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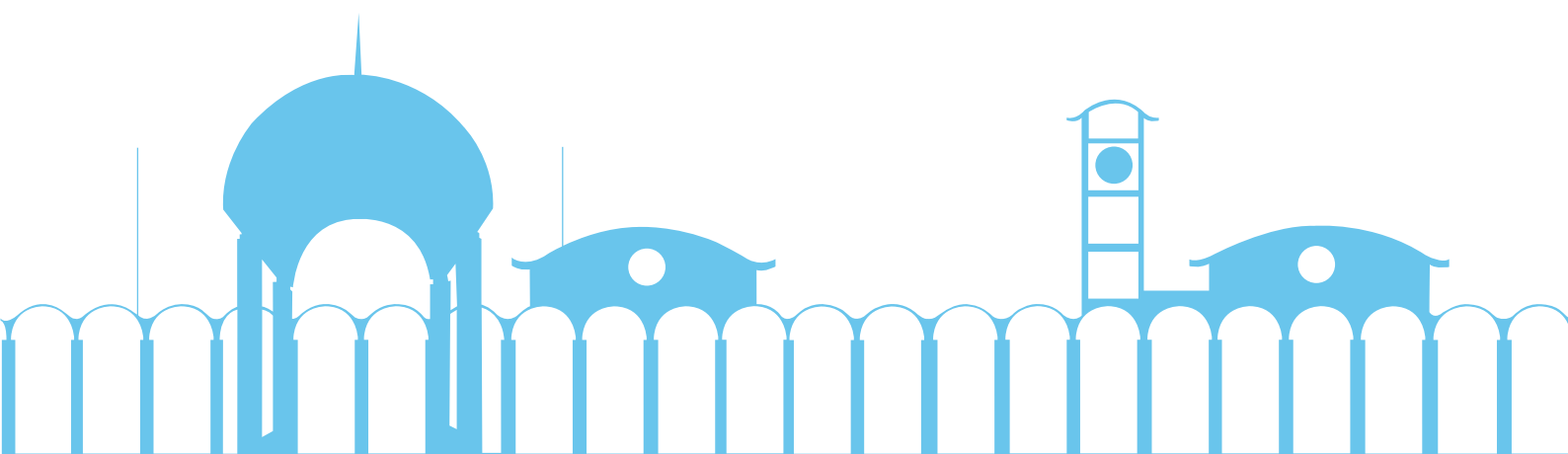
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Wednesday 5th August, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Pray be seated! Honourable Members, there is an addendum. Let me just bring that to your attention, it relates to an amendment by Honourable Lekau. It is about Committee Stage of the Bill. Let us begin our business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

MORTALITY RATES WITHIN SEROWE DISTRICT

MR O. KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): asked the Minister of Health to update this Honourable House on mortality rates within the Serowe District Council area; and to specifically state:

- (i) whether the ministry is aware of the high number of deaths reported under the Serowe District Council;
- (ii) clinical or environmental factors that have been identified as the primary cause of these deaths;
- (iii) whether the ongoing shortage of essential medicines and medical supplies is a direct contributing factor to this spike in mortality; and
- (iv) immediate corrective measures and assurances that can be offered to Batswana, if shortage of medicine is indeed the cause of death.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR OOKEDITSE): *Thank you Mr Speaker. E tle e re o goroga ke go itsise gore fa ke ne ke le superstitious, ke ka bo ke tshogile. Banna ba ba gago ba ntse ba nkelemetse ka dipotso tsa leso.*

- (i) *Mr Speaker, mma ke supe jalo gore the mortality data from Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, which is responsible for medical certification of deaths within the Serowe catchment area, does not demonstrate a significant increase in the number of recorded deaths over recent years. Dipalo ga di*

supe fa e le gore di godile jaaka gongwe motlotlegi a ne a akanya. Se re se bonyeng ke gore ka ngwaga wa 2025, re gatisitse dintsho di le 605 at the same period mme ka 2024 same period, re gatisitse di le 691. Mo go rayang gore e bile tsa 2025 di ne di le kwa tlase ga tsa 2024. E bo e le gore jaanong ka 2023, di ne di le 615. So, tota fela you cannot say there is a trend ya gore go nnile le an increase. Fa o lebelela as at the end of June 2026, the facility had recorded 256 deaths. So, these figures ga di supe gore go nnile le kgolo e e sa tlwaelesegang mo dintshong. Ke a itse gore fa re le mo communities re ntse re boloka, le nna ke tlhola ke ntse ke re hei! batho ba a tlhokafala malatsi a kwa kgaolong. Fa gongwe fa o lebelela dipalo sentle tse di scientific, ga di tshwane le maitemogelo a rona a re a bong re a itemogela.

- (ii) *Mr Speaker, the ministry routinely monitors causes of death through medical death certification and mortality surveillance systems. The current evidence indicates that the majority of deaths in the Serowe District Council area are associated largely with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), particularly cardiovascular diseases, hypertension and diabetes mellitus as well as HIV and AIDS.*

The key thing here ke gore, this pattern is consistent with both national and global mortality trends and is not unique to the Serowe District area. At present, ga go na sekai se se reng go na le sengwe mo tikologong kana environmental factor e e leng gore go ka tse it is leading to lot of deaths mo kgaolong ya gago jaaka o ne o botsa.

- (iii) *E bile gape Mr Speaker, based on the available mortality data and routine mortality surveillance, our ministry has not established evidence that shortages of medicines and medical supplies have resulted in an increase in mortality within the Serowe District Council area. Ke le file dipalo tse e leng gore we have recorded deaths mme dipalo tsa teng, to some an extent, di supa a bit of inverse relationship, ga di supe conclusively gore letlhoko la melemo le dirile gore batho ba tlhokafale ba le bantsi kwa kgaolong ya Serowe in terms of the numbers that we have.*

Batlotlegi, ke letse ke tlhalosa maabane jaaka o utlwa ke araba thata ka tsa mofuta o, ke ka bo ke tshoga gore ke gaufi fa ke ne ke le superstitious. Ke supe jalo gore patient outcomes are influenced by multiple factors. Gore



motho o ka felela a tlhokafetse kana o ka tshela, ga go dirwe fela ke a mme o bone molemo, go dirwa ke *factors* tse di farologaneng. Go na le *factor* ya gore motho ene ka nako e a yang sepatela ka yone, bolwetse bo ne setse bo le mo *stage* sefe, e le a *factor that contributes*. Go bo go nna le gore a mme motho o kgona go bona *access* ka nako, *diagnostic capacity* e e leng teng, *availability* ya molemo, *infection prevention* le *control*. Le gore fa motho a na le bolwetse *at clinical level*, a bo *managed* sentle. Jaaka ke ne ke supa maabane, ba bangwe o fitlhela e le gore re bona dipalo tse di oketsegang tsa batho ba ba bolawang ke mogare wa HIV/AIDS mme le ntswa Antiretrovirals (ARVs) di le teng. Se se raya gore *management* wa bolwetse, le one fela ka boyone, o kgona go nna a *problem that then leads to mortality* o o leng gore gongwe re ne re sa o solofela.

(iv) *Mr Speaker, the ministry has instituted measures to monitor medicine availability, redistribute available stocks between health facilities where necessary. Ke tsaya gore ke dirile statement in the House go supa jalo ka seemo sa melemo. Re tlaa tswela re leka thata gore re ensure gore our forecasting le inventory kwa Central Medical Stores (CMS) di nna ka seemo se re tlaa kgonang go tlamela Batswana mo go botoka. Ke bo ke tlatsa fela ka go supa gore re ntse re tswelletse, we are receiving more medicines tse le tlaa itemogelang le lona le sa bolelelwe ke rona mo Palamenteng gore over the next couple of months, availability ya melemo will significantly improve. We are on the mend.*

Mr Speaker, ke leboge Motlotlegi Kedikilwe. Ke eleletse bagaetsho le ba kwa gaeno botshelo.

MR KEDIKILWE: *Supplementary. Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke leboge Mothusi Tona gore a bo a lekile go araba ka fa a lekileng ka teng, le fa ke sa dumele thata. O re file statement maloba, ke dumalana le ene mme ga ke dumele fa dipalong tse a reng instead o bona di ya kwa tlase. Ke lantlha mo ditsong re bona dimmošhara tsotlhe tse nne tse di kwa Serowe, di tlaa go bo go tshololelwa kwa Palapye. Ke lantlha re go bona e sale ke gola ke nna kana. Poifo ya rona ke gore go re kaela gore mo jarateng nngwe, o fitlha motho le malomaagwe, motho le nkukuagwe, motho le rraagwemogolo. Go re supegets a gore dintsho ga di a nna ka fa re di itseng ka teng.*

Ke ne ke rile ke ikopela dipalo tsa bofelo *up to June* kwa bathong ba ba neng ba di go kwalela kwa sepateleng, ba bo ba gana ba re ke lona le tshwereng boikarabelo

le le *ministry*. Ke bo ke itse gore o tlaa tla o di nnela ka tlhamalalo. Jaanong ga ke a go utlwa sentle gore wa re *from 2024, 2025, 2026, pharologanyo o bona go ya kwa tlase.*

Sa bobedi, maabane ke ne ka kopana le yo o nang le boikarabelo mo *clinics*, re na le mo gotweng ke *hub*, kwa e leng gore melemo fa e tswa kwa Sepateleng sa Sekgoma, pele ga e ya kwa *clinics*, ba e *distribute* gone foo. *I asked her gore what is your level* ya melemo e o e tshwereng letsatsi leno? A o ka raya batho wa re melemo e teng? A re nnyaa, fa ke leng teng fa, ke mo go 40 *per cent*. Jaanong 40 *per cent* o fapaana le maloba fa *Minister* fa a ne a a fa *statement* mo *television*, a dira tekodiso. Ke ne ke le *so impressed* ka nako e ke neng ke utlwa a fa tekodiso fale gore go raya gongwe le potso e ga e tlhokafale. Jaanong maabane fa ke mmosa ke utlwa a nthaya a re *she is at 40 per cent*. Tona, o ka papamala gompiano jaana wa raya batho wa re melemo e teng kwa *clinics* tse di kwa Serowe le kwa sepateleng? A o ka ema foo wa papamala wa re kwa Serowe re siame, melemo e teng?

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Kedikilwe, kana you are violating Standing Order 40.2 and 40.3. Jaanong le nna go a nketefalela ka gore dipotso tse o di botsang, go tloga gotwe ke go kgopakgopeditse. Tota o a debate, jaanong e tloga e nna o kare ke a go kgoreletsa. Ke ne ke batla o mmosa dipotso tse dikhutshwane in line with Order 40.2.*

MR KEDIKILWE: Potso ya bofelo ke yone e ke emang ka yone ke re a o ka papamala motlotlegi wa re kwa Serowe melemo e teng ka gore yo o kwa a re o na le 40 *per cent on average*?

MR OOKEDITSE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mma ke leboge tsala ya me Rre Kedikilwe. It is very difficult, fa o bua mo gotweng ke anecdotal evidence, o tla o nthaya o re, re a bona ba swa ba le bantsi, jaanong ke tshotse dipalo tse di recorded, go nna dingalonyana. Ke letse ke supa gore re na le system ya rona ya Patient Information Management System (PIMS) e e re bontshang dipalo mo go yone, go bo go nna le Ofisi ya Matsalo le Dintsho e e leng gore le yone e record statistics. Jaanong it will be very difficult gore ga ke itse gore ke tlaa ngangisana le wena jang ka gore fa dipalo tsa teng di ntse jalo, ke tsone tse ke di bonang. Unless e le gore gongwe golo kwa Serowe dipalo tse dingwe tse o di buang ga di a kwadisiwa, mme ga go nke go diragala jalo.*

So, yes, I know bokete le botlhoko jwa gore batho ba a tlhokafala, le nna kwa ke tswang teng re nna re ntse re



re batho ba a swa tota malatsing a, *but when we look into the actual statistics* a bo o di *compare* le dipalo, o kgona go lemoga gore mme ga se gore go na le palo epe e e supang gore dintsho di oketsegile. Ke sone se e leng gore ke a se bua, jaanong e a nketefalela fa o supa gore go tlala jaana, wena o bona ka matlho o bona jaana. Se se botlhoko ke gore batho ba a tlhokafala, re ne re sa batle gore ba ka tlhokafala.

Jaanong se sengwe o ne o supa gore o ne o ile kwa *distribution hub*, ke go akgole gore ke gantsi o ya teng, o motho yo e leng gore kgapetsakgapetsa *you go there, that is the support* e re e tlhokang. Ke papamala ke re melemo e teng kwa Serowe. Mo *statement* sa me, ke supile fela ka tlhamalalo gore fa re re melemo e teng e a goroga, go na le *classes* tsa melemo tse di farologanang, go na le melemo e re santseng re na le *shortage* ya yone. Ke ne ka e *categorise* sentle gore *categories* tse le tse, re setse re bone *quantities* tse di ka re tsayang bo *six months*. Go raya gore jaanong *for* tse, re na le tsone, mme tse dingwe jaaka ke tlhalositse mo *statement*, re ne re santse re tlhaetse ka tsone. Tse dingwe ke ne ka supa gore di a goroga *and I can say to you* gore tse dingwe *even at the port* kwa Durban, di setse di gorogile jaanong di tla kwa go rona. *So, I do not want to say to you* ke go reye ke re, melemo e teng kwa Serowe *because* fa ke *generalise* jalo, ke neela batho a *wrong impression* but se re se tlhokang from batlotlegi gore ba re thuse, ke gore batlotlegi ba tle ba re, le begile gore melemo e le e, e gorogile. Fa re tlhola yone e, e le rileng e gorogile ga e yo kwa dipateleng, *then I will be worried, but* fa e le gore yone e re e begileng e gorogile, *then I would not be worried*. Gape *figures* e e tlang gotwe ke 40 *per cent* e *general*. *Like* ke supa, ARVs o ya go fitlhela e le gore tsone re na le bo 90 *per cent* *which is why* re *categorise* melemo ka bo *vital, essential* le bo *necessary* jalojalo ka gore *availability* ya teng e a farologana.

Ga re ise re nne le melemo yotlhe e re e batlang, *we are still working on it*. Melemo ya bo *hypertension*, selelo sa teng bongaka le balwetse mo kgaolong ba tshwanetse ba go bolelele gore mme fa gone re setse re bona *improvement*, tse dingwe mme di tlaa *improve* nako e ntse e tswetse. Ke tlaa go neela dipalo tse dingwe jaaka o ne o di kopa, ke na le tsone. Ke a leboga.

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.

MINISTER OF WATER AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT (MR RAMOGAPI): Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke go dumedise, re ntse re go tlhwaafaleitse. Ke dumedise le Motlotlegi Kitso Khan wa Molepolole North go bo a boditse dipotso tse di botlhokwa tsa batlhophi ba gagwe.

Mr Speaker, kgang ya Bonno re e tsaya ka maatlametlo kwa lephateng ka lebaka la gore ke nngwe e re dumelang thata gore re eletsang gore Motswana a nne le seriti, a nne le bonno mo godimo ga tlhogo ya gagwe. E bile gape Puso ya rona e itlamile ya re re batla go aga matlo a le 100 000.

BHC jaaka ke buile gangwe le gape mo Ntlong e e tlotlegang e, e bidiwa gotwe ke yone Single Housing Authority (SiHA). Ke yone fela e e nang le boikarabelo jotlhe jwa go aga matlo, ba bangwe ba re dirang, re aga, re ithusa e le gore ke mo go dirwang gotwe se tshwarwa ke ntša pedi ga se thata.

Mr Speaker, mma ke simolole ka gore tsamaiso kana tsela e re neng ra e dira, go ne ga bapadiwa mo go bidiwang gotwe ke *expression of interest*, mo babeelletsing ba ba farologaneng. Thulaganyo e, ya ngoka babeeletsi ba le bantsi fela thata ba ba eletsang gore ba re thuse ba re agele. Thulaganyo e *Mr Speaker*, e ne ya ngoka dikompone di le 223, ba ikopela kwa BHC ba re, re teng, re batla go le thusa re le agele, kana re tsene mo tshwaraganong le lona ka fa tlase ga Lenaneo la Bonno National Housing.

Mr Speaker, ka gore motlotlegi o ne a batla le dikompone gape, jaaka ke bua di 223, ke tse di fa, fa ke ka di balolola ke ka lala fa, go raya gore ke tlaa neela Motlotlegi Khan.

Sa bobedi o ne a batla go itse gore mme go ne ga salwa motlhala wa Policy ya Botswana Housing Corporation

sentle kana *Act*. *Mr Speaker*, BHC e dumela mo go direng dilo mo pontsheng le gore go nne le *accountable*, *fairness and value for money*. Go bona gore dilo tse di a diragadiwa, ba ne ba bona gore Botswana Housing Corporation Policy e salwa morago, go dirwa thulaganyo ya Expression of Interest (EoI), kana ope motlhala fela o o tsamaelanang le melawana ya theko. Jaaka ke buile *Mr Speaker*, dikompone di le 223 di ne tsa supa kgatlhego ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *they submitted*. Ga tsenwa mo thulaganyong e e faphegileng ya gore ba sekasekiwe, go dirisiwa melao ya theko le thekiso le *policy* e e lebaneng.

Mr Speaker, fa ke ya kwa pele, potso e e reng a mme gone *had the board already approved* bangwe go dira thulaganyo ya *infrastructure*? *Mr Speaker* go ntse jalo, *board had already approved* bangwe pele ga re kgaogana le bone, gore ba ka dira *infrastructure* ya kwa Kgale. *Mr Speaker*, ba fetsa tiro eo ba bo ba tlisa kwa *ministry* gore re bone gore e fetile ka tsamaiso e e lebaneng. Jaaka potso ya bone e bua gore, *Ministry wa Finance* wa dira jang, *did they approve* gore go nne le *concurrences and guarantees*. *Ministry wa Finance* rra le one wa ema ka dinao, wa re thusa *and approved* gore nnyaa, a go nne jalo, buisanang le batho le kgone gore le tsene mo thekong.

Kana kgang e e teng bagaetsho, e re tshwanetseng gore re e rere rotlhe re itse, re na le thulaganyo e re tsenang mo go yone le boradikompone, *not necessarily* gore re re nnyaa, re tlaa le neela mo gotweng ke *sovereign guarantee*, mme go na le metlhale e e leng gore fa re dumalana le boradikompone, re a bo re dumalana ka yone. Jaanong ka jalo...

MR SPEAKER: E soboke motlotlegi, e lebega e le telele thata.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ehe, ka go rialo *Mr Speaker*, ke e sobokile e wetse, ke fela gore ke tlhole tlhole fela. Ke ne ke lebeleba fela gore a mme go ka tswa go na le sengwe se se setseng. Ka bokhutshwanyane fela *Mr Speaker*, ba *Finance* ba re thusitse *and approved* mo gotweng ke *concurrence* kana go dumalana gore nnyaa, re buisane le batho ba dikompone tse di ikemetseng. Ka jalo, tiro e tswetse. Ke a go leboga motlotlegi.

MR KHAN: *Supplementary*. Ke lebogela karabo ya gago. Ke ne ke batla go itse thata ka o a re go dumalanwe, le setse le neetswe gore le tswetse. Ke batla go itse ka *implementation*, le ya go simolola leng *project* e?

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga motlotlegi. Motlotlegi, fa *Finance* e sena go nna e fetsa, jaaka e feditse jaana,

jaanong go tsena mo ditshekatshekong tsa dituelano gore fa go tlaa duelelwa jang, fa go tlaa dirwa jang, go dirwa *final agreement*. Pele fa re ka tsena mo tumalanong e e feletseng, ke gore re kope go rebolwa mo *Ministry wa Finance*, re se ka ra iphitlhela re tsentse lefatshe mo mathateng re sa rebolwa. Ke yone tsamaiso e e teng, mme fela jaaka ke bua, kgang e e setseng ke gore fela fa go fediwa tumalano e ya madi, e bo go ka simololwa, ka gore go setse go bonwe *investors* di le mmalwanyana tse di nang le kgatlhego. Ke a leboga.

MR SALESHANDO: *Further supplementary*. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke botse Tona gore, BHC *as the single housing authority*, mo dikgannyeng tse tsa Bonno Housing, a go na le nako epe *where you engaged* kompone epe *which was not cleared by BHC*? *Ministry* a o kile wa tsaya tshwetso epe, go tsaya konteraka epe gore e dire tiro *which was not cleared by BHC as the single housing authority*?

The second one, a go na le bape ba ba kileng ba se ka ba kgotsofatsa kana *those who failed to meet the requirements* tsa BHC, *but they were engaged*? Ke a leboga.

MR RAMOGAPI: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Moeteledipele wa Kganetso, Rraetsho Saleshando. Ga go na ope ka letsatsi lepe fa ke santse ke le *Minister*, yo o kileng a tla ya re BHC e sa sekaseka, *ministry* o bo o re nnyaa, rona re tla ka motho ke yo ra re tsenya ene. Tse tsotlhe tse di tla fela e le gore BHC e dira koo ka bo yone, ka gore BHC e le koporase kana *it is an entity that can sue and be sued* ka bo yone. Jaanong ga go na gope fa re herelelang teng, ka fa ke itseng ka teng fa ke sale ke nna Tona. Fa e le gore tseo di ka tswa di dirilwe, tseo di tlaabo di se ka fa molaong gotlhelele, e bile ke tlhapa diatla ke re, ga ke mo teng ka gore ga ke di itse.

Motlotlegi ka fa ke itseng ka teng, ga go na ope yo o reteletsweng, yo BHC e ne ya mo gana, rona ra mo tsenya. *Project* e go simologeng ga yone, fa ke simolola fela ke go tlhalosetsa sentle gore o tlhaloganye Leader of the Opposition (LOO), go na le kompone e gone kwa Kgale ka e *one* fela, e ne ya simolola tiro. Kompone e pele fa e simolola tiro, e ne ya tsenelela mo dipuisanong tse di tseneletseng le ba BHC, go fitlhelela ba BHC go sena go nna go simolodisiwa, ba bo ba re gakgamatsa ba re, "nnyaa, tota jaanong rona kompone e re bona gore o kare ga e kgone." Fa e le gore la rialo la reng, a la re le kgaogana le bone, "ee, re kgaogana le bone," nnyaa, mme fa go bua lona go siame kgaoganang le bone, mme akofang, dirang ka bonako le itse gore re batla bonno.



Ga go na ope yo o kileng a ya go betelela konteraka gore nnyaa, e tsenyeng, re le *ministry* ra rialo ka gore ga go na ope yo o nang le dithata tseo mo *ministry* wa rona. Ke a leboga *sir*:

MR MAPULANGA: *Procedure.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke bona *pace* e re tsamayang ka yone e le kwa tlasenyana thata, ke ne ke re gongwe ke ka sutisa gore Ntlo e e dumalane le nna gore gongwe re name re dirisitse Standing Order 130.1 go emisa ka nakwana Standing Order 40.7 gore re feleletse dipotso tse di setseng, *or before 4 o'clock* re bo re ema.

MR SPEAKER: Mathata ke *Bill*, le na le *Bill* e e mo *Second Reading*, jaanong e bile go ne go santse go eme ba se kaenyana fela. Jaanong jaaka o bona Order Paper le *addendum*, go raya gore fa le e fetsa le ya kwa *Committee*, e bo e le gone le yang kwa Ditsutisong.

So you have a choice, choice e le nang le yone ke gore batlotlegi le ka leba Standing Orders tsa lona, e bo e re fa le feditse *Bill*... mathata ke gore Matona ga ke dumele gore e tlaabo e... *but certainly we cannot move to suspend the Standing Order 40.7 now*, ka mabaka one a gore go na le *Bill*, a re feleletseng *Bill*. *Honourable Motaosane!*

MR MOTAOSANE: Thank you Mr Speaker. *Eish! potso e ga ke itse gore a e santse e le relevant, mme* let me just put the question, question number five.

DE BEERS TAX DEBT

MR P. K. MOTAOSANE (THAMAGAKUMAKWANE): asked the Minister of Finance to update this Honourable House on the main reason behind the Government's decision not to pursue the De Beers tax debt that was alleged to be in the region of P14 billion.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MR GAOLATHE): Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Motaosane.

Mr Speaker, the premise of the question is not supported by facts. There is actually no established or recognised tax debt in the magnitude alleged, nor is there any basis upon which it can be said that the Government has elected not to pursue a lawful liability.

Mr Speaker, the cardinal principle underpinning tax administration in all jurisdictions, including Botswana is that of tax payer confidentiality. The law obliges

Government to protect the tax affairs of all taxpayers without exception. This obligation applies with equal force to all irrespective of size of profile. It is particularly important to uphold this principle in this Honourable House as taxpayers who are not present here, cannot speak for themselves and are entitled to full protection of the law.

Mr Speaker, the approach preserves the integrity of the tax system, it protects the rights of taxpayers and ensures that all matters are handled fairly, consistently and in accordance with the rule of the law.

Mr Speaker, the administration of tax matters in Botswana is governed by clear legal principles. Tax liabilities arise only, and I say "only," where they are properly determined in terms of the law and then supported by evidence and where necessary, confirmed through due process. Absence of such determination, there is no lawful basis upon which any amount can be pursued or described as debt.

Mr Speaker, I therefore, wish to assure this Honourable House that Government does not and will not forgo any legitimate tax liability. Where a liability is lawfully established, it is pursued in full. Where it is not, it cannot be asserted or enforced outside the confines of law.

Finally, Mr Speaker, the importance of tax cannot be overemphasised and without it, the Government will not be able to discharge its duties of providing goods and services to its citizens. To this end, measures continue to be implemented that would afford this Government to improve revenue collection and similarly, improve the ratio of tax to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the current law of 13.4 per cent to a significantly higher percentage. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mothusa Tautona, ka o a itse gore kgang e e tswa kae, e tswa kwa nakong e go neng go na le dipuisanyo tsa *to renew* ditumalano fa gare ga lefatshe la Botswana le kompone ya De Beers, a o ka bua o papametse gore *during the negotiations, was there any dispute relating to tax due?* Kana kgang e tswa gone foo. Fa e le gore go ne go sena *dispute*, ga go na kgang. Fa e le gore go ne go na le *dispute*, Batswana would want to know how that dispute was resolved, because se o se rayang ke gore gone mme go feletse go sena *liability* e gotweng e teng? *Was there a dispute in the first place?*

MR GAOLATHE: Thank you Mr Speaker. I talked about verifiable tax as far as the tax authorities are concerned. If there is no verifiable tax obligation, then there is no basis on which you can say there is debt. In terms of confidentiality, *le lona fela jaaka le le fa* in Parliament, I cannot discuss your tax issues. It is there in the law. In fact, a violation of that confidentiality is a criminal offence in terms of the law.

MR SALESHANDO: Further supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Last one Leader of the Opposition.

MR SALESHANDO: But I have not been answered. My question is, was there a dispute between Botswana Government and De Beers during the negotiation of the renewal of the contract which related to tax? It is a simple yes or no, and I do not think that violates the tax laws in any way, and it adds to transparency which the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) always argued for when these contracts were being renewed, to say that Batswana deserve to know. I am asking for the same Batswana Your Honour. Was there a tax dispute between the negotiating parties, it is a yes or no?

MR GAOLATHE: Leader of the Opposition, anything relating to tax, I cannot disclose. As to what happened in negotiations, I do not think that I have the authority or anybody should be discussing what happened in the negotiations.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moneedi Bagaisamang, Member for Shoshong.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, what Honourable Mapulanga had requested, I looked at the time, we can only go to as far as half past three for questions, *fa le ka sutisa*.

BUSINESS MOTION

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MOHWASA): Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move in terms of Standing Order 130.1 for the suspension of Standing Order 40.7 to allow for question time to go up to half past three. I move accordingly Mr Speaker.

Question put and **agreed to**.

BAMB

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

- (i) Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) was operating profitably as at the end of December 2025 as announced by the President to the nation; and
- (ii) there had been any organisational strategic plan adopted by the Board pointing to possible profitability by December 2025, if the organisation remains loss making.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Mma ke go leboge Mr Speaker. Ke simolole pele ka gore potso e e ne ya botswa maloba, mme nna le Clerk re ne re sa dumalane ka sengwe, mme I cleared it. I want to clear it like that gore, e ka tswa e ne e tsene ka phatlha tsa menwana ka kwa lephateng. So, Clerk, you are cleared rra.*

- (i) As at end of December 2025, the Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) was not operating on a profitable basis.
- (ii) The strategy for BAMB to operate profitably was centred around the CAB Directive CAB 10A 2023 which directed on two key aspects: (i) That all imports or exports of maize and sorghum will be strictly regulated and (ii) That all harvested maize and sorghum grains by farmers subsidised by Government should be strictly sold to BAMB for storage, resale and redistribution for further processing in the value chain business.

Mr Speaker, as a sole aggregator for grain, BAMB projected to turnover about P1.5 billion in grain trading, with an estimated gross profit of about P500 million. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Kana Tautona o ne a ema fa pele ga setšhaba a dirisa mafoko a Sekgoa a re, "I declare and I decree." Ke a netefatsa, e bile ke a laela gore, e tlaare ka December 2025, Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board will be operating profitably. Se o se bolelelang Batswana ke gore, that declaration, that decree had no basis, it was false? E ne e se a true declaration, it was a false declaration or maybe a false prophecy if you wish. Le le Matona, a le ne le gakolotse Tautona gore tsamaya o ye go raya setšhaba se kana o ne a bua a sena kgakololo ya lona?*



Financial year ya Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board e wetse ka 31st March 2026. *As at 31st March 2026* jaanong re tsenya pasela ya dikgwedi tse tharo fa godimo ga *declaration* ya ga Tautona, *had it become true, was BAMB profitable at the end of the financial year, ka ya December yone was a false prophecy?*

DR DIKOLOTI: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Part 1 of the question, o tlaa ntshireletsa ka Standing Order se o se itseng, se se sa ntetleleleng gore ke ntshe maikutlo ame. Ke tsaya gore e tlhamaletse gore dipotso di arabiwa jang, e bile go botswa jang.*

Part 2 of the question Mr Speaker, boammaaruri jo bo leng teng ke gore Matona le Tautona ba a rera, targets tse di bewang, di bewa re le mmogo re bo re di dumalana.

Part 3 of the question, ga ke na bothata le fa Leader of the Opposition (LOO) a ka tsenya potso e ntšha, ke ka tla ka mo e senkela. Ke ne ke tlile ka dikarabo tsa tse a neng a di mpoditse fela. Ke a leboga.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, fa Tautona a bua ka BAMB, o bua ka wena, fa a go laela gore o tshwanetse gore o bo o dirile profit ka BAMB e ya gago e, go bo go sa diragale jalo, golo mo ga gago ke eng; insubordination kana ke eng? A ko o re tlhalosetse gone foo.*

Sa bobedi, ka gore le wena o a bua e bile o a rurifatsa gore le le Matona ke lona ba le gakololang Tautona gore a bo a ya go gasetsa setšhaba melaetsa ya mofuta o, *what was the basis of your advice le le Cabinet and the ministry* gore go nna profit mme go sa nna jalo?

MR SPEAKER: On account of Order 38.1 and 40.2, you may disregard the first question.

DR DIKOLOTI: O ntiretse tiro motlhofo *Mr Speaker*. Tota ya ntlha go ne go sena potso, mme ke dumela gore le ya bobedi *Mr Speaker*, fa o ne o e utlwa, tota go ne go sena potso, e ne e le kgang fela ya gore a bue fela ka fa a neng a bua ka teng. Ga go na potso mo go tsotlhe tse a di boditseng. Ke a leboga, *Mr Speaker*.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, o re sireletse, bogolo jang thata minority. Potso e ke e boditseng e tlhamaletse.*

MR SPEAKER: A ko o e botse gape ke e utlwe.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ke rile ka gore o rurifaditse gore ba le Matona a Puso ke bone ba ba gakololang Tautona gore a bo a felela a ya go dira *pronouncements* tse a di dirang mo setšhabeng, potso ke gore ke afe mabaka a

ba neng ba a dirisa go gakolola Tautona gore a felele a ya go bolelela setšhaba gore BAMB e tlaabo e dira dipotso ka nako e a neng a bua ka yone? Ke potso fela e e tlhamaletseng, ga ke itse gore fa a re ke a ikwadisa ... *(Interruptions)*... O rileng jaanong a emeletse ka dinao, *Mr Speaker*?

MR SPEAKER: Ga a ise a wele Tona.

DR GOBOTSWANG: Ga ke ise ke wele, nna fa fatshe. Go rileng kante ka wena? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke e arabile ke e bua ka Sekgoa. Ke buile ka *the model* o o neng o dirisiwa, o e leng gore re o dirisitse. O tlaa gakologelwa *Mr Speaker*, gore go na le *structures* tse di farologanyeng tsa *governance when it comes to State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs)*. Gape dikgang tsa *target, Mr Speaker*, nna ga ke itse mokgatlo ope, e bile ga ke itse motho ope yo o tshelang a se na *targets*. Ka July jaana re tswa ditlhophong tsa Botswana Congress Party (BCP), mongwe le mongwe wa bone o ne a na le *target* ya gore fa ke ka bona *delegates* tse kana, ke tlaabo ke fentse. Jaaka Lucas a sa kgona jaana, ga go molato. Ga re ka ke ra simolola re bolelela Lucas gore ga a kgona, o ne a ipeetse *target*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order! Mr speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *A re tsweleng, le ipeetse up to 3:30 p.m. use that time productively. I am not taking any procedures.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ao! *Honourable Pule*, ga ke a utlwala?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O utlwetse mongwame, mme kana o tshwanetse gore le rona o nne o re fa re latlhela tlhware legonnyana.

MR SPEAKER: *E le supplementary? A reye kwa Question 8.*

TEACHER AIDES AND CARE TAKERS

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

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



- (ii) if there is a difference in remuneration and conditions of service between those employed directly by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and those employed under the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs;
- (iii) whether her Ministry provides any form of assistance to these cadres, such as training opportunities, housing, or allowances, in recognition of their work demands and specialised roles; if so, what specific programmes or benefits are currently in place;
- (iv) what provisions exist for career progression from initial employment to promotion, including recognition of length of service; and
- (v) how her ministry ensures that these positions offer a clear pathway for professional growth and retention.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEPA): *Ke a leboga* Mr Speaker. *Ke leboge* Honourable Barongwang *ka potso ya gagwe*.

- (i) Mr Speaker, Teacher Aides and Care Takers have distinct roles within the school. The primary responsibility of a Teacher Aide is to support the teaching and learning process by assisting teachers with classroom instruction, preparing teaching materials, maintaining classroom records and providing support under the guidance of a qualified teacher. Their work is instructional in nature and directly contributes to the delivery of the school curriculum.

In contrast, the primary responsibility of a Care Taker is to provide care, supervision and personal support to learners, especially those who require assistance due to disabilities or special educational needs. Their duties include helping learners with feeding, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility and ensuring their safety and well-being throughout the school day. Care Takers do not participate in classroom instruction or curriculum delivery, as their role focuses on the welfare of the learners rather than education. The scope of work for Teacher Aides is centred on supporting educational activities and enhancing the teaching and learning environment, while the scope of work for Care Takers is focused on providing physical care, supervision and safeguarding the welfare of the learners. Mr Speaker,

Teacher Aides are placed on the B3/2 salary scale, while Care Takers are paid on the B5 salary scale. This difference is due to the fact that, to be appointed as a Teacher Aide, one must hold a Certificate in Early Childhood Education, whereas no formal qualification is required for Care Takers. Additionally, Care Takers are often family members or guardians of the learners who need assistance.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, there are no known differences in remuneration and conditions of service for these employees between those employed by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and those employed by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, at present, the ministry does not have dedicated training programmes for Teacher Aides and Care Takers, as training is currently accorded to other critical professional cadres within the ministry. Teacher Aides receive housing allowance in accordance with the provisions applicable to public officers at their respective salary scales. Similarly, both Teacher Aides and Care Takers are entitled to the general terms and conditions of service applicable to public servants. However, there are no additional allowances or benefits that are specifically provided to these cadres in recognition of the nature of their work.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, career progression for these cadres is governed by the public service recruitment and promotion policies. Officers who meet the prescribed qualifications, experience and competency requirements may compete for higher positions as and when vacancies arise. In addition, officers are encouraged to upgrade their qualifications through recognised institutions, thereby enhancing their eligibility for appointment to higher-level posts. Length of service alone does not constitute a basis for promotion. However, it is recognised as one of the factors considered together with qualifications, performance, experience and merit during recruitment and promotion processes, in accordance with the applicable public service.
- (v) Mr Speaker, the ministry promotes professional growth and staff retention by providing opportunities for continuous learning through training and development programmes, facilitating access to skills upgrading, ensuring fair and transparent recruitment and promotion processes,



and maintaining equitable conditions of service in line with Government policy.

- (vi) Mr Speaker, the ministry continues to review its human resource requirements and organisational structures to ensure that employees are appropriately utilised, supported and motivated, while creating opportunities for career advancement, where operational needs and approved establishment structures permit. As of now, there is no existing approved scheme of service for these cadres.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR BARONGWANG: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga, segolobogolo o bo o tlhalositse pharologanyo e e ntseng e ntsietsa. Tona, *are you aware that* go na le dingongora tse dintsi tsa go leka go farologanya se se solofetsweng mo *the teacher aide and the care taker*? Se ba le bantsi ba se itemogelang ke gore ba o reng ke *teacher aides* ba, ba na le bana ba *slow learners* mme ba iphitlhela le bone *supporting* bana ba ba tlhokang *attention* fela jaaka ba *care takers*. Golo moo go bo go tsala o kare go na le pharologanyo ya gore jaanong o dira tiro e e tsamaelanang le ya *care taker*.

Potso ya bobedi ke gore; a ga o bone go le bogolenyana, *a care taker is at B5* mme e bile o na le setlankana? Fa ke ne ke go reeditse sentle fa e le gore *I did not miss you, teacher aide* ene o kwa B2 or B3, mme e bile ene o kare ga a tlhokiwe setlankana sepe. A golo moo go raya gore ga go na bogolenyana jo bo tlhokang go baakanngwa? Ke a leboga.

MR HUNYEP: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Barongwang for that supplementary question. Maybe o fapaantse the last part jaana; teacher aide o na le qualification certificate, while a caretaker go kgonwa go tsewa fela gongwe e le a family member to come and assist, as long as go ka bonwa gore motho yo ke ene yo o mo tlhaloganyang, o ka mo thusa botoka. Goromente o kgona go hira motho yoo. Yoo o a thusa maybe go mo apesa, go mo sutlha kana le go nna sentle mo setilong; yoo ke caregiver. A teacher aide tota ke almost a teacher, o a thusa le go ruta in class, hence go tlhokiwa certificate mo go ene.*

The other part ya gore maybe the two cadres ba ka tswa ba confuse ditiro tsa bone. Fa gongwe go kgona go nna fortunate o fitlhela e le gore caregiver o tsene sekole sentle o na le dikitso, o kgona go dira le tiro ya teacher aide gongwe a thusa. Ene o a bo a hirilwe e le go tla e le

just a caregiver. As such, o ka nna wa fitlhela e le gore at the end of the day, fa gongwe o na le Diploma mme e le caregiver; teacher aide ene a na le certificate. Fa gongwe a bo a felela a re ke ka bo ke amogela jaaka motho yo, but the requirement is to give care and support that particular learner. I thank you Mr Speaker.

ABSORPTION OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS

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

- (i) the process that would be used to permanently absorb temporary teachers;
- (ii) whether those that worked for a long time as temporary teachers would be given preference over newer graduates;
- (iii) if she is aware that some posts held by temporary teachers are said to have “disappeared” in the Oracle system, such as the post for an English Teacher at Goshwe Junior Secondary School;
- (iv) plans to get back the posts that are no longer available because the Oracle system deleted them; and
- (v) if she is aware of the service disruption in schools where posts that are said to be “no longer available” remain unfilled.

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

Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke leboge Honourable Moalosi, Mopalamente wa kwa Nkange.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, the process that will be used to permanently absorb temporary teachers is the existing recruitment process applied by the ministry. Where vacant positions exist, eligible candidates will be considered in accordance with their year of graduation and the specific qualifications they possess. Appointments will be made based on the availability of vacancies and the staffing needs of schools.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, temporary teachers who have served for a longer period will not automatically be given preference solely based on their temporary service. Placement into permanent positions will continue to be guided by the established recruitment criteria, namely the year of graduation and the specific qualifications held by the candidates. Accordingly,

newer graduates will not be appointed ahead of older graduates within the same qualification cohort.

- (iii) Mr Speaker, the ministry is not aware of any teaching posts that have disappeared from the Oracle system. What occurs from time to time is the rationalisation and redistribution of teaching positions to schools where they are most needed, taking into account changes in learner enrolment, curriculum requirements and overall staffing needs.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, there are no teaching posts that have been deleted by the Oracle system requiring restoration. The Oracle system is a Human Resource Management tool and does not create or abolish established positions. In the next financial year, the ministry has secured 800 entry-level teaching positions on the C-Band salary scale. These positions will be allocated to schools based on staffing requirements, learner enrolment and identified service delivery needs. Although these positions will not fully address the current demand, they are expected to significantly reduce the number of temporary teachers.
- (v) Mr Speaker, the ministry is aware that vacancies in some schools may affect the smooth delivery of teaching and learning. To minimise service disruption, temporary teachers are engaged where necessary while the ministry continues to allocate available permanent positions to schools with the greatest need. The ministry remains committed to ensuring that schools are adequately staffed within the available establishment and budgetary resources. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOALOSI: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker.* Ke go leboqe *Honourable Hunyepa.* Ke botse ka gore fa Puso e ya lona e tsena, *temporary teachers* ba ne ba kile ba *protest*, la ba solofetsa gore le tlaa dira ditiro. *Minister* o ne a araba potso mo Palamenteng a bua gore *there is stakeholder engagement that you are doing* go leka go bona *posts.* A mme o ka re bolelela gore *so far, apart from 800* yo o buile ka ene, *are you looking at the wider problem* ya gore *teachers* ga ba bereke mme *posts* di le teng di sa tladiwe mo dikoleng? *Plan* ya lona foo ke eng?

Sa bobedi *Honourable Speaker,* ngwaga le ngwaga fa o simolola, *ministry* o diega go hira *temporary teachers.*

Go bo go raya gore bana ba nna bo *three weeks, four weeks,* gongwe *term* yotlhe ya ntlha go sena morutabana. A selo seo ga le bone se *affect* maduo? *Why can you not plan* ka gore le tshwanetse go itse gore go na le *vacancies* tse di kae, batho ba ba seyong mo ditirong ba kae? *Can you not plan* gore fa dikole di bulwa, le bo le setse le hirile batho? A selo seo se a bo se dirwa ke gore le a bo le batla go fokotsa dikgwedi tsa go duela batho go dirwa ke *budget,* kana le a bo le dirwa fela ke gore gongwe le palelwa ke tiro e re le e romileng?

Potso ya boraro ke gore, fa ke ne ke bua ka Oracle, ke ne ke bua ka *a specific position* e ke neng ke re ya morutabana wa Sekgoa kwa Goshwe. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re gongwe o tlaa bua gore *position* ya teng ke eng e seyo ka gore Goshwe e na le *classes* tse *eight; two* tsa ma-Form 1, *two* tsa ma-Form 2, *two* tsa ma-Form 3 mme morutabana wa Sekgoa o mongwefela. Go raya gore fa morutabana wa Sekgoa a le mongwefela jaana, o tshwanetse gore fa *ma-temporary* ba ise ba tle, o lebagana le *classes* tse *eight* tseo a le mongwefela. Ke ne ke ithaya ke re ka gore ke ne ke buile *specifically* ke ntshitse *example,* gongwe o tlaa bua gore *post* ya morutabana wa Sekgoa kwa Goshwe e ile kae. *Was it taken while rationalising?* Jaaka o ne o bua, fa le dira *rationalisation,* le tsaya *post* mme le ntse le bona *need,* a golo moo ga go supe gore gongwe le batla go busetsa bana ba Goshwe kwa morago? *Currently, what is the status of that post?* A le setse le hirile *a substantive teacher?* Kana *post* ya teng e santse e seyo, go raya gore le dirisa *temporary employees* fela? Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.*

MR HUNYEPA: Thank you Honourable Moalosi for those supplementary questions. Like I stated, there is rationalisation. Because now you are stating even the number of classes which were not initially put in your question, the response we got was that the classes in that particular school have got enough teachers to handle them. You know, we will follow it further like you are insisting.

The beginning of term like you stated, *o fitlhela e le gore re a bo re ntse re itse gore barutabana ba a tlhela mme bana ba felela ba simolola sekole go se na barutabana. Bana ba felela ba latlhegelwa ke nako ba sa rutwe, go sena barutabana.* I agree with you *gore tota fa go sena barutabana,* obviously students will be left behind. This is not the right thing. We keep on following. We ask for the school readiness reports before *dikole di bulwa re botsa* regions *gore* what is the status *mo dikoleng,* do we have enough teachers. Usually we get reports *tsa gore*



everything is fine. We may have maybe missed one or two schools. I will follow it up and it is not supposed to be like that. *Bana ba sekole go tshwanetse gore e re dikole di bulwa, ba fitlhele barutabana ba le teng gore ba tle ba kgone go ruta bana bao.* Some of these things, *tota* we still have some serious challenges that we are facing but we are trying to correct this. I would like to thank you once more for raising this. I will also make a further follow-up to your concerns.

Gore re ne re buile ka plan ya temporary teachers gore we are going to employ them, yes, *tota* we have that desire to employ almost all of them. As we speak, we have got more than 6000 temporary teachers and about 3000 have been employed as we speak. You can see *gore* more 3000 are already in the streets. What we can afford to employ as it is right now, *ke bone ba e leng gore* budget *ya teng e re neela barutabana ba le 800* that can be employed for now. The intention is to absorb all these teachers. It is a concern *gore* like you have stated, we still have some schools going without teachers and we will have to correct this as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

PROCUREMENT AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

MR P. M. MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (i) if his Ministry has a specific quota or framework to promote local economic empowerment through procurement at correctional facilities; and if so,
- (ii) to state the procurement opportunities that are reserved for local businesses and citizen owned companies in Kanye and surrounding areas for the supply of goods and services to Kanye Prisons Department.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR NYATANGA): Good afternoon Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, I need to state that the Public Procurement Act of 2021 and other related Directives in the ministry serve as guiding principles that are followed by procuring entities within our facilities. These principles do promote local empowerment. Furthermore, Mr Speaker, all procurement of supplies and services must be from citizen companies and in certain instances, we give priority to women and youth. Procurement of supplies and services are subject to the Act that I have just referred to and the Directives.

Mr Speaker, the policy principles on procurement provides a sufficient framework to promote local economic empowerment. Therefore, there is no specialised framework that applies to the prisons.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, in line with procurement principles that are stated above, there are opportunities for local businesses and citizen-owned companies in Kanye and surrounding areas for the supply of goods and services to the facility at our prisons.

I need to indicate that Kanye Prison buys food items and domestic supplies from local businesses. It is on record to state that there are currently eight companies that operate within the district and all these companies were recommended to supply and deliver food items for a period of 24 months. I must also state Mr Speaker, that the tenders are awarded in lots. As we speak, there are 18 procurement activities where the facilities were procured from these companies that I have just made reference to.

In addition to this Mr Speaker, I would also need to state that to promote inclusion, Botswana Prison Service has leased a total of about 11 housing units from Kanye residents and these housing units provide accommodation. The whole intent is to empower the local business people and the local residents. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR MOSANANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke go leboga Tona ka karabo eo. Ka e o e arabile, *what about ka overcrowding? Are you aware gore prison ya Kanye e e lekaneng to house 129 prisoners is housing more than 200? A go na le thulaganyo nngwe ya gore gongwe prison eo ya Kanye should be upgraded to accommodate all the prisoners mo seemong se se siameng sa setho go se overcrowded like go ntse gompiano? Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: O kare ga e tsamaelane le Order 40.2.

MR NYATANGA: Mr Speaker, *e ntšha.* Ga se e e leng gore e ne e le mo dipotsong tse e leng gore o ne a di boditse. *Mme ka gore* the information is at my fingertips, *ke ka mmolelela fela gore* I am aware *gore* there is currently overcrowding in Kanye Prison. I must state *gore ga se* Kanye Prison *fela.* We are currently sitting above holding capacity in our prisons at 3.2 per cent. You see, the dynamics here are very interesting because it is not something we have got control over. Prisons *ka fa di ntseng ka teng,* they receive *batho ba e leng gore* they have been committed to prison *ba dirile*

melato. I think we have got a responsibility as leaders in this House, *Rre Mosanana* included *gore* we need to engage our people and also identify other alternative measures to imprisonment. For sure *ka fa go ntseng ka teng, dikgolegelo tsa rona di tletse. O tlaa lemoga gore kana go raya gore ke batho ba ba dirileng melato*. We need to do a lot in terms of public awareness, public education so that we encourage spirit where our citizens act in line with what we expect from them Mr Speaker. Thank you very much.

CARETAKER ALLOWANCE

MR J. J. FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): asked the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education:

- (i) if she is aware that parents of children with disabilities have to be physically present in the school to assist with their children's welfare; and
- (ii) whether there is a caretaker allowance since the parents have to leave work and attend to the welfare of the children on a daily basis; if not, will her Ministry consider introducing this allowance.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF CHILD WELFARE AND BASIC EDUCATION (MR HUNYEP): Thank you Mr Speaker. *Ke leboga Honourable Frenzel, Mopalamente wa Shashe West* for the question.

- (i) Mr Speaker, learners with disabilities constitute a heterogenous group with varied and individualised needs. Each learner is therefore, assessed and supported on an individual basis through a multi-disciplinary approach that determines the precise nature and level of support required.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, the ministry provides care and support services to learners with disabilities. Where learners present with high support needs that necessitates assistance with activities of daily living and intimate care (including support to go to the toilet), the ministry recruits support personnel including caretakers to provide that assistance within the school setting.

In exceptional cases, and strictly on the basis of the peculiar needs of the individual child, a parent or a trusted close relative or guardian may be assessed as suitable for recruitment as a caretaker. In such instances, the parent or relative is employed as a caretaker is required to abide by the applicable job description and recruitment conditions of service and receives the

salary attached to the caretaker post, a B5 salary scale which is P49,164 per annum and a housing allowance of P798.80 and makes P4,097 per month. The parent or relative is fully engaged in the processes and consent to being recruited to render the care. That is the response Mr Speaker. Thank you.

MR FRENZEL: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga *Honourable Minister* ka karabo eo. *I supplement* fa o neng o supa gore go na le sengwe se le se neelang ba ba tlhokomelang bana ba banalebogole. Ke batla go itse gore ba a bong ba tlhokana le thuso, mme ba sena *caretakers* re ba dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Ba ba senang *caretakers*, mme ba tshwanelwa ke gore ba ye kwa sekoleng, a ga re bone re rontsha bana bao tshwanelo ya gore ba ye kwa sekoleng? Re ya go dira jang ba ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba bo ba ne ba na le *caretakers* gore ba bo ba tsamaya ba ya sekoleng?

Dikole tse di senang *classrooms* tse ngwana a tshwanetseng gore a bo a ka tsena sentle mo go tsone, re dira jang *to accommodate them* re le *ministry* go bona gore bana botlhe ba ba nang le bogole ba bona se se tshwanelang ngwana mongwe le mongwe? Ke batla go itse gore le dira jang ka gore bontsi jwa bana ba ba nang le bogole ba buseditse kwa morago ka mabaka a? Ba iphitlhela ba ntse ka lebaka la gore *allowances* tse o ya go fitlhela e le gore go neelwa ngwana yo o tlhokomelang, ga a bone tshwanelo eo ka mabaka a mantsi a e kareng ke a bua ra tlhola gone fa. Ke tsaya ke re o ntsware fa ke lehang *to supplement* teng. *Thank you, Honourable Speaker.*

MR HUNYEP: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a go leboga *Honourable Frenzel* for the supplementary questions. *The last part* tota ke ne ke ithaya ke re ke ne ke e arabile *as well whereby we spoke of inclusive education, as per inclusive Education Policy* ya 2011 and the Revised National Policy on Education (RNPE) ya 1994. *We also have the Sustainable Development Goals* I think ke goal number 4, e e buang ka *inclusive education. Even the UDC Manifesto* re a tlhalosa fela gore *no child should be left out, irrespective of his or her status*, kana ke ngwana yo o tswang kwa tennyanteng, yo o nang le bogole, wa mohumi kana yo o mo seemong se se ntseng jang.

Even the school environment, that is why le gompieno e re dikole di agiwa, *we make sure that the facilities are supposed to be user-friendly to cater for banalebogole* gore ba tle ba kgone go tsena sekole go ntse jalo. Ke tiro e e dirwang ke *council*.



Ke tlhalose gape potso e nngwe e o neng o bua ka yone ya gore bana ba bangwe ba ba senang *caregivers* go dirwa eng ka bone; *I thought* o ne o bua *something to that effect*. Kana sekole se a hira, fela fa go na le banalebogole ba ba ntseng jalo, go na le *positions* tse pedi. Tota potso ya gago e ratile go tsamaelana le ya ga Honourable Barongwang. Go na le *teacher aids* ba ba thusang *maybe* jaaka a ne a bua a re *slow learners* or those who are disadvantaged ka gore we have mixed ability students. So, the teacher aides ba a thusa ka go ruta le to support in terms of teaching.

There is another group e ba tlhokang banalebogole especially gongwe a sa kgone go itsamaisa, a tsamaya ka wheelchair; a sa kgone go tshwara pene sentle kana a tlhoka go nna a sutlhiwa jalojalo. *Those* ba hirelwa caregivers, and these are the people ba e leng gore each and every school fa go na le ngwana yo o ntseng jalo, go tshwanetse gore go hirwe. Fa go sa diragale jalo, we expect batsadi or the school to raise this issue with the authorities in this instance a le kwa primary, le khansale. Khansale is a must gore ba hire motho yo e leng gore is going to give care to ngwana yo o ntseng jalo gore a tle a kgone go thusiwa. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: *Le bebetse nako gakere?*

RADP AID IN LOLOGANE AND KWENENG SETTLEMENTS

MR T. BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): asked the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to state programmes that are:

- (i) strictly for Remote Area Development Programme (RADP) villages and settlements; and
- (ii) already enjoyed by Leologane and Kweneng Settlements in the Lentsweletau-Lephepe Constituency; and if there are shortfalls, how he intends to address them.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the Honourable Member for Lentsweletau-Lephepe, Honourable Bogatsu for the question.

- (i) Mr Speaker, through the affirmative action programme under the Remote Area Development Programme (RADP), Government facilitates

and closely monitors the participation of remote areas communities and national development programmes while fast-tracking interventions to maximise the benefits derived from these initiatives. Key interventions facilitating include access to land allocation, employment opportunities, tertiary education and accommodation for primary schools learners through Remote Area Development (RADs) hotels.

- (ii) Mr Speaker, the following are programmes enjoyed by Leologane and Kweneng settlements in the Lentsweletau-Lephepe Constituency:

In Leologane settlement, 260 beneficiaries are being assisted in 2026, through the Primary School Accommodation Programme. The main challenge experienced under the programme is learner behavior, including incidents of bullying. To address this, psychological support interventions have been implemented, with the involvement of key stakeholders, including Botswana Defence Force (BDF), Ministry of Youth and Gender.

The Tertiary Education Programme, in 2025/2026 financial year, assisted 14 beneficiaries. The Brigade Programme has assisted seven beneficiaries while the Under-Graduate and Tertiary Brigades Programme has assisted a further 14 beneficiaries. The Remote Area Development Programme (RADP) Housing Programme (2021-2025) has provided housing assistance to 10 beneficiaries. In addition, the Formal Employment Programme has assisted 66 beneficiaries. From 2013 to 2026, the Temporary Employment Programme assisted 23 beneficiaries. The RADP Livestock Programme assisted 96 beneficiaries while the Cooperatives Programme assisted two beneficiaries.

Mr Speaker, in Kweneng Settlement, one beneficiary has been assisted through the Tertiary Programme during 2025/2026 Financial Year, while six beneficiaries were assisted under the Brigade Programme. The Graduates and Tertiary Brigades Programme, assisted eight beneficiaries during the year 2025/2026, while eight other beneficiaries were assisted under RADP Housing Programme. In addition, the Formal Employment Programme has assisted 40 beneficiaries since 2013 to date (2026).

The Temporary Employment Programme has assisted 19 beneficiaries from 2013 to 2026, while Cooperatives Programme has assisted two beneficiaries. Furthermore,



the RADP Livestock Programme, has assisted 85 beneficiaries - 2013 to 2016.

Mr Speaker, Government remains committed to strengthening the implementation of the Remote Area Development Programme through enhanced inter-ministerial coordination, improved monitoring and evaluation, targeted resource allocation, and increased community participation. These efforts are intended to ensure that remote area communities fully benefit from national development programmes and that no one is left behind. I thank you.

MR BOGATSU: *Supplementary.* Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke a go leboga Tona. O ka re e ka bo e arabilwe ka Setswana le fa ke e boditse ka Sekgoa, ke tla reng, ke go itlhoboga fela.

Fa o e leba go ya kwa tlase ke ne ke re go buiwe ka mo e ka reng ke *shortfalls* tse gongwe ga go a diragala, mme go ka bo go diragetse. Ka nna mogopolo wa me o nthaya o re, RADP *they qualify for the farms*, mme ga ke a utlwa gope o bua ka *farm*.

O buile ka ya *formal employment*; ke botse jaana gore kana go na le ya *tendering*, o tle o e arabe Tona. Dikgang tsa bo go apaya borotho jo bo apewang kwa dikoleng, kana ke yone *form* ya *employment* e e ke nnang ka kwa. Le dira go le kae go bona gore *tenders* tsa mofuta oo tsa *to empower* batho bone ba dikgaolo tse di kwa teng, gore e nne bone ba ba tsenang mo mananeong ao a go apeela bana ba dikole borotho, gore go se ka ga tsewa batho ba ba tswang teng? Le thiba go le kae gore batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ga bone bo Leologane le Kweneng, e se ka ya nna bone ba ba nnang ba fenyang *tenders* tsa go apeela bana ba dikole tsa koo borotho? Ke a leboga.

MR MOSWAANE: *Thank you* Rraetsho Bogatsu. Mma ke tlhomamisa gore sepe se o lopang mo thulaganyong e, Puso ya letsatsi la gompiano e tlhomame thata mo go tlhomamiseng gore batho ba lona ba neelwa dithuso tse di maleba, jaaka o akanya o bua ka gore ba tshwanetse gore ba ka neelwa le *farms* go ka itirela fela jalo. Ke thulaganyo e ke tsayang ke re, rotlhe re le Puso gammogo le boeteledipele mo kgaolong, re tshwanetse ra tsepama go bona gore dikopo tsa bone di a diragadiwa, e bile le thusa ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Rraetsho, o buile thata ka *issue* ya *formal employment*, mme ke ka go tlhalosetsa gore ke arabile potso ya gago ke lebeletse go tswa kwa di tswang teng, go tsweng kwa Puso e kgologolo go tla go tsena jaana. Ke ka go raya ke re, ga se gore se ke se arabileng fa ke se ke se

kgotsofalelang, mme ke ne ke go neela boammaaruri jwa se se diragatseng. Go a tlhokega gore Puso ya letsatsi mo nakong ya gompiano, e gatele fa godimo go bona gore batho ba gago ba a thusiwa fela ka tshwanelo.

Kgang e nngwe e o e buileng ke ya ditsamaiso tsa gore ba thusiwe ka go bona *tenders* tsa *to supply*, bogolo jang mo *primary schools* le mo madirelong mangwe a Puso. Ke maitlamo a Puso ya gompiano gore batho bao ba ka bona thuso e e maleba. Jaaka ke buile, ke batla gore re itebaganye thata le ba ba maleba kwa dikgaolong tsa rona go tlhomamisa gore selo se se a diragala. Fa se sa diragale le re itsise, re kgone go tsewedisa go bona gore batho ba ba bona thuso nngwe. Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, fa ke lebeletse nako e e le saletseng ya dipotso, ke bona gore ga go na potso e e ka arabiwang mo metsotsong e mebedi. Jaanong go raya gore a re yeng *to the Bill*.

GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 (NO. 15 OF 2026)

Second Reading (Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: Order! Honourable Members. The debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Morolong was on the floor debating, and is left with 4 minutes and 7 seconds. Please note that for Second Reading, I will call the mover to reply to the debate just about 20 minutes before the 2 hours elapse. So, we are left with 2 hours.

MR MOROLONG (KGATLENG CENTRAL): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke santse maabane fa ke tlhalosa kgang ya dingwaga, gore ga ke dumalane le Motlotlegi Tona mo kopong ya gagwe ya gore gongwe re fokotse dingwaga go ya kwa go 18. Ke supa gore kgang e ya *consent*, re tshwanetse go e leba sešha. Ka nako ya fa Goromente a fokotsa dingwaga *from 21 to 18*, go ne go siame *Mr Speaker*, ka gore nako eo batho ba ne ba sa lekane le gompiano. Bana gompiano ba bannye. Sekai fela fa o lebelela bana ba ba tsenang kwa *University* ya Botswana, ga go kgakala mo dingwageng tse pedi tse tharo, re tlaabo re nna le komiti ya batsadi le barutabana mo dikoleng tse ditona tse di tshwanang le tseo. Bana ba ba tsenang mo dikoleng tseo ba bannye, bana gompiano fela bagaetsho ba bannye. Ke dumela gore kgang ya dingwaga tota re tshwanetse gore re berekeleng kwa dingwageng tsa 21, e nne tsone dingwaga tse e leng tsa *consent* mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Kgang e ke tsaya



gore ga e ame kgang ya *gambling* fela, e tla ama dikgang tse dintsi. Bana ba bannye bagaetsho, bana gompiano ga ba gole ka *size* e rileng. Le fa go ka twe ngwana o 21, o tllile go ganetsa gongwe o mo lebeletse ka matlho le ka fa gongwe a lebang botshelo ka teng. O a bo a santse a le monnyennyane thata.

Go na le mafatshe a a dirang sentle mo kgannyeng ya *gambling*, ka gore ba na le *controls which are in place* jaaka lefatshe la Singapore. A na le *access control*, tse ke sa itseng gore *Minister* o ipaakantse go le kae gore nne le diemo tseo. Gone go laola gore mo dikgwebong tsa mofuta oo, ga go tsene ba re reng ga ba a tshwanela go tsena teng. *Financial institutions* le makgotlatshekelo a mafatshe a tshwanang le Singapore, ba na le seabe sa gore re tsere tshwetso ya gore Rre Morolong a se ka a tsena mo madirelong ao. Le one malwapa a na le seabe sa gore, wa rona jaanong re dumela gore ga a sa tlhole a *gamble* gotlholele, ga re mo letlelele. Ke kopa gore *Minister* le wena leba ditsamaiso tseo, kopa mo mafatsheng a tshwana le Singapore gore a dira dilo jang tse e ka reng kamoso ra tswelala ka thulaganyo e ke sa e rateng e ya *gambling*. Ya direla bontle jo ke neng ke utlwa Mapalamente fa maabane ba bo boka, ba supa gore *gambling* ke selo se sentle thata, se se siameng.

Ke ratile mafoko a gago a o reng, o tla fa pele ga rona tota o leka gore go nne le tsamaelano le melao e mengwe ya Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), go nne le *compliance*. Tota fa motho a bua mafoko a *to comply*, ga go na jaaka re ka mo gana. Ke sone se o utlwileng ke re ke tlaa dumalana le kopo ya gago, fela ka gore o bua ka *compliance* ka ditsela tse di siameng. Fa tiro e tona ya rona ke go dira melao ya tshiamo, ke kgang e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa rona tsa Palamente a tswang kgakala a e bua, ya gore re le Mapalamente, tiro ya rona ke go tla ka melao e e siametseng lefatshe la rona la Botswana, ka jalo kopo ya gago le yone e tla ka tsela eo. Fa selo se siametse lefatshe e le melao e re e direlang tshiamo mo lefatsheng la rona, ke tlaa dumela. O jaaka ke tlhalositse ke o dumela fela ka gore tota o tswa kgakala o ntse o dumalanwe, o le teng. Ke tsaya gore *I made my position clear*. Ke re ke go ema nokeng rra, ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR LEKAU (MOGODITSHANE WEST): Tla ke eme fa le nna ke dumalane le molao o wa *gambling*. E re ke dumalana le one jaana, ke na le *some reservations* tsa gore ga ke dumalane le gore dingwaga tsa bana di fokotswe di tle kwa go 18, ke matshwenyego fela a matona. Fa o lebelela le Gambling Authority nako e

neng e tletswe ke moya o o boitshepo ya go dira *survey* e tlhola gore seemo se ntse jang, *from their report* e go bolelela gore, fa e tsaya *bracket* ya batho ba ba dingwaga tse 21 to 29, a bo ba tsaya 40 to 49, 65 to bagodi, o tlaa lemoga gore *on their list*, batho ba ba kwa godimo ba ba amiwang thata le malwapa a bone ke *gambling*, ke ba ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase tsa 21 to 29, ka *about 7 per cent*. Mo go raya gore fa o lebelela mo bathong ba *age* eo, ba amiwa *almost 7 per cent*, ke palo e e kwa godimo thata. Mafatshe fa a re a amilwe ke *gambling*, a bua ka bo *one point something per cent, not seven*. Mme fa e le gore re ya go boa *dropping* ka *bracket and drop to 18*, mme e bile re lebelela *population* ya Botswana gore bontsi jwa batho ba ba mo Botswana ke bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase, go raya gore re boa re oketsa *bracket* e gore e oketsege *from seven*. So mafatshe le fa a ka re leba, a tlaabo a re leba re le lefatshe le e kareng ga re rekegele bana.

Ke batla go supa gore, go na le gore e bo e re *when we compare*, a bo re re, ntlha ngwana yo o 18 o go tlhophile, o go tlisitse mo Palamenteng, go tlhophi ga go *addictive*, ga go tlhophiwe letsatsi le letsatsi.

DR DOW: Clarification. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke go reeditse ka tlhwaafalo, a se o se buang ke gone gore, kana *gambling generally, I expect you to gamble* madi a a setseng, e seng a o tllileng go a ja. Tota fa re na le *high level of unemployment* jaaka re ntse jaana, e bile bana ba re buang ka bone ba e leng gore 37 per cent ya bone *are unemployed, what are they gambling* tota? Ke dumalana le wena gore tota...e bile gongwe re ne re ka e tsholetsa gona le gore re e fokotse. A o a rialo?

MR LEKAU: O nkutlwile pila Mokgatla, ka rialo, gore, kana *when you gamble, you do that* o duetse *rent*, o dueletse bana *school fees*, o dueletse bana eng. E bo e re madi a a salang, ke one a o yang ka one kwa mataeseng. Fa o bua ka motho gore a ye go tshameka mataese a ise a ko a nne le madi, o ya go tsaya kae madi a mataese? Golo mo ka bo gone, ke gone mo go tlaabong go gakatsa kutlobotlhoko. Fa o ka reetsa gore fa motho a ka nna le *stress* se se ntsi dilo tsa ntlha tse a di akanyang go di dira ke gore, ke ka nna ka ya kwa bojalweng gore ke ye go ntsha *stress*, ke ka nna ka ya kwa mataeseng. Mme kana jaaka ke ne ke supa gore, re se ka ra supa gore mataese a re a tshamekang a, ngwana yo o 18 ka gore o a tlhophi, go raya gore *they qualify for* mataese. Ke ne ke supa gore, go tlhophi jaaka ba tlhophile ka 2024 jaana, ba ya go boa gape ba ya go tlhophi gape ka 2029. Ga go mo mading a bone gore ba ka tlhophi letsatsi le

letsatsi. E bile fa ba fetsa go tlhophha gape, gore jaanong go tsamaya jang, go salela yo o tlhophilweng, mme *when you gamble* fa o sena go tsenya madi, fa o jewa go salela wena *gambling* gone foo gape, gore o akanye go tsenya a mangwe gongwe o tlaa bona sengwe. Jaanong golo mo, tota e a bo e le go gogela bana mo thaelong e e leng gore ga se mo ba ka tlholang ba tswa mo teng.

Le gone ke supe gore le fa e le bone ba gotweng ke ba manyalo, fa o nyalwa o le 18, molao wa Botswana wa re o ka nyalwa o le 18, mme *with a consent* ya motsadi wa gago. Go go supegets a gore fa re ntse re atumela dilo tse dingwe gore o di dire, le fa o le 18 o tlhokana le gore o bo o fatlhogile go le botokanyana. E seng gore o le 18 a bo gotwe o ka tsenelela manyalo, wa dira dilo tsa *gambling*. Ke dumalana le gore konteraka a bo e le teng, mme ga go mo mading mo dikonterakeng tse dingwe tse batho ba di dirisang.

Ke batla go supa gape gore 18 years, ke bua ka bana ba e leng gore ba bangwe gongwe ga a ise ko a nne le *account, but we are having* Account Maintenance Fee (AMF) ba ba tshwanetseng *to control* gore madi a ga go na gope kwa a dirisiwang teng ka borukutlhi. Jaanong ngwana yo o ya *to be traced* jang a sena *account, track record* ya gore ke mogwebi kana o na le sengwe? E bile fa re ne re bua re re 18 fa e le gore o a bereka, e seng 18 fela go le lepero jalo, e bo e le gore re ya go tsaya mongwe le mongwe re mo tsenya mo go 18 gore *they can gamble*. Ke re golo mo, *by lowering this age* go ka re bakela mathata a e tlaa reng fa re tswa mo Palamenteng fa gongwe *we would have created society* e nngwe e e leng gore kwa ntle kwa ke mataese fela, ga go na leano le lengwe la go ka itshetsa.

MR BARONGWANG: *Clarification.* Ke a go utlwa mokaulengwe. Ke dumela gore o *Chairman* ya komiti e e lebagang le *Bill* e. Fa le le mo dipatlisisong kana *being briefed*, bo mmantswitswidi ba *policies* e leng Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) *when they advise you* ka kgang e ya dingwaga ba reng, a ba a dumalana kana ba a ganana, mme fa ba ganana, mabaka a bone ke eng, e bile a go supafala gongwe ba kile ba buisana le beng ba *Bill*? Ke a leboga.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga. Kana e bile batho gongwe ga ba itse gore ke eme fa ke le mogolwane wa Komiti e ya *Finance and Trade*, ke le *Chairman*. E bile ke supe gape gore, batho ba BIDPA ba e leng gore ke lephata la Puso le e leng gore *it designs* kana *develops a policy* for sepe se e leng gore ke *Bill* e e tlang mo Botswana, ba supile gore ba ne ba kopana le batho ba Gambling

Authority, ba dumalana le bone gore go tle *policy* pele, go se ka ga tla *Bill* pele. E bile *position* ya bone e le gore, dingwaga tsa 18 years di se ka tsa bo tsa tsenngwa, *at least maintain* tsa 21. Ka mabaka a gore, le fa ba tshwere *records from International Bodies*, di supa gore *the age of 18 and below* e risk, mme e bile *benefits* tsa teng *are short-lived*, mo go rayang gore, ke *market* o re o lebileng *and we have to choose between* gore a re batla go dira madi kana re batla go lebelela *the social aspect* ya gore re nne le tšhaba e e ntseng jang kana re batla go dira *profit* ka bokete.

Lebaka le lengwe le le neng le buiwa ke mongwe yo o neng a re thusa fa a tlele *to brief us* a re, Puso *loses* madi *that is not taxed*. Jaanong go raya gore re batla go ngakalala gore re direle Puso madi *at the expense* ya bana ba ba 18. Jaanong golo moo ga ke batle go dumalana le gone.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe. Ke utlwa gore o tseneletse mo dikgannyeng tsa gago. Ke ne ke re o fete ka... ke na le mathata le gore, a mme go na le *evidence* e e supang gore bana ba dingwaga tse o di buang tseo ke bone ba ba tshabelelwang ke *addiction* ya se re buang ka sone? Fa e le gore go na le dipatlisiso tse di rialong, a ko o re thuse ka tsone re tle re kgone go tsaya tshwetso sentle.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga. Kana fa o bua le *Chairman*, ga re o ikele tlhoko ka gore o a bo a tshwere *statistics*. *Chairman* fa o tshwere *a dialogue* ya BIDPA e ba neng ba e neela ba Gambling Authority *with statistics* tse di tswang kwa World Health Organisation (WHO), di ba tlhalosetsa gore ga re ka ke ra dira jaana le jaana, ka mabaka a. *The reason why* Gambling Authority *ducked them* mo tseleng e bo e ba tlogela e tla ka *ministry* fela le Gambling Authority, ke gore ba ne ba sa dumalane le gore a re direng *policy, because policy would inform* gore *Bill* e tle e re 21. Jaanong fa re batla go dumalana le gore golo mo go ka diragala, ke batla go supa gore ga ke yo mo teng mo go ya ngwana yo o 18, segolo jang fa re bua ka *Bill* e. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND ARTS (MR KELEBENG): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Le nna ke tle ke eme fa go ema nokeng *Bill* e ya ga *Honourable Ntsima* ya Gambling (Amendment) Bill.

Sa ntlha ke supe gore ke dumalana le yone ya go fokotsa dingwaga gore di tswe kwa go 21 di ye kwa go 18, fela jaaka re fokoditse dingwaga mo go tsa ditlhopho, tsa



go bereka, le tsone tsa *allocation of plots* fela jalo. Ke dumela gore jaaka re na le bana ba ba berekang kwa sesoleng, kwa sepodiseng, re ba letlelela go bereka ka dingwaga tse 18, ba ba berekang ba na le dingwaga tse 20, re bo re ba rontsha tshono ya gore ba dire se ba ka se dirang ka boikarabelo jwa bone, ga ke dumele gore go siame. Ke sone se mokaulengwe a neng a supa gore o amogela gore ba mo tlhophile ba le 18 ka gore go dumelwa gore motho fa a le 18, o a bo a le mo seemong se se letlelesegang ka fa molaong go ka tsaya ditshwetso. Jaanong ke dumalana le *Bill* e ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Go na le e ba buang ka *to tighten anti-money laundering controls*, e le yone ke dumalana le yone, ba supa gore ba batla go oketsa tsone *penalties*...

DR DOW: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga. Ke ne ke re gongwe ke botse fa, ka e kete o tlaa itshwarelela ka kgang ya gore *at 18* motho o a tlhophile, ke re ngwana yo o *nine years cannot be adopted* a sa dumalana, mo go supang gore molao o go fa dithata *as you go older depending on the issue*. Ngwana yo o *18 can be admitted into a hospital without consent*, jalojalo. So ke ne ke re gongwe fa o lebelela go tlhophile fela, gore o lebelele gore molao tota mme one o fa bana *over time* dithata dingwe go fithelela tsa bofelofelo tse di kwa 21. Ke ne ke re a o raya gore yo o *nine* le ene *can gamble* ka gore ke foo o filwe dithata tsa gore *she or he cannot be adopted* a sa dumalane?

MR KELEBENG: Ke dumela gore ngwana yo o 18 o tshwanetse, e bile o siame, ke sone se o bonang ba fiwa ditsha, ba fiwa tshono ya go ikagela malwapa. *Problem* e re nang le yone gongwe mo Botswana ke *ageism*, e e leng gore fa o le monana kana o le kwa tlase, o lebiwa ka tsela e sele gore gongwe ga o na boikarabelo.

Fela se ke neng ke re ke a se tlhalosa ke gore, ke bone fa ba supang gore *they will charge penalties* thata, kana ba di oketsa, fa e leng gore gongwe ke tlaa farologana le bone teng, mme ke tlaa supa gore ka go reng. Ka kwa *Sport and Arts* go na le tse re dumelang gore di tshwanetse tsa dirwa, bogolo jang mo go bidiwang bo *target funding allocations*, fa gongwe le gone go re thusa bo *match-fixing prevention*, le bone bo *promotional partnerships*. Gone ka kwa *sports and arts integration*, re dumela gore go nne le mo gotweng *direct funding*. Re a itse go na le *national lottery*, re e emetse gore ka nako e e tlaa gorogang, e tle e re thuse ka gore *Act* e a supa gore e tshwanetse ya isa *percentages* tse dingwe kwa *arts* le kwa *sports*. Re a dumela gore *direct fund* e ka re thusa mo e leng gore *that fixed percentage of gross*

gambling revenue fa e ka dirwa, e ya *directly to national sports development* le *local arts council* instead of the *general state fund*, e ka re thusa thata gore re tle re kgone go godisa metshameko le bodiragatsi.

Re a dumela tota gore go tshwanetse ga lebelelwa thata *match-fixing and fraud*, go nne le melao e e gagametseng *that criminalise sports betting fraud, data manipulation*, go lebelela *insider leaks regarding players' injuries* le bo *lineups* fela jalo.

Re a dumela gore gongwe re ka leba melao mengwe kana mo gotweng *sponsorship rules* gore *framework* nngwe re ka e dira e e leng gore tsone *licensed betting companies*, re a ba lebelela gore jaaka ba ntse ba thusa mo *arts* le mo *sports*, go ka dirwa jang *for the purpose of transparency*.

Jaanong ke tsena mo go ya go oketsa *fees*, jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore ke farologana le yone, gore gongwe go fokotsa *to bet* mo go kalokalo, le go fokotsa gore batho ba bo ba lebeba ba duedisiwa thata fa e le gore *they are betting* mo go seng ka fa molaong, ke dumela gore gongwe re lebe thata gongwe *towards economic incentives* jaaka gongwe re lebelela mo go tsa melao. Gongwe re fokotsa *licence barriers* mo e leng gore go ka fokotsa *paperwork* e ntsi le madi a a kwa godimo gore *operators* ba kgone go tsena mo mmaketeng. Gongwe re *create affordable* *tithes* mo e leng gore *we establish micro licences for small scale traditional or community-based gaming*, gore tse re nang le tsone tse di itebagantseng le *games* tsa setso, re di lebe fela jalo. Gongwe re atolose molao gore o se ka wa *charge* batho, mme gongwe o *legalise popular or low risk games*, mme go na le *regulatory supervision*. *Instead of charging* madi a a kwa godimo, re lebe gore go ntse jang, *demand* e ntse jang, bo mohele le bo *snooker*, re bone gore a re ka se ke re ba amogele mme re ba direle melao gore ba tle ba kgone gore ba dire gone foo.

Gongwe re lebelele gone le mo dikomponeng tsa *betting*, gongwe go ka nna le *tax incentives* tse e leng gore fa ba ba mo *betting* ba duela, ba na le *incentives* tsone tseo, go raya gore *those legal operators can provide better odds than the black-market sites*. Gongwe le yone *target payment processors*, gore tsone dibanka le *digital wallets that process transactions* tsa *illegal gambling*, re di lebe, mme re bone gore re dira jang *to block them*, di se ka tsa dira jalo, le gone go gapela ba ba dira *betting* e se ka fa molaong, re ba gapele *equipment* fela jalo gore go se ka ga tswelela.

Mo gongwe ke go leba kgang ya *technology*, re leba bo Internet Protocol (IP) *blocking, mandating internet*

service providers to restrict access mo go *sites* tse di seng ka fa molaong gore gongwe re bone gore re ka dira jang. Re dumela gore go na le bo Artificial Intelligence (AI), gongwe *they could be deployed* go lebelela *and to detect unusual traffic patterns* gore re tle re kgone *to regulate* mo e leng gore go teng.

Mo gongwe, ke ne ke akanya gore re tshwanetse *to focus* thata, *instead of hefty fines*, gongwe re lebe *public education* le *support* fela gore go nne le *public campaigns* tsa *awareness*. Re a itse gore go na le bo motshameko o o phepa, gongwe re di lebe gape, re bone gore re ka nna le tse dingwe tse di rutang batho thata bogolo jang go fokotsa bogodu kana *illegal sites* tsone tseo.

Le yone *harm reduction*, gongwe go nne le *accessible fund for addiction*, fa o na le *addiction* o tlhokana le *counselling*, gongwe o tlhokana le gone gore o thusiwe gore o ntshiwe mo fa e le gore gongwe jaanong o tlopetsewe ke go rata thata go tshaya mataese jaaka mokaulengwe a ne a tlhalosa.

Le *community programmes*, ke dumela gore fa re ka itebaganya thata gore re lebe gore re nne le *alternative recreational and economic opportunities*, bogolo jang *in those high-risk areas* tse o fitlhelang e le gone fa go bonwang e le mafelo a a tsamaelanang le *gambling*. Ke tsaya gore tsone tse, di ka re thusa thata bogolo jang fa re lebile gore gongwe go athola batho o ba isa kgolegelong, ga go na go emisa jaaka re itse ka dilo tse dingwe tse di ntsintsi tse e leng gore re a tle re itemogele ka tsone tsa bo Gender Based Violence (GBV). Fa o sa lebelele gore mme gone *root cause*, kana gore re ka dira jang go ruta batho le go ba fatlhosa gore ba fokotse, gongwe go ka re thusa thata.

Ke sone se ke neng ke re ke eme fa ke ba eme nokeng. Jaaka ke gatelela ya kwa *Sport and Arts*, ke yone e re e kopang gore le fa go ntse jalo, re tlhoka go itse gore ba isa kwa sepatsheng sa Puso, *target* e nne *targeted allocation* e e yang kwa *Sports Commission and Arts Council* go thusa le go godisa metshameko le bodiragatsi. Ka one mafoko a, ke a leboga. Ke mo ema nokeng.

MR FRENZEL (SHASHE WEST): Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Tla ke eme fa le nna ke supe fa ke dumalana le *Bill* e re sa tswang go e bewa pele ke Tona.

Le fa go ntse jalo, ke farologana fela jaaka bakaulengwe bangwe ba kile ba supa mo kgannyeng ya dingwaga. Ke tsone tse ke akanyang gore re tshwanelwa ke go di

lebelela thata gore a mme re bona di siame gore monana yo o 18 years, a bo a ka simolola *gambling*. Kana ga re itse sentle ka *gambling*, e na le ditlamorago tse di borai thatathata tse di ka fedisang botshelo jwa gago. Ke itse banana ba le bantsi ba e rileng fa ba simolola *gambling* ka dingwaga tsa bo 18, go bo go felela go tlhakatlhakantse botshelo jwa bone. Fa o lebelela mafatshe a le mantsi, a letlelela *gambling* go simolola ka dingwaga di le 21, e seng 18 jaaka gompiano re akanya go ka dira.

Tse dingwe tse Tona a neng a bua ka tsone, ke dikgang tse di tlhamaletseng, tse di senang mathata ape ka di tsamaelana le se se diragalang mo mafatsheng ka bophara. Re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela tse di ka nnang borai. Kana *gambling* ga go na ka fa re ka tlhokang go e direla melao ka teng ka gore e teng, re rata kana re sa rate, go na le ba *betting*, *horse racing*, *snooker games* le *casino*. Gongwe le gongwe e teng *and* re tshwanetse go ka e direla melawana. Jaaka re itse gore mo Botswana, kgaolo ya rona ya North West ke nngwe ya dikgaolo tse di amilweng thata ke ba ba setseng ba tseneletse thata mo *gambling*. E bile ga se gone fela, lefatshe ka bophara la Botswana, gongwe le gongwe fa o tsena jaaka *league* ya *football* e tlaabo e simologa jaana, go tlaabo go nna go tshamekiwa go dirwa *betting* ka fa ba itseng ka teng. Re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore re a ba laola, re ba direla melao e e maleba gore e re ba e dirisa, re bo re ba sireleditse.

Mo go tse tsotlhe, ya dingwaga Tona ke ne ke re re leke go e lebelela sentle. Jaaka bakaulengwe ba ne ba supa, kana fa o setse o le dingwaga tse 18, tlhologanyo e a bo e le teng mme bontsi mo dingwageng tsa bo 18 go tsena ka 21, ba a bo ba santse ba tsiediwa ke sengwe le sengwe. Se kgona go ba tsietse, se bo se ba ntsha gotlhelele mo taolong; fa ba ya go tsaya *allowances* tsa bone tsa sekole, ba felela ba nna *addicted*. Ba ya go felela ba dira tse e seng tsone jaaka go tsena mo *crime* mme ba ne ba sa tshwanela gore nkabo ba ne ba dirile jalo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR FRENZEL: Kgang ya me e mo gore ba a bo ba ise ba nne le boikarabelo jo bo rileng. Ke kopa gore re e lebelele, re bone gore re sireletsa banana ba rona. *I yield for Honourable Lekau.*

MR LEKAU: *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re ka re o lebeletse botshelo ka fa bo ntseng ka teng, o bo o lebelela bana ba ba kwa dikoleng tse dikgolwane, a 18 wa rona ga a gone koo? A ga re ye go iphitlhela e le gore ga re na *graduates* *because* ba jelwe ke mataese?



MR FRENZEL: Ke dumalana le wena mokaulengwe. Kana *age* eo bontsi jwa bone ba a bo ba simolola kwa *tertiary* ba tshwara *allowances*. *Imagine* fa e le gore re ba letlelela go tsena mo *gambling* gore go ya go nna jang. Re tshwanelwa ke go bona gore re ba sireletsa jang. E bile kana *gambling* e monate fa e ne e ka bo e dirwa ke ba dingwaga tse dikgolwane, re tshwanelwa ke go ba fa dingwaga gore le ka simolola fa. Fa e le gore ra re ba tsene ba santse ba le bannyennyane jaaka o supa jaana, bontsi jwa bone ke ba ba kwa *tertiary*. Mo dingwageng tse ba a bo ba tsietsega motlhofo, ba a raelesega, kgantele ba felela ba palelwa le ke go fetsa dikole.

Ke ne ke supa gore *once* ba sa bone madi a *betting*, ba ya go felela ba dira dilo tsa bogodu, ba tsena le mo ditaging ka gore gongwe motho o a bo a sena madi. *Age* e re batlang go e isa kwa tlase *from* 21 go ya kwa go 18 re le Puso re e lebelele sentle, re leke go sireletsa bana ba rona re ba direle se se ba siametseng. Jaaka Tona wa *Sport* a ne a ntse a supa gore banana ba tsena mo metshamekong ya bo *casino*, re tshwanelwa ke go ba kganela (*restrict*).

Gompiano fa o tsena kwa Sun City, o ya go gakgamala o fitlhela batho ba lala ntle. Le mo *casinos* tse di mo lefatsheng la rona, ke selo se se diragalang. Ke tshwanelo gore e re re le Puso, re leke go bona gore re direla setšhaba sa rona se se botlhokwa gore mafatshe a bone.

DR DOW: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga mokaulengwe. Ke ne ke re ke botse; kana gantsi molao o fetolwa e le gore go supilwe fa setšhaba se ngongorega se re *there is a harm to avoid or a good to promote*. Tota fa go na le bagolo ba ba ngongoregang gore bana ba bone ga ba tshameke mataese ba kgaphetswe kwa thoko, kante go na le banana ba ba ngongoregang gore re eletsa go tshameka mataese gompiano mme ga re kgone ka gore re *under* 21? Golo fa ke mang yo o ngongoregang gore go baakanngwe molao o? A ke kgwebo e batla go oketsa batho ba e ka gamang madi mo go bone, gore ba ba ntseng ba le teng jaanong o kare ga ba a lekana? A go ntse jalo?

MR FRENZEL: Ke a leboga *Honourable Dow* ka kgakololo eo. Kana re fa go sireletsa setšhaba, mme re tshwanelwa ke gore ba re ba emetseng kwa dikgaolong fa ba tlisa dingongorego tse di supang gore fa re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela, re dire jalo. Le rona re lebeletse setšhaba gore se ka reng, re bo re ka dira dikgang tsa bone.

Kgang e tona ke gore dingwaga tse 18 jaaka re ne re supa, ke ganeletse thata mo goreng ga re tlise ditlamorago tse di ka bakiwang ke bana ba ba santseng ba le kwa tlase ka dingwaga. Re leke go bona gore re ba sireletsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Clarification.*

Ke ne ke re ke go dumedise *Mr Speaker*, ke bo ke lebogetse le go neelwa *clarification*. Gongwe o e hantshe rraetsho gore a jaaka re tlhola re siana jaana ka dikgang tsa GBV, a mme borre le bomme ba a bo ba begile gore ba a kgokgontshiwa? A ga go tlhokafale gore le fa batho ba ise ba ikuele, re bo re ka dira jaaka o bua, ra ba hemela ka melao?

MR FRENZEL: Ke dumalana le wena *Honourable Motsamai*. Re tshwanelwa ke go sireletsa setšhaba sa rona pele ga ditlamorago tse e leng gore ga se tsone. Kana jaaka re ne re supa, *once* o nna *addicted* mo *gambling*, e tlisa dilo tse di borai. *Relationships* ka bontsi di senyegile ka lebaka la gore fa gongwe motho yo o mo *relationship* le ene, o *addicted to gambling*, a tsaya madi mo lelwapeng, go sena taolo epe, a rekisa.

Honourable Speaker, o ne o mphile nako e nnyennyane mme ke ne ke tshwanetse go tsaya 20 minutes.

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

MR FRENZEL: Ke ene a sa ntirelang sentle, o tshwanetse gore a nkokeletse ke feleletse *debate*.

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOTSHEGWA):

Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma le nna ke latlhele tlhware legonnyana, ke beye la motlapitsong. Tsamaiso e ya kgwebo kana motshameko wa monna/mosadi iteke, ba e tlhalosa jaana gore *gambling as a business turns luck and chance into a major corporate product*. Re tshwanetse ra amogela gone fa re reeditse dipuisanyo tsa gompiano gore *this industry creates heavy moral debates*. Go na le ba ba lebang dilo ntlha e nngwe le ba ba di lebang ntlha e nngwe, ke *debate* ya *the economic impact versus the social cost*.

Ke batla go akgele jaana gore ke ema nokeng *Bill* e ka mabaka a gore santlha se e se tseelang kwa godimo, ke go dira *alignment* ya *our domestic policy framework* le *international standards*, bogolo jang ka nako e e leng gore makgotla a mangwe a boditšhabatšhaba a tshwanang le a bo Financial Action Task Force (FATF),

ba pontietse thata gore ka fa re dirisang madi ka teng le ditsamaiso tsa rona tsa madi, a ga di re beye mo seemong se e leng gore e tlaa re kgabagare re bo re wela mo *greylisting*. Fa re wela ka motlhabodika wa *greylisting*, go raya gore go ka ama seelo le tebegu ya rona fa go tla mo go tsa papadi le madirelo le go ngoka babeeletsi gore ba bo ba ka tla kwa lefatsheng la rona. Ba FATF le makgotla a mangwe a a tsamaelanang le yone, ba itebagantse thata le dikgang tsa *combating money laundering and financing of terrorism*. Ka jalo, ke atla *Bill* e ka maiteko a yone a go leka go thusa mo seemong seo.

Ke ne ke reeditse Tona Ntsima gape fa a bua. Go na le dintlha tse a neng a di senosa tse di supang gore nngwe ya tse e leng gore ba ikaelela gore ba di nopetse mo go yone ke gore, go nne le mo re reng *responsible gambling* mo tsamaisong. E e leng gore ga e re go ntse go lekwa kgwebo e e leng gore tota e a thusa mo go tsadiseng itsholelo ya lefatshu, mme e bo e kete re itebatsa gore batho ba se ka ba tlhoka boikarabelo.

Se sengwe se a buileng ka sone, se ke batlang go tsena mo go sone, ke dikgang tsa dingwaga. E builwe ka lebaka le le telele mme kana ga e batle re e bua fela *out of context*. *Age of majority* e re bontsha gore mo seemong sa gompiano, bana ba dingwaga tse di 18, ba kgona go tlhopha mme e bile le bone ba kgona go nna Mapalamente le Makhanselara. A jaanong re tlhobosa gore motho yo o kgonang go romela Mopalamente a bo a bopa Puso, ga a na boikarabelo? Bana ba dingwaga tse ba kgona gore ba tseye boikarabelo jo ke bo tlhalosang, ba kgona go nna mapodise le masole. Batho ba ba ka bopang Puso, ba nna bontlha bongwe jwa Puso, ba ka nna basireletsi ba setshaba, a re tlhoboga ka fa ba ka tsayang ditshwetso ka teng? Bana ba dingwaga tse gape, ba ka neelwa ditsha tsa bonno, ke boikarabelo jo e leng gore fa ba tsamayang teng, ba na le jone.

Bana ba gape *can inherit property and open bank accounts* ba boloka. Ke leka go tlhalosa gore batho ba seelo se, boikarabelo jwa bone bo kae. Bana ba ba ka tsaya ditshwetso tse dintsi tse di fetang le bagolo ba ba kwa godimo ga bone. Ke itse bana ba dingwaga tse 18 ba e leng gore ka fa ba tsayang ditshwetso ka teng le ka fa ba lebang botshelo ka teng, go gaisa le ga batho bangwe ba dingwaga tsa bo 40 le bo 50.

Fa ke ntse ke tlhalosa boikarabelo jwa batho ba dingwaga tse di gone foo, fa re bapisa le *gambling*, motho o ka re *what is so special about this aspect* mo go reng re ka tla re dumela gore batho ba ba na le

boikarabelo mme fela fa re tsena fa re bo re re gongwe ga ba na boikarabelo jwa go ka tsaya ditshwetso. Jaaka ke setse ke buile, ke itse batho ba dingwaga tse di tona thata ba ba supuditsweng ke *gambling* go feta le bana ba dingwaga tse 18. Go raya gore kgang ga se dingwaga, kgang ke boikarabelo, boleng le bokao jwa gago o le motho. Re tlaa tshwanela ke gore fa re ya pele, re leke go dira thutuntsho kana dithuto gore go sa kgathalesege gore o dingwaga di kae, mongwe le mongwe jaaka ba ne ba bua ka *responsible gambling*, a bo a itse gore *gambling* jaanong ga e mo toronke tlhogo kana ga a nne le *addiction* mo go felelang go dira gore itsholelo le botshelo jwa gagwe go felela gone koo.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke santse ke leka go tshuba lesedi mo Roma, mma ke riane pele. Go na le puo ya Setswana e e reng dilo makwati di kwatobololwa mo go ba bangwe, e tle e re fa re di bua kana re di dira, re bo re lebeletse gore ba bangwe ba reng. Ka Sekgoa ya re *as a person, you must travel, otherwise you will think your mother is the best cook*. E raya fela gore o tshwanetse gore o lebelele mo go reng ba bangwe ba dira dilo ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Lekalana le la OnlineBetting.org.uk le supa gore *on average, gambling permissible age* fa o ralala mafatshe otlhe ka bophara kana *global average*, ke yone 18. Ke lekile go supa ka boikarabelo jwa dingwaga tse mme ke bo ke supa ka *the international trend* gore go fa kae. Gone moo, go fa *justification* ya gore ba bo ba leba ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. E se re gongwe bana ba dingwaga tse ba tlaa tloga ba re tsogologela ba re re ba neetse boikarabelo bongwe mme jaanong fa go tla mo go reng ba leke go itirela go tshameka metshameko e ya monna/mosadi iteke mo kgwebong, e bo e le gore re ba kgaphela kwa ntle gongwe ba batla go ikamanya le one.

Kwa bofelong ke *summarise* ka gore ke tsaya gore *the Minister has laid down solid points* tsa gore ke eng re tshwanetse ra amogela molao o. *Key among them* ke kgang ya *alignment to international standards to improve our own regulation and compliance*. Sa bobedi ke go leka *to enhance and nurture* tsamaiso ya *responsible gambling*. Se sengwe ke gore go atolosiwe le dingwaga gore go se ka ga nna le ba ba ba kgaphetsweng kwa ntle, boikarabelo bo letla mme re bo re ba itsa tse dingwe. Ga ke itse gore...

DR BUTALE: *On a point of clarification*. Ke a go leboga mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle. Kana golo fa re bua ka *age of majority* e e leng gore *it is the age that defines legal adulthood*. Jaanong ga ke tlhaloganye gore



bakaulengwe ba re re nne le *legal adulthood for other things*, fa re tsena kwa go e nngwe re bo re nna le e sele. Ga ke itse gore o ba utlwa fa ba reng; *it is practical that we can have legal adulthood for everything else and then for gambling* re bo re re nna le e sele?

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a go utlwa, ke dumalana le wena. Nngwe ya dilo tse re tshwanetseng *to avoid* ke *policy contradictions*. Fa re dira *policy* le melao, go tshwanetse gore go nne le *certainty, predictability* le *harmony* ya *our policy framework and legal framework*. Re se ka ra iphitlhela e le gore se re se buang le ka fa re tsayang ditshwetso ka teng, ntlha e nngwe ra re go nne jaana, e nngwe ra re go nne jaana. Le bone batho ba ba tlaa etsaetsega gore mme ba utlwa Palamente gompiano e kete e ba bua gore ga ba na boikarabelo mme ka fa gape ya re ba na le boikarabelo. Ke itse gore ke Modimo fela yo o kgonang go neela botshelo a bo a bo tsaya gape. Rona ga re a tshwanela gore ka fa re dirang melao ka teng, e bo e le gore re e tla re neela boikarabelo ka fa re etla re ntse re bo tsaya gape mo bathong ba teng.

MR FRENZEL: *Clarification*. Kana kgantele e rile *Honourable* Lekau a *debate*, a bo a supa gore fa o le dingwaga tse 18 o nyalwa kana o nyalwa, o tshwanelwa ke gore o bo o na le *consent* ya botsadi.

MR MOTSHEGWA: Ke a leboga. Lenyalo la teng ga ke ise ke le tsenelele la mofuta oo. Kwa bofelong, mma ke wele ka go ema Tona nokeng le Puso ka fa e akanyang ka teng gore re atolose molao ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke a leboga.

MR PULE (KGATLENG EAST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tla ke dumedisise batlotlegi. O thusitse *Honourable* Butale, ke ne ke santse ke kgamega le nna ke re naare gatweng ka gore *Constitution* e fetogile, *age of majority* ke 18 years, *why are we still struggling? We should get out of that, unless* jaaka gongwe o bua, ba bangwe ba *propose* molao o boele gape kwa morago. Ke tsaya gore fa go dirwa *that change*, go ne go lebeleletse melao e e farologanyeng, *including Children's Act*, o o reng ngwana ke ngwana fa a le mo tlase ga dingwaga tse 18. *That is our starting point*.

Fa ke tsena mo kgannyeng ya *gambling*, bagaetsho, ke letse ke utlwa Motlotlegi Segokgo maabane a bua gore *economy has rested*. *Well, probably it is a fair statement* ka gore re ne ra nna le *diamond slump* ka bo 2023/24 mo go *serious*. E le gore *before that* re kile ra nna le *boom*-nyana fa *economy* e *improve* 2021/22. Jaanong tota fela

right now ke ne ke re ke akgole Motlotlegi *Minister* wa *Trade* gore o re...

MR LEKAU: *Procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke re ke baakanye e bile *Minister* wa *Labour* a le fa, gongwe le ene a tle a ye go lebelela selo sa teng. Fa o lebelela *Marriage Act, Section 15* e go raya e re, *any person* yo o ka bong a batla go nyalwa *at the age below 21 needs a consent of the parent or the guardian*. Jaanong batlotlegi ba ne ba opela legofi gore o kare ke buile selo se se seng ka fa molaong. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go tlhamalatsa gore ke bua golo mo go ka fa molaong, ba ye go lebelela *Section 15* ya *Marriage Act* gore ya reng. Ke ne ke re ke baakanye golo moo gore Ntlo e se ka ya tloga ya tswa mo tseleng ka boitumelo jwa gore ga ke a bua sentle. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, mme o thusitse.

MR PULE: Le fa a thusitse, ga a thusa thata ka gore re ne re le mo phuthegong maloba, bone ba *Labour and Home Affairs* ba *propose* gore e fokodiwe *from 21 to 18*. Ke tsaya gore ke dingwe tsa dilo tse di tlaa tlisiwang mo Palamenteng.

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

MR PULE: Jaanong ke ne ke re ke tsene mo ditabeng. Ke akgoa Ntsima gore gompiano jaana re bo re bua ka *growth* ka gore tota *economy* ya rona e ne ya wela tlase *five years back*. *It slowed down drastically*, re bone re felela re tsaya madi mo Pula Fund, go raya gore *fund* ya teng e simolola e nna *depleted*. Melao e e tshwanang le e re tshwanetse go e amogela bagaetsho, jaaka ba bangwe re bidiwa baganetsi. Re tshwanetse go e amogela *for the benefit of* bathlophi ba ba re tlhophileng.

Ke eme fa ke bulela batho ba Kgatleng ka gore kwa ga rona kwa Kgatleng go maswe. Fa o ka lebelela batho *have resorted to gambling*, go *chaiwa* mataese, go dirisiwa dikarata, go a tweng. E bile jaanong ba bangwe re tsene mo *level* ya *to gamble* le ka dintša di siana, jaaka *Honourable* Dikoloti a e tle a nne le *competitions* tsa go nna jalo. Golo moo fa gongwe ga se gore go a bo go elwa fela *for recreation*, e a bo e le *issue* ya gore tota batho ba bolailwe ke tlala ba batla madi. Gompiano fa ke bua le lona jaana, Betway e gaketse. Maloba ka World Cup banana ba ne ba nna fela mo *gadgets* e le gore ba batla madi. Tota fa motho a tliša mogopolo o o buang ka *growth*, se re ka se dirang *as* Members of Parliament (MPs), ke go leka go mo kopa gore le fa a tla ka *proposal* e e ntseng jaana, e e leng gore e *lead to growth of the economy*, re *regulate*. Ke sone se ke ka

buang ka sone thata, *regulation is very important*. Re ne re utlwa gotwe *illegal gambling right now* e kgona *to raise income* ya bo P850 million, e le gore gongwe fela *legal one* ga e kgone. O a bona fela gore tota go na le batho bangwe ba ba *organised* kwa ba leng teng *who are gambling*, ba dira madi ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo. Jaanong ke dingwe tse re tshwanetseng go ema ka dinao re kope *Minister to regulate*. Gongwe jaaka mongwe a ne a bua maabane, batho ba re ka kgonang go ba bona bogolo re ba thuse go ka ba *regulate*, go ba thusa go ba *normalise or regularise them and then regulate them*. Tota fela boammaaruri fa motho a setse a tsene mo *fallacy*, kana *gambling is a fallacy*, mongwe le mongwe fa a batla *to gamble* o dumela gore o tlaa fenya.

MR MOROLONG: *Clarification.* Honourable Pule, ke go reeditse ka fa o tshwereng kgang e ka botswerere ka teng, o bua ka *regulation*. Motlotlegi, ga ke itse, a ga o bone gore le fa re ka re re a *regulate, as long as* go sena *enforcement* ya melao e e leng teng, re tlile go tshwaragana le bothata? Jaaka gompiano bojalwa *is regulated*, mme bana ba ntse ba ya kwa dibareng. Ke raya gore ke kopa o tlhatswe eo pele nkgonne, o a itse gore ga re nke re ganetsana fa re bua ka dikgang tsa kwa kgaolong.

MR PULE: Nna le ene Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *signed a contract* ya gore ga re lwe fa *because* re lekoko la Bakgatla, re tshwanetse go lwantsha lona. Ke boammaaruri Kgabo jaaka o bua go maswe, mme e ya bojalwa tota ke mathata a a seng kana ka sepe. Ke ne ke batla go bua ka *gambling* thata gore *when we are addicted to gambling, it is not easy for you to quit it*. Tota re tshwanetse go kopa gore fa ba ka bonwang teng batho bao ba le *illegal, they must be regularised and regulated*.

Sa bobedi se se tlhokafalang ke *to reinforce* melao ya go nna jalo, o oketse batho ba ba ka tswang *out there*. Ke ne ke utlwa fa re begelwa maloba mo General Assembly, ba ne ba le teng, go tlhalosiwa gore *they are a team of experts who are going around the country, trying to identify gambling activities* tse di leng teng.

E ke e ratang thata ke ya *horse racing, it is risky because* e kgona go ka tsenya mathata a bogole le dintsho ka gore fa gongwe pitse e kgona go diga Jockey e bo e mmolaya. Go raya gore tota *Minister* eo, *I want you to watch it very closely*. Ke ne ke utlwa maabane KFC, ga ke itse gore a o a itse gore kwa Mmadinare ka di 26 tsa ga *November*, go tlaabo go na le *horse racing*, e nngwe gotwe e ka *October* kwa Motokwe, ke bolelelwa ke Mopalamente

wa kgaolo ya Motokwe gore go tlaabo go na le e nngwe *horse racing*. *Horse racings* tse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, di se ka *willy-nilly*, fa go simolola fela motho a dira *placard* a *advertise, it must be controlled* ka molao gore fa o *advertise* re batla o re, o re. *Pricing must be managed*, le bone bo Jockey, *we know we are...*

MR MOTSAMAI: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga *sir*. Ke ne ke re gongwe o e tlhatswe fela o papamale jaaka maabane ke bua gore nako e tlile ya gore batho ba ba *chayang* mataese ba iphitlha, go nne mo pepeneneng gore *they are regulated*. Ba direlwa thulaganyo e e faphegileng ka fa semolaong gore ba letlelelwa fa kae, go fitlhelela fa kae. Ke raya gore o papamale o se ka wa nna wa re *to gamble*, batho ga ba utlwe gore o bua ka ga eng. Tanki.

MR PULE: Ee, mongwame kana maabane ke letse ke e tlhatsitse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente ke re golo moo go bidiwa go betšha ka madi. Go betšha ka madi go go ntsi, go betšhiwa metshameko le dilo tse di farologanyeng. Ba bangwe ba kgona go betšha le difeisi, *bare knuckle*, go lowa gotweng. *Those are things that should be identified and well regulated*. Fa o fitlhela batho ba itswaletse mo lesakeng go lowa gotwe ke *bare knuckle competition*, yo mongwe o tshwanetse *to win* ka go latlhela yo mongwe fa fatshe, e ka nna ya re a mmetsa ka feisi a mmolaya. *So, there must be regulators, it should be in the law* gore fa e le gore le ya go dira *bare knuckle competition*; le lwa ka difeisi, go nne *regulated*. Go bo go nna le *enforcement*; batho ba Puso ba ba tlaabong ba leba go bona gore a mme go dirwa sentle.

Ke gore jaaka ke ne ke bua ka *advertising, it must be managed*. Tota fela e ya *horse racing* fa re ka e tlhwaafalela Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e ka re direla madi fela a a seng kana ka sepe mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Re bone mafatshe a a tshwanang le South Africa, America, United Kingdom (UK), ba humile e bile jaanong bone *they have diversified* e na le *value chains horse racing*. Ga se *horse racing* fela, go na le mo gongwe mo fela ga *polo games*, dilonyana tse di farologaneng tse go ntse go dirisiwa dipitse, tse di tlohang mo godimo ga dikota *and all those things*. *So we should move forward with this thing*.

Kana jaaka ke ne ke bua maloba Rre Motsamai, *I am a progressive person. I cannot dwell in the past*. Fa e le gore kwa morago *economy* ya rona *was not diversified* ka fa re neng re rata ka teng, *this is the time for us to diversify*. Ba ba fetileng gongwe ba ne ba na le dilo tse



di ba emeng fa pele, tse di ba dirang gore ba se ka ba tswakanya itsholelo. Jaanong rona re tshwanetse re e tswakanye, re eme ka dinao re le badiramolao, re eme Tona nokeng fa a tla a re ke batla go baakanya *gambling*, e tsene mo *level where it is respectful, it is respected and liked by people*. E se ka ya re fa ngwana a re, “ke batla *horse racing* ke kerekile pitse”, o re, “o ya kae o ya go robega” *because* ga o itse le gore o ya go amogela bokae, jalojalo, dilo tse di farologaneng. Ba bangwe ba ya go betšha *games* tsa go nna jalo, go lowa go betšhetswa kwa diphiring. Fa e le gore go a betšhwa, go tshwanetse gore go betšhetswe mo pepeneneng. Re eme fela batho ba itse gore madi a tsholwa ke semangmang, yo go itsiweng gore ke motho yo o ka fa molaong, yo e reng fa a fetsa a bo a neela yo o fentseng. Ke dilo tse re ka buang thata ka tsone gompiano Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Ke leboga Tona gore a bo a tlisitse kgang ya go nna jaana, o ka lebelela tota maikaelelo a gagwe a matona ke go leka go godisa itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana. O se ka wa ntebala le kwa Kgatleng kgabo, re a di batla *horse racing* tseo. O tle kwa o romele batho ba tle go bona batho ba rona *who gamble*, ba thusiwe ba kgone gore ba bone madi a bone. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MS MANYENENG (MMOPANE-METSIMOTLHABE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*: Ke simolole fela ka go supa gore re begetswe fa ke ba *Gambling Industry* gore, ba setse ba na le *job creation, up to now* e tsamaya kwa go 500 *jobs*, e bile ba solofela gore mo dingwageng tse pedi ba tlaabo ba na le 2000 *jobs*. Ke re re se ka ra e leba e le *negative*, re e lebe gore jaaka botlhoka tiro bo le kwa godimo jaana, e a leka. Ke supe gore ke solofela gore fa ba ntse ba oketsa diphatlhatiro kana mebereko, ba raya bone batho ba ba 18 gore le bone ba tle ba bone phatlha mo meberekong e.

Ba supile gore *they support food industry*, re a itse gore jaaka ba tlaabo ba le koo ba ba mo *gambling*, go na le gore ba je, ba nwe. Dikgwebo tse tsa go ja, ke nako ya gore gape go lebiwe banana gore e nne bone ba ba tshwereng dikgwebo tse kwa godimo. Re ba lekele gore jaaka go sena mebereko, bogolo e nne bone ba ba tlaabong ba thusa ka dilo tse di ntseng jalo, jaaka dijo.

Go builwe ka *sports, sports* jaaka go ne ga nankolwa go bo go feleletswa go buiwa ka ya *horse racing*, gakere re eletsang gore bana ba rona ba tswe mo mekgwatlheng go nne le kwa ba itiyang teng. Ke re kana *sports* jaaka

Minister of Sport a sa tswa go bua, go nne gore *gambling industry* e lebe gore kwa *sports* go ka ntsha metshameko e le kae, le metshameko e jaaka mongwe a buile, go nne le *regulations* tse di e tsamaisang gore go se ka ga nna fela gore go a tshamekiwa, mme go sena melawana e e beilweng.

Ke boe gape ke bue gore, go supilwe gore *illegal gambling* mo lefatsheng la rona e ntsi thata. Go supa gore go senyega madi a le mantsi mo go maswe, a ne a buiwa a le matsebetsebe thata, gore Goromente ga a sele sepe mo go one *because of illegal gambling*. A bo a supa gore thatathata e bereka thata teng ka kwa *digitilisation*. Go raya gore bo AI ba, *and* bone batho ba ke bone banana ba rona ba ba nang le matlhale a a ntseng jalo, jaanong ba dira ba iphitlhile. Mo ba ka bong ba letlelelwa gore ba dire ba le pepeneneng, ba tle le ka matlhale ao a *digital* ba a beye sentle gore a ka dirisiwa sentle *not illegally*. Ba bo ba supa gape gore, *illegal gambling* e e tsaya bone bana ba rona mo lefatsheng. Ba tlola *border* ba tsena ka fa bo Mafikeng, ba ya kwa Johane ba ya go dira *gambling*. A le rona jaaka re ntse jaana, a re bona go siame gore ba tsamaye ba tsene mo diphatseng tsa go tswa fa ba ya go dira *gambling* kgakala, kwa e leng gore fa ba ka diragalelwa ke sengwe ba le ka kwa ga lefatshe le e seng la bone, go ya go nna dingalo go thusiwa. Go supile gore *Gambling Industry*, ga ba na letlole la go thusa bana fa ba tla ba imetswe, ba golafetse kana ba na le eng fela se se sa ba tsayang sentle fa ba tswa koo, ka gore ba ne ba ile ka *illegal gambling*. Ke re kana fa re tlhwaafetse re batla gore bana ba nne *regulated* sentle fela, ba dire *gambling* sentle, go tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore Puso e beye letlole leo ba tsene mo go lone gore le bone *they need rehabilitation*. Gompiano go thata ka gore ba ba kganetse, mme ba a ba bona gore ba a tsamaya ba ya kwa ba yang teng, ba dira mo sephiring.

Ke bo ke bue gape gore, kana jaaka motho a setse a buile gore 18 mo lefatsheng la Botswana ke dingwaga fela tse di letleletsweng go dira dilo tse dintsi thata. Motho o buile gore BDF le Police ba a hirwa. Tona o letse a bua maabane gore, a o neela ngwana yo o 18 tlhobolo, mme ga o mo tshephe. Fa o mo neela tlhobolo o a re a ye go dira eng ka yone, fa e le gore gotlhelele fela o bona a ka se ke a itseele ditshwetso? Ke supa gore kana *gambling* bakaetsho, *it is about self-discipline*. Le gompiano jaaka re le mo Palamenteng, ga ke itse ope yo o dirang *gambling, it is because we are disciplined*. Fa e le gore go na le mongwe yo o dirang *gambling*, ke ene a eletsang go ya go dira *gambling*. Ga go reye gore fa gotwe bana ba ba 18 to 21, go tewa gotwe bana botlhe ba ya go goromela...

MR KAPINGA: *Elucidation.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker and the Honourable Member on the floor.* Madam, a o tshwantshanya lepodise le le tseletseng ithutuntsho ya sepodise e e tseletseng, le ngwana wa sekole fela yo o kwa tertiary, yo a neng a itswela kwa Madiba fela fale, a bo a iphitlha a le mo seterateng? A o ba lekanya ka ditlhaloganyo?

MS MANYENENG: *Honourable* Kapinga, gakere fa re batla bana gore e nne batho, re ba rutuntsha teng kwa secondary. Bana fa ba ya go tswa ba ya go ya kwa tertiary, le a bo le ntse le ba suga gore fa o tswa fa o ya go bereka kana fa o tswa fa o ya go tsena fale le fale. Ga o lese fela o bo o re ba tswa Madiba fela, le a bo le ntse le ba suga gore se e kareng ba tswa fa ba bo ba batla go se dira, ba bo ba tiile ba nonofile le mo ditlhaloganyong.

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DR BUTALE): *Elucidation.* Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker.* Kana the reason why Marriage Act e e ntse e nopolwa e baakanngwa, ke ka gore consent e e batliwang mo ngwaneng yo kwa tlase ga 18 fa a nyalwa, it is inconsistent with the Interpretations Act and other age of majority such as go tlhopha, consent to intercourse le tse dingwe tsa to enter into contracts. Jaanong rona ra re ga re ka ke ra boela kwa morago kwa go baakanngwang, kwa go setseng go bonwe gore go phoso. Jaanong la re re ye kwa teng, e re kwa morago re bo re boa re tla re baakanya gape, nnyaa.

MS MANYENENG: Ee rra, o ntsetse mafoko. Ke re ke ela gone koo gore, kana fa re bua ka dilo tsa maloba re re ngwana o ne a tla le batsadi, jaanong re bone gore ga go re berekele gore re boele koo, o ntsetse mafoko. Ke supe gore ngwana yo o 18 gompieno, la re a tsene mo bareng a reke bojwala, o a nwa bojalwa yo o 18. Ba setse ba dira cohabitation, o nna le mmaletswaitswai wa gagwe kwa ba nnang teng botlhe. O a tlhopha, e bile o ka tlhophiwa, o fiwa setsha. Jaanong se re batlang go se farologanya fa, re setse re ntse re se letleletse, it is only that re bua ka gambling. Re setse re letleletse bana gore ba dire dilo tse e leng gore, fa e ne e le bogologolo ka melao ya lona, ba ne ba sa tshwanela gore ba ka bo ba di dira. Fa botshelo bo tsamayang teng, ke gore jaanong ba direle melao sentle, o bo o ba tsenya sentle ba tlhaloganya gore ba tsena jang. Ke tsaya gore mongwe le mongwe kwa lwapeng la gagwe o bua le ngwana wa gagwe gore selo se ga se a go siamela, se se go siametse. If re ya go dira gore bana botlhe ba re ga ba letlelelwe gore ba ye gambling, mme re ntse re itse gore ba a e dira illegal, ke tsaya gore re iphitlha ka monwana bakaetsho. Jaanong fa bana ba letlelelwa ba bo ba fiwa melao sentle, a bo le

wena kwa lwapeng la gago o bo o ntse o mo katile gore fa e le gore o a dira gape, o nne o bue le ene ka gore fa a nwa bojalwa o ntse o a itse gore o tsamaya a a nwa bojalwa, mme o mo tlogela fela e bile o a mmona gore o tagilwe, ga o ka ke wa mmetsa. Jaanong e at least ngwana a re, ntetlelele ke nne sentle mo molaong, ke tle ke kgone gore le nna o nthuse ke bone fa ke tsamayang teng, a ke tsamaya sentle.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction.

MS MANYENENG: Ke mang wa correction, e ntse e se wena o tlileng ka nnetane, what are you correcting?

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Point of correction.* Ke a go leboga le fa o re ga ke baakanye sepe. Ke ne ke re o bua sentle thata, o etla o senya fela ka kgang e o reng, “a bana ba letlelelwe, a bana ba tse jaana.” Mo nakong e o reng ba na le boikarabelo ga o ba bitse bana. Tanki.

MS MANYENENG: Ke a leboga, ke boela mafoko a bana kwa morago, bagolo ba ba 18 ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MS MANYENENG: ...ba tshwanetse gore ba tlogelwe ba gate fela sentle mo bagolo ba bangwe ba gateng teng. Le a itse fela gore bana ba gompieno ba ba 18 ba re reng ke bana, ga se bana, ke bagolo ka gore, le bana ba a ba dira, ba setse ba tshola bana. E bile re a ipona supporting their children, a tlile fela mme a re, “ngwana wa gago o robile ngwanake leoto.” Jaanong o mmolelela gore, rra o monna go raya gore o berekele bana kana ngwana wa gago. Ga o ka ke wa mo koba, o a mo ruta gore tsamaya sentle mo tseleng ya go nna rre. Jaanong bakaetsho, a ko fela re dumalane le Honourable Ntsima, molao o o fete. E bile I support it thata gore re tle re oketse le itsholelo, jaaka motho a buile gore itsholelo ya rona e thulametse, mme jaanong madi a re feta a ya kwa illegal gambling. Ke a leboga.

MR BARONGWANG: *Point of procedure.* Fa ke lebile ka fa batlotlegi ba eletsang to contribute ka teng, e bile their positions di farologana, mme gape ke lebile le nako, ke ne ke kopa gore gongwe re fokotse ten minutes e nne five minutes, mme o bo o boa o ntsenya. Ke a leboga.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke tlaa tsaya five minutes gore Honourable



Members ba nne le sebaka sa *to debate*. Ke emela *to support Minister Ntsima ka Bill* e a tlang ka yone, ka gore *Bill* e fa o bala se a neng a se bua gore, ke nngwe ya go leka *to comply* le *the international standards* tsa FATF, gore re se ka ra tloga ra iphitlhela re thulana le tsone. Re bo re tsamaela kwa go tsenngweng *on the greylist* ya gore melao ya rona ga e lwantshe bo *money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing* mo go lekaneng. Ke ntlha nngwe e *amendment* e tlang ka tsone, ke emelela *to support it because of that*. Ke dilo tse re patikiwang, ga re na *choice* ya gore re ka di gana, fa re di gana re tsena *on the greylist*.

E nngwe ke yone ya gore molao o baakanngwe, o tsamaelane le molao wa Interpretation Act o e leng gore ke molao o o mo lefatsheng la Botswana *that determines* gore *age of majority* ke eng. O o reng, *age of majority is 18 years old*. Go raya gore jaanong *it is aligned* le molao wa Interpretation Act. Go bo go raya gore batlotlegi ba ntse ba bua ka Marriage Act, gongwe ke tlhalose gore, e ne e le botlhaswa jwa Palamente gore *when they amended* Interpretation Act ka 2013 e tla ka *Honourable* Masimolole, a re re fokotse *from 21 age of majority to 18*, ba bo ba sa dire mo gotweng *consequential amendment* ya Marriage Act. Ka gore Marriage Act *was last amended* ka Act No. 18 of 2001. Jaanong fa ba baakanya ka 2013 *through Honourable* Masimolole, ba bo ba sa dire *consequential amendment* ya Marriage Act, ya bo e sala e re 21, mme e thulana le ya gore go raya gore jaanong Palamente e ne e dumela gore e tswa mo 21, *age of majority becomes 18*. Go raya gore jaanong *we are aligning* melao ya rona gore *that oversight...*

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Point of order*. Tota ke go leka go go baakanyetsa ka gore ke utlwa kwa o yang teng. Gongwe Setswana fela ka gore *is not your mother tongue*, fa o re, “e ne e le botlhaswa,” o kare o raya gore *they lacked...* tota fela se o se buang ke gore, e ka bo e rile fa ba baakanya nako ya *amendment* ya ga Rre Masimolole, ba dira *follow-up*, ba dira dilo dingwe tse e leng gore *were overlooked*. Gongwe botlhaswa mongwe *can interpret* ka gore *it was irresponsible*.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke leboga jalo Leader of the Opposition (LOO) gore ka Sekgoa ke *accidental oversight by Parliament* gore ba ile ba se ka ba lebelela gore fa ba sena go nna ba fetola *age of majority from 21 to 18*, *they were supposed to do consequential amendment of other laws*. Go raya gore ke yone e e leng gore *Honourable* Mokgware jaanong *is bringing a Bill*

to rectify that accidental oversight e e diragetseng ka nako ya teng.

Ke sone se ke reng, jaanong e nngwe e ke emelelang fa *to support it* ke ya gore, kwa kgaolong ya me ya Gaborone South, fa o ya Bontleng, bo Naledi, Newstance, *there is a lot of gambling* ya *snookers*, *a lot of betting* e e diragalang gone koo, mo *footballs*, *a number of things* le tsa dikarata *and so forth*. Jaanong gatwe re baakanye melao gore e re ba dira motshameko wa *gambling*, ba bo ba dira motshameko o o phepa, o o tsamaisiwang ka tsela ya molao, le bone ba babalesegile gore ba dire ka tsela e e letlelesegang.

Malatsi a go na le mo gotweng Betway. Maloba ke ya Phikwe ke pegile mongwe, go ne go tshameka *teams* tsa *premier league* ya kwa makgoeng (English Premier League), *he betted*. *The ones he betted on* gatwe *do you want to cash*, o batla go reng? Ke mo raya ke re, ke eng o sa tseye madi, a re, “ema pele gongwe Modimo o teng.” E rile e ya go felela ya bo e le gore *the ones he betted on won the way he had bet*. A bo a fenya, ke ntse ke kgweetsa re le mo mosepeleng re ya kwa Phikwe *last month*. So, ke sone e leng gore gatwe, jaanong re nne le loago la molao le e leng gore dilo tseo di ka dirwa sentle, gore re kgone go bona letseno, gape e dira ditiro. Segolobogolo jang ke go baakanya gore re tsamaelane le melao ya bo FATF e e batlang gore dilo tse di ntseng jalo ya bo e le gore a mme ga go tsene madi a a tsenang e se ka fa tsamaisong go lwantsha *money laundering* le *financing terrorism*. *Mr Speaker*, ke sone se ke emang fa ke re, *let us support* gore go nne le gone gore jaanong molao o re o fetise, ka ke molao fela o o senang dipe tse di botlhoko, ke o o supang gore baakanya mo le mo, gore go nne sentle. Ke sone se ke reng, jaanong ke a go utlwa, ke ne ke bona *honourable before* ke nna fa fatshe a re o batla *clarification*.

MR SPEAKER: *O rile* you are debating for five minutes.

MR RAMAOTWANA: Ke feditse.

MR SPEAKER: Batlotlegi, mma ke utlwe *Chief Whip*. *Chief Whip*, ba ne ba re ba kopa *five minutes, five minutes*, ga ke itse gore a ke kgang e le e buileng ka koo, *but on this side* ga ke itse. *The mover will be called* ka 5:10 p.m.

MR DIGWA: Re e buisantse, re e dumalane...

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Chief Whip*.



MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re ke mogopolo o re o dumalaneng, tota e bile o tswa kgakala. Ke raya gore re kopa gore go tswellele go nne jalo, ba fiwe *five minutes, five minutes*.

MR SPEAKER: Okay.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke emelela *to support Bill* jaaka e tlisitswe kana paakanyo molao e jaaka e tlisitswe ke Tona. Sa ntlha mma ke lebelele dintlha tse dingwe tse di buang ka yone tse ke tsayang gore di molemo thata. Sa ntlha ke gore, kana pele jaaka a tlhalosa Tona, e ne e le fa e le gore *you are running* kgwebo ya *gambling* jaaka go ntse go buiwa, ya bo e le gore fa gongwe fa o na le *administrative issues*, fa gongwe *licence* ya gago *has expired* o sa lemoga, go ne gotwe o ye *court* jaanong *to rectify problem* eo. Jaanong ke utlwa gore molao o o a fetoga gore, e re fa go ntse jalo, e nne *charges* fela tse e leng gore *officer* kana ba ba tlaabong ba okametse dilo tse, ba kgone *to charge you* fela mo ofising go bo go duelwa. Selo se se tlaa dira gore kgwebo e nne motlhofo. Kana bagwebi ba ngongorega ka ditsamaiso tse di di telele, tse di kgoreletsang le go tsamaya ga *business* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ke tsaya gore fa e le gore *some of these things a business owner will not have to go to court for administrative issues, and can be solved by the authority, this is a very good development in my view. I congratulate you Honourable Minister.*

...Silence...

MR TSHERE: The next thing, and it is still very good for business, it is that you are expanding the licence to 10 years. This is very commendable, *ka gore gompieno jaana* some investors *fa o nna o re go dirwe ngwaga le ngwaga*, it is costly, and sometimes *o a lebala jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa*. So *dilo tse ke go tlhabolola melao*. Jaanong re itse gore tiro ya Palamente e tona ke go dira le go tlhabolola melao gore dilo di kgone go tsamaya sentle. We should understand gambling as well as a business, and as such, then it has to be business friendly. Jaanong ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, fa o tla ka melao e e dirang gore kgwebo ya mofuta o e nne motlhofo, nna ke a leboga.

Bakaulengwe ba ntse ba bua thata ka bana, and referring to 18-year-olds as kids, but I know the law ya Children's Act refer to them as adults. I am worried *ka bana ba ba ka fa tlase ga dingwaga tse 18 jaaka go buiwa. Ke bone*

ba e leng gore mokaulengwe Honourable Ramaotwana o ntse a bua ka online gambling. Ke le Tona yo o lebaganyeng le tsa maranyane, this is what we are receiving e le dingongorego go tswa mo batsading gore gongwe ke rona ba re letlelelang gore bana ba dire gambling online; *jaaka re itse bo Betway le tse dingwe fela jalo. Gangwe le gape re a tlhalosa, jaaka ke ne ke araba potso mo Palamenteng maloba gore kana dilo tse fa e le gore re tshwanetse to block them*, we will block them for all of you. *Jaanong go na le ba e le gore ba dirisa this gambling responsibly. Jaanong bone re tlaabo re ba solela eng molemo? Ke gone kang fa e leng teng.*

Se se botlhokwa ke gore, this Betway and all these online betting companies *tsone boammaaruri ke gore* they observe age restrictions. Now how do we end up with kids under the age of 18 gambling online? *O fitlhela e le gore* they are using the adult's passwords; your own passwords *ke tsone tse ba di dirisang*, so that is why the companies like Betway *ba kgona go di amogela*. They will never accept anybody *a kwala gore o na le 13 years* because the minimum age is 18. *Fa e le gore re tlele go letlelela re le botsadi*, that is why the Ministry of Communications and Innovation always place an obligation *mo batsading gore re tshwanetse re lebelele mo baneng ba ba kwa tlase gore ba dira eng online. Maranyane a na le option eo* where you can offer *gore o bo o nna le parental control* where you can restrict some of these applications.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Clarification*. Ke ne ke re Motlotlegi Tshere e bile o santse o le foo mo dingwageng, ke re o e tshwantshanye le gore kana kwa BCP, ngwana o simolola go tlhophahala le 16 years, fa o le 16 fela o letlelelwa go tlhophahala mo *primary elections*, le ka Domkrag. Ke gore o di tshwaraganye tsotlhe dikgang tsa teng.

MR TSHERE: It is shameful actually for them to be referring to *bana ba, gotwe ke bana...* (Interruptions)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order!

MR TSHERE: They voted *maloba*, the people who voted for Unity Dow are actually minors.

MR PULE: *Point of order*. Nnyaa, mongwame ba a bo ba tsosa raorao. Dr Dikoloti o a itse gore ga a bue nnete. Ga ke itse gongwe kwa BCP go dirwa jalo, rona kwa go rona ga go na motho yo o ka tlhophang a le *less than 18 years*. Golo moo ga go a siama, a bo *Minister* a mo tlatsa a re *it is shameful as if o dumalana le gore*



ke boammaaruri. *They are imputing improper motives on us.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Pule*, ke a utlwa, mme kana se *Honourable Dikoloti le Honourable Tshere* ba se buang, ke tsaya gore ba bua ka diphathi tse di letlelelang 16-year-olds gore ba tlhophe. Ga ke dumele gore mafoko a teng a go lebaganye ka gore wena o ne o le *clear in your debate* gore tota wena o dumalana le ya 18 years. So ke dumela gore tota ba a lebagantse le ba ba ganang le 18 years proposed age mme e le gore mo diphathing tsa bone tsa sepolotiki, 16-year-olds ba ka tlhopha mo *primary elections* le ditlhopho tsa peo letlhokwa le tsa boeteledipele. Fa e le gore ba a lebagantse le wena, ba tlaabo ba dirile phoso thata. Ke dumela gore wena *you were very clear*, ba tlaabo e le gore ba batla go go rumola fela.

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke kopa gore o kope Rre Dikoloti a boele mafoko ao morago. Dr Dikoloti o tswa kwa Domkrag, o a itse gore *constitution* ya rona ga e letlelele gore motho yo o *under 18* a bo a ka tlhopha. O buile *straight* a re Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) mme a ntse a nkuhlwile gore ke ne ke reng.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Pule*, ya BDP ga e ka ke ya nna *point of order*: *Correct him* gore nnyaa, rona kwa BDP ke 18. *Mother of the House*, ke ne ke batla *guidance* ya gago o ise o tsamaye. Feleletsa *debate* ya gago *Honourable Tshere*.

MR TSHERE: I have concluded Mr Speaker. Like I am saying, it is pointless for us to argue in this House *gore bana ba ba 18 years* are minors while we know very well that the people who voted for Dr Unity Dow as the Vice President of the BCP are actually the minors. Thank you very much. I support the Bill.

MR SPEAKER: *Mother of the House*, what is the agreement this side, will they share the five minutes?

DR DOW: Having quickly consulted, I believe five minutes is okay.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke supe gore mogopolo kana Molao-kakanyetso o o tlisitseng fa, re o ema nokeng, mme ga go phoso gore e re fa re sekaseka molao, fa go na le sengwe se se iphitlhileng mo molaong, re go reye re re se sone se tshwanetse sa baakanngwa.

Molao wa gore re tshwanetse *to comply with international standards* gore re se ka ra lebega jaaka lefatshe le e leng

gore re mo *money laundering* kana re *finance terrorism* ka ditsela tsa go nna jaana, re a amogela. *The bone of contention here* ke gore a re sekasekeng gore a re simolodisa bana *to bet* ka dingwaga tsa 18. Ke gore ga go phoso, ka gore *that is the purpose* ya gore o bo o tlisa molao fa gore re tle go o kanoka, mme fa go na le sengwe, re se sekaseke.

Ke supe gore, kana *gambling* fa re ne re sa tswa go bua, o dirisa madi a re ka a bitsang *extra disposable income*. Ke gore ga se madi a bofelo a o a tsayang o bo o re mma ke leke gore gongwe ke ka ya go a godisa. Re tlhaloganya sentle *Honourable Minister* gore *bracket* yone ya 18, ke yone *the most high-risk takers*. E bile fa re bua ka 18, bangwe ba bua ka mebereko. Re a itse gore ke bone batho ba e leng gore *are hard hit* ka *unemployment*. E bile fa re bua ka molao o gone gompiano, ga re supe gore go tla *gamble* ba e leng gore ba a bereka.

Honourable Minister, fa re gakolola, ga re gane se e leng gore o tla ka sone. Jaanong fa re lebile ba e leng gore *are hard hit*, ba e leng gore ga ba bereke. Re itse sentlente gore nngwe ya *factors* tsa gore batho ba bo ba le *engaged* mo *gambling*, ke *poverty and desperation*. Fa o lebelela mo Botswana, *regions* tse e leng gore *are high* mo *gambling*, ke *North West* le *Ghanzi*. Re a itse gore fa re tla re di sekaseka ka tsela nngwe, ke tsone *the poorest*.

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MR AARON: Fa re tla re leba jaana, re bua re lebile gore mme le fa go ntse jaana, ga re re bana ba ba 18 ga ba na boikarabelo. *Honourable Minister, through you Madam Speaker*, mafatshe mangwe, ke go fa sekai, jaaka kwa America, ngwana yo o 18 o ka bereka, o ka kgweetsa...

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION (MR TSHERE): *Procedure*. Ke utlwa mokaulengwe, ke mo reeditse thata. Jaanong kana fa a bua gore batho ba ba humanegileng ke bone ba dirang *gambling* thata e bile a bo a kaya dikarolo tsa lefatshe le gore ba dirwa ke bohumanegi, golo mo ga go a siama fa e le gore go ka se ke go ntshiwe bosupi. A a tlise bosupi jo bo tletseng ka gore ke kgethololo fa o dira jalo ka gore ga o ka ke wa re batho ba ba dirang *gambling* ke ba ba humanegileng ka gore go dirwa ka madi. O raya ba tsaya kae madi fa o akanya gore ba ba sa berekeng ga ba na madi? Mafoko a gago ga a tswe sentle mo Palamenteng. Tsweetswee, a re se ka ra nankola, *unless* o ka tla ka bosupi o supa gore dipalo tsa gago tsa rialo.

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Le intshwarele ke lebetse digalase, ga ke bone sentle. *Honourable* Aaron, kgang ke gore...

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla ke supe gore bosupi jo ke buang ka jone bo teng, Gambling Authority e na le *the whole statistics* tse e leng gore... O ka nna wa re ke le di tlišetse, botsa Rre Lekau le botlhe ba e leng gore *were there*. *You can ask, I will bring it forth*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Members*, lesang go mo tsoetsa modumo.

MR AARON: *The North West Region and Gantsi, they are the worst hard hit according to Gambling Authority of Botswana*. Ke bosupi jo bo teng. Ke tlaa tlisa bosupi jo go supa gore *factors* ke tsone tse e leng gore *Honourable Minister* fa re di lebile, re go gakolole gore a re riane. Ke ne ke re ke go fa sekai; mafatshe mangwe a letlelela gore o ka kgona go bereka jaaka kwa America, o o nwa bojalwa o le 21. Ga go reye gore *rights* tsotlhe di bulelwa nako e nngwefela. Matshwenyego magolo ke lebogela *backbench* gore gompieno a bo le yone e eme e riana ka gore tiro ya bone ke go sireletsa setšhaba, fa *this front row* tiro ya bone ke go busa.

Re a itse gore *through* Gambling Authority, *Government* e tšile go nna le letseno mo mading a *gambling*. Ke sone se o bonang mongwe le mongwe yo o emang fa e le *a front bencher*; a bua jalo ka gore ba lebile letseno la Puso, ga ba a lebelela seru se se tšileng go wela lefatshe le.

Maloba ke ne ke thusa ngwana wa *tertiary* gone fa, a tšhamekile *gambling* ka madi a gagwe otlhe e bile a kobilwe le kwa a neng a nna teng.

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tšhwere *honourable*. *Honourable* Bogatsu.

MR AARON: Dilo tse ke bosupi jo e leng gore bo teng, bo a tšhela.

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tšhwere Aaron. *Honourable* Bogatsu.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: A re reetsaneng.

MR BOGATSU (LENTSWELETAU-LEPHEPHE): Go tla go itima golo ga lona. Mma ke taboge thata ka

gore nako le yone e nnyennyane ga e yo, mme ke emela gore Molao-kakanyetso o ke o ema nokeng thata le gone.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Kana *Honourable* Mapulanga, ga ke a utlwa gore a *five minutes*, le kopanela 10 *minutes*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga ke a utlwa gore jaaka a ne a fetsa *five minutes*, go raya gore fa a le ka fa o tsaya *five minutes* o mongwe. Ke itse gore mongwe le mongwe ke *five*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Gakere ga e na go diega ka gore ke *five*, e tlaa boa jaana.

MR BOGATSU: Mma ke taboge ka yone ke re Tona, ke go eme nokeng ka mogopolo o. Kgang e ya *gambling* ga se la ntlha re e bua mo Palamenteng, mo go neng go tla mo e ne e le go baakanya fale le fale. Ka gore go setse go builwe mafoko a mantsi, ga go na ope yo o ka nnang kgathlanong gore thulaganyo e gompieno re buang fa ka yone, *it is a multimillion industry* e re ka dirang madi mo go yone re le batho, *and it will also contribute to the country's cross-national product*.

Ka gore dikgang di builwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke gakolole gape gore go motsoko o e leng gore *it is highly addictive*, o bo o boe o kwalwe gore o bolaya ka bonya mme batho ba ntse ba o peipa. Le bojalwa go ntse fela jalo le jone bo *addictive* mme batho ba ntse ba a bo nwa. Le yone *this gambling* re a dumalana gore *it is addictive*, go na le ka fa e ka baakanngwang ka teng. Ka gore e rile fa re le fa ga buiwa ka gore go tlaa nna le *some strict controls*, go builwe ka melao e e ka dirisiwang *to control* dikgang tse di tšhwanang le tsa *gambling*. Go builwe gore *it has to be regulated*, go tlaa nna le melao e e tsamaisang, go bo ga akanngwa le *penalties for people to comply*.

Mo *penalties* tse a go tsene *heavy fines* mo go ba ba filweng dikgang tsa go tsamaisa molao wa *gambling*, ba bo ba sa tsamaisa sentle. Re ka raya gape gore *licenses should be revoked* kwa go ba ba tlaabong ba sa dire sentle ka fa go tšhwanetseng ka teng. Go nne gape le *jail term* fa go ntse go tšwelela. Ga go na gore re ka reng ka gore fa re lebelela *in South Africa*, *gambling* ga e bolo go nna teng bogologolo, e bile jaanong ba e fetotse, go na le mo gotweng ke *lotteries*. Mo ga *lotteries* go rekisiwa

mo ditseleng, o fitlhela go beilwe batho ba ntse ba tsaya. Go go bontsha gore golo mo ga go a bolo go nna teng, ga go na gore re ka go reng, go tlile go tswelela go ntse jalo. Ke gore Batswana re bonya e bile re boi, *we are overprotective* a bo go re baya golo go le gongwefela, ga re kgone go dira sepe go tsamaela kwa pele.

Bagaetsho ke nako, a re gololeng batho, bo 18 ba tshwara *lethal weapons* tse ba di dirisang. Kenny, go rileng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke tlaa nna mokhutshwanyane monna wa gaetsho.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, nna mokhutshwanyane ke sena go nna ke re *Honourable* Kapinga o ka bua.

MR KAPINGA: *Clarification.* Ke ne ke re re mo bolokele nako. A o a itse gore *Constitution* e ditsala tsa rona ka koo di reng e file batho *age of majority at 18, it limits* dingwaga tsa gore ke motho yo o dingwaga tse kae yo o ka nnang Tautona wa lefatshe? A jaanong re tseye gore le motho yo o 18 o ka nna Tautona wa Botswana, fa e le gore re tseela gore 18 *is now a blanket age, it authorises* sengwe le sengwe?

MR BOGATSU: Ga e rialo, re na le *age* ya rona ya go nna Tautona. Re a itse gore re dule *from 21* gore ba tlhophe, mabaka a teng e ne e le gore *why* re ba dira ya go tlhophi mme ba hirwa kwa sesoleng *at 18*, re bo re ba neela *lethal weapons* go di tshola ba tsamaya ka tsone. Le kwa sepoediseng go ntse fela jalo.

Bagaetsho a re tsamayeng le dinako, re se ka ra nna re eme golo go le gongwefela. E ya *gambling* ke a e amogela, *as long as* e fiwa *responsibly*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR BOGATSU: Tumelo ya me ke gore e tlaa re thusa mo letsenong. Ga re ga e yo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kana ke utlwa o re 18 mme masole ba...

MR BOGATSU: *Madam*, omanyana Frenzel. Fa re le fa, ba ba neng ba re etetse ba ne ba re bolelela gore ga go thuse sepe go itsa batho, ba bo ba tlola molelwane ba ya go dira *gambling* kwa Afrika Borwa, ba bo ba ya go gobala koo. Fa ba tla go bona gore *the stage here*, e ne e tshwanetse go ba tlhokomela *with rehabilitation* mme ba sa remelela mo ga rona.

Mogopolo o ke o eme nokeng gape ka ke o bona e le *employment creation* ka fa ba neng ba o bua ka teng.

Gape o tlile go okeletsa batho letseno. Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o mphe *clarification*?

MR KWAPA (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Selo se se botlhokwa go gaisa tse tsotlhe ke gore re tshwanetse go ithuta mo mafatsheng a a dirang sentle. Ke e tlhalose jalo ke re dilo makwati di kwatabolotswa mo go ba bangwe.

MADAM SPEAKER: Batlotlegi ba a bua, go modumo mo Ntlong. Ga le utlwale. Reetsanang.

MR KWAPA: Fa re lebelela the *international and organisational definitions* tse di tlhalosang ka bana kana batho, fa re lebelela WHO ya re *adolescents* ke batho ba ba nang le dingwaga tse di lesome go ya kwa go 19. E tlhalosa *youth* e le batho ba ba nang le dingwaga tse 15 go ya kwa go 24, fa *young people* ba le dingwaga tse 10 to 24. Mo lefatsheng la Botswana *Madam Speaker*, fa re bua ka *youth*, re bua ka dingwaga tse 15 go ya kwa go 35. Fa re lebelela Development Fund Programme, *it targets* batho ba ba dingwaga tse 18 to 35. Ga e bue ka ba ba kwa tlase ga dingwaga tse 18. Fa re lebelela the African Youth Charter, e tlhalosa gore *youth* ke batho ba ba dingwaga tse 15 to 35. Se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore go a bo go lebilwe dilo tse di tshwanang le tsa *culture, social and economic factors*. Fa re lebile mo lefatsheng la rona, fa re boa re boela gape kwa the Children's Act ya 2009, e tlhalosa jalo gore ngwana ke motho yo o dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga 18. Ke tlhalose gore the Children's Act e boa e tlhalosa ka botlalo gore *there are these special protections* tse di filweng ngwana. Go bo go nna le *welfare rights* le *care frameworks* tse e leng gore fa re bua ka motho yo o *under 18*, Children's Act *takes care of that*.

Fa re lebelela the *age of majority as it is explained in terms of the Interpretation Act*, re bua jalo gore ke *age of 18*. Se ke ka se tlhalosang fela ka bokhutshwane ke gore jaaka fa Mopalamente a ne a tlhalosa, kana se se diragalang mo bogompionong ke gore bana ba tlolela kwa mafatsheng a mangwe go isa letseno koo. Fa re lebeletse itsholelo ya rona mo Botswana jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore melao e ne e tlhalosa jalo, *we need to safeguard* fela jaaka re ne re tlhalosetswa ke ba *Gambling* gore re tshwanetse gore...

MR LEKAU: *Procedure. Madam Speaker*, gongwe re e tlogela fela e feta *but* fa e tswelela e boelelwa, o kare re

raya gore bana ba rona ba tlolela ka kwa *at that age*, go tloga go sa nne sentle gore ga re bue *youth* ya rona sentle gore ba tlolela kwa South Africa go tshameka mataese teng. *Given the fact* fela ya gore ga go na bosupi jwa seo, a re se ka ra dira *that illusion* gore e nne o kare ke nnete. Ke a leboga.

MR KWAPA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke dumela gore *Honourable Lekau is out of order* ka lebaka la gore re ne re tlhalosetswa ke ba Gambling Authority gore batho ba dingwaga tse ba tlolela kwa mafatsheng a a mabapi go ya go *gamble*. Ba ne ba tlhalosa gore re tshwanetse gore re sireletse bana ba.

Se se leng teng ke gore re tshwanetse gore re tle ka melao e e tshwanetseng gore e tsamaelane *Madam Speaker*. Fa o lebelela *the Marriage Act le Children's Act*, ka fa re tsayang *youth* ka teng, re tshwanetse re tlhaloganye gore melao ya rona e tshwanetse e tlhalosege, e tshwane. *We need to amortise these laws to see to it that they resonate well* le ka fa ba kopang ka teng. Ke dumalana le Tona ka fa a kopang ka teng. Sengwe se ke ka se tlhalosang ke gore *organisation* e e iphitlhetse e le gore e rile fa go nna le gore ba nne le *age restriction*, e bo e le gore bomadimabe ke gore e ne ya bewa kwa godimo jalo. Ke sone se ke reng ke dumalana le bone gore e fokodiwe, e tshwane fela le ya *organisations* tse dingwe ka lebaka la gore re bua ka *organisation* e e leng gore e nna le seabe mo itsholelong ya lefatshe leno la Botswana. *I submit Madam Speaker*.

MR MAPULANGA (CHOBE): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke leboqe Tona ka go tlisa Molao-kakanyetso o. Ke supe jaana gore re *debate political correctness* le *political substantiveness* gore a re ye ka matlho a batho gore re tle re bokiwe gore re dirile molao kana re sireletse setšhaba se mo manokonokong a bokamoso. *Honourable Minister le Madam Speaker*, re a itse gore *gambling* e thuba malwapa. *Any Thebe* e e isiwang kwa *gambling* e raya *school fees* se sa duelwa, dijo tsa bana di sa rekiwa le *rent* e sa duelwa. Fa ke lebelela dikgang tse, *I do not gamble because* ga ke setshwakga. Ke ipotsa gore a re tlhobogile *agriculture* le go dira *enterprises* tse di ka dirang gore batho ba bereke sentle gona le go nna fa tlase ga *computers* go tšhaiwa mataese?

Madam Speaker, Palamente e e fetise molao mme le ipaakanye. *One of the challenges that we are going to face* ke gore bana ba lona ba ya go bolaya batsadi ba batla *insurance* gore ba ye go *gamble* ka yone, *it is coming*. *I am telling you this*, le ka nganga gompieno ka gore le mo dibaking. *I am telling you this, gambling*

is addictive and fa motho a nna *addicted*, go akanya ga gagwe go a tlhela. *Gambling* e ya go re bolaela bana *psychosocially, systems* tsa bone di ya go simolola di sa bereke, go lofa sekole go ya go ya kwa godimo. Bana ba ya go *gamble* ka *allowance* e re buang ka yone. *At the end of the day, dropouts* tsa sekole di ya go nna dintsi *and then crime will escalate*.

Gompieno re mekamekane le dikgang tse e leng gore go lwala ga ditlhaloganyo go kwa godimo, re palelwa ke go reka dipilisi tsa *antidepressants*, re bo re re ye go tsaya madi a bofelo a Batswana fela ka gore re na le dithata tsa go dira molao. *Madam Speaker*, re tsenya lefatshe mo mathateng, ke sa gane gore re ya go tsaya makgetho, go ya go dira *employment, there are better employment opportunities* tse re ka di dirang re le Palamente *apart from gambling*. O raya gore re ka palelwa ke go tla ka ditlhaloganyo tse di botoka tsa go dira ditiro ka matlalo, teemane le kopore? Re bo re re re tsamaelane le kwa batho ba tlholang ba ntse fela, kana golo mo go bolaya *work ethic*. Batho ba re yang go ba hira mo diofising, ba ya go tlhola mo *computers* ba *gamble*, batho ba sa neelwe *service*. Batho ba ya go felela ba *trade* selo sa bofelo se ba nang le sone se se nang le *value* ba batla *gambling*. A la re re le Palamente re dumalane gore *gambling* e *that reduces productivity...* kana *it is a capitalism system, are we a capitalism system* mo re dumelang gore ba ba nang le madi, tiro ya bone ke go nna fa fatshe? Golo mo *Madam Speaker, in this one minute, it is going to even increase human trafficking* ka gore fa o ka kolota motho, o sa mo duela madi a gagwe a o neng o a adimile o ya go *gamble*, o ya go tsaya ngwana wa gago. O ya go tsaya ngwana wa gago a bo a re, “ntuele, e seng jalo ngwana o a tsamaya.” *It is coming*.

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

MR MAPULANGA: Tsosang modumo fela jalo. Gambling Authority, a re iketleng pele. Ga re gane, batho ba a bereka *but a trained soldier, a trained officer*, ga a tshwane... *unless* o ka nthaya wa re o ya go nna le dikole tse e leng gore di tlaabo di *train gambling*. Re itse bokete jwa *gambling* mo ditlhaloganyong tsa batho, batho ba lala ka tlala, madi a feletse mo go yone.

Ke wela jaana gore dumalanang mme le itse gore re ya go aramela ditlamorago tsa *gambling* gone fa. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR LEKUTLANE (KGALAGADI NORTH): Mma ke go leboqe *Madam Speaker* ka go...

MR BARONGWANG: *Procedure*. Kana re utlwa e le gore o ne wa re go...



MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o mpaakanyeditse.

MR BARONGWANG: Jaanong re batla gore re itse gore re ya go tswala nako mang?

MADAM SPEAKER: Nna fa fatshe Motlotlegi Barongwang.

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki Mr Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, ga ke *Mr Speaker*.

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

MR LEKUTLANE: Tanki. ke rile *Madam Speaker*, fela ke gore batho ba ba go itaya tsebe gore o se ka wa nkutlwa gore ka reng.

Mma ke simolole fela jaana ke supe se se...

MADAM SPEAKER: Mapalamente tlhe a modumo багаетшо! Naare *Bill* e e le dira jang jaanong?

MR LEKUTLANE: Ba supa gore re ne re batlile 10 *minutes each Madam Speaker*. *Bill* e tota e simologile sentle fela, mme e bile le ka fa tse dingwe di buiwang ka teng ka yone tsa bo FATF, ba Kgalagadi North ke ba reile ke re e siame. Kgosi Masimong Phori wa Phuduhudu a re o reeditse thata e bile o lebeletse mo *television*, gore se se ka diragalang, kgang ya gore bana ba ba 18 *years* ba ka letlelelwa go *chaya* mataese, ke itse gore kwa Kgalagadi North, batho bao ke bana, ga se bagolo.

O ne a tlhalosa jaana ka gore o ne a nthatlhelela, a nkokeletsa gore ke tle ke bue go fetisa, le Kgosi Molehele kwa Hunhukwe, ba re kana bana ba ba 18 *years* ba bannye. E bile gape le bone ka fa ke itseng ka teng, ka fa *science* e supang ka teng, *these adolescents at the age of 18*, boboko jwa bone bo a bo bo ise bo tlhape sentle, gape *on top of that*, ke batho ba ba tshabelelwang ke *depression*. Ke batho ba e leng gore gompiano jaana ga ba na madi a e leng gore ba ka ya *to gamble* ka one, *especially* mo kgaolong ya me ka gore batho ba *ages* tseo, ga go na fa ba berekang teng. Se se supafalang ke gore ga ba bereke, ga ba na ditiro. *So*, madi a ba ka a bonang, ke one madi a ba tshelang ka one a bagolo, ba bo ba ka tsaya sengwe mo go bone.

Madam Speaker, ke buile ka *delay*, *maturity*. Gape *science* e tswela e supa gore *at that age*, go na le mo re go bitsang gotwe *peer pressure*, e kgona *to lead to anxiety*. Fa o lebelela dilo tse dingwe tse di ntseng jalo gore fa ngwana a ya *to gamble*, fa a tswa kwa a latlhegetswe ke madi a *stipend* se a neng a se fiwa ke

lephata la ga Rre Maele, P2500, fa ba setse ba *chaile* mataese ka one, jaanong go raya gore ga go na sepe se a se dirang kana se a ka se itirang. Go tla kakanyo ya gore go simolole go nne le kgang ya gore o ka ya go ipolaya. Ke dingwe tse tota ba kgaolo ya me ba ne ba mpolelela gore kwa ntle ga kgang ya gore go ka dirwa eng ka tse dingwe tsa molao oo, di siame. Ba rile Mopalamente wa rona, ka gore ke rona re go romileng koo, dumalana le molao oo *with an amendment* ya gore dingwaga di boele kwa go 21...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR LEKUTLANE: ...e se ka ya nna 18.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Lekutlane, elucidation.

MR LEKUTLANE: ...*because* se se diragalang ke gore ngwana yo o 18 *years* o santse a na le *problem* ya *financial literacy*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation, ke Frenzel.

MR LEKUTLANE: ...ba ntheile ba re, go fokotsa dingwaga tse e leng gore jaanong...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation, Lekutlane.

MR LEKUTLANE: ...gompiano ka ba bangwe ba ntse ba supa gore batho ba ba filweng boikarabelo jwa go bereka ba nna mapodise, masole, ba re...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Frenzel, a ko o lese go patika motho.

MR LEKUTLANE: Kgang e tota ga go na fa e nyalanang teng ka gore *those two officers* ba nna dikgwedikgwedi ba rutuntshiwa gore ba ka tshwara tlhobolo jang, le gore ba ka itshwara jang *and* mme ga go na *training* ya *gambling* gore o ka itshwara jang. Selo se ba se supileng ke gore maloba ba ne ba reeditse sentle fa Mmamapodise a ne a supa gore gongwe go ka nna le kakanyo ya gore ba fokotse *defilement age* from 18 to 16. Jaanong kgang e ba neng ba e bua ke gore ga e ka ke ya re go fokodiwa molao ka gore golo foo Mmamapodise o ne a supa gore bana ba *engage* mo thobalanong ka dingwaga tseo. Jaanong ka gore ba ba 18 gatwe ba *chaya* mataese, mme go batliwa *to regularise*, bone ba gana nnyaa wa banyana, ba re ke go tlhalosetse jalo *Madam Speaker*. Mma ke boele morago.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable* Barongwang. Nnyaa, o akgetse maabane.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nnyaa, o akgetse maabane.

MR BARONGWANG: O tlaa intshwarela *Madam Speaker*, nte ke tlhalose sengwe, e ne e le kwa General Assembly, e ne e se mo *House*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga a bue nnete.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nte ba ntlholele.

MR BARONGWANG (MOGODITSHANE EAST): Ke go kopele maitshwarelo mo go *Honourable Barongwang* gore o bo gongwe o ne o lebetse gore e ne e le General Assembly. Ke go leboge gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa go latlhela le nna mo kgannyeng e ke e ratileng bobe. Ke e ratile ka gore ke nako e ke lemogang gore jaanong Palamente ke Palamente, e a tlhalosa gore re ya go dira melao, mme gape re ya go elelela kana go emela batho ba rona, mme gape re *perform oversight*.

Re fa re dira molao kana re batla go fetisa molao o *Mr Speaker* a gatelelang ka gore nako le nako re dire melao e mentle. Molao o montle ke molao o e leng gore (i) *it is morally right*, (ii) le fa re ntse re lebelela gore go na le dipelo, ee, o nne *economical right*, mme gape re lebelele mo gongwe gore kante molao o o tswa kwa kae, o tla ka mang, o ama mang. Go na le Sekgoa se se reng “*the one who funds the music chooses the song*.”

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

MR BARONGWANG: Re fa re bua le Gambling Authority, re supa matshwenyego. Bontsi jwa Mapalamente ba supa ka fa ba tshwentsweng ke dingwaga ka teng, tse e leng gore di ya kwa *society* kana batho ba re ba emetseng. Ke nna ke utlwa go nna go kgabola kgang e e bokete ya gore go na le dipelo, re ya go dira ditiro. Ee, Gambling Authority le *gamblers* ba na le keletso ya gore ba dire *profits*, rona re le Ntlo e, re tshwanelwa ke gore re *protect* ledula le gotweng motho.

Ga ke ganane gope le se se setseng se supilwe le dikai tse di filweng, mme re tshwanelwa ke go palama se e leng gaufi le boammaaruri. Re file bosupi ka mafatshefatshe, le gone se re se eletsang re file bosupi, mme *morality* o re raya o reng? Setho se re raya se reng? A re ntsheng dikgang tsa gore re tlaa latlhegelwa ke ditlhopho ka gore ba ba 18 ba a tlhopho. Bakaulengwe ba ntse ba supa gore le fa ntswa ba tlhopho, mme kana se re buang ka sone se, se *completely different from* ditlhopho. Ba re o ya go tlhopho o sa patelediwe ke seemo sengwe, go tlhopho wena.

Mo re go buang gompiano, go na le seemo sa gore o ka nna o re ke batla go dira madi, mme golo moo go bo go felela go gogela semangmang mo seemong se e seng sone. Jaanong re leka go gogela *society* sa rona ka dipalopalo, ka gore fa re simolola re fokotsa dingwaga *from 21 to 18, now we are increasing the population of the vulnerable people*. Golo moo ke gone mo ke batlang gore re go lebelele. Ke a bona nako ya me e itlhaganetse. Le se ka la akanya gore ke ganana le molao. Ke kopa gore re reetse lentswe le lengwe. Le lengwe lentswe la reng, re se ka ra reetsa fela yo o tlang kana yo o dueletseng pina re bo re e bina.

MR FRENZEL: *Elucidation*. Ke a leboga gore o bo o mphile *Honourable Barongwang*. Ke ne ke leka go go tlatsa ka gore ke a utlwa gore o tla le yone sentle. Kana fa o re o lebelela dikgang tse, jaaka o tla o ntse o di atolola ka fa o di atololang ka teng, se setona re tshwanelwa ke go lebelela go sireletsa ngwana jaaka o ntse o tla ka yone. Ke tsaya ke re o tla le yone sentle. Ke ne ke leka fela gore ke go tlatse.

MR BARONGWANG: Ke a go leboga. A re se ka ra bina pina, ba teng gone fa. Se ke se kopang fela ke gore, gongwe re utlwe kwa go neng go dirwa *consultation* teng, bokete jwa morafe wa reng ka kgang ya dingwaga. Se ke ka se kopang Palamente e ke gore, a re se ka ra tsena *under pressure* ya *industry*...

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tshwere nate.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO WEST): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke batla go simolola fela ke bua gore bagaetsho, a re dumalaneng fela gore *gambling* e teng, mme ke selo se se bosula. *Gambling is evil, gambling is harmful*.

Ke ne ke le lepodise *Madam Speaker* dingwaga tse dintsi. Ke gakologelwa re le *on raid* re tshwara mongwe kwa mataeseng, e ne e le *driver* ya Domkrag. A tlogetse khwaere kwa Ramotswa, a bo a tswa kwa Ramotswa ka koloi ya Domkrag a tla go tshaya mataese kwa Broadhurst-Extension 27. Motho yo fa o botsa ditso tsa gagwe, e ne e le mohumi kwa Serowe. *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke le lepodise, re latlhegetswe ke *Station Commanders*, ba utswa madi a *exhibits* ba ya to *gamble*. *That is the reality of the evil nature of gambling*. Jaanong fa re tla fa re re a re letleleleng bana ba ba 18 years go ya go to *gamble*, go supa fela gore ga re rate bana ba rona. *I would never in my life allow my 18-year old child to gamble, never*. Ga ke itse gore ke mang fa yo o ratang ngwana wa gagwe, yo o ka mo rayang a re go *and gamble* ngwanaka, o motona.



HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga a yo.

MR KAPINGA: Ga a yo fa. Re batla go letlelela dilo tse mo baneng ba bangwe, *but we should be wary of the consequences that will follow in our society* fa re dira melao e e ntseng jaana. Fela jaaka *Honourable Mapulanga* a ne a bua, a re lebeleleleng kwa pele gore *we are going to produce* bana ba ba *damaged* ba le kae, *as a result of going into gambling at a premature age*. Ke sone se re batlang go se dira.

Ga re ganetsane le *regulation* ya *Gambling Industry Honourable Minister*; o re reetse ka kelotlhoko. *We are not against regulation of the Gambling Industry, because it is there*, ga re ka ke ra ganetsa *reality that is in place*. *We are saying, let us save the children*, a re babaleleng bana ba ba 18 years, ba e tlaa reng fa re ka bulela, ba ya go tsaya *allowance* ya bone ya kwa *university*, a bo a ya to gamble ka yone yotlhe. Kamoso a bo a sala a eme fela go se na kwa a lebang teng. Nna fa ke jelwe ke tlaa leba kwa lesakeng, gongwe ke tlaa ya go tsaya dikgomo tse pedi, *but I do not gamble*.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *On a point of clarification*. Ka bokhutshwanyane fela ke ne ke re ke tle ke utlwe *suggestion* gore wa re re dire jang, re oketse dingwaga? Ke tsaya gore o nkutlwile *sir*.

MR KAPINGA: Ke go utlwile rraetsho. Se ke se buang ke gore a re beye molao o *at 21 years of age*, *where we assume that* yo o neng a na le *opportunity* ya go ya kwa *tertiary* has gone to *tertiary* o feditse, *now* o ka dira se a batlang go se dira ka botshelo jwa gagwe. Ngwana yo o *under 21*, ke gana ke sa oshaošha, re tlaabo re *destroy* bana ba rona, re tlaabo re supa gore ga re ba rate.

Ga go na motho yo o 18 yo o ka nnang Tautona mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Ka fa ke itseng ka teng, ga go na motho yo o 18 yo o ka nnang Kgosi mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *There are many things* tse e leng gore bana ba ba 18 *they are not privileged to enjoy, because of their premature age*. Fa o tla fa o re nnyaa, *age of majority* ke 18, *age* nngwe le nngwe *is determined* go lebeleletswe mabaka. *If we are dealing with a harmful industry like gambling*, re tshwanetse gore re lebe ka pharologanyo gore jaanong *we are looking at a harmful industry*.

Fa o tlhopho, go tlhopho ga go *harmful Honourable Tshere*, o a bo o tlhopho Goromente wa gago. *Gambling*, go ja ditagi le go nwa bojalwa, go *harmful*. *That is why it is important* gore fa re lebelela *these specific sectors*,

re lebelele *appropriate age*. Re se ka ra sia fela ka gore gatwe *age of majority* ke 18.

Ke batla ke go kope *Honourable Minister* rraetsho gore, reetsa Mapalamente, ba bua *on behalf of the nation* gore *reducing this age to 18*, re tlaabo re direla bana ba rona bosula, re tlaabo re ba epela lemena. Rona ga re a bolo go feta ka *age* eo, re tlaabo re epela bana ba rona lemena *and* re tlaabo re sa supe botsadi ka go dira jalo. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI (LETLHAKENG): Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Lantlha fela ke re, lefatshe le kalwa ka batho ba lone le gore ba mo seemong sefe. E re ke tlhalosa ka Sekgoa ke re, *the mental state of a nation is of vital importance to human capital development*. *It is a highway to either ruin or hell, but not survival*. *Therefore*, badiramelao ba tshwanetse gore fa ba dira molao, ba bo ba ikakantse thata, *so that* ba itse gore *the future of this country is dependent on the very youth that they are thinking of protecting*.

Yo mongwe o ne a bua ka *the economic correctness*, nna ke tlaa bua ka *social correctness*. *Youth*, itseng gore re a le rata re batsadi ba lona, fa le le leng teng *know that your parents love you*. Le rona as *Parliamentarians*, re a le rata. Ke batla go bua jaana ke re, *for every rule there is always an exception*. Go na le monna gatwe Schultz, *on the human capital theory of human development*, o buile gore, ngwana fela *from one year to 21 years*, o santse a le ka fa teng ga *to be developed* and re na la tumelo ya gore ngwana yo o santse a ntse a godisiwa. Fa a gola re batla gore a nne *the future of the country*. Ke ne ke utlwa yo mongwe a bua ka ditlhopho, a re ka gore ngwana o a tlhopho; go tlhopho *is a one-day event and it comes every after five years*. *Therefore, there is no addiction to that*. *Employment in BDF or in the Police Force, is a one-time event, it does not happen regularly to a particular human being*. Fa motho a tsena mo sesoleng, fa o tsena fela, *you are groomed and built to appreciate the rigorous training that you are going to go through*. *Therefore*, fa re tshwantshanya *elections with activities of employment*, ke tsaya gore *as legislators, we should be careful of what we are saying*.

Ke boa ke re bagaetsho, ke na le tumelo ya gore bana ba ba santse ba tsena sekole, *let them go to school and let us be restrictive*, re ba bolelele gore bongwanaka, le tshwanetse gore le ye sekoleng, re batla gore kamoso le bo le le Mapalamente *and Presidents*. Jaanong fa re ba tlogela, *gambling* ga e a siama. Ke gakologelwa letsatsi lengwe, ga ke na go bua ka leina, motho yo mongwe ke

ne ke mo rata bogologolonyana fale, a nthaya a re mpha ke dire *business*. Ka mo fa madi, ka gore o ne a tlwaetse *to gamble*, madi otlhe a ke neng ka mo a neela ke mo tshwere mo Gaborone a re, “*mari ame iya hela, ha keze gore iya a ya gkae*,” a bua Shekgalagari.

Ke batla go le raya ke re, motho yo o 18 years o santse a gola, a re mo godiseng betsho, a re mo ageng. Go dira molao ga se gore re a laola, ke gore re age setšhaba. *This thing we should do it* re itse ka *the possibility of juvenile delinquency*. Madi a dira motho Morena, fa motho a bona a tshwere o tsaya gore... le gone boitaolo bo tlaa nna bontsi. Ke bua ka lona bongwanaka ke itse gore le ntheditse, ke re re a rata, re batla gore le gole le nne letswai la kamoso. *Let kids go to school, the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programme* e re e buile, re ne re ntse re dumela gore re tshwanetse go tla ka mananeo. Dikole tsa rona di tlhabololwe gore bana ba nne mo dikoleng, e seng ka go tshameka ditaese. Ke ne ke utlwa motlotlegi a re, re se ka ra re ditaese, mme ga ke itse gore ke ka re go betšha, ka gore go betšha le gone ke ntse ke Sekgoa, “*to bet*.” Ga ke itse gore ke tlaa dirisa eng, kana ke ka re go tlhabana ka madi, kana ke tlaa reng. Betsho, mogopolo o wa gore bana ba fokodiwe dingwaga ba ye kwa...

MADAM SPEAKER: E go tshwere *honourable*.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: Ke a leboga, ga ke dumalane le one.

MADAM SPEAKER: I am calling Honourable Minister Ntsima to respond. He is responding for 20 minutes, *fa a tlaabong a wela teng*, we will vote. *Re bo re tšhaisa*.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR NTSIMA): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*, mma ke leboge batlotlegi go akanela *the Bill* e e beilweng fa pele ga bone. Ke simolole fela gongwe e se go ipoeletsa, e le go gatisetsa gore tota *Bill* e ne e tletse eng mo Ntlong, e bile e ne e lebile gore batlotlegi ba e lebe ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke lebogela, e bile ke lemoga thata *comments that were made*, bontsi jwa tsone e le dintle tse di tlisiwang ke *Bill* e. Le fa ba bangwe ba buileng teng, gongwe le tlhoka gore ga re a utlwana sentle fa ke e baya pele ga bone.

Ke leboge gore le ba ba reng *gambling* ke tiro ya bosaatane, ba kgonne go nna le tshono ya go akanela le go baakanya gore, mme le fa ba ntse ba na le temogo eo, ba itse gore ke selo se se teng, se a diragala, mme se tlhoka *to be regulated* jalo ke Goromente...

MR LEKAU: *Procedure*. Ga ke mo bosaataneng fela, mme ke ne ke re ke botse fa, gongwe o re tlhalosetse re nne ka kitso ya teng. Ke ne ke utlwa o re *five minutes* yo o salang re tlaabo re tlhophela. A o raya re tlhophela gore *Bill* e fete kana...

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *for second reading*. Gakere re ya go tlhophela *second reading* fa e ne e le gore re tlaabo re ya kwa *committee stage*, re fetsa pele ka go tlhophela *second reading* re bo re ya kwa *committee*. Jaanong go raya gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ga re na go ya *to the committee*, re ya go tswala fela *after voting for second reading*.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re *Bill* e ne e tletse fa gore *we have outdated definitions* mo molaong tse re neng re eletsa gore re di lebe rotlhe mo Ntlong e. Re ne re tla gape re re, *there is inadequate regulation of ownership structure*, e le nngwe ya tse re di fetisitseng di le mo *this Bill*. Ra boa gape ra re, *there were weak provisions on the beneficial ownership*, e ke tsayang gore batlotlegi ba dumalana thata le gore go ne go tlhokafala gore e tsennngwe morago ga *introduction* eo, e e re sireletsang gantsi le ba ba re kanokang. Ba kanoka ka fa re tsamaisang tsotlhe tse di amanang le tsa madi, gore re se ka ra iphitlhela madi a dule ka diphatlha tsa menwana, a ile *to sponsor activities* tse a sa tshwanelang *to sponsor*.

E nngwe e ne e le *insufficient power; to supervise licence holders*, gore ba ba neetsweng ditieseletso, ba tsholwa jang ke *authority*. Mme e bile keletso ke gore re dire ka tsela e e ntseng jang, *so that we can supervise them* sentle, kana re dire gore ditsamaiso tsa bone ba di dire ka tokamo, kwa ntle ga gore e nne e kare re kgoreletsa ka fa ba dirang kgwebo ya bone ka teng.

E nngwe e ne e le *gaps relating to anti-money laundering compliances*; e e botlhokwa fela thata. E bile mo nakong e e seng kgakala, *we will be reviewing*, jaanong go tlhokafala gore melao ya rona, e bo e tsamaelana le tse di senang botlhabetso jo bo ntseng jalo, tsa tloga tsa re tsenya mo kgannyeng ya *greylisting* e e kileng ya re diragalela fa morago fale.

E nngwe e ne e le gore, *there is no framework for amusement arcades* kana dilaki; e le gore re eletsa go di tsenya ka fa tlase ga taolo. Le tsone di tsamaisiwe ka gore fa o di leba ka leitlho le le tseneletseng, di bapile thata le *to gamble*, kana di tsamaelana le gone gore fa o tshameka jalo, go na le sengwe se o ka atsiwang ka sone. Go tlhokafala gore le tsone di tsennngwe mo molaong *and be regulated*.



E nngwe e ne e le *limited flexibility in licensing; the authority felt* gore e kare e bofilwe mabogo thata ka fa tsamaisong ya go ntsha ditieseletso tsa go dira kgwebo e e tsamaelanang le *gambling*.

Ya bofelo e ne e le *weak enforcement mechanisms*; sone se ke tsayang gore batlotlegi ba ne ba bua ka sone gore, mme go diragala jang gore ba ba filweng boikarabelo kana ba ba eleditseng gore ba tsene mo metshamekong e e ntseng jalo, ba bo ba sireletsegile. E bile gape ba ba dirang tse di sa tshwanelang go di dira go atlholega jang, kana tsamaiso ke gore ba dirwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Ke tsaya gore *Bill* e ne e araba dilelo tse ke di beileng fa pele ga lona. E di arabile ka boleejana, mme go na le dikarabo tse ke eletsang go tsena mo go tsone tse le di amileng batlotlegi. Gongwe ke simolole fela kwa ntlheng, kgang e le...*(Inaudible)*...gantsi ke ya dingwaga, gore di tlogelwe kwa go 21. Kana mme re ne re le fa re le baya pele matshwenyego a rona re le botsamaisi jwa *gambling*, gore re na le matshwenyego a gore, e ne ya re fa re aga molao o, re bo re baya kwa dingwageng tse 21. Se se diragalang ke gore, dingwaga di ntse di beilwe kwa di beilweng teng, bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase tse 18, ba tsenelela *gambling*. Gone moo kana go raya gore *it is a nightmare for any authority*, fa e le gore dingwaga e ka nna gore tse di kwadilweng di bua se sele, mme se se diragalang mo *ground* ke se sele.

Ke lebogetse batlotlegi ba ba buisitseng kgang e ya dingwaga, mme ba lekile go supa gore, kana re file motho yo o nang le dingwaga tse 18 maikarabelo a mantsi a a sisimosang mmele, a go kgona gore a tlhophe Mopalamente a mo tlise mo Ntlong. Ke farologana le yo o reng, boikarabelo jwa go tlhopha ke *once-off, but you have to live with the consequences for five years* fa e le gore o tlišitse *lebonga* mo Palamenteng. Go raya gore le gone fela ga se selo se o se direlang golo go le gongwefela, ka gore fa o se dira, o a bo o tlhophile motho yo o tlaabong a le foo *for dingwaga tse five*.

Tota kgang ga se gore ke ditlhopho, ke gore melao ya rona, *age of majority* jaaka go buiwa, e ne e setse e buseditse kwa dingwageng tse 18. Le melao e re santseng re e lebile mo bogompionong ka matshwanedi e tshwanetse gore e ka bo e ne ya fetolwa gone go baakanyetsa gore go ne ga nna le phetogo e e ntseng jalo. Gape re lebe le gore, go na le gore re dire gore batho ba ba tseneletseng dikgang tsa *gambling* ba dingwaga...ba nne maarogi a a tlolang melelwane. Go tlola melelwane ga go tewe fela ka maoto, kana bontsi jwa *games* malatsing a *are online*, go raya gore

ba tlola, ba dira tse di ka kwa mafatsheng a sele, tse di letlelelang gore dingwaga tsa bone ba tsenelele dikgang tsa *gambling*. Go raya gone gore ke go eta ka lenao, mme go eta ka lenao ka gore maranyane a letla gore o ka dira jalo, ba dira jalo ba ba dingwaga tse di koo. Ka kitso ya gore mo lefatsheng ga ba letlelelwe go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Fa ba eta jalo ka lenao, ga ba tsamaye fela, ba tsamaya le ka letseno le le ka bong e le gore fa le rona re baakantse, re tshwantshitse le ba ba yang kwa go bone, letseno leo le ka bo le tla mo lefatsheng la rona. Ga se gore fa re sa fetole dingwaga ra di busetsa kwa go 18, go raya gore golo moo go tlaa emisa gore bana ba ba 18 ba dire *gambling*, ba tlile go tswelela ba ntse ba dira jalo. Kopo e ne e le gone gore, ka gore ba a dira, mme e bile ga re ka ke ra emisa gore ba dire ka metlhale e mentsi e ba dirang ka yone, ga se gore jaanong re baakanyetse one molao wa gore o ba letle gore ba dire mme ba dira jalo e se gore ba dira fela, ba dira gore le rona ba re fa tshono ya gore re itse, le *statistics* di re bontshe ba ba abelelang ba re bana ba ba 18 ke bone ba ba nnang *addicted*. A bo e le gore le dipalopalo kana *data that is collected can show* gore mme ba dingwaga tse ba amilwe ka selekanyo se se kana, ba tse di rileng ba amilwe ka selekanyo se se kana. Gone moo go raya gore go ka diragatsa gore le rona jaanong, kana fa gotwe rona re itse gore *gamblers* di simolola ka 21, jaanong fa o tla o le dingwaga tse di kwa tlase, *you are not a gambler*. Go raya gore *you do not fall within the ambit* ya ba e leng gore re tsaya gore ke *customers* tsa Gambling Authority. E bile o ka thusega fela jaaka ba e leng gore ba mo dingwageng tse di letlelesegileng. Mo bogompionong ba ka thusega. Go raya gore *interventions will be put in place covering* le bone ba ba dirang gompiono, mme molao o ba beile ka fa thoko. Go raya gore kana dikotsi tse re buang ka tsone, di tsweletse di a diragala.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Clarification, Madam Speaker.* Ke a go utlwa *Honourable Minister*. Wa re ka gore re leka go emisa ba ba 18 years mme ba ka tsena mo maranyaneng ba bo ba ya *to gamble* le kwa mafatsheng a sele, mme kana le ba 16 years ba ka dira jalo. Ga se gore kamoso le tlaabo le boa gape le le Goromente le tla mo Palamenteng le batla go busetsa kwa go 16? Kana ke one matshwenyego a Mapalamente. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR NTSIMA: Ke a leboga Dr G. Kana fa re leba, ga se gore *argument* yame *is based only* mo go reng *they are gambling*, re lebile gape gore le *access* e e leng gore ba ba 18 ba na le yone, ba ba 16 ga ba na yone. *Access*

ke yone ya gore ba ba 18 ba setse ba bangwe ba bereka, ba bangwe ba setse ba na le malwapa, ba bangwe ba setse ba nyetswe, mme ba ba 16 ga go diragale ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Jaanong ga ke itse gore o batla gore ke fokotse *argument* yame to gore le ba ba 1-year kana ba ka dira *gambling* fa e le gore ba eletsa go dira jalo. Gape re lebelele gore ke ne ke re *age of majority* tota re setse re e fetotse, e ne e le fela to align le melao e e leng gore e setse e ntse e le teng. Keletso ke gone gore fa re thusa, re thuse le ba e leng gore re a itse gore ba a dira, re sa ba kgaphele kwa ntle ka gore molao gongwe ga o ba akaretse, mme e le gore tiro yone ba ntse ba tswetse ba a e dira. Go ka nna monate thata fa e le gore re a ba akaretsa...

MR AARON: *Clarification Madam Speaker.* Ke a go leboga Tona. Ke keletso yame gore re go eme nokeng mo molaong o o sa tswang go o tliša, fela pharologanyo ke yone e re sa tswang go e bua ya dingwaga. A o raya gore pharologano ya dingwaga e tlaa dira gore ba e leng gore ka tsela epe ba kgatlhanong le molao, ba se ka ba thusiwa ka tsela epe, mme re itse gore *drugs* ga di letlelelwe gotlhelele mo Botswana mme batho ba ba iphitlhelang ba le mo *drugs*, Goromente o setse a tsere tshwetso ya gore o bona gore o ka ba thusa jang. Go tlaabo go pala eng gore ba e leng gore fa go ka diragala, ba ba *under 18* gore Goromente o ka ba thusa gona le go ba ntsha ka lesolegolo? Ke a leboga.

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker.* Ke re ke simolole fela fa ke reng, Tona, kana fa ke ntse ke re ke leka go tlhakanya dingwaga fa, ke bona gore batho ba ba 18 ba, ba bangwe ba santse ba le kwa *senior secondary*; ke gore ba kwa Gaborone Senior School (GSS), ba kwa Matshekge fela jalo. Ke raya fa o kopanya dingwaga tse *seven years primary, three years junior, two* e nna 12, batho ba simolola sekole ba le *seven*, ba bangwe e bile ba 19 ba ntse ba kwa *secondary*. Jaanong wa re go tlaabo go siame fela gore e re re le botsadi jo bo kana re bo re re ngwana wa GSS kana wa Matshekge fela a tswe fa re bo re mmona a tsamaya a ya *casino*? Ke bone o kare go tlaa bo go sa lebana.

Kgang ya bobedi ke e Tona, go na le a *forceful argument* e e tswang mo Mapalamenteng, e e reng kana dingwaga tse le fa e le gore *the Convention on the Rights of the Children's Act* ya Botswana ya re 18, mme dingwaga tsone re tshwanetse ra bo re di baya re itse gore tota re di baya re lebile eng. *We are looking at a harmful activity called gambling.* Ga se gore *argument* e e *persuasive enough*? Gongwe a ko o e *address* fela o se ka wa

itlhokomolosa ka gore o batla dingwaga di fokodiwa rraetsho. Ke a leboga.

MR NTSIMA: Ke lebogela dikakgelo tsa lona *Honourable Aaron* le Om Luu. Gongwe ke simolole ka ya gore a keletso ke go bona ngwana wa Matshekge a le kwa *casino*. Ngwana wa Matshekge o tsena mo *casino* jaaka re bua gompiano, *through their phones or through their parents' phones*. Ke sone se re reng, ke selo se e leng gore se a diragala. E bile le fa re ka baya dingwaga ra di goga tsa ya kwa go 30, *it does not stop what is happening on the ground. We are talking* ka selo se se diragalang. Ra re kana bana ba fa ba dira jaana, kana bagolo ba, ba a bo ba dira ka fa thoko ga molao. A re ba tsenye mo teng ga diphuka tse tsa molao gore jaanong molao, kana go na le dilo tse e leng gore molao o a di dira gore fa e le gore o na le mathata one a *addiction*, go kgona go nna le mo gotweng; kana wena o re *you self-ban yourself from gambling*. Fa e le gore o *under 18, there is no way you can propose self-ban to yourself because already you are not recognised as a gambler*. Go raya gore *interventions* tse e leng gore di a dirwa, di tlaa tlola ba e leng gore molao o ba kgaphetse ka kwa ntle. Go tlhokafala gore ka gore re na le ditsamaiso tsa gore ba ba ka welang mo kotsing ya gore *they are addicted* e bile mme ba lemogile *addiction* ya bone, le ba bongaka ba e leng gore ba ba tlhodile ba lemogile *addiction* ya bone, go ka nna le tse e leng gore di a dirwa kwa Gambling Authority, tse di ka ba thusang go tswa mo diphatseng tsone tseo. Fa e le gore *they fall outside*, go tlaa nna le bothata jwa gore jaanong ba ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka gore *they are not within the caption* ya bone batho ba e leng gore ke *gamblers*.

Ga re bue ka sepe se e leng gore ga se diragale. Re bua ka dilo tse di teng, di a diragala. Paakanyo e tlaabo e le gone fela gore re ipaakanyetse gore fa go diragala jalo, *let us retain the capital that is clean. Let us also be able to assist. Let us also allow them to participate in a million-dollar industry*. Kana batho ba ba dirang *games*, bontsi ba e leng gore ba *technologically advanced*, ke banana. Ke bone ba e leng gore *they fall within this age category*. Ke bone ba ba dirang *these games*. Ke bone ba ba nang le kgatlhego ya gore tsamaiso yone ya *technology*, e e dirang *games* e dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. E bile ke bone ba ba dumelang gore ba itse gore go diragala eng gone mo *games*, bogolo thata tse di diragalang *online*.

E nngwe ke yone ya gore, kana jaanong *if you fall outside this age, you cannot own a business in the*



industry. Go raya gore gone moo go go kgoreletsa gore jaanong le wena o na le tshwanelo ya gore o ka dira kgwebo nngwe le nngwe, mme e yone ga o ka ke wa e dira ka gore dingwaga tsa gago ka fa molaong you are not categorized under the ambit of this law. Go botlhokwa gore re utlwane ka tsela e e ntseng jalo gore kgang e ya age, goes beyond gambling. It also encapsulates economic value that can be derived by young people from this industry. There are losses and gains in gambling. Some people do it because there is something to gain. Le bone ba dingwaga tseo ke tsaya gore ba tlaabo ba latetse deal ya gore kwa bofelong ba anywe sengwe. Ba letlelesega gore ba ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Madam Speaker, ke lekile go soboka dikakgelo le summary of what the Bill wanted from us as Parliament, le gore go ya kwa pele, keletso ke gore molao o re o tseye ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke lebogetse batlotlegi botlhe ba ba nnileng le seabe sa go akgela gore molao o o botlhokwa. Fa o ne o se botlhokwa, ke ka bo ke sa o tlisa mo Palamenteng. Ke o tliseditse mo Palamenteng ka gore ke ne ke lemogile botlhokwa jwa one le gore bagolwane mo Palamenteng ba o lebe, ba o tsenye mafoko. I therefore Madam Speaker, move that the Gambling (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (No. 15 of 2026) be read a second time.

Question put and **agreed to.**

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Division.

MADAM SPEAKER: Re mo go *Second Reading*, ga se *final*. Ao batho! Gatwe go rileng?

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, le tsiediwa ke eng?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Division.

MADAM SPEAKER: Golo mo ga go tlhoke bo *division*. *This thing* e raya gore re tle re kgone go ya kwa *Committee Stage*, re bo re ya kwa go *third*, a bo e le gone le yang go tlhophi. Mo ke gore le fetise *Second Reading*.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, le *tshwanetse le tshameka* gambling. *E tshaile* *Honourable Members*. *Honourable Minister*, when for committee?

Committee - **Later Date.**

MADAM SPEAKER: Leader of the House, please move a Motion of adjournment.

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 Thursday 6th August, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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