto;
- (ii) what he is doing to solve the situation;
- (iii) the maintenance plan in all the schools and if he is aware that some houses are in a deplorable state; and
- (iv) If he is aware that some schools still do not have some administration blocks/offices.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(MR PULE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboga le motlotlegi ka potso e a e boditseng. Dikole tsa Kgaolo ya Thamaga-Kumakwane di 11 ka palo, mme matlo a kgaolo ya Kumakwane a *staff*, a 120. *Staff*sa Kumakwane go ya ka dipalo tse ke nang le tsone, motlotlegi o tlaa mpaakanyetsa fa ke le *wrong*. *What I have* ke gore babereki ba teng ba 204. Jaanong mo go rayang gore re tlhela ka matlo a ka nna 84. Jaaka Motlotlegi a ne a boditse gore o batla go itse gore sekole sengwe le sengwe se na le matlo a le kae le gore re tlhela jang, go tlaa re ke tsene fela gone koo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tsene mo dikoleng tsotlhe ka bo 11 jwa tsone.

- (a) Kwa sekoleng sa Kontle, go na le matlo a le 10, re tlhela ka *five* ...*(Interruptions)*... Matlo a 10 a, a ne a bona *maintenance* wa bofelo ka ngwaga wa 2019/2020.
- (b) Re bo re nna le sekole sa Nkwane, se na le matlo a le *nine*, re tlhela ka *six*, mme tota matlo a Nkwane, ga a ise a bone mo gotweng ke ...*(Inaudible)*... *maintenance*. *Plan* ya rona ke go a baakanya mo ngwageng o o simologang ka *April 2022/2023*.



- (c) Re bo re nna le sekole sa Magalatladi, se na le matlo a le 12, re tlhabela ka *eight*, mme matlo otlhe jaana, a sale a dirwa *major maintenance* ka ngwaga wa 2019/2020.
- (d) Kwa Gobuamang, re na le matlo a le 12, re tlhabela ka *six*, mme matlo a tota ga a ise a ke a bone *maintenance* fela o o tlhamaletseng.
- (e) Kwa Rungwane, re na le matlo a le 13, re tlhabela ka 10. Le one a a 13 a, maikaelelo a rona ke gore mo ngwageng o o tlang wa madi, a dirwe *maintenance*.
- (f) Kwa Western, re na le matlo a le 15, re tlhabela ka 14. Le one ke a a rulaganyeditsweng gore a tlaa baakangwa mo ngwageng o o latelang.
- (g) Kwa Monare re na le matlo a le 17, re tlhabela ka 12. Le one ga a ise a ko a bone *maintenance*, re e *plan* mo ngwageng o o latelang.
- (h) Kwa Gakgatla, re na le matlo a le *eight*, re tlhabela ka one. Le one ...*(Inaudible)*... mo ngwageng o o latelang.
- (i) Kwa Kubung, re na le matlo a le *eight*, re tlhabela ka *eight*. Le one thulaganyo ke gore a tle a baakangwe mo ngwageng o o latelang.
- (j) Kwa Ramaphatle, re na le matlo a le *eight*, re tlhabela ka *four*. Le one a tlaa bona *major maintenance* mo ngwageng o o latelang.
- (k) Kwa Kumakwane, re na le matlo a le 20, re tlhabela ka 10. Le one a tlaa bona *maintenance* mo ngwageng o o latelang. 11 e felela gone foo.

Re ne re sena madi mo thulaganyong ya rona ya District Development Plan (DDP) 8, a a neng a seegetswe kwa thoko go aga matlo mo dikoleng tse di potlana tsa Kgaolo ya Kumakwane. Re ne re aga *classrooms* di ka nna *four* kwa Kontle, di le pedi kwa Nkwane, Monare le Magalatladi Primary Schools mo *plan* e re tswang mo go yone. Ga re ise re age matlo.

Mr Speaker ke tlhalose gore, re tlhaloganya seemo se motlotlegi a buang ka sone sa kgaolo ya gagwe. Re ka arabe fela ka gore, tota re batla gore mo thulaganyong e e latelang ya ngwaga o o tlang, re eme ka dinao go bona gore matlo otlhe a a *not maintained, should be maintained*. Re bo re leka gore re ka kunaganya mo *budget* e e latelang gore re age matlo.

Ke dumela jaaka motlotlegi a bua ...*(Inaudible)*... *offices* mo dikoleng tse di batlang madi. Go a tlhokafala gore go nne le *classrooms* tse dingwe, matlo a barutabana le *ablution* mo dikoleng tsothle tsa kgaolo ya Kumakwane. Ke tsaya gore fa itsholelo ya rona e ka tokafala, ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tlaa di fang *first priority* gore di diragadiwe. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister*, kana go kile ga nna le lenaneo la *Backlog Eradication Programme*, le ke boneng le kgona go aga matlonyana a barutabana mo kgaolong kwa Chadibe le Mokobeng. Ke batla go itse gore a lenaneo le santse le le teng, fa e le gore le teng, mo kgaolong ya Thamaga-Kumakwane le dira fa kae gone jaana. Le lebagane le dikgaolo dife, le kgonne go aga matlo fa kae. A le tswetsetse, le tswetsetse fa kae mo kgaolong e? Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Gompiano o a bo o boditse potso e e botlhokwa thata. *Backlog Eradication Programme* e ntse e teng motlotlegi, re a e dirisa. Jaaka le wena o itse e neelwa dikhansele tsothle, go a kunaganngwa. Madi a *Backlog Eradication Programme* ga a kgone go araba dipotso tsa rona tsothle tsa boroko kana letlhoko lotlhe le re nang le lone. Maikaelelo a rona ga se go lebelela *Backlog Eradication Programme* fela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Re ne re rotloetsa dikhansele gore, mo gongwe ba e tle ba dirisa manao a tshwana le a Community Constituency Projects (CCP) *funds*, e re ka e dirisang go aga matlo a barutabana ...*(Inaudible)*...

MR SPEAKER: You were not audible Honourable Minister in the last part of your answer.

MR PULE: Gongwe ya bofelo ga ke a e utlwa sentle gore o ne a reng. *I missed it Honourable* Gobotswang.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Honourable*, ke ne ke re mo Thamaga-Kumakwane, sentlentle Lenaneo la *Backlog Eradication* le dira fa kae? Fa re bua jaana a le teng mo kgaolong ya teng?

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore ke e arabile. Ke mo arabile ka gore lenaneo le o le teng, ke lengwe la mananeo a e leng gore tota re a a dirisa thata go thusa go aga matlo a barutabana. Matlo a mangwe a re nang le one mo go se sebaka mo dikgaolong tsothle tsa lefatshe la Botswana, ke ka ntata ya *Backlog Eradication Programme*.



Ke bo ke tswelela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke re, ga re batle go lebelela lone fela, re na le lenaneo gape le le bidiwang gotwe CCP le re rotloetsang Village Development Committees (VDCs) tsa rona gore ba leke *to prioritise* ba dirise CCP go agela barutabana kana badirelapuso ba ba leng mo metseng ya bone matlo a ba ka nnang mo go one. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister, I thought the question was mo kgaolong e ya Thamaga-Kumakwane, lenaneo leo le bereka fa kae?*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le aga matlo mo sekoleng sefe?

MR PULE: O raya gore *now as we speak*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes sir.

MR PULE: Ke ne ke re o botsa gore a le teng, ke re ke go raya ke re *yes* le teng, re a le dirisa. Mo go se sebaka, ke ka se ke ka go bolelela ka o ne o sa e botsa kwa ntlheng gore re tsamaya fa kae kwa Kumakwane mo lenaneong leo. Lone le teng re a le dirisa, *information* eo ke ka go e neela fa o e batla motlotlegi. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LEUWE: Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. *Bontlha bongwe jwa follow-up ya me bo tserwe ke Dr Gobotswang.*

Ke botse Tona gore, *shortage* e e kanakana ya matlo kana e baya barutabana ba bangwe ka fa mosing, ba gongwe bayang go iphirisetsa mo dijarateng tsa di *private*. Gongwe lephata le re bolelele gore, fa go ntse jalo a gona le tsela nngwe e ba e dirisang *to meet them halfway*, ka gore ba ba nnang mo matlong a ga Goromente o fitlhela dituelo tsa bone di le botoka gona le ba ba nnang kwa *private*.

E nngwe ke gore, *information* e Tona a ntseng a e ntsha e a araba, a go tlaa kgonafala gore ba e fetisetse kwa go Motlotlegi Motaosane gore a tle a ye go araba batlhophi ba gagwe ka gore potso e o ne a e botsa e tswa kwa batlhophing ba gagwe. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga re na lenaneo la *to compensate* batho ba ba iphiriseditseng matlo mo motseng. Lenaneo le re nang le lona ke gore, *we can manage* gore matlo a re nang le one fa go kgonagala go lebeletsewe selekanyo sa matlo, barutabana *they share. In the meantime council* le

yone re e rotloetsa gore e fokotse seemo sa *sharing* ka go aga matlo, re dirisa *Backlog Eradication Programme* le CCP jaaka ke ntse ke bua.

Ya bofelo motlotlegi, *information* e kana fa o bona re e bua phatlalatsa mo Palamenteng, ke tsaya gore e ka re fa re tswa ra e isa ka ke bontlha bongwe jwa karabo, ra e ise gore Rre Motaosane a tle a nne le yone mo letsogong, go tla go fa kgaolo ya gagwe karabo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, Tona fa o tsamaya mo lefatsheng la Botswana o fitlhela dikole tsa *primary schools* bogolo jang, bontsi jwa tsone di le seemong se se sa itumediseng. Tse dingwe o fitlhela o kare gatwe se rathilwe ke tladi, se kgbogile mo go sa siamang. Kwa ntle ga gore go na le letlhoko la madi, *maintenance plan* wa lona le le lephata ke gore *you maintain* sekole le dikago morago ga lebaka le le kae. E tle e tlhamalale eo, re tle re itse.

Ya bobedi ke gore, go kile ga bo go na le lenaneo Tona le le neng le bidiwa gotwe *handyman* mo dikoleng. Le dikole di neng di neelwa matsana gore e re fa go senyegile fensetere, *lock* kana *ceiling*, ba bo ba ka kgonang gore ba baakanye ka bofelo jo ba ka bo kgonang. Lenaneo leo le eme, a ga le na maikaelelo Tona a go busetsa thulaganyo ya *handyman*, ka gore tse dingwe o fitlhela e le dilo tse di simololang di le dinnyennyane di bo di tloga di eteegela ka lebaka, ka gore ga di neelwe *attention* ka nako e e bofelo. A ga o bone go tshwanela gore le busetse lenaneo la *handyman*, gore dikole tse dingwe di tle di kgone go baakanngwa, fa e le paakanyo e e ka se keng ya tlhoka madi a a kalokalo. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke a leboga *Honourable Lucas*. Kana kgang e o e buang *Honourable Lucas*, e ama dikgaolo tsotlhe ka bophara. Tsholofelo mo go rona re le baeteledipele ba sepolotiki ke gore, dikhansela tsotlhe di tshwanetse di nne le mo gotweng ke *cyclical maintenance plan*, e e supang gore ngwaga le ngwaga ba ya go dira dikole dife le dife. Ke dingwe tsa dithulaganyo tse ke itseng gore di tshwanetse di bo di le teng.

Le le Mapalamente, le ka e kopa *plan* ya teng. Le itse gore mo dikgaolong tsa lona, dikole tse di mo lenaneong la go baakanngwa ke dife. Tota boikarabelo joo ke jwa dikhansela ka botlalo. Ke dilo tse re solofelang gore di nne teng. Re a itse gore fa gongwe go a diragala madi a bo a tla ka koo, e bo e re le fa *plan* e le teng, e bo e sena mosola ka gore ga e na *sponsorship*. Fa o dirile *plan* mme e sena *financial support*, e nna e kete ga se *plan*.



Handymen; ke boammaaruri e ntse e le teng rraetsho. E ne ya nna le mathata fale le fale o kare ga e dirisiwe sentle. Ke sone se lephata la me le neng la dira tshwetso ya gore e emisiwe. *To a certain extent* e ne e thusa, mme golo gongwe e ne e kete e dirisiwa boatlanyana. E bo e felela e re lotlhanya le bodiredi jo bo lebaganyeng le tiro ya go nna jalo. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse e leng gore jaaka o bua, go tlaare re di sekaseke go bona gore re ka di busetsa jang. Re bo re nna le *some internal controls* tse di tlaa dirang gore go se ka ga nna le botlhaswa. Fa re batla go bua nnete e e tletseng, *nothing is cast on stone*. Ga o ka ke wa re o dirile sengwe, o bo o re *because* o se emisitse ka mabaka a o neng o a ntsha, o bo o re se tlaa emela ruri. Ke raya gore *handymen is a good idea* mme *we will really look at it and see* gore a e ka re berekela. Fa e le gore e ka re berekela, *maybe it is something that we can reintroduce*. Madi a *handymen* a ne a se kalokalo. Ga se madi a o ka a dirisang *on maintenance*. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

SMALL SCALE POULTRY OPERATORS

MR T. MANGWEGAPE-HEALY (GABORONE CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security to state:

- (i) the number of small scale poultry operators in and around Gaborone;
- (ii) how many of these are taking benefit of the market opportunities created by the Ministry of Basic Education which has included eggs as part of their schools menu; and
- (iii) if his ministry or Ministry of Basic Education or Local Government and Rural Development monitor this to ensure that Batswana are equitably treated in their supplies to schools.

ACTING MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY (MR LELATISITSWE): *Thank you so much Honourable Speaker and Honourable Healy.*

- (i) *Mr Speaker*, Lephata la *Agriculture* le na le *small scale farmers* di le 320 mo tikologong ya Gaborone. *Ministry* ka boone, ga o rotloetse gore *this commercial poultry* e ka dirwa mo toropong ka mabaka a re a itseng gore go rua dikoko, di ntsha monko o o nkgang. Di ka tsenya lerole le le gakgamatsang le tsone fela di modumo. *They can cause noise pollution* fa di le mo toropong ya Gaborone. Gape *Agricultural Allocation*

Guidelines di supa gore *a poultry should be 500 metres away from residential areas*. Di supa gore *poultry* ga e ka ke ya kgona go nna teng mo toropong. Batho ba ba nnang mo Gaborone ba ba nang le *small holdings*, either South East, Kweneng kana Kgatleng, ba teng.

- (ii) *A total of 120 farmers* ba ba mo kgaolong e e dikologileng Gaborone *benefit from this Government's initiative to supply* dikole ka mae kana nama. *Ministry of Agriculture* o thusa gore *farmers* tse ba kgone go *supply institutions* tse di mo toropong e, ka mae le ka nama ya koko.
- (iii) *Ministry further empowers*, gape o leka go thusa *these poultry farmers to form clusters*. Gompiano go na le tse tharo tse e leng gore *they are registered clusters around Gaborone*. Go na le Kgatleng Cluster, South East-MENOMOS Cluster and Kweneng Cluster. Tsotlhe *supply* dikoko le mae to *Government schools and institutions*. *My ministry facilitates these clusters to register with Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB) and Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) for which allows them to access market from Government institutions* Mr Speaker. I thank you.

MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona for your answer. Jaaka o bua gore ba le 320 ba bone tshono e, motho o ka batla go itse gore how do you qualify? Is a tender floated* kana go tlhophiwa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang gore o felele o kgona to *supply* dikole? *Minister*, dilo tsa rona tsa *tenders* o fitlhela di na le madubadube, so what measures are in place to make sure gore *this thing is done equitably and fairly* ga e na tsietsa Motswana? *Minister*, jaaka o bua gore you do not encourage this kind of farming mo ditropong, mme o bua gore di 120 around Gaborone. What have you done to assist them gore ba tswa fa e leng gore it is not desirable gore kgwebo ya go nna jaana e ka nna teng ba ya kwa go siameng? Le ba thusitse go le kae ka lefatshe le ditlamelo?

Gape fa motho a santse a le mo thusong ya lona, e le *small scale poultry farmer*, a le a mo thusa ka go reka dikokwana, melemo, dijo and *packaging materials*? Lastly, *this financial year* e re tswang mo go yone, *Ministry of Agriculture* got I think about P100 million. Motho o ka batla go itse gore mo mading ao, ba *small scale poultry* le ba thusitse go le kae e le a percentage of



madi a le neng le thusa ka one? O ntse o bua gore le na le dithuso tse le ntseng le ba thusa ka tsone. *I thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Minister.*

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Mopalamente o ne a batla go itse these farmers fa ba leng teng; ke supe gore fa ba leng teng ga ba mo Gaborone, ba mo tikologong ya Gaborone in their farms kana tse ba di hirisiseng. Ba thusitswe jalo gore ba tlhame clusters tse e leng gore ke Kweneng Cluster, South East e e bidiwang MENOMOS Cluster le ya Kgatleng Cluster. These clusters di tsamaisiwa ke ba Lephata la Agriculture ba ba fitlhelwang mo dikgaolong tse. Ke bone ba ba tshwaraganang le bareki go bona gore dilo tsa bone di a rekwa mo toropong ya Gaborone. Ke sone seabe se se tona gore go bona gore go se ka ga rekwa kwa ntle, go rekwa mo go clusters tse, tse di registered. In terms of ba thusitswe ka bokae gore ba ikgodise; ke supe gore potso eo re tlaa feta re e neela ba lephata, gongwe ba ka e araba botoka ka gore e ne e sa botswa. E rile fa ba brief, ga ba a nneela details tsa yone gore go thusitswe go le kae. Ke supe gore go tsenelela tenders, go thusa ba Lephata la Agriculture under veterinary, go bona gore dithoto tsa bone ke tse di tswang gaufi. Go dirisiwa ba ba leng teng ba Agriculture and scientific officers go thusa jalo kwa dikoleng rraetsho.*

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister.

FOREIGN RESERVES

MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to update this Honourable House on foreign reserves, she should specifically state and explain:

- (i) the value in Botswana Pula the country held in December 2017;
- (ii) how much has been drawn since April 2018;
- (iii) productive economic activities that have been funded through this process and the consequent and projected economic dividends;
- (iv) whether the spending was worthy investment; and
- (v) the current value of the foreign reserves.

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MS SERAME): Thank you Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Honourable Members.

- (i) Mr Speaker, as at 31st December 2017, the value of the foreign exchange reserves was P73.7 billion, equivalent to USD 7.5 billion.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, during the period 1st April 2018, to 31st December 2021, the decline in foreign exchange reserves of Botswana or net withdrawals were as follows:

2018:	P7.1 billion;
2019:	P14.5 billion;
2020:	P22.3 billion; and
2021:	P10.6 billion.

The net withdrawals of the foreign exchange reserves (or net foreign exchange outflow) in any one year, as was the case for the four years of 2018 to 2021, means that the amounts paid for import of goods and services in foreign currency as well as investments abroad made by residents of Botswana exceeded the amount of foreign currency receipts (export earnings) and inward investment by non-residents.

In general, it should be noted that changes in the level of foreign exchange reserves result from surpluses or deficits on the balance of payments which, in turn, are driven mainly by the level of foreign trade (imports and exports).

- (iii) Mr Speaker, as was explained in response to a similar Parliamentary Question No. 685 asked by Honourable Taolo Lucas in August 2021, foreign exchange reserves are, by definition, assets or funds held by central banks denominated in foreign currency, used to finance international transactions.

Such transactions include payments for goods and services (imports) that can be used for production, consumption and/or supply of essential services, outward investment by residents in foreign markets (in search of higher returns) and servicing of external obligations on behalf of Government, businesses and households. As an example, the procurement of raw materials or equipment for infrastructure projects, essential food and medical services by both private companies and Government ministries from outside Botswana are paid for in foreign currency.

Similarly, regular allocations for Government embassies abroad, repayment of foreign currency denominated debt, and similar external obligations consume foreign



exchange. Furthermore, the purchase of electricity by Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) (from Eskom in South Africa), consumption and construction goods by large retailers like (World Group of Companies, Choppies, Spar), building material merchants, oil imports by oil companies and import of cars by the general car dealership industry are supported by the country's foreign exchange reserves.

There is also the import of capital goods required by contractors undertaking infrastructure projects and manufacturing entities. The infrastructure projects would include key projects such as the North-South Water Carrier, the Kazungula and Molembo bridges and Botswana Fibre Networks (BoFiNet) backbone infrastructure. Furthermore, asset managers and pension funds require foreign exchange to discharge their mandates to their clientele by investing a significant portion of their portfolios in foreign markets.

Mr Speaker, I have given these several examples to demonstrate to Members of Parliament that, the foreign exchange reserves held at the Bank of Botswana are not exclusively for use by Government. In addition to Government's external obligations, a large portion of the foreign exchange reserves is used to support payments for private sector imports and other productive economic activities by residents. In this instance, businesses and individuals sell their own Botswana Pula to the Bank of Botswana and/or commercial banks to get foreign currency.

Mr Speaker, I wish to remind the Honourable Members that major foreign exchange inflows comprise receipts from Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and diamond revenues. In total, the inflows were much lower in the advent of COVID-19 due to subdued economic activity and, therefore, lower export earnings. In general, the accumulation and preservation of foreign reserves would be supported by enhanced economic diversification and export-oriented production, resulting in an increase in the sources and value of export earnings and relative reduction in the range and value of imports.

- (iv) Mr Speaker, as can be observed from the examples I have enumerated, the cumulative drawdown of the country's foreign exchange reserves, over the four years, was used to undertake productive economic activities and fund investments and other welfare-enhancing activities for Botswana residents. Notably, the availability of foreign exchange reserves enabled Government to

purchase essential supplies and procure the much-needed COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies at a time when diamond and tourism receipts had virtually dried up.

Mr Speaker, it should be understood that such use of foreign exchange reserves is to fund expenditure as approved by Parliament through the annual and supplementary budget submissions.

- (v) Mr Speaker, the amount of foreign exchange reserves as at 31st December 2021 was P56 billion or USD4.8 billion.

Overall, while the foreign exchange reserves have fallen, especially in the advent of COVID-19, and there is need to be rebuilt, they have and continue to serve the purpose for their maintenance; that is affording uninterrupted access to foreign exchange for sustained economic activity and consumption needs and, generally, for stabilisation purposes and discretion in the conduct of macroeconomic policies. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: Supplementary. *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona. Ke botse gore* what we have in the reserves right now can cover how many months or is worth how many months of import cover? That is the first question. The second question is on whether you have a target in terms of how much you wish to replenish or to build the reserves? What is your target? Do you have any target that you have including timelines? Thirdly, what is the general Government policy on management of reserves in terms of drawing down the reserves? Is it not prudent to have specific projects that can be funded through drawing down the reserves rather than a normal financing of the budget? I thank you Mr Speaker.

MS SERAME: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mo go ya ntlha, go tlaa re ke tle ke ye go batla copy ya me ya Budget Speech because I think go teng mo teng, tsa bofelo tsa 2021 gore import cover ya teng ke how many months. Ke tlaa e batla, ke tlaa mo e romelela.*

Mr Speaker, ya targets, the international practice ke gore generally e simolola from three to six months. Ke yone the recommended practice. However, rona re le mo Botswana Mr Speaker, what the practice has been and the general understanding and policy ya rona e ne e le gore given our vulnerability as a country mo e leng gore we rely fela mainly on diamond revenue, re ne re tsaya gore six months ga a re siamela, re bo re ipeela gore re batla go simolola fa go bo 12 months. Over time,



we have really been able to have the reserves tsa bo 12 months, sometimes even bo 24 months. Mo seemong se re neng re le mo go sone, ke sone se the level of reserves import cover... I think the last one fa ke gakologelwa e ne e le bo 10 months Mr Speaker. Se re eletsang go se dira ke gore re boele gape kwa go bone bo 18 months ba e leng gore ke bone ba o tlaa fitlhelang e le the norm.

Gape sa bofelo ke tlhalose gore *generally* kana re ntse re le mo *extraordinary times*. *Generally, reserves tsa rona ga re di dirise just for the normal day-to-day expenditure ka gore o tlaa fitlhela e le gore mainly for Government which is the Government Investment Account (GIA), o tlaa fitlhela e le gore re duela our debt obligations tse di duelwang in foreign currency. Ke seemo sa gompiano fela Mr Speaker se e leng gore we had to draw down our reserves go tsamaisa the normal budget fela re ya go reka melemo and other recurrent expenses. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

MR KEORAPETSE: Mo nthuseng foo.

MS SERAME: O na le mathata.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o thusiwe sepe, o tshwenya ngwanake. A ko o *celebrate birthday* ya gago o tswe mo go ngwanake.

MR KEORAPETSE: ... (Laughter!)

MS SERAME: *And* o santse a tlaa nna le *stress*.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN WEST): asked the Minister of Health and Wellness to state if the plan by the Government of Botswana is to impose mandatory COVID-19 vaccination and further clarify the following:

- (i) why a 72-hour negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test result is not sufficient to allow for entry into Botswana as is the case with all our neighbours;
- (ii) if he is aware that the world is focused on lifting restrictions associated with COVID-19 to allow for more unrestricted movement of persons and goods; and state why Botswana is opting for more restrictions;
- (iii) if the ministry had considered the negative impact that the new restrictions would have on tourism and state the measures in place to avert cancellations by inbound tourists and if there have indeed been such cancellations; and

- (iv) state the impact of the restrictions on the transportation of goods into Botswana by unvaccinated truck drivers who had a negative PCR COVID-19 test result.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (MR LELATISITSWE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke supe jaana gore 72-hour PCR test ke nngwe ya *tools* tse re di dirisang jalo go fokotsa gore bolwetse jwa COVID gongwe bo se ka jwa felela bo tsena kana bo felela bo phatlalala le lefatshe le la rona.

- (i) Re supe jaana gore *the ideal way*, kana ka fa tota mafatshe a mangwe a dirang ka teng, fa motho a goroga ka PCR test kwa mafatsheng a bone, le fa e tla e le *negative* wa 72 hours, ba dirwa mo gotweng *rapid test*, ba bo ba boa ba *isolate for ten more days*, mme e bo e le gone ba letlelelwang go tsena mo setšhabeng. Rona re le lefatshe se ga re se dire. Mme se ga se reye gore PCR test is to say it is a full proof that COVID ga e yo mo mothong.

Ke supe jaana *Mr Speaker* gore, *the options* di dintsi tsa go fokotsa *importation* kana go tliša mogare mo lefatsheng kana le gone go bona *the potential* ya malwetse kana *variants* tse di ka tlang di tla le ba ba tsenang mo lefatsheng. Re gakologelwe jalo gore *the test is costly*, e a tura, mme le yone ka fa e dirwang ka teng segolo jang mo batsamaing, kana motho o a kgotlhiwa dinko tse kgapetsakgapetsa, moo le gone fela ka bogone go ama le motho, gore fa a ntse a nna a boelela test gantsintsi go felela go ama, segolo jang batsamai. Ke sone se e leng gore re le lefatshe le la Botswana, kana gone go leka *to ease up at the border, we substituted that frequent* nnetlu, batho gore ba nne ba itlathloba ka *full vaccination as pre-entry requirement*. Ke sone se re neng ra se dira *Mr Speaker*

- (ii) Ke supe jalo gore Botswana *is aligned with countries* tse re bapileng le tsone mo go fokotseng jalo *the restrictions*, gore batho ba boele mo botshelong jo ba ntseng ba bo tshela. Ke tsaya gore ba rotlhe re a itse gore re ne ra emisa mo gotweng *State of Emergency* le *curfews*. Batswana gompiano ba tsamaya bosigo jotlehe le motshegare. Ra emisa mo gotweng *travel restrictions*, re a itse gore go ne go na le melelwane kwa bo Dibete go ya kwa, tse tsotlehe re ne ra di emisa. Ra emisa le malatsi, a neng motho a tsaya a le mo *isolation or quarantine*, re a fokoditse go ya kwa bo *five days* jalo. Le gone mo e leng gore jaanong kwa melelwane *the PCR negative test* fa o kentile re go letlelela fela gore o



kgone go tsena mo lefatsheng la rona. Se ke go supa jalo gore re le lefatsheng re eme ka dinao go bona jalo gore re leka go bulela itsholelo gore e tswelele e ye kwa pele. Go fokotsa *these restrictions*, e dirwa ka mokgwa o e leng gore ga re batle gore kamoso re bo re iphitlhela re le mo seemong se re neng re le mo go sone mo dinakong tse di fetileng. Ke gone mo e leng gore *we insist on the vaccination* fa o tla mo lefatsheng le la Botswana *Mr Speaker*. Mapalamente otlhe ba a gakologelwa gore Mapalamente ba ne ba eme ka dinao, segolo jang ba kganetso, ba bua jalo gore... nako ya fa bolwetse jwa Delta bo goroga, gotwe bo tsene jang mo lefatsheng. Go buiwa dikgang tse di thata tse go neng gotwe re bo letleletse jalo go tswa kwa India go tsena mo lefatsheng. Jaanong ke tsaya gore *science* e re supegetsa jalo gore fa motho a kentile, *a fully vaccinated, the chances of him transmitting the virus to the other person* e kwa tlase fela thata. Jaanong re leka jalo go kganela bolwetse jo gone kwa meelwaneng *Mr Speaker*.

(iii) *Mr Speaker*, e rile fa re sena *to implement this new instrument* kana *the regulations* tse di sha, re supe jalo gore ga go ise go nne le phetogo mo go tsamayeng kana go tsweng ga batho mo lefatsheng le. Mafatshe otlhe go ntse go tsenwa fela, ga re ise re bone phetogo epe le fa re tsaya dipalopalo kwa meelwaneng. Re supe jalo gore *the regulations we are imposing* mo meelwaneng, tse Mopalamente a botsang ka tsone, le mo mafatsheng a mangwe di a dirisiwa, le kwa bo Europe tota, le mafatshe a mangwe a bo India, China jalo. Ga o ka ke wa tsena kwa mafatsheng ao o sena *results* kana o sa kenta gotlhelele, ka gore ga ba eletse jalo gore o tle o ba tlele mogare. Mafatshe a mangwe ba dira ka lenaneo le ke le buileng la ntlha le e leng gore le fa o tla ka *72 hours PCR test* ba go neela *a rapid test* fa godimo ga moo, *and quarantine you for 10 to 14 days at your own cost*, pele fa ba go letlelela go tsena mo lefatsheng. Rona re bo re sa batle go tsaya moo, ka gore fa o tla o le mojanala re bo re go kwarantina *14 days*, go raya gore nako ya gago e feletse mo kwarantining. Jaanong re ne re sa batle go tsaya *that kind of* nnetlu, ke gone mo re letlelelang Botswana le ope yo o tsenang mo lefatsheng gore fa o kentile o a phuthologa mo lefatsheng le, o tsamaela gongwe le gongwe kwa o ka yang teng.

Re supe jalo gore *the tourism industry* ke nngwe e e leng gore *it has benefitted* thata *into this arrangement*. O ka gakologelwa gore bajanala, e rile fa COVID e kelemile, ba ne ba batla go itse gore a batho ba ba koo ba kentilwe, pele fa ba ka goroga, ba ya kwa makgobokgobong. Ke kile ka ya kwa Maun *as the Assistant Minister of Health*,

ke ya go kopana le *the operators*, e bile ba ntshupegetsa jalo gore mo mekentong e tlang pele, go isiwe go ye go kentiwa batho ba bone, ka gore bajanala *are canceling the bookings* ka mabaka a gore ga ba batle go tsena mo lefelong le e leng gore bone ba tla ba kentile, ba bo ba tsena mo tikologong e e sa kentang. Ke se re neng ra ba kgotsofatsa, ra dira jalo, ra dira gore ka gore lefatsheng le la rona le itshireleditse ka bojanala, mme re kente batho ba ka bofefo *Mr Speaker*. Ke sone se e leng gore fa re e lebelela jalo, gompiano mo mafatsheng a a leng teng, Botswana e kgakala thata le gore *it can be red listed* mo bathong ba ba sa kentang. Jaanong ka gore e bile tota lefatsheng le la rona la Botswana re santse re tsamaya mo go *around 67 per cent*, fa re tsaya batho botlhe ba ba leng mo lefatsheng ba ba setseng ba kentilwe. Golo mo go a supafala gore *we are just close to reaching the herd immunity* e mafatshe ba dumelang jalo gore fa tšhaba e ntsi jaana e kentile, le fa go ka nna le bolwetse e ka sireletsega. Jaanong ke sengwe sa dilo tse e leng gore *it attracts the investors* le batho ba bo *tourism*, gore ba bone gore lefatsheng le ke le ba ka tlang mo go lone ba sireletsegile *Mr Speaker*.

(iv) *Part four Mr Speaker*, e ne e supa fela jalo e batla go itse ka bo raditeraka, gore a mme mo metsamaong ya bone ya diteraka *since* golo mo go diragala, re supe fela jalo gore ga go *...(Inaudible)... since this instrument was imposed at the borders*, ga go na pharologanyo epe e e leng teng mo motsamaong. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e ke e buileng lantlha. Ke supe jalo gore *from February to date*, re kgonne go kenta batho ba le *over 3000* gone kwa meelwaneng, fa re simolola golo mo. *About 3 per cent of this number Mr Speaker*, re supe gore e *...(Inaudible)...* mme e busediwa kwa morago ka mabaka a a tlhamaletseng, mabaka a teng ke gore ba ne ba tla ka *fake certificates*, kwa meelwaneng e e tshwanang le Ramokgwebana le Kazungula. Fa re setse re tshwaragana le ba botsogo kwa ba tswang teng, kwa bo Zambia le Zimbabwe ka fa, re fitlhela e le gore nnyaa, batho bao ga ba a kentiwa. Ba ba ntseng jalo fa ba gana go kentiwa re ne re ba busetsa morago, ka mabaka one ao a gore, kana jaanong fa o tla ka *fake results, fake certificates you are more riskier*.

Re ne re sa batle gore kamoso Rre Saleshando a re botse gore bolwetse bo tsene... *(Inaudible)*... Nako le nako kwa *borders* fa motho a goroga, *they confirm* le mafatshe gore a mme motho yo o kentile, a mme golo mo ke boammaaruri. E bile ke supe jalo gore fa e le ba gorogang ka *airlines, it is 100 per cent compliant* ka gore le *airlines* fela kwa di tswang teng, fa ba go pega,



pele *they confirm* gore a mme *you conform* le melao ya lefatshe le o yang kwa go lone. Jaanong se se re supegetsa gore mo *airlines, it is 100 per cent*, ga re ise re kopane le mathata ape *Mr Speaker*. Ka bokhutshwane, ke a leboga. Ke yone karabo eo.

MR SALESHANDO: *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa gore gongwe re thusane kgang e ka gore Tona go a bonala gore ga a na maikaelelo a go araba. O buile ka bolelee, mme ga a itebaganya le dikgang tse di mo potsong. Potso e simolotse fela kwa ntlheng e re *'to ask the Minister of Health and Wellness to state if the plan by the Government of Botswana is to impose mandatory COVID-19 vaccination,'* ga a araba; gotlhelele ga a tsena mo go yone. Ke tshotse tlhaloso fa e e tswang kwa *ministry* wa bone, ya gore fa o tla o le *unvaccinated*, ba batla *negative PCR tests plus* ba bo go kenta. Gone moo kana ke *compulsory vaccination*. A ke one maikaelelo a lona? Wa reng ka kgang e e neng e buiwa ke Tautona gore re le Botswana ga re na go tsena mo *compulsory vaccination*? Ga o a araba gotlhelele, o a itse gore ke yone kgang yone eo.

Ya bobedi *Mr Speaker*, mo (i) ga a araba gore ke eng ba sa tseye gore *72-hour negative PCR test* e le nosi e lekane. Ga a araba gore ke eng ba tsaya gore ga e a lekana. O dikologile fela a tshameka ka mafoko a re diela nako.

Ya boraro, e ne e mmotsa gore, a mme gone mo, ga a bone go sa tsamaelane le go leka go fokotsa go kganela mesepele. Go tswa ka di 14 tsa ga *February* go fitlhelela gompieno, re okeditse *restrictions*. Ga se mo o ka boelang kwa morago wa re re kile ra bo re reng. Potso ke gore, ke eng le oketsa *restrictions from the 14th of February*? Ga a araba.

Ya bone, gore a go nnile le *cancellations* kwa *tourism*, ga a araba gore *cancellations* di nnile teng. Ga go molato gore o bo o re ga ke itse, *but* e seng go tshameka ka mafoko, o bo o re kwa *borders* re bone dipalo tsa batho di ntse di tsena ka gore ba *tourism* ba supa gore *cancellations* di nnile teng di le di ntsi, *and* mo bekeng e le nngwefela, *tourism has lost over P100 million*.

Ya bothano, Tona o a itse gore go ne go na le *threat of strike* kwa Kazungula Bridge sa *drivers* tsa diteraka tse di neng di tla ka *72-hours negative test and they had not vaccinated*. Jaanong *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa gore Tona fa e le gore o tshotse karabo, a e bale jaaka e ntse, e seng go tshameka ka mafoko. Ke batla karabo. *There is need to answer Mr Speaker*, ka gore kgang e e tsositse mathata

kwa *borders*. Go setse e bile go na le *court orders*, bangwe ba tsena mo lefatsheng le ka *court orders*. A se ka a ipaya yo o sa itseng. Ke kopa gore a e bale jaaka a e kwaletswa, a lese go nna bofitlha jaaka a dira a tshameka ka mafoko. Ke kopa karabo *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore mokaulengwe o a utlwa Rre Saleshando, mme fa re tsaya *part one of the question Mr Speaker*, ka fa ke neng ke e araba ka teng, ke supile jalo gore go na le *mandatory request* ya gore fa o tsena kwa, go tlhokafala gore o bo o kentilwe. Ke tsaya gore ke e tlhamaleditse fela jalo, ke bo ke e fa le mabaka a gore ke eng ke rialo. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile ka bokhutshwane.

Ke tshwere *report* e ke tsayang gore ke buile le yone gore *Mr Speaker*, batho ba ba tseneng mo lefatsheng le, ke buile gore *there is only three per cent or around 100 people who were returned* ka mabaka a ke a buileng a gore motho yo o ne a tla ka *fake certificates* tsa *vaccination*. Ra bo re mmusa ka mabaka a gore fa re rurifatsa (*confirm*) le mafatshe, mafatshe a ne a re supegetsa gore nnyaa, motho yoo ga a kenta. Ba ne ba tlile ka *fake certificates* tsa *vaccination*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, can the Minister confine himself to the questions as asked. He must answer the material questions.

MR SALESHANDO: Yes, *ga re ise re bue ka fake* results. It is not part of the question.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Can he do that? Mr Speaker, can you ask the Minister to comply with the Standing Orders; answering questions, the material questions that are asked by Honourable Saleshando. We are not interested in some of the things that he is saying. Can he confine himself to answering the questions?

MR LELATISITSWE: Mr Speaker, *gongwe* let me read the answer in English. *Ke ne ke tsaya gore ke bua le Batswana gore ba nkulwe, mme* I will just answer the questions in English maybe they can understand.

Mr Speaker,

- (i) 72-hour PCR test is a useful tool to help to reduce the risk of infection. In fact, the ideal way to use this tool is to have people preventing the negative PCR results, then doing rapid tests on them at the point of entry, followed by a quarantine for 10 to



14 days at which time they would be subjected to another PCR test before letting them into the public. *Ke tsaya gore* this is what I said in Setswana.

This is what many countries are doing. However, as that maybe, this is not to say it is full proof. There are many options including PCR test requirement in reducing the risk of importation of virus and the potential of viruses of concern. On the scale of balance, the test is costly and inclusive particularly for frequent travellers. In the long-term, repeating testing is not sustainable both for individuals and countries, hence the idea of easing up of testing at the borders and substituting that with the requirement of full vaccination as pre-entry requirements. You get it? That is part one; pre-entry requirements and full vaccination.

(ii) Mr Speaker, Botswana is in alignment with countries towards ongoing moves to ease COVID-19 restrictions. We ended the State of Emergency (SoE), that was number one of easing. We ended curfews, that was number two. We ended travel restrictions and the number of days required to isolate and quarantine people, as well as testing and the PCR negative tests requirements at our ports of entry for those who have up to date vaccination certificates. Ease of restrictions should be done in a strictly and responsible manner, hence the insistency of vaccination of all those coming into the country.

(iii) Mr Speaker; ever since the implementation of the said Statutory Instrument, there has not been any change in trends of arrivals. Note that this is not altogether new as many countries have implemented the same requirements. Most countries in Europe and other parts of the world do not require PCR test results for those fully vaccinated. You enforce quarantines for all arrivals for 10 to 14 days at their own costs before allowing them into the general public. It stands to reason that Botswana has opened its borders to allow ease of movement at ports of entry. The tourism industry is the biggest beneficiary of this arrangement as likelihood of Botswana being red listed by the first world countries on the basis of their COVID-19 risk analysis. It is now low and as a result, it is deemed safe, particularly when considering our high vaccination coverage of

about...(Inaudible)... of the whole population. This should be attractive to investors, tourists due to promising safety nets we have created for ourselves as a country.

(iv) Mr Speaker, so far there has not been any visible change to trucks arrival trends, since this Statutory Instrument. The jury is still out there, but we believe we as a country are on the right side of history on this one. Thank you, that is exactly what I said in Setswana.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary*, ke utlwa Tona gore se a se buang ke gore jaanong ga o ka ke wa letlelelwa go tsena mo Botswana o sa *vaccinate*, in other words, *he confirms* gore jaanong *vaccine is mandatory* fa o boela mo Lefatsheng la Botswana le fa o ka tla o le *negative*.

Ke kopa gore a re tlhalosetse gore, fa Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi a a fa *interviews* kwa British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) le Cable News Network (CNN), a re lefatshe la Botswana ga le ka ke la *impose mandatory vaccine* mo go ba ba sa batleng go tsaya mokento. A re moo go tlaabo go le kgatlhanong le Molaomotho wa lefatshe, a seo ba se fetogetse e le Puso?

MRLELATISITSWE: Thank you so much Mr Speaker, that is quite a simple question Mr Speaker. There was no way we can impose mandatory vaccination *ka nako ya teng*, *ka gore Tautona* was very clear, *o ne a supa jalo gore nako ya teng go ne go sena* enough vaccines *mo lefatsheng le mo go rona ka kwano*. *Go raya gore* he was very right to say we cannot impose. *Gompieno* we have surplus that is why we impose that vaccination for people coming into the country. *Ke tsaya gore Tautona o ne a bua jalo a tlhamaletse*, *se a neng a se bua o ne a bua se se tshwanetseng*. You cannot impose what you do not have, so we impose what we have.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tshwetso ya *to impose*, ka gore re tsamaisa ka morero kana puso ya batho ka batho, go reisisitwe batho go le kanankang? Ke dumela thata gore ba bua ka morero letsatsi le letsatsi, gore ke one o ba tlaa o salang morago? Ke bua jaana *Mr Speaker* ke batla go botsa Tona gore, *as you impose* go kenta moo, *are you doing so* le tlhatlhobole motho bolwetse jo bo ka tsamaelanang le gore e re fa a sena go kentiwa a tlhakatlhakane, a bo a felele gongwe a tswa mo botshelong kana a nna *paralysed* ka tsela epe. Ke mang yo o tsayang boikarabelo jwa mofuta o o ntseng jalo?



Ya bobedi *Mr Speaker* ke gore, *as you imposed* a le ne le sekasekile gore ke lona ba le buang ka ditumelo le ditshwanelo tsa mongwe le mongwe. A le ne le buile le ba ditumelo tse di farologaneng, Ditshwanelo le makgotla a a lebaneng gore kana mme re tla ka tshwetso e e ntseng jaana, e e ka nnang ya tsaya le botshelo jwa motho ka gore o tsenya selo mo mmeleng se mmele o sa se tlwaelang?

Mr Speaker ya boraro, go na le kgang ya kwa dikoleng. Bana ba bolelelwa gore fa o sa kenta, ga o na go kwala *exam*, ba bo ba felela ba kentiwa. *As you impose* go kenta bana, a ke ba lona, a le itse gore ba lwala bolwetse bofe, ba ilwa ke eng? Fa ba tlhokafala kana ba fetoga ka fa ba ka fetogang ka teng ba nna le bogole, ke mang yo o arabelang dikgang tsa mofuta o o ntseng jalo? A gape le lebeletse melawana ya ditshwanelo tsa bana, gore fa o dira jalo le a bo le gataka ditshwanelo tsa bone tsa thuto, gore ba na le tshwanelo ya thuto *Mr Speaker*?

Mr Speaker kwa bofelelong ke re, a mme Tona re dumele gore tshwetso e le e tsayang e, le e tsaya ka gore le batla go kenta batho, kana le tsaya tshwetso e ka gore le paletse kwa tshimologong *to order* melemo ka nako? Melemo e tletse thateng jaanong e mentsi e a senyega (*expire*), fa e *expire* ke sone se le batlang go tlhaba mongwe le mongwe gore melemo e se ka ya *expire* le ise le tlhabe mongwe le mongwe.

Ka kgang e *Mr Speaker* ke re, a Tona kgang e a e buang e boammaaruri, re dumele go le kae mo go ene. E siametse batho botlhe go le kae mo go bone, gore ba bo ba kentiwa ba sa batle, ba sa dirise tselana e bogolo lefatshe le ka se keng la tsogelwe ke medumo ya go gataka ditshwanelo tsa setho? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke supe jaana gore go maswabi thata gore batho ba ba buang jaana, ke batho ba ba kentileng botlhe.

Nte ke supe jaana go araba *Honourable Member*, ke supe gore *individual liberties do not override the public health protection*. Go raya gore wena ka bo wena o le nosi, ditshwanelo tsa gago o tshwanetse gore o itse jalo gore ga di fete tsa tshireletsego ya setšhaba. Ke selo sa ntlha se o se itseng. Gompieno *everybody* mo Botswana o rwala *mask*, *mask is mandatory*, but o na le *rights*, but you are putting on a mask, ke sone se se go supegetsang gore le sone se re se dirang go tshwana le seo se o se dirang sa *mask*. You are now putting on a mask, mme o na le *rights* tsa gago o le motho. Ke tsaya jalo gore tse o tshwanetse gore o di itse.

Risks tsa go kenta, gakere gompieno fa re kenta *we do not test anybody*, ga re go *test* sepe mme re a go kenta. *The 67 per cent* e re buang ka yone e re e kentileng, ga re ise re ko re *test* ope pele ka gore *the clinical trials have been done*. Go dirilwe *trials* tse dintsi, gape go a supagala gore *benefits versus the side effects*, *benefits* di kwa godimo. Re ne re le teng mo lefatsheng le ka *July* dipatela di tletse gongwe le gongwe, e rile fela batho ba simolola *to vaccinate* ba le bantsi ra bona *benefits* tsa gore batho ba a fokotsega mo dipateleng. Go maswabi thata gore batho ba ...(*Inaudible*)... ba le teng ba re batho ba a swa ba bolawa ke Puso ya ga Domkrag, letsatsi leno ba re batho ba se ka ba kentiwa. Legale ka Batswana ba reeditse ba a ba ikutlwela.

Vaccination safety rra, *trials* di dirilwe ...(*Inaudible*)... legale ke tsaya gore Batswana ba reeditse, ke bone ba e tlaa reng kamoso ba bo ba bona gore a mme se re se dirang ke se se tsamaelanang le ka fa re batlang go ba sireletsa ka teng.

Ya dikole e a neng a bua ka gore gatwe bana fa ba sa kenta ba se ka ba kwala *exam*, nnyaa e o ka e botsa ba *Ministry of Basic Education*, ga e tswe ka kwa go rona rraetsho, ga re e itse le rona le kwa kgaolong ya me ga ke ise ke ko ke e utlwe. Gongwe e utlwaletse kwa nnetung ya gago, fa gongwe fa batlhophi ba rona le bone ba bua selo, o nne o tlhola boammaaruri mo teng, ka gore ga re batle gore go tswa fa re bo re ya kwa Kgalagadi...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A se ka a re golega ka ditlontlokwane, ga re ise re ko re bue dilo tseo.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ee, ke dilo tse di gakgamatsang. Ga o utlwe ke re a nne a tlhola batlhophi ba gagwe pele ga nneu. Gongwe o tswa go tsaya dikgang tse kwa sepotong.

MR MOTSAMAI: O itse gore o bua le mang, o se ka wa mpolelela sepoto. Ga ke nwe bojalwa, ga ke ise ke bo leke, o bo nwe o le nosi.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke wetse *Mr Speaker*.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*, ke *clarify* gore ga gona ope, le fa e le *Honourable* Saleshando le ope mo UDC yo o reng batho ba se ka ba kentiwa, ga a yo. Se re se botsang *Honourable Minister is a very simple question* gore, a le pateletsa batho mokento wa COVID-19, ke yone potso e e leng teng. Go itshupile gore go raya gore le pateletsa ba ba tsenang kwa melelwaneng ba tswa kwa mafatsheng a



sele, e bile e le Batswana. Potso ke gore, ba ba mo teng maikaelelo a lona a ke go tla kwa Palamenteng, go tla go dira molao o o ba pateletsang, kgotsa ke go ba pateletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

O ntse o supa fa gore *you cannot impose what you do not have, because you have excess vaccine*, e le nang le letshogo la *expiry* ya yone, ke sone se le e pateletsang batho. Potso ke gore, ba ba mo teng, ba ba seng kwa ntle, le ya go ba pateletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang?

Sa bobedi ke gore a le ipaakanyeditse ditsheko jaaka go setse go na le *judgement against you in a ... (Inaudible) ...* e e ntshitsweng ke Justice Maphakwane, mo *case* ya ga Dikeledi Phoo Dingake, e a neng a gwetlha go tsena ga gagwe mo lefatsheng kwa ntle ga go pateletswa go kentiwa? Ke tsaya gore ke *judgement* e o setseng o na le yone. Jaanong potso ya me ke yone eo ya gore a se se neng se buiwa ke Motlotlegi Tautona *recently, not* nako e go neng go sena mokento, mo *interviews* tse tsa maloba, sa gore ga le na go pateletsa batho mokento, a selo seo le se fetoletse, ka gore Tautona o ne a tlhalosa gore ga go ka fa molaong? *We can share the clip with you* fa e le gore ga o a e bona. Jaanong go nnile ka fa molaong leng go pateletsa batho mokento? *As I have said in the beginning Mr Speaker, none of us in the opposition are saying* batho ba se ka ba kentiwa, *because we are vaccinated. He is right, we are vaccinated. What we are saying is that* ba se ka ba pateletsa batho mokento, ba ba sa o batleng. Ke a leboga.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore potso ya ga Rre Keorapetse, ke e arabile fa ke araba *Honourable* Saleshando, fa o bona le ene a didimetse a sa tlhole a bua. Fa o tsena kwa molelwane...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, ke itlhobogile ka karabo.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ee.

MR KEORAPETSE: He has given up on you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tshabang o ne a re ga go na bolwetse, ga o gopole?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: La re gotweng jaanong?

MR KEORAPETSE: Le se ka la pateletsa batho.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke dumela jalo *Mr Speaker*, gore eo ke e arabile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go simolotse leng go nna ka fa molaong go kenta batho ba sa batle?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A le a bo le ikutlwa? Le a bo le tsoga le itatola kamoso.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go simolotse leng go nna ka fa molaong, go pateletsa batho?

MR KEORAPETSE: Morwaeng, o kare o motho a na le 15 years a le mo *Cabinet, but you are just a new comer, a novice* and o tlile go tlhola o re tenne gone fa.

MR MORWAENG: Monna, ke mo Pusong. Phathi ya gago ga e mo Pusong. Domkrag e mo Pusong.

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

MR SPEAKER: We are waiting for the Honourable Minister of Health to reply. We are not going with all this chattering...

MR LELATISITSWE: *Mr Speaker*, ke kopa ba didimale, ke arabe.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker*, se diiwe ke Dithapelo o tagilwe ke kuku, ga a ka ke a roga bagolo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke yone *cake* e a e jang.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke itse gore batho ba bua ka ga eng, ba tshwanetse gore ba go reetse *Minister* o o fa dikarabo.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Mr Speaker, Section 80 in the Public Health Act allows the Minister to impose vaccination requirement on people* ba ba tsenang mo lefatsheng. Ke reye *Honourable* Keorapetse le *Honourable* Saleshando, gore kwa Khuduthamageng kana *caucus* ya bone ya UDC, mongwe a ba balele *section* yone e, e tlaa ba tlhalosetsa sone se ke buang ka sone fa. Never Tshabang o itidimaletse ka gore o tshaba mafoko ale a gagwe a a kileng a a bua pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ka re ga ke na nako ya botsenwa. Le a tsenwa maDomkrag.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O rile ga go na bolwetse, o fetogile?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba simolotse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ene le monna wa Okavango.



MR TSHERE: *Thank you Honourable Mr Speaker.* Mma pele ke tlhalose gore yo o neng a bua ka *consultation*, go rerisiwa mo kgannyeng e, Komiti ya Botsogo ga e a rerisiwa mo kgannyeng e, re e utlwile fela, re bo re bua le *Honourable* Dikoloti ka yone mo bekeng e fetileng. Santlha ke ne ke re mme ke botse Tona gore, a golo mo ke seemo se le se dirang e le sa nakwana kgotsa ke selo se re tlaa se bonang se ya kwa pele le ntse le *impose* gore batho ba kentiwe kwa meelwaneng? A ke selo sa nakwana, re lebeletse yone mekento e le e tshwereng fela? A fa e fela, go a fela golo moo?

Sabobedi *Mr Speaker*, ke a utlwa gore Tona o bua gore Public Health Act e ba fa dithata tsa go ka kenta motho yo o tswang kwa lefatsheng le lengwe fa a tsena mo Botswana. Kana e mo fa gape thata ya gore fa a gana a sa batle go kentiwa, o ka boa a se ka a tsena mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Jaanong fa e le gore e tlaabo e re Motswana, e raya gore a boele kae fa e le gore ga a batle gore a kentiwe ka tsela e e ntseng jalo? *So* golo moo go a gatelela. Ke gone mo bakaulengwe ba lelang go go tlhalosa. Fa o e baya jalo, fa a sa batle, go raya gore ga a na kwa a yang teng, e bile jaanong o mo fa dikotlha o tsa bo P5000. Golo moo go a gatelela.

Ke ne ka ya go buisana le Tona wa Botsogo, beke e e fetileng ke mo raya ke re, a re leke go *balance* botsogo, *trade*, *diplomacy* le Southern African Development Community (SADC) *protocol on COVID-19*. Dilo tse tsotlhe di tshwanetse di *balance* *Mr Speaker*, gore re re re dira botsogo jo bo lolameng. Ga re ka ke ra tla ka selo se se tlaabong se kgoreletsa sengwe le sengwe. Ke ba tlhaloseditse gore, *the reason why* ba sa bone batho kwa meelwaneng, ba ba busang, ba ngadile, ga ba fete kwa meelwaneng ya rona, ba feta ka fa thoko, ba feta kwa Beitbridge, *side* ya Namibia le South African *borders*. *So* dilo tse re ba di tlhaloseditse. Ke ipotsa gore a ga ba tlhaloganye. A ga ba utlwe le dilelo tse? Re tshwanetse gore re dirise metlhale e mengwe e e ka *balance* jaaka PCR test, go bona gore go ka nna jang. Le mo Batswaneng, ga ba a tshwanela *to impose* jalo.

Kwa bofelelong *Mr Speaker*, jaaka Modulasetilo wa Komiti ya Botsogo, ke tsaya nako e gore ke rotloetse batho gore ba tseye mokento wa *booster*, ba tseye mekento ka fa ba botsogo ba laolang ka teng. Re mo seemong se e leng gore mafatshe a mangwe jaaka o bona a ntsha *restriction* mo go bone jaana, ba setse ba tsamaile *through the test* ya *intervention* ya mokento, jaaka ba ne ba tsena mo marigeng a bone, ba a tswa mo marigeng jaana.

Le rona re tshwanetse re nne podimatseba jaaka re tsena mo *term* ya rona ya mariga. Ke yone fa re yang go supafala gore se re se dirileng ka mokento, a se a bereka kgotsa nnyaa. Re tlaabo re lebile thata gone foo. E tlaare fa re tswa mo marigeng a, ke gone go tlaabong go ka itlhalosa gore a re ka tswa ra *reduce restrictions* jaaka re ntse jaana. Mme ke ngongorega thata ka gore Tona o kare o baya Botswana ka fa mosing, o ba koba mo lefatsheng la bone fa e le gore ga ba batle go kenta. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Fa o ne o gakolola jaana kwa *caucus* ya lona, go ka bo go sena dipotso tse.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Ke tsaya gore le wena o le motsamaisi wa kgang e, o a utlwa gore Modulasetilo wa Komiti ya Botsogo, o dumalana le rona e bile o digela ka mafoko a matona. Mafoko a a neng a a bua ao, ke mafoko a matona, mme ke gakolole *Honourable* Motsamai ka dikgang tsa botsogo. Fa botsogo bo diragala, go nna le *sort of emergency*, ga go na nako ya go tsamaya mo o re o dira *consultations*. Go tswana fela le Motsamai, fa o ka tla kwa sepateleng, gongwe koloi yone ya ditlhogo tse pedi e go digile, ga re *consult* batho ba ba kwa Kgalagadi gore re batla *to operate you*, nnyaa, *we operate you*. *We do not do any consultation* ka gore fa re ka ema re re re ya *to consult*, o ya go tlhokafala. Jaanong re tshwara bolwetse nako e santse e le teng. Ke sone se o bonang Public Health Act e re letlelela. Jaanong ke ne ke re dikgang tseo, ke di leboge fela thata, wena o le...

MR MOTSAMAI: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke ratile mafoko a gago thata a gore Botswana ba rotloetsege e bile ba se ka ba tsiediwa ke sepe. Botswana ba a kenta, Botswana ga go na ope yo o ...*(Interruptions)*... mme go na le mathata a gore ...*(Interruptions)*...kana o a reng. Ke tsaya gore go na le *penalties* kana tsotlhe tse di lebaganeng le kgang yone e, mme dikgang tsotlhe di a lebelelwa ka bongwe ka bongwe, jaaka batho ba tsena gone kwa jaana. Ke dikgang tse di lebelelwang, kwa morago, di tseelwe tshwetso, mme fela se setona ke gore *the umbrella of this thing*, ke go leka *to protect* Botswana. Jaanong ke dumela gore mafoko a matona, ke one a a builweng ke Rre Tshere, ke go leboge rra.

Ke tsaya gore ya *court order* e e neng e buiwa ke Rre Keorapetse, ke re nnyaa, ga go na mathata, *court order* ke *court order* fela e teng, e ka dirwa. Mongwe le mongwe o na le *right* ya gore a ye kwa a yang teng, fa



e le gore gongwe o a ngongorega. Se ga se reye gore jaanong re *expose* Batswana ka ntata ya *court order* ya motho yo mongwefela. Wena go *and celebrate that court order. We know ... (Interruptions) ... wena just go there and celebrate your court order*, rona mme ra re *... (Interruptions) ...* tsa Batswana. *Thank you.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Motsamai!

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, o ntetleletse, ke ne ke re kgalemela ngwana wa gago. E se ka ya re a bua le nna ke le Mopalamente, a bo a bua ka dithoto tsa me. E bile a mpua bosula jwa gore koloi e fa e ka ntiga ya ntshugatshega, fa ke tsena kwa ga go na nako ya *to consult*. O nkeleleletsa dilo tse di maswe *Mr Speaker*. Ka ke motho yo o ratang go tshameka e le mmotlana, ke mo itsise fela gore nnyaa, ga ke ne ke wa ka koloi, o tlaa tsamaya fela a ya kwa a yang teng a ntlogela gone fa. Ke tlaa ya phitlhong ya gagwe. Ke a leboga.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le ene o na le koloi ya dithlogo tse pedi.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister*, rona re kentilwe, e bile re rotloetsa batho gore ba kentiwe, ba tseye *booster*. Kgang e e re lebaganyeng fa, ke e e leng gore *it is at the core* ya *economy* ya Botswana; *tourism and trade*. So, ga se kgang e le ka e tsayang motlhofo fela jalo *and medicalise* jaaka o batla go dira. Potso ya me ke gore le le lephata le, a la re maikaelelo a lona ke gore le robe Molaomotho, le melao ya lefatshe le, *in order to protect* Batswana? A ke yone thulaganyo e le e tsereng? Ke batla re e tseele mo *coordination* ya SADC re le *region* gore tota re bereka jang?

Ga ke itse gore a *Honourable Minister* o a lemoga gore mafatshe a mantsi a Africa a re dirisanang le one, mokento wa bone o kwa tlase? Go kenta batho ga bone go santse go le kwa tlase mo e leng gore ba kgona go tsena kwa Kazungula le fa e le gangwefela ba ise ba bone mokento wa ntlha. Ke batla go itse gore motho fa a tla ka *truck* a na le PCR e le *negative*, mme a ise a kentiwe le fa e le gore gangwefela, wa re le dira jang ka motho yo o ntseng jalo?

Sengwe se o tshwanetseng o se tlhamaletse ke gore wa reng? A wa re le pateletsa batho go kentiwa mo Botswana? Fa e le gore le pateletsa batho go kentiwa,

le thotlhelediwa ke molao ofe o o le fang dithata tsa go dira jalo? Fa e le gore le ka fitlhela ba bangwe Batswana ba sa kentiwa kana ba gana go kentiwa, a le setse le na le dikotlhao tse le tlaabong le ba otlhaa ka tsone *Honourable Minister*? Ke a leboga.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much* Dr Gobotswang. Ga re pateletse batho go kenta mo Botswana. Re pateletsa batho go kenta ba ba tsenang kwa melelwaneng ba sa kenta kana ba sa tsaya *booster*. E bile *we have availed the vaccines* koo gore ba kente ka mabaka a ke a buileng lantlha. *As the Ministry, we have engaged* ba *Tourism, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry* le *Business Botswana* go bona *the negative impacts of these instructions at the border*. Go bona gore a go ya kwa pele, go na le sepe se re ka se lebelelang. Fa re ne re tsamaya le bolwetse jo mmogo, re ka bo re gakologelwa. Ke ne ke le kwa Maun ke na le Martin Kays ba emetse *the tourism sector*; go simolola mo Kasane go tsena mo Maun. Ba tla kwa go nna ba re, *Minister*; re kopa le kente batho ba rona, bojanala bo a phutlhama. Botlhe ba ba tlang mo lefatsheng le, ba re ga ba ka ke ba ya kwa mafelong a a sa kentiwang. Jaanong ke makala letsatsi leno Mopalamente yo o tswang kwa mafelong ao, re ne re le mmogo, a lwa a re, “re thusane gore batho ba bojanala ba kentiwe ka gore *people are cancelling the bookings*,” jaanong go fetogile. Ga ke itse gore go fetogile fa kae.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O araba efe potso e ke e boditseng?

MR LELATISITSWE: Ya gago ke tsaya gore ke e arabile.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O e tshwere sentle Lelatisitswe.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *On a point of order. Mr Speaker, the Standing Orders* tsa re go itebaganngwe le kgang e e beilweng. Kgang e re e beileng fa ga se e Tona a buang ka yone. Ga re bue ka kgang ya gore a go se ka ga kentiwa batho. Ra re, a re fetogela tsamaiso e e neng Tautona a e tlhalosetsa lefatshe ya gore mo Botswana molao ga o letle gore o kentiwe o sa batle? Kgang ke yone eo. Fa e le gore molao ga o letle jaaka Tautona a tlhalositse gore *it would offend the Constitutional fundamental rights* tsa Batswana, fa e le gore go fetogetswe, *Minister* o tshwanetse a bue gore bagaetsho, Tautona o ne a bua phoso. O dirile phoso, o ne a sa gakololwa sentle. Re le Puso ya Domkrag, re simolola kwa melelwaneng, fa re



tswa kwa re tsena kwa dikoleng. Batsadi ba itse nako e le teng gore o tlaabo o kentiwa o pateletswa. Bana ba sa botswe gore a motsadi o a dumela. Kgang e gone foo. Ga e kwa go reng a fa o batla, o kentiwe. Ke kopa o laele Tona a itebaganye le kgang ya *compulsory vaccination*. E a e buang a re ke fetotsetse kgang kwa Maun ya bojanala gore batho ba kentiwe, ga se ya letsatsi la gompiano. A itebaganye le kgang e e fa pele ga Palamente.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much.* Kgang e ke e rata thata *Mr Speaker* ka gore e ya gore ruta thata re le bantsi go tswa fa. Re tshwanetse re gakologelwe gore Public Health Act; fa go nang le *public health threat*, *it overrides the Constitution*. Ke gone mo e leng gore jaaka gompiano re bua mongwe...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ao Modimo wa tshwaro, Health Act!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Mr Speaker*, ke ka tswa ke se motho wa molao mme fa Tona a bua gore Public Health Act e gatelela Molaomotho wa Botswana, *I have a serious problem with that*. Ga ke itse legale *Counsel* wa Palamente o ka re gakolola mo go yone. Ke na le *problem*...

MR LELATISITSWE: Your individual rights are in the Constitution. Mr Speaker *le ene* is a lawyer.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Wa re*, Public Health Act supersedes the Constitution. That is what you said.

MR LELATISITSWE: Your individual rights are enshrined in the Constitution, *gakere?* Are they not in the Constitution?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, instead of dealing with supplementary questions as they come up, we seem to go far from the issue. If you confine yourself to the supplementary questions, *ga nke bagalona ba tsosa modumo* because you will be answering what you have been asked.

MR LELATISITSWE: Thank you so much Mr Speaker. *Dipotso re di arabile*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga a ise arabe dipotso tsa me *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: That is what I was urging him to do.

MR LELATISITSWE: *Potso ya ga Gobotswang e motlhofo* Mr Speaker, *ke mo reetse ka re* Section 80 of the Public Health Act empowers the Minister to impose that mandatory vaccination. He can go and read that; Section 80 of the Public Health...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Motho a tswa kwa mafatsheng a mangwe a na le PCR, a sena mokento le fa e le o mongwefela, wa re o dira jang ka motho wa mofuta o o ntseng jalo, a tsena kwa Kazungula?

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke rile motho wa go nna jalo, re na le mekento, re a mo *test* re bo re mo *offer free of charge at the border*. A bo a kentiwa a bo a tsena mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

DR GOBOTSWANG: A se *fully vaccinated?*

MR LELATISITSWE: Ee, gakere re mo simolola gone foo, re a mo kenta.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tsala ya me o latlhegile, se mmoletse dipotso kwa teng o tloga a...

MR LELATISITSWE: *Just ask questions*, gakere le batla go tlhaloganya?

MR BROOKS: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Minister* ka dikarabo tse o ntseng o di fa. Gongwe *just a quick one* re tle re kgone go tlhaloganya, *I think* dingwe tsa tsone ke tse di tserweng ke *Honourable Tshere* jaaka ke le mo Komiting ya gagwe ya Botsogo. Ke batla go tlhaloganya *protocols* tse dingwe tse di diragalang *at the border* le molao o mošha o o sa tswang go tsena mo tirisong. *Are you saying* motho fa a tla a tsere mekento ka bobedi *but* a sa tsaya *booster shot*, ga a letlelelwe gore a tsene le mororo a na le a *negative PCR test* e e *within 72 hours?* Ke yone e ke neng ke re ke e botse.

Ya bobedi ke gore ka jaana re le Botswana re le *in business with other countries, especially looking at the SADC protocols*, le rerisanya jang le le ba *Health* gore Batswana fa ba ya South Africa, *this is what you have in place* gore go tsamaya ga bone go tle go nne motlhofo?

Ke ne ke utlwa o bua gore ba ba mo difofaneng ga le na seemo se se kalo ka bone ka gore *already* kwa mafatsheng a bone ba dirile gotlhe mo go le kgotsofatsang. *Are you only talking about* difofane tse di kotamang (*land*) mo Botswana di tswa kwa mafatshe a a kgakala ba ya bo South Africa *or so?* *I am saying this Minister just to give you a clarity on it*. Batswana ba le mmalwanyana ba bositswe *at the border* ba re ba ya kwa Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP), ba bangwe ba ya ...(*Inaudible*)... Maabane, *this past week*, ba busiwa kwa Pioneer kana Bokspits, ba tsere mekento ka bobedi *but just because* ga ba a tsaya *booster shots*, go raya gore ga ba letlelelwe mme ba na le PCR e e



supang gore ba *negative*. Ra reng ka batho ba ba ntseng jalo mongwame? *Bear in mind* gore ga re na mabala a difofane *for direct landing* go tswa kwa mafatsheng, segolo jang batho ba ba *under tourism sector* ba tla *for activities* tse ba batlang go di diragatsa mo kgaolong ya Kgalagadi. *Thank you sir.*

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Honourable Brooks. The questions that you said, that would be a gross mistake* fa e le gore go na le batho ba ba busitsweng ka mabaka a gore gatwe ga ba a tsaya *booster shots*. *We offer that booster shot right at the border, only if it is due.* Ke go neele sekai, gongwe ke gone o tsayang *second dose* ya gago ya Pfizer, *your booster dose* go raya gore e ya go tla *six months down the line*. *Then you get into the border, you do not need a PCR, you just walk in and get into Botswana.* Fa e le gore motho o busitswe gore ga a tsaya *booster dose*, moo e tlaabo e le mathata a bana ba rona. Ke tsaya gore Batswana ba reeditse gore go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MR BROOKS: *Minister* o ntse o le gone foo, o a tsibogela jang? *Remember I forwarded something to you ka issue* e e diragetseng eo. Le a tsibogela jang mathata ao *because* a teng?

MR LELATISITSWE: Re ne re ile *to all these borders* le gompieno jaana ke tsaya gore Tona Dikoloti fa o bona a seyo fa, monnga lephatha le, o kwa melelwaneng ya bo Ramokgwebana. Maloba ke ne ke ile Martins' Drift, bangwe ba bagolwane ba ofisi ya rona ba ne ba tsamaetse kwa Pioneer *and Tlokweng* e le go ya go bona ka gore melao e e ne e le mešha, *we are bound to have mistakes there and there* kana *interpretation*. E ne e le go leka *to iron* dilo tseo mme mo bogompionong, seemo se tsamaya fela sentle ka thelelo. Le bone maSouth Africa ka bobone fa o tsena kwa *border* ka kwa, ke ne ke le kwa South Africa ba bua gore a o kentile, o na le PCR, a o fetela ka kwa, kana o ya kwa Botswana.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Brooks, are you covered?

MR BROOKS: *Mr Speaker, thank you. I am not covered, partly cloudy.* Ke tlaa mmotsa kwa bothokong. Ga ke wele sentle gotlhelele, *I am not happy.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga se *partly cloudy*, ke lefifi.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go mosarasarane.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Tota ke ne ke re gongwe Tona a ntlhatswetse kgang ya gore ba ba mo Botswana mme e le gore ga ba ise ba tseye *booster shot*, a tlhalose gore a go na le nako

e e leng gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe ba ya go mo patika go e tsaya? *Like* yo mongwe a kile a botsa kgantele, kana go raya gore ba ba tswang kwa ntle ke bone ba e leng gore ba a patikesega. Kgang e ke batlang gore a e tlhatswe mongwe le mongwe a e utlwe ke gore a re tlaa goroga mo nakong e e leng gore Motswana mongwe le mongwe o ya go patikiwa, le yo e leng gore ga a tswela kwa ntle o mo Botswana fela?

MR LELATISITSWE: *Thank you so much Mr Speaker.* Ga re ise re goroge *to impose mandatory vaccination within our borders* ka kwano. Se re neng re se dira, re ne re *impose* kwa go leka go tshwara bolwetse jo bo kwa ntle gore go se ka ga nna le *variants* tse di šha tse di ka tsenang mo lefatsheng le la rona. Ga re ise re goroge mo kgannyeng e e tshwanang le eo ya *to impose* mokento *within our borders* sir.

MR SPEAKER: I think we have done justice to the Question without Notice. *Le ka nna la e tsaya ka fa bothokong.*

MR LELATISITSWE: Re ka nna ra e tsaya ka fa bothokong.

MR LEUWE: *Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke santse ke kaletse fela ka potso ya me. Ke dumela gore sengwe se ka bo se buiwa ke bolelelwa gore seemo sa yone ke eng ka gore ga gona le fa e le gope fa go kileng ga buiwa sepe ka yone teng. Tse dingwe di botoka re ne re utlwa gore gatwe go laetswe gore di sutelediwe kwa pele *but with my questions*, ga gona sepe se go builweng ka tsone. Ke re gongwe go ka fa tsamaisong gore ke itsisiwe gore seemo sa potso ya me ke eng. *Thank you Mr Speaker.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke efe potso ya teng?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leuwe's Question is Number 3 asking the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development. I have noticed here that none of the Ministers are available as opposed to the other ones where someone said they have been asked by Honourable Billy to later date, because there has been no such request ...(Interruptions)... automatically ...(Inaudible)... means if it goes to tomorrow, but the chances are *fa e le gore ba ile* Kasane *kwa borogong, gongwe ba tlaabo ba seyo gape*. The best person to ask is Vice President (VP), *ke ene a okametseng* Ministers. I have never seen two Ministers all gone, no information to Parliament, it is strange.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rakgare o teng.



HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go tlaa re o ba kgalemele
Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Mr Speaker,* a ke ka tlhalosa gore go diragetse eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba rutwa ke Molale.

MR LEUWE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker,* ke solofela gore kamoso ba tlaabo ba le teng.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, o ka tlhalosa.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORT AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT (MR BILLY): *I will be available tomorrow to answer. Fa Palamente e tsena, ke ne ke land kwa airport, so I could not arrange to respond to the question, but kamoso gone ke tlaa e araba.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leuwe, Honourable Billy says he came in a bit late and he will be ready to answer tomorrow.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Ya ga Balopi,* is it later dated as well?

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Balopi...*(Inaudible)*...his request, probably way ago, that he will not be in today and tomorrow. He will ask his questions next week.

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ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Jaaka o kopile Mr Speaker gore o kare re buile dikgang tsa letsatsi leno, di wetse. Jaanong gongwe Ntlo e e ye kwa boitapolosong, le nna ke ba kopa jalo Mr Speaker on your behalf.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until Friday 25th February, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



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