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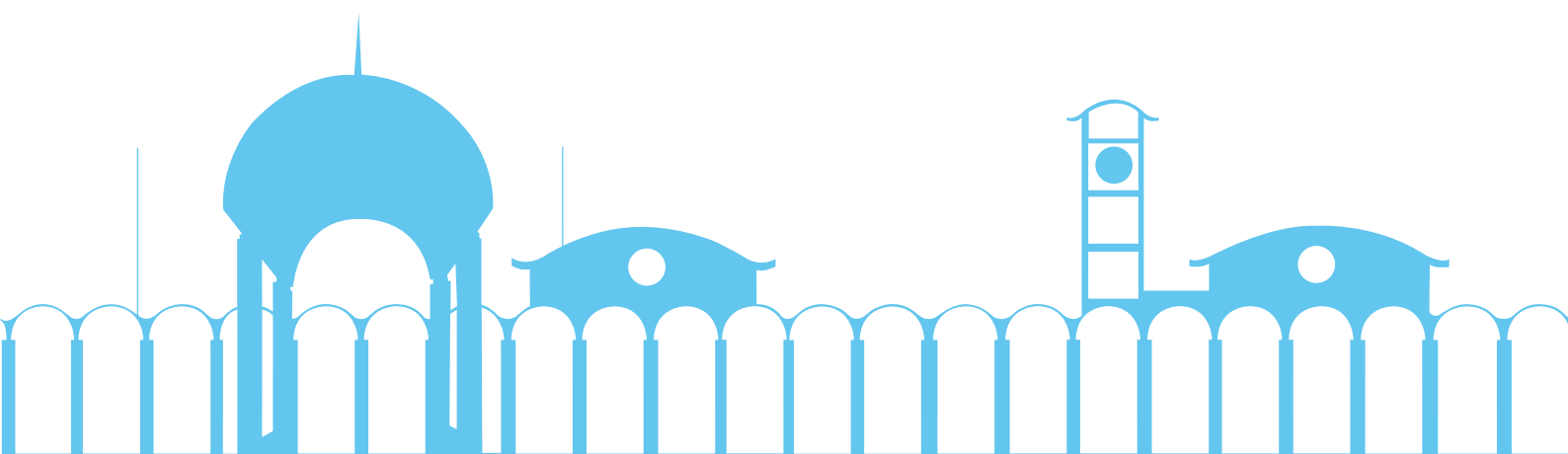
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Monday 27th July, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Honourable Members, good afternoon. Honourable Members, if you look into our Order Paper today, it just contains questions and then there is an Addendum. That Addendum is Private Motions. I have included those just as a backup because the remaining Bills were briefed this morning. We will have a General Assembly tomorrow morning, so that we have Bills starting tomorrow afternoon. Just so that we efficiently utilise our time, we have included the Private Motions, which ordinarily come on Fridays, so that after 45 minutes, we do not just disperse, *gakere batlotlegi*. I have directed the Clerk to get in touch with the relevant Members of Parliament (MPs) and Ministers, just so that we are productive.

Honourable Members, let us begin our business of today with questions. *Nanabelang kwa ditilong batlotlegi*.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

BCL LIQUIDATION

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

- (i) measures the Government is taking to expedite the finalisation of the BCL liquidation process, which has now entered its 10th year;
- (ii) the estimated timeframe within which the Government expects the liquidation process to be concluded;
- (iii) the major outstanding matters preventing the conclusion of the liquidation; and
- (iv) progress that has been made regarding the final payment of USD30 million due from Premium Nickel Resources Botswana under the Selebi Mines Asset Purchase Agreement.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Honourable Members. Mr Speaker, *karabo e telelenyana but ke tlaa e tlopolala fale le fale* and give the rest to the Honourable Member.

Mr Speaker, in January 2025, the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME) established a task team comprising of representatives from the Mineral Development Company of Botswana (MDCB), Department of Mines, Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI), liquidator and her technical team to assist the liquidator with the proposed closure of the extant operations of the BCL mine site, in particular, the works that associated with BCL's Phikwe No. 3 Shaft and the South East (SE) extension portion of the mine.

Subsequently, the task team identified various safe closure workstreams that needed to be undertaken prior to the liquidator's surrender of the mining licence. The closure activities identified were based on immediate risk to man and animal, mainly due to exposed deep cavities in the surface.

The safe closure programme undertaken by the liquidator and overseen by the task team commenced in October 2025, and entailed the removal of all infrastructure in and around the shafts, and subsequent capping of a total of 11 deep shafts, including ventilation and prospecting shafts. This included seven shafts that were in addition, initially backfilled. Each shaft capping is a permanent arrangement, professionally designed in steel and concrete with the approval of the regulator.

Mr Speaker, following completion of the safe closure programmes, the regulator undertook a final site inspection of the BCL mine in 16th July, 2026 and has recorded and we can verify as the regulator, that there has been an all safe closure of the shafts and all the works have now been completed to our satisfaction, save that the liquidator was nonetheless required to block the access road to the open pit. The process is expected to take less than a week to complete after which the liquidator will surrender the BCL Mining Licences and released from any further rehabilitation obligations.

The remaining outstanding matters to finalise the liquidation process are not entirely within the control of the ministry, as these matters are regulated by other applicable provisions in particular of those of the Companies Act and in terms of which the Master and the High Court are the supervisor of the liquidator in

performance of her duties. However, Government has now intervened and sought to use also its powers as a creditor and has last requested for the Master to call a creditor's meeting in order for us to exercise some of our creditor controls.

Mr Speaker, the liquidator is still in the process of disposing the remaining BCL assets. After the sale of 1 228 houses to Government (GRB), the liquidator had 387 houses and plots remaining. These were either vacant plots or plots occupied by third parties. However, 39 of these transactions were subsequently cancelled because the buyers were unable to settle their outstanding balances despite numerous indulgences.

To date, 114 houses have been fully registered, while 231 houses are still awaiting registration of transfer.

None of the sale transactions have reached financial close primarily as a result of the delays in registration of transfer of immovable property leases by the Deeds Registry. The ministry has sought to engage further, the Deeds Registry and Ministry of Lands in order to expedite all that is needed in order to allow the financial close of these projects.

Furthermore, the finalisation of the transaction in respect of the sale of the Selebi mines to Premium Nickel Resources Proprietary Limited (PNR) has delayed the conclusion of the liquidation. It is anticipated that payment should be effected and therefore, liquidation will be closed.

The final payment due by PNRB in respect of the Selebi Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) is payable strictly in terms of a binding agreement. This transaction and in particular the cash waterfall, was entered into by the liquidator with the specific approval of GRB. PNRB is continuing with their drilling programme to determine the feasibility of the Selebi mines and they have most recently come to update the ministry, particularly the regulator, Department of Mines on their activities. Are you okay?

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

MS KENEWENDO: Sorry Mr Speaker. Once all the remaining houses are sold, all the transactions have been brought to financial close, the estate of the BCL will be held in abeyance pending receipt of the final payment. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAIZER: *Procedure.* Mr Speaker, ga ke a utlwa a araba (ii).

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kaizer, I think I was magnanimous enough to... Please resume your seat. When the Minister rose to answer your question, Honourable Kaizer, she said the answer was long. She said that she will summarize. So, when she summarizes, obviously other details contained in the answer will be left out. Otherwise, I would have invoked Standing Order 38.4 to have her just handed you the... So, what you can do is to ask her a supplementary.

MR KAIZER: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga. *Question e Mr Speaker, e ne e batla gore a arabe. Fa e le gore ke 10 years, a bue gore liquidation e tlaa mo tsaya. Ke ne ke sa akanye gore gongwe e ka nna dingalo jalo. Legale ke tsaya gore o e utlwile, she will attend to it fa ke tswa fa Mr Speaker.*

Ke botse *Minister* gore go na le *report* e e duleng ya isiwa *at the creditors*, e dule ka di 15th May. A mme *is she aware of this report that was released on that date?* Fa e le gore o itse ka yone, *report* e e supa gore *liquidation process* e tlaa tsaya *more than five years*. Jaanong ke ne ke re ke mnotse gore fa a lebile ka gore go na le ditsholofetso tse di dirilweng tsa gore babereki ba pele ba tlaa duelwa mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, madi a a tswang mo go rekiseng dithoto tsa BCL, a babereki ba tlaa bona madi a ka bonako kana ba emele go fitlhelela *the liquidation process* e fela?

Ya bobedi *Mr Speaker*, ke gore ka gore *process* re a e bona gore e tsaya lebaka le le leele, a *Minister* ga a bone go le bothokwa gore gangwe le gape, a tlise *report* fa pele ga Palamente *to update the nation about the process of the liquidation* ka fa e tsamayang ka teng?

Ya bofelo e nne gore kana go na le *Commission of Inquiry* e e leng gore *it has been established*. *What is the relationship between this inquiry and the liquidation process?* A di a tsamaelana, a re tlaa e bona e nna mogogamoleele fela jaaka *liquidation process*, *liquidator* a bua gore e santse e tlaa tsaya lebaka? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Member, I understand that the BCL matter is a heated topic and that go na le ditsholofetso tse di dirilweng. Go na le ba le bantsi ba ba solofetseng go le gontsi thata go tswa mo this BCL liquidation. Ke sone se re e tshwereng ka matsetseleko, re kgorometsa se se tlhokang gore re se kgarametse. Ke ntse ke tlhalosa gore go na le deals tse di emeng, they do not reach financial close ka gore go na le mathata kwa Deeds Registry. Re le ba Lephata la Meepo, re ikadimile ba Deeds gore ba thuse liquidator gore a wetse dilo tse.*

Re a e itse *report* e e duleng eo, e dule ka gore *liquidator* o tshwanetse go bua fa a leng teng, a ba a tlhalosa le tse dingwe tse re mo thusang ka tsone gore a kgone go wetsa kgang e. Jaanong o kwala a re, '*likely to occur at the end of December 2029*,' ka gore *likely to occur is dependent on deals reaching financial close*. Ke sone se ke neng ke ntse ke se tlhalosa gore ka gore o batla se *to reach financial close*, re le Goromente re ntse re thiba jaana, re thiba fa le fale go tlhomamisa gore dilo tse di a diragala, *including bringing to an end the rehabilitation programme* e ke sa tswang go e tlhalosa gore *rehabilitation and the handover of the shafts* di wetse. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di tlhokafalang go direga gore *liquidation* e fele. Re le Puso, ga re eletse gore *liquidation* e e ka tswela go fitlhelela *five years*. As you understand Honourable Member, le botlhe ba ba leng kwa Phikwe, *a liquidation process is run under the Master and the High Court, and you understand this fully. We do our best to facilitate*. Ke sone se ke neng ke fetsa go se tlhalosa gore re le Goromente, re ile ra boa re tsaya tshwetso fa godimo ga go nna Goromente go dirisa dithata tsa rona *as a creditor to seek for creditors' meeting, where we can in actual fact for certain activities* tsa ga *liquidator* gore di kgone go tswalega. Re dira ka bojotlhe gore kgang e ya *liquidation* e fele. Ke sone se re ileng ra reka matlo, re fokotsa *assets* tse di tshwanetseng go rekisiwa gore re tle re kgone go tswala *this particular matter* ya *liquidation* e bile ga go na sepe se se leng *outstanding*.

Fa go tla mo dituelong tsa babereki ba ba kileng ba bo ba berekela BCL, re a itse re tswela re dirisana le bone. Ba kopana kgapetsakgapetsa le Rre Mokgware le Rre Mohwasa ka gore ke gone kwa dikgang di tshwerweng teng. *There is a whole task team that is looking at the report, thinking about where to find the finances. The proposal* e ne e le gore fa re fetsa go rekisa se re se rekisang mo *liquidation*, gongwe re tlaabo re setse ka *balance*, re bo re ka tabola mo go yone ra bona gore re thusana jang le bo Rre Mokgware. Ke kgang e e leng gore ba ba kileng ba bo ba bereka kwa BCL le *their representatives* ba a e tlhaloganya, *and* re tshwanetse go tswela re *update* gore re tsamaisana fa kae. Ga e a tshwanela gore e nne e ka re ntse fela, re e emetse ka dinao kgang e jaaka le itse gore e tswa kwa go 2016. Ke kgang ya moruthutha, mme e bile ga se e e ka wetswang fela *overnight*. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Last supplementary*. Tanki Tona, re go utlwile. *Statement* sa gago sa bofelo sa gore fa re fetsa go duela se re se duelang, gone foo jaanong

mmereki wa BCL wa bogologolo, o ipotsa gore fa go fetswa go duela se se duelang, a se se duelang go tewa le dituelo tse ba di solofetseng mo teng kana go duela se sele, *change* ke gone e bo e ya kwa dituelong tsa bone? Tanki.

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Member, mme gongwe ga o a ntlhaloganya fa ke wela. Ke ne ke re fa go fetswa go rekisiwa re bona dipelo tse re di tsayang, ke gone re tlaa buisanang le ba ba ntseng ba tshwere task team e gore re tabola fa kae mo kgannyeng ya task team. Ke ne ke sa re fa re fetsa go duela tse dingwe, ke gone re tlaa boelang kwa go bone. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.*

OVERTIME MANAGEMENT FOR VETERINARY GATEKEEPERS AND NIGHT WATCHMEN

MR O. KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to apprise this Honourable House on the following urgent operational matters:

- (i) the exact directives of the current savingram regarding overtime management for veterinary gatekeepers and night watchmen at disease control checkpoints;
- (ii) if he is aware that when a staff member goes on leave, the post is left vacant rather than being temporarily filled or covered through relief duties;
- (iii) the immediate measures the ministry is taking to address the major delays experienced by farmers who are frequently left waiting at unmanned gates, forced to open gates themselves, or forced to rely on passing individuals to gain entry;
- (iv) whether these staffing gaps are a deliberate measure to contain public sector overtime costs at the expense of agricultural logistics; and
- (v) why the ministry does not openly communicate its official position to the public so that farmers know whether they are legally authorised to operate these disease control gates independently when no official is on duty.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke dumedise Mapalamente le Batswana kwa gae, gammogo ke akgole mmotsi wa potso Rre Kedikilwe jaaka a boditse potso ya gagwe. O botsa

malebang le ditiragalo tse di lebaganeng le dikgang tsa *veterinary*, bogolo jang re lebile *gates* kana dikampa, kwa go a tleng go nne le go sa tswalwa le go tswalweng ga tsone, go nne le tlhalelo ya bodiredi.

Potso ka bokhutshwane, ke tshwanetse ke arabe motlotlegi fela ke re, lephata le a itse ka kgang ya *savingram* ya di 7th August 2014, ya *management wa overtime and non-commuted employees* Mr Speaker. Ke bo ke boa gape ke gatelela karabo gore lephata le a itse ka palo e e kwa tlase gongwe ya bo *watchmen* mo dikampeng tse ke sa tswang go bua ka ga tsone gore fale le fale go a tle go nne le tlhalelo. Maikaelelo a a leng teng a lephata ke gore gantsintsinsi e re fa go hirwa, go hirwe *two, two* gore yo mongwe fa a seyo, yo mongwe a kgone go tshegetsatsa. Go bo go nna le gore kana fa gongwe go nna le mabaka mangwe, e ka nna a bolwetse kana a gore yo mongwe fa a seyo, yo mongwe le ene gongwe yo o neng a tshwanetse go tshegetsatsa, o boa gape a nna le mabaka a patikego, mo go ka felelang go supa gore *at the gate* ga go a tlhokomelesega sentle. Mabaka a tlhalelo ya bodiredi jo Mr Speaker, ke mabaka fela a gore re ka bo fa nne go kgonagala, go hirwa bontsintsi jwa batho *at the gates*, jaanong mathata a teng a dirwa ke tlhalelo ya madi, mme ke sone se se a tleng se dire gore re nne le batho ba re ba tsayang e le ba nakwana gore ba ka dira tiro eo Mr Speaker. Golo moo go bo go raya gore ga se dikgang tse di kgatlhang lephata, ke tse di a bong di dirwa ke lephata le le mo patikegong.

Ke tshwanetse *to assure* Ntlo e gore maikaelelo a lephata ke gore madi fa a bonala, le kgone go thiba diphatlha tseo, e nne tsa sennelaruri. Tlhalelo ya bodiredi ga se gore e a bo e dirwa ka gore gongwe go dirwa ka bomo, e a bo e le ka mabaka a ke neng ke a bua Mr Speaker.

Go na le e nngwe e e supang gore tiro ya go nna jaana, re a itse gore fa go sena batho *at the gates*, go na le kgonagalo ya tiragalo nngwe le nngwe e o ka e akanyang, mme kgang eo a bo e le gore go raya gore fa go sena batho ba *at the gates*, bone bo *watchmen*, ba koo ka gore ba tlhokometse gore a re tsamaisa sentle gore bolwetse bo se ka jwa ama dikgomo tsa rona mo merakeng ya rona re le Batswana.

Jaanong kopo fela ke gore re *appeal to* Batswana gore fa o fitlhela go sena ope gotlhelele, mme *gate* e butswa, go maleba gore o le Motswana yo o nang le boikarabelo, o thuse fela ka go e tswala le ka go isa pego kwa o ka e isang teng, ra kgona go e fefogela. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure.* Mr Speaker, ke ema jaana jaaka o bona ba ngunanguna, go gokeletswe sengwe fela fa godimo ga tlhogo ya me, mme ga o a ntekodisa

gore go tlaa nna le diphetogo mo Ntlong tsa dilo tse di golegelwang fa godimo ga ditlhogo tsa rona. Jaanong ke ne ka re gongwe o re e tlhatswetse re nne re phuthologile, re se ka ra ipelaetsa sepe.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke dumele gore go a le kgoreletsatsa. Ga ke itse gore ke eng, ke tlaa tla ke bona gore ke eng fa re tshaisa. A re nneng fela re se ka ra tsaya gore ke bomo.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Supplementary.* Ke ne ke re ke lebogetse Tona go bo a arabile ka fa a arabileng ka teng. Jaaka a lemogile gore go nna go sena batho dinako dingwe, a mme ga a bone gore re lebile bolwetse jo re mo go jone gompiano jwa Tlhako le Molomo, golo mo go ka diragala gore bolwetse jo ka gore ga go na batho *at the gates*, bo jwalege ka tsela e bo tlaa amang lefatshe ka bophara?

Sabobedi, fa ke ne ke sa botsa potso e, ka balemi-barui ga ba itse ka mafoko a a welang ka one a gore fa motho a fitlhela *gate* e butswa kana e tswetswe, a ipulele kana a tswale, ka gore potso e botsa gore batho ba supa gore ba kgona go ema *at the gates* lebaka le le leele, bone ba solofetse gore motho o tlaa tswa. Fa ke ne ke sa botsa potso e, o ne a tlaa dira jang, leng gore ba itse gore ba na le tshwanelo eo ya gore fa ba fitlhela *gate* e butswa kana ba e tswale kana ba ipulele ba fete gona le go ema *at the gate*? Ke a leboga Modulasitilo.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ka bokhutshwane fela, e ya gore a go tlhalela ga badiri *at the gates*, a ga re go amanye le kanamo e e feteletseng ya bolwetse. Karabo fela ke ee, go ka nna le kgonagalo ya gore gongwe kana batho ba a bo ba le foo, ba bangwe ba lebelela gore fa o tsena foo a o gata fa gotweng o gate teng, a o gatisa koloi, gore a o tsena ka nama kana o tsena ka mashi kana ka sepe se se ileliwang. Go ntse jalo Mr Speaker.

Fela jaaka ke ne ke araba kgantele, maikaelelo a lephata ke gore seemo fa se siama sa madi, re oketse palo ya batho, mme go oketsa palo ya batho le gone, go tlaabo go sa lekana. Ke tshwanetse gore jaaka motlotlegi a bua, re ye kwa setšhabeng, le bone re ba rutuntshe, mme jaana re tsweletse ka go ba rutuntsha ka *awareness* ya go gasagasama ga bolwetse. Jaaka ke bua jaana Mr Speaker, le ene a ntse a bua, ba bangwe ba a utlwa gore ehe! fa o fitlhela *gate* go ntse jaana, le wena tsaya boikarabelo jwa gago o le Motswana o bone gore o ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fela fa o sa rukutlhe.

Ga re re *gate* e ka nna malatsi a mabedi kana letsatsi lotlhe e sa tswalwa e bile e sa bulwe, go tlaabo go sa siama ka gore gone *at the gates* re leka

go baya dinomore tsa diofisi tsa rona gore fa go na le sengwe, go bo go ka buiwa kana ga bolelelwa le fa e le ba sepodise gore kana re fitlhela seemo se se ntseng jaana.

Kwa bofelong *Mr Speaker*, boammaaruri re tlaa tswela ka go gasa molaetsa o le fa Mopalamente a bua gore fa nne a sa botsa potso e batho ba ne ba ya go itse jang ka tiro e. Batho ba bangwe ba a itse, ga ba a utlwa fela ka nako ya potso. Ba bangwe ba setse ba itse, ba ne ba setse ba tsaya karolo, le boikarabelo ba ne ba setse ba bo dirisa, mme potso e sa bodiwa. Re a leboga thata gore a bo a boditse gore palo ya ba ba itseng e oketsege, le rona jaanong re simolole *to intensify*, go itsise batho, le ene a le mo teng *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

2027 TAFISA WORLD CONGRESS

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

- (i) to state if Botswana will be hosting the 2027 TAFISA World Congress; and if so, what the rationale is for that decision given the current fiscal pressures and competing priorities;
- (ii) what feasibility studies or assessments were conducted before confirming Botswana's commitment, and will the ministry provide Parliament with the full study, including estimates of costs, infrastructure needs and anticipated benefits;
- (iii) to state if a comprehensive cost - benefit analysis has been completed for the 2027 TAFISA Congress; if so, will it be made available to Parliament;
- (iv) what is the estimated total cost to the Government of Botswana; including venue hire, logistics, security, transport and hosting obligations; and
- (v) what oversight structures have been established to manage planning, procurement, expenditure, and delivery of the TAFISA Congress.

ACTING MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke lebogetse potso ya ga Honourable Mabeo.*

Mr Speaker, Botswana o ne a neelwa tetla ya to host *bokopano jwa* The Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA), mme e le gore e tlaabo e le their 30th

World Congress, *e e tlaabong e diragala* from the 18th to 20th October 2027. *Jaanong Lephata la Sport le ne la* express interest *ya* to host this big meeting, *ka lebaka la* gore Botswana o lebiwa e le a premier destination for hosting regional and international sport events.

The ambitions to host were expressed in our 2025-2030, Ministry of Sport and Arts Strategy and the Sport and Arts Chapter of the National Development Plan (NDP) 12. To this end, we have been deliberate in our intent by bidding for hosting of such events. Most recently, we hosted quite successfully the Debswana World Athletics Relays and *se se ne sa supa bokgoni jwa rona re le lefatshe jwa* to host such international events and activities.

Ka jalo, this decision reflects the same commitment *ya go dira jalo*. *Le ntswa go ntse jalo, fa re tsaya ditshwetso tse, re a bo re ntse re itse gore seemo gongwe sa itsholelo, se boketenyena*, that is why honourable *a ka botsa jalo*. If you look into what countries have generally done, when they had economic problems, there are two main things that you try to do; you try to work on some sort of structural adjustment *ya itsholelo*, while at the same time you are also stimulating the economy. So, you do not totally stop spending much as you may have a crunch. You try to spend *ka gore fa re ntse* re spend *jalo, go raya gore* Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) *le ba bangwe, ba tlaa kgona go bona letsenonyana*. That Graphic Designer will make money *kana nako eo*, that hotel, that person *yo o rekisang se a se rekisang*, those people *ba* cabs and taxis, it would represent a bit of a stimulus for them. So, *re tshwanetse gore yes, re assess fa re leng teng*, but it should not also appear like we are totally banning to host *dilo tse di ka re thusang*.

You can go through different countries across history; post World War II, 1933 FDR with the new deal in the United States, *o ka tla ka tsone* all the way through. You can see what the Koreans did after the Korean financial crisis *ya 1997*, you need to find a way to still spend while adjusting the structure if you are to be in a position *ya go ka kgona go create ditiro le go godisa itsholelo*.

Mr Speaker, *ke tswela ke re* the strategic, social and economic implications of hosting this congress including a cost assessment and an evaluation of the anticipated benefits were considered and we determine that Botswana already had the infrastructure in place *e e leng gore re ka e dirisa* to host. We do not need to build or create anything new, *re tlaabo re dirisa mo re nang le gone*.

This analysis *e ne ya supa gape gore kana* TAFISA *ke mokgatlho o o dumelang gore metshameko le go itshidila, e tshwanetse e nne a right ya mongwe le mongwe. Ka jalo, fa re bua ka go itshidila le go dira jalo, ke go promote healthy lifestyles go lwantsha Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), go tswaledisa le go promote economic value e e leng gore e tlaa tla through tourism, accommodation and other services like* I have said. Then of course, it is always an opportunity to showcase our county to other people *ba e leng gore* we may have further economic and other relationships forming *tse di ka thusang lefatshe go ya pele.*

Ya boraro Mr Speaker, *ke gore* total estimated cost for hosting the 30th TAFISA World Congress in 2027 is P9,029,100.00. Out of this money, a total of P 4,602,318.80 will be raised through participants registration fees. In a way, because most of the expenditure *e tlaabo e le mo* Botswana, it is more or less like we are attracting that much from outside into our own economy. *Go tlaabo go ntse go raya gore jaanong* we need an additional money *a e leng gore e tlaabo e le* P3,522,318.80 *a e leng gore le one re tlaabo re tlhoka gore* can be raised. Then we will have an additional P1,080,000.00 *a tswa* from sponsorships.

Fa re leng teng, go tlaabo go raya gore bontsi kana sephatlo sa budget eo, se tlaa tswa from budget ya Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) *e e leng gore* it is already in place. *Le yone budget ya teng* which is around P4.4 million, *e tlaabo e le* phased out, I think over two or three financial years, *ke gore* from 2025/2026, 2026/2027 and 2027/2028. *Go raya gore jaanong manokonoko a teng* because we are spreading around P4 million over three financial years, it does not shock budgets *tse bone mo go kalo.*

The fourth one Mr Speaker, *ke gore* the cost *ya venue hire* related services, it is about P2 million and this budget includes cost associated with securing an appropriate venue and supporting services for the duration of the congress. Further to this Mr Speaker, through the hosting obligations of the country, we are required to pay a hosting fee *ya* 80,000.00 Euros which is an equivalent to about P1.2 million. Out of around P1.9, this P1.2 million is the only part *e e leng gore* it will be spent outside the country. *E tlaabo e le* contribution to the organisation. The remaining expenditure *e ke e badileng* will be spent in our local economy.

Amongst the requirements *ke gore go nne le* governance and oversight structures *tse e leng gore* they have been established successfully and they are planning

the delivery of this congress. These structures include an Organising Committee *e e leng gore ke yone* the principal or main decision-making body *e re tlaabong re e dirisa. Go bo go nna le a* Congress Secretariat *e e leng gore* it is responsible for the day-to-day planning, coordination and implementation activities towards congress.

To ensure and accountability and effective oversight, the Chairperson of the Organising Committee reports to BNSC Board on progress and key decisions that are made in furtherance of this objective.

Ke kope jalo batlotlegi gore re lebe gore re ka thusa in whichever way that is possible *go ka dira gore* this meeting *e nne a success. Fa batlotlegi ba na le dingwe tse ba di bonang tse ba ka eletsang go gakolola gore gongwe re ka di dira botoka* in order to benefit more from this, we are more than happy to receive such counsel and advice. *Ke a leboga.*

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI) CENTRES

MR G. LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to update this Honourable House on Artificial Insemination (AI) Centres; and to further state:

- (i) how many are functioning;
- (ii) how many semen straws are available and at what price; and
- (iii) how the Ramatlabama farm is accessible to Batswana and AI centres.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboge mmotsi wa potso ka fa a neng a boditse ka teng mabapi le Artificial Insemination (AI) centres.*

Mr Speaker, total di 14 mme mo go tse di 14 tse, tse pedi ke tsone tse di sa berekeng mo nakong e re buang ka yone. Ya kwa Makalamabedi e ne ya nna le bothatanyana jwa gore e kile ya tlaselwa ke molelo o motona thata mme wa fisa gore go sale go le tlala e e lebekebeke mo diruiweng. Seo sa dia gore go ka dirwa stocking kwa go yone.

Ya kwa Ncojane, sediba sa teng se ne sa nna le bothata mme ga epiwa sa bobedi. Sa bobedi e rile mo tsamaong ya nako, ga phunyega metsi a letswai le le fetang selekanyo le le feletseng le bolaya diruiwa tsa batho. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ya felela e tswetswe Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ke boe ke arabe e e supang gore *straws* tsa *semen* di kana ka eng le ditlhwatlhwa tsa teng jalojalo. Thulaganyo e e tsepameng ke ya gore Goromente a bo a na le lenaneo le le mo tafoleng la go bona gore go nna le pabalesego ya meroto ya dipoo ka go farologana. E ka tswa e le tse o batlang go tla go gwedisa gore o nne le letsopa le le faphegileng kana dikgomo tsa boleng jo bo rileng jaaka tsa bo mašhi jalojalo. Thulaganyo ya teng e tsamaya jaana *Mr Speaker*; go na le palo ya 474 384 e le *semen straws* tse di mo *storage* tse e leng gore gongwe ke feletse ke feta ka tsone. E le gore *local semen that is produced* mo lefatsheng la Botswana le yone e ntse e teng foo. Go bo go nna le e re e tsayang kwa ntle mo mafatsheng a re bapileng le one.

Mr Speaker, *local semen* ke yone e palo ya yone e leng kwa godimonyana thata ka gore ke 207 733 *straws for beef cattle* mme 115 929 *straws* e le tsa mašhi, *alongside* 127 460 *from bulls originally imported from the United States of America (USA) le Australia*. Ke gone ka fa ba di kabakantseng ka teng, ke sa tsenelele teng.

Mr Speaker, go na le ditlhwatlhwa tse di beilweng go ka reka *semen*. Goromente o tsere tshwetso ya gore Motswana a se ka a ya go palelwa ke go ya go reka *straws* ka lebaka la go tura mo go feteletseng, *price* e bo e nna P30 *per straw* go ya kwa go P75 *per straw*. E le tsa rona tsa mo gae.

Gongwe mongwe o tlaabo a botsa potso ya gore jaanong tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele tsone le di rekisa jang? Go bo go nna kgang ya gore kana kwa mafatsheng a sele, re bonye gore fa re ka re lepalepana le go baya tlhwatlhwa, re ka felela re bolaya Batswana re bo re ba kganelela kgakala. Ke gore re lebelele gore di rekilwe bokae kwa, di sena go goroga, di laolwa ke *market* gore di rekilwe bokae, *Mr Speaker*. Re bo re sa bolaye Motswana thata, gore o ka bona poelo le thulaganyo e e tsepameng mo go tsone *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, Mopalamamente o ne a batla go itse gore a mme gone Batswana ba bona tshwanelo ya go gorosa dikgomo tsa bone kwa AI *centres*. Ke tshwanetse go supa fela gore mo lefatsheng lotlhe la Botswana, fale le fale go na le AIs, *they are listed* mme karabo ya AIs e ne e le yone ya go atumetsa ditiro tsa go gwedisa kwa bathong kana *to the farmers*, fa di ne di bewa jalo ka dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng. Go bo go nna gore jaanong go na le letlhabego le le tona kwa tshireletsegong go feta selekanyo, sengwe le sengwe jaanong se se amanang le

kgwediso ka seatla kwa Ramatlabama se leng teng. Koo go ntshiwa boleng jo bo feteletseng le go baya mo go faphegileng, mo go babalesegileng. Le *to train farmers*, fa re sena *to train them*, go raya gore re boa gape re ba isa merakeng le kwa dipolaseng gore ba ye go dira tiro ya AI.

Ke tshwanetse gore *Mr Speaker* fa ke wela, ke supe gore kopo e tona ke gore re kope Mapalamamente le Matona gore go reka *semen and then train* badisa ba lona, ke selo se se botlhokwa mo botshelong. Gona le gore o beye gore ke tlwaetse go rua dipoo fela, ke tlaa reka poo kwa ga semangmang. Poo e kgona go longwa ke noga, e kgona go timela, go utswiwa, go bolawa ke bolwetse. *Semen* fa go na le kane e bile o e beetswe sentle ke ba Ramatlabama, ga e ka ke ya longwa ke noga, ya timela, e bile ga o ka ke wa e utlwalela lesakeng la matimela. Ke yone kgang e ke neng ke re ke e *share* le bone. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: *Supplementary*. Ke a utlwa gore peo ga e ka ke ya timela. Ke ne ke re ke go botse le fa e ne e seyo mo potsong gore, tota sediba se sa Ncojane se tsere lebaka Tona, o se tsibogela jang fa e le gore o na le karabo ya sone, ka gore se amile thata? Tota e ke batlang go go e botsa ke gore kwarantini ya Kgomokgwana, a go na le *budget* e le e seegetseng fa thoko *because* go supafala gore *there is a massive potential* ya gore leruo le ka tswa botoka teng? A mme go na le *budget* nngwe e le e beileng gore le godise gore re fitlhelele kwa go 5 *million*, fa o lebeletse gore kwa Kgomokgwana seemo sa teng gone jaana ke eng?

Sa bofelo ke ne ke re ke go raya ke re, peo eo a mme e teng kwa Livestock Advisory Centres (LACs) tse ba ba kwa tlase ba ka kgonang go fitlhelela dipeo tseo jaaka re bua jaana, ka *price* eo? A LAC ya Charles Hill e na le *price* eo? A LAC ya kwa Mogoditshane re ka reka ra isa teng? Ya kwa Gunotsoga e na le tsone kana re di fitlhela di ganeletse golo go le *one* fela? Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister Motsamai, *ga ke sure ka the first question whether it conforms with Order 40.2, mme o ka araba*.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, maikarabelo fela a matona a me le Motlotlegi Mopalamamente ke go leba gore a mme Goromente mo nakong e re buang ka yone, o na le madi. Rotlhe fela nna le ene, re lela ka *budgets*, mme maikaelelo a matona ke gore re thenye gongwe le gongwe kwa re ka kgonang teng, gore se re

bonang se ka tshetsa batho e le sa potlako, re dire jalo go kgonagale *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke ka ke ka mo raya ka re, go na le madi gompiano jaana, fa ke bonya ke bo ke ntsha leitlho, sediba sele sa Ncojane se ka baakanngwa. Re mo tseleng, letsatsi le letsatsi re bua ka kgang ya AI eo *Mr Speaker*. Le ke ise ke nne *Minister*, ke ne ke ntse ke bua ka yone, le gore go ye go epiwa sediba sa bobedi, re ne re tsamaile le Rre Gare o ka nna mosupi wa me, le nna ke ka aka ke ka a swa, re ile kwa AI ya Metsimantsho *Mr Speaker*. Re ile go bona gore batho bale ba siamelwe, ka go tlhoka lesego ga bo go nna jaaka go ntse sediba se ya go ntsha metsi a a letswai. Maikaelelo ke go bona gore tshiamelo e nna ka bonako *Mr Speaker*.

E nngwe o ne a re, a go na le *budget* nngwe e re e beetseng ka fa thoko fela e le ya kgaolo ya Kgomokgwana. Ga re na *budget* e re reng ke ya Kgomokgwana fela *Mr Speaker*, maikaelelo ke go bona madi a gore gongwe le gongwe kwa Goromente a nang le AIs teng, re di tsosolose, le *service centres* tse Goromente e neng a na le tsone tse di fetogileng matlotla, *agriculture* e kgone go ema ka dinao *Mr Speaker*.

Go na le kgang ya *accessibility* ya *semen*, a Motswana gongwe le gongwe o kgona go tsena fela foo a bo a bona *semen*. *Mr Speaker*, kana fa re bua ka *straws*, re bua ka dilo tse di batlang go bewa fa go faphegileng le tlhokomelo e e kwa godimo thata. Fa o batla kitso ya yone *Mr Speaker*, o tsena gongwe le gongwe o kgona go fitlhela *that information*, ba bo ba go thusa ka *to facilitate* gore o ye go nna le yone. Ba bo ba go thusa gore o ye go bona dikane tse di tlaabong di baya *straws* tseo, ba bo ba go beela *straws* tseo mo *condition* nngwe e e rileng. Di a tlholwa kgapetsakgapetsa, o bo o baakanyediwa fa e le gore go na le sengwe se se senyegang. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: I will take the supplementary from Honourable Hikuama. Before that Honourable Members, remember that your questions are allocated 45 minutes, but we have an avenue of increasing that time so that you deal with all the questions. Also, be mindful of the fact that you have your private Motions, so it is entirely up to you. If you look at the time, if you start one Motion say at 4, you can deal with that Motion in 2 hours, so by 6 o'clock you should be done with that Motion. So, it is up to you, you have that option, but I am looking at the time, you only have 2 minutes to decide on what you do with the 45 minutes, whether you will let it pass and move to Motions or you increase the time.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Procedure. Mr Speaker, *re lebile* Order Paper, *re move* ka Standing Order 130.1 to suspend Standing Order 40.7, *gore re tsamaye ka dipotso go fitlhelela* maybe 4:00 p.m. I so move Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to.**

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER: Before I take that supplementary question from the Opposition Whip, Honourable Members, it is my singular honour and privilege to welcome a delegation of six officers from the Parliament of Malawi, led by Ms Sophie Dambe and other delegation Members are Mr Louis Loti, Mr Henderson Falinya, Mr Henry Biliyati, Mr Enos Kanduna, Ms Mercy Banda. The delegation is on a benchmarking study visit to the National Assembly of Botswana, aimed at exchanging knowledge and best practices in Parliamentary administration. The delegation will be in the country until 1st of August 2026.

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

MR SPEAKER: That is the delegation. We welcome you wonderful guests from Malawi. I will see you in Lilongwe soon.

MR PULE: *Procedure Mr Speaker. Good afternoon Mr Speaker.* Ke dumedise batlotlegi. Ke re motlotlegi a o ka se ka wa *consider* le gone go oketsa *supplementaries*, ka ke ne ke utlwa o bua ka Rre Hikuama fela, ke re le rona re na le sengwenyana *sir*?

MR SPEAKER: Ee, go raya gore re berekela mo oureng.

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Tona ke re ke utlwile o bua gore AI nngwe ya tsone ke ya kwa Makalamabedi, mme o supa fa e amilwe ke molelo. Potso ya me ke gore, ke molelo wa leng...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Whip*, go batla o ntshitse *mask* gore lentswe la gago le se ka la sefega. O tlaa boa o o busetsa.

MR HIKUAMA: Ee rra. Ke molelo wa leng, wa ngogola? A mme le gompiano re santse re bua mabaka a molelo, gore ke one a a kgoreletsang gore re ka isa dikgomo kwa Makalamabedi, kana go na le dikgwetlho tse dingwe tse o ka di supang? Ka gore ga ke dumele gore phulo ya gompiano e ka amanngwa le molelo o o sa bolong go nna teng bogologolo. Legale gongwe go nnile

le o mongwe o mosha, mme o ka e tlhatswa.

Ya bobedi ke gore, *apart from the storage* ya meroto eo kwa Ramatlabama, a ga go na e mengwe, ga go na kwa e bolokelwang teng gore *farmers* tse di nnang kwa *up north* gore di nne le bogautshwane, di e tseye gaufi? Kana ga o akanye gore go bonolo gore le nne le ba atumetsa le bone ba e bone gaufi? Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ya bofelo *Mr Speaker*, Mopalamente o bolelela ruri, go botlhokwa thata, tota fa e ne e le gore re a kgona, le mo tsamaisong e re batlang go nna le yone mo bogaufing ke gore re atumetse ditirelo gaufi le batho. Re akanya gore go botlhokwa thata gore go nne jalo, mme mathata a a re tshwereng gompiano ke a madi. Ka gore le lephata le la rona *Mr Speaker*, le na le *challenges* tse di farologanyeng. Ga se tsa AI fela, le tse dingwe tse motho o ka buang ka tsone tsa malwetse, tsa eng, a dikgomo jalojalo, go re apere. Go raya gore *we should attend* dikgang tseo. Re ka kgona fela fa re setse re na le ditsompelo tse di lekanyeng *Mr Speaker*.

Go na le e a botsang gore a molelo o ke buang ka one a o ntse le gompiano jaana o a tuka mo go ka se keng go ye go tsenngwa dikgomo kwa Makalamabedi. Nnyaa, molelo o timile Rre Hikuama, mme kana go na le gore molelo le fa o timile, go bo go nna le gore o amile phulo. Kana fa re ka tsaya dikgang, molelo o amile phulo gongwe mo go tseneletseng go felela go nna le gore fa e le gore *farmers* ba a ipelaetsa gore kampa jaanong e siame, re ka bitsa batlhalefi *that assess* lefatshe mabapi le phulo gore, a mme mo seemong se re ka tsenya dikgomo kana nnyaa. Ka gore go tsaya dikgomo re bo re ya go di tsenya gongwe phulo e sa siamela dikgomo tseo, gongwe di ya go swa, e felela e le boikarabelo jwa rona, e le gore *farmers* ba re le tsere dikgomo tsa rona la ya go di tsenya mo kampeng gore di ye go ja mmu kana bojang jole e ne e se jo bo siameng ka lebaka *one, two, three....(Inaudible)* se ka tswa se dia tsamaiso.

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure Mr Speaker*. Go lebega *Honourable Minister* a sa utlwa se ke neng ke se botsa, a araba e sele. Ke ne ke sa re molelo gompiano o a tuka kana go a sha. Ke ne ke bua gore, a molelo o o sheleng ngogola le gompiano mo dipuleng tse di neleng le gompiano, a lebaka la phulo ke lone le le ka tswang e le lebaka kana go na le dikgoreletsi tse dingwe? Ka gore ga ke dumele gore gompiano re ka bua ka kgang ya phulo kwa Makalamabedi.

MR MOTSAMAI: *Mr Speaker*, gongwe fela ke gore letsatsi le letsatsi ga re ka ke ra nna re neela Mapalamente dilo e le ka gone gore go tswa gore go labokae nako eo, kana go tswa gore le rona ga re a neelwa *information* ka nako e e maleba. Fa o bona ke ne ke sa phuthologe ke go neela karabo ya gore, ee o ka ya go tsenya kana o ka se ke wa ya go tsenya, go na le karabo e re santseng re tshwanetse go e netefatsa ya gore, le maabane jaana mo lebakeng le le khutshwane leo, dipego di ne di tswa teng gore go na le fa go peperetlang teng *Mr Speaker*. Ka tsela eo gompiano jaaka o utlwa ke bua le wena jaana, ga re ka ke ra tsaya dikgomo ra ya go di tsenya mo polaseng e e tukang. Re tlaabo re sa go direle sentle motlotlegi. Fa o ka feta gape fa Makalamabedi ka o feta gautshwane le teng, o okomele fela tsala o tle o ntome tsebe le nna ke kgone go bona gore ke diradira jang. Ke a leboga.

LOHALANE AREA

MR K. S. GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he is aware of the situation regarding the use and status of the Lohalane area in the Sesung area; and if so, to state:

- (i) the current land use classification of the area and those utilising it;
- (ii) whether there is any outstanding land allocation dispute relating to Lohalane; and
- (iii) plans, if any, the ministry has to ensure sustainable agricultural use and support for farmers in that area.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboga le mmotsi wa potso jaaka a ne a botsa ka lefatshe kana lefelo. O boditse jalo ga nna le menangwana e a neng a botsa ka yone, gore a re a itse ka seemo sa kwa Lohalane. Ga ke itse gore a ke bitsa sentle, o tlaa intshwarela, mo kgaolong ya Sesung e lefatshe la teng le leng mo tirisong.

Mr Speaker, ke tshwanetse ke go itsise gore, ee re a itse gore seemo seo se ntse jalo. Lefatshe la teng le mo ditirisong tse di farologaneng. Ke boe gape ke netefatse gore, o bolelela ruri go na le masimo mo teng ga *communal grazing area*, a e leng gore mangwe a one e ne e le masimo a a beilweng ka fa molaong, a mangwe gotlhelele ke batho ba e leng gore ga ba a bewa ka fa molaong *Mr Speaker*. Kana jaaka re le Batswana re e tle re sosoetse, ke kgang fela ya go sosoetsa motho gore,

rra semangmang kana mma semangmang, leka gore o baakanye thulaganyo e e tlaa go ama. Ka lebaka la gore bangwe ba kile ba bo ba tla kwa diofising ba ya go kopa gore ba rurifadiwe, mme seo sa se ka sa kgonagala, e le ka lebaka la gore *they were not allocated* ka fa molaong.

Kgang e *Mr Speaker* ya gore, batho ba ipeile masimo mo lefelong la tlhakanelo mafudiso, e tsentsa kgotlhang fa gare ga barui le balemi, ka gore barui ba bona gore jaanong balemi ba dira gore ba tlhaelelwe ke kwa ba ka fudisang teng, ka gore ba beile masimo foo. Fa balemi ba bona gore barui ba tshwanetse gore ba tswe foo, golo foo go segwe e nne lefatshe le ba lemanang mo go lone fela. Kgang eo ofisi e e setse morago.

Mr Speaker, kgaolo e e kgaoganngwa gape le ke mo gotweng ke *grid fence*. *Grid fence* e e bo e dira gone gore go itsagale gore fa go tshwanetse gore masimo a ntlha e e kafa, kafa ke kwa go fudisiwang teng. Ke tshwanetse go supa gore beng ba didiba ba ba foo ba na le *water rights* tse ba beilweng foo ka fa molaong. *Water rights* tse fa ba na le tsone, fa go diragala sengwe sa gore go buisanngwe le bone gore, nnyaa, tswa fa ka lebaka la gore re batla go dira sengwe fa, ke gore go tsenwe mo dipuisanong, ka ba na le *rights* tse di ka fa molaong. Le ba masimo fela jalo, ba ba tlaabong ba neetswe ka fa molaong, ke go buisana le bone ka fa molaong gore ba kgone go sutela ba bangwe.

Mr Speaker, ke batla go ya kwa bokhutlong ke supe fela gore, *community* e ne ya felela ba kopa gore *grid fence should be extended* gore go okediwe lefelo la phulo. *Proposal* e e santse e le mo tshekatshekong, gore a go ka kgonagala kana go ka se ke go kgonagale. Go lebilwe gore jaanong go tsenelwe kwa teng, gore mme tota a lefatshe le teng. Jaanong go tlaabo go raya gore go rerisiwe batho ba ba maleba, Dikgosi, *land boards*, jalo jalo, gore, go bo go ka tsewa ditshwetso tse e tlaa reng kwa bofelelong di sologele batho ba Sesung/Lohalanane molemo, *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

MR T. B. LUCAS (BOBIRWA): asked the Minister of Finance:

- (i) if the state of the economy has the capacity to support the following in the short term;
 - (a) the increment of Ikageng/Ipelegeng allowance to 2 500 Pula;
 - (b) the increment of the Village Development Committee (VDC) allowance to 2 500 Pula;

- (c) the increment of tertiary student allowance to 2 500 Pula;
- (d) the extension of old age pension to people who are aged between 60 and 64 years; and
- (ii) to indicate the state of the economy or conditions in the economy that could support and finance the above.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Om Luu. Karabo ya potso ya ga motlotlegi ke mokgekgenene. Go raya gore ke tlaa ogola fela fa godimo.

Potso ya teng fela go e khutshwafatsa, motlotlegi o ne a eletsa go itse gore a mme itsholelo ya rona e mo seemong se e ka kgonang dikoketso mo dituelong tsa babereki ba rona kwa Ikageng gore di goroge kwa go P2, 500, dikoketso kwa Village Development Committees (VDCs) gore di goroge kwa go P2, 500, dikoketso tsa bana ba dikole, le gore go atolosiwe ba ba tsayang *tandabala* gore ba ba dingwaga tse di 60 le bone go ya kwa godimo ba ka bona sengwenyana.

Ke simolole ke re, pele ga ke e araba kwa bofelelong ke re, maikaelelo a Goromente, tota e bile ke ka re maikaelelo a Motswana mongwe le mongwe, ke go bona go sena Motswana yo o welang mo isong, ke go bona batho ba rona tshokolo e ba tshelang mo go yone e fokotsegile fela thata. Ka bongwe ka bongwe ke supe seemo se re leng mo go sone.

- (i) Kwa Ikageng re na le batho ba le 113, 814, mme batho ba, Goromente o ntsha madi a kana ka P956 *million*, mongwe le mongwe wa bone a duelwa P700. Fa go ka okediwa, madi otlhe a Goromente a ka tshwanelang gore a a duele, a goroga kwa go P3.4 *billion*. Ke gore a oketsega ka madi a a ka tshwarang P2.5 *billion*.
- (ii) Kwa VDC re na le batho ba ka tshwara 8, 015, mme madi otlhe ke P65 *million*, mme fa re ka oketsa gore a goroge teng kwa mading a a buegang a P2, 500, go raya gore madi otlhe a Goromente a a ntshang a goroga kwa go P240 *million*.
- (iii) Kwa dikoleng, bana ba rona mo dikoleng tse dikgolwane ba ka tshwara 43, 662 ba Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) bone ba tshwara 5, 500, mme bone ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng, ke P1.3 *billion* for bana ba dikole tse dikgolwane; P165 *million* for bana ba TVET.

Ke gore kwa ba ntseng ba le teng, e ntse e le P995 *million* ya bana ba dikole tse dikgolwane, P65 *million* ya bana ba TVET. So, kwa madi a yang teng kwa P1.3 *billion*, ke go sena go okediwa go tsena kwa go P2, 200. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go raya jalo gore fa go ka okelediwa bana ba dikole go tswa kwa re leng teng kwa P2, 200 go tsena kwa P2, 500, go raya gore go ya go tlhokega madi a a ka tshwarang P105 *million* for dikole tse di kgolwane, P13 *million extra* for bana ba TVET.

- (iv) Jaanong fa re tsena kwa *tandabaleng*, seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng, re sa le bale gore go ne go na le dikoketso, ra tsena kwa go P1, 400 *per month* mme re bua ka ba ba leng mo *tandabaleng*, ba 144, 878. Go raya gore seemo ka fa se ntseng ka teng, re bua madi a a ka tshwarang P2.4 *billion* e le koketsego go tswa kwa P1.4 *billion* kwa re neng re le teng. Mo go rayang gore fa re ka fokotsa ba ba leng mo *tandabaleng* gore go se ka ga simologa ka dingwaga tsa 65 go ya kwa godimo, go simologe ka dingwaga tsa 60, go raya gore botlhebotlhe ba tlaabo ba oketsega go tswa kwa go 79, 335, ba oketsega ka palo eo gore ba tsene kwa go 224, 213. Go raya gore ditshenyegelo di tlaabo di goroga kwa go P3.8 *billion* e le koketsego e nngwe ya P1.3 *billion*. Ke gore kwa re neng re le teng lantlhantla e ne e le P1.4 *billion*, ra bo re tsena kwa go P2.4 *billion* kwa re leng teng, mme potso ya gago e re fa re ka diragatsa gore re goroge kwa godimo koo, e tlaabo e le P3.8 *billion*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fa re setse re goboka, go raya gore go ka oketsa fa re ka diragatsa tsotlhe tse Motlotlegi Om Luu a buang ka tsone, re tlaabo re oketsa ditshenyegelo ka madi a ka tshwara P4.1 *billion* ka ngwaga. Go raya gore fa re ka dira jalo, sekoloto se re tlaabong re se solofela mo ngwageng ole mongwefela se tlaabo e le gore se a oketsega go tswa teng kwa go bo P26 *billion* go tsena kwa go bo P30 *billion*. Ke raya sekoloto fela sa ngwaga ole mongwefela. Gape go raya jalo gore sekoloto ka bophara se tlaabo se tsena mo seemong kana mo sekaleng se e leng gore gotlhelele babeeletsi lefatshe ka bophara kwa re adimang madi teng, ba ya go re lebelela ka leitlho le le rileng, le ke itseng gore Motlotlegi Om Luu ga a ka ke a rata re lebiwa ka leitlho le le ntseng jalo.

Le gore fa re ka dira jalo, ra tswelela, kadimo ya madi, merokotso, ke gore itsholelo ka bophara e ka nna le mathata a a tseneletseng go feta kwa re leng teng. O a gopola gore ke kile ka bua gore itsholelo ya rona,

itsholelo ya ga Goramente ke kile ka bua gore e hema ka mathumpo? Ga ke ka ke ka re e hema ka mathumpo mo sebakeng se, ke ka re o kare e tlaa thenyathenya, e santse e le kwa tlase, mme mo mathumpong o kare e a tswa, e a thenyathenya.

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

MR GAOLATHE: Go tswa mo mathumpong le go thenyathenya, o a itse gore fa gongwe fa o tlhola molwetse yo o neng a le mo mathumpong gotwe o a thenyathenya, ke yone nako tota e e leng gore o tshwanetse gore a tlhokomelwe le go feta jaaka a ne a le mo mathumpong, ka gore balwetse ba ba ntseng jalo, o a itse gore ke bone ba ba tsietsang. Kgantele go tlaabo gotwe, a go ne go sa twe e nna botoka? Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go a re tlama thata gore re dire se re ka se dirang, gore re somarele itsholelo ya rona ya Botswana. E kgone go tsena mo seemong se re tlaa dirang dilo tseo ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Le fa ke itse gore o ne o itse dikarabo tse tsotlhe, ke ne ke itse gore keletso le maikaelelo a gago, o ne o eletsa gore kgang e, ke e tlhalosetse Batswana. Ke sone se ke tswelelang ke se go lebogela. O eletsa gore dikgang tse bongwe ka bongwe, go sena yo o felang pelo, di tlhalosetswe Batswana. Karabo ke yone eo. Ke a leboga.

MR LUCAS: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *His Honour the Vice President (VP)*. Ke rata gore o kgona go nteboga fela le fa ke latlhegetswe ke ditlhopho. O kgona go gorosa ditebogo fela. Re a leboga VP.

E kile ya re maloba o seyo mo Botswana, ka botsa potso ka P4 000, yo o neng a solofeditse ke Goramente wa gago. E bile ke botsa gore a ga se gore ka ke moo go a pala, le kope maitshwarelo mo Batswaneng le le Puso ya Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), gore re ne re ratile mme go padile? E bo e le gore ka nako eo, go ne go araba rraetsho...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas, Standing Order 40.2, I reject that supplementary question, *ya kwa go e nngwe*. It is not in line with the question that you asked.

MR LUCAS: Rraetsho Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, o kaile dipalo tse di kalokalo tse di supang gore go santse go le thata go thusa ba Ikageng, ba ba 60 *years* gore ba bone *tandabala* le ba VDCs. A ga se gore ka e ne e le tsholofetso e le neng le e dirile, nako e gorogile ya gore le kope maitshwarelo mo Batswaneng gore ga le a kgona se le neng le se ikaeletse?

Ya bobedi ke ka go thenyathenya; wa re itsholelo e dule mo mathumpong, jaanong e a thenyathenya. Fa e thenyathenya jaana, ela tlhoko gore Batswana le bone boturu jwa botshelo, jwa dijo, motlakase, metsi le tse dingwe, bo ba beile mo seemong se se ba tsentseng mo mathumpong. A ga se nako ya gore e re fa itsholelo e thenyathenya jalo, le wena o latlhele sengwenyana, le fa gongwe se ka se ka sa goroga kwa bontsing jo le neng le bo solofeditse? Batswana le bone ba tle ba kgone go thenyathenya, ba tswe mo mathumpong. Fa re bua jaana, bontsi jwa bone bo mo manthumpong a gore botshelo bo a tura. Go thenyathenya; o buile Setswana se ke neng ke sa solofele gore o a se itse.

Sa bofelo ke gore rraetsho, batho ba *economics* jaaka wena jaana, ba na le go dira dipalopalo ba supa gore itsholelo fa e le fa nako e, tsholofelo ke gore e kare ngwaga o fela kgotsa tse pedi kana tharo, e bo e tsamaya fa. Ka fa o e sekasekang ka teng itsholelo e, ka e bile gape o tumile thata ka dikgang tsa gore o kgona go sekaseka mo go tseneletseng, le bona e kete e tlaa nna botoka leng gore batho ba ka bona tse le ba di solofeditseng? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR GAOLATHE: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Lucas. Ke gola ka thuto e e reng, tsholofelo ga e tlhabise ditlhong. Re batho ba tsholofelo mme re santse re na le tsholofelo eo. Tsholofelo e ntsi, e seng gore re tlaa tswa mo mathumpong le gore re tlaa tswa mo go thenyathenyeng. Re na le tsholofelo ya gore, re tlaa goroga le kwa mankalengkaleng mo nakong e e leng gore Batswana ka bontsi, ba tlaa bona se ba se dirang, e bile re tlaa nna sekao mo mafatsheng a mangwe. Ke tsholofelo e re santseng re na le yone.

O botsa ka gore ka re, re a thenyathenya, re go supe ka go nama re latlhela sengwenyana se se supang gore re a thenyathenya. Ke supe gore seemo se re leng mo go sone, re le lefatshe la Botswana, ga re nosi. Re na le batho mo mafatsheng ka go farologana, ba ba nnang ba lebile, ba sekaseka, ba okomela se se diragalang mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ba supa gore o kare kadimo ya madi le tiriso ya madi, e feta jaaka e tshwanetse go nna. O ka re, re le lefatshe, ga re amogele gore diteemane ga di sa tlhole di le kwa go tshwanetseng. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, makgotla a, ke bone ba ba ba nayang mafatshe ka go farologana matshwao a a bidiwang *credit rating*. Fa o filwe letshwao le le rileng, le supa gore a o ka tshepiwa o le lefatshe go adimiwa le go feta le gore a babeeletsi ba ka tla kwa go lona.

O a lemoga gore, o kare re ntse re ya kwa tlase. Re isiwa kwa tlase ke gore, bone ka fa ba re lebileng ka teng kwa ba leng teng, fa gongwe ga ba bone manokonoko a re leng mo go one. A a dirileng gore re dirise madi go feta jaaka ba dumela gore re a dirise. Ke gore ka mantswe a mangwe, ka fa re lebilweng ka teng, ka fa makgotla a a tlhwaileng matlho mo go rona, le fa re ka tikela ke raya lemme la lemme, tota e seng lemme la lemme, lemme la lemme la lemme, ba felela ba tshosiwa ke tiriso ya madi kwano. Go sa reye gore ba e lebile jaaka ba tshwanetse, ke ka fa botshelo bo ntseng ka teng.

Fa gongwe motho o a feta, o bona yo mongwe yo a sa itseng se a se dirang, go bo gotwe nnyaa, yo o rata dilo. E le gore ga ba go itse, mme le mafatshe go ntse jalo. Go tikela lemme la lemme la lemme la lemme, ba tlaabo ba sa re lebe jaaka re tshwanetse re lebiwe ka teng. Go tlaabo go felela e le gore go tsenya lefatshe la Botswana mo lemeneng le e leng gore go tswa mo go lone, go maswe fela thata. Ga se keletso ya rona gore re ka tsenya lefatshe la rona mo lemeneng. *Credit rating* e, Goromente o mo mmileng wa gore a ithulaganye ka tsela e e leng gore maphata a a mo mafatsheng ka go farologana, ba re tlhaloganye jaaka re tshwanetse go tlhalogannngwa. Re se ka ra felela re tsenye mo lemeneng.

E nngwe kgang legale ke e sele mme ga di kgakala, ke ya *greylisting*. Le yone re lebilwe thata ke maphata a a mo mafatsheng ka go farologana. Ba re lebile e se ngwaga o fela le dingwaga tse di sa tswang go feta, gore a mme batho ba ba ntseng ba tla go beeletsa mo lefatsheng la Botswana, a ke ba ba tshepegang kana ba ba sa tshepegeng? Makgotla le mehama e itshetletse mo e leng gore ba baya leitlho le le ntshontsho jaaka ba tshwanetse go le baya, ba lebile dilo tse. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore fa ba ka belaela sepe, le gone moo go tsenya lefatshe la Botswana mo mathateng, se se bidiwang gotwe *greylisting*. Ke eletsa gore Batswana ba itse gore Goromente o mo lenaneong la go dira sengwe le sengwe se a ka se kgonang gore makgotla a, a re lebe jaaka a tshwanetse go re leba. Re santse re tlile go tsena kwa Batswaneng, re bua le bone re ba tlhalosetsa gore dikgang tse, di raya eng.

Ke go leboge gape gore dipotso tse, ke di ratela gore, di fa tshono ya gore Batswana ba kgone go di utlwa sentle mo go lekaneng, ba tlhaloganye gore lefatshe la bone le tsamaya fa kae, go dirwa eng, ba solofele eng. Ke a leboga.

MATSILOJE-FRANCISTOWN ROAD

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure to update this Honourable House on the status of the Matsiloje to Francistown road; in particular:

- (i) whether P150 million was budgeted for the project; and if so,
- (ii) what happened to the budgeted amount; and
- (iii) what is delaying the progress.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Good afternoon to the Honourable House.*

Mr Speaker, *ke maswabi gore a bo re iphitlhela re le fa re le Puso re bua projects tse e leng gore* they are 10 years old. *Ke tlaa fa background ya gore why re bo re le gone fa.*

Mr Speaker, the resealing and road marking of Francistown-Matsiloje Road was awarded to Bowmag Construction (Pty) Ltd at an amount of P29,800,781.92. The project commenced on 23rd November, 2015 and was set to be completed by 22nd November, 2016.

The contractor was performing poorly, and was terminated in December 2016. Mr Speaker, following the termination of the contract, the contractor appealed the termination and submitted a claim for idle equipment which led to a Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) being formed to resolve the disputed termination. The DAB awarded the contractor costs for idle equipment and decreed that the contractor was to be reinstated.

Against the above background, the ministry took the matter to court to set aside the DAB ruling for the reinstatement of the contractor, which is still before the courts. The contractor was paid P4,653,425.05 at termination and was also paid P21,194,860.55 after the DAB ruling for the idle equipment. Progress at termination was at 12 per cent against 100 per cent. The 21 million *yoo ke wa* against an initial project budget that was P29,800,000. *O ile a duelwa* P21 million at 12 per cent.

- (i) Mr Speaker, there is a budget provision of P150 million for the reconstruction, asphalt overlay and road marking of Francistown-Matsiloje Road which is 45 kilometres (km) in the current financial year.

(ii) Mr Speaker, the budgeted P150 million is available. Considering the deteriorating condition of the road, the ministry published an approval of a selective tendering method in April 2026. However, in June 2026, the ministry received an application to the High Court to stop the procurement process (interdiction) by Bowmag Construction (Pty) Ltd, the company that was awarded the project back in 2015. The matter has been before the courts since.

(iii) Mr Speaker, as indicated in the background provided earlier, the project has been delayed by the court interdiction application and the ministry awaits the outcome of this court case. Judgement is expected at the end of August 2026. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mma ke go leboga Tona, ke utlwa tekodiso ya gago ka fa o neng o lekodisa ka teng. Ke lebogela gore o lemoga letshwenyego la gore ke bothata jo bo tswang kgakala for over 10 years. Motho o ne a ka botsa gore in the meantime, lephata la gago le ikaelela go dira eng gore tsela ya Francistown-Matsiloje e kgone go tsamaega ka gore e setse e le mo seemong se se sa itumediseng gotlhelele?*

Se sengwe sa bobedi se ke neng ke batla go se itse ke gore *case* e jaaka o ne o supa gore e kwa *court* gompieno, a e ne e tsene e le *urgent* kana e le *normal*? Ga re batle go iphitlhela e le gore re nna lebaka le le leele jaaka re ntse go ntse gotwe kgang e a pala e kwa *court*.

Sa bofelo *Assistant Minister* ke gore o ya go buisa phuthego leng, o lekodise morafe wa Matsiloje ka seemo sa tsela ya Francistown-Matsiloje? Gangwe le gape fa o ya kwa Kgatleng o ya go buisa phuthego, ke setse ke itse gore kgang ya tsela ya Matsiloje ga e ka ke ya tlhokega gore e bo e tswa mo morafeng. Mo gongwe jaanong e batla lephata la lona gore le tle go tshwara phuthego ya Kgatleng gore le bone ba tlhologanye gore ke eng ba tshwanetse go sokodisiwa *for dingwaga tse 10* ba sa kgone go bona thuso. Ke a leboga.

MR ATAMELANG: *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke a leboga Honourable Furniture. Jaaka ke ne ke sa tswa go bua gore re maswabi gore re bo re iphitlhela re le gone fa. Ke gore fa go na le cases di le kwa makgotleng a ditshekelo, go dingalo gore re ka tsenelela dikgang tsa go nna jalo. Sekai; Friday o o fetileng re ne re ntse re bua the very same issue about how litigation process delays*

delivery of projects. Ke one mathata a re iphitlhelang re na le one gore fa *court order* e dule gotwe emisang tiro, re tshwanetse *to respect* tshwetso e e tserweng ke lekgotla. Maikaelelo ke gore tsela e dirwe jaaka o bona *budget* e setse e le *allocated*. Se se maswabi fela ke gore *project* e simolotse e le P30 *million*, gompiano bona gore e ya go nna P150 *million*. Ke gone fela mo go utlwisang botlhoko tota. Fa o ka lebelela dikgang tse, tse e leng gore fa tsela e le *tendered* e bo yo mongwe a ipelaetsa *like* ke ne ke sa tswa go bua, *10 years is a long time* gore a bo re bua ka tsela e gore e bo e ka dirwa.

Ya *urgent application* kana e tsile *at the normal way*, tota ga ke mo seemong sa go araba eo. Ke tsaya ke re o ka ya kwa *High Court* wa ya go tlhola gore *application* ya teng e tsile ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

E nngwe o ne o buile ka Kgotla *meeting* gore o eletsang gore re iponatsa ka kwa, re tle go tlhalosetsa Batswana le banni ba kgaolo ya gago gore re tsamaya fa kae ka tsela. Ke tsaya gore ke kgang e e leng gore le nna jaaka ke bua gore tsela e e a nkama ka gore kwa ntleng fela ga madi, *it is 10 years late*. Ke kgang e re tlaa ikatumetsang koo, re bo re bona gore re tle re tlhalosetse Batswana gore go diragala eng, go diragetse eng gore a bo re iphitlhela re le gone fa.

Ke ne ke re ke tseye tshono e gape ke bue fela gore *we are working on Bill* ya Contractor Regulatory Authority gore re tle re kgone go emisa dikgang tsa go nna jaana. Fa e le gore go na le *sort of a litigation process* e e diragalang, bogolo e sa emise *project*, re bone gore e a tswelela. E tlaa re tshwetso e e tsewang ke lekgotla, e bo e tla e fitlhela *project* e e tsweletse, gona le gore re eme 10 *years* e le gore ke dikgang tsa mofuta o. Ke a leboga.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further supplementary.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: Ke mang wa *procedure*? Go na le e a e tlodileng?

MR FURNITURE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. O lebetse e ke neng ke re gone mme lephata gompiano, le dira eng gore tsela e kgone go tsamaega ka gore kana ga e kgone go tsamaega? Gongwe e ka tswa e le bo 14 km fa e leng gore e *bad* teng. Lephata la gago le dira eng mo nakong ya gompiano?

MR ATAMELANG: Ke a leboga. Kana ke lekile go e tlhalosa gore 14 km yo o buiwang yoo, *it is part of the whole contract*. Gakere tsela ra re ke 40 *something*

kilometres, so it is part of the contract. Fa o tshwara le fa e le 500 *metres* kana *a metre of that road, you are contradicting the Court Order.*

Se e leng gore ke ka se go rurifaletsa ke gore re na le *budget* ya yone e bile re setse re e isitse kwa *tendering*. *Challenge* ke gore yo o neng a filwe tiro e la ntlha, ke ene a ipelaetsang. So, o emisitse gore go tswelelwe. Ke gone fa re iphitlhelang re le teng. Ga go na gore re ka tshwara tsela jang *Court Order* e ise e tswe mme jaaka ke bua, madi a setse a ntshitswe (*allocated*).

MINERALS DISCOVERED IN CHOBE

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to state:

- (i) minerals which have been discovered in the Chobe area through prospecting; and
- (ii) Government's position on the discovered minerals for economic benefit.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Member.

- (i) Mr Speaker, prospecting for minerals has occurred in the Chobe District. The mineral that was prospected thus far was for Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and for coal. The companies that prospected in the area in the recent year include Anglo Coal and the Tlou Energy, however the prospecting companies could not identify any bankable resource or a profitable deposit.

Recently, the Chobe District has seen a high interest of prospecting for metals from different companies. The Department of Mines has in the recent years issued prospecting licences for metals within Chobe District and the prospecting activities are still ongoing and are at early stages.

Mr Speaker, the Government's position in the discovered minerals for economic benefit is to acquire a stake where feasible in mining of those minerals by exercising Government's option as provided under Section 40 of the Mines and Minerals Act, and where Government does not want to participate, it encourages citizen consortiums to do so within three years. This is done through the state-owned Mineral Development Company Botswana (MDCB), where Government chooses to acquire a stake, and we do so after performing a thorough due diligence on the project. I thank you Mr Speaker

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tla ke go lebogetse Tona. Gongwe potso e tlaa nna nngwefela ka gore o bua ka gore bokete jo le bo bonang ga se jo le ka kgonang gore le bo dirise. Ke bokete jo bo kae? Bokete jwa *minerals* tse le reng di ne tsa bonwa, ke jo bo kae gore re ka kgonang go bona gore a *viability* e ka nna teng le gore a go ka dirwa *commercialisation* kana ga go ise go goroge mo seemong seo?

MS KENEWENDO: Thank you Mr Speaker and Honourable Member. Unfortunately, *fa company e e neng e dira prospecting e bo e boa e re nnyaa*, this is not a profitable deposit or we do not want to proceed, it is noted as that, confidence level is down for the deposits and it is not registered *gore* is it 100,000 or... *ka gore go bo go sena proven reserve, go a bo go sena proven resource*. So, *ke sone se e leng gore* we cannot say this or that.

Ke ka a fa sekai Honourable Member *gore* there are times that there is a proven resource but for the large scale kind of model that has been run for mining, it is not profitable, which is why we have started considering guidelines for small scale mining for deposits that are proven, but we know they will not operate at the same kind of model that *bo* Debswana and Lucara are operating under and so we should issue what we call small scale licences and we are working on those guidelines. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Further supplementary.* Ga ke itse *Mr Speaker*, tla gongwe ke latedise se sengwe gore Tona ga o na *records*, ke sa itse gore a mme mo go raya gore a mme ke kgang ya *land use* ya gore Chobe *is a sensitive area, especially towards tourism* kana ke gore *the minerals that are being discovered are not viable to be mined or to commercialise now* gore re simolole go di dirisa? Mo karabong ya gago, *records* di teng mme di sephiri. A ke kgang ya gore Chobe *has been declared as a tourism destination or minerals* tse re di boneng gongwe di kwa tlase?

MS KENEWENDO: *Mr Speaker*, ke utlwa kwa kgang e e batlang go ya teng mme o ka bo a e ntlhamaleditse ra tla ra mo araba gore nnyaa, ga re gane ka *licences* kwa Chobe ka gore *it is a protected area, we issue them* mme ga ba fitlhele sepe se se *profitable*. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, Anglo Coal *which is one of the largest developers in the exploration of coal*, re ne re ba file *licences* mme ba di busa ba re ga ba a fitlhela *any bankable resource or profitable deposit*. Ba Tlou Energy le bone re ne re ba

file *licences* mme ba di busa. Le bone ba ne ba tlhalosa jalo gore ga go na *bankable resource or profitable deposit*. Re tswelela re ntse re aba *prospecting licences in that area*.

Mr Speaker, gore gongwe le ba ba kwa lelwapeng ba tlhaloganye, se re simolotseng go se bona ke gore kgatlhego le pelaelo ke go dumela gore go ka tswa go na le *metals* kwa Chobe ka gore *the deposits* tsa *coal* le tsa CBM di ne di se *bankable*. Jaanong re emetse ba e leng gore ba a *prospect* gone jaana gore ba tle go tlhalosa gore a mme ba fitlhetse sengwe kana nnyaa. *So*, ke sone se ke neng ke wela ke re *prospecting activities in the Chobe District are still at early stages*. *So*, re ba emetse, ba *submit every quarter, but usually* dilo tse tsa gore ba tle ba bue gore *there is a proven resource or a profitable resource*, go tsaya bo *four, five or six quarters* before ba ka tla ba re tlhalosetsa sentlesentle gore go na le eng. Ga re time ope kwa Chobe ka gore *it is a protected zone*. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

WORKPLACE INJURY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

MR L. BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs:

- (i) to state the total number of workplace injury compensation claims which are currently pending and the average waiting period for settlement; and
- (ii) whether the Ministry has plans to introduce fixed time limits for the processing and payment of compensation claims, and to adopt Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems that will expedite claims lodgement, tracking and settlement, thereby improving on transparency and accountability.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Good afternoon Mr Speaker, good afternoon* motlotlegi. Mma ke lebogetse potso ya gago ka gore e tlaa nthuso go tlhalosetsa Batswana ka se se diragalang mo phimolodikeledi e o e bitsang *workers compensation*.

Re na le dipalo tse di ka nnang 5,774 tsa dikopo tsa batho ba ba golafetseng mo tirong kana ba ba tlhokanang le thuso ya *compensation*.

Ke ne ke batla gore ke kgaoganye palo ya gago gabedi ke re, re na le tse di kana ka 4,677 tse e leng gore di setse di kile tsa dumalanwa gore di duelwe kana di setse

di le gaufi gore di *confirm* gore di duelwe. *Process* ka bontsi e diragetse, go setse fela gore go ka dumalanwa gore go duelwe. Re na le tse di kana ka 1,147 tse di santseng di sekasekwa. Gongwe ke tlhalose jaana ke re se se diegang ke gore motho fa a golafalela mo tirong, o tlaabo a ya *to fill the forms* mme fa a sena go dira jalo, o di *submit* kwa mohiring. Mohiri a bo a mo roma gore a ye kwa bongakeng go ya go sekasekiwa kana go dirwa mo gotweng ke *assessment*. Fa go tswa gone foo, e nna gore a mme mmereki o dumalana le *assessment* e ya dingaka. Le ene a bo a neelwa sebaka sa gore o ka isa kwa dingakeng tsa gagwe tse le tsone di ka yang go ya go sekaseka. Fa ba setse ba sa dumalane, ke gone go fetang jaanong di ya kwa *board*. E tlaabo le yone e simolola gape e ntsha sa yone gore yone e bona bokae kana e dumalana le mongwe wa bone, ngaka ya mohiri kana ya mmereki, kana e bone *percentage* e sele. Go tswa gone foo, e boa e boela gone kwa. So, golo mo ke *process*, go fitlhelela go ka dumalanwa gore tota fela dituelo motho o ka dumalana le bone ene yo o duelwang gore go ka duelwa jaana. Ke sone se o bonang o kare *process* e e tsaya nako e telele.

Rona pele re ne re ipeetse gore tota *process* e ka tsamaiso, e ka tsaya dikgwedi tse pedi, go tswa gore kgobalo ke e e ntseng jang, boikopelo kana ba *compensation* ke jo bo ntseng jang jaaka re ntse re itse gore kana dikgobalo ga di tshwane. Nako e nngwe o tlaa fitlhela e le kgobalo e e batlang gore ba e lebelele pele gore a e ka nna kgobalo e e ka nnang *permanent*, ya re fa e tla *to be compensated*, e bo e itse gore e ka duela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, kana ke kgobalo fela e e feletseng gone foo. Sekai, jaaka gongwe mongwe a ka kgaolwa leoto, lebogo kana monwana, gotwe mme e feletse jalo.

Ke sone se re iphitlhelang gore jaanong gompiano, re setse re tsaya go feta ngwaga kana boikopelo jo bo setse bo tsaya ngwaga ka gore dikgobalo di a farologana, maikutlo kana *assessments* le tsone di a farologana. Ke tsone tse re setseng re na le tsone, tse di tlaabong di feta ngwaga jalo *Mr Speaker*.

Jaaka ke kile ka tlhalosa maloba, re tsweletse re leka go sekaseka Workers' Compensation Act, ka tota re dumalana gore ga e akaretse dilo dingwe. Ga e tsamaelane le dilo dingwe tse di diragalang gompiano *in the workplace*. Re mo tseleng yone e motlotlegi a botsang ka yone ya gore re leke go nna le tsamaiso ya maranyane, e e tlaabong e supa *the whole process* ya ikwadiso le gore go tsamaya fa kae, gore e se ka ya nna e re motho fa a tla, re bo re simolola jaanong re ya kwa

files, re tsaya nako e telele re batla *files*, re tsamaisa *files* morago, le gore re bo re ye go bona kwa *settlement* e nnang teng gore maranyane a tle a re thuse go fefosa ditiro tsa rona ka pela. Karabo e kalo *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG: *Supplementary*. Ke a go leboga Tona, o lekile ka bojotlhe go tlhalosa *the process*. Fa o lebile dipalo tsa dikotsi, a di a oketsega kana di a fokotsega? Fa o lebile *the severity of the injuries*, a di a oketsega kana di a fokotsega? *The main aim* ya *your ministry*, ga se gore re bo re na le dikotsi *completely*, tota motho a ye tirong a bo a boa a sa golafala. Jaanong mme gone fa le lebile dipalo tse tsotlhe, dipalo tsa dikotsi, *the severity of the injuries, the value of the claim*, a di a oketsega kana di a fokotsega? Fa e le gore di a oketsega, tota le ya go dira eng go netefatsa gore le di busetsa kwa morago?

Sabobedi, ke a go utlwa, e bile ke tlhalogantse thata ka fa o kgaogantseng dipalo tse ka teng, mme ka fa ke di lemogang ka teng, go raya gore go na le golo gongwe *in the process of the claim*, fa go nnang le tiego teng, ka gore le ipeetse *target* ya *two months*, mme le iphitlhela *claim* e tsaya go feta ngwaga. Gone mme fela, go diega fa kae, a go diega mo go Goromente kana gongwe kwa mohiri a leng teng? Gape fa o lebile gore kana re leka *to run a private-led economy*, kana go raya gore bontsi jwa dikompone e ya go nna tsa baikemedi ka nosi, mme fa e le gore ditiego bontsi jwa nako di tsalwa ke kwa dikomponeng, re ya go dira eng go netefatsa gore *we encounter these delays*? Ke a leboga.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tanki motlotlegi. O botsa dipotso tse di siameng. A dikgobalo mo ditirong fa re lebile mo Botswana, a di a oketsega kana di a fokotsega; ke tlaa go raya ke re le fa re sa ipeela seelo sepe gore di tshwanetse gore di nne kae, mme tsone ga di kalokalo. Ke tlaa go raya ke re, ga di kalokalo e bile *they are not of big concern*, mme re dumela gore ga re a tshwanela go nna le dikgobalo. Ke ka go fa sekai, go tswa gore re lebeletse *sector* e e ntseng jang.

Gompiano fa o ka *compare* Botswana le mafatshe a mangwe *in the sector of mining, I think* re dira botoka *in the safety precautions* mo meepong ya rona. *It is very good*. Ke raya gore fa o ka lebelela fela mo meepong ya rona, o ka bona gore *the number of injuries* di boitse kwa tlase. Fa o ka lebelela mo go tse dingwe dikgobalo jaaka *construction*, le tsone di kwa tlase tse e leng gore *are registered*. Go raya gore *we are doing something*

better. Gone ke a dumela, e bile ke itse sentle gore go na le dingwe dikgobalo tse e leng gore *are not registered*, kana batho ga ba ise ba tle ba di *register*. A ke re gongwe ke dikgobalo tse di tshwanang le tsa kwa merakeng, babereki ba gobadiwa ke dikgomo, ke eng le eng, o tlaa fitlhela gore gantsi ka go tlhoka go itse tsamaiso, batho ga ba ke ba *report* dikgobalo tse di ntseng jalo.

So, jaanong ke sone se ke reng potso ya gago e gabedi tota gore a motho o ka e *confirm*, mme le fa re sena *standards*, mme rona ga re lebelela fela jaana, re bona o kare ga di dintsi thata dikgobalo. Se se re tshwenyang rona ke madi, ke dikatso tsa gore motho fa a golafetse o duelwa bokae. Tota tsone ra re di kwa tlase.

Ke sone se se re gwetlhileng gore re dire gore re baakanye *this workers' compensation*, di fetilwe ke nako jaaka ke re di sale di dirwa ka 1967. Fa o lebelela, di sale di dirwa ka bo 1967, o bo o lebelela gore dikgobalo tseo di kae, gompiano go ne go lebeletse *economy* e e neng e le kae, kalafi nako ya teng e ne e le kae, mme e bile gape go ne go lebeletse dikgobalo tse di ntseng jang. Tota ga e mo dinakong tsa rona gompiano.

Ke sone se o bonang re ema ka dinao re batla go e *amend* gore le makoa mangwe a re a bonang, dikgobalo tse re di bonang gompiano jaana, re dumela gore *they are not covered* le *rights* tsa batho ga di yo mo teng. O tlaa fitlhela e le gore tse dingwe tse re dumelang gore ke kalafi kana ke kgolagalo e e amang motho botshelo botlhe, o tlaa fitlhela mo teng ga *Act* gompiano e kare ga e a akarediwa. So, re dumela gore ga di a siama, mme fela ke ka go tlhomamisetsa gore se re se dirang re le ba *ministry* go baakanya dilo tse tsotlhe, go dira gore *workman compensation* e, babereki ba babalesege, ke sone se re dumelang gore jaanong re e baakanye.

Sengwe se ke ka se supang ke gore *the insurance companies* le tsone gompiano jaana, o tlaa fitlhela e le gore o kare go na le sengwe se e leng gore ga di se dire sentle ka gore *the insurance companies* ka fa di *insure* ka teng, *those are very low, low rates*, gore go diega eng fa kae, jaaka ke bua ke re *compensation is a process, it is not one event* jaaka *salary*. Gantsinyana se re se bonang rona kana se re se itemogelang ke gore ga go motlhofo gore mogobadi kana mmereki a dumalane le dikatso, mme a sa itire, a dirwa ke mabaka a mantsi a re ka a bonang. Gongwe mongwe a golafetse mokwatla. Kana mokwatla ke selo se se nnelang ruri fela jalo, mohiri kana *insurance* e bo e mo raya e re, ga o a golafalela mo tirong, o tshwanetse o bo o golafetse golo gongwe kana o iteilwe ke mongwe, kana o ole go le *weekend*.

Jaanong go tlhoka bomaitseanape le gone gape mo garona ba ba rileng, ke dilo tse e leng gore di a diega, ka gore mongwe o tshwanetse gore a supe tota gore bolwetse jwa mokwatla jo, bo dirwa ke setilo se motlotlegi a ntseng a nna mo go sone. A bo a supe ene moitseanape yo gore mme fa o bona mokwatla wa gagwe o ntse jaana, go raya gore o tlile go tshela ka one, a tlhoka kalafi e e ntseng jaana. Jaanong dilo tse ke tsone tse ke reng di a diragala, re tshwanetse go di akaretsa mo Compensation Act e ntsha. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

BONNO NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

DR U. DOW (KGATLENG WEST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement to make a statement on the total number of plots allocated for the Bonno National Housing Programme in Kgatleng West; and to further state:

- (i) the villages where these plots are;
- (ii) progress made to date;
- (iii) the citizenship of the companies appointed to undertake the project and the terms of the said appointment; and
- (iv) the expected date of completion for the first 50 houses.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Mother of the House*, Mma Dow.

Mr Speaker, matlo a Bonno a na le dikarolo kana *schemes* di ka nna borataro. Go na le *scheme* ka fa tlase ga Bonno se se bitswang gotwe Turnkey, go bo go nna le se gotweng Bonno Home Improvement, go bo go nna le Bonno D4 kana *equivalent*, go bo go nna le se se bitswang gotwe ke Commercial Housing, a a agiwa ke Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC). Targeted Housing le Destitute Housing, ke a go agelwang batlhoki *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, Artesia e na la matlo a Bonno Turnkey a le *three that are planned for*, Bonno D4 e le *one*, Targeted Housing 69. Matlo otlhe a a *planned for* a 73. Kgomodiatshaba e na le matlo a a *planned for* ka fa tlase ga Bonno Turkey a le mabedi, Pilane a a *planned for* a le 123...

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

MR RAMOGAPI: Gakere potso e ne e re *how many houses are planned for* kana *plots* di le kae, jaanong karabo ke gore go akanyeditswe gore go agiwe *plots* di le 123 kwa Pilane, Bokaa e nngwefela, Rasesa a 361. Matlo otlhe *mother of the House* a 560, a a mo lenaneong le mo kgaolong ya gago.

Mo kgannyeng ya *progress*; Bonno Turnkey Housing e *one* e setse e fedile, a a setseng a le *five are under construction*. A Bonno D4 kana *equivalent of the scheme* a santse a le mo gotweng ke *mobilization stage*, a Commercial Housing a tsamaya mo go 93 *per cent*, a mo Pilane.

Mr Speaker, matlo a a akanyetswang go agiwa ka fa tlase ga lenaneo la Targeted Housing, a dikompone tse di ikemetseng, *plots* tsa teng di setse di le *surveyed* ke ba Department of Surveys, e le *mapping for examination* e setse e le *approved*. Ministry wa rona *signed* mo gotweng ke *Development Agreement*, babeeletsi ba eme fela ka go neelwa *lease* ke ba *Ministry of Lands and Agriculture*.

Mabapi le gore dikompone tsa benggae di kae e bile di mofuta mang, dikompone tsotlhe tse di hirilweng ka fa tlase ga Bonno Housing Scheme ke tsa Batswana, kwa ntleng ga Targeted Houses. Tse e seng tsa Batswana go na le e nngwefela e ba tlaabong ba dira mo gotweng Targeted Houses.

Fa re tsena mo karabong ya gore *Development Agreement* ke ya mofuta mang, Puso ya rona e tsene mo tumalanong ya go aga le babeeletsi ka tsela e e leng gore ba a re re go neela lefatshe o bo o tla ka madi a gago, mme lefatshe le re go le neelang le, ga re le go fe, re a go le adima o le tlhabolola. Fa re sena go nna re le go adima o le tlhabololola, o tlaabo o busa ditshenyegelo tsa gago. Fa o sena go nna o busa ditshenyegelo tsa gago, o ka le rekisetsa Motswana. Fa o le rekisetsa Motswana jaana, o tshwanelwa ke gore o itse gore ka gore o le neetswe mahala, fa re setse re dira *valuation* jaanong re neela Motswana lefatshe le, *we subtract value* ele ya lefatshe. Maikaelelo e le gore ntlo e e nne *affordable*, e nne *cheap as compared to* fa *investor* a ka bo a rekile lefatshe jaaka *investors* tse dingwe.

Mr Speaker, ya bofelo, e a reng re solofela gore re bo re feditse matlo a le 50 leng; Kgatleng West e na le matlo a le 130 a e leng gore a setse a simolotswe go agiwa, a ke a buileng a a farologanyeng ao. *The first 50 units* e setse e fedile, e emetse *bulk servicing of water* e e leng

gore re tshwaragane le bothata jwa kwa Pilane. Go setse kgokelo ya metsi fela (*potable water*) le *sanitation*. Ke gone fela mo go diileng gore batho ba bo ba ka tsaya matlo a ba a dirisa. A setse a fetile 50 *Mother of the House*. Thank you, *Mr Speaker*.

DR DOW: *Supplementary*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Minister*. Ke na le dipotso di le tharo fela tsa *supplementary*. Ya ntlha ke re fa o bua ka matlo a a kwa Pilane a o reng a mo go 93 *per cent*, a o raya a Bonno a fitlhelang a ntse a agilwe, a gore go nne le *groundbreaking* e le Tautona yo o tsamaileng le *Minister* Kgafela yo o tsamaileng, kante o raya a a simolotsweng morago ga Bonno a simolola?

Ya bobedi, o tlhalosetse Motswana gore fa o re Targeted Housing o raya eng? Ga ke a e tlhaloganya sentle gone foo.

La bofelo, e rile maloba ke botsa wa tlhalosa gore ga o ise o feleletse ditumalano *which you are signing* le baagi ba. O ne o bua gore kgang ya teng e santse e le kwa *Attorney General*, nako ya teng mme le gone o ntse o simolotse. Ga ke itse gore a gompiano a ditumalano tsotlhe di fedile, fa di fedile a o ka mpha *copy* ya tsone gore re bone gore ditumalano tse le tsenang mo go tsone le baagi ba ke tsa mofuta mang? *I thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga *Mother of the House* ka dipotso tsa *supplementary*. *Mother of the House*, fa o tsaya Puso jaaka Rre Tshere a kile a bua gore go na le *law of succession*, ke dumela gore o ne a dirisa lefoko leo, ga e re o fitlhela go dirilwe *progress* ya Bonno, o bo o re nna ke thuba e jaanong ke itshimololela ya me, e ga se ya me. O agela gone foo. Matlo a re reng a tsamaya mo go 93 *per cent* a, ke a e leng gore fa re tsaya Puso re a fitlhetse a tswelletse, a le mo *stages*.

O ne o re ga o tshware sentle kgang ya Targeted Housing; ke *scheme* se re reng *investors* re thuseng, tlang ka madi a lona. Re le Puso re tshonne, ga re na madi, mme fa le ka aga kwa Kgatleng West, Batswana ba tlaa nna le ditiro. Fa le aga mo Kgatleng West, Batswana ba tlaa kgona go nna le bonno. E bo e re fa le fetsa le bo le busa ditshenyegelo tsa lona, le ka dira mo gotweng *rent to buy*, o hirise o ntse o le mo teng, o duela *rent* mme kafa o felela o na le ntlo eo. Kana yo o reng ke itekanetse ke na le madi, a reke gangwefela.

Mo go ya boraro ya *Development Agreement*, go boammaaruri *Mother of the House* o kile wa mpotsa, ka go araba ka boammaaruri gore e santse e baakanngwa. Mo bogompionong jaana e fedile, bo radikonteraka

have signed, ba ka tshwara 100 fa ke sa fose, ba bangwe *are still signing*, ba tswetsetse. Ka gore e setse e le *ready*, kana *document* e ke pampiri ya setšhaba, ga se golo mo ke tsayang gore ke ga ga Ramogapi mo ke ka reng, ga ke batle gore o bone golo mo. Jaanong ke tsaya gore ke tlaa dira thulaganyo le wena o bone gore mme tota e bua jang, e ntse jang. O ka bona *copy* eo, ke tlaa rulaganya le ba ofisi ya me *Mother of the House*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we have overshot the runway, Motion wa lona e ne e le *gore dipotso di ya up to 4 o 'clock*. Mme ke tsaya gore le di *kgarameditse*. At least 80 per cent or 90 per cent of the questions have been asked and answered, *a re yeng kwa Ditshutisong*.

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ga ke itse gongwe o tlaa nkaetsa gore mo Palamenteng ya gago *Ministers* ba tshwanetse gore ba nne ba tshosetsa Mapalamente fa ba bua mafatlha a bone mo Palamenteng? Ka gore *I just received message fa from Honourable Mmolotsi intimidating, threatening me*, ga ke itse gore a ke ka o go balela kana *I should forward it*, gore a mme mo Ntlong ya gago go tshwanetse go nna jalo?

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, Honourable Mapulanga, ga ke batle go balelwa *messages* ka gore o tloga o romelela yo mongwe le ene a bo a tla a bala *message* wa gago fa, wena o ne o ithaya o re o bua nae le le babedi. Jaanong fa e le ya go tshosetsa, ga ke dumele gore e ka nna teng. Kana *you are protected under the Powers and Privileges Act*, so ga go na le fa e le ope yo o ka go tshosetsang Honourable Member. Jaanong o tle o mpone kwa ofising fa e le gore go na le matshosetsi mangwe a ka nnang teng.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, le nna ke na le matshwenyego fela a mannyennyane a o kareng o a tlhokomologa. Phakela golo fa re ne ra bua o bo o supa gore *you will find out*, ke bo ke tlelwa ke ba *security* ba nthaya ba re ke *temperature sensor*. Ke bo ke romelelwa *message* ke *Clerk* a re wa re go eng fa godimo ga gago? Jaanong fa e le gore wena o le *Speaker* o le mong wa Ntlo e, *Clerk* le ene ke dumela gore ke mong wa Ntlo e, ba *security* le bone ke beng ba Ntlo e, *none of you knows* gore *what is here*, tota la re bothata ke eng le sa re tlhalosetse gore golo mo ke eng, ka gore go fa godimo ga me, ke nna ke leng *worried*? Fa le ka go ntsha ee, le bo le ya *to find out* gore ke eng, le bo le tla le go busetsa le lona le itse gore ke eng, go tlaabo go siame. Kana ke go kgomole re bo re tla re tsenya?

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable Lekau*, nnyaa, wela dibete motlotlegi. Kana Palamente e tona, e na le maphata a mantsi a a farologanyeng, jaanong fa gongwe go dingalo gore *Speaker* le *Clerk can keep track of* gore gatwe go diragala eng letsatsi leno, fa kae. Go na le gore fa gongwe *you complain* ka gore go tsididi thata kana go mogote thata, fa gongwe la re go *stuffy*, jaanong golonyana moo gatwe *it is a humility and temperature sensor*. E dira gore ba kgone go laola *temperature* e *remotely* ba le kwa ba leng teng. *I got the message from* ba *facilities*. Jaanong ba *facilities* ba tlaa tswelala ba ntse ba tokafatsa jaaka o bona *televisions* tse di ne di seyo, e le mo go nnyennyane. Ke jaaka o bona gore go tsentswe tse, maloba re ne re bua ka *camera* e e fale gore go tshwanetse go nna le *camera* e e le fotang sentle fa le le fa. Jaanong ke dumela gore le yone go mo tseleng gore e baakanngwe. Jaanong le se ka la tshwenyega, ga go na le fa e le mathata, ga go na diphatsa le botlhabetsi bope. A ko re yeng kwa Ditshutisong.

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

Mr Speaker. Ke akanya gore se motlotlegi a lekanngwe go se dira mo Ntlong *is very, very unprocedural*, o ka bo a go baletse *message* o a reng o a tshosediwa ka one. Gompieno jaana o phakela a ya kwa Gabz FM a feta a bua dilo fela tse le ene mo nakong ya gompieno fa go ka twe a di tlhalose, ga a ka ke a di tlhalosa. *I have a clip* ya gagwe a bua ka dikgang tsa bo gore *I renewed leases* tsa batho ka bo 15 to 25 years, yet they are renewed kwa *Ministry of Lands and Housing*. A bua gore ke tse neletse *community* ya gagwe, e bile ke neetse batlogolo ba me *to harass constituency*. *I do not have* motlogolo kwa Chobe. *I will send you the clip*, but *I told him* gore, fa a bua dikgang tse ka fa a di buang ka teng *which is what the message says*, a boele kwa *platform* e a neng a bua dikgang tse a itseng gore ga se boammaaruri. Fa a sa dire jalo, ke ya go senka tsamaiso ya gore *justice* e nne teng, and *I am saying that now*.

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme ke setse ke dirile *ruling* mo go yone batlotlegi. Hei! tsa kwa seromamoweng di bokete, ga ke ka ke ka di athola, nna ke athola tsa fa fela batlotlegi. Le tsone tsa lona tsa *messages*, ke tsena fa motlotlegi a reng o ka tshosediwa teng, ka gore *the Powers and Privileges Act* e *clear* gore kana fa o le Mopalamente, o tshwanetse gore o bo o sireletsegile, o sosologile go bua dikgang tsa gago tse di amanang le Bopalamente. Jaanong foo ke gone fa ke tsenang teng, le Mmamapodise ke ka mo leletsa gore sireletsa Mopalamente a kgone go dira tiro ya gagwe ka

botswere. Jaanong fa e le tsa lona tsa sepolotiki, tsa kwa mabaleng a dipolotiki, diromamowa le dipampiri, le se ka la bo la tla ka tsone kwano batlotlegi, tseetswee. Re a tsewelela, re ya kwa Ditshutisong, gakere ke utlwetse?

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

INTRODUCTION OF SAFE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BUSES

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Moalosi and Honourable Father of the House. Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming, when the House adjourned on Friday, the 10th of April 2026, Honourable Justine Chipso Hunyepa, Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, was on the floor debating, and he is left with nine minutes and 14 seconds. *Ke tsaya gore le tlaa tsewelela le ntse le ikgakolola debate e batlotlegi. Batlotlegi, tseetswee, a e re fa 6 o 'clock a ya go tshaya, le bo le setse le tseetse Tshutiso e tshwetso. Ke tlaa tsewelela ke ntse ke gakolola ka efficiency.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPa): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke dumedise bakaulengwe ba Malawi.*

Mr Speaker, *gongwe o tle o thuse* to direct this Motion. *Ga ke itse gore* Honourable Hikuama *le ene o ka tswa a ne a e dirile jang.* Mr Speaker, I note that the Motion was redirected to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, and as it is, I have a response from the ministry, *ga ke itse gore e ntse e tsewetse ka gore* when it was brought, it was under the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister Hunyepa, let me try and assist in two ways. One is that if you recall what Honourable Opposition Whip had said when presenting, *o ne a tlhalosa gore se a se tlhokang thatathata ke gore lona ba Lephata la Thuto, le tle ka a policy framework that will ensure safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation.* The nitty-gritties of implementation and all of that is up to you as Government. So, that is one way. The other way is to find solace in collective responsibility such that you are competent to respond to this Motion.

Mma ke utlwe Honourable Maele. I mean that was to your guidance.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Procedure sir.* Ke a leboga mongwame. *Thank you so much sir.* Gakere Motion ke wa ga Honourable Hikuama, *the person who responds* ke Honourable Hikuama *not him, ene he debates* fela. E ne e le gore a re *guide because we thought* Motion ke wa bone. *Under the circumstances now,* go raya gore ene o tlaabo a *debate* fela *like any other Member of Parliament.* Ke raya gore *it is in order sir.* O tlaabo a sa e arabe *responding under the circumstances.*

MR SPEAKER: *Ke gore* what is confusing Honourable Maele is that, normally, the responsible Minister guides the debate in terms of what obtains in the ministry, what the policy is, what the laws are, and what they are doing. What Honourable Hunyepa is trying to say *ke gore, o ne a akanya* gore the person to guide or the best ministry to guide *ke wa* Local Government. That is why I am saying, *tota re ka tsewelela.* Collective responsibility that is where we can find solace, or as the mover argued *gore mme kana tota se a se batlang* ke policy ya kwa Education regarding transportation *ya bana.*

E siame re ka tsewelela. If there is a chance that *ba* Local Government would rise to debate, *le bone* they can further guide. *Jaanong batlotlegi, mmang ke le gakololeng* gore *fa* Speaker a *eme ka dinao, o ema* fela *fa o emeng* teng.

MR HUNYEPa: Thank you Mr Speaker for the clarity. Issues *tsa* Local Government and Traditional Affairs as you are aware Mr Speaker, *ke* issues *tsa* welfare *ya bana* as we share the responsibilities. I will build on that debate as adjourned last time. The issue is that Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs together with the Ministry of Child Welfare, we have engaged on this issue. What has happened is that, we are concerned with the dignity *ya bana ba rona* and the safe transportation *ya bone.* What we have done with the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, they have since issued a savingram on 11th February, 2026 directing the immediate discontinuation of the use of donkey carts for transporting school learners. That is one aspect.

The donkey carts initiative was introduced in 2016 as an interim intervention to assist learners residing more than 5 kilometres (km) from schools, particularly in remote and hard to reach communities where conventional transport services were unavailable. While the initiative served its intended purpose at the time, Government has since reviewed the arrangement against evolving road

safety requirements, child protection standards and the need to provide learners with safe, reliable and dignified transport, which is also a concern to the Honourable Member of Parliament, issues of dignity. The mandate was issue of safety.

As a result, Mr Speaker, there has been direction to discontinue especially that issue of transportation is provided by the Ministry of Local Government. They have since directed to discontinue the use of donkey carts and replace them with appropriate and safer modes of transport that comply with road traffic legislation and child protection standards. Councils were further instructed to prioritise learner safety, roadworthiness of vehicles. The use of licensed and insured transport operators and effective monitoring and accountability of transport services.

Mr Speaker, the councils in conjunction with the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education have already started providing this service; safer and dignified transport, though not all of them, given the prevailing financial constraints. The ministry is currently looking into other avenues for provision of this service. This include collaboration with the private sector and development partners. As we speak, in some areas, the private sector and the civil society are providing transport to some of these schools. This include collaboration with...

MR HIKUAMA: Clarification Mr Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. *Ke ne ke utlwa e kete wa re council e ne ya emisetsa donkey carts with a safe mode of transport. O ka ntsha dikai gore ke kwa kae kwa di dirisiwang teng, gongwe re tle re e tshware sentle?*

MR HUNYEPA: I cannot right now do that, but I can always bring the information to demonstrate that. As it is right now, I have not collected or gathered the information to that aspect, but I can always bring that information because where we are right now, the savingram is being rolled out. Some schools are already doing that, they are providing such transport. The implementation is based on the savingram. Together with Ministry of Child and Basic Education, the Ministry of Local Government are implementing the savingram and further collecting information where this has not been implemented, so that we can correct going forward.

The ministry Mr Speaker, is looking into other avenues for provision of this service that is the safer and dignified type of service. This like I said, include collaboration

with the private sectors and development partners to address the matter from the perspective of hard to reach areas, and disadvantaged children with the view to further improve learner's safety. The Ministry of Local Government so far continues to strengthen existing transport arrangements with available resources, while exploring innovative and sustainable options for a comprehensive national school transport framework as the country's fiscal position improves.

Mr Speaker, the ministry remains committed to ensuring that every learner has access to safe, reliable and dignified transportation in support of quality education and the protection of children's rights. Mr Speaker, in addition to that, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure has produced two documents which are very, very critical. They have (i); the National Integrated Transport Policy of 2022 to 2036 which is a final policy. It is a White Paper which was released in 2021 in December. The other document is the National Multi-Modal Transport Master Plan (NMMTMP) released in November 2022. These documents are meant to ensure that we have the right type of transport across the country in all the sectors.

So, these are policies that are already in place and in this instance, I can confidently say that we have a policy already in hand, except that maybe is not comprehensive and written in the way the Honourable Member of Parliament (MP) may want it. We have such, just like we have our Foreign Policy, which is not codified at all, but it is a policy that actually works.

Lastly, I would say that we have policies written, sometimes they are not used very well or they are not even implemented. A good example is that we have the Revised National Policy on Education (RNPE) and it has not been implemented, but it is a very good policy that we have. So, in that instance, because the concern was mainly on donkey carts, they have been abolished and stopped. We have a way of now transporting students in a safer and dignified manner.

MR SPEAKER: E go tshwere nako.

MR HUNYEPA: Thank you Mr Speaker.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re Motion o Mr Speaker le batlotlegi, is long overdue. Tota ga re ka ke tshela le bana o tswa mo lelwapeng o itse gore o safe, o ya tirong o palame koloi kana combi, ngwana a bo a palama sekotsekara. O bo o tsaya*

gore go siame fela, e bile e tlaare letsatsi le phirima, le tlaa kopana kwa lelwapeng. Ke kile ka tla kwano ka potso ya mosoroto o, *because* kwa kgaolong ya me, go dirisiwa disekotsekara. Ke na le kgaolo e bidiwa gotwe Mmamohiko, bona gore kgaolo ya Mmopane-Metsimotlhabe e bokgala jo bokae go tswa mo toropong, mme bana ba santse ba palama disekotsekara. Disekotsekara tse di pedi, *for population* ya bana ba ba ka bo ba setse ba diretswe dikoloi gongwe di ka nna *four*.

Fa o ka ba bona ba palame sekotsekara ba le mo go sone, ba tlhatlagane ba emeletse ba itshwareletse, ke gore o a bona fela gore mo ke go baya mo Modimong. Bagaetsho, ke akanya gore nako e fitlhile. Ke a itse gore ke kile ka re mo Palamenteng mo, ka tla ka potso ya gore khansela e fetola leng *mode of transport*. Le jeno ga go na sepe se se diragalang. Dikgang tse, ga di re beye sentle ka gore batsadi nako le nako mo Kgotleng ba a mpotsa gore, “o rile *Minister* a re khansela e fetola dikoloi, *but* ga go na sepe se se diragalang.” Tota ke akanya gore re eme nokeng mogopolo o, gongwe e tlaare fa ba utlwa gore re eme nokeng, sengwe sa diragala bagaetsho. Ga re a tshwanela go iphitlha ka menwana, *these things are happening*, bana ba mo *risk* fela e e *serious*. *Imagine donkey cart*, motho wa teng ga re itse gore a o itse go kgweetsa ditonki ka gore ga go na *licence* ya ditonki? Ga re itse gore *donkey cart* a e itsetsepitse, e *safe*? Ga re itse gore a o bona sentle fa a tsamaya jalo? Bana jaaka ba ntse jalo le bone, ga ba a sireletsega. Bana ba tsamaya mo marigeng. *Imagine* ngwana a palama *donkey cart* ka 6:00 a.m. a ya sekoleng gore serame se ntse jang mo go ene. *Imagine* fela le malwetse a e leng gore ngwana o simolola go nna *exposed* jaaka *pneumonia*, re santse re lwela gore go nne le *prevention*, *at the same time we are exposing them*. Ke dumela gore kgang e, ga e a tshwanela go nna telele thata ka gore ga go na ope yo o sa e itseng bagaetsho. Fa re le fa jaana, re batsadi le rona.

Another issue ke gore, fa o tsaya kgaolo e tshwana le e e kgakalakgakala ya ga *Honourable* Hikuama, gongwe o tlaa ithaya o re ka go kgakala, batho ba santse ba sa bone. Ga go a nna jalo, dikgaolo tse di gautshwanyane fela, bana ba palama disekotsekara. *You can even go tomorrow* phakela kwa sekoleng *when they are dropped at the gate*, ba tsena kwa Gamodubu le Metsimotlhabe ka disekotsekara. *I feel* gore ga re a tshwanela go tsaya *two hours* gotwe re bua ka selo sa teng. Ke selo se e leng gore go dumalanwe gore re kopa ba re thuse, ba baakanye. Ga go na jaaka go ka tse khansela e baakanya dikoloi tseo, *up to now* di seyo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR SPEAKER: *Clarification* *Honourable* Lucas. *Honourable* Minister Ramogapi, o ele tlhoko Standing Order 58. Fa yo mongwe a eme a bua, ga o fete fa pele ga gagwe.

MR LUCAS: *Point of clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Deputy Speaker*. Kgang e ya sekotsekara, *Honourable* Motshegwa o ne a re, o e emisitse. Ga ke itse gore kwa Gamodubu ke eng e santse o kare e teng? Lekwalo le teng, ga ke itse gore a mme le fa tseo tsothle di le teng, e ntse e tswetse fela? Ke ne ke re o re e rurifaleitse.

MS MANYENENG: Ke a leboga *Honourable Member*. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, bagaetsho, dikgang tsa gore go a fetolwa re neelwa dikoloi tse di siametseng bana ba dikole, tse dingwe gongwe di diragetse. Kwa kgaolong e ke emetseng, e ke tlhophilweng kwa go yone bagaetsho, ga go a nna jalo. Ke raya gore ke santse ke le fa ke kopa gore a khansela e fetole. Re se ka ra tsaya gore *Motion* jaaka ke o bua, o molato, ga o molato. Ke selo sa gore re eme, re sireletse bana ba Batswana. Ga o bue gore batho ba kae. Se re tshwanetseng re se itemogele ke gore, a go siame gore kamoso o bo o utlwa bana ba gosomantswe ke sekotsekara mo sekonotereng? Re ya go reng? Re ya go simolola re e tlhalosa re reng? Tota ga ke na mafoko ape a maleele. Ke ne ke re a go dirisiwe molao wa khansela o gotweng o teng. Ke ntse ke reeditse *Honourable* Hunyepa a re, a dikoloi tse di rekiwe, bana ba nne *safe*. Re sale re beile mo Modimong, jaanong fa gongwe go batla le wena o iteka gore a go thuse. Ke ema fela go le kalo *Honourable Speaker*.

MR MOALOSI (NKANGE): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke go leboge *Honourable* Hikuama ka *Motion* o montle thata o. Ke dumela gore jaaka *Honourable Deputy Speaker* a ne a bua, bontsi jwa rona ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di bophara, go na le *issue* ya bana ba ba tsamayang *distance* tse di telele maphakela ba ya dikoleng. *Even* mo metseng fela e metona, fa o tsaya sekole se tshwana le Shangano se se kwa Sebina, bana ba tswa kwa Marobela, Mafungo-Hubona ba tsamaya ka dinao. Fa e le gore batsadi *cannot afford* go duelela ngwana *school bus*, go raya gore ngwana o bapisa tsela a tsamaya 8 km, 10 km a ya sekoleng. Jaaka re itse, ga ba goroge ba le mo seemong se ba ka ithutang. Seemo seo, se dira gore ngwana a felele fa gongwe a sa pasa kwa sekoleng, mme a ne a kgona go pasa. *Motion* o bua gore Goromente *to provide student-friendly school buses*. Ke dumela gore ke selo se re tshwanetseng re dumalane ka sone. Go ka tsaya nako gore go diragadiwe jaaka re

batla re lebile bophara jwa lefatshe, mme *in principle*, re tshwanetse re dumalane gore a re tleng ka *policy* e e ntseng jalo. Re bo re bona gore re le Palamente, re ka dira jang *to provide the resources* tsa gore go diragadiwe jalo.

Fa o tsaya le motse o motona o o tshwanang le Tutume, bana ba a tswa kwa Thini ba ya McConnell kana ba ya Denjebuya ba tsamaya ka ditsela tse di *dangerous*. *We have had a case* ya ngwana wa mosetsana, o ne a se ka a tshwarwa sentle ke selalome mo tseleng a ya sekoleng. Fa go na le *transport*, dilo tseo re a di tla. So, le nna jaaka *Deputy Speaker* a bua, ga ke dumele re tshwanetse re tseye lebaka re nganga *Motion* o. Ke dirise *two minutes* mo *10 minutes* o, ke dumalane. Ke bo ke sutisa gore re dumalane fela gore re emise *debate* ka *the relevant Standing Order Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, mma ke le utlweng. Kana *Honourable* Moalosi o a bo a eme ka *Standing Order* 55.1 mme ga ke dumele gore ke ka re go na le *some consensus* ka gore kana go buile *Honourable* Hunyepa, *Deputy Speaker* le ene. Le bararo fela. Jaanong mma ke le utlwenyana.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke re le nna ke nne le mafoko mo Tshutisong e e sa tswang go bewa mo Palamenteng. Fa ke reeditse Tshutiso, e bua gore go nne le dibase tse di ka kgonang go tsaya bana di ba isa kwa dikoleng. E re go dirwa jalo, go bo go na le thulaganyo e e tlaa nna teng e tsamaisa gore tiro ya dibase go tsaya bana go ba isa kwa dikoleng, re bo re na le *that framework*. Ke gone ka fa *Motion* o buang ka teng.

Fa ke reeditse ka fa go diragalang ka teng, *Minister of Local Government* o tlhalositse gore re le Puso, re ne ra tsaya tshwetso ya gore re fedise go tsaya bana ka dikotsekara go ba isa kwa dikoleng. Fa go kgonagalang teng mo *budgets* tsa dikhansele le Goromente, re kgone go reka dibase tseo. Ke tsaya gore se se buiwang ke Puso, ke sone se Mopalamente a se kopang mo nakong ya gompiano. Se a se buang ke sone se Goromente a bo a ka dira ka fa a batlang go diragala ka teng.

Se *Motion* o se buang ke go gatelela se Goromente a se akantseng ka gore fa go na le *policy*, e a bo e sa reye gore dibase di ka kgona gore di nne teng. Dibase di ya go nna teng fela fa go setse go na le *budget* e e rileng gore go kgone go rekwa. Fa o reetsa moono wa *Motion*, ke one o ke buang ke re, re a bo re bua selo se le sengwefela. Gongwe fa re ka tsaya nako e telele

gone fa re *debate* mme re bua selo se le sengwefela, go ka se ke go re tswela mosola. Se ke ka se buang ke gore ke dumalana le karabo ka fa e filweng ka teng gore Goromente o setse a le mo tseleng a dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SEDOMBO (TONOTA): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke ema ka go ema Tshutiso e nokeng. Ke dumela gore golo fa, fa o le moruti o rerela ba ba setseng ba amogetse Jesu, dikgang tsa gago ga di bokete. O ntsha temana fela e bo e le gore moya wa Modimo o tsena mo bathong.

Se re se buang fa ke matshwenyego a rona, a batsadi, a bana, a mongwe le mongwe kwa dikgaolong tse re tswang kwa go tsone. Mo sebakeng sa gompiano, re tshwanetse ra bua re lebeletse tshireletsego ya bana ba. Gongwe ke e fa sekai; motse o tshwana le wa Serule, Gojwane kana wa Tonota o e leng gore kwa Tonota West bana ba ne tsewa kwa teng go tswa kwa bo Puditshaya ba ya kwa sekoleng sa John Phoko le Rauwe go ne go le diphatsa. Diphatsa tsa teng di le mo go reng ba kgabaganya A1 mme fa o lebelela kotsekara ya ditonki e pegile bana ba ba bonnyennyane jo bo kalo, e e leng gore A1 dikoloi tsa teng mabelo a teng a tsitsibanya mmele. E ne e le dilo tsa lesego fela go bo go sa diragala bomadimabe jo ope o ne a solofela gore bo ka diragala. A e re go ise go tle gore go nne le tshisibalo e e kalo re feme, re baakanye, re dire gore bana ba sireletsege. *Deputy Speaker* o supile gore bodiphatsa jo bo neng bo le teng gape, e bo e nna jwa fa dipula di na. Fa dipula di na ga re tlhomamisa gore a ditonki di tlaa bonala. Go raya gore fa ditonki di seyo, bana ga ba na go ya sekoleng. Fa ba ka ya sekoleng, go nnile lesego gore ditonki di bonale, ba ya go tsena thari. Ke gore jaanong nako e go siile, mokgweetsi wa tsone o kotama thata ka ditobe gore di leke go tsosa mosepele gore di ye go tsena kwa sekoleng. Le ka fa di neng di fapaana le dikoloi ka teng, ga go a siama gotlhelele. Ga re na dikgang tse dintsi, ke gone gore golo fa *we preach to the converted*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA):

Clarification. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Sedombo. A mme se se dirilweng ke *Ministry of Local Government* ka maiteko a a kalokalo a go kwala *savingram* a re go eme, a ga o bone gore ba ba ka tswang ba dira jalo ba roba molao? Kana fa go setse go dirilwe mokwalo o ntse jalo, ke molao o o tshwanetseng go salwa morago. Ke a leboga.

MR SEDOMBO: Maiteko a dirilwe, ba dira sentle gore go nne le maiteko, jaanong a go nne le tiragatso ya theko. Re se ka ra dira mokwalo o o senang se se supang gore golo fa re mo tseleng re dira jaana.

Ke ne ke utlwa o araba *Minister* o botswa gore re fe dikole tse go setseng go diragaditswe, o rile ga o na natso mme dikole di le ka fa tlase ga matlho a gago, o bo o sena dikole o re raya o reng? Mo nakong ya gompiano o bo o re raya o re kwa bolebelebe sekole sa gore le gore go na le base e e duleng jaaka go ne go kwadilwe gore a di eme, tsela ke e re mo go yone. O bona gore re buile tshokolo e bana ba neng ba le mo go yone go ya sekoleng, jaanong ke seemo se se thata. Re tshwanelwa ke gore mo nakong ya gompiano re bo re ema fa ka mowa o le mongwefela go batla gore go diragadiwe. Ke se re se emetseng. Tota kgang ya rona a e se ka ya nna telele. Ke a leboga, ke ema mogopolo o nokeng.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Tokyo Modise, Member for Kgalagadi South. O emenyana foo. *Order! Order! Honourable Members.*

...Silence...

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Good afternoon Honourable Members. You may continue Honourable Modise.

MR J. T. I. MODISE (KGALAGADI SOUTH): Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re le nna ke eme go iteela kobo moroko mo go emeng nokeng Tshutiso ya ga Motlotlegi Hikuama. Ke supe gore kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi, ke simolole fela ka gore mokwalo o ne o kwadile ke Tona wa *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*. Mo mokwalong wa gagwe, re ne re setse re na le mafelo mangwe a tiro ya go tshwana le e a kwalang ka yone e, a tswetseng. Ke tsaya sekai ka motse wa fa Middlepits, go na le polasenyana e e ka nnang kilometres di ka nna botlhano go ya kwa go tse supa, e bidiwa gotwe Lobu Farm. Badirelapuso ba teng ba ne ba tsena mo seemong sa gore e rile le fa go ise go nne *official* gore boikarabelo jwa *ministry* o o maleba bo tseye kgato eo, bone ba bo ba tsaya tshipidi tonto ba leka gore ba bone gore bana ba bone ba goroga kwa Middlepits Primary School le kwa Kgalagano Junior Secondary school. Ke tsaya gore *the Farm Manager* o dirile se se maleba a supa botsadi jo bo kalo go bona gore bana ba badiredi ba kwa Lobu Farm, ba tshwanetse gore ba fiwe sepalamo. Se gongwe re ka se eletsang re

le baemedi ba dikgaolo ka go farologana, ke go bona *Ministry wa Local Government and Traditional Affairs* o o lebagane le *to transport* bana ba *primary schools*, o ema ka dinao go bona gore *they are supported*.

Ke kgabodisitse golo gongwe le fa ke sa tlhomamisa thata, ke bona *tender* ya gore ba ba nang le 12 to 16 *seaters*, ba ikgolaganye le Tsabong District Council go leka go tsena mo thulaganyong eo. *Honourable* Hunyepa, se o neng o se bua mongwame, ke tsaya gore *councils* tse dingwe di tswetse, le fa gongwe o ka se ka wa di ntsha ka maina. Ke re mme le yone Tsabong District Council, ke tsaya gore e tshwere sentle. Ke le Mopalamente wa kgaolo, ke ka itumela thata fa e ka nna nngwe ya *councils* tsa ntlha gore e dire jalo ka gore *priorities* tsa tsone di a farologana, ke tsaya gore ke selo se sentle.

Ke bo ke boa ke *face* ba *Ministry wa Child Welfare and Basic Education*, ke re kana re na le bana ba di-*secondary*. *Ministry wa Local Government* o lebagana le ba di-*primary*, le bone ba ye go ema ka dinao ba ntshe *savingram* ya bone e e tlaabong e bua le ba *senior secondary schools* le *junior secondary schools* gore le bone fela jaaka ba *Local Government and Traditional Affairs*, ba dire jalo go *transport students* ba e leng gore le bone ba tswa *same distance*, gore e se ka ya re kamoso bale ba bo ba imediwa ka gore re bereka ka *statistics*. *Ministry wa Local Government and Traditional Affairs* ba lebelela *statistics* tsa *primary schools*, jaanong ga re batle gore ba ye go tsaya *lift* mo *transport* ya bo monnaabone. Gongwe ke kope *ministry* o o maleba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR J. T. I. MODISE: Ke a mo neela *Madam Speaker*:

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Elucidation. Thank you Honourable* Modise. Ke go lebohe mokaulengwe gore wena o setse o bone *savingram*. Tsholofelo e ne e le gore e ka tswa e setse e dirilwe jalo mo *councils* tsotlhe.

Ke tlaleletse mokaulengwe ke re, jaaka o re *Ministry wa Child Welfare and Basic Education* le one o ntshe dikoloi, ke nnete tota, go ntse jalo. Ke ka tlhalosa fela gore rona re santse re le mo borutabaneng, re na le *Honourable* Hikuama, re ile ra thusa Goramente ka go emisa go pega bana mo diterakeng. Ke mongwe wa ba ba neng ba eme kwa pele ke re ga go na ngwana o o palamang diteraka le *donkey carts* tota. *As we speak right now, ministry* o tsere tshwetso gore *every trip* e e leng gore bana ba

tsamaya *long distance*, ga go na ngwana yo o pegwang *truck* gotlhelele, *it is either* ba pegwa dibase tsa *regions* tsa ga Goromente *or* di hirisiwa dibase *from the public providers*. Unfortunately, ke gore fela gompiano tota re eletsa gore go ka bo go na le *combis*. O tlaa gakologelwa gore go kile ga rekwa *combis* tse di neng di pega bana *to one point* re santse re na le *Board of Governors*. *A number of schools* di ne di rekile *combis* tse di ntseng jalo. Ke moonoo o re tswelelang ka one *in that particular aspect*.

Kgang e ya *implementation*, *we should ensure* gore *savingram* ya *councils* *is implemented* gore e tle e re berekele, ditonki di emisiwe, ba emise gore bana ba se ka ba pegwa mo ditonking. Re se ka ra bona ope a pega bana mo diterakeng. Ke a leboga *honourable*.

MR J. T. I. MODISE: *Thank you honourable*. Se o se buang ke nnete. Fa ke tsamaela go e digela, kana *council* e betsho, go na le ba *special needs*, ba tsewa malatsi otlhe ba isiwa kwa dikoleng tsa *special needs*. Ke thulaganyo e e leng gore *council*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR J. T. I. MODISE: Tla ke neele *Honourable* Maele.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Clarification*. Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke re *the debate* e *Honourable* Modise a e tshwereng, *it is very resourceful*, e re thusa thata. Ke ne ke re gongwe go ka nna botoka thata fa o ka tsamaela le kwa *Motion* gore *on the basis of* dilo tse o di buang tse o reng di a dirwa tse, *what is your view?* Ke gore ke bona o kare o bua *information* e e leng *correct*, *that justifies* gore dilo di a dirwa mme ga ke utlwe o bapa le *Motion* thata gore o re bolelele gore *what is your view*, a re ye kwa go Rre Hikuama kana go siame se se ntseng se buiwa ke Rre Hunyepa, re tsamaye le Rre Hunyepa? Ke a leboga *sir*: Fa o ka re thusa gone foo ka gore *you are very resourceful on this matter*.

MR J. T. I. MODISE: Tanki *honourable*. Go bua boammaaruri, ke go *support Motion* wa ga Rre Hikuama. Ke ne ke bua ka *the few* e e setseng e thusiwa, tse di setseng di diragala *at the current moment*, ke batla gore re tsenye bana ba ba nnang kgakala *and should be provided* ka *transport* go ya kwa dikoleng. Ke sone fela se gongwe mongwame, ke ka lehang go gatelela mo go tsone.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. O e tshwere sentle *Honourable* Modise. Tota re tshwanelwa ke gore re *support Motion* o le fa ke le sebetse se molangwana

ka kgang ya go emisa dikotsekara. Ke tlaa ke ema fa ka nako e ke tlaabong ke e fiwa ka lebaka la gore ke fitlhela o kare fa re emisa dikotsekara mme go sena se e leng gore gongwe se tlaabo se di *replace*, go ya go diragala jang? Ka fa o e tshwereng ka teng, o e tshwere bontle thata, o e ala sentle. *Honourable* Hunyepa ke mongwe wa batlotlegi ba e leng gore dikgaolo tsa gagwe di *suffer* le go feta. *Honourable* Hunyepa, bana fa ba tswa kwa motseng wa Gungwe le Mbalambi ba ya kwa Sekakangwe, *it is a distance* fela ya bo 20 *kilometres* mme ba emelela bosigo ka bo 2:00 a.m. ba tsamaya ba bitsana ka melodi gore ba ye kwa motseng wa Sekakangwe.

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

MR FRENZEL: Jaanong fa ke emelela gone fa ka nako e ke tlaabong ke e fiwa, ke leka go dumalana le se a se buang ke gore *Motion* o o botlhokwa thata. Gore bana ba bo ba emelela ka dinako tsone tseo, re tshwanelwa ke gore *ministry* wa gago o bone gore o dumalane le...

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

MR FRENZEL: Nnyaa, o feditse gale, ke a kgaritlhelela.

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

MR FRENZEL: Re dumalane le se a se buang mme legale ke tlaa tla ke nna le nako yame. Ke ne ke tlatsa fela gore o e tshwere sentle, a re gakololeng *Minister* gore mabaka a ke a a botlhokwa thata. O ka feleletsatsa, ke tlaa tla ke nna le nako yame.

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

MR J. T. I. MODISE: Tanki motlotlegi. E ne e le go garela *Madam Speaker*. Boammaaruri fela ke gore a re bone gore re *provide safe transport for* bana ba rona re le Puso ya gompiano. Ba ba tlaa tlang kwa morago ga rona gongwe bo *after 60 years*, ba tlaa tla ba tsweledisa. Ka mafoko a a kalo, ke a mo *support*.

MR GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke supe fela gore ke ema jaana *to support* Tshutiso e. Ke dumela gore *it does not seem to suggest* gore ga go na sepe se se dirwang *altogether*, se e lehang go se lemotsha kana e e eletsang gore se dirwe ke gore rotlhe fa kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, re itse dikgwetlho tse di re lebananeng, tse di amanang le go isa bana kwa dikoleng, ka jalo, ke sone se a neng a re *a framework*, e ke dumelang gore e tlaabo

e lebelela diemo tsotlhe gore ga go na gope fa go tlaa salang go na le *gap* ya gore bana bale ba nne *vulnerable*. Ke dumela gore mongwe le mongwe yo o ka emang fa e le Mopalamente wa kgaolo, go na le dikai tse di ka mo gwetlhang gore a bo a eme. Jaaka nne bangwe ba bua ka kgang ya ditonki, di ne tsa nna le fa di thusang teng, e ne e le maletisa go beng, *but* ditonki kana e ne e le gore ke dilo tse e leng gore fa go tla go tsena *season* ya mariga, e re dumelang gore ke yone e e thata, bana ba tlhoka go ka bo ba fiwa *transport*, mongwe le mongwe o a itse gore diphologolo fa go nna mariga jaana, tlhaga e nna tshetlha, *nutrition* e ya kwa tlase, ka jalo, boleng kana bokgoni jwa tsone jwa go goga bo wela kwa tlase, go bo go raya gore jaanong bana ba a sokola. Ke fa sekai ka kgaolo e tshwana le Machana e e mo Moshupa-Manyana, bana ba tsamaya bo *six, seven* km ba tswa kwa go bo Ratlhong le kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe tse ba tsamayang *distance* e telele, mo go raya gore go ba baya mo boraing jwa gore le ba basetsanyana ba iphitlhela e le gore ba wetswe ke diru tse e leng gore ga re eletse gore re ka bua ka tsone mo gomprienong.

Ke dumela gore ga go reye go latofatsa gotlhelele *Honourable Minister* gore ga go na maiteko a a dirwang. Se se diragalang ke gore boammaaruri jwa teng, diemo tse dingwe tse re di bonang gomprienong jaaka re bua jaana, le tsone ditonki ga di kgone *completely*, kana fa e leng gore go na le *transport* teng, e a *short*. Sekai, jaaka nne *Honourable* Modise a bua gore go na le bangwe ba *special unit* ba fiwa dikoloi, kwa Ranaka re na le bana ba ba nang le bogole, ba ba tsosiwang ka bo 4, 5 phakela, ba e leng gore ga ba itire sepe, mme *combi* e tlaabo e mo tsaya e dikologa ka ene e ya go tsaya ba bangwe, e le gore sekole se tsena ka 8, mme a sa bolo go tsewa kwa lelwapeng ka 4. Golo mo fela ka bogone go ba baya mo seemong se e leng gore ga go nne sentle, *hence* go tlhokana le *framework*, e e lebelelang *situations* tse tsotlhe, *so that* go ka dirwa ditharabololo tse di *tailor-made for situation by situation*. Fa e le gore *we assume* gore *tender* e tlaa tswa, *savingram* e ile kwa khanseleng, go siame ee, mme ga go a lekana *enough* *to address challenges* tse di farologanang go tswa kwa kgaolong go ya kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe.

Gape le gone mo ka bogone kana fa go ntse jaana, paka ya mariga, re felela e le gore re bona bana ba *drop* kwa sekoleng, e le gore tota le bone batsadi motho o a ipotsa gore ngwana a tsamaya ka lenao. Bontsi jwa dikgaolo tse batho ba teng *economically*, ga ba na bokgoni jwa gore ba apese bana mo go lekaneng, ba jese bana mo go tshwanetseng, motho a bo a bona gore bogolo a nne le

ngwana foo, a se ka a tsenwa ke serame, a se ka a tlhola a bolailwe ke tlala mo tseleng, go bo go raya gore *we experience* diemo tse bana ba siiwang ke tshiamelo kana tshwanelo ya bone ya go tsena dikole. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, e se gore ga re lemoge maiteko a a leng teng. Ke tsaya gore go botlhokwa, go *urgent* tota jaaka *Motion* o bua gore *this thing must be done* go leka go netefatsa gore *we address* dikgang tse. Ke dumela gore Mopalamente mongwe le mongwe yo o nang le kgaolo, yo o tswang kwa dikgaolong, ba nna le dikai tse di farologaneng tse di ngomolang pelo, di a patika gore re iphitlhela re eme ka dinako re *support Motion* o.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Ke a utlwa *Honourable* Gare gore o bua dikgang tse di botlhokwa thatathata, segolobogolo e bile jaaka dikgaolo di farologana jaana. Kana wena o tswa kwa dikgaolong tse e leng gore gongwe di botoka di na le ditsela sentle, mme go gaisa kwa go nna. Go riana fa ke ntse jaana, ke ipotsa gore ke gore le fa re ka batla *truck-buses* tseo kampo dibase, di ya go tsamaya mo ditseleng tse di ntseng jang, mme gone ke eletsa gore di nne teng. Go le botlhokwa thatathata gore bana ba tshwanetse go bona gore segolobogolo ba e leng gore gongwe kwa ba tswang teng go sekgala go ya go goroga kwa dikole di leng teng. Jaanong ka fa o buang ka teng gore re *support Motion* o o tlang ka *Honourable* Hikuama, fa go ka tla seemo se e leng gore gongwe Puso e tlaabo...Jaaka gomprienong jaana rona kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, dikotsekara di a dirisiwa totatota. Kgaolo e ke tswang kwa go yone dikotsekara di dintsi, e bile o fitlhela e re fa di senyegile ke bo ke utlwa botlhoko. O se ka wa tshwenyega Motlotlegi Mapulanga, ke tlaa tla ke go neela.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR FRENZEL: Jaanong fa re lebeletse mabaka a otlhe, le mo seemong sa gomprienong gongwe mo e leng gore re tlaabo re nna re ntse re supa gore kana re na le bothata jwa madi, jalojalo, dikgang tse tsotlhe, ga ke itse gore fa o bona, re ka thusa Puso ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ke lebeletse kgang ya gore kana dikotsekara tse, jaaka gomprienong go dule *savingram* e e neng e khansela gore dikotsekara di ka nama di dirisiwa, re ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang re bone gore thuso e e ka nnang ya potlako gore kwa dikotsekara di berekang teng, go bonala totatota gore di botlhokwa? Ga ke itse, e le kakanyo fela, ke raya ka gore gongwe dikgang tseo o ka di tlhaloganya botoka ka gore kgaolo e ke tswang kwa go yone e na le bothata joo, go ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore e tle e le seemo sa potlako? *Thank you.*

MR GARE: Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Frenzel*. Ke tsaya gore gakere Puso e tsamaisiwa ka molao le *policies*, ke sone se mosutisi wa kgang e a reng a go nne le *policy*. *The policy will guide* gore go ka dirwa eng go lebeleletse diemo ka go farologana. Ke raya gore ka o ne o mpotsa gore go ka dirwa jang. Le rona re a di tlhoka ditonki mo bogompiano, o kgona go bona seemo se gore se *desperate*. Maloba ke ne ke ya kwa Machana ke pega bana mo tseleng ke bona gore golo fa gompiano le fa ditonki di lapile, re a di tlhoka. *The long-term sustainable solution* ke gore go tliwe ka *policy* e e ka dirang gore go nne le *the modes of transport* tse di ka kgonang go thusa bana ba rona ka mo go tshwanetseng.

MR MAPULANGA: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga. Tlaa ke go leboge Rre Gare. Tota kgang ya me e ne e le khutshwane thata, re lebile seemo sa kwa dikhanseleng gompiano jaana, ga di na *budget*. Dikhansela tse dingwe di kgona go fetisa beke di sa duela babereki, mo e leng gore *savingram* e gotweng go emisiwe ditirelo tsa go neela batho kana *to transport* bana, le fa re dumalana le moonoo wa teng, mme seemo se se leng teng jaaka gotwe sepatšhe se makgwakgwa, fa o lebile ke *turnaround time* e e kae tota e re ka kgonang gore re bo re rekile *combis* kana dibase tseo re lebile seemo sa gore Puso gompiano e palelwa ke go isa *subvention* kana Revenue Support Grant (RSG) kwa dikhanseleng gore di kgone go tlamela setšhaba?

MR GARE: Ke a leboga *Honourable Mapulanga*. Ke itumelela gore *Minister of Finance* a re o kare *economy* e tlaa thenyathanya kana e a thenyathanya, *but I still also believe* gore Goromente *has got an opportunity* ya *cost containment*, ya *to prioritise* go bonwe gore go ka dirwa jang *because here we are talking about children's rights* gore ba kgone go tsena sekole. Ke dumela gore ke dilo tse ba ka di lebelelang ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo.

Kwa bofelong *Madam Speaker*, e ne e le gone go supa gore ke ema Tshutiso e nokeng, le ba ga Moshupa ba e ema nokeng gore Puso e sekaseke go bona gore a e ka se ke e tle ka thulaganyo ya gore re nne le *transport* e e siametseng bana go ya kwa dikoleng. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ema fa le nna ke ema nokeng Tshutiso ya ga *Honourable Hikuama*. Ke mo ema nokeng jaana *Madam Speaker* ka gore fa gongwe re e tla re latlha tsela mo tseleng gore tota *Motion* wa ga *Honourable Hikuama* wa reng, ka gore ene se a se buang a re Goromente a *provide a safe and friendly*

student transport. Re bo re ipotsa dipotso gore a *savingram* e gotweng e kwadilwe, e ne e tsentsa mabaka a mo teng gore fa go kwalelwa kwa dikhanseleng, a e ntshitse *instruction* ya gore lona dikhansela, *provide a safe and student friendly transport*. Re se ka ra lebala gore *savingram* kana ga se molao, ke *savingram* fela e *Honourable Hikuama* le *Honourable Motshegwa* ba ka e kwalang, go leka go thusa ka ditshwetso *which can motivate* gore *councils* di se dire. Ba sa patike sepe, le gone e le gore ga go itshupe gore matshwenyego a jaaka *Honourable Hunyepa* a ne a bua gore ga go na yo o palamang teraka le dikotsekara. Kgang ke gore fa e le gore re kwaletse *councils*, a mme re ba boleletse gore e nne tse di *safe*? A re ba boleletse gore fa e le gore ke *buses, are they safe and student friendly*? Kana fa gongwe re ka ntsha sekgoropa fela sa mongwe yo ke mo itseng, re bo re re *as long as* e le *bus* ya mofuta oo, bana ba sekole ba palame, *we would have fulfilled* se se tlhokiwang ke *Motion* o.

Madam Speaker, go sa tswa go supiwa gape gore tota tonki fa e le gore re ya kwa ditonking, ke e tseye e le sekai ka gore kgang ga se ditonki fela, ke *mode of transport* o o *safe*. Fa re tsena mo go ya ditonki, mongwe o supile gore ditonki fa gongwe modirisi wa tsone, mong wa sekotsekara, di kgona gore ka gore di lala kwa ntle di fula, e le tshwanelo ya gore di fule, a bo a sa di bone, bana ga ba ye sekoleng. Go na le matshwenyego ao, ba mekgatlho ya ditshwanelo tsa diphologolo ba supa gore... diphologolo ke raya le diruiwa jaaka ditonki gore kana di tshwanetse tsa fula. Fa e le gore go ne go rwelwe bana ba sekole mo mosong, di ya go tlhola fa kae, wena o le fa kae? A o tlhola le tsone koo o di disitse, a di tlhola di pannwe mo sekotsekareng, di bo di boa, o ya go di tlhatlhela gore phakela o kgone go di tshwara di sa ya kgakala? Gotlhe mo ke mo re itseng gore go a diragala, ke matshwenyego a a leng teng *Madam Speaker*.

Kgang e tona e re tshwanetseng re e ipeye mo go yone fela ke gore, *Honourable Gare* o ne a supa ka botsogo jwa ditonki gore fa go setse bojang bo le bosetlha jaana, ke gore le tsone e setse e le mekodua. Ke gore ga di kgore, ga di *healthy* mo di ka kgonang go taboga *distance* e e kalokalo.

MR HUNYEPA: *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Honourable Nkawana*, o e tlhalosa sentle. *Honourable Nkawana*, ke tseela gore *savingram* tota e e tswang kwa *Local Government*, e a tlhalosa gore go pega bana mo dikareng tsa ditonki go eme *and it has been circulated*. Ke raya

gore fa re ntse re bua ka bokoa jwa tsone jaana gore o di baya fa kae, tota gone go emisitswe. Ke tsaya gore gongwe ke letlhoko fela, fa e le gore gongwe bangwe ba santse ba dira jalo.

Ke tlhalose gape *Honourable* Nkawana, ke se ka ka go jela nako fela thata, gore mongwe o ne a ntse a batla dikai gore ke kwa kae. Mongwe o ntse a nthomelela *message* o mo *council* gore kwa Palapye District Council for instance, they have started implementation of transportation of learners via mini-buses for schools like Chakaloba and Radisele, beginning Term 2. Ke selo se se dirwang, ke tsaya gore mo go wena ke madi fela mme tota rotlhe fa ga re batle gore bana ba rona ba ka pegwa mo ditonking, *that is unsafe, le dignity* ga e yo.

Nako e re neng re emisa ya diteraka, o itshwarele *honourable*, nako e re neng re re diteraka di emisiwe, bana ba se ka ba pegwa, di ne di pega bana di ba isa kwa *sports*, dikhwaere, go ya go opelwa. *You know some people* ba ne ba gana, *even some organisations*, ba gana ba re *no*, jaanong rona bana ba go leng metlhaba, go makgobokgobo, go tlaa dirwa jang. Re re rekang *four-wheel buses*, ka gore le kwa meepong ba na le *four-wheel buses* le kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe tse go maswenyana, go na le dikoloi tsa *four by four that can be converted* e nna *combi* fela ya *four by four*. Dilo tse di ntseng jalo tota, di ka dirwa fa rotlhe fa re ka dumalana gore re baakanye golo mo. *Savingram* ya *Local Government* is another way of stopping this transportation, and go emisitswe. Tota eo ya ditonki e emisitswe, Puso e e emisitse. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Hunyepa. Tota se o se buang, ga o ganetsane le se *Motion* o se kopang. *Motion* o o kopa Goromente gore a tseye tshwetso ya gore go nne le thulaganyo le *policy* tota. Go nne le *policy framework* e dikole tsotlhe ka kakaretso tsa *primary, pre-school*, ba neelwa *transport* e e *safe*. *Safe* re raya e le *safe* tota, e le gore le ene mokgweetsi tota go a itsege gore o *vetted* gore yo ke yo o ka kgweetsang bana ba sekole. Le *buses* tseo kana *combis* kgotsa ke eng, e bo di le *inspected* gore *are they safe and student friendly*. E seng tse e leng gore fa bana ba sekole ba ya sekoleng, fa gongwe o fitlhela e le gore ba eme ka dinao, ditilo di robegile, *springs* tsa ditilo di ba tlhaba mo maragong. Kgang ke gore go nne le *transport* e e *student friendly*, ngwana fa a tsena kwa sekoleng o *fresh*, e bile a kgaatlhegela gore ya me *bus* e goroga leng gore ke e palame ke ye sekoleng.

MR HIKUAMA: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Honourable* Nkawana. *Thank you, Madam Speaker*. O itse gore bakaulengwe ba bangwe ba ba nang le lesokolela le *Motion* o, ke gore e kete go buiwa ka dikotsekara. Ke gore mo go bone ba tsentsa matlho a bone mo dikotsekareng, ga ba bone gore ra re le dikoloi tse di dirisiwang, *even* mo ditoropong mo tse dingwe ga di a siamela go pega bana, tsone tse di ba isang kwa sekoleng mo ditoropong. Jaanong fa go ka nna le *policy* e dikoloi tsotlhe tse di tsayang bana ba sekole, ba ka tswa e le mo Gaborone e le City Council, ba ka tswa e le kae e se kwa merakeng, ke gore batho ba ba lebelela e kete re bua ka batho ba kwa merakeng, re bua ka bana ba sekole, gore *transport* e le *drivers* tsa bone, *they should be vetted, they should understand* gore ba tsere bana. Ke batho ba ba nang le boikarabelo, ba ba nang le go ka tsaya bana, ba sa tsamaye ba letsa di gumbagumba mo ditseleng, ba itse gore ngwana o ipaakanyetsa go ya kwa sekoleng go ya go ithuta. Ke sone se re se buang. Ke a leboga.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a go leboga *Honourable* Hikuama. O tsere fa ke neng ke goroga teng gore tota sentlentle fela ke gore fa re bua ka *safe and student friendly*, re raya gore mokgweetsi santlha a bo a le sekono ene ka bo ene. A bo a tsogile a itse gore ke motho yo o tsogang a tlhpile a itse gore o ya go rwala bana ba sekole, ba le bone a itseng gore ba tlaabo ba bone metsi, ba itsokoditse ba ya sekoleng. E seng *transport* e yone ka boyone le koloi ya teng fa e tsamaya fale o a e bona gore ke sekorokoro. Go na le bothata jwa gore fa re sena *policy framework*, ga re ka ke ra goroga kwa goreng re nne le *dedicated school buses*.

Ke tsamaila mo ke rile ke a lebelela, o tlaa bona go na le mongwe a iteka fale, bo *raditaxi* ba re ba a iteka, mme tota e se gore ba setse eng morago, e le go iteka fela gore ke *business*. Fa ba ne ba ka thusiwa ke Goromente, go itsiwe gore e tshwanetse gore e nne jang, e lebege jang, mong wa yone a ntse jang, re ka ya golo gongwe. Ke sone se *Motion* o se kopang e bile ke tlatsa mong wa *Motion* gore rona re le Palamente, a re dumalaneng gore go nne jalo. Re se ka ra baya mo goreng go nnile le *savingram* e e diragatswang fela ka gore go na le *savingram*, mme go sena *policy framework*. Moo ga go patike ope, Goromente *is not guided by anyone* gore tota le *transport* ya mofuta oo e bo e ntse jang. Fa e le gore re dumalana ka mogopolo o, gore go na le ba ba setseng ba simolotse, ga go ka ke ga re kanela gore re kope Puso gore e sale tsamaiso e re e kopang morago. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ke supe jalo gore motho yo Hikuama, o lebega e le motho yo e leng gore o ka nwea moro, a le lerato mo baneng, e bile a supa gore go tshwanetse gore bana ba tsholwe sentle. Ga ke itse fela gore tsala ya me ka weekend ke eng ba ne ba sa mo akanyetse, ka fa ke ka bong ke ne ke mo akanyeditse ka teng fa e ka bo e ne e le nna.*

Ke supe jalo Madam Speaker gore, I think the Motion is proper. Ke kope gore gongwe re ne re ka o lebelela ka tsela e e faphegileng, gore gongwe let us not look at it as Government in providing school buses fela jalo, ka gore fa re o lebelela from the perspective ya gore Government should provide school buses, that is where now we are going to have a challenge e e ntseng e buega ya gore, kana physically we have challenges...

MR HIKUAMA: *On a point of clarification. Ke a leboga. O tla sentle, Motion ga o a re Puso, ka re even tse di private tse re di dirisang, we should have a policy framework that guide and regulate them. Go raya gore ga o a o bala sentle, mme o tsamela gone koo. Ga o a re Puso e le nosi should provide, le tsone tse re di dirisang go tsaya bana e nne tse di siametseng bana. Fa go ka nna le molao, o nna le the standards, providing sengwe le sengwe se se tlhokafalang gore ngwana a nne comfortable fa a ipaakanyetsa go ya go ithuta, a tsamaye mo koloing e e ntseng jang.*

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you Honourable Hikuama. What I like ke gore, you have good intentions, and at least we agree in terms of that. But when I read the Motion and you will correct me fa e le gore ga ke o bale sentle, o balega jaana "that this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation." Ke a go utlwa, it could be that the interpretation ke e e leng gore ga se yone sentle, but I appreciate that the intention is to ensure that transport e e isang bana sekoleng is safe. So I had just wanted it to be very clear gore, the way the Motion sits, may have actually led to gore ba bangwe jaanong restrict it to ditonki kana dikotsekara tsa Puso ele ya maloba kwa dikhanseleng. That is why e kete the debate has now shifted to it being about transportation for bana in underprivileged areas and not even in urban areas jaaka wena o o batlile. I think we just need to understand*

it from the perspective fela ya safe transportation for bana ba sekole. Bana ba sekole go na le ba e leng gore their own parents are not able to provide for their own transportation, ba ba ka tlhokomelwang ke Social and Community Development (S&CD), that would be a category. Go bo go nna le bana ba ba dirisang school buses tse gongwe di duelelwang ke batsadi ba bone. Le tsone we still have a duty as a Government to ensure that they are regulated properly ka tsela e bana ba tlaa tsamayang sentle.

Jaanong fa o lebelela even in urban areas, bogologolonyana, ga ke itse gore ba go bitsa eng gompiano, go kile ga bo go na le combis tse gotweng ke tsa mozwane, you get kids bale in a combi eo, music will be blasting quite loud with chances tsa gore substances that they should not be taking le tsone di mo teng. Kids will be drinking and some will be smoking and engaging in a whole lot of anti-social things tse e leng gore ga di a tshwanela gore di ka nna teng. So we need to provide for the regulation of such and the enforcement of melawana...

MR HUNYEPA: *On a point of clarification. Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you Honourable Ookeditse. Ke re dilo tse di buiwang ke Honourable Hikuama, go na le melao e e kganelang dilo tse, ya public nuisance le bo Traffic Act ka fitness, melao yotlhe ya transportation and so on. We expect all these vehicles to be roadworthy.*

MR OOKEDITSE: *It is okay comrade. There is a problem in society and we do not need to play ostrich. The truth is nna le wena are not quite happy le gore bana ba rona ba ka dirisa certain forms of transport, because re a itse gore le boitsholo mo combis tsa teng ga se jo bo siameng. I am saying it with utmost honesty and I think all of you here le a itse gore on transport tse di tsayang bana, ba ya dikoleng kana kae, maitsholo a teng fa gongwe ga se one sentle. Le ka fa go buisanwang ka teng, o fiitlhela go sa nna ka fa go tshwanetseng gore go nne ka teng. I do not think anyone is blaming you as a ministry gore ga le dire tiro ya lona...*

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

MR OOKEDITSE: *Yah! Maybe it is not your issue. It may be enforcement e e leng gore you can guide gore, go raya gore ba e leng gore are charged with enforcement ya melawana they should enforce it, in which case then we can talk about that. The bottom line is, at the moment we have a situation e e leng gore in our society bana ba rona ka bontsi ba ya sekoleng ka modes that are*

not necessarily very safe. Safety *ga go tewe fela gore dithaere* (tyres) *di ka tswa di fedile kana sengwe se sa bereke sentle*. Like I have said, the atmosphere *fela ya school buses fa gongwe kana e bile ga ba dirise school buses, ba dirisa even public transportation, o fitlhela e le gore* the behaviour *mo teng ga combis tseo, ga se e e ntseng sentle*. So, we need to look at it and say, *gone mme re ka dira eng*. That is why I wanted to bring this to the attention of the House *ya gore, a re sekang ra e leba e le issue ya gore ke bana ba ba dikobodikhutshwane, ba ba isiwang ke Council, eo it definitely needs to be done. Mme we must see it holistically and say, how do we ensure gore bana ba rona botlhe in society ba kgona gore ba ka ya sekoleng ba le safe*. Safety is not only physical, *e tshwanetse e nne jaaka re bua gore*, for instance, *re bua ka substance abuse, alcohol and drugs and the likes. Go tshwanetse gore jaanong go nne le a very deliberate policy and action e e leng gore we check for enforcement of this gore bana ba kgone go goroga sentle. Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker.

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Tanki Madam Speaker. Le nna ke re ke simolole fela lantlha ke go eme nokeng Honourable Hikuama ka Tshutiso e ya gago. Ke re jaaka o kopa gore Goromente a tle ka *policy* eo e e ka lekang *to guide and enforce the transportation* ya bana go ya dikoleng, go siame thata. Tota fela go ka nna botoka fa re ka nna moonoo mongwefela ra go ema nokeng. Jaanong fela ka gore ga ke na go bua sepe se se kalokalo, ke supe fela gore dilo tse dingwe tse di buiwang, o fitlhela di nna thata fa go lebagana le Kgalagadi North, ka gore Kgalagadi North le Okavango, ke dikgaolo *that are totally disadvantaged. Not only* gore go ka se ke go bonwe dibase tse o neng o bua ka tsone, ka gore *the main problem* ya rona *is the terrain* ya gore bana fa ba ntshiwa foo ba ya koo, go ya go dirwa jang.

Gompiano fa go ka dirwa *policy* eo, e bo e le gore jaanong go ya go dirwa *bus trucks*, go tsaya bana koo di ba isa kwa dikoleng, rona ba Kgalagadi, ke buelele le ba Okavango ka gore ke bona Motlotlegi Kapinga a seyo, re amega thata ka gore *terrain* ya ditsela tsa rona *is the main problem*. Ke go ema nokeng jaana mokaulengwe ke re, e re fa go siama, madi a boa, go bo go lebiwa dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa rona, *because* fa o tsaya motse o o tshwanang le bo... *(Inaudible)*... Chukumuchu le Gani, go bokete, mme bokete jwa teng ke ditsela fela. Le fa go buiwa ka dikotsekara gotweng, go dikologiswa seolo fela, mme fela letsatsi le gotweng ditsela di ka baakanngwa, le rona re ka reka *combis* tsa di tsenya mo tseleng, ra hira *qualified drivers* ba e leng

gore are accredited, ke molao o o tlaabong o setse o dirilwe. Fa ke go ema nokeng, ke go ema nokeng ke re, boammaaruri fela *our roads terrain* ke tsone tse di re gobatsang go fetisa, *especially* Kgalagadi North le Okavango. Ke re go le kalo mma ke go eme nokeng mokaulengwe.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Madam Speaker; tla ke go leboge. Fa o lebeletse Motion o fela o sa o tseye ka tlhoafalo e e kalo, o ka tsaya gore gongwe ke Motion o o tlang o didimetse, o sena dikgang dipe. Mathata Motion ka boone o a itsietsa, le pego ya mong wa Motion e tla e itsietsa. Fa ke bala Motion Madam Speaker, o bua gore o kopa gore Ntlo e e setse gore Goromente a tsenye mo tirisong dibase tse di babalesegileng, e bile di tsamaelana le tiriso e e ka babalelang bana ba dikole. A bo a bua gore o ka dira se ka gore go nne le *policy* e e ka tlhomamisang sentle. Fa Motion o o feta o ntse jaana, ke sone se ke tsayang gore Rre Ookeditse o ne a se bua, maikarabelo re a baya mo maruding a ga Goromente go diragatsa se ka gore wa re ke ene a simolodise. Motion wa gago ka Sekgoa wa re, *“that this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure the safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation.”*

Ka fa o ntseng ka teng, ke ne ke re gongwe mokaulengwe le ene e ka bo e re a gakololwa, a reetsa gore a o age sesha. Fa re o lebeletse otlhe, batho ba a dumalana gore go na le mathata a re a fitlhetseng mo Pusong e re neng re tsaya mo go yone, e le thulaganyo ya Puso e e neng e feta ya go rwala bana ka ditonki. Ke sone se o bonang batho ba baba lebadi, jaanong e ya go busetsa gape kwa mokwalong o o neng o kwadilwe ke Mokaulengwe Motshegwa. Ga go na gope fa e ka reng go buiwa ka dikgang tsa bana di bo di ka re kgaoganya ka gore ke ba phathi e e busang, ke ba kganetso. Le yone megopolo fa re e baya fa Rre Hunyepa o leka go tlhalosa, ga ke itse gore ke eng e kete ga re mo tlhaloganye. Se a se buang a re fa e le gore re bua ka *safety*, *already* go setse go na le melao e e buang ka pabalesego ya dibase. E bile dibase ga se gore o tsere *licence* fela, go nna le *permit* e e *special* e o e neelwang gore o ka pega le bana. E le dilo tse di tlaabong di diragatsa go bona gore mkgweetsi wa dibase ke motho yo o nang le maikarabelo. Base ga e re fa ngwaga o fela e felelwa ke lekgetho, o bo o ya kwa *transport* o neelwa lekgetho fela. Nnyaa, e simolola e tlhatlhabiwa go bonwa gore e mo seemong se se siameng.

Se ke neng ke tsaya gore mokaulengwe o ka bo a se bone, e ka bo e re fa re mo gakolola, le wena o bo o sa ngakalale fela, o bo o reetsa...

MR HIKUAMA: *Procedure.* Ga ke itse gore rre yo o nkomanetsa eng, o gakolotse eng. Ga ke itse gore ke eng a tletse bogale mo a reng ke a gakololwa, ke bo ke sa reetse. Go gakolotswe eng se ke sa se reetsang? Ke ngakaletse, ga ke itse gore ke ngakaletse leng, fa go ne go reng. A ko a *debate Motion* fela jaaka o beilwe a tswa mo go reng ke ngakaletse. Fa e le gore ene gongwe o bona ka leithlo la sedumedi, moo a e nne ga gagwe.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore jaaka Mme Dow le ene a go gakolola kwa tlase, o ka bo a go gakolola gore *Motion* o ka fa o ntseng ka teng ke go ngakalala. Go ngakalala go tewa o sa kgone go obega gore *Motion* o... Ke sone se Setswana se se tlhalosang. E bile ga go na go gakala, fa o ne o gakala go ka bo go gaketse lona ka bobedi foo le Mothusa Tautona. Rona ka kwano ga re mo kgakalong, re leka go gakolola gore rotlhe ba re leng ka kwano, re dumela gore bana fa ba ya dikoleng, ba tshwanetse go tsamaya ka dipalamo tse di babalesegileng. Jaaka gompiano o bona Puso e tsere tshwetso jaaka Tona Motshegwa a ne a laela e bile a sa re o a gakolola a re, "*I direct*" mo *savingram* ya gagwe. Maikaelelo ke go baakanya.

Se ke neng ke se bua ke gore ka fa *Motion* o ntseng ka teng, o tlama Puso go tsaya maikarabelo otlhe a bana a pabalesego. Gore re tseye Puso re e rwese maikarabelo a go pega bana go ya dikoleng le go bona pabalesego, ke tsaya gore ga se se se ka kgonagalang. Gongwe re ka bo re tsaya mogopolo re o busetsa kwa tlase. Kana re tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore fa godimo ga moo, ga se gore botlhe ga ba kgone go ka dira gore go nne le thulaganyo ya teng. Fa motho a tsamaya ka *combi* a tsoseditse modumo kwa godimo, Rre Hunyepa o ne a bua gore go na le melao e e ka lebaganang le kgang ya go nna jalo. Fa motho a tsamaya ka base e ka boyone ga e *roadworthy*, go na le melao e e ka itebaganyang le kgang ya go nna jalo. Fa motho a...

MR MAELE: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Kana bogologolo e ne e re fa *Motion* o ntse jaana motlotlegi, re bo re re ke gore *Motion* o bua dilo fela tse di dirwang e bile o na le *solutions* tse go ka baakanngwang se se batliwang ke one, fa gongwe re ne re tle re o bitse re re o *redundant*. Re ne re tle re kope mong wa teng gore o busetse morago, le wena o a bona gore *Motion* o o *redundant*. Ke ne ke re gongwe o ko o fe *opinion on that one*. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR MOHWASA: Mong wa *Motion* ka fa a tlhalosang ka teng, a re ene ga a ngakalala mme ke tsaya gore kgakololo ya gago o tlaa e amogela ka gore ga a ngakalala ka *Motion*. Ke tsaya gore o gakolola sentle; *Motion* o ka boone, se se teng se se fa gare ga matshwenyego a rona rotlhe ke gore o ka fitlhela jaaka motho a tlhalosa, fa gongwe e bile go le mariga kana pula e na, bana ba tsamaya mo diemong tse di sa nnang sentle ka ditonki. Jaanong eo yone ke tsaya gore mo Ntlong e re a dumalana ka gore Motlotlegi Motshegwa o kwadile mokwalo a bua ka kgang e, Motlotlegi Hunyepa o a bua gore seemo se se a alafiwa. Seemo se re se fitlhetseng se le teng rra ka *October* re a se alafa. Eo re tshwanetse go dumalana nayo. Jaanong wena wa re se o se buang ke *safety* ya dibase tse di pegang le bana le gore medumo. Ra re go na le melao e e lebaganang le tseo. Ke sone se ke reng, ke tsaya gore le ba ba neng ba leka go go tlatse mo mogopolong o ba dumalana le gore Rre Motshegwa o dira sengwe ka seo jaaka Rre Hunyepa a tlhalosa. Jaanong ke ne ke re wena o le mong wa mogopolo, gongwe o ka bo o nna fa fatshe o bo o o sekaseka ka gore go na le sengwe se se dirwang, *at least* mo dikgannyeng tsa *transport* e re e itseng e sa nna sentle. Ba go tsamaiwang go leletswa kwa godimo bana ba bina mo dikoloing, eo yone go na le melawana e e itebagantseng le dikgang tsa go nna jalo.

Jaanong se re neng re re se kope ka boikokobetso ka gore rotlhe re tsaya gore re batsadi re batla go bona bana ba tsamaya ba babalesegile, ba goroga kwa dikoleng, a re se ka ra tsaya maikarabelo otlhe jaanong e nne mokgweleo wa ga Goramente. Seo ka bosone ga se *sustainable*. Ka ke itse gore le fa o ntse o bua le fa o re ga o a ngakalala, mme fela o motho yo e reng fa go buiwa le ene o reetse. Tsaya mogopolo o ye go o bopa sesha, re tle re go tlatse sentle e le mogopolo o o tlhamaletseng, e se ka ya nna o o itshopetsang, go tswa foo o bo o boa o ikgopa. Ga re batle gore re tle re go latlhele mo thaelong ka mogopolo o e leng gore ka boone ga o ka ke wa re neela maduo a re eletsang go a bona.

Fa o o lebeletse fela *on the face of it* mokaulengwe, o lebege e le mogopolo o o itidimaletseng, o sena bothata. Ka boikokobetso, ke ne ke re ya go o lebelela sesha, o bo o ka tla wa o bopa, re tle re o kopanele. Bothata jo bo leng teng ke ka fa o kwadilweng ka teng, mo e leng gore gatwe Goramente a simolodise dibase, e seng *to ensure*. O bua jalo. O ka bo o tsaya maikarabelo otlhe a *transportation* ya bana go ya sekoleng, o e baya mo go Goramente. Jaanong fa re o tsaya ka tsela e e ntseng jaana, go ya go palela Goramente. Le bana ba ba

lebaganweng gore mo mading a a leng teng ba ka tsewa ba pegiwa ba isiwa kwa dikoleng jaaka bangwe ba ne ba tlhalosa kwa dikgaolong tse re itseng gore go na le lehuma, tshotlego le diemo tse di sa nnang sentle, e bo e le gore jaanong madi ga a lekane mme go ne go ka bo go itebagantswe le setlhopho se se nnyennyane. Ba bangwe ba batsadi ba bone ba ka kgona fa e le gore ba tswa mo tseleng, *transport* le mapodise ba ka itebaganya le dikgang tse di ntseng jalo ka gore melao e teng e e ka itebaganyang le seemo seo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI): *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker. *Ke simolole fela Motlotlegi* Hikuama, *go go nopoela* scripture *motlotlegi yo ke mo ratang, yo e leng tsala ya me.* Bible *ya re*, “although a righteous man falls seven times, he rises up again.” *Le fa o re ga o modumedi tsala ya me, ke go nopoela* scripture *seo, o tlaa ntlhaloganya kwa morago.*

Madam Speaker, I am going to take a bit of a departure from some of my colleagues on this one. Of course, *go na le ba ba dumalanang le Motion le ba e leng gore ga ba dumalane le one.* *Ke batla go bua fela gore fa e le gore ke tlhalogantse* Motion *wa ga Honourable Hikuama wa re*, “Government to establish a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework for school transportation.” My assumption is that objective *ya Motion o*, is to ensure that learners *ba tsamaya, e bile ba goroga kwa dikoleng* in a manner that is safe, reliable, efficient and obviously accessible. *Fa e le gore ke tlhaloganya* Motion *wa gago Honourable Hikuama.*

Madam Speaker, having said that, *ga ke dumele gore go na le motlotlegi ope mo Ntlong e, yo e leng gore ga a dumele gore* safety of *bana* must be the starting point of *le yone* conversation *fela.* Starting point of every transport policy; when a child leaves home Madam Speaker, *le batlotlegi re le batsadi, re tshwanetse ra nna* le confidence *ya gore o tlaa tsamaya sentle, e bile o tlaa goroga sentle kwa sekoleng.*

As a mother, I understand concern *ya gore go akanyetsa ngwana wa gago* does not simply end the moment *ba tsena mo transport ba ya kwa sekoleng kana ba emelela mo kgorong.* *Re batla go itse gore* how that child will travel to school? Who is driving? Whether the vehicle is road worthy or whether there is proper supervision? Issue *e* is particularly relevant not only *kwa kgaolong ya me ya Gaborone Bonnington North Constituency,*

kwa e leng gore families *fela* live across different neighbourhoods and *bana ba rona* attend *dikole*, certain distances from their homes, but also *mo* communities *tse e leng gore* the whole country *tota kana* in the far-flung places of Botswana *go na le dikgwetlho.* We therefore should not view conversation *e fela* as school buses being introduced *mo dikoleng.* This is an important part of ensuring access to education Madam Speaker. *Fa ngwana a kgona go goroga kwa sekoleng sentle,* reliably, consistently their access to education is directly affected.

Madam Speaker, *ke gatelele gape gore,* I am going to take a departure from some of my colleagues who disagree *le Motion o.* I rise to support Motion *o ka gore* when a child leaves home for school in the morning, the responsibility for that child does not suddenly disappear *fela fa ngwana a tswa ka gate as motsadi,* that is for the parent, the journey...

MADAM SPEAKER: Go na le *mike o o on* foo, *Honourable Members,* kwa go Morolong and...

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: For *rona re le batlotlegi, kana* legislatures, it must be part of conversation *ya rona,* the protection and welfare of *bana.* That is why I believe *gore Motion o, o bothokwa* Madam Speaker. It is not simply a Motion about introducing buses. To my understanding is a Motion about whether we have a sufficiently coordinated approach to how *bana ba rona* travel to and from school.

MR MOALOSI: Elucidation Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker. *Ke dumalana le wena thata Mma* Dikoloti *gore kana gongwe batho ba tsiediwa ke Sekgoa.* *Jaanong nna le wena, re tsene* English Medium, *re tlhaloganya Sekgoa, e bile bana ba rona ba tsena* English Medium, *re bua Sekgoa malatsi otlhe.* Motion *wa re*, “that this Honourable House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by...”. The key word there is “by”, not by buying the buses. It is by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework. That is the key word “by”. Not by buying buses. *Jaanong bo comrade ba tsaya gore gatwe ba reke dibase.* *Nnyaa bo comrade, ga le reke dibase.* Tanki.

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *O a rumolana o a itse.* You look good today Honourable Moalosi, the hair style on point.

Fa re boela kwa issue *e*, understanding *ya me* the issue is whether we should have a clear national framework that establishes the standard that should apply whenever children are transported to and from school. In my view the answer is undeniably “yes” Madam Speaker. A national framework will provide consistency while still allowing implementation to take into account the different realities of Botswana.

Madam Speaker, Motion *o* is also consistent with the principles of the Children’s Act *ya* 2009, particularly principle *ya* the best interest of the child should be paramount. The Act recognizes the need to protect children from harm and recognizes their right to education. So, a child’s access to education must also include ensuring they get to school or from school safely. A child must also be able to reach that classroom safely. Therefore, *fa re* discuss access to education, we should not look only at the school building, *morutabana*, or curriculum, we should also consider the journey that the child must take in order to access education *eo*.

Madam Speaker, if I may, a national school transportation framework *fela fa ke ka latlhela* one or two, *e tshwanetse* to establish several important areas;

- (1) Clear consistent safety standards for vehicles. *Re a dumalana ka kgang eo*.
- (2) Clear standards for *bone bakgweetsi bao*.
- (3) Clear requirements *tse e leng gore* relate to passenger capacity *le* safety.

Madam Speaker, I also believe that the national framework should recognize the different realities of our country. Transportation needs of a learner in a rural village may not be the same as those of a learner in an urban constituency. *Kwa* Gaborone Bonnington North, *kgao* *lo ya me* that I proudly lead and have the honour to represent families, they live in different neighbourhoods, Madam Speaker, and children attends different schools. Some parents leave home early for work *le go isa bana kwa dikoleng*. Some families have private vehicles. Others rely on public transport arrangements with other parents are car pulling. Reality *ke gore*, a question of how a child gets to school is part of our daily conversations *mo malwapeng*.

Mma ke wetse ke riana Madam Speaker; Motion *o* provides opportunity to strengthen approach *tsa rona fa e le gore ke o tlhalogantse sentle*. We have opportunity *e e leng gore* it will ensure *gore* the journey to school

is treated as an important part of a child’s access to education. The safety and wellbeing of *bana ba rona* must remain at the centre of conversation *e ya rona*.

So, *tsala ya me* Honourable Hikuama, *ka mafoko a a kalo*, and through Madam Speaker, I, without question, support Motion *o*. *Ke batla* to associate myself *le one ka mabaka a ke a fileng* Madam Speaker. I thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, *fa re leba nako e tshaile*. Nako *ya Motion* e sale e tshaile. Re tshwanetse *ra fa Honourable Hikuama time to respond*. Jaanong *ka fa e ntseng ka teng*, *I should give it to the owner of the Motion to respond*.

MR FRENZEL: *On a point of procedure* Madam Speaker. Ka gore ke setse *le Honourable Monageng* ba re tshwanetseng go latlhela sengwe, a ga re kope *Honourable Hikuama* gore a re neele *four minutes, four minutes kana five minutes, five minutes*, a bo a tla a respond in 10 minutes? E le kopo fela.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa motlotlegi, wena o sale o khweela *stuff* e bile go feta batho botlhe fela. Nako *fa e tshayang teng*, kana 20 minutes yo, ke ene wa *to respond*. *We are having only 5:40 p.m. to close*.

MR HIKUAMA (MAUN WEST): Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mma ke leboge bakaulengwe ba ba nnileng le nako ya go akgela mo Tshutisong e. Ke supe fela gore ke bone batho ba babedi ba ba tlhalogantseng Motion o ka botlalo. Ke Honourable Ookeditse, Honourable Mophuting-Dikoloti, ba o tlhalogantse tota gore gatweng. Fa e le Honourable Hunyepa le Honourable Mohwasa, bone ba le mo dikakanyetsong gore go ka tswa gotweng. Ga ba a tlhaloganya Motion, ga ba a tsaya le yone nako ya go o bala. *I tried to paste the Motion in our group* gore ba leke go o bala gore wa reng. Go supafala gore bone ba tsile ba gagametse fela ka position ya bone ya gore nnyaa, mma re ye go gana.

Re ne re le mo Palamenteng e nngwe, e go neng gotwe “ke kopa re ganeng.” Ke bona gore Mohwasa le ene o mo thulaganyong ya gore a re ganeng fela, a sa iphe nako ya go tlhaloganya se se buiwang. *I think* ke seemo se se sa re siamelang. Re tshwanetse gore re leke go tlhaloganya se re buang ka sone, re ngangisane kana re ganetsanye ka mabaka, gape re dumalane ka mabaka, e seng go nna le kilo fela gore nnyaa se re a se gana. Go mpontsha gore re santse re ise re ye gope mo go tlhabologeng le mo go ageng melao ya lefatshe la Botswana.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): *Point of order.* Mafoko a a tshwanang le bo kilo, ga se a a siameng. Jaanong ke re ke kopa gore a re nne re tlhophafale mafoko. Nna ga ke na kilo mo go wena, go farologana le wena ga se go ila, fa e le gore o tsaya gore go farologana le wena ke go ila, jaanong ke mathata. *Then* gongwe o ka bo o le ka kwano, o se ka wa re o a re ila.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Hikuama, *tswelela.*

MR HIKUAMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke lemogile gore ga go na sepe se se buiwang, mma re tswelele ka *Motion* o.

Madam Speaker, this Motion seeks to professionalise school transit, turning the school bus into a mobile extension of the classroom where safety is non-negotiable. That is the cornerstone of this Motion, ga go na gope fa o pateletsang Puso gore e ye go reka buses. Le Sekgoa same sa Biology ga se se ka tsietse se se kwadilweng ka Motion o. Ga se tsietse ope. Mo gotweng o pateletsa Puso go reka buses. Ao Hunyepa! Sone se se kopang Puso gore e nne le standards, e dire framework ya go netefatsa gore bus nngwe le nngwe e e tsayang ngwana wa sekole complies with certain standards, o bo o re go tewa gore Puso e ye go reka buses? Go utlwise botlhoko, mme legale mma re tlhalose gore ga se one maikaelelo a Motion ...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPa): Ke kopa go dira *correction.* Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you Honourable Hikuama. Tota kana kgang Honourable Hikuama ke gore ra re you are emphasizing kgang ya framework, already go na le melao ya transport e e leng gore ga go na motho yo o tshwanetseng a tsamaye ka bus e sena...

MR HIKUAMA: There is no correction, sit down.

MR HUNYEPa: No, I am correcting you...

MR HIKUAMA: You are just presenting.

MR HUNYEPa: I have never said...

MR HIKUAMA: Kana o ja mo nakong ya me.

MR HUNYEPa: No, Hikuama...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, Order! Order! Honourable Members, nnyaa.

MR HIKUAMA: O ja mo nakong ya me.

MR HUNYEPa: Ga ke ise ke re go rekwe bus Hikuama.

MR HIKUAMA: O ja mo nakong ya me.

MR HUNYEPa: Nnyaa, *I am correcting you,* o se ka wa ntsenya mafoko mo ganong ka gore *I never said* go rekwe bus, ke ne ke go bolelela gore go na le savingram, go melao ya Traffic Act, le melao that borders on public ... *(Interruptions) ... and so on. So, I am correcting you. I never said* go ye go rekiwa buses.

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, mme Madam Speaker, ga ke batle go nna moleele, e bile gongwe ga ke ka ka fetsa 15 minutes o wa gago. Ke tlaa dira gore at least fa nako e tshaya, le rona re bo re e feditse nnetlane e.

Go buile bakaulengwe ba le 12, mme ke dumela gore bontsi jwa bone ba a dumalana ba ba buileng. Ba ba sa dumalaneng ba two fela, ke Honourable Hunyepa le Honourable Mohwasa. Ke bone ba ba sa batleng bana ba baakanyediwa gore ba tsamaye sentle, buses e nne extensions of the classroom.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPa): *Point of order.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke tsaya gore Madam Speaker, *I think you have to also help Honourable Hikuama go tsena mo tseleng.* Ga re ise re ganetse, rona re bua what is already prevailing. Bana ba rona ba tshwanetse gore ba nne safe go ya kwa dikoleng, savingram e dule ya re bana should have dignity and safety ba ya kwa dikoleng. Savingram e dule gotwe go tshwanetswe to be provided those things, di teng. So, we are not against, we were just correcting and providing more information gore go na le information e e ntseng jaana.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, e utlwetse. Honourable Hikuama...

MR HUNYEPa: So, he should not be imputing ...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe Honourable Hunyepa. Honourable Hikuama, lesa go tlhasela batho o re ga ba batle, ke ka fa ba neng ba debate ka teng, ba bona go siame. Wena tswelela ka response ya gago.

MR HIKUAMA: Nnyaa, mme I am just responding to them Madam Speaker...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, repeatedly, o a ba tlhasela.

MR HIKUAMA: Ga ke ba tlhasele, I am responding mo go se ba se buileng, gore nnyaa, mme bomorwaarre ga ba dumalane le gore re baakanyetse bana ba rona

diemo tse di siameng. Bontsi jwa batho ba ba akgetseng *Madam Speaker*, ba a dumalana gore nnyaa, mo go setse go fetilwe ke nako.

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

MR HIKUAMA: Ba nkitaya tsebe *Madam Speaker*, Hunyepa o nkitaya tsebe, ke ne ke mo reeditse thata. Ba nkitaya tsebe *Madam Speaker*, ke kopa tshireletso.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Moalosi, le a tlhodia.

MR HIKUAMA: Motho wa ntlha go bua e ne e le ene *Honourable* Justin Hunyepa. O ne a bua a remeletse mo *discontinuation of donkey carts*. Ga re bue ka *donkey carts*, re bua ka *transit* ya bana e e sireletsegileng yotlhe. E ka tswa e le mo ditoropong, kwa magaeng, kana kwa kae. Ke yone e re buang ka yone, re ne re sa bue ka go emisiwa ga ditonki. Kana ene se a se buang ke gore *savingram* e teng, mme *savingram* e ne e emisa go dirisiwa ga *donkey carts*, *it is not a policy framework that we want to be introduced or established by the Government* gore Puso e nne le tsamaiso e e lolameng, *that will be guiding* tiriso yone ya dikoloi kana dipalamo tsotlhe tse di tlaabong di dirisiwa go tsaya bana ba sekole. Ke sone fela se re neng re se bua, e seng gore fa go emisitswe *donkey carts*, go raya gore re gorogile kwa Kanana. Nnyaa, ga re a goroga kwa Kanana ka gore *buses* le dikoloi tse re di dirisang gompieno, ga di a siana, ga di tsamaelane le go ithuta ga bana.

Madam Speaker, nnyaa wena o e buile sentle, ke ne ke bona gore o ne o e tlhaloganya, *I do not think I need to respond to anything here*, o ne o e bua fela o tlhamaletse, o bona gore nako e gorogile ya gore re tswelele gone koo. *The same applies to Honourable* Moalosi, o fetile ka yone a bua fela sentle gore nnyaa, mme nako e gorogile gore re tle ka melao le melawana *that guides* le go rulaganyetsa gore *transportation* ya bana ke e e sireletsegileng, ke e e bonolo, ke e e ba sireletsang le mo boleng jwa bone.

Honourable Mathoothe ke ne ke sa tlhaloganye gore o ne a tla a riana, mme go lebege le ene a ne a batla go tsiediwa ke *Honourable* Hunyepa kana jang gone foo. Kana batho ba na le go tshaba gore fa a ka riana gongwe o tlaa ya go dirwa jaana, o sa tlhaloganye sentle gore bothata jwa gagwe ke eng?

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

MR HIKUAMA: Go ne go se na se se ka buiwang ka ga gago. Gape ba bangwe ke ne ke bona o kare ga ba a ipha nako ya go bua gore *Motion* wa reng. Motho o ne a iphitlhela a eme fela a bo a sa itse gore jaanong o ka reng ka o eme. Ke sone se ke se bonang gone fa.

Comrade Sedombo, o e logile sentle, o ne o tlhaloganya *Motion* gore o wa reng. Ke dumalana le ene. Motho yo o neng a timetse e ne e le *Honourable* Hunyepa, o ne a timetse go timela. Rre Tokyo Modise, le wena mokaulengwe mma ke go leboge gore o bo o tlhaloganya *Motion*, o bo o o bua ka fa o o buileng ka teng. Re bo re tsena mo go *Honourable* Ookeditse, o o buile sentle ka bokgabane. Ga go na sepe se se ka buiwang go gaisa sone seo.

Honourable Lekutlane, le wena o ne o e bua sentle le fa o ne o supa gore *terrains* ke tsone tse di nang le bothata kwa Kgalagadi, ga o itse gore go ka buiwa ka eng. Nnyaa, mme fa go ka tla *policy* eo, e tlaa *define*, e tlaa re *guide*, e tlaa supa gore mo dikgaolo tse di ntseng jaana, se se siametseng bana ba dikgaolo tse ke se se ntseng jaana. Go tlaabo go nna le *a well-defined policy with consistent standards* tse ba tlaabong ba di baya mo mokwalong. Ke sone se re neng re ka se dira. *Otherwise, you supported the Motion* mo e leng gore ga go na bothata. *Honourable* Mohwasa, mma ke se ka ka bua tse dintsi ka gore ke setse ke buile ka ene. Ene o ne a timetse labofelo. Le gore *Motion* o bua ka eng, ga a itse, ene o utlwile fela gotwe *“Government establish”*... ene o ne a tsaya gore go raya gore Puso e ya go patelediwa go reka dibase tse di kopanyeng le dikole tse tsotlhe tsa lefatshe la Botswana, ke ka fa neng a e bona ka teng. E se gone, mma re tswe mo go yone. O ne a bua gore o ka se ke o rwele Puso mokgweleo, o raya gore go kwala pampiri fela ya go raya baitseanape ba baya *standards* tse di tlhokafalang, ke mokgweleo? A ke mokgweleo o montsi go kwala *framework*? Ao Rre Mohwasa! Ao tsala yame! A go kwala *policy* fela ke mokgweleo?

Madam Speaker, ka mantswa a a kalo, ka gore ba a dumalana botlhe, mma re *move* gore *this House resolves that Government should introduce safe and student-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive nationwide policy framework*. Ke a o feleletsa *Madam Speaker*, *I have already moved*.

Question put and agreed to.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Looking at the time, e setse e tšhaile batlotlegi, ga go na gore re ka tswelela ka Motion o mongwe. Let me ask the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.*

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. I beg to move that this Honourable House do now adjourn.*

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Tuesday 28th July, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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