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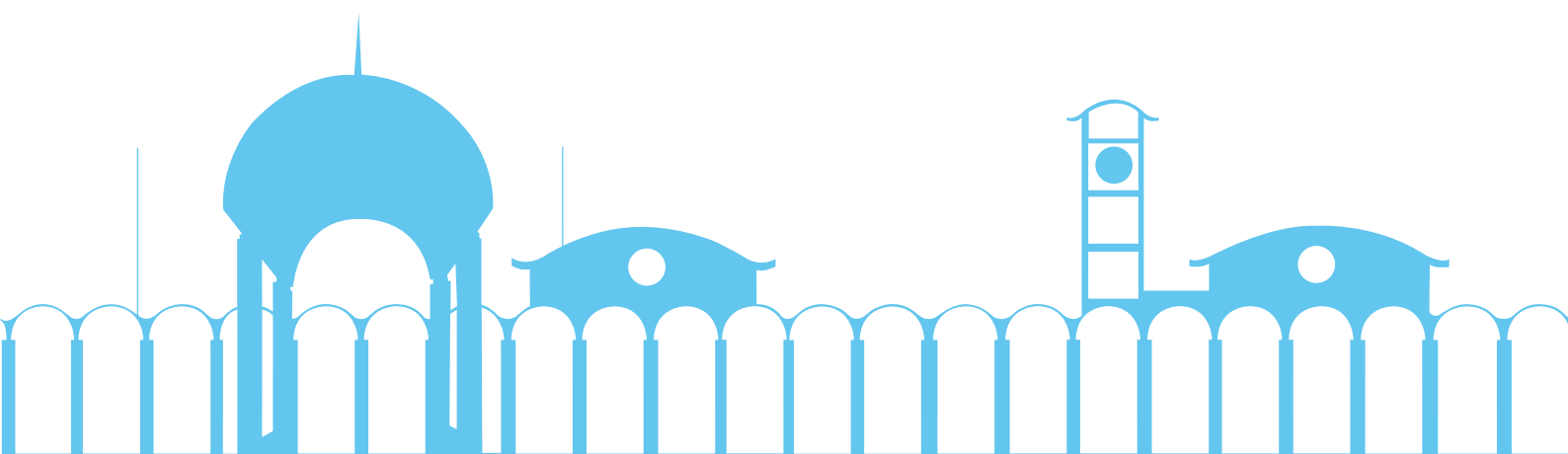
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Thursday 30th July, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Pray be seated. Order! Order! Honourable Members, *nanabelelang* to your seats. Good afternoon Honourable Members.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Good afternoon Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I have an announcement, we have a visitor in the gallery. We have the Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy from Côte d'Ivoire, Honourable Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: You are welcome sir. Honourable, we trust your visit will be productive and enriching to us and further strengthen our cordial relationships. Thank you sir.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

X-RAY MACHINE AT GUMARE PRIMARY HOSPITAL

MR P. AARON (NGAMI): asked the Minister of Health if he is aware that the new X-ray machine that was received on the 31st of January 2026 at Gumare Primary Hospital is not serving the community of Ngami Constituency at least up until July 2026, and that residents continue to travel to Maun, Ghanzi and Shakawe to access X-ray services on very bad roads and for long hours; if so:

- (i) to state the reasons why the X-ray machine has not yet been commissioned and brought into service;
- (ii) whether there are any staffing, training or technical challenges affecting operation of the machine; and
- (iii) what immediate and long-term measures has the ministry put in place to ensure accessible radiological services for the people of Ngami Constituency.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke supe gore* indeed, *re ne ra kgona go reka* an X-ray machine that we had placed *kwa sepateleng sa* Gumare *jaaka a botsa, seo se ne sa dirwa ka* January 2026. *Jaaka a supa, ke nnete gore* up until now the machine has not worked, *ka gore* it has been awaiting commissioning. I was in Gumare three months ago, we then instructed that the machine should work as it long should have worked. *Jaanong* there have been some bureaucratic delays, *tse motho o kareng* they are not warranted. I will just say to you that, we have since taken action against the person who is responsible for doing that, because it is not a process that should have taken that long. This whole thing *ya gore go ne go se na madi*, is just an excuse for ...(Inaudible)...and inefficiency. We are correcting the root of the problem, and I can say to you that as we speak preparations are actually advanced to ensure that the machine actually works. What is happening as we speak is that, *go na le* a bedside X-ray machine *o e leng gore* when there is dire need for service *ya teng, go ntse go dirisiwa one*, but as it is the new machine is going to be commissioned.

What does the commissioning entail, when we say commissioning it sounds very complicated, but it is not quiet. You need someone *wa* radiation protection, you also then need someone from the Ministry's Monitoring and Evaluation and you also someone from the supplier *wa* machines to come and meet with the imaging team at the facility, *go ba bontsha gore go bereka jang*. That is simply what the issue has been. We have asked or even directed *gore* with immediate effect a team should go there and commission the machine, and we anticipate *gore* by next week the machine would have been commissioned and working as it should.

You had also requested *go itse gore*, are there any staffing impediments. In so far as we are aware, we do not have any staffing problem because the staff that is already there who have been offering services are adequate to actually utilise this X-ray machine. The delay really has been the inefficiency that I have noted, and inefficiency perhaps even against direction and constant reminders to actually get it done. Which is why I am saying, we have taken stern measures to actually remove the person who should have been taking responsibility for this.

Where we have patients who may require a routine X-ray services..., *motlakase o ile* Madam Speaker, may I continue?

MADAM SPEAKER: Let me check if there is any communication to the...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue Honourable Minister.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke ne ke supa jalo gore*, some patients *ba ba ntseng ba tlhoka* the routine service *ya teng*, they were referred to Letsholathebe. Whereas *ba e leng gore ba tlhoka* emergency imaging, *go ne go dirisiwa* bedside X-ray unit *e e teng gone ka koo*.

As a long-term measure to ensure that we do not have this problem going forward, we have taken action as I have said, because it was not a problem *ya* structure, it was simply a problem *ya gore* someone who should have done the job, did not do it despite numerous instructions and our reminders to do so. Thank you.

MR AARON: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Tona ka karabo eo. A o itse gore *machine* o re o buang ka one, *those who deliver* it ba boile ka *keys* tsa one, ga gona ope mo Gumare Primary Hospital yo o kileng a bona gore a *trailer* e e neng e tla e ne e rwele *machine* kana eng. A ga le a re tshwarela lerago la lebotlele, le re ke teemane? *Do not emphasise on* lerago, kana fa motho a bua seane malatsi a go tsewa lefoko le le *one* fela. *For seven months* Honourable Minister, go bo go tsewa nako e kalo gore *machine* o bulwe, mme go na le *existing radiologist*. Re dumele jang gore bothata jo ke jwa mmereki mongwe o ne a sa batle go dira tiro kana jaanong ke mo gotweng *scapegoat* fela sa gore mongwe o tshwanetse a tshaiswe molato wa go nna jalo? Ke a leboga.

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is quite a tough job, because you do, you are damned, you do not, you are damned either way. I remember that I was here *re bua ka* some of the problems that we had, that had to do with human urgency, and *batlotlegi* were saying, why are you not taking action when it is warranted. Today I stand before the House saying, we have had inefficiency *e e seng ya* structure *kana ya* system. *Ke fela ya gore yo o tshwanetseng gore o ka bo a dirile tiro ya gagwe o ne a sa e dire. Gakere a sa e dire fela, ka re a sa e dire* even contrary to numerous reminders and instructions to do so. As I have said, I was at the facility myself, Phil, you would know, when I got back we still issued the same instruction and I do know that Honourable Modise has done the same. We have since now taken action that is warranted, because the work should have been done.

Jaanong ya gore gongwe ke marago a lebotlole; nnyaa, ga se marago a lebotlole, it is an X-ray machine *o o* mobile, *o re dumelang gore* it is suited for the area, *ka gore o tlaa kgona* to service our communities properly. *Fa o isiwa* Honourable Moswaane was there, it was actually opened *go bona gore go tlile eng*. It is not like *go tlile e le* just a sealed box and no one has never seen it.

Why *go lotletswe* keys *di tsamaile*; it has not been commissioned for use. *Jaanong* for it to be commissioned for use, you need the stakeholders that I have mentioned, for obvious reasons, radiation protection, *ka gore* it is exposure to radiation as you know can be dangerous if not properly handled. Then we also...(inaudible)... at the officials of the company that has actually given us the machine and our own, *gore jaanong o bo o nna* commissioned, *o simolodisiwa go dirisiwa* with all these people or stakeholders present. It should have happened and like I said, it was just inefficiency and ... (inaudible)... that is not quite excusable, and we will ensure that we keep pushing to do better in taking the necessary measures whenever this happens. *Ke a leboga*.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Ke a leboga Tona. Gongwe ke re, ka gore *I am in touch* le banni ba Gumare, Etsha, Nokaneng le Habu, *are you aware gore portable* X-Ray machines tse o buang ka tsone ga di bereke gone jaanong? *Have you been updated* gore ga gona X-Ray, e seng gore go na le e nnyennyane jaaka o bua? *Are you aware gore even* e nnyennyane ga e sa tlhole e bereka?

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you. Equipment and machinery routinely will go down. *Fa gongwe go a senyega, fa gongwe* it is up and working, but the answer that I was giving *e ne e le* to the question that says *gore*, in the meantime what is happening *ka batho ba ba tlhokang dithuso tseo*. It was too...(inaudible)...I have said *ba e leng gore* they have needed emergency imaging *re ntse re dirisa a* bedside portable X-Ray machine, *ke one o o buang ka one*. *Ke ne ke re ba bangwe* we have been referring them to Letsholathebe for X-Ray services. *Se se rayang gore jaanong* whenever the portable machine is working, they are able to get imaging, especially *ba* emergencies. When it is not working we are doing transfers or referrals.

Jaanong the reason why we prioritise you, if we brought that mobile machine, *e ne e le ka itemogelo eo ya gore batho ba o ntseng o ba balolola ba na le letlhoko la* these particular services. I have said it before *gore, tota*

fela the reason why we were able to bring this and buy it as far back as January was because of the urgency of the need. *Jaamong re bone gore go nnile le* a challenge which should not have been, and in part of my written answer, it does not quite speak to what I have told you, but I have told you the truth as I know it *gore*, we have had a problem *fela ya gore* someone to some extent was in dereliction of duty when they should have done the job. So, I realise the need *ya* this particular service in that area. Like I have said to you, I was there three months ago and before three months ago I was with you again, maybe six months ago, in the same area. It is an area that we take very seriously and I particularly, personally go there as often as I can. Within the next week we expect *gore* our teams will go there and they will commission the machine, and *batho ba kgaolo ya gago ba tlaa bona ditlamelo tse ba di tlhokang, e bile tse di ba tshwanetseng. Ke a leboga.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke re ke botse Tona gore, a mme ke kgang fela ya motho a le mongwefela yo o sa tlang go tsaya ditaalo? O setse o ile kwa gabedi, go rekilwe machine ... (inaudible) ... o dirisiwe, six, seven months later, go a pala. Maloba Tautona o ne a bua gore go ne go isitswe melemo kwa Tutume, I do not remember the number he said, about a 100, go goroga only 10. A tota mathata ga se gore wena le Tona ya gago le latlhegetswe ke taalo, have you not totally lost control of the ministry, mo e leng gore le fa go tlisiwa machines tse three le fa le ntsha ditaalo, nothing happens mo nakong ya gompieno?*

The second and last question ke *gore*; e bo e re selo se le se buang ke *gore* ba ba tlhokang thuso ya potlako ya go dirisa X-Ray machine le ba isa kwa Letsholathebe, kwa Maun. Re bua ka kgaolo e lehuma le anameng, mongwe le mongwe o a itse, le bothata jwa ditsela gone koo. Ga go motlhofo *gore* o ka bona koloi e e ka go ntshang kwa Gumare ya go isa kwa Maun. A le raya le ba isa lona le le kokelo, *ministry*, ka *gore* go na le balwetse ba ba saleng ba isiwa kwa Letsholathebe gotwe *they are referred to* Maun, ba bo ba bolelelwa *gore* ga ba kgone go isiwa ba ikise. A ba re buang ka bone ba le ne le ba isa kana ke bone ba ba neng ba ikisa?

MR OOKEDITSE: Thank you Madam Speaker, and thank you for that Leader of the Opposition. Have we lost control; no, we have not. Do we have a lot of work and a lot of lying items to do; yes, we do. In every system there will be lapses and inefficiencies, and like I

have said, we have had a situation where we should have someone being efficient, they were just being inefficient. The key thing from me is the corrective action. But there is something else that I want you to acknowledge in the spirit of good faith, *gore* you are speaking about an area that is underserved and we are not out of ... (inaudible) ... them decided that this area needed a machine that can service it properly. We went to buy the machine, despite the current economic climate we are in. I do appreciate that there should be urgency in service provision, there should also be an element of appreciation that this Government came and has prioritised an area that for a long time was not prioritised when it comes to these services. I do not hear anyone of you actually saying, yes, we appreciate that you bought us the machine that we need, but we would appreciate more if we have efficiency in its commissioning. So, I think good faith suggests that we not only look to what has gone bad, but we look to the substantive, and the substantive is that your people have a machine *o o tlaa ba thusang ka fa ba tshwanetseng go thusega ka teng.*

Ba isiwa jang kwa? Ambulance service as you know is limited and the policy *ke gore, molwetse yo o sa kgoneng go ka ikisa* to the next facility *ke ene yo o isiwang ka ambulance.* That is for obvious reasons *ya gore, fa le na le balwetse ba le bararo, fa yo mongwe a ka kgona go tsamaya e se ka ambulance, o ka tsamaya e se ka ambulance. Ka gore fa ambulance e ka tsamaya le yo o sa tlhokeng ambulance, e kare a sala a tswa fela go bo go sala go tla yo o critical, go bo go raya gore jaamong* we have a problem. Then for clients *tla rona ba gotweng*; I do not know what the right word to use there, *ke batlhoki*, there is a very clear provision in Government *ya gore kwa* Social and Community Development (S&CD) *kwa* Local Government, *fa o tlhoka go ya bongakeng mme o sena a go palama...*

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

MR OOKEDITSE: Well, I mean you can give me alternative reality, I am telling you what I know. *Fa e le gore* you are in a position *e e leng gore ga o kgone, ngaka a ka go kwalela lekwalo le e leng gore o a le tsaya o le isa kwa go mmaboipelego a bo a go direla* a travel warrant. *Fa e le gore* the system of warrant *ga e bereke, e tlaabo e le slippery challenge.* I am just giving you the structure *se e leng gore se tshwanetse gore se bereke.*

Well, these people need service. I have committed that within the next week, we will have our teams go through to commission the machine, and I am hoping that you can say thank you for having looked at our area, and thought we deserve a machine. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

BONNO HOUSING PROJECT

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

- (i) the names of all companies that submitted proposals for the infrastructure development component of the Bonno Housing Project;
- (ii) the procurement process followed in identifying these companies, and whether that process complied with the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) Procurement Policy and the Public Procurement Act;
- (iii) whether the BHC Board of Directors approved the infrastructure business case before its dissolution; and
- (iv) whether the Minister of Finance approved the proposed financing arrangements, including any advance payments and sovereign guarantees requested by the contractors.

Later Date.

PITSENG GAOBEREKWE'S BURIAL CASE

MR M. M. PULE (KGATLENG EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to update this Honourable House on matters relating to the constitutional and administrative implications arising from Government's handling of the late Pitseng Gaoberekwe's burial case; and to further state:

- (i) whether the executive relied on any lawful authority or discretion to permit a burial outcome that differed from prior decisions of the High Court and the Court of Appeal regarding interment within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);
- (ii) how the executive justifies this decision in the context of the principle of separation of powers, and
- (iii) whether it considers the action consistent with respect for judicial authority and the rule of law;
- (iv) whether the Executive has assessed the policy implications and potential precedents created by allowing an exception to existing residency and protected area regulations; and

- (v) whether Government intends to develop or amend any legislation, regulations, or policy frameworks to guide future requests for ancestral land burials, particularly within protected areas to ensure consistency, fairness, and legal certainty going forward.

MR PULE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke go dumedise mongwame. Ke dumedise Batlotlegi. Ke ntse ke amogela *message* o o tswang kwa go *Clerk* ya gago gore...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga ke go utlwe sentle, *Honourable* Kaizer o a tlhodia.

MR PULE: Ke ntse ke amogela *message* o o tswang kwa go *one of your Clerks* gore potso ya me e isitswe kwa *Ministry of Justice*. *I am worried because I thought it was Ministry for State President, Defence and Security* e e tsereng *decision* ka kgang e. Jaanong ke bona e isiwa kwa *lawyer* e e neng e le *involved* mo kgannyeng ya teng, ga ke itse gore a ga a na go nna *conflicted*. Ke raya gore *later date*; ga ke itse gore ke ka e bitsa ke reng *Madam Speaker*. Ke bolelelwa fela *now* ke le mo Palamenteng, *and this is not okay*, o bolelelwa o le mo Palamenteng, mme potso e le *noticed*, ya tsamaya *through all the stages* e bo e re fa e tshwanetse gore e arabiwe go bo gotwe nnyaa e isitswe kwa *ministry* o sele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Re a busa.

MR PULE: Ee, le a busa, ke a dumela.

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga go a tshwanela gore go nne jalo. *We could have been alerted before the House so that we move. I hope* ba tlaa baakanya.

COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE ON GEMVAS

MR V. B. PHOLOGOLO (KANYE WEST): asked the Minister of Finance to provide a comprehensive update on the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) following its recent temporary suspension; and to state:

- (i) the specific terms and interest rate frameworks agreed upon in the newly finalised negotiations with participating commercial banking institutions;
- (ii) whether these new frameworks will result in any increased borrowing costs, stricter eligibility criteria, or altered repayment structures for public officers; and

- (iii) the total number of pending applications accumulated during the suspension period, and the ministry's concrete plan to clear this backlog.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Phologolo. Madam Speaker, the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme commonly referred to as GEMVAS was established in 1988 under Section 7 of the Public Service General Orders and subsequently revised in 1996. General Orders 124.1 provides that, "Government employees illegible for Government guaranteed advances from approved financial institutions, strictly for the purchase, construction and improvement of residential properties or residential plots, as well as for acquisition of non-commercial motor vehicles."

Madam Speaker, Parliament must note that the latest data indicates that as of December 2025 total Government exposure under GEMVAS was estimated at P2 billion, equivalent to approximately 1 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). An exposure of this magnitude is material in the context of fiscal consolidation efforts and competing national development priorities. These guarantees represent contingent liabilities which must be prudently managed to safeguard micro-economic stability.

Madam Speaker, the Government of Botswana has signed new guarantee agreements with four financial institutions participating in the scheme. The terms and conditions remain broadly unchanged except for the revised interest rate framework. Interest rate is payable at each bank's prime lending rate plus 4.25 per cent in the first year or plus 5.2 per cent in the second and 6.25 per cent in the third for the remainder of the loan period. Since participating banks apply different prime lending rates in line with the bank of Botswana requirements, the effective GEMVAS interest rates currently range between 11 and 12 per cent. These new interest rates remain the most competitive in the market.

Madam Speaker, the revised framework has resulted in a slight increase in borrowing cost arising from the revised interest rate margins. However, there have been no stated changes in eligibility criteria or repayment structures. The scheme remains accessible to qualifying public officers. Since reopening on the 15th June 2026, 40 new applications have been received and processed. Prior to the suspension disruption on average, 50 new applications were received and processed on a monthly basis.

Madam Speaker, GEMVAS applications are checked, processed and approved within three working days. Upon receipt, each application is immediately assessed for eligibility and completeness before being processed. Consequently, there are no pending unprocessed new application, and therefore, no backlog requiring the separate clearance plan. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR PHOLOGOLO: Supplementary. Thank you very much Honourable Minister, Your Honour, the Vice President. You have indicated that there was a slight increase in borrowing. My take is that because of the slight increase, it could be possible that *go nna le impact mo babereking ba Puso*. What are you doing to mitigate *ba e leng gore* the slight increase *go na le kgonagalo ya gore e ba tswalele kwa ntle go nna eligible*?

You also mentioned that the terms and conditions are fairly the same as the old, I got to learn that prior to the suspension of the scheme, *go ne go na le ba ba neng ba dirile* applications, *ke supile* in my question *gore o supe gore* those who have applied before the suspension, *a ba thusiwa ka rate ya bogologolo kana ka ya gompieno*.

Just also to be clear on this one, as much as the terms might be similar to the old ones, *a ga di a fetola* the repayment period, *a batho ba santse ba duela bo 60 months* for the motor vehicles? *A gape ga go a fetola* cap or *ga go a* introduce cap at which someone can take a loan?

You have also indicated that the guarantee was exposing us to a tune of P2 billion. *Ke botse gore kante sone scheme se*, is Government putting any money forward into the revolving fund *kana ga go a nna jalo, madi otlhe fela ke a e leng gore a tswa kwa dibankeng tse go dumalanweng le tsone*?

Sa bofelo, there is a question, still as a follow-up to this one, but I take we will deal with the question *mogang e tlang*. Just in passing, are we going to see the same skill being administered *ke Puso*, or is there any intention to outsource those administering skill *sa go nna jalo? Ke a leboga*.

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Honourable Phologolo. I am not sure whether that was one question, or that was quite a web of questions. So, if I miss out from your web, please forgive me. Yes, there has been an increase as I said, they range now depending on which bank it is, between 11 per cent and 12 per cent. You will recall the old framework was fixed at 8 per cent. Your question is the people who applied previously

and were not processed, whether they will be paying the old rate or the new rate? Well, everybody who has applied at the current framework, pays the interest rate that is applicable now. It is not retrospective, whether Government actually deploys money into the scheme or not.

Well, this is a guarantee scheme, so, what this means is that, the financial institutions themselves are the ones using their own capital that loan out monies, but what Government does is that it guarantees 70 per cent of those. So, meaning that when they default, Government will actually carry the burden of the 70 per cent. In terms of the repayment period or structure or tenure, they remain more or less the same. In terms of the cap, I do not know exactly what the cap is, but I know that all the criteria remain more or less the same, but I can establish that for you. Thank you.

MR PHOLOGOLO: Clarification. Yes, sorry for the web Your Honour. *Ke ne ke re* this one *ya* the slight increase, *ke lemogile gore* these money terms, an increase *ya* P10 can close out 10 people who would ordinarily qualify *gore* what did we do in instances where this increase has rendered some people *gore ba se ka ba nna* eligible for the scheme? Are you willing to step in as Government to say, despite that being the case, because the whole idea one would think *ke gore, go nne le* as many *babereki ba Puso* being able to qualify besides just leaving it with the banks to make determinations *isa gore* do you qualify or you do not? Thank you.

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Honourable Phologolo. For me to answer that question, I would have to see the specific data. But the idea as you say is to try and give opportunity to civil servants as many as we can, but to see exactly where the cap is and whether it closes off others, I would have to see the specific data. I just noticed I missed a part in your web, whether there are any intentions to outsource and I would say that yes, there are intentions to outsource and I also understand there is a process towards that, that is ongoing. Thank you.

MR NKAWANA: *Point of procedure.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Fa ke lebile *pace* e re tsamayang ka yone le gore re dirile dipotso di le kae *up to now*, ke kopa go dirisa Standing Order 40.7 gore re kgone to exhaust dipotso tsotlhe tse di mo Order Paper. *I thank you.*

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM SPEAKER: Until 4:00 p.m., you said so?

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Tanki.

GAS FRACKING IN CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

MR S. O. MAPULANGA (CHOBE): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to update this Honourable House on the gas fracking in the Chobe National Park and to state the concessions which have been set for such projects.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Good afternoon to this Honourable House *le ba ba reeditse kwa gae*. Madam Speaker, *ke ne ke eleditse go tlhalosa* what this fracking is in the beginning. Gas fracking is an activity that is associated with Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and the process involves pumping sand at high speed pressure into the drilled gas production wells to create fractures on the ground causing for the gas to flow through into production well. Currently, there is no gas fracking that is done in Botswana, and there are no CBM prospecting licences that have been issued or are currently active over the Chobe National Park.

Madam Speaker, there are no concessions which are set for such projects of fracking and as I have already elaborated, there are no CBM coal or related prospecting licences within the national park. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR MAPULANGA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mma ke go lebohe Tona. Tona o a gana Madam Speaker. Mma ke latedise kgang ke e, company ya Zulu Energy Group e ne e epa in the areas of Pandamatenga. A ko o tlhalosetse Ntlo e gore through its Nyati Resources subsidiary fa e epa didiba in these areas, ba rile ba bone conventional gas. E ne e le gas efe e ba neng ba e bona gone koo?

Sa bobedi, ke latedise gone jaaka o re, *there is no gas fracking in Botswana*, mme gone mo mafelong a mangwe fa re bala, ba supa gore fa ba epa mo mafatsheng a a bapileng le rona, gas e e supa e tsena mo teng kana e tswa mo teng ga lefatshe la Botswana. *Are you aware of that information* Minister gore fa o re rona ka kwano we have never fracked, Zulu Energy Group through its Nyati Resources, ba supile ba kile ba bona matlhasedi a a supang gore golo mo ba go boneng ke gas. *Are you aware ka information eo?*

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Madam Speaker. Nnyaa fa honourable a ne a tshwere dikgang tse gore company ke mang, o ka bo a e tsentsa mo potsong. Ke ka bo ke tsile ke e baakanyeditse. Gore ke bue a certain company, go batla ke bo ke tšhekile mo system. So, I am unable to confirm to you gore nnyaa, Zulu o dira jaana. Ke ka tlhalosa gore there is no fracking. They might have prospected as I have responded to your question three days ago or something like that. Ba ba kileng ba dira prospection, they are prospecting, e bile ba ba dirileng jalo, ba re itseng gore they looked for CBM, ke Tlou Energy jaaka ke ne ke araba maloba gone mo Palamenteng. Honourable Member, ke ka re, isa maina ke ye go go tlholela the exact activity that company had looked at. E bile ke tlhalosa gore not within the Chobe National Park jaaka potso ya gago e ne e itebagantse le yone. Go na le CBM mo Botswana but there are different techniques of mining gas. Fracking is not done in Botswana. Thank you.*

MR NKAJANA: *Further supplementary. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Tona, go utlwala fa e le gore company nngwe closer to the delta mme e le kwa Namibia, akere you have explained gore fracking involves pushing sand in high pressure and creates cracks. Go utlwala fa e le gore company eo is involved in cracking. Baitseanape ba supa gore cracks tseo di tsewelelela mo Botswana kgotsa they are likely to. A mme gone moo o a go itse gore go teng le gore go tlaa affect the Okavango Delta jang? Le gas e possibly re na le yone mo Botswana, it is extracted by the Namibians. Ke a leboga.*

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Madam Speaker. Tota mma ke amogele gore ke kakgelo ka foo malome gore ke ye go batlisisa se se diragalang mabapi le this company. Ka fa le e buang ka teng, e ntšha e...*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa Honourable Minister, ga gona malome mo.*

MS KENEWENDO: *Honourable Nkajana, go raya gore ke tlaa ya go e batlisisa ka gore ka fa le e buang ka teng, there is mining or fracking that is happening in Namibia and you are asking about the impact of it in the Okavango. What I will do is to go back to my team to look at what is happening in the adjacent areas. Re na le visemic technology across the country, we will ask Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) if they have picked any activity that is a result into of such activity jaaka kwa Namibia. Thank you.*

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary. It is a very short one. Mafatshe a le mantsi a kganetse ka fa molaong gore go ka nna le any form of exploration using fracking. A ke sengwe se le se akanyang mo Botswana to ban fracking? In the past, international conservation organisations have accused Botswana gore e na le fracking activities. Similar to fracking, Botswana denies that it is happening. This is from a period way back before the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) Government. I am not actually pointing at the current regime to say we are being less than candid but se ke se botsang ke gore have you considered daily fracking in Botswana so that there is no possibility of anyone accusing Government that it is being less than truthful on this matter?*

MS KENEWENDO: *Thank you Madam Speaker, Honourable Member, we have not because we do not have any activities that are fracking. There is no gas fracking that is currently happening or has happened. So there has never been or there is no reason in this particular moment for us to even engage in legislation of such. We are actually bringing into Parliament legislation that speaks to the development of the gas industry. Re tlaa tla re di attend tsotlhe gore how is the gas being regulated, mining of gas technologies and so forth here in this Honourable House. We are hoping that maybe December, kana re tshwaragana le ba Budget Parliamentary Session to discuss the development of the gas industry here. I thank you Madam Speaker.*

WATER RIGHTS FOR BOREHOLES

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Water and Human Settlement:

- (i) whether members of the community who have been issued with water rights for boreholes at farms and cattle posts with Government owned boreholes are allowed to privately fence them, consequently restricting access to fellow community members; if so,
- (ii) to state correctional measures in place to ensure fair usage and accessibility by all.

ACTING MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR MATHOOTHE): *Thank you Madam Speaker. Mma ke lebogetse potso ya ga Honourable Frenzel, yo o batlang go itse gore batho ba ba filweng didiba tsa ga Goromonte, ke eng ba tshwanetse ba kganela batho go di dirisa? Mma ke tlhalose jaana gore mo setšhabeng go na le batho ba ba ikopetseng didiba tse mme ba bo ba di neelwa...*

MR FRENZEL: *Procedure.* Potso ya me e ne e sa re go di dirisa. Kgang ke go agelela didiba tse ba a bong ba di neetswe, tse o fitlhelang e le tsa *geology*. Kgang ke go di agelela, ga ke itse gore potso le ne le e tsere jang. *Thank you.*

MR MATHOOTHE: *Madam Speaker,* ke ne ke supa gore mo setšhabeng go na le batho ba ba ikopetseng didiba tse tsa ga Goramente. Ba neelwa *leases*, go na le madi a ba a duelang kgwedi le kgwedi. Go na le ba ba neelwang didiba tse ba di reka gangwefela, ba bo ba di reka ka madi e nna tsa bone. Batho ba ba letlelesaga gore ka ke didiba tse ba nang le ditshwanelo mo go tsone, ba na le gore ba di sireletse ka go di agelela ka ba na le *lease* ya tsone kana ba di rekile. E bile gape didiba tse go na le gore ba e leng gore ke morafe, le bone ba kgona go di neelwa mme go tlaa tswa mo go bone gore go di sireletsa ga bone, ba tlaa dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

E bile ke boe ke supe gore didiba tse e leng gore ga di dirisiwe ke Goramente, re rotloetsa thata gore *the community* e nne yone e di ikopelang, go na le gore e nne bongwe ka bongwe. Re dumela gore fa e le *community*, ke bone ba re ba lebang pele gore re ba di neele. Didiba tse ba tlaabo ba dira *guidelines* tsa gore tiriso ya bone ba di dirisa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke utlwa o bua kgang e totatota ke e batlang gore re tle gone foo. Kgang ya me ke gore fa le neetswe kana Goramente a le adimile golo foo, *let us say* gongwe *for a period of 10 years* kana ke *five years, whichever period* e a tlaabong a e ntshitse, a gone foo go tshwanetse go agelelwe?

Kana o ya go fitlhela e le gore didiba tse di tletse *all over*, ke tsaya gore ke lefatshe ka bophara. Batho ba bangwe ba filwe *lease* ya mafelo ao ba a agelela, go bo go raya gore ba kanela ba ba ruetseng kwa ntle. Ke batla go itse gore fa o neetswe selekanyo sa bo *five or 10 years*, a o tshwanetse gore o ka agelela?

Potso ya me ya bobedi e bo e nna gore fa e le gore ba teng ba ba ageletseng jaaka ke itse gore ba teng, go diragala jang? Ke batla go itse gore fa e le gore le a bo le neetswe lefatshe la go nna jalo, a go tshwanetse go ka agelelwa? Le gone gore fa e le gore go ageletswe, go ka dirwa jang gore dikgang tsa go nna jalo di kgone go itsiwe sentle?

Ya bofelo e bo e nna gore fa le di rekisa jaaka o supa gore le a di rekisa, le di rekisa jang? A le a *advertise* gore sediba se tlaabo se le teng kwa boketeketse? Ke utlwile o supa gore *preference* e neelwa *the community*, ke batla

go itse gore fa e le gore gongwe ke kwa ntle, go dirwa jang? *Procedure* ke eng gore ba ba reeditseng ba na le kgatlhego ya go ikopela didiba tsa go nna jalo, ba tle ba itse gore ba tshwanelwa ke go dira eng gore ba tle ba di ikopele? *Thank you.*

MR LESEDI: *Point of clarification.* Mma ke go dumedise. Kgang e e a nkhidia ka gore tota le fa Tona a araba jaana, ga ke itse gore mmotsi wa potso a reng. A o batla kagelelo ya sediba kana ya *area* e batho ba a bong ba le fa go yone? O nne *clear*.

Madam Speaker, fa o leba *Honourable Frenzel* thata, gongwe Setswana se ka tswa se mo sita mme...

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

MR LESEDI: Gongwe mo seemong se, o ka re tlhatswetsa gore a reng.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke ne ke tsaya gore *Honourable Minister* ke ene a tshwanetseng go araba, fa e le gore ga a arabesega, re tlaa tlhoka *clarity*.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* *Clarity* e e neng e batliwa ke *Honourable Lesedi* e ne e le maleba. Mma ke tlhalose jaana ka kagelelo, go na le kagelelo ya go agelela sediba sa gago fa o leng teng, gongwe *a radius* fela ya bo 50 metres. Go na le ba ba kgonang gore fa gongwe e bo e nna e kete ba itirela polase, bao e a bo e le ba ba ipeileng fela. Wena o a bo o neetswe sediba gore o nose gone foo. Fa e le gore o neetswe sediba a bo o ya go ipaya fela, foo e a bo e le maipaafela, go lebagana le ba *land board*. Ke tsaya gore *clarity* e e neng e batliwa ke *Honourable Lesedi* e ne e le maleba, o ne a raya gore go tlhamalale go ntse jalo.

Mo potsong ya bobedi, kana ya thekiso e tla jaana, e tlaa re o le kwa Mabesekwa, bangwe ba re ba bone sediba ke se, ba bo ba *apply* kwa go rona ba re sediba se sa nomore ya gore, e bo e nna bone gore a le batla go se *lease* kana go se reka. Re baya *those options* di ntse jalo e bo e le bone ba itlhophehang, gongwe ba bo ba re ba ka se *lease* ka gore ga ba na madi a a kalo a a ka se rekang. Fa gongwe yo mongwe a bo a ikgethela gore fa se ntse jalo o ka se reka, ba se bone mo tikologong e ba se boneng mo go yone. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HIGH RATE OF SHORTAGES OF METERS AND CABLES

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to brief this Honourable House on the challenges of the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) with regard to the high rate of shortages of meters and cables; with emphasis on:

- (i) the magnitude of the problem in terms of shortage of meters and cables connecting electricity to households;
- (ii) the reasons behind the shortage;
- (iii) where the two items are sourced and the number recently sourced;
- (iv) the number to be committed to Maun BPC Office against the total demand in the North West;
- (v) the difference between the number to be supplied and demand in North West; and
- (vi) how the discrepancy will be rectified and when.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke ne ke re ke tsenye* the same energy for the Honourable Member.

- (i) Madam Speaker, Government is aware of the challenges currently affecting the availability of electricity meters and service cables, which have impacted the pace of new electricity connections in some parts of the country, including, in particular, as the question states, the North West District. These challenges are not the result of a single factor but arise from increased demand for new connections, expanding villages and urban areas but also, as I once discussed in Maun, the vandalism of electricity infrastructure, and the financial sustainability of the current Free Electricity Connection Programme.

Notwithstanding these challenges, Government and BPC have put in place measures to strengthen the procurement of these meters and cables to improve security of supply, and ensure that customer connections continue with longer-term reforms that need to be implemented.

Madam Speaker, the current national backlog stands at: 25,349 electricity meters, requiring approximately P45 million to fully address the situation. As it pertains to service cables, we need roughly 1,267,450 metres, requiring approximately P140 million.

These shortages have affected the timely connection of customers that are awaiting electricity supply across the country.

- (ii) Madam Speaker, the shortage of service cables has been exacerbated truly by the increasing vandalism and theft of electricity infrastructure. Over the weekend, we received several complaints messages that are really concerned about the vandalism of BPC infrastructure. We record an average of 10 incidents of service cable theft per day, especially in the North West District, necessitating continuous replacement of cables that would otherwise be available for new customer connections. The cost of replacing these stolen cables is currently fully borne by the corporation.

With respect to electricity meters, the challenge is not the availability of supply but rather, it relates to the funding requirement to procure sufficient quantities to meet the growing demand.

Madam Speaker, this backs the question, should we review the Free Electricity Connection Programme? The Programme is currently financed through the 10-thebe electricity consumer levy, which has not truly kept pace with the increasing demand for new household connections.

- (iii) Madam Speaker, electricity meters are currently sourced from South Africa. However, Government expects greater supplier diversification following the conclusion of a recently completed procurement process where we are assessing doing due diligence on something locally made.

To alleviate the current backlog, BPC has received 3,500 electricity meters during the first week of July 2026, and plans to place a further order for at least 5,000 meters this week, with delivery expected within seven days.

Anti-theft service cables are sourced from China. BPC expects delivery of 14,000 meters by 3 August 2026, with a further 100,000 meters scheduled for delivery between August and September 2026.

Madam Speaker, BPC allocates available meters and service cables across its service areas based on operational demand and the number of customers awaiting connection. The approach ensures that the limited stock available is distributed equitably across the country while prioritising areas with the greatest need.

(iv) The allocation currently available to the North West remains below the total demand due to the national shortages of both electricity meters and service cables.

(v) We are implementing both immediate and long-term interventions to address these shortages as I have stated.

- Firstly, BPC has recently transitioned from conventional service cables to anti-theft cables because of this increased vandalism and theft. We hope indeed that this will help us with reducing the need for repeated replacements.
- Secondly, the corporation continues to maximise procurement within the available supplier credit facilities to ensure that additional meters are secured as resources become available.
- Thirdly, BPC has authorised contractors to procure service cables directly where necessary to avoid unnecessary delays in connecting customers while the corporation replenishes its own stock.

Madam Speaker, the scheduled deliveries of both meters and anti-theft cables are expected between the first week of July, all the way to October 2026. Together with these policy and operational interventions, we are expecting to progressively reduce the backlog and improve the timely connections of customers across the country.

We remain committed to ensuring that every Motswana has access to reliable electricity services and to strengthening BPC's capacity to deliver that mandate efficiently and sustainably. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary. Morale o ole, karabo e o digile Madam Speaker.*

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

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki Tona. *Madam Speaker*, dipalo tse di buiwang fa di a tshosa, re tlhela ka 35 000.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Moswaane*, le re itaya tsebe, ga re utlwe sentle kana.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Cables*, o ne o re re tlhela ka 25 000 meters(m) yo o tlhokang P45 million, mme so far re kgonne to order 3.5...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: 8 000.

MR KEKGONEGILE: 8 000, *the gap ke 30 something thousand*. Re tlhoka 1.2m cable, o tlhoka P40 million, mme re kgonne go bona 100,000 wa *anti-theft*, dipalo tsa teng fela go raya gore *deficit* e fa godimonyana. Le fa le tsweletse jaana, a ka fa thoko ka fa le dira *long-term*...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Kekgonegile* intshwarele pele, nna pele fa fatshe.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ke na le mathata le borre ba ba babedi.

MR KEKGONEGILE: O ne a mo ruta pina e e mo *fashion* malatsing a.

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

MR KEKGONEGILE: Fa le dira *long-term forecasting* gore le tle le kgone to *meet future growth with adequate supplies*, re lebile gore gompiano go na le *this shortage*, mme kana go ya go tswelala di ntse di tlhokafala go ya kwa pele. Go batla gore gongwe le monele marulanapele *in terms of planning* gore kwa pele fa le goroga jaanong le setse le akareditse, le se ka la nna le *problem ya shortage* gape.

Then security measures being put in place, mo nakong ya gompiano le fa go tlisiwa cables tse di kgatlhanong le bogodu, mme fela tsone go fitlhelela di nna *enough* tse di santseng di le teng tse tsone di tlaa tswelala di ntse di utswiwa. *What security measures are you putting in place in collaboration with* sepodise kana le lona fela le itirela *your own security protocols* kgatlhanong le go utswiwa mo go kanakana?

O buile ka *locally made*, gore le leka gore ka gore le tsaya kwa South Africa jaanong le leke go tsaya mo gae. Ba ba dirang *metres* mo gae a ba teng? Tanki.

MS KENEWENDO: Thank you Madam Speaker. *Ke leboge* the Honourable Member for these questions. I would like to clarify, I think our numbers got mixed, Madam Speaker, *mme ke di bue gape a di utlwe sentle. Ke sa ganetse* that there is a big deficit, but I want us to have the correct deficit on record. So, we have a backlog of 25 000m and we have since received 3 000 and an outstanding 5 000 are waiting to arrive. So, the backlog or the deficit does not range in 30 000, it is more around 15 or so thousand. *Gape ke sa reye gore* it is any better, any backlog is challenging, I just wanted for us to get the right figures.

Mo go tse dingwe, Madam Speaker, we are working on a turnaround strategy for BPC broadly. The issue is also the cashflow of the business, it is not necessarily only issues of vandalism and so forth, is how do we manage the general financial health of the business. We have put in place a strategy to work on the financial health of the business, including reducing imports by strengthening local generation. You might have noticed in the last couple of months, we have been announcing that Morupule B due to the several interventions that we have been making has started generating more than 500 megawatts (MW), which is historic, we have never seen 530MW being generated from Morupule B. We have now brought fully online the two solar plants that are giving us close to 230MW during the day. We are rounding up production here locally in order to reduce the cost of imports, and by doing so, it allows a little bit more cashflow for BPC to be able to deliver on other needs, including the procurement of metres and cables. *Ke ne ke e tlanya fela*, there will be a time that I would like to come and present to this Honourable House the entire turnaround strategy of BPC so we can all be fully briefed on how we intend to make this business and the delivery of universal access electricity possible.

Under security measures Madam Speaker, honestly security measures are about community, we cannot put cameras everywhere to look at cables, *go batla fela rotlhe re ema ka dinao re lwantsha kgang e ya borukutlhi, kana ke borukutlhi. Batho ba tsaya copper cables ba batla go ya go di rekisa. Re ntse re buisana le ba Trade gape gore le bone ba lebe kgang ya to ban the export of these matters because that is costing us, whenever there is a market people will tap into that market. Se se tona jaaka ke kile ka tla ka bua le ba bogosi kwa Maun ke gore*, because Maun right now is the hub of vandalism for BPC cables is that *a re e emeng ka dinao rotlhe re le bagolo, re le beng ba motse re tlhomamise gore batho ga ba re senyetse ka gore go busetsa le kgolo ya motse kwa morago. Ke sa thophe Maun fela, rotlhe fela mo Botswana ka gore vandalism is very rife. Re dirisana le ba sepodise, ba thusa fa ba thusang teng, mme kana matshwenyego a security a mantsi tota ga a a itebaganya fela le the vandalism of cables.*

Then as it pertains to local content, we must stimulate local content. I am a firm believer that where possible the Government must stimulate local content through its procurement and where people are trying and we believe that maybe their standards have not reached where we need them to be, we should facilitate those

standards to be met, *re ba bolelele gore* what is it *fa ba tlhaelang teng* in order for them to meet such. There have been two proposals that are currently being looked at, I cannot confirm that they will be able to reach those standards, but we do intend to facilitate as much as possible local content because it is our imperative through whatever budget that we have to ensure that we build an ecosystem, clusters of industrialisation in order to develop these industries. I thank you Madam.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Further supplementary. Thank you Honourable Speaker. Thank you Rre Kekgonegile for the question. Thank you Honourable Minister for your answer. Honourable Minister, maloba re ne re na le ba BPC kwa Public Accounts Committee (PAC). I did put to them gore kana go na le Batswana ba ba reng, because re iphitlhela re le mo backlog ya motlakase o o seyong, go padisa eng gore yo o kgonang go ka ithekela cable a e ithekele a tle go e tsenyediwa ke ba BPC? Go le gantsi go lebega backlog e bakiwa ke gore cables ga di bonale ka bokete jo bo eletsegang? Ba ne ba supa gore ga se mogopolo o o maswe, ba a o amogela.*

Beke e ke ne ke lelediwa ke Kgosi kwa Kanye a re kana batho ba me ba sale ba nna, jaanong *we are looking at close to 400* ba ba nang le dikgwedi ba sena motlakase, le ene e le mogopolo wa gore ke eng go sa letlelelwe ba bangwe, fa e le gore ke go baakanya molao, re dire jalo ka bofefo gore re kgone go thusa Puso gore re se ka ra salela kwa morago, mme go na le ba ba nang le bokgoni? Ba tswela ba re fa e le gore ka gore molao wa re BPC ke yone e tshwanelwang ke go tsenya, bogolo e re re itheketsa yone e bo e re *compensate* ka madi a ba dumelang gore ke one a ba ka bong ba a dirisitse go reka cable ya go nna jalo. A ke selo se le bonang se kgonagala, mme e bile le ikaelela go bona se diragala ka gore nna yo ke fano, ba lelela mo go nna letsatsi le letsatsi, mme ke dumela gore go na le kgonagalo ya gore ba letlelelwe go ka itirela *or* go ithekela cables tsa go nna jalo? Ke a leboga.

MS KENEWENDO: Thank you Madam Speaker. *Nnyaa mme ke utlwa selemo se, e bile ga se la ntlha se goroga. Le rona re se sekasekile gore*, the contractors that are already pre-qualified under BPC can they proceed to connect for those that have the ability to buy their own cables. We have determined and piloted it in some areas that, for those that have been pre-qualified, they can do so, because after some sensitivities that are associated with electricity infrastructure, *ga re ka ke ra letlelela gore mongwe le mongwe a ikogele, kamoso re bo re fitlhela e le gore nnyaa, ba bangwe fa ba goga ba cut le go sele. Re batla gore go dirwe* in an orderly manner.

Le fa go buiwa gotwe ba ba kgonang ba ka ikogela motlakase, the truth of the matter is we do not receive a lot of requests tsa gore nna ke a kgona. E nna gore mma re tseneng foo, re gogeleng ka bonako. Ba ba kgonang re ka ba thusa, but we also want to ensure that everybody has universal access. Ke sone se re tswelletseng with ordering.

Honourable, *se re tlaa se dirang ke gore* BPC will announce the pre-qualified contractors and ensure that everybody understands from the different areas. *Le gore process eo e ka dirwa jang gore go itlhaganelwe gore ba gokelelwe* Madam Speaker. Thank you.

FREQUENT INTERNATIONAL TRIPS BY THE PRESIDENT

MR T. FURNITURE (TATI EAST): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state measurable benefits that have been realised for the country, in view of the frequency of international trips President Advocate Duma Boko made; particularly:

- (i) the number of investment focused engagements that were undertaken;
- (ii) how many binding or implementable investment agreements have been concluded; and
- (iii) the total monetary value of such investments, if any, that have materialised as a direct result of these travels.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI): *Ke a leboga* Madam Speaker. *Motlotlegi* Furniture, *nna le wena re buile gakere motlotlegi? Re dumalane gore* we are later dating *potso e, ke ne ke tsere gore* you will update Madam Speaker. *Legale ka* I am on the floor let me update Madam Speaker, we have agreed to later date this question. I thank you.

MR FURNITURE: *Ke a leboga. Indeed, o ne a bua ka possibility of later date, a re fa e le gore karabo e tlaabo e ise e nne ready. Jaanong ga a boela kwa go nna gore a ntheye a re ga e ready, but mma re tseye later date.*

Later Date.

BUSINESS VIABILITY OF ALL HOTELS RUN BY BDC

MR K. NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): asked the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship to apprise this Honourable House of the business viability of all hotels run by Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and Cresta; and whether BDC has any plans to open new hotels.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to inform this Honourable House that Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) participates in the hospitality sector as part of its mandate to promote economic diversification, tourism development and sustainable economic growth. The Corporation's hospitality portfolio comprises both wholly-owned and strategic equity investments across hotel tourism and hospitality assets, which are managed on sound commercial principles, while supporting broader national development objectives.

As an active investment institution, BDC continuously monitors the financial and operational performance of its hospitality investments and regularly reviews the strategic fit of each asset within its portfolio. This enables the Corporation to strengthen investments that demonstrate long-term value, implement appropriate turnaround interventions where necessary and responsibly divest from investments that have reached maturity or no longer align with its investment objectives.

I will therefore appraise this Honourable House on the business viability of BDC's hospitality investments and the Corporation's plans regarding future hotel developments.

Current Hospitality Portfolio

Madam Speaker, BDC's hospitality portfolio currently comprises four strategic investments, namely Peermont Global Botswana, Mashatu Nature Reserve, Cresta Marakanelo Limited and Thakadu & Kwena Hotels.

Current Portfolio

Investment	BDC Interest	Description	Business Viability
Peermont Global Botswana	40%	Operates four hotels and two gaming facilities in Gaborone and Francistown. With the operations managed by Global Resorts Management South Africa.	Remains profitable, but continues to experience subdued occupancy and increased competition in the gaming sector, resulting in constrained returns.
Mashatu Nature Reserve	30%	High-end eco-tourism and hospitality operation within the Tuli Block.	Strong revenue generation, but profitability remains constrained by high operating costs.
Cresta Marakanelo Limited	27.6%	Botswana's largest hotel group, operating 12 hotels nationwide.	Revenue and occupancy improved during Financial Year 2025 despite challenging market conditions, although profitability was impacted by impairment charges and operating costs.
Thakadu & Kwena Hotels	100% Citizen Owned (BDC has invested a Loan facility and a Preference Share facility)	Hotel, conferencing, restaurant and casino facility in Letlhakane.	Prolonged operational underperformance resulted in cessation of operations.

Future Projects

Project	Description	Current Status
160-Key Five-Star Hotel (Fairscape Precinct, Gaborone)	Premium business hotel forming part of the Fairscape mixed-use development.	Pre-development phase. Appointment of consultants and fundraising at advanced stages.
Ultra-Luxury Boutique Hotel	International-standard luxury hotel targeting high-end leisure, diplomatic and business markets.	Investment appraisal completed. Currently undergoing due diligence.
Development of New Airport City (located approximately 2 Kilometres (Kms) from Sir Seretse Khama International Airport)	Construction of an all-encompassing world trade centre, which will span 1.26 million square metres and feature four hotels, trade centres, exhibition halls, and entertainment facilities.	The ground breaking and project launch was undertaken on the 5 June 2026. Currently seeking approval with Department of Surveys & Mapping to subdivide the land parcel in alignment with envisaged phases

Madam Speaker, BDC remains committed to maintaining a commercially disciplined hospitality portfolio that supports tourism development, attracts investment, creates employment and contributes to Botswana's economic diversification agenda. The Corporation will continue to optimise its existing portfolio through active performance management, strategic divestments where appropriate, and carefully selected new investments that are commercially viable and aligned with national development priorities. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*, ke a leboga Tona ka karabo ya gago e e tlhalositseng dilo ka bontsinyana. Ke utlwe gore ka gore Cresta *is a management company, they do not own infrastructure*, ke batla go tlhaloganya gore fa o re *shareholding* ya lona mo Cresta ke 27 per cent, a 27 per cent yo o mo kopanya le *rental* fa e le gore e teng, a Cresta e duela BDC *rental* kwa e leng gore *infrastructure facility is owned by BDC*?

O boe o mphitise mo goreng, mafelo otlhe a o neng o ntse o a balolola o re BDC *is a shareholder* kwa ntle ga tsa Cresta, a mangwe a le one *facilities* tsa teng *are owned by who*? Le gore fa e le gore ba ba hirisitseng ba kopane le BDC, ba duela bokae. *You may not have the figures now*, mme fela se se *important* ke gore o nthaloitse gore *are the facilities owned by BDC*? Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga Rre Nkawana ka potso eo. E tlaa nna boketenyanana, ka gore gongwe fa o ne o tsentse mo potsong la ntlha, ke ka bo ke tlhodile gore *which ones are owned by BDC and which ones are not*. Ke kopa gore ke e tseye mofago ke tlhole, ke mo tlhomamisetse, ke se ka ka mo shankudisetsa potso ya gagwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: Karabo e tlaa tla leng?

MR NTSIMA: Le fa e le kamoso.

POULTRY PRODUCTS

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) whether Government has developed a strategy to facilitate the export of surplus poultry products;
- (ii) if there are any regional or international markets that have been identified for Botswana poultry exports;
- (iii) what measures are being undertaken to ensure Botswana poultry products comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary requirements;
- (iv) whether he will allow export of poultry products given that Botswana has reportedly achieved self-sufficiency in poultry meat and eggs and that production capacity continues to expand; and
- (v) what concrete steps the Government is taking to secure export markets to prevent oversupply in the domestic market and protect poultry farmers from declining prices.

Later Date.

FLOOR CROSSING

MR K. T. MMUSI (GABANE-MMANKGODI): asked the Minister for State President, Defence and Security to state whether:

- (i) Government will consider tabling a Bill to repeal the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 on Floor Crossing in order to strengthen democracy and promote freedom of association, consistent with Government's commitment to human rights; and
- (ii) the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 on Floor Crossing in its current form, applies to Councillors.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI): *Madam Speaker*, ke a go leboga, e bile gape ke a go dumedisa. Batlotlegi le lona fela jalo, ke a le dumedisa. Batswana kwa gae segolobogolo kgaolo e e faphegileng ya Gaborone Bonnington North, ke a le dumedisa.

Madam Speaker, ke kopa go simolola fela ka gore ke a romea, se ke se buang mo Ntlong e ke a se diragatsa. Maabane ke solofeditse gore ke tlaa tla ka dikarabo tsa dipotso tse di neng di botswa ke *Honourable* Kaizer, yo go supafalang a seyo jaanong. Ke tshwere dikarabo tsa gagwe *Madam Speaker, kindly guide* gore a ke di mo neele kana ke di arabe gone fa.

MADAM SPEAKER: O tlaa di mo neela.

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: Thank you *Madam Speaker*. *Ke lebogela potso ya gago Motlotlegi* Mmusi. *Karabo e eme ka tsela e e ntseng jaana* honourable,

- (i) *Madam Speaker*, the Act that deals with floor crossing is the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 1 of 2021, which commenced on the 5th February 2021. I say this just to make a correction to how the question was constituted by Honourable Mmusi. *Act ya teng ke* Act No. 1 of 2021 *motlotlegi*. The Government has not taken a policy decision to repeal the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 1 of 2021. Consequently, there are presently no plans to table a Bill for its repeal. As with all legislation *Madam Speaker*, Government keeps the operation of the law under review and any future legislative proposals will be considered through the established policy and legislative processes, should the need arise.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 1 of 2021 applies only to Members of the National Assembly. It does not apply to councillors, whose position is governed separately under the Local Government Legislative Framework. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MMUSI: *Supplementary.* Tanki Tona, ke a leboga ka karabo eo. Ga se nna, gongwe phoso e dirilwe ke *those who were typing*. Ke re, kana tota ke ne ke botsa potso e e le gore ke lemoga gore golo mo Palamenteng e go na le bangwe ba ba dipelo di kotlometseng. Jaanong le le Puso ya ditshwanelo re tshwanetse go nna re gakolola fa re bona e kete go nna le dikgwetlho. Ke re le le Puso e ntsha ya ditshwanelo gongwe le ka bo le fefogela gore le fe batho tshono eo gore ba kgone gore ba ka fuduga fa ba bona ba sa tseege sentle kwa ba leng teng. Gona le a le mongwefela ke mmona fa pele ga gago foo, fa molao o o feta ke bangwe ba batho ba ba neng ba o ganetsa thata ba sa dumalane le one. Jaanong ke re, ka gore le mo Pusong, le ne le ka boela tshwetso eo morago. Tota ke ne ke e baya ke lebeletse dikgang tseo Tona, gore re tlhomoge le bangwe pelo ba ba ka tswang ba sulafaletse. Mma ke eme gone foo.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Mmusi, ga ke utlwe *supplementary question* ya gago.

MR MMUSI: Ke re a ga a bone nako e tlile ka bangwe batho gone fa o a bona gore ba sulafaletse?

Ya bobedi ke gore, nako ele fa bale mo *opposition* ba ne ba sa dumalane le molao o, ke re gongwe ba ka o boela morago. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Motlotlegi yo ke mo ratang *Honourable* Mabuse Pule, ke tsaya gore le a utlwa gore Motlotlegi Mmusi o a tlhalosa gore *the grass is greener on this side*. Ka kwano ga go na bothata, re itumetse, ga gona ope fela yo o nang le mathata. Re tlaa go amogela, ke tsaya gore Batswana kwa gae ba reeditse gore *Honourable* Mmusi o na le dikeletso tsa go tla ka kwano. *Sir*, re tlaa go amogela...

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

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Whilst we are still there honourable*, Ntlo e *determines* melao jaaka re itse. *This was a policy* e e fetisitsweng ke Puso ya lona *at that time*. Ke amogela dikgakololo tsa gago, *what I propose you do* motlotlegi, tlisa Molao-kakanyetso re o sekaseke mo Ntlong e, gore ka 2026 re le batlotlegi ba

the 13th Parliament re leba dilo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *It is something that all of us can reach together should such* Molao-kakanyetso *be brought to this Honourable House*. Ke a leboga.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tona ka o re tshwaretse dikarabo tse di lolameng, tse di botlhokwa tse gongwe Batswana ba ka batlang go di itse, potso ya me ke gore, nako ya *Bill* e ya *floor crossing* e fetisiwa, gongwe gone go na le mabaka a gore ke ka go reng go ne go tabogiwa, ka ke santse ke gakologelwa go oketswa dioura tsa Palamente gore e tle e kgone go fetisiwa. Gongwe o ka tlhalosetsa Batswana gore ke eng se se neng se dira gore go tabogiwe gore *Bill* eo e fetisiwe ka nako eo?

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Your question is very valid* Motlotlegi Frenzel, *strong man*. Motlotlegi, *this was something that took place in the 12th Parliament*, ke tsaya gore go ne go na le mabaka a ba neng ba a lebeletse. *I think* batlotlegi ba ke lebaganeng le bone bo *Honourable* Motaosane ke bone ba ba tlhalosang thata gore *what was the rush in bringing* molao o... (*interruptions*)...

MR PULE: *On a point of procedure.* Ke ema fela ka bogolwane ka gore re bangwe ba di *veteran*, fa molao o o fetisiwa re ne re le teng. *Procedure* ya me *Madam Speaker* ke gore, re kope tsala ya me e ke e ratang thata a se ka a re molao o o fetisitswe ke *party* ya Domkrag, o fetisitswe ke Palamente, *it was debated*. *Procedure* ke gore, a re baakanyeng gone foo, re se ka ra re Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) o fetisitswe ke Palamente ya lefatshe la Botswana. Ke a leboga.

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Ke a leboga.* Motlotlegi ke ne ke re molao o o fetisitswe in the 12th Parliament, I was explicitly clear on that. In answering the second part of Honourable Frenzel's question, *ke ne ka re*, perhaps I would need help from my Honourable friends from the BDP *ka ke bone ba ba tlileng ka Molao-kakanyetso o ba itlhaganetse*. Gongwe ke bone ba ka atolosang gore ke eng ba ne ba bona botlhokwa jwa go...

MADAM SPEAKER: Gongwe mongwe o akgetse gore go batliwe Hansard, *please refer to the Hansard* go tle go nne *clear*. Re se ka ra tloga ga dira...

MR SALESHANDO: *Thank you.* Ke ne ke re ke botse Tona ka gore mo karabong ya gagwe ke utlwile a re kana Goromente ga a ise a tseye *policy position*, gore ka mafoko a mangwe, Goromente ga a ise a tseye tshwetso

gore tota ene mo kgannyeng e o eletsa go bona eng. Jaanong kana ka yone 12th *Parliament* e o neng o bua ka yone, *the UDC was very clear*, e ne e sa dumalane le *floor crossing*. Potso ke gore, a jaanong UDC e fetogile, le ne le na le *a clear position* le se mo go Goromente, ga le batle *floor crossing*, le mo ga Goromente, ga le na *position*, le fetotswe ke eng?

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Ke a leboga LOO.* I need to refer you back to the question, to ask the Minister for State President, Defence and Security whether Government will consider tabling a Bill to repeal the Constitution (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 on Floor Crossing in order to strengthen democracy and promote freedom of association, consistent with Government's commitment to human rights. What you are now bringing is a totally different answer all together. *O tlhalositse gore UDC ba ne ba na le position*, what I am communicating here is as things stand, this is the position of the Government.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. I think you may have misunderstood what I said.* Ka re mo karabong ya gago e o neng o e bala, *not to a supplementary*, karabo fela e o neng o e bala la ntlha, e o e kwadileng, *not* gore ke bua sengwe se se mo potsong, o rile Goromente ga a ise a nne le *policy position* mo kgannyeng e. Fa e le gore o ne o rialo, ka re jaanong le fetotswe ke eng ka gore UDC yone e ne e na le *position* nako ya molao o o tla? Ke a leboga.

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Ke a leboga LOO.* Nnyaa, mme motlotlegi, go araba potso, ke go arabile, I might not have answered it in the way you would have liked me to, *mme ke arabile potso*. This is the position of Government as things stand. Should anything change, *rotlhe mo Ntlong e*, we are going to reach that decision collectively. *Ke a leboga.*

DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODS

MR M. M. MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education to outline:

- (i) the total cost of damages caused by the 2025 floods on the Kgatleng Regional Education offices (education centre); Isang Primary School and Linchwe Junior Secondary School;
- (ii) the costs for equipment and furniture lost;

(iii) if there was any risk assessment done on these facilities since they are situated in flood prone areas; and

(iv) whether there are any plans to relocate these facilities to safer areas to prevent recurring damage and financial losses.

ACTING MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker, ke a leboga motlotlegi.*

- (i) Madam Speaker, the 2025 floods in Kgatleng Region resulted in substantial damage to Government infrastructure and public assets as a result...

MADAM SPEAKER: Hold on Honourable Maele, 'the Fours,' *go modumo.*

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

MR MMUSI: Procedure. *Ga go na 'the Fours' mo Palamenteng.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Jaanong wena o araba efe...

MR MMUSI: Ke ne ke go gakolola.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Nnyaa, mme 'the Fours' e kopile maitshwarelo.* Continue Honourable Maele.

MR MAELE: *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.* I overheard them, *tlhatlharuane e ne e le gore ke mang yo o tsamayang pele* when they cross *ka gore ba batla go tla ka kwano...*

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

MR PULE: *Point of order.* Nnyaa, jaanong *Madam Speaker*, a ko o kgalemele sebare sa me Prince Maele. Ga ke mo itse a ntse jaana, ke motho yo motona thata, a ka se ka a bua fela kgang e e senang boammaaruri mo *public* a re o utlwile re re ke mang yo o tsamayang pele, nnyaa ga go a nna jalo, ga re ise re ko re bue dilo tseo. A ko a boele mafoko ao morago, a bo a ntshiwe mo Hansard.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Maele*, a ko o lese go rumolana.

MR MAELE: *Ke a boela morago mafoko ale* Madam Speaker, *ke kopa go araba potso.*

- (i) Madam Speaker, the 2025 floods in Kgatleng Region resulted in substantial damage to

Government infrastructure and public assets as a result of the protracted heavy rainfall which resulted in the overflow of the Notwane river. The regional office's furniture, equipment, electrical installation and records were all damaged resulting in-service delivery disruptions. These floods also affected Linchwe Junior Secondary School and Isang Primary School.

Institution	Total cost	Item Destroyed
Regional office	P4, 149,502.26	Furniture, equipment, domestic supplies, stationery, equipment, buildings, files etc.
Linchwe	P1,458,000.00	Rear boundary wall, agricultural produce, furniture, equipment, stationery, domestic supplies, food supplies etc.
Isang	P72, 073.32	stationery, textbooks, revision materials, food, etc.
Total	P 5 679 575.58	

- (ii) The total estimated cost of equipment and furniture lost represents the estimated replacement value of all Government assets that were damaged as follows;

INSTITUTION	EQUIPMENT	FURNITURE
Region	P2, 120, 481.26	P1, 028, 799.00
Linchwe	P372, 000.00	P51, 000.00
Total	P2, 492, 481.26	P1, 079, 799.00

- (iii) Madam Speaker, land allocation authority did not carry out a risk assessment in the plot before allocation. However, the ministry is aware of the flood situation in the area, hence our request for relocation to a new and safer plot to avoid future recurrence of this natural calamities. So, *re setse re kopile gore re fuduge fa dikole tse di leng teng*.

- (iv) Madam Speaker, the ministry has applied for a plot at Kgatleng Land Board as an effort to consider possible relocation of the office, and we are still awaiting allocation. However, the suggested relocation is subject to plot allocation. Meanwhile, the ministry has implemented temporary interim measures to reduce the possibility of future damage. These include carrying out necessary repairs and improving drainage around the facilities.

Ke a leboga Madam Speaker, ke a leboga motlotlegi. This was a very, very important question.

MR MOROLONG: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga thata Tona ka botswerere jo o arabileng potso e ka jone. Re go utlwile, le baagi ba Kgatleng ba go utlwile mo karabong eo. Ke botse gore mo ditshenyegelong tse di diragetseng kwa *Regional Office* ya thuto, e Bakgatla ba reng ke kwa Education Centre; ke gore kwa Education Centre *Minister*, go na le matlo a bodiredi, jaanong ke ne ke re ke botsa gore a ga le a tsenya ditshenyegelo tse di ka tswang di diragetse, gongwe tse di ba amang?

Tshenyego e e kanakana Tona, a go na le *replacement* ya *equipment* le *furniture*, tsotlhe tse di neng tsa senngwa ke merwalela? Fa e le gore go na le mo go setseng go buseditse, o tlaa intshwarela, ke go botse fela gore *at what percentage*? Re fa kae *in terms of* go buseletsa tse di setseng di senyegile?

Kwa bofelong, ke batla ke leboge go bo o supa gore go ikopetswe go fudusiwa ga diofisi tse ka gore tota fela di mo nokeng. Ngwaga le ngwaga le fa e se pula ya sepe fela, re nna re bona se. Fa ke ka bo ke boditse potso fela gore *damages* tse di saleng di dirwa fa e sale *offices* tse di nna teng ke bokae, o ne o ka bona gore *billions* tse di ntsintsi di latlhegile, ka tsela e e tshwanang le e. Ke a leboga gore o bo o bua ka *relocation*. Re tlaa sala *land board* morago gore e le thuse. Ke a leboga. *Thank you Madam Speaker.*

MR MAELE: *Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you mokaulengwe. Mokaulengwe yo Madam Speaker, ke mongwe wa bangwe ba ke ba tshephang thata. Ke dumela gore fa a ka tshwaragana le rona a re thusa kwa land board, re ka felela re bone sengwenyana se se botoka. Ke go bolelele motlotlegi gore unfortunately e rile fa ke araba potso e, ke ne ke sa tsenye matlo a badiredi a a senyegileng. What I can tell you is that ke ka go batlela information even as early as Monday. Ke ka go neela information ya teng. E rile fa ke e tlhotlha, ke bo ke re ga a batle e o batla e, so, I restricted myself to what you wanted. I have the whole amount of fa go senyegileng teng. Ke ka kgona go go bolelela gotlhe, gongwe mo o neng o re dilo di setse di emiseditswe.*

O tlaa bona ke go diretse *copy* le wena *sir*, gore o tle o ipalele. Fa ke neng ke bua gore ke *the replacement cost*, ke one madi a re neng re leka gore re buseletse kana re reke *back* mo go ka tswang go senyegile. *So, honestly, you will be able to get a lot of information* mo karabong e ke tlaabong ke go e neela. Ke a go kopa motlotlegi, re a go kopa re le ba *ministry* gore o eme le rona tota gongwe re bue le Rre Dikoloti a re neele. Re tle re go agele go santse go le botokanyana jaana dipula di ise di nne teng. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Morolong for Honourable Arafat Khan.

MR MOROLONG: Ke ne ke rile *later date*.

MADAM SPEAKER: I did not hear. Thank you.

BONNO HOUSING PROJECT

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

- (i) the names of all companies that submitted proposals for the infrastructure development component of the Bonno Housing Project;
- (ii) the procurement process followed in identifying these companies and whether that process complied with the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) Procurement Policy and the Public Procurement Act;
- (iii) whether the BHC Board of Directors approved the infrastructure business case before its dissolution; and
- (iv) whether the Minister of Finance approved the proposed financing arrangements, including any advance payments and sovereign guarantees requested by the contractors.

Later Date.

MADAM SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, go raya gore e tšhaile nako ya dipotso. *It is 3:45 p.m. We should move to Motions.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENT OF FOREIGN WORK PERMIT ABUSE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CITIZEN SUBCONTRACTING MANDATES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

Motion

MR PULE: *Procedure Madam Speaker. O tlaa nkgakolola fa e le gore ke dule mo tseleng. Maabane fa re kgaogana fa, e ne e le gore Motion wa ga Honourable Lekau o mo floor and is debated. I remember ke eme ka procedure ke re, re tsweletse re bua ka Motion wa ga Rre Lekau, mme the responsible Minister yo e leng Minister Kenewendo, ga a yo golo fa. Procedure ke gore, fa Motion o sena go nna o alwa, a bo the mover a dira Motion, morago ga moo, the responsible Minister o a fetola gore a fe guidance. A re bontshe gore Puso e ipaakantse jang mabapi le kgang ya go nna jalo. Go tswa foo, ke rona re bo re dira. Re kgaogane e le gore o ne o setse o builwe. Ke bona o isitswe kwa morago. Ke re, a go raya gore golo moo, nullifies all the debates tse di dirilweng? Ke tsaya gore re ne re gakolola gore Tona a nne teng, not gore re o ntsha mo floor. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, re tla koo Honourable Pule. O phaketse, mme ga go molato. Re ya go goroga gone koo.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure Madam Speaker. Mma ke phakele go feta Rre Pule. Ke ne ke solofela gore mo pampiring gone fa re neng re eme teng, e ka bo gongwe e le yone number one. Re fe guidance gore e se ka ya re kamoso go diragala gape, ra boa ra tsietsega.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *you are right*. Gakere maabane le gopola *issue* ya gore Matona a mangwe ba ne ba sa bua kwa ba ileng teng. Go raya gore *communications* di letse di goroga rona re le mo Ntlong, re sa itse gore *why Honourable Moalosi a seyo. Motion* wa gagwe fa o neng o le teng, ga re ka ke ra o sutisa ka gore jaanong mabaka a ne a le teng, mme re sa a utlwa mo Ntlong. *That is why* e boeletse gore e tswa sentle le fa e sa tsene. E se ka ya nna gore o ne a seyo fela. *That is why* o boeletse. *But we are getting to fa re neng re*

tsamaya teng maabane. Re ne re baakanya gore le ene a kgotsofalele *Motion* wa gagwe gore ga o a latlhiwa. E ne e le gore ene *Honourable* Moalosi, *Motion* wa gagwe *will still hold the slot*. E se ka ya nna e kare re a o latlha.

Motion-Deferred

POLICY FRAMEWORK OR LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY TO ENHANCE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Motion

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Madam Speaker*, ke ema jaana go baya Ntlo e pele *Motion*...

MR LEKAU: Point of order *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lekau, *Motion* wa gago o tlaa tsena. Ke kopa le eme pele. Ke tlhalositse gore re lekile go baakanya diphoso tsa maabane, *please*, o tlaa tsena. Ke ne ke tsaya gore se ke neng ke se tlhalosa, *follows* se se diragalang *right now*.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke tlhalosa gore ke ema jaana go baya Ntlo e pele...

MR PULE: *Procedure Madam Speaker*. Ke botsa fela ka mowa o o edileng, ga ke batle go ganetsana le wena *Madam Speaker*. *It is a bit untidy* gore a bo *Motion* o tlogetswe o le mo *floor* maabane, jaanong re o tlogetse re tsenya o mongwe. Ke gore a *mover* le fa a ka sutisa, a bo go raya gore Tona ga a yo, *still* mo Hansard go ya go supa gore *Motion* o mongwe o tsene, o o tlogetswe *half way*. *That is why* ke ne ke akanya gore *solution to the problem is to bring back that Motion* o o neng o buisanngwa.

Rre Maele, a ko o gakolole, o mongwe wa *veterans*. Go nne *tidy* mo Hansard gore tota go na le *flow* ya *discussion* ya *Motion*. *The best you can do now* ke go kopa gore o boele, *then* Tona a bo a *respond to that Motion*, re bo re tswelela ka *debate*. *That is what I was thinking*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Member* Pule, fa ke eme ke tlhalosa fale, gakere o a itse gore maabane go ne go diragala eng. *I think the right thing for you, you could have said*, re kopa *rearrangement Motion* wa maabane o tsene gore go nne *tidy like you said*. Fa o re, *it is untidy, it is not untidy for us* rona kwa re neng re dira teng. Ke ka fa re neng re tsamaya ka teng. Jaanong wena *you missed* gore o kope *rearrangement* e e kabong e ne ya tsena pele.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Procedure *Honourable* Maele.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Point of procedure. Madam Speaker*, se se dirilweng ke *Speakership just to put the record* sentle, *it is correct*. Kana fa *Motions* di bidiwa jaana, fa mong wa teng a seyo o bewa kwa tlase, mme fa mong wa teng a seyo ka mabaka o busediwa fa o neng o le teng fela jaaka le dirile. *I agree entirely with what you have done. I think what you should be doing now* ke go kopa gore ka re ne re tshwere o mongwe maabane, a ga se gore gongwe re kope *rearrangement*, re tswelele gore go nne le *coherence*. Ke gone fela mo re ka go dirang. *In terms of whether we have done the right thing or not, you have done the right thing. That is how it is done*. Ke ne ke re ke kope *Madam Speaker*, gore, gore re se ka ra lebala dikgang tsa maabane, re kope *rearrangement* gore a ga se gore le re kopele *Honourable* Kaizer re tsenye *Motion* wa ga Rre Lekau fa godimo, *then* wa ga Rre Kaizer fa a ka dumalana? Ke tsaya gore fa a dumela, go ka se ke go nne le mathata a a kalokalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Thank you*. A re dumalaneng *Honourable Members*. Go raya gore re kope *Honourable* Kaizer gore a dirise Standing Order 30.2 ka gore ke ene a neng a le *on the floor so that he rearranges*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: 30.2 *for rearrangement so that* yole o pote kwa godimo ga wa gagwe.

MR KAIZER: *Madam Speaker*, I stand to invoke Standing Order 30.2 for rearrangement of the *Motions*. I thank you *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you *honourable*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hang on *Honourable* Phologolo, re thuse *Honourable* Kaizer gore a e wetse sentle.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue *Honourable* Kaizer.

MR KAIZER: *Ke a leboga Madam Speaker*. *Madam Speaker*, I stand to invoke Standing Order 30.2 for rearrangement of the Order Paper to bring forth *Motion* Number 3 in place of *Motion* Number 2 in the order. I thank you *Madam Speaker*.



MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kaizer.

Question put and **agreed to.**

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Procedure Honourable Phologolo.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Point of procedure. Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke ne ke re this rearrangement ke a e utlwa, ke a e amogela. Se ke sa se tlhologanyeng ke gore a re boela kwa Motion wa maabane, e le gore re o simolola sesha kana ba re neng re setse re buile mo go one, re setse re buile? Le gore go boela kwa go one le fa re neng re ema teng, a go ne go tlopile tsamaiso nngwe kana ke ka fa re neng re dumela gore dilo di tshwanetse tsa nna ka teng ka gore go ne go ntse go diragala jalo? Ke a leboga.*

MADAM SPEAKER: *Thank you Honourable Member. Ga gona tsamaiso epe e e tlopile, re kgaogane maabane e le gore we have some Ministers here ba re neng re dumalane gore go tswelwe ba ka reeletsa Minister. The other thing ke gore fa o ne o setse o buile go a tswela. Go riana Honourable Mathoothe o a feleletsa, then I will be giving the floor to the Minister.*

GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORISE BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION (BPC) TO FOCUS ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWER

Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Mathoothe was on the floor debating, and he is left with six minutes.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Jaaka maabane re ne re tswelwe mo Motion o, ke supe gore ke ne ke na le kutlwisiso ya gore gongwe o tshwanetse wa baakanngwa, wa se ka wa ngangiwa ka fa o ntse ka teng ka gore gongwe bangwe ba ba batlang connections, ke ba ba batlang gore ba direlwe ke BPC. Madam Speaker, gongwe ke se ka ka ya kgakala, mma ke supe jaana gore ke kope to propose for amendment. Fa o ntetlelela Madam Speaker, amendment e tlaa balega jaana...

MADAM SPEAKER: Continue.

MR MATHOOTHE: “This Honourable House requests the Government to expedite the unbundling of the BPC and allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms.” That is the amendment that I am calling for.

MADAM SPEAKER: Come again Honourable Minister.

MR MATHOOTHE: “This Honourable House requests the Government to expedite the unbundling of the BPC and allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms.” That is the proposal Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Mathoothe, can you forward your written amendment.

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

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, looking at this amendment, I am invoking Standing Order 47.2, “no amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to achieve a different objective than the original Motion.” *Ke a utlwa? Ke gore jaanong ka fa le baakantseng ka teng, ke selo se sešha, o dule completely from the first Motion wa ga Honourable Lekau. Jaanong fa o ntse jalo, it is either o a tsamaya kana re continue le one o. Because o o tlaabo o contravene Standing Order 47.2 fa re o letla o tsenya amendment right now.*

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): *Procedure. Thank you Madam Speaker. Gongwe ke mafoko fela ka fa a rulagantsweng ka teng. Ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore the original Motion, fa o re “for Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to focus on distribution.” Ke part of what we call bundled duties of BPC. So, project e re e dirang re re “the unbundling of BPC,” e separate generation, distribution le transmission. So, ke project e re tswelwe re e dira. Fa ba tlhalosa ba re, o focus on distribution. It is part and parcel of what we call the unbundling of BPC Madam Speaker. So, ga se gore ke sepe se šesha. Ke fela go e tsenya in our technical language e e supang gore this is a project regarding the monopoly of BPC. Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, Honourable Phologolo, you cannot be talking to me o le that side. I have taken the floor from you.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Phologolo, can you go back to your seat. Honourable Members, *ke ne ke re ke lebogetse* Minister for *tlhaloso eo* because the Motion is in the House, I will now put the question.

MR LEKAU: *Procedure.* Ke ema fa ke sa dumalane. Gore re kgone *to comply* le *that part* le gore *Minister* a tle a kgone go tlhalosa *the unbundling*, *it should come in her debate or response.* Se o neng gongwe o ka bo o se kopile, o ka bo o kopile Rre Mathoothe gore lefoko le la “*unbundling*” ga le yo e bile le *distort Motion.* A a *amend* mo go ka se keng go *affect the* Standing Order *and then as the debate goes on, the Minister would respond.* Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Lekau, tlhaloganyo ya me e nthaya e re se neng *Minister* a se bua, o ne a leka go bua gore Sekgoa se se ntsi. Sekgoa sa *unbundling*, o ne a se tlhalosa gore ke ntse ke yone *distribution* le *electrification* tse di mo *Motion* wa gagwe. So, ke batla gore ke le neele *question* ya gore *amendment* e dumelwe, re tsamaisa *Motion.*

MR LEKAU: *Point of order.* Fa go ne go dirwa Standing Order sa gore go se ka ga dirisiwa sepe kana mafoko a nna mantsi a tloga a senya, go ne go tewa gore le ba ba sa itseng Sekgoa fa ba ka dirisa lefoko le lengwe, go salwe morago fela phatlha e a e tsereng e. *Amendment* e teng e a utlwala, go ka bo go itsa eng gore motho yo o neng a *amend* a ntshe lefoko “*unbundle*,” a tsenye lefoko fela lone la *to expedite* a tswe mo go *unbundle* a bo a bala *Motion* jaaka o ntse? Kana *that is the produce and any person who wants to defend the proposal would stand up and defend it but go sa change Motion* ka fa o ntseng ka teng. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mong wa *Motion* bagaetsho o a gana jaanong. Ke kopa gore *Honourable* Mathoothe fa e le gore go na le gore o ka tswelala ka *to amend*, o tsweladise *amendment* ya gago jaaka a bua. Gatwe o ntshe *unbundling.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR MATHOOTHE): *Clarification.* My understanding ke gore fa *amendment* e tlisitswe e bile e le *in order*, ke e e tlang mo Palamenteng. Ke tsaya gore go ya ka *the* Standing Order, *the Motion* might become *Motion* wa Palamente, ga e nne wa gagwe o a ka reng o ka gana. Ke o o tlisiwang fa re bo re ka tlhophela mo go one. *That is my understanding.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Let me get an advice.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, a re ntsheng Standing Orders re bo re bala 47.3. Jaaka go ne go tlhalosiwa, fa o setse o le mo Ntlong e bile o setse o le *on the floor* o ntse jaana, ga se wa gago *Honourable* Lekau. Jaaka Standing Order 47.3 se bua, go dirilwe *accordingly* gore *amendment* e tle e kwadilwe, e tle kwa go bo *Clerk*, ba e nkwarele, ke e bone, *then I put the question.* *If there are any* manganga, a tlaa *arise from the question* e ke tlaabong ke e tsenya but to go back again *re re go simolole go ntshiwe.* Honourable Members, let me put the question.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Chief Whip acting *ke yo o a go ba batla.*

...Silence...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. Let us continue. Let me put the question. *Ke kopa gore le nne fa fatshe tlhe batho ba Modimo.*

Amendment agreed to.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now let us get the amended Motion. The question is that this Honourable House request Government to expedite the unbundling of Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) and allow local privately-owned companies to connect electricity in homes and farms.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MS KENEWENDO): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me start of by thanking the Honourable Members that took time to debate the Motion relating to BPC since yesterday. I would like to give a bit more context around the BPC and this word around unbundling.

First Madam Speaker, the BPC was established by an Act of Parliament and its mandate under Section 13 of the Botswana Power Corporation Act includes both the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity, making BPC a monopoly in the electricity sector.

Despite the above, the Government endeavours to ensure secure, reliable, accessible, affordable and clean supply of the electricity is undertaking several power sector reforms and these make part of our strategy which include the unbundling and corporatisation of the BPC.

Madam Speaker, when we say the unbundling of BPC, we are speaking about ensuring that generation as per the original Act is no longer done by BPC. Some of you might be aware that over the last couple of years, there has been doubling around of the independent power producers, which is part of the unbundling and we have those that are now starting to generate on behalf of BPC allowing for the sector to be a little bit more liberal.

One other thing that we are looking at in the unbundling is whether or not BPC should retain the monopoly of transmission, which means it owns all the mega infrastructure that allows for the long haul of electricity and electrons both internally and that leads to the export of these electrons.

The third part Madam Speaker is around distribution, it is the last mile. Who is responsible for ensuring that there is connection to the... (Inaudible)... homes and farms as per the Motion. As it currently stands, only BPC is allowed to do so.

Madam Speaker, when we look at the entirety of the energy sector, we believe that it needs a reform and that is why we have a strategy in place, one that not only picks and chooses what needs to be done for BPC but one that will ensure efficiency in the electricity sector and that will ensure that there is productivity, good performance, competitiveness and we are able to attract significant private sector participation and investment in the entire value chain of the electricity supply industry.

As a result, Madam Speaker, the Government is implementing these projects. A project that is currently being run through the Botswana Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA). The duties of this project and those that are hired to focus on the delivery of this project are to ensure that we do a thorough detailed analysis of the proposed restructuring and provide an option assessment for the unbundling of power generation assets and functions from the BPC operations. What we need is not only to hurry towards unbundling, but is to be clear on a power market analysis and to ensure that when we do so, there will be sustainability of those results.

Madam Speaker, we have already started carrying out due diligence, an assessment of BPC, including the business, the legal financial and human resource aspect and are working on receiving advices on how the reform may be implemented. This will also include physical identification of all the assets that are to be unbundled,

we should recall that BPC currently owns every piece of infrastructure, all the workers under electricity in power are included.

Madam Speaker, unbundling or saying BPC should strictly focus on distribution affects a lot of the work that needs to be done, it affects the ownership of infrastructure, the workers and the investment that needs to be done.

It brings us to a question that we were debating earlier on in this House, how and how soon can we deliver the metres and the cables that are needed. This is part and parcel of distribution and any unbundling that happens without thorough assessment will actually be quite disastrous and the backlog that we are seeing might actually be ballooned, which is why Madam Speaker, we are in support of this amended Motion.

We expedite the unbundling process of BPC and all the studies that we need, that we ensure we have the right corporatisation plan and strategy for unbundled power generation, asset distribution, function distribution but in a timely manner. This is an issue that has been debated for over three Parliaments now. I believe that what members of this House want to see is that this unbundling happens in this Parliament. We are able to deliver it in this Parliament and we deliver efficiency of electricity generation, productivity and transmission and accessibility at the last mile, well on time and that is something that we want.

That is why when earlier I was responding to a question by Honourable Phologolo, I said, we are working with a private sector to ensure the due delivery of services through local companies because it is important where BPC cannot work, it should ensure that local contractors are engaged and this is something that we will work to expedite, to ensure that local contractors are pre-qualified, they understand all of the standards that are needed in order to handle infrastructure of BPC and tomorrow we are not questioning who, why is handling this infrastructure in a manner that might be harmful. We should remember that electrons can be harmful and we should work with health and safety standards and we should ensure that anybody that is involved is pre-qualified.

Madam Speaker, we endeavour to ensure that the quality and the safety of all connections is strictly adhering to the standards requirement for distribution systems. The pre-qualified contractors are assessed for their skills,

resources, safety compliance and that their work is subject to a two-phase inspection. First by Contracted Consultants and then by BPC itself.

Materials used will either be supplied and inspected by BPC or sourced independently by the contractors according to BPC specifications. All these materials have to go for inspection before commissioning.

That is why Madam Speaker, when we reach a point of this amended Motion we believe expediting than dangling process is the way to go. We believe indeed that the private sector must be included in distribution to homes and to the farms, it is a process that we are accepting, needs to be expedited, and it will help us to deal with the backlog that we discussed earlier today. It just so happens that the question was also timely, because then we are able to fully appreciate the issues that BPC is currently faced with.

Madam Speaker, as I conclude I wish to reiterate that BPC continues to perform all its statutory functions, that are related to distribution to village electrification, material inspections and oversight of contractors connecting electricity to homes and farms, and that we ensure that we are always in full compliance of our mandate, until the time when this honourable House changes our mandate through the amendment of both the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) Act and the BPC Act. Until then Madam Speaker, we request and we humbly submit and agree that this House do authorise the expediting of the unbundling of BPC, and that we use local contractors to connect electricity in homes and in farms. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke leboge batlotlegi, bogolo jang ba ba setseng ba buile ka kgang e, le wena Tona ke a go leboga go menagane. Tota ke ema fa *Madam Speaker* ke ema nokeng mogopolo o, e le wa tsala ya me, le fa nna le ene re senke re utlwana mme fela letsatsi la gompiano ke mo ema nokeng, o tlile ka botlhale jo bo kwa godimo, e bile *Minister* le ene o mo ema nokeng. *I am happy because ene le Minister they are reading from the same page.* Le rona ka kwano re ema nokeng mogopolo o fela thata, jaaka Tona a dumalana le nna gore ke mogopolo o o tswang kgakala e ntse e kete o batla go sutisiwa, mme o eme golo go le one.

Bothata jwa rona mo lefatsheng la Botswana, ke etse tlhoko *even in the previous regime* dilo tse dingwe di ne di tsamaya ka bonya, mme tota fela go bua nnete re tshaba pharologano, ke gore re na le *fear* ya go fetola

dilo, *fear to risk* jalojalo. Ke tsaya gore *Minister as she has actually stood up in Parliament and boldly told us that they are in the process ya to unbundle authority e kana mandate wa BPC. BPC was established in 1970 if you recall, mme purpose ya yone e tona e ne e le to generate, transmit, distribute and supply electricity in Botswana. Kana mo nakong ele maphata a mangwe a utilities enjoyed..., Madam Speaker* ga ba a mpha nako ya me yotlhe. *They enjoyed monopoly, o go ya ka nna re neng re tshaba gore gongwe fa re ka kgobera monopoly, lefatshe le tlaa se ke le dire dilo sentle.*

Ke batla go bua ke re *Madam Speaker*, re batla gore *Motion* o fa o sena go nna o fetisiwa re bo re dumalana, *we need to expedite it.* Ke ne ke batlile thata gore, le fa re bua ka *companies* tse di tlaabong di bereka le BPC *to generate* motlakase, thatathata re remelele mo *companies* tsa banana. Re a bona gore banana ba lefatshe le ba botlhale ba batla go dira ditiro le *wealth creation.* Ba dira *companies* tse gongwe mongwe o neng a bua a re, mo lefatsheng la Botswana re na le mathata a gore jaanong re tlaabo re batla go thusa *companies* tsa Botswana *to grow* kana ba dira mo gotweng *wealth creation and creation of jobs*, mme re bo re nna le *restriction* ya gore re ntshe madi re neele *companies* tsa go nna jalo, a a ba ka ba kgontshang gore ba dire jalo. Jaanong *Minister* jaaka re itse gore BERA ke yone *regulatory authority* e e lebaganeng le dilo tsa *energy*, e leke gore go nne le melawana e e ka fetogang, *to liberalise* go kopa madi gore bana le fa ba tlaabo ba iteka jalo, mme ba felele ba filwe tetla ya gore ba ka kgona *to access* madi a go nna jalo.

Mogopolo o wa ga *Honourable Lekau*, tota o supa gore *he is a very forward-looking person and o na le maikaelelo a to reform* go atolosa motlakase mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Kana *Minister* dilo tsa me tse o sa di itseng kana tse o di itseng, jaaka ke itse gore *you are a learned person*, gompiano fa o batla motlakase o le Mabuse Pule, nna *poles* tsa motlakase *they are only 1.7 kilometres (kms) from my farm.* Mo go rayang gore fa ke batla *transformer* gore e tle fa go nna, BPC e ya go batla P600,000 kana P1.3 million for that transformer, mme fa ke ka tsamaya ka fitlhela *private company* ya banana ke bo ke kopa *quotation* ba ya go nthaya ba re P200,000. *These are living examples* tse di dirang gore re dire jalo.

Madam Speaker and Minister, mogopolo o ga o mosha. Ga o mosha mo Africa, lefatshe la South Africa le dirile jalo kwa Electricity Supply Commission (ESCOM), lefatshe la Namibia le ne la dira jalo kwa Namibia

Power Corporation (NamPower), Zimbabwe, Kenya le Zambia ba dirile jalo. E le gore *companies* tse di neng di fiwa *mandate* wa gore di kgone gore di dire tiro e e diriwang ke BPC *right now, where an individual applies* a ba a felela a bone motlakase, kwa mafatsheng *it improved economy* ya mafatshe ao. *Companies* tse jaanong di fang batho motlakase di godile ka dipalo, di hirile batho ba bantsintsi. Jaanong le BPC o bue le yone, ba se ka ba simolola ba akanya gore golo gongwe ba tseelwa boikarabelo. Tota fela go bua nnete fa re setse re tsena boammaaruring, ga re ka ke ra dira matetise jaaka *Minister* a bua, gore jaanong e tlaabo e le kwa ga mmapereko go itirelwa ka fa go ratwang ka teng, *we still apply standards. We still want to use the equipment and material* o o laolwang ke BPC, *and the approved material*. Le *pricing* re tlaa e laola, e tlaa tswelala e ntse e laolwa ke BERA, BERA gongwe e baya *maximum pricing* ya *tariffs* tse di tlaabong di duelwa mo metlakaseng, e e sa tsweng mo BPC e tswa mo *companies* di sele. *This is a very-very important thing to mention.*

Dikgang tsa *insurance* ke tsaya gore *they will still be maintained, customer complaint mechanisms will still be maintained by the authority like BERA, penalties tsa non-compliance will still be run by authorities* tse di leng teng kana *regulatory authorities*. Ke tsaya gore *by so doing*, tota go bua nnete ga gona go fetola sepe. *Benefits* tse di tona *Honourable Minister* le *Madam Speaker* ke gore, kana fa re ka dira jalo re tlaabo re nna le *faster service delivery*, re nna le *lower operational costs* tsa BPC *and improve* le BPC *financial sustainability over time*. Kana tota go bua nnete, *delays* tse di tletseng tsa *connection* ya motlakase di dirwa ke gore BPC *is currently a monopoly*.

Jaanong tota *Madam Speaker*, ke batla gore ke se ka ka ya lolololo ka kgang e. Ke tlhalose gore tota ke itumetse, *I prepared presentation* ya me ke re ke ya go nankola dilo tse e rileng fa ke reeditse *Minister* a di bua ka re, banna o setse a buile tse ke neng ke akantse go di bua. *There is no need for me to reiterate some of her statements, because she is very positive about this thing.* Se se botlhokwa fela ke gore *it must be expedited*, re se ka ra diega, e bile re se ka ra tsaya gore golo gongwe ke selo se sesha mo Africa.

Ga ke a bua ka mafatshe a Europe le bomang, ba e leng gore *liberalisation of provision of power is there*, e a dirwa e bile e a ba berekela. *Minister*, re batla gore o tsene mo seemong sa gore le nna ke le Pule ke ntse jaana, fa e le gore ke ka dira *the solar unit* kwa farm ya me, *I should be allowed within the standards to sell to local neighbours.*

Ee, fa ke na le *a solar grid* fela e le *powerful* ke letlelelwe gore ke rekisetse *my neighbours* kana fa banana ba dirile *solar grid* kwa Mmathubudukwane ba letlelelwe go rekisetse metse ya Mmathubudukwane. BPC e bo e nna *relieved*, mme e na le *regulation*. Se se botlhoka ke *regulation*. Tota go bua nnete, *we need to fully liberalise supply of power.*

I am telling you Minister, if you can expedite this process ga nna le *understanding*, la bona madi le le Puso golo mo ga diragadiwa, *in no time* ga gona Motswana yo o tlaabong a sena motlakase. Mme e bile re se ka ra lebelela kgang ya motlakase fela o o dirwang ka coal. Re lebelele *the green power*, ka gore mafatshe a mangwe ba dirile gore *green power should totally be done or supplied by local companies* kana *companies that are beside the national company that is providing* motlakase.

Ke raya gore ka mafoko a a kalo *Madam Speaker, I really want to support this fully*. Le ba Kgatleng East ke tsaya gore kwa ba leng teng, *they support this fully*. E bile ke na le tumelo e e tletseng gore, ga golo mo go ka diragala, Kgaolo ya me ya Kgatleng East e tlile go huma, ka mabaka a gore, Bakgatla ba gompiano ba emetse tsela ya Modipane-Mabalane gore e wele, fa e sena go nna e wela, re tlaa bona *solar grids* tse di tlaa dirwang *along that road*, mo batho ba ba kwa masimo ba tlaabong ba simolola ba nna le motlakase, re bo re ikutlwiswa go nna kwa masimo re sa ye kwa magaeng. Kana bontsi jwa rona re palelela kwa magaeng, ke gore o tlaabo o re ga ke na motlakase wa go lebelela *television*, ga ke na *freezer* kana *ice maker*, mme fa go na le *grid* e e ntseng jalo kwa kgaolong, go na le motlakase *supplied to farmers, obviously* bontsi jwa rona bo Rre Lekau ba tlaa se ke ba nne le mabaka a gore ke eng a palelela kwa gae. Kana fa gongwe o tlaabo a palelela kwa gae ka gore gongwe o a boulela, o akanya gore fa a ka nna kwa masimo o tlaa sala a tseelwa. Jaanong fa sengwe le sengwe se le teng ke tsaya gore o tlaabo a sena mabaka a poulelo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla ke eme fa le nna ke supe fa ke dumalana le Tshutiso e e tlang ka Motlotlegi Lekau. Ke tseela gore ka mabaka a Tona a neng a tla ka one, le ka fa nne *Motion* o tla ka teng kana ka *amendments* tse a neng a tla ka tsone, ke supe fela gore, mme ke kgang fela e e tlhamaletseng.

Kana tota dilo tse dintsi fa o re o a di lebelela, letsatsi le lentsi mo Botswana mo nakong ya gompiano. Fa e ne e le gore ga re beye fela mo goreng BPC ke yone e re direlang kana *supplying* motlakase mo Botswana, gongwe *companies* ka bontsi tse... jaaka go supagala gore kwa mafatsheng a sele ga se *company* e le nngwefela e e a bong e dira *supply*, gongwe le rona gompiano jaana tseo tse di ka bong di ne di ka dira kgokelelo eo di dirisa *solar panels*, go tsaya motlakase mo letsatsing, kana letsatsi le le mo Botswana go raya gore le a e ija. Fa e ne e le gore re na le *private companies* go raya gore nkabo e re *power* e le kafa, le tsone di bo di le kafa, go le mo mothong gore o batla gore a gokelelwe ke bafe. Fa o re o a lebelela gompiano jaana ka BPC o kgona go tsenya *application* o bo o tsaya bo *six months without being connected*, ka lebaka la gore kana go beilwe fela mo go yone gore ke yone e e dirang *connection*. Batho ba ba tseelwang *cables* tse jaaka gompiano jaana *Honourable Minister was responding to* potso ya mongwe Mopalamente, a supa gore *backlog* e e leng teng o ya go fitlhela e le gore ke gone go baya mo komponeng e le nngwefela. Jaanong ke tsaya gore *its high time* re lebelela dikgang tse, re bona gore re neela *companies* tse di nang le boitseanape, di teng. Maloba re ne re le kwa *workshop* e nngwe kwa Phakalane ba supa gore bone ba *ready*. Jaanong a Goromente a dire gore *Motion* o...e bile tota ke nngwe ya Ditshutiso tse di botlhale thata fa o re o a e lebelela. Re se ka ra baya mo *company*...le *cable thefts* tse di diragalang tse di tlaabong di... gongwe fa go na le *private companies* tse di tlaabong di dira *connections* di tlaa dira sengwe se se botoka. Kana batho go raya gore ba batla *copper cables* tse e leng gore ke tsone *that are doing the supply*. Fa gongwe *company* e nngwe e tlaare fa e tla e tlaa dirisa *material* o sele o e seng *copper*. Ee, ga re itse, ba ka tswa ka metlhale e mengwe. Jaanong *power relies* mo goreng fa o kgaolwa e bile ba tlisa *airdac cable*, e e turang. Magodu *are still going to target it* nako le nako. Jaanong fa gongwe *companies* tse dingwe di ka tla ka matlhale a mangwe a a gaisang a BPC.

Jaanong ke dumalana le gore Tshutiso e e na le botlhale thata segolobogolo ke lebeletse gore, lefatshe la rona ke le le ntseng jang. Gompiano jaana ra re re mo marigeng, mme letsatsi lone le ntse le teng, o bo o ipotsa gore dikgwedi tse di tlang gone go tlaabo go ntse jang, letsatsi la teng le ya kae. Re ka bo re dirisa *private companies* tse gongwe *will be competing* le BPC, e ka bo gone jaana di setse di le *on the ground*, di dira tiro eo.

Fa o re o dira mo dikgaolong tsa rona ka lebaka la gore BPC ga e na *competitors*, go ne go na le bo *zero commission* ba ba neng ba dirwa mo dikgaolong. Fa o re o a leba batho ba nna ba ntse ba lela *daily* gore ba batla go gokelelwa, *they have long applied* ka bo 2023 *to date. This is the fourth year*. Ga gona *connection* e e diragalang. Jaanong kana ba dira jalo ka lebaka la gore ba boitseme, re tlaa rialo ka lebaka la gore ba bangwefela.

Jaanong ke tsaya gore ke mogopolo o montle o o senang le fa e le bothata bope. O ke tsayang gore jaaka motlotlegi a ne a supa, kana fa re ba tsenya jalo, ga se gore ba tlaabo ba itirelela, gongwe e bo *units* kana *tariffs* tseo di ka ya kwa godimo, nnyaa, *they are going to be regulated*. O bo o bona gore ga re a tshwanela go baya mo koporaseng fela e nngwefela eo gore, ke yone e e tlaa dirang *connection* nngwe le nngwe. Batho ba *cables*, e bile ke bone ba nkutlwisang botlhoko. Fa o kgaolelwa *cable today* o ya go tsaya bo *three/four months*. Fa o tsenya *application today*, o ya go tsaya bo *six months* o sa gokelelwe. O tlaa bolelelwa ka dikgang tsa bo ga gona *meter*, ga gona *cable* e ke neng ke bua ka yone ke re *airdac*. O tlaa bolelelwa gore ga e yo, ga gona *supply*. Le kgang ya *theft* e e kanakana, ke na le tumelo ya gore fa e ne e le gore go na le *companies* tse dingwe, di sele, le kwa ntle fela ga *to supply* ka go dirisa gongwe *cable* epe e e farologaneng, ba ka bo ba nna le *plan* ya go bona gore gone mme re ka dira jang. Ka gore fa o lebelela *cables* tse di utswiwa kwa mafelong a e leng gore ke mo dikgaolong. Mo e leng gore mo dijarateng tse gongwe di a bong di le kwa ntle, batho *targets* tsone. Fa e ne e le gore ke *companies* tse e leng gore... kana magodu ba tshaba *lights* thata, gongwe fa e le *companies* tse dingwe di ka bo di kile tsa nna le *plan* ya go bona gore di ka dira jang, gongwe ba tsaya dipone ga nna le *light that will light* gone kwa godimo. Kana le *cameras* di ka bo di ka nna teng. Jaanong BPC e palelwa ke gore e dire dilo tseo. *Cables* tsa teng di a utswiwa malatsi otlhe, mme ga gona sepe se e leng gore...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa tlhe batho.

MR FRENZEL: Nnyaa, re batla gore BPC e ko e thanye, gore e thanye go batla go na le *companies* tse dingwe *that will be competing* le yone. Ke sone se e tshwanelwang ke go se dira. Gompiano jaana mo metseng ya rona, batho ba ba kgonang go ka ikgokelela motlakase, ba na le madi a Puso e supileng gore e ka dira...go a pala. Ba tlaabo ba go bolelela ka *transformers*. *Transformer* le tlaa tsaya dingwagangwaga. Mo dikgaolong tse ke tswang kwa go tsone, kana rona ga re

ba ditoropo. Dikgaolo tse re tswang kwa go tsone batho ba tlaa nna koo e le gore fa e sale ba simolola go aga ba na le bo 20 years go nna go buiwa ka *transformer*. Madi a Constituency Community Projects (CCP) a re a letileng, go riana kwa go nna bontsi jwa madi ke ya go reka *transformers* ka one, ka gore metse ya teng ke kwa go buiwang gore batho ba kgakala le *supply*. Go raya gore ga re go batliwe *transformers* and di a tura, di ja bo over P300 000 mo nakong ya gompiano. So, fa o re o lebelela dikgang tse ke tse di neng di batla gore re bo re na le *companies* tse dingwe, gongwe tsa Batswana jaaka e bile mmei wa *Motion* a ne a supa. Re di lebelele tsone tsa Batswana, di dira gore le tsone di bo di tla di dira thulagano eo.

E bile mo dikgaolong, kwa motseng wa me wa Jamataka *before* motlakase o gokelelwa, go supa gore dilo tse ke dilo tse e leng gore di teng, e bile di ka bereka, *solar panels* di dintintsintsi mo sekoleng. Bangwe ba ne ba tla ka dikitso tse, ba tla ba re thusa ka *solar panel*, *supply* ya teng ya tsena sekole sotlhe le mo *teachers' quarters*. Seo se supa gore ke dilo tse di kgonagalang, ga se gore re a bo re bua dibaka, re bua dilo tse e leng gore di teng di ka diragala. Re tshwanelwa ke gore re dumalane, e bile re se ka ra tsaya nako e telele gore Tshutiso e e bo e ka bereka. Tse dingwe ditshutiso ke a di bona ka gore di a bo di tlhokana le madi a mantsi, e mme ke kgang e e leng gore le *private companies* tse di teng gone moo, ba emetse Puso gore e tle e ba fe go ahead, gore once ba neetswe go ahead eo, ba tlaabo ba thuthuntsha, go bo go nna le motlakase gongwe le gongwe.

Fa o tsena kwa South Africa motlakase o mo motseng mongwe le mongwe le kwa merakeng. Jaanong le rona mo Botswana re tshwanelwa ke gore fa motho a batla *connection* ya motlakase, a bo a ka e bona nako nngwe le nngwe. E re o batla go nna kwa morakeng, o kgone gore o bo o ka ikgokelela fela jaaka metsi o ka a bona mo nakong ya gompiano. Fa o batla metsi, o a itse gore o a ikepela, o batla *a company that you feel* gore le ka tsamaisana, la dira tumalano ya go bona gore le ye go epa metsi, o bo o ka nna le *supply*, *whether* o mo motseng, kwa morakeng kana kae, *supply* ya teng e nna motlhofo. A Puso e lebelele dikgang tse go bona gore re direla Batswana se se tshwanetseng, segolo jang re lebeletse gore lefatshe la rona ke le le ntseng jang. Marang a letsatsi la Botswana go raya gore a ija fela, ga go na kwa a yang, mme dikompone di le teng tse di neng di ka dira se se botoka go gaisa se BPC e se dirang.

Jaaka ke ne ke supa, batho ba kgaolo e ke tswang kwa go yone ba ba nang le masimo, ba na le keletso ya go gokela motlakase, *but they are failing because* fa o

re o tsenya *application*, o bolelelwa bo P800 000 wa *transformer* ya kwa masimo. O ka a tsaya kae? Fa o re o gokela ka *solar panel*, ga di kgone go tsholetsa *fridges*, *batteries* di palelwa ke go tsholetsa *televisions*. Ke dumalana le ka fa *Motion* o o tlang ka teng, ke re a re direng gore re o simolole. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, *mo nakong* ya Motion wa rona, re setse ka the mover to respond to the debate.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Le tlaa nna le kopa mo go ene.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Ke a leboga Rre Frenzel. Ke dumela gore ke lantlha mo ditsong e sale Palamente e e simolola, o tlhamaletse. Ke itumelela go tlhamalala mo go kalo. Ke re Batlotlegi mo metsotsong e e teng, ke taboge fela ka tse pedi...

MR FRENZEL: *On a point of procedure.* Ke bona e kare bangwe ba na le lesokolela la go tlatsa ka sengwe, gongwe re neele tsala ya me 10 minutes...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe Frenzel.

MR LEKAU: Motho yo o tlaa tsamaisa le wena. Ke dumalana le se se neng se buiwa ke Motlotlegi Aaron gore *the testing and commissioning* le yone e tswelopele e sale kwa BPC. Le kgang ya *standardisation of cables*, *inspection and insurances* di tswelopele di lebeletse ke BPC.

Ke dumalana le Nkgonne Pule le fa a seyo, ka gore *usually* fa go tsamaya nako e, ba a bo ba tsamaila ba BDP, jaaka a ne a supa gore go lekwe gore fa go dirwa *projects*, *the youth companies* di bo di ka tsenngwa mo list.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le fa a seyo.

MR LEKAU: Le fa a seyo, ba utlwe kwa kgaolong gore mme ke a mo fetola gore banana ba Mmathubudukwane ba tsenngwe mo list. O ba akgeletse, mme le nna ke a tlatsa gore mo beseyong jwa gagwe, banana bao ba itse gore ke selo se le rona re se emang nokeng thata.

Ke boa ke ema nokeng gape kgang e e buiwang ke Motlotlegi Mathoothe ya *investment*, ya gore kana *industry* fela ka bo yone e tlhokana le a good investment. Gape le fa re bua jaana, e raya gore *investors* di se ka tsa boa di tshaba tlhwalhwa e kgolo ya *connection*. Ke bona o ntibile thata kwa Tonota, mme ga o bue sepe, o ntibile fela.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Lekau, o feditse to debate?*

MR LEKAU: *Sorry Madam Speaker, o ne a kopile clarification.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga a ise a kope *clarification*, o se ka wa ithuta go tlhoka nnete,

MR SEDOMBO: *On a point of clarification.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ke dumalana le wena gone fa gore kana e bile se se ka thusa le ba kgaolo e tshwana le ya Tonota ka gore Tonota jaaka re itse, go lengwa merogo *along the Shashe River*. Fa go ntse jalo, go ka thusa gore ba gokelelwe motlakase ka gore ba sale ba thusiwa bogologolo ke Goromente, go bo go ema mo tseleng ka one mabaka a gore go turu gore ba gokele motlakase. Ka jalo, go ka thusa ba ba mo A1 go ya go ema ka *turnoff* ya Gojwane. Ba ka kgona go gokela ka gore fa ba kopa, ditlhwatlhwa tsa BPC di kwa godimo.

Motlotlegi Pule o ne a re 150 metres, yo mongwe o 40 metres fela...

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

MR SEDOMBO: Ke raya fa a ne a bua, gakere o tlogetse lentswe, jaanong ga re re akgelele mo go lone. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, 30 metres motho a batla motlakase ka fa ga tsela go bo gotwe a ntshe P2 million. Jaanong fa go na le ba ba phadisanang le bone, ba ka se ke ba beye ditlhwatlhwa tse di kalo. Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR LEKAU: *Thank you very much.* Ke dumalana le wena gore mo badirising ba A1 ba ka lemoga gore masimo a a tshwanang a a mo Foley, a bapisitse tsela, a a mo *left*, le a go ruilweng dintša fa go one, mme ga ba kgone go gokela motlakase ka gore go turu. Ke sa lebele gore mananeo a bagaetsho, go duwa kgakala go buiwa ka one. Ke lantlha re bona Rre Mmusi le Rre Pule ba dumalana gore mogopolo o montle, ka nako ele ba ne ba ganana le one gore ga go kgonege. Jaanong fa batho ba fetogile jaaka ba fetogile jaana, re akgola gore mogopolo o *can benefit* Batswana ka sebopego se se kalo.

Ka mafoko a a kalo, *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke eletsa go...

MR BARONGWANG: *On a point of elucidation.* Nte ke go dumedise *Madam Speaker*. Ke bona o kare o tsamaela go wetsa, mme tota ga ke batle gore o ka wetsa ke ise ke go eme nokeng ka gore ba kwa Mogoditshane ba ka tloga kgantele ba akanya gore ga ke go thuse. Ke go ema nokeng fela thata.

Se ke neng ke batla gore o se gatelele Mokwena ke gore, BPC e paraletse, e fetlha motlakase, e bo e boa e ya go o tsenya mo mokhukhung kana kwa ntlong ya gago. Gongwe e ne e siame ka nako ya bo 1970, jaanong go tla mo *diversifying stage*. Gongwe ke bommantswitswidi ba motlakase wa magala, jaanong jaaka *industry* e ntse e *diversify* jaana, go tsena le ba *solar power*, se re batlang go se dira, go baakanyetsa gore jaaka *industry* e ntse e fetoga jaana, go nne le *specialisation*. Gongwe jaanong re iphitlhelile re na le mmantswitswidi yo mongwe yo o tshwanang le BPC mme gongwe a sa lebagana le magala, ene a lebagane le tsela nngwe ya go fetlha motlakase.

Fa ke wela ke re, kana golo mo gape go tlaa thusa le bone batsadi kwa gae ba ba gatelelwang kana ba ba iphitlhelang ba le mo manokonokong a go utswiwa ga *cables*. Gongwe go dirwa ke gore BPC e paraletse, *once we unbundle it*, gongwe kwa *distribution, care and maintenance of cables*, go tlaabo go le kompone e nngwe e sele e e yang go tla ka metlhale e e botoka, e bile go netefatsa gore magodu a a tshwarwa. Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga Mopalamente wa Mogoditshane East. Ke supe gore seru se, ga se gore se wetse fela ba ba kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa tennyanteng. Mo Block 9 kwa Diagane kwa Mogoditshane, go utswiwa *cables* letsatsi le letsatsi ka gore *copper* tota e a tura. E tsholetsegile, jaanong o fitlhela e le gore bogodu jwa teng ka ba lemogile gore ga go na tsamaiso e e lolameng ya go sireletsa *cables*, ba...

MR MOSANANA: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke bo ke akgole mokaulengwe ka *Motion* o o botlhokwa o. Tota fela go bua boammaaruri, selo se gotweng *monopoly*, o tla ka dikgwetlho tse di ntsi. Selo sa ntlha o tla ka boturu le tiego ya go isa *service* kwa bathong. Ka jalo, *Madam Speaker*, ke batla go supa gore go na le *companies that subcontract* mo BPC mme o fitlhela di bona *very little from* BPC. Tota fela e le gore tiro e ntsi e dirwa ke BPC ka bo yone. Batho ba tshwana le Bozo, Norman, ke ba bua fela ka gore ke ditsala tsa me, ba tshwanetse go bona fela mo go utlwalang ka gore ba berekile mo BPC. Ba bo ba bona gore ba tswe, ba ikemele ba nnele fale ba itirele. Ka jalo, ka re a batho ba engwe nokeng.

Rates tsa motlakase di ye kwa tlase, re di lebelele thata di fokodiwe. Mafelo a mantsi ga a na motlakase mo lefatsheng la rona, a tshwana le Motlhwatse ka fa Molapowabojang, Makapane, kwa Moshaneng, ga go na motlakase mo mafelong ao. Fa go ne go tsamaya sentle, go ka kgonagala gore batho ba ba bone motlakase.

MR LEKAU: Ba go utlwile motlotlegi.

MR PULE: *Point of order. Madam Speaker, ke ntse ke utlwaletse Rre Lekau kwa ntle mo speaker.*

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

MR PULE: Ke kopa a ko a ikakanye sentle gore a o a itse gore o bua le mang?

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Mosanana. Go a supafala tota gore ka e bile o lebagane le ba *opposition*, o bulela batho ba Kanye. Go supa gore ga se gore o motho wa *opposition*, ke dumalana le wena thata. Ke supe gore metse e mengwe e e kgakala eo, e botlhokwa gore e ka tsenngwa motlakase...

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *Elucidation.* Betsho, ke itumele gore Lekau a bo a beile Molao-kakanyetso pele. Fa ke lebelela dikgaolo tse di tshwanang le tsa Letlhakeng Constituency, tse gompiano e leng tsone tse di apesitsweng ke lehuma go feta, gongwe e re motlakase fa o tima, dikompone tse di ikemetseng ka nosi di ka kgona go thusa tšhaba eo. Gompiano e eletsa go lema moringa. E ka lema moringa fa e le gore go na le phetlho motlakase mo dikomponeng tse di ikemetseng ka nosi. E kare kamoso e bo e le letseno la bana, ba kgone gore le bone ba nne le dikompone tsa go fetlha motlakase. Go dirwe ditiro mo kgaolong eo. Re dira matlhabelo kwa kgaolong ele, re dirise motlakase wa maranyane gore batho ba dikompone tse di farologanyeng ba kgone, go se ka ga nna turu. Gape re itse gore fa re dirile jalo, re a bo re tsamaya le melawana ya United Nations (UN) e e buang ka Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). *Particularly* SDG No. 7 e e buang gore go tshwanetse gore mongwe le mongwe mo Botswana, a nne le *clean energy*. E re kamoso re tswelele pele, gotlhe mo dikoleng le gongwe le gongwe. Ke sone se ke neng ke re, Lekau o bua ka tsone tse gore kgaolo ele, e lebelelwe ka leitlho le le ntšhotšho.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re *Madam Speaker*, ke tsaya gore batlotlegi ba a buile...

MR MONAGENG: *Clarification.* Re raya gore rra, e re o ise o tswale, le rona re supe gore re a go tlatsa, re a dumela. Re dumela ka se o buang ka sone ka gore tota Batswana ba ka itumela thata fa Tshutiso ya gago e ka atla, jaaka ke bona e tlaa atla. Bagaetsho, re a itse gore go e tle go nne le *load shedding* tse di ntsi mo Botswana. Re nne le mathata a go tlhoka motlakase ka gore ga o *reliable* thata. Fa re na le metlhale e mengwe ya go fetlha motlakase, *then reliability* e ka oketsega. Gape

le yone fela *diversification* gore a re se ka ra baya fela mo go reng BPC, a re nneng le *solar power*. 2007 Act *allows* gore ba IPPs ba rekise motlakase. Fa gongwe fa go na le *a lot of players*, BPC e se ka ya nna yone fela, le *price* e ka nna ya nna kwa tlase. Re itse gore Botswana o aname, fa o bua ka Kweneng, o ya go fitlhela e le gore o tsamaya thata fela mo Kweneng mme go na le kwa go senang motlakase teng.

Sa bofelo, phetogo ke selo sa botlhokwa. Gone gompiano jaana, BPC *relies* thata mo go Goramente. Re a itse gore e kile ya kolota madi fela a a seng kana sepe kwa South Africa, ra bo ba tshoga gore re ka nna ra kgaolelwa. Fa e ne e le gore gongwe South Africa e re kgaola motlakase, re ne re tlaabo re itse gore go na le fa re ka *rely* mo go gone, ka gore *it is a parastatal*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR LEKAU: Thank you very much.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ke mogopolo o o botlhokwa thata. Ke leka go go tlatsa mo kgannyeng e gongwe re ka tlang ra akanya gore se se ka *fail*. Ga go na ka fa go ka palang, fa o re o a lebelela gompiano jaana, mabaka a re setseng re a buile a botlhokwa. Sengwe sa dikgang tse re tshwanelwang ke go di baakanya, ke *funding* ka gore bonnyennyane jo re tlaabong re na le jone, re tshwanetse go bona gore dikgwebo tsa Batswana, segolobogolo banana, ba ka tlang ka tsone, di tle di fiwe madi. Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) e tle e bone gore *it funds them* ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Re tle re bone gore ba tsena mo kgwebong yone e. Ba tle ba hire ba bangwe, madi a se ka a neelwa batho ba ba kwa dipolaseng ka gore kwa ga go na *employment* epe e e dirwang.

MR LEKAU: Ke a go utlwa *honourable*. Tshedimoso ke gore, *the bulk* ya madi otlhe a e leng gore Batswana fa ba ikopela *loans* kwa dibankeng, CEDA, kana kae, ba batla go gokela sepe kwa *farm*, ba felela e le gore a ya kwa go tsenyeng motlakase, kwa ba batlang go berekela teng. Gone moo ka bogone fela fa re dira jaana, go tlaabo go raya go re fa tshono ya gore Batswana ba simolole *to connect* motlakase ka madi a kwa tlase. E re a tsaya madi a re ke P100, 000 wa go dira *project*, e bo e se gore 50 *per cent* wa madi ao, a ile motlakaseng. Seo fela ka bo sone, se tlaabo se re thusitse thata.

Ke ne ke re ka mafoko a le kalo, ke a leboga batlotlegi. Ke bo ke kopa gore Ntlo e e amogele *Motion* wa gore re *unbundle* the BPC gore re kgone *to service* Batswana jaaka go ntse. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

Question put and agreed to.

**POLICY FRAMEWORK OR
LEGISLATION, EMPLOYEE
SHARE SCHEMES AS A STRATEGY
TO ENHANCE EMPLOYEE
ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION AND
ALIGNMENT OF INTEREST OF
EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Motion

MR KAIZER (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. *Madam Speaker*, ke ema jaana go baya Ntlo e pele Tshutiso e e balegang ka puo ya seeng e re, “*That this Honourable House requests Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share schemes as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees.*”

Madam Speaker, Tshutiso e ke e bayang pele e ke e tlisa fa pele ga Ntlo e leka go akaretsa Batswana mo itsholelong ya lefatshe la Botswana. Se ke se kopang Ntlo e ke gore Goromente a tle ka tsamaiso e e tlaa rotloetsang babereki ba ba leng mo dikomponeng ka go farologana gore fa ba na le keletso ya go ka nna *partners* mo dikomponeng tse ba direlang mo go tsone, Goromente a tle ka tsamaiso *as a guide* ya gore le fa *an employer* le *employee* ba dumalana gore ba ka tsena mo tirisanong ya go ka bereka mmogo, go bo go na le *guidelines* tsa gore mme ba ka tsena mo tsamaisong e ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke gone mo re go bitsang re re *employee share schemes*.

Gongwe ke tlhalose *Madam Speaker*; gore Tshutiso e ke e bayang pele e ga e pateletse *employers* gore ba neele babereki *shares* go sena ditumalano. Ke e e buang gore fa go na le *a consensus* ya gore babereki jaanong ba ka neelwa bontlha bongwe jwa karolo ya kompone, go nne le tsamaiso e e tlhofofatsang gore go nne ka tsela e e ntseng jalo ka fa molaong. Jaaka re itse mo nakong ya...

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Clarification*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke tlhaloganya se o se batlang thata le gone *sir*. *I understand* gore mo dikomponeng tse dintsi o fitlhela go dira gore fa gongwe ka gore mongwe le mongwe o a bo a na le *ownership* ya *organisation*, e bo e le gore o dira ka natla. *My only problem* e fa; ka gore ke ne ke ntse ke go reeditse thata ke batla go bona gore o ya kwa kae, e mo goreng *why do you want the Government to make* melao e e dirang gore *share schemes* di nne *in place*? *Normally* o tlaa fitlhela e le gore *organisation*

le *employees* tsa yone ba nna le ka fa ba dumalanang ka teng, ba bo ba *sign contracts* tsa teng *and become like shareholders of that particular company*. *That is basically what it is*. *My only problem* e ke bonang o kare o tloga o wela o ise o wele mo go yone, ke ya gore *why is the Government needed* mo *employee share schemes* because go dira *employer* le *employees* tsa gagwe? Ke kopa gore o e ntlhalosetse sentle motho wa garona ka gore yone *it is a very good Motion*. Ke a leboga.

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Ke dumalana le wena gore *this thing can also be an agreement between an employer and employee*. Kana o tshwanetse wa tlhaloganya gore o le Goromente o na le boikarabelo jwa go ka netefatsa gore go nna le *a very good relationship* e e botoka thata go na le e e leng teng gompiano jaaka o itse gore *employee share schemes* di tisa thitibalo e e kae mo gare ga mohiri le mohiriwa. *It is the interest of Government in that respect*. Jaaka o itse gore *employees* fa ba tsaya karolo mo komponeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ba na le *that sense of ownership*. Re tlhola re bona le mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo go na le *strikes and a lot of confrontations* tse di diragalang mo Pusong ya gago, ba tla gone fa ba tlile go ngongorega.

The reason why Goromente go le botlhokwa gore le ene a tseye karolo mo go netefatseng tsamaiso e ke buang ka yone, ke go leka go ritibatsa dikgang tsa *strikes*. *Even to ensure* gore le babereki le fa ba le mo ditirong, le bone ba a kgotsofala fa ba leng teng ka gore *they are part and parcel of those companies*.

DR DOW: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke re gongwe ke tlhalose gore fela jaaka Goromente a dira melao ya khiro mme khiro e le kgang ya mohiri le mohiriwa, go tshwanetse go nne le *a framework* e e leng gore golo moo go diragala ka teng. *Framework* e o buang ka yone e tlaabo e tlhalosa gore gongwe e se ka ya re o sena go nna o bereka dingwaga tse tlhano ba bona gore letseno la gago le ya kwa godimo, ba bo ba go koba. Fa o ka tswa pele ga dingwaga tse kae, go tlaa reng? Ke gore e tlaabo e tlhalosa dikgang tse gore fa o tswa go diragala eng ka *your interest*, a o ka e boloka jalojalo. Se o se buang ke gore go a tlhokafala gore Goromente a tle le *framework* gore ditumalano tse di nne ka fa tlase ga yone. Ke tsaya gore o a rialo mokaulengwe. A go ntse jalo?

MR KAIZER: Nnyaa mme o e tlhalositse *Mother of the House*. Gape ke fete ka ntlha e; mo Goromenteng yo re leng mo go ene mo nakong ya gompiano, ke yo o dumelang thata mo bagwebing ba ba tswang kwa ntle.

O itse gore go ka nna thona go bona *investors* di nna di tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana di tla go dira madi ba hira babereki, kwa phelelong ba sa tseye karolo mo dikomponeng tse.

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): *Point of order.* O tlaa ntsenya mo tseleng *Madam Speaker*. Ke reeditse motlotlegi ka fa a alang dikgang tsa gagwe ka teng, mme ke ne ke eletsa gore gongwe o ka di loga fela *without imputing anything on the Government*. Ga gona sepe se se tshwanetseng gore se dire gore a gopole gore Goromente wa rona o leba kwa ntle fela, ga a na sepe le bagwebi ba mo gae. E bile golo moo ga go nonotshe sepe se a se buang. *So ga go tlhokafale* gore a go tsenye mo teng, o ka tswela fela ka kgang ya gagwe. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Kaizer, your debate a e tlhamalale fela le se o batlang go se bua. Re se ka ra...*

MR KAIZER: Nnyaa *Madam Speaker*, yole o bua kgang e ke iseng ke e bua. Ga ke ise ke re Goromente wa UDC ga a na sepe le Batswana. *I have never said so.*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa *Honourable Kaizer*, ke go utlwile le nna. Le fa o ne o sa re *Government of UDC*, o rile bagwebi ba nna ba tsisiwa mo lefatsheng ga re nke re bona ba rona ka kwano. Akere ba tsisiwa ke *the current Government*. Tswela o se ka...

MR KAIZER: E o e buang eo *Madam Speaker*, ke e buile, ke rile Goromente wa UDC o tlisa bagwebi mono, *which is true*. Se ke se buang ke gore kana fa re na le *this framework, it can guide in terms of* gore banni ba lefatshe la Botswana ba ka tsena jang mo dikomponeng tse di tlang ka bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa ntle. *That is what I was saying.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, a re mo leseng a tsweleng, se mo kgopakgopetseng, o utlwile.

MR KAIZER: Mangwe a mabaka a ke a bayang pele Ntlo e *Madam Speaker* ke gore kana fa babereki e le gore ba tsaya karolo mo go nneng *a part of these companies*, go na le mo go reng go ba nonotsha le mo bodireding jwa bone gore ba nne *even productive* ka gore ba tlaabo ba dira jaana ba itse gore ba bereka mo dikomponeng tse ba itseng gore *even at the end of the*

day, they will benefit sengwenyana. Kgang e nngwe gape ke gore kana fa e nna bone batsayakarolo jaanong, go tlisa le mo gotweng *improved attendance*. Ke gore le fa o ka lebelela babereki ba mo nakong ya gompiano, go na le ba bangwe ba e leng gore motho wa Modimo fela o tsena mo tirong a itse gore 5:30 p.m. o a tshaisa o ya lelwapeng. Fa ba itse gore *they are part of these companies*, go tsisa *commitment* mo go bone. Ba itse gore ba berekela kompone e ba itseng gore mo nakong e e tlang *they will benefit* go feta jaaka ba ntse ba boelwa. Ga e ka ke ya nna babereki fela ba e leng gore ba emetse gore e re fa kgwedi e fela ba bo ba fiwa *wages* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Lebaka le lengwe la bobedi ke gore kana go nna le mmereki yo e leng gore o go bereketse lebaka le le leele, ga se selo se se motlhofo ka gore fa a nna lebaka le le leele mo komponeng, o simolola le go turela kompone e. Kana fa mmereki yo a sa neelwa monyetla wa gore gongwe o ka nna motsayakarolo wa bontlha bongwe jwa bogogi kana botsamaisi jwa kompone e, go kgona go felela go turela le kompone ka boyone ka gore re a itse *gore experience is expensive most of the times*. Gone mo go tlaa rotloetsa gape le gore bodiredi jo bo hirilweng jo bo kgone go bereka lebaka le le leele mo dikomponeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo e le go tsisa maduo mo go tsone le go godisa itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Ke buile ka e nngwe ya gore kana go kopanela kompone ga mohiri le mohiriwa, gone mo fela ka bogone, go dira gore dikgatlhago tsa mohiri le mohiriwa di felele di tsena mo tseleng e nngwefela, mo gotweng *alignment of interest*.

Fa mohiri le mohiriwa ba goga ka tsela e nngwefela e e isang kwa katlegong ya kompone, go dira gore go se ka ga nna le diphapang kana dikgotlhang tse di fitlhelwang di le teng mo dikomponeng tse e leng gore mmereki *is not part of the ownership* ya tsone.

Gone mo go dira gape le gore kana fa dipelo di nna di ntse di oketsega jaana, le ene mmereki o a itse gore mme fela e tlaare kwa bofelelong le ene o tlaa nna le *benefits* fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. E ka nna ka *returned earnings* kana *dividends at the end of the year*. Go botlhokwa ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. *This alignment of interest* go felela go dira gore le kompone e bo e nna le katlego e e eletsegang ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Gongwe se sengwe gape se ke tshwanetseng ka se tlhalosa ke gore...

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of clarification.* Ke a go utlwa mokaulengwe. O bua thata o ikaegile kana o lebeleitse thata ka fa dipoelong tsa babereki. Gongwe o ka nna *very balanced* fa *at the same time* o ka tla o leba *on the side* ya mohiri ka gore kana re bua ka *an investor probably* yo o tlang *company* ya gagwe e le *established*, yo o sa bolong go tswa kwa a ntse a sokola ka go simolodisa *company* ya gagwe. Jaaka o re re tlaabo re ngoka babeeletsi kana *investors* tse di mo gae le tse di kwa ntle, ene o ka e leba jang? So, gongwe a e re o ntse o nganga jaana, o lebelele *on the other side* gore re nne *balanced*. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe. O tshwere kgang e e botlhokwa thata. Ke ne ke re gongwe pele o wela, o re thuse, *I know you did your research. Case study* ya kwa go dirwang teng, go tsamaya jang, ke kae e bile *what is the exact role of Government? What is the architecture* ya *policy framework or legal framework* gore e re fa re ntse re akanya gore a re a go *support* kana ga re go *support*, re bo re tlhaloganya re na le a *nuanced view of it?*

MR KAIZER: Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. *Honourable* Butale, ke ne ke santse ke tlaa tla kwa potsong ya gago, e tlaare fa ke wela kwa bofelelong, ke tlaabo ke e araba.

Honourable Barongwang, fa o ntse o reetsa mabaka a ke a ntshang fa, otlhe a *apply both sides*, ga se gore go berekela mohiri fela. Otlhe ka boraro a ke setseng ke a ntshitse, a *apply both sides*. Ga ke itse gore o ne o batla ke e dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa ke tla kwa go tsamaeleng kwa go digeleng puo ya me, *these employee share schemes*, mosola wa tsone ke eng? Re a itse le mo nakong ya gompieno *at a point where* Botswana ka fa a ntseng ka teng, kgang ke gore re tsenya jang banni ba lefatshe la Botswana mo itsholelong? So, *this thing will come as a benefit* ka gore go na le pharologanyo ya go ka ungewelwa fa o le mohiri le fa o se mohiriwa. Go tlaa felela go thusa go aga *economy* ya lefatshe la Botswana. Go tlaa netefatsa gore babereki ga ba tswe mo ditirong ba ya go nna kwa malwapeng, ba simolola go bonala kwa bo lpelegeng le mananeo a mangwe a Puso. So, *this will also come as a benefit* to lefatshe le la Botswana and the Government.

Kwa mafatsheng a sele, *these employee share schemes as a basis*, di dirilwe *in such a way that* di na le mo gotweng *incentives*. Go na le *some tax incentives* tse e leng gore dikompone di a rotloediswa ke mafatshe. Re ka tsaya lefatshe la America, mokaulengwe o ne a re ke bue

ka lone, re ka tsaya lefatshe la United States of America (USA), le dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Mo tsamaisong e ya lone, le tsentsa *some tax incentives* gore dikompone tsotlhe tse e leng gore di tlaa dira gore babereki ba bone e nne bahiri le bone, ba nne le go ka fokolediwa lekgetho. Ke buile ka lefatshe la America. La bobedi ke lefatshe la United Kingdom (UK) mme le lone le dirile fela jalo, le na le *this legislation* e e leng gore le a e dirisa go ka tsenya beng ba lefatshe leo gore le bone ba tsene mo itsholelong.

Le lefatshe le le bapileng le rona fela gone fa la Aferika Borwa, le lone le na le tsamaiso e ya go ka leka go ka tsenya *the citizens*. Le bidiwa gotwe Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment. So, le lone lenaneo le, le teng, Goromente o a le tsamaisa. Ke *policy* ya ka go ka leka *to empower* banni ba lefatshe la Aferika Borwa.

So, fa o lebelela mo lefatsheng ka bophara, mafatshe a setse a gatetse pele ka go ka leka go bona gore ba tsenya jang *their citizens into the economy*. Se ke se kopang mo Ntlong e tlaabo e se tlholo ntsha. Ga se gore ke bua dilo tse e leng gore ga di diragale. Fa o lebelela dikompone tse di kwa lefatsheng la America, *more than 60 per cent* ya tse e leng gore *they have adopted this system*, di na le katlego fela e e seng kana ka sepe.

Jaanong tumelo ya me ke gore fa le rona re ka *adopt this policy* e ka re berekela thata mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification.* Ke batla go tabogela kwa go mafatshe a o a fileng e le sekai ao, UK, USA and South Africa. A mme o a lemoga gore itsholelo ya rona le mafatshe ao e na le pharologanyo e tona? Ya rona e santse e fatlhoga. Gongwe fa o ne o ka senka lefatshe lengwe le e leng gore itsholelo ya lone e tsamaelana le ya rona *for fair comparison*. Thank you.

MR KAIZER: Kana legislation e mokaulengwe, ga e amane gope le gore itsholelo e tsamaya fa kae. This legislation ke e e dirang gore Botswana ba tsene mo itsholelong, go ne go ka tla go nonotsha itsholelo e o buang ka yone. Ga go amane gope le gore itsholelo e tsamaya fa kae kana jang.

Madam Speaker, gongwe ke khutlise kopo ya me ke tlhalose gore this Motion is not about shares. It goes beyond just allocating shares to employees. This Motion is about changing the culture of work in Botswana. It is about creating workers who think like owners. It is about building businesses where success is shared, where success is not only seen in those who are owners of companies but it should also reflect in those who are

contributing towards the success of those companies. It is about creating wealth, improving productivity, reducing labour disputes and strengthening our economy.

Jaaka ke tlhalositse Madam Speaker, this Motion is not about taking ownership from those who own companies. Therefore, I submit that this Honourable House request Government to encourage through policy framework or legislation, employee share scheme as a strategy to enhance employee engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees. I so submit Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. The floor is open.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MOHWASA): Ke a leboga Rre Kaizer. Ke tsaya gore *Motion* ka bo one ga se gore o bosula. *Under normal circumstances* re ka re ke *Motion* o o mo dikakanyong, ke selo se e leng gore motho o ka gololesega go se akanya.

Se ke neng ke re se akanye ke gore, *you know we are operating in an environment* e e leng gore *companies and people come with their own investments and put money just like* le wena o le mo *company* ya gago o dira *investments*. *What you are saying now if I understand your Motion properly,* ke gore jaanong go nne le *option* ya gore go bulelwe *these individuals* ba ba berekang mo dikomponeng gore le bone e nne bontlha bongwe jwa *owners* tsa dikompone tseo. *In short what you are saying is* Goromente ka tsamaiso e e tlaabong e le teng ya molao kana e le *policy* go tshwanetse gore go nne le *employee share schemes* e le *strategy* se se teng. Jaanong re tlaabo re *legislate to encourage* gore Batswana ba nne le diabe mo dikomponeng.

Ke ne ke re re lebelele mo nakong ya gompiano gore mo seemong se re leng mo go sone, batho ba dira eng ba ba batla gore; mma ke fe sekai ka dibanka. *We have a situation* e e leng gore fa batho ba dira sentle *people are rewarded* ka sengwe se se duelwang go feta se ba se duelwang. E bile ba fiwa le *bonuses*. *It is one way but the Government is not regulating*. Worry ya ga Goromente ke gore *we cannot regulate to extent* ya gore motho *investment* ya gagwe a e dire jang *even in terms of how he relates* le *employees* tsa gagwe.

We give an example ya Broad-Based Black Economic Empowering (B-BBEE). Ka bo yone *it is not a policy that is meant at* babereki. *It is a policy* ya *procurement,*

it is a broad-based policy. Sa ntlha e lebelela *procurement*, gore *company* e e *supply* Goromente e bo e na le *percentage* e e kae ya batho ba ba ntsho, ya batho ba ba kae e le bomme jalojalo.

Fa o e lebeletse e *emphasise* kgang ya *not share holding per se*, e *influence procurement*. Jaanong wena kana e o e buang mokaulengwe o bua o lebaganye thata ka kgang ya *employer engagement, retention and alignment of interest of employers and employees*. So, a re dumalane gore ya B-BBEE e ka fa thoko.

Se ke neng ke re re dumalane ka sone gore a go tlaabo go siame; gompiano Motlotlegi Kaizer, *you invest your money in a company*, sekai; *security company*. A bo o re mongwe le mongwe yo o tlaabong a bereka mo komponeng eo, o a patelesega wena, gore ba kgone gore ba tswelele ba bereka o bo o ba fa diabe. Ke tsaya gore *we can resort to other methods* tsa *retention without necessarily making it a law* ya go patika batho gore e nne *shareholder*.

MR KAIZER: *Clarification.* Ke tsaya gore fa ke tlhalosa fa *Minister*, ke rile kana *this is a guideline*, e e leng gore *owners are not compelled*. Kana ka fa o buang ka teng, e nna o kare fa mmereki a batla *shares* o a tlamega gore a bo a di reka mo *the employer*. *That is not what I have said.* Ke rile ke go leka go tlhohofatsa gore e re fa mmereki a na le *interest* le mohiri le ene a na le *interest* go bo go na le *some guidelines* gore gone mme ba ka tsena mo tumalanong eo ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MR MOHWASA: Ke tsaya gore molao wa dikompone o teng o tlhamaletse. *If you want to give shares to the employee it is very clear* gore o tshwanetse go dira eng.

E nngwe e o e buang e ke neng ke re a mme *really* molao o bua ka *legislation*, *is it necessary to legislate something* se e leng gore ga o ka ke wa se *enforce*? E bua ka gore fa e le gore *yes, we put this as a framework or legislation*. A re tlaa *legislate for the sake of legislation*, mme go se *enforceable*? Ka fa go ntseng ka teng e tshwanetse gore e nne *a piece of legislation that we can enforce*. Fa e le *policy* fela e e leng gore e teng, *I will understand*. *You are saying* re *legislate as well*. Se ke neng ke re ke a se bua ke gore kana mo nakong ya gompiano, *it is up to the employer* gore rra o mperekile, *and I can cite quiet a number of companies* tsa batho ba ba neng ba bereka mo dikomponeng tseo ba e leng gore gompiano fa re bua jaana ke bone beng ba tsone. Motho a ne a ntse a neelwa, la bofelo fa a re jaanong *I am retiring* ke go neela kompone, a bo a tsaya kompone eo. Go na le

thulaganyo e e teng mo nakong ya gompieno. Molao ka bo one ga o kganele ope yo o batlang *to retain* mmereki gore a bo a ka dira jalo. Fa e le gore o batla go mo neela diabe, molao wa dikompone o a tlhalosa gore o ka neela motho diabe ka thulaganyo e e ntseng jang.

Tota fela ke bona gore letshwenyego le teng le keletso ya gore batho ba dire jalo *but the issue* ke gore a mme gone go ka re neela maduo a re a eletsang, a a ka rotloetsang le batho gore ba *invest*. *At the end of the day*, o tlaabo o itse gore fa o *invest*, la bofelo *investment* ya gago o tlaabo o tshwanelwa ke gore o e kgaogane le mongwe le mongwe.

Fa re bua ka *investment* le se ka la e tsaya jaaka ya dikompone tse ditona, le dikompone tsa batlotlegi fa ba na le tsone kana go raya gore molao oo ka fa o o beileng ka teng, o tlaabo o di aba.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MR MAELE): *Elucidation.* Ke tlhaloganya *Honourable* Kaizer ka fa a buang ka teng, *but* Rre Mohwasa o ne a tshwere *point* fela e e botlhokwa *particularly* fa a bua ka *the* Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment kana go tewa yone e fa re ntse re re B-BBE.

Madam Speaker, it is common cause that B-BBEE failed. There was a lot of fronting, e e neng e dirwa ke the black people just because. In addition to fronting, jaanong go nna le mo gotweng an elite enrichment, e e leng ya batho ba ba nang le tse ba nang le tsone, e le bone ba e leng kwa pele. The third thing ke exactly the point e e neng e buiwa ke Rre Mohwasa, gore enforcement ya yone it was difficult.

Jaaka ke ne ke utlwa Rre Butale a botsa gore kwa go dirilweng teng ke kae, kwa go berekang teng, South Africa *we cannot give an example* ya teng re re *it is a good example, because it has failed, it is not working out.*

Ke ne ke re ke *elucidate point* ya gago *sir*, gore e tle e re fa Motlotlegi Kaizer a araba, a arabe *in line with the fact that* kwa South Africa B-BBEE e padile tota. Le kwano re ka nna le one mathata ao, a tle a re bolelele gore re tlaa tla re a potologa jang. Ke a leboga motlotlegi.

MR MOHWASA: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Se ke neng ke tsaya gore gongwe Rre Kaizer o ka se bua, e ne e ka nna go rotloetsa. Gore fa re le bagwebi re nne re leka gore gongwe re ka duela le babereki. *You know if you pay somebody, some people work because they want to be shareholders, some are even offered shares and then*

they might not even be interested in taking up the shares, because they also do not want to be risk bearers, that you need to accept. Ga go reele gore *company* fa e le fa, o batla gore o re motho ga ke batle gore a tsamaye, ke batla gore a nne fa e nne bontlha bongwe jwa kompone a kgone gore a bereke ka fa Rre Kaizer a e buang ka teng, a bo o ka se ke o reye motho jalo. Ga gona sepe se se kganelang *company* epe *under the current dispensation* gore o ka neela motho *shares* tseo, *it is allowed. My worry now* ke fa e leng gore, *we legislate* gore o le mohiri jaanong o atlamega gore fa o na le babereki, fa re simolola go bua ka *to legislate, then* go raya gore re tshwanetse go bua *about an enforcer*, ka gore *legislation* ka bo yone *we do it because we want to enforce* sengwe.

Jaanong fa re bua fela *encouraging... (Inaudible)...* Ke ne ke tsaya gore se mokaulengwe a ka se buang fa re ntse re bua fa re tsere dikgang, a nne a rotloetsa batho gore yo go ka tlang mo mogopolong wa gagwe, a rotloetse batho gore le bone ba nne le diabe mo *companies*, yo o ratang. *It does not necessarily mean* gore rotlhe re tlaa nna le kgatlhego ya gore re nne *risk bearers, because owning a company means* gore le wena jaanong *you are a risk taker, you are no longer now an employee* yo e reng kgwedi e fela a bo a solofela madi. *When the company dealer goes down, le wena the investment* ya gago e ya kwa tlase. Ga ke itse gore a mokaulengwe e tlaa re a tlhalosa, a tlhalose gore mo thulaganyong e a nang le yone a go raya gore o fiwa diabe o sa di reke kana o rotloetsa gore o ka di reka, ka gore fa o rotloetsa gore o ka di reka, *you can approach an employer and say I want to become a shareholder.* Fa le dimalana e bile *after having done the valuation of the company, then* o ka tsenya madi gore le wena o nne bontlha bongwe jwa *company* eo.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke ne ke re se o se buang *Honourable Minister* ke a se utlwa. Ke tsaya gore thulaganyo e o e buang e e ntse e le teng. Fa go na le babereki ba *company* ba gongwe e leng *Directors*, fa ba bona e le gore mongwe wa babereki kana ke *company* e e owned ke ba ba tswang kwa ntle, ba lemoga botlhokwa jwa bao ba ba leng teng, thulaganyo e e leng teng fela ba kgona gore ba ba tsenye e nne *shareholders*, ke raya gore ke thulaganyo e e leng teng. Ga ke itse legale, ka fa o e tlhalosang ka teng ke tsaya ke re motlotlegi yo o tlileng ka *Motion*, gongwe o ka o bona a e sekaseka ka gore se o se buang ke tsaya ke re ke thulaganyo e re e itseng gore e teng. *Companies* tse dintsi batho *have benefited through* thulaganyo ya teng. Ke go tlatse mo go se o se buang, mme thulaganyo eo tota le rona re a e itse, ke molao o o teng. *Thank you.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga se molao.

MR MOHWASA: O raya gore ke thulaganyo e e leng teng *in terms of the Companies Act*, e ka re fa o ntse o le foo o ka kgona gore o tsenye motho. Le gompiano jaana *we have* batho kwa makgobokgobong le mo go eng, *we know* gore go na le batho ba ba berekang le batho ba simolola ba tla ba ba tsenya ka fa lehukeng, *and ultimately* fa gongwe a bo felela ba tlogela ba tsenya batho.

Se ke neng ke re ke se bue ke gore le rona re nneng *careful* re le Goramente, e bile re batla babeeletsi *both* mo gae le kwa ntle, gore melao e re e dirang e se ka ya nna melao e e tlaa reng kamoso e bo e dira gore batho ba tle ba tshabe le go beeletsa, ka gore kamoso o tlaa felela o patelesega gore o kopane le batho ba e neng e le gore gongwe lantlhantlha ga ba na kgaatlhego ya go nna babeeletsi kana wa felela jaanong o ba pateletswa gore o bereke le batho ba o fitlhelang e le gore gongwe tota lona ga le tsamaelane. E bo e le gore jaanong *the environment* ya kgwebo, ga se e re neng re eletsa gore e ka nna teng.

Ke tsaya gore *Mother of the House* ke mongwe wa batho ba ba ka supang gore, le mo *firms* tsa molao go felela go ntse jaana batho ba felela ba tsena e nna *junior*, kamoso e felela e bile ba bangwe ba tsere *firms*. *Firms* re ka di bala gone fa tse batho ba teng ba feletseng ba tsene, e le mo nakong ya gompiano go sa pateletswa batho. *We should be very careful* ka seemo se e leng gore *we are going to legislate over* sengwe le sengwe, a bo re felela re ka palelwa le ke gore jaanong batho ba ka kgathala le *to invest*.

MR MAELE: *Clarification.* Kana go na le *companies* mo Botswana tse di dirang *this thing and I think* ga gona le fa e le mathata gore re di bue. Botswana Insurance Holding Limited *is doing this*, Botswana Insurance Fund Management Limited (BIFM) ke yone e e leng gore batho ba yone, *shares* tsa bone di kwa Botswana Insurance Holding Limited. *So, employee share scheme* mo Botswana..., *that is why* ke ne ke botsa potso kgantele ke re, ke eng *this thing* e tshwanetse *to be legislated* ke Goramente, *because employers and employees can do it. I am giving an example* ya Botswana fela, Botswana Insurance Holding Limited *are doing it*, BIFM *is actually a shareholder* ya Botswana Insurance Holding Limited. *I can give another example*, e ka gore e *public*, ga ke itse gore a mme gongwe go ka siama. *It is there, it is happening. My worry is to legislate, just like Rre Mohwasa is saying.* Ke a leboga *sir*.

MR MOHWASA: Ke fetsa ke re, *as a country* re nne *very very careful* ka go felela re itlwaetsa go nna re *legislate* sengwe le sengwe. Mo gongwe *is a question* fela ya *to persuade people*, le gore go dirisiwe melao e e leng teng. Jaanong fa re ka itlwaetsa go nna re *legislate over* sengwe le sengwe, re tllile go felela le rona re sa kgone *to create the right environment* e batho ba ka kgonang go kgaatlhegela *to invest*, e le Batswana le batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Mongwe o ne a bua le gompiano le fa gongwe e kare re e tsaya motlhofo, a bua gore mmereki jaaka re simolola re bua ka babereki, le ba ba mo merakeng e tlaabo kamoso le ene a re a nne *shareholder* ya me le kwa merakeng, yo mongwe mo *shop* a simolola a re le nna ke tshwanetse ke nne le diabe mo *shop*. *That is why* ke re *investment* fa re bua ka *businesses*, re se ka ra di lebelela *at the level* ya *the big businesses, particularly Motion* fela o o tlhamaletseng o o ntseng jaana o sa tlhaole. Re tlaabo re reela gore la bofelo motho fa a na le madi o a a ipeela, a re kana fa ke *invest* ke tlaabo ke patelesega gore jaanong ke *get into a marriage* le motho yo gongwe ka bo ene a senang *the same goals and vision* e e tshwanang e ke nang le yone mo *business*. Kamoso *businesses* di bo di phuphama, go le tlhakatlhakano. Motho a a letlelelwe gore a bone babereki ba ba leng teng, a bone gore o ba *divide* jang, a kgone gore a ba tlhophe a bone gore motho yo re ka berekisanang mmogo, ba tshwaragane mmogo *business* di tswelile di ye kwa pele. Ke tsaya gore le mokaulengwe Rre Mapulanga o a dumela, ke bona a tsenya tlhogo. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE):

Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Ke eme ke supe tlhobaelo, ka kgang e re e beiwang pele gompiano. Mogopolo o fa o o reeditse fela, wa re babereki ba tlaabo ba na le *shares* mo *company*, go raya gore le bone ke beng ba *company*, go lebega go le monate gore go ka nna jalo. *Problem* ya me ke fa gotweng a Goramente a *legislate*, kana go raya gore Goramente jaanong a bo a *force* ka molao gore *company* nngwe le nngwe e e tlaabong e tla go tsena fa, e itse gore go na le molao o o reng fa o tsena go na le *share scheme*. *I do not know about percentage* gore e ya go nna bokae, *but* ke sone se se tshwanetseng gore se diragale gore *company* e e tlaa e re e batla go simolola *business* mo Botswana, e bo e itse gore mo Botswana *you are going to share business* le batho. Mo go rona ba re tlaabong re le benggae, re ka nna le tsholofelo ya gore e ya *to maximise our gains*, ka gore le nna ke tlaabo ke na le *company*.

Go na le *examples* tse di gaufi thata tse di neng tsa diragala, *this happened in Zimbabwe*, Goromente e ne ya re kwa morago fa a simolola ka nako e ba neng ba tsaya lefatshe mo bathong a bo a tla ka *system* e a neng a leka to *localise* ditiro and *everything*. *They forced* beng ba dikompone gore ba simolole to *share their companies with the locals*. Go bo go dira gore jaanong *economy* ya Zimbabwe e phutlhamame le go gaisa jaaka e ne e ntse go le pele. Ga go ise go ke go *improve* matshelo a batho ka fa go neng go diragala ka teng. Jaanong ke na le *problem* ya gore gotwe Goromente *should legislate*, ke lebile gape gore Botswana kana fela...re a itse gore *we are a free market economy, unless if we are going to change from that* re sa tlhole re nna *a free market economy*. Kana *free market economy* go raya gore mongwe le mongwe a iteke, e bile gape *we are competing for a smaller space in ...*(inaudible).. *shares* ya *the foreign direct investors*, ba e leng gore mafatshe a mangwe le bone ba a ba batla. *So once we legislate*, re tla ka molao wa gore jaanong fa o tsena fa re tlile go riana, batho ba ba tlile go re huralela ba bo ba ya kwa mafatsheng a sele, go a go re direla mathata.

Gone fela fa re e bua ka molomo, re e reeditse, e kare lefatshe le tlaa boelwa, *but it becomes a problem*. Fa o ntse o e lebile gape, *once we become a shareholder* go raya gore tiro le *services* tsa gago *are tied to that company*. Se le se dirang ga se gore o a se tsaya gone foo, le tsenya *into one basket*, ka nako e e tlang, ke gone gotwe jaanong a re kopaneng re bone gore re dirile ka tsela e e ntseng jang, go bo gotwe *let us share profits* kana *what*. *You cannot share* nako nngwe le nngwe e o tlaabong o batla ka yone. E bile ba ya to *tie you* kana ba a go go bofa ka ditsamaiso dingwe tsa gore, *these are the conditions that you will have to fulfil*, re tlaabo re goga jaana *maybe for five, 10 or 15 years*, ke gone re bo re ka lebelela gore jaanong go tsweng fa re ya go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mme o bo o ipofile gape ka gore kwa Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) ba a itse gore o na le *business*, ba batla *returns* mo go wena *every year*, ga ba na nako ya gore a o a boelwa kana ga o boelwe, *what they need is that you have registered*. Ba a itse gore jaanong *they is no way you can dodge* lekgetho, o tshwanetse go bona gore o tswa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Mme e ntse jalo *it sounds* e le *good*, mme fela boammaaruri ga se gore o na le *control* wena *into this business*, o foo *as a shareholder*, mme *control is somewhere else*. Le nako e o tlaabong o re nna jaanong bagaetsho ke tsaya gore *I have had enough* ke a tlogela, ga o tswe motlhofo fela jaaka o ka eletsa. Ba setse ba go bofile ka ditsamaiso dingwe mo e leng gore *even shares*

tsa gago gore o tswe *you have to buy them back*. Ga go nne motlhofo fela gore o bo o kare, nnyaa ke a tsamaya, a re kgaoganeng, re tsweng gone fa.

Ke re ga ke itse, ke utlwa e ntshosa fela ka gore, *we are a small economy* fa re tsamayang teng. Kana tota *we will be comparing* le mafatshe a a *more advanced*, *the first world countries*, while *we belong to the third world countries*. Re tshwanetse to *compete*, re fe *example* ya Zimbabwe, Zambia le South Africa, ba ba tshwanang le rona, gore go bereka kae. Ba setse ba e arabile ba bua ka *black economic empowerment*, e e leng gore ga e a tla ka maduo a ba neng ba eletsa gore ba ka nna ka one kwa Aferika Borwa fa ba tla ka yone. Re ka leba...*that empowerment they tried it in Zimbabwe* ka fa ba neng ba leka go dira ka teng, ba phutlhamisa *economy* le go feta. Jaanong ke re, nnyaa a re gateng sentle, re e sekaseke gore a mme molao o re tlaabong re re re a o dira ga o na go re baya kwa...o tlile go re sokodisa thata, re tloga re bona jaanong re nna *worse*. Gompieno jaana gatwe *the economy is ailing*, ka fa ya rona e ntseng ka teng, go bokete, re santse re leka go okisa babeeletsi gore ba tle mo lefatsheng. Le mororo re re re a simolola re setse re re a re tle ka go ba bofa ka molao wa gore, *once you are here the expectation is that* Goromente o dirile molao wa gore jaanong fa o tsena *you share business* ya gago e o reng o tlile go e dira le Motswana. Ke gore *if someone wants to build a power station* o setse a bolelelwa gore, *you will have a 60 per cent stake* the locals will have *40 per cent stake...*(inaudible)...*the locals* ga re na *any input* e re e tsenyang *into that business*, motho a bo a leba a bo a re, ae ga ke ka ke ka tla go tsenya madi a me mo thulaganyong ya mofuta o, o bo o re, ba bangwe ba a mmatla kwa Zambia, ba mo raya ba re tsena. Re a itse gore *the past regime* fa e ne e leka to *attract* batho e ne e ba bolelela ka *tax free*, e ba fa *tax holidays*, e le a *way of encouraging foreign direct investors into the country*. Jaanong re tla ka molao o o thata o ba raya o re, mme fa o tsena re batla se le se mo go wena, ba a emelela, ba a tsamaya, *then we lose business*.

Jaanong ke re *Madam Speaker* ke eme ka bokhutshwane jo bo kalo, gape ke le *a bit confused*, mme ke tsaya gore e tlaa re fa a tla a araba re tlaa bona gore e tlaa tsamaya-tsamaya jang. Gongwe mo karabong ya gagwe fa a fetola *I will be convinced and then maybe* ke ka mo latlhelela tlhopho.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification*. Ke re o ne o bua lebaka le le utlwalang *Honourable* Bogatsu, kana kwa Zimbabwe ba kile ba re ba lekeletsa kgang e, e rile fa ba e lekeletsa fela *investors* di bo di sa tlhole jaanong

di... di tshaba, di bona gore kana go raya gore di ya go tseelwa *businesses*, fa e le gore o a gakologelwa sentle. Jaanong ke ne ke leka fela gore ke re, kana dilo tse dingwe ga re re di lebe re bo re lebelela ba ba gautshwane le rona gore bone ba dirile thulaganyo ya teng ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ka fa gongwe re tlaabo re re re lekeletsa selo e bo e le gore jaanong kgantele re ya *to collapse economy* ya lefatshe la rona, ka gore ga re a tshwanela.... Mme thulaganyo ya teng motho e nne ene yo o a... kana *directors* di nne tsone tse di ithlophelang gore di tsaya tshwetso efe, ka gore gone go ntse go teng gale. Ke a leboga, ke ne ke leka go tlatsa fela mo go yone.

MR BOGATSU: Ehe, mme e ntse jalo. Ke kile ka bala golo gongwe, o bona *when the company has grown*, e le gore *it has matured, it has been in business for a very long time*, fa gongwe bo *director* ba teng ba a leba, ba bo ba leba babereki ba bone ba bo ba re, ae batho ba re ntse jaana *because of them*, ba bo ba simolola ba ba fa *shares* ka bobone, gore wena jaana-wena jaana! mme go sena molao o o dirilweng....(*inaudible*)...re bua puo fela e e tshwanang ya gore, golo mo ga se golo mo go sha, go ntse go le teng, go a diragala. Le nna kamoso fa e le gore ke ne ke na le *business* ke bona gore e a phophoma, e tsamaya kgakala, ke tladitse, ke ka nna ka latlhelela bo Phologolo ba itseela, ka ba fa *shares*, ka ya le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

MR PHOLOGOLO: *Elucidation.* Ke ka leboga thata fa o ka dira jalo mogolole. Ke re le nna ke latlhele tlhware legonyana gore, gongwe ke selo se se eletsegang gore re se rotloetse. Mme fela *we should guard against to over legislate, because* ba re ba ngokang ba ka nna le lebaka la gore ba se ka ba goroga kwa go rona, ba tsamaye kwa go *free, where they will be trading* ba sa kgopakgopediwe ke sepe. Mme fela gone re rotloetse gore go nne jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR BOGATSU: Tanki, re moonongwe fela. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke re mogopolo o montle, *it sounds* o le monate. Jaaka nne motlotlegi a bua gore, Goromente o ne a tlisa babeeletsi, kana babeeletsi le bone ga se gore ba tlisiwa fela *without comparing* le mafatshe a mangwe le bone. Go dumela gore o a go goroga gone kwa lefatsheng leo ke gore a bone gore kgwebo ya gagwe e ya go tsamaya jang. Fa e ka re a lebelela a bona gore kwa ke go yang fa gongwe molao wa teng...kana fa re re molao re raya gore go tlaabo

go ka pateletsa, mme fa e ne e se gore ga se molao e le lefoko jaaka motho a ne a bua a re, *to encourage* gongwe moo go ne go ka reetswa. Jaanong fa re bua ka mo go tlaa dirang gore kwa bofelong... jaaka Motlotlegi Mohwasa a ne a bua gore, mme ga o ka ke wa dira molao e bo e le gore...ke gore ga o ka ke wa dira sepe se o ka se keng o tsoge o se *enforce* kamoso, go raya gore mogopolo o montle ka re Batswana, re eletsa gore Batswana ba ka atlega ba bona *shares*. Fela tota gone ga go ka ke ga bereka go bua boammaaruri. Ga go ka ke ga bereka ka gore...(*inaudible*)... fa a tsenya madi mo go yone o a bo a na le maikaelelo le ene. Mo Setswaneng o se ka wa utlwa go ntse gotwe...kgantele mogopolo ke belaela gore o ka tsala le bolotsananyana fela fa o lebile, ka gore batho ba *shares* tse, ba o ba neetseng *shares* ba ka bona letsatsi le lengwe ba reelesega gore jaanong ba lowe mong wa *company* go sale bone fela.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: ...(*Laughter!*)... O ka nna wa tsala bolotsananyana fa o o lebile, mme fela fa o ka dirwa ka mowa o montle o ka siama. A re se ka ra dira gore e nne molao, ke gone fela fa go ntshwenyang teng.

Ga ke batle go nna moleele ka gore, tota ga ke bone sepe *that can be argued* gone fa. E ne e le go tlhamalatsa dikgang fela gore, tota mogopolo o lebege o siame, mme gone fela tota *when you try to implement it* o tlaa koba ba ba neng ba ka tla kwa go wena.

Fa gongwe ba ne ba ka tla go go thusa go tshwaragana le wena go godisa itsholelo, mme ka mabaka fela a gore fa ba leba gore mme e tlaa re fa kompone e atologa, e gola, kana ene o e simolotse go le thata, a tsentse madi a gagwe mo teng, mme fa a tshwanetse gore a bone *returns* tse di mo tshwanetseng jaaka mong wa kompone, *when someone has invested money*, ga go reye gore ga a na *another plan* ya *to invest* gape go feta ka fa a dirileng ka teng. Fa madi a ntsifala, o nna le *plans* tsa *to invests even more*. Fa a ka lemoga gore dipelo tsele ga di ka ke tsa bereka fa e le gore molao o tlaa mo pateletsa gore a ye go tlhakanela le ba ba neng ba sena mogopolo wa go dira kgwebo ya gagwe, go raya gore tse a di akantseng tsa *to invest further*, ga di ka ke tsa kgonagala. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, go ka nna thata gore fa gongwe jaaka batho ba tshwanetse gore Goromente a ba tlise kwano, ba akanye ka tsela nngwe. Le Batswana fela mo gae...

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tshwere *honourable*.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*.
Ga go tshwane.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA):
Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move that this
House do now adjourn.

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until
Friday 31st July, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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