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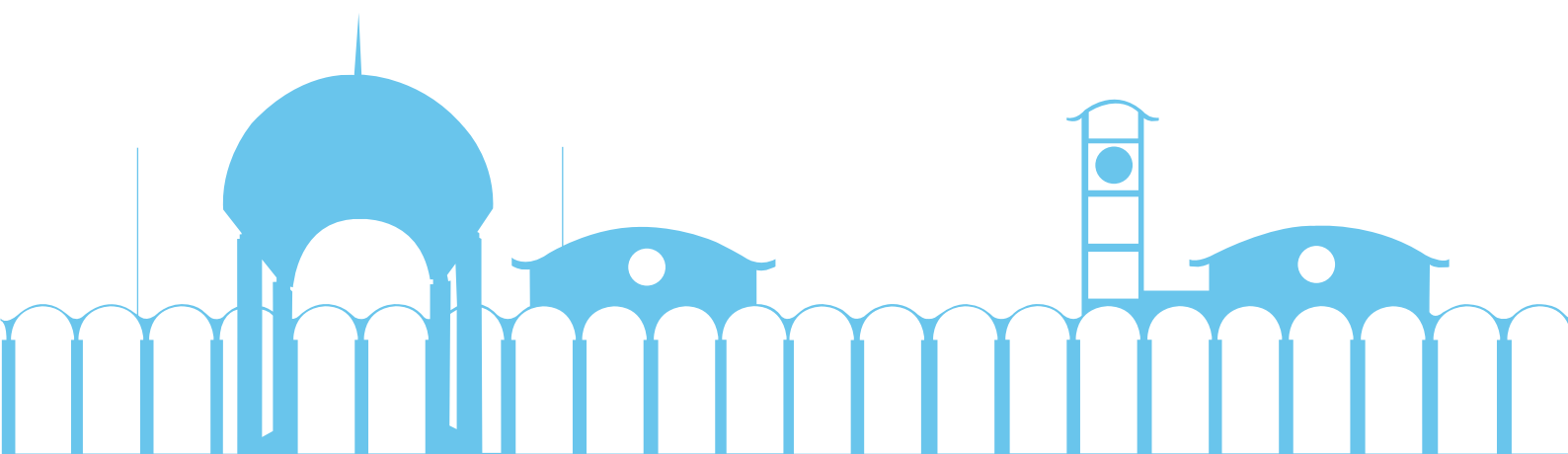
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Friday 7th August, 2026

THE ASSEMBLY met at 9:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

* * * *

MADAM SPEAKER (MS MANYENENG): Pray be seated. Good morning, let us start our business with Ministers' Question. *Jaamong fa ke lebile* Honourable Saleshando's question, *ke bona o kare ga ba yo fa*. Anybody standing for them? Okay.

MINISTERS' QUESTION TIME

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

THEME: DEVELOPMENT OF KALAHARI CITY IN GHANZI

MR D. SALESHANDO (MAUN NORTH): Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Jaaka re itse potso ya mofuta o, ke e e fiwang e bulegile, mo re re reng *theme* kana gore moonoo wa potso o remeletse mo go eng. Moonoo wa potso e, o remeletse mo go bidiwang gotwe Kalahari City, e e tshwanetseng go agiwa kwa Ghanzi, e e begilweng ngwaga o o fetileng ka kgwedi ya *September/October*, morago ga gore Tautona a ye go tselelela phuthego ya World Economic Forum kwa Davos. Go bo go tswa kwa go tla go ntshiwa pego kana go ribololwa *project* e ya Ghanzi Kalahari City.

Jaamong ke ne ke re ke fetole sebaka se ka gore kgang e ga e ise e buiwe mo Palamenteng, gore a re belege ka yone pele ga ke ntsha dipotso tse di tlhamaletseng jaamong di itebaganya le dintlha dingwe tsa yone. O ka re e alela ka bophara, gore e sale e begwa go diragetse eng, le gore ditumalano tsa yone tota ke eng. Ke a leboga.

ACTING MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MATHOOTHE):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. *Ke tlhalose jaana gore potso e e rile e goroga, ya tla kwa go rona ministry ka gore a smart city is facilitated ke ba rona ba Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC). Ke gone mo le bonang ke eme fano gore ke tle ke arabe potso, e bile ke e arabe ka bophara jaaka mmotsi wa yone a tlhalositse jalo gore re e arabe ka bophara gore gompiano re tsamaya fa kae.*

Madam Speaker, the Government of Botswana through the BITC, has been facilitating the proposed Zotus City

development as a potential strategic investment initiative at Junction 44 near Gantsi. The promoters of Zotus Group, a UK based Investment Management Company first engaged Botswana in 2020, during a Presidential working visit to London, United Kingdom.

In early 2025, the promoters approached the Government of Botswana with a project proposal seeking to develop an integrated smart city near the Okavango Delta, aiming to link with and enhance the high-end tourism offering of the Delta. Subsequent discussions by the Government with the promoters, led to the selection of Junction 44 in the Ghanzi District as the ideal project location for the proposed City and its ancho sectors which will include logistics, tourism, aviation, renewable energy, digital infrastructure, smart agriculture and supporting urban development.

Madam Speaker, the proposed Zotus City development is a long-term strategic investment aligned with Botswana's Economic Transformation Agenda and economic diversification goals. The integrated smart city concept includes logistics, aviation, tourism, renewable energy, smart agriculture, digital innovation, and supporting urban infrastructure. If successfully implemented, the project could attract between USD 30 billion and USD 50 billion in investment, generate over 20,000 jobs, enhance regional trade and logistics connectivity and foster skills development and enterprise participation for Botswana.

Ongoing engagements with the promoters of Zotus Group led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Botswana in early 2025, and the establishment of a multi-agency technical team led by BITC to coordinate Government facilitation and assessment of the project's feasibility, including the identification of a suitable site for the proposed development.

Madam Speaker, a technical site assessment was conducted, led by the Department of Town and Country Planning, that resulted in Junction 44 within the Ghanzi District being identified as the preferred location for the proposed development, due to its land availability, strategic location along the Trans-Kalahari Corridor, and potential to support integrated urban and economic development.

Subsequently, at the 2025 Global Expo Botswana, Zotus Group signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with BITC, the Trans-Kalahari Corridor Secretariat and



the Ghanzi District Council to facilitate cooperation and effective facilitation of the proposed project.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Madam Speaker, since Government began facilitating this project, the following milestones have been achieved:

(a) Government Facilitation

- BITC formally accredited the Zotus City Project as a Strategic Investment Initiative following preliminary assessment.
- A multi-agency technical team was established to coordinate Government engagements on the project.
- A due diligence visit has been conducted to the company's offices in Manchester, UK, by officials of BITC, the Botswana High Commission in London, and representations of the Botswana Security Agencies.
- Consultations have been undertaken with key Government institutions, including the Office of the President, Ghanzi District Council, the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), the Trans-Kalahari Corridor Secretariat and the Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA).
- The 4000-hectare piece of land earmarked for the project has been provisionally allocated by the Ghanzi Land Board, to the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre, who will hold in trust for the project, and manage public exposure by exercising all the necessary safeguards in execution of the project.
- An application for Special Economic Zone (SEZ) status of the proposed city is currently being processed.
- The project has so far been presented to the Ghanzi District Council and the Ghanzi District Development Committee for support and buy-in.

Investor Readiness

Madam Speaker, it is essential to confirm that regular project meetings are being held with the promoters of Zotus Group to evaluate progress and unlock emerging challenges. The most recent meeting was held on the 5th of August, 2026.

The promoters of Zotus City have so far secured a carefully curated support system of globally recognized

partners in specialist areas of master planning, detailed design, legal structuring, project development, transaction advisory, project financing, engineering and infrastructure delivery.

Madam Speaker, engagements are ongoing with the Administrative Capital for Urban Development (ACUD), the developers of the New Cairo City in Egypt. The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Zotus and ACUD is currently ongoing through the Egyptian Government's internal approval process. Formal engagements are also ongoing with Afreximbank, with the bank currently reviewing the project documentation and conducting a detailed Know Your Customer (KYC) on the project and its promoters.

Africa50 has also been engaged and continues its internal review ahead of their next engagement phase. Further, investor roadshows are planned for the week of the 7th of September, 2026 to Abhu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, where more strategic and support for the project will be secured.

CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, Government recognises the potential strategic value of the proposed Zotus City development to Botswana's economic transformation agenda. However, the Government remains committed to ensuring that all investment proposals, particularly projects of this magnitude, undergo comprehensive legal, financial, technical and institutional due diligence before any implementation decisions are made.

The Government will continue facilitating the project in a transparent manner while safeguarding Botswana's national interests, ensuring regulatory compliance and protecting public resources. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke lebogele karabo ya ga Tona, le fa e sa nkgotsofatsa. Ke tlaa tlhalosa gore ke eng e sa kgotsofatse, ke bo ke tsenya..., jaaka ke ne ke rile dipotso tsa e *is more specific*.

Tona, fa o re *project update* ke ne ke solofetse gore o ya go re bolelela gore tse di sha tse di diragetseng... *the project was long announced last year*, go bewa monwana MoU gore e tlaa nna teng. Batho ba ba kwa Ghanzi, Charles Hill le bo Ncojane gompiano o ba bolelela fela gore *the project is accredited*, jaanong go na le *technical team*, le gore le tswa go dira *due diligence* mo Zotas, e ke dumelang gore le ka bo le e dirile *before*



you signed MoU, ka gore go dirwa jalo. You do not sign pele o itlama, o bo o re ke tlaa tla ke dira due diligence.

O bua gape gore *consultations* di tswetse le Ofisi ya ga Tautona. Re ne re ntse re itse ka gore Ofisi ya ga Tautona ke yone e e neng e bega. O bua gore lefatshe *has been transferred*; moo go builwe *last year* ka *October*, mme e ntse ke *progress report* ya gago.

O bua gape gore Zotus e santse e batla *partners*, mme fa o simolola karabo ya gago o rile batho ba ba sale ba simolotse go kopa go dira tiro e ka 2020, re mo go 2026, *six years later*.

Ke kopa go go botsa dipotso fela tse di tlhamaletseng ka gore, karabo e ya gago ya gompiano *it has not made us any wiser*. Fa o fetsa go araba, motho yo o kwa Ghanzi gompiano ga a itse gore ke eng se se sha se o lekang gore ba se itse, se ba neng ba sa se itse morago ga kitsiso ya *October 2025*. Ke batla go go tlhamaletsa dipotso di se kae. *Maybe* pele ga ke botsa dipotso ke go bolelele gore, *I support the project on paper* ka gore *it makes sense*, e e buang ka bo *diversification, green city, renewal energy*, ke e eme nokeng. *My frustration is*, ga ke itse gore go pala eng gore go nne le *progress*. Jaanong ke batla o tlhalose gore, MoU *that is signed, is it a document that you can avail to me* ke le Mopalamente? A ke ka itse gore tota *we have signed* eng, e tle e re ke simolola go ema *project* nokeng ke bo itse gore ke eme eng. A re ka bona MoU? *That is number one*.

Number two; what are the timelines, re solofele go bona eng *on site*, leng? *So just two basics; can your share the MoU with Parliament; (ii) timelines from start to finish*, ka ga ke batle gore *next year* e re ke go botsa o bo o mpalololela tse tse ke di boleletsweng *last year*. Go 2026, o re baloleletse dilo tsa 2025. Ke batla gore o re bolelele *the timelines* gore, ka 2027...ka gore ke tlaa e botsa gape ka 2027, o se ka wa boelela dilo tsa 2026 tse e leng tsa 2025. *So where is the MoU? Can you share it for appreciation? Give us the full timelines* le gore le ya *to monitor* jang *project* e? Ke a le boga.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Thank you Madam Speaker.* Ke lebogela dipotso tse di boditsweng ke motlotlegi.

Ke tlhalose gore *project* e ya Smart City ke la ntlha e tlaabo e bonala mo lefatsheng la Botswana, mme e bile gape ke tiro e tona e e leng gore ga se e e tsamayang ka bofefo jo motlotlegi a tlaabong a bo eleditse. Ke tlhalositse sentle gore, kgang e e simolotse ka 2020, mme ya didimalela ruri gone foo. E bo e re Tautona a le gone kwa ka 2025, a bo a ya go kopana le bone; 2025 re bua

last year, gompiano re mo go 2026. Fa go duwa koo go bo go dirwa thulaganyo e e faphegileng ya gore, jaanong le le BITC ke lona le tshwanetseng gore le lebelele. O kgona go bona gore ga se mosepele o o motlhofo, ke o o tshwanetseng gore lefatshe la Botswana le o dire ka maneneketso go lebelela tse tsotlhe tse di tlhokegang, gore re se ka ra iphitlhela gongwe re tsentse lefatshe la Botswana fa go sa tshwanelang teng. Ke gone mo o boneng e re fa ba se na go nna ba dira jalo ba tsaya leeto ba ya kwa United Kingdom (UK) ba ya go bona gore diofisi tsa batho ba di fa kae, ba dira tse tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang. Mme o akanye gore re simolotse *to engage them* ka 2025.

Fa ba tswa koo, go bo go tla go nniwa fa fatshe go lebelelwa gore lefatshe le ba neng ba le akantse la ntlha ke la kwa Okavango Delta. Ga fitlhelwa e le gore...

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR SALESHANDO): *Procedure. I think Minister o boelela karabo e a e ntshitseng, ke buile tse pedi fela, MoU, a Palamente e ka nna le access to the MoU? Sa bobedi, timelines, that is all.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, *Honourable Member*, itebaganye le tse pedi tse a di boditseng. Le se ka la lebala nako ya lona, bona gore go setse *three minutes*, e tlaabo e fela go tsena e nngwe.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Madam Speaker*, ke tshwanetse go araba ka fa a neng a batla ka teng, gore ka fa a dumelang ka teng mo potsong ya gagwe, ke gore o kare go a diega. Jaanong ke batla go tlhalosa gore ga go diege. Fa e le gore tse ke di arabang ga se tse a di batlang, nna ke ka fa ke dumelang ka teng gore ke tshwanetse go tlhalosetsa Batswana gore ga go a diega. Lefatshe la Botswana le tsamaya ka dithulaganyo, sedibeng go iwa ka tsela. Re tshwanetse go tsaya dikgato tse tsotlhe tse di tshwanetseng gore ga se tiro fela e o ka reng o tsoga maphakela o bo o fitlhela sengwe le sengwe se siame. Ke ne ke leka go e tlhalosa jalo gore Batswana ba e tlhaloganye gore go ne go lebilwe kae la ntlha. Go simolola 2025 go tla go tsena mo nakong ya gompiano e re leng fa, ke eng se se diileng. O buile ka gore ga a kgotsofalele potso, e bile o bona e le gore re a diega. Ke yone e ke neng ke batla gore ke e tlhalose, ke tlaa tla ke wela ka *timelines*.

Ke gone mo ke tlhalosang ke re, ke yone thulaganyo e e rileng fa go sena go duwa kwa Okavango, go bo go iwa kwa Gantsi go ya go sekasekwa, koo, go dirwa *consultations*. Ba Gantsi le bone ba bolelelwa sengwe

le sengwe ka gore re Puso ya morero e re sa batleng go tlogela ope kwa ntle. *After consultations* le ba ba lebaganeng le kabo ya lefatshe, ke gone ba bo ba re neela lefatshe. Kana dikompone tse di ntseng jaana tse di agang, ga se gore go a bo go na le madi a ba a beileng foo a le mo *account*. Fa ba ntse jalo ba itsiwe gore ke dikompone tse di tshephiwang, ba buisana le dibanka tsa bone, ba tlisa *proposals* ba itse gore jaanong lefatshe le teng. Ke gone mo o boneng BITC e bone gore lefatshe le, e nne bone ba le ikopelang gore fa go kana le mathata kwa pele, lefatshe le bo le ntse le salela lefatshe la Botswana. Jaanong fa ba dirile ditumalano, MoU o o leng teng gore lefatshe ke le re ka le le neela jaanong, ke gone mo o bonang ba tswa ba buisana le dingwe dikompone tse di dirang tiro e e tshwanang e re batlang e dirwa, e e dirwang kwa Egypt. Jaanong ba buisana le bone baitseanape ba ba itseng gore tiro eo e dirwa jang...

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee, *Honourable Mathoothe*, ke ne ke re a le ka kgona to share MoU? A re wele koo, e setse e go tlogela.

MR MATHOOTHE: Kana *Madam Speaker*, eo ke e re ka e lebelelang pele ka gore o fitlhela e le gore MoU tse dingwe fa gongwe ga di batle yo o tlaa di bonang. E nna *the agreement between the two parties*, mme ke e re ka e tsayang ka gore ke potso e a e botsang gompiono, re ka e lebelela, re tlaa tla re mo fa karabo kwa morago.

MADAM SPEAKER: Timelines?

MR MATHOOTHE: *Timelines*, gompiono go dingalo gore ke go bolelele gore re tlaabo re weditse leng ka gore dipuisano gare ga *promoters* le dibanka di tswetse. Fa ba sena go di wetsa, re tlaa tla re boela kwano re tla re supa gore jaanong go ya go simolola leng. Ga re batle go baya *timelines* tse e tlaa reng kamoso gape go bo gotwe le ne le re neetse nako ya gore. A re ba neeleng sebaka sa dipuisano le dibanka tsa bone, e re fa ba sena go di wetsa jaanong ba bone gore madi ke a, ke gone re tlaa tlang re supa jalo, re bo re itse gore go ka iwa kwa *ground-breaking*. Jaanong dithulaganyo di santse di le fa gare ga bone le dibanka tsa bone. *Thereafter, that is when* re tlaa tlang re bua *exactly* gore go ya go simolola leng. Ke thulaganyo e le e itseng gongwe le gongwe, le motho a kopa *loan* kwa bankeng, fa a isitse kwa National Development Bank (NDB) kana kae, go na le dingwe tse ba tlaa di go botsang, o bo o tsaya nako mo teng. O ka tla wa tlhalosa fela gore o ka simolola *project* leng o sena go bona *that approval*. *Thank you, Madam Speaker.*

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

THEME: GREEN CLIMATE FUND PROJECT

Asked the Minister of Lands and Agriculture to state:

- (i) how the Green Climate Fund project is linked with the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and the National Development Plan (NDP) 12;
- (ii) how the project will contribute to an increase of the national herd;
- (iii) how the project will support investments in the livestock industry and other value chains; and
- (iv) what are the sustainability measures in place beyond the life of this project.

MR M. BAGAISAMANG (SHOSHONG): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mma ke dumedise batlotlegi, ke dumedise le ba kgaolo ya Shoshong.

Potso ya bobedi e itebagantse le *the Green Climate Fund Project*. Ke ne ke re Tona wa lephata le le maleba a tle a re fe tekodiso ka *the Green Climate Fund* e e saleng e simolola ka 2010, e maikaelelo a yone e neng e le go lwantshana le kgotlelesego ya tikologo. Ke tle ke botse Tona mo dintlheng tsone tse gore ke utlwe gore *the Green Climate Fund Project* e nyalana leng le *the BETP programme* ya rona re le lefatshe le *the current* NDP 12.

Le gore jaaka ke le motho yo o emetseng kgaolo e e nang le barui ba bantsi, ke na le barui ba ba mo *commercial scale* ba ba kwa Sandveld Ranches, le ba *communal*, barui ba rona ba re fudisetsang mo mafudisong a rona, gore maikaelelo a *project* e ke go thusa go le kae go oketsa dikgomo jaaka re lebile seelo sa rona re le Puso sa *five million* go ralela lefatshe lotlhe.

Le gore *what are the support investment initiatives* tse di teng mo *industry* ya thuo le go gologela kwa mehameng e mengwe, *and the value chains associated with that*.

Tona gongwe a tle a re tlhalosetse *sustainable measures that they have in place and beyond, through the Green Climate Fund*. Ke dumela *some of my questions* di tlaa tswa mo go reng Tona o tlaabo a tsibogetse potso e jang. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

(DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a go leboga *Madam Speaker*.



Ke leboge Motlotlegi Bagaisamang, Mopalamente wa Lesoso yo o kgathalang thata ka tsa tikologo, yo mo bekeng e a neng a sa robala a lela ka melelo kwa Mhate, e a neng a supa molelo o tsamaela kwa Morlane, dipolase ka kwa di a sha, molelo o a peperetla o lebile le kwa Sandveld. Ke Mopalamente a kgathala ka go bona gore matshelo a batho ba Lesoso le a Batswana a a tokafala.

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

DR DIKOLOTI: Madam Speaker, before I answer this important question, I need to give a background to the project.

Madam Speaker, the Ecosystem based, adaptation and mitigation in Botswana's communal rangeland, is an ecosystem and livelihood resilience project co-financed by the Government of Botswana and the Green Climate Fund to a tune of 97.6 million US Dollars. The Government co-financing amount is 54 million US Dollars. The balance is covered by Green Climate Fund grant of 36.8 million US Dollars and Conservation International (CI) funding amount of 6.8 million US Dollars.

The projects have been implemented in three landscapes of Kgalagadi, Bobirwa and Ngamiland, covering six administrative districts of Bobirwa, Kgalagadi North, Kgalagadi South, Mabutsane, North West and Okavango, with a total of 104 villages.

- (i) Madam Speaker, the project is positioned as a cornerstone in revitalising the agriculture sector, and it is strategically aligned with the NDP 12, and the BETP, contributing to national objectives of enhancing climate resilience within the livestock sector to raising agricultural's contribution to national GDP from the current less than two per cent to at least six per cent within five years, and to strengthening the competitiveness of the beef industry through rangeland restoration and value chain development.
- (ii) Madam Speaker, the project directly complements Government policy goals aiming at building livestock production and productivity including building cattle numbers, and of course, to the target of five million.

For example; the project aims to promote value-chain and agro-industry development, improving access to markets and quality standards, adoption of climate-smart agriculture, Sustainable Land Management and

Strengthening Policy and Legal Framework to promote climate resilience all espoused by our NDP 12.

Madam Speaker, *go atolosa dikai tse*, firstly; a key component of the project is the promotion of feed availability *jaaka motlotlegi a ne a bua gore melelo e feditse naga*.

In communal rangelands, most fodder/feed is derived from the rangelands. With restored rangelands and healthy ecosystem, there will be adequate forage (fodder/feed) to enhance livestock production and productivity. This enhances conception rates, birth rates, reduced mortality and ultimately, result in an increase in national herd.

Ya bobedi; capacity building through the eco-rangers training provided through Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) will enhance livestock management and help build cattle numbers through reduced mortalities and improved conception and calving rates. This training Madam Speaker, is done on site.

- (iii) Madam Speaker, the project promotes investment in livestock and other value chains by turning degraded land into productive, high-return asset class. It improves forage quality and water availability which lowers production costs, boosts livestock yields and attracts private capital through eco-labeling, premium certifications and climate-smart financial products.

In addition, Madam Speaker, this project will:

- Promote governance systems that provide greater certainty for sustainable land management.
- Strengthen farmer organisations and community institutions.
- Improve access to technical knowledge and extension support.
- Generating scientific data and rangeland information that can guide future investment decisions.
- Strengthen collaboration between Government, communities, development partners and the private sector.
- Promote enterprise development to improve rural economies; the communities in the project will be supported to explore and develop site specific



business plans from the natural resources and livestock for economic opportunities that sustain long-term climate resilient livestock production working with Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA); *ba ga Rre Mathoothe le Rre Ntsima*. Further, trainings on market readiness and literacy will be undertaken. Alternative markets for the beef from the area will be explored.

(iv) Madam Speaker, the project primary goal is to strengthen the adaptive capacity of Botswana's people, institutions and rangeland ecosystems to respond to the impacts of climate change long after project funding has ended. This will be achieved through several measures.

- Strengthening local institutions: The project builds the capacity on already existing implementation structures such as farmer facilitation teams, Village Grazing Committees, Farmers' Committees and Government extension services at district level to continue supporting sustainable rangeland management and community planning.
- Institutionalising sustainable rangeland management: Rangeland Stewardship Agreements and community-developed grazing plans establish governance systems that communities and Government can continue implementing beyond the project.
- Capacity development: Training provided to farmers, community leaders, eco-rangers and Government officers create lasting technical knowledge and skills that remain within communities. The development of the herding curriculum offered through the BUAN Centre for In-Service and Continuing Education (CICE) will continue to be provided. Discussions between BUAN and the Ministry of Higher Education are ongoing to utilise brigades and include the heading for health curriculum in the brigade's curriculum. Intake will be open to interested farmers which will enhance scaling-up.
- Environmental sustainability: Restored and better-managed rangelands improve forage availability, soil health, water infiltration and ecosystem resilience, providing long-term benefits for livestock production and rural livelihoods.
- Social sustainability: Inclusive governance, gender equality, youth participation and effective grievance

mechanisms strengthen community ownership and ensure that benefits are shared equitably, increasing the likelihood that project interventions will continue after the project closes.

...Silence...

DR DIKOLOTI: *Madam Speaker, project e tona go feta mo Africa ya go rudisa mahudiso, e fitlhelwa ka kwano. Ke ne ke tlhalosa gore e amanetse efe mme maikaelelo a yone ke magatammogo le BETP le se re se itlamileng re le lephata under NDP 12. Ke project Madam Speaker, e mo phelelong ya yone e tlaa kgonang go fetlha mebereko e feta 6 000. Gompiano re setse re rutuntsha farmers di feta makgolo a matlhano. Madam Speaker, sengwe se ke eletsang gore Mapalamente ba se tseye mofago thata, Botswana o gotlhegile, naga ya rona e sekgwa. Ga re ka se ke re eme ka dinao ra netefatsa gore re rudisa mahudiso, tsotlhe tse re sa bolong go di ipaya pele e tlaa nna lefela la lefela. Re leboga thata Motlotlegi Bagaisamang, o ne a bua ka melelo. Ke dumela thata gore e tlaa re go ntse go tswetswe fa, Motlotlegi Mmolotsi o tlaa bua ka El Niño e e nyalanang thata le potso e Motlotlegi Bagaisamang a re e beileng pele. Ke dumela gore ka fa re phuthetseng dikgang tse ka teng, re tlaa di atolosa. Keletso kwa bofelong ke go kopisa kwa mafelong a e leng gore ga a tsenngwa mo project e gore le bone ba kgone go tseeletsa. Nnete e e tshwanetseng go re tlela Madam Speaker, this one size fits all type of programmes ga di sa tlhole di re berekela.*

A re lebelele gore kwa kgaolong ele ba tshwanetswe ke eng re ba segele mo go ba tshwanetseng. Ke kgang e ke dumelang gore Motlotlegi Bagaisamang o e setse morago thata. Ke sone se o bonang a na le kgatlhego a bone kwa project e leng teng go bona gore e ka nyalana jang go kgona go busetsa batho ba Lesoso sengwe, se e kareng a boela kwa go bone a ba reye a re ke tshwere se. Ke kgaolo e e melapo, mo project e re lebile thata dikgang tsa metsi. O lebile thata gore kwa melapong ya gagwe, a bone gore o ka anya eng gore re ye go phunya didiba mo melapong e gore batho ba gagwe ba kgone go nosa. Ke kgaolo e e dithaba, dipula di a na re a itse gore di gotlha the top soil ka bokete. Metsi a a neng a elela, merwalele e e ne e tlhasetse batho ba Lesoso. O botsa e le go batla go bona gore dilo o ka di kopanya jang Madam Speaker, gore kwa bofelong batho ba Lesoso le bone ba kgone go nyenya ba re re romile e bile morongwa wa rona o nna a re sikere gongwe le gongwe kwa a leng teng. Ke a leboga Madam Speaker.

MR BAGAISAMANG: Ke a leboga Madam Speaker. Mma ke go lebogetse Tona Rre Dikoloti ka tlhaloso e o



e fileng le ka fa o neng o wela ka teng. Ke supe jalo rraetsho jaaka o bua gore melelo ya maabane e e nang le malatsi a mabedi e kelemile ka kwa, ke lebohe ba lephata la ga Rre Mmolotsi go bega gore ba kgonne *to contain it* mo bosigong jo re bo tsogang.

Ke santse ke le gone foo; ke ne ke utlwa o tlhalosa gore *the project is currently implemented at three landscapes* kwa Bobirwa, Okavango le kwa Kgalagadi. Ke ne ke batla go utlwa, jaaka o ne o supa o bua kwa pheletsong gore kgaolo e ke leng kwa go yone e melapo. Ba reeditse kwa Mmamoeletsi le kwa Nkgorotshwane kwa ba batlang go epa didiba mo tlase ga melapo gore *roll-out* ya yone go ya kwa mafelong a mangwe, le e lebeleba jang?

Se sengwe e le jaaka o ne o supa gore kgaolo ya me, *it should be an agricultural hub*. Ke na le dikgomo tse di tshwarang 130 000 kwa kgaolong ya me. Ke sone se o bonang re lebile thata e ya *Green Climate Fund* gore e ka re thusa jang melapo le batho ba ba batlang go epa didiba mo tlase ga melapo go nosa mme re sa gotlhogotlhane le tikologo? Ke ne ke batla gore e ba kwa kgaolong ba utlwe gore gongwe ba ka solofela gore lerothodi le le wetseng ka kwa ga ga *Honourable Lucas*, kwa *central* re ka bona tsibogo ya yone ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke ne ke ipotsa gore ke eng fa a didimetse jaana, kante sengwe se a diragala kwa Bobirwa. Tse dingwe ke dumela gore jaaka o bua, o nkarabetse kwa pele mo go tse ke neng ke re ke tlaa tla ke dira *follow up* mo go tsone. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke lebohe Motlotlegi Bagaisamang. Kana Motlotlegi Bagaisamang *Madam Speaker*, o setse motlhala dikgang tsa gore go tlhangwa ga Tribal Grazing Land Policy (TGLP) ka 1975, e ne e tla e le nngwe ya *interventions* tsa go leka go babalela mafudiso. O a bona gore go kgoromeletsega ga gore dipolase di dirwe kwa Sandveld, di ne di gorometsegela kwa kgaolong ya ga Motlotlegi Bagaisamang. Boammaaruri ke gore bontsi jwa dipolase di sekgwafetse. Fa o ka lebelela go ya gone kwa, o tlaa bona gore di sekgwafetse ka bokete jo bo seng kana ka sepe. Ke ne ke bua gore kgaolo ya ga Motlotlegi Bagaisamang e melapo le dithaba. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore tota re le lephata, re tshwanetse gore re tle ka lenaneo le le tshwanetseng ba ba tshwanang le ba ba kwa kgaolong ya gago kwa Nkgorotshwane.

Re batle tsela e e botoka ka gore ke itse gore bontsi jwa bone, ba fata mo didibeng jaana gore ba nose mo go

tsone. Ke ngokile thata ba lephata la rona la metsi gore re tle ka ditsela tse di farologaneng tse di ka tlhlofatsang gore didiba tse ba di direlang le mo melapong, e se ka ya re melapo o sena go elela se bo se nyeletse kana se tsamaile le melapo. Dilo tse tsotlhe motlotlegi, re di tshwaraganetse.

Kgaolo ya gago rra e tsamaya kwa pele fa go tla go tsena mo go tse tsa temothuo. Re a tlhloganya gore polase ya bo mmantšhe le *project* ya moringa e tona di bonwa kwa go wena. Re a tlhloganya gore tse dintsi tota go a bonala gore le meno a tshwene makitla. Le a dumalana tota le le batho ba Lesoso le dikgaolo tsotlhe tse di mabapi. Tota le utlwile pitso ya ga Motlotlegi Tautona ya gore re oketse palo ya dikgomo le gore *contribution* ya *agriculture to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)* e ye kwa go 6 per cent. *We want to assure you* rra le batho ba Lesoso gore re le lephata re magata-mmogo le lona. *You can count on us at any time, we will support you* go netefatsa gore tsotlhe tse le di ipeileng pele le dikeletso tsa lona rra e nna dilo tsa boammaaruri. Ke a leboga.

MR MAPULANGA: Tla ke go lebohe *Madam Speaker*, Rre Bagaisamang le Tona. Ke ne ke re ke latedise gore kana o bua thata ka dikgwa le kgotlelesego ya mafudiso. Mo dikgaolong tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Chobe jaaka re bua ka *this green environment*, le dira go le kae *to promote rotational grazing* gore di nne di nna fa, di fudisiwe *after* lebakanyana, gongwe di ye go fulela *side* e nngwe gore ka kwa le gone go *recover* jaaka o bua ka go gotlhega ga naga? Mo kgaolong e e tshwanang le ya Chobe kwa re itseng gore le rona re batla go iteka gore re oketse palo ya dikgomo le temo gore re nne le *food sustenance, ministry* o eme jang ka *gazettement* ya mafelo a mangwe?

In terms of research gompiano, ba BUAN ba ne ba le gone kwa. Sekidi se se neng se beilwe ke batsadi *around* bo 1960 gotwe ke mafudiso, se tserwe se isitswe *to tourism* gore ba ye go dira *camping sites*. Le buisanya jang le le *ministries* gore lefatshe le le neng le segeetswe morafe go fudisa le se ka la felela le tsewa *and be sacrificed for tourism*?

Sa bobedi ke kgang ya dikgwa Tona. Re lela ka melelo ka fa mme ka fa dikgwa gape di a gola, o re gakolola o reng? A re iphe sebaka gore re dige dikgwa tsele ka gore di ne di seyo e le mabala fela, bojang bo le teng, dikgomo di kgora? Ka ntateng ya gore dipula ga di ne thata, dikgwa di simolola go tsoga, maselesele a a mela a bo a bolaya naga yotlhe. A o a re letlelela gore ba re kgonang, gongwe go hirwe dikatakata gore go

bulwe mabala a re neng re a itse gore ke mabala gore re oketse *grazing pastures* jaaka re ne re bona pele? Go na le mafelo fela a re a itseng gore a ne a bulegile Tona. Gompieno fa o feta teng, ke manganga.

Fa re alola kgang ya go leka go baakanya lefatshe, a re tshube kana re eme pele? A le tlaa buisanya le le *ministries* gore e nne lona ba le dirang *controlled burning* gore dikgwa tsele di se ka tsa kitlana thata mme tsa felela di bolaile bojang jotlhe? Ke eme go le kalo.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Minister Dikoloti.

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a go leboga thata Motlotlegi Mapulanga. Ke itse thata gore o motho yo o nang le *passion* e e seng kana ka sepe mo dikgannyeng tse tsa *conservation* mme e bile dikgaolo tse tsa lefatshe la Chobe le Nhabe, le bangwe ba maitaamonyo wa dikgang tse tsa Herding for Health. Ke sone se o bonang le kgona go nna le dipoele le fa di ise di wele. Sengwe se le se bopang, se e leng gore re batla go se bopa le lona go feta, *it is how you have started branding the meat* e e tswang kwa Nhabe le Chobe. Fa re bua ka fa re ntseng re laola ka teng, lona le bua gore le tshela le dilo tse, mme mo go tsheleng le tsone, se re otlhaeng. *This branding* o a bona gore *at least* kwa bo *tourism areas* ba simolotse go amogela nama e. Re batla gore re atolose go feta. *So, this branding* ya nama, ke sengwe sa dilo tse e leng gore re di tseetse kwa godimo thata. Kgang e ya *gazettement*, ke kgang e nngwe e e leng gore re tlaa tswelela re e buisanya. O ne o seyo maabane motlotlegi fa Motlotlegi Lucas a beile *Motion* o mongwe mme ka gore o teng gompieno, ga go molato. O tlaa mo nthusa mo Tshutisong e. O tsenye *point* mo Thutisong ya teng. O nthuse Lucas Motlotlegi Mapulanga gore re baakanye dilo tse, re di rere ka tsela e nngwe e e farologaneng gore kwa bofelong di kgone gore di re busetse.

Kana go dingalo, European Union (EU) e tsentsa *regulation* e nngwe, ba ntse ba e tlosolosa. Ba re ga ba batle nama epe e e tswang kwa e leng gore dikgwa di a remiwa. *So*, rona le Namibia re simolotse go kopana gore a re bue ka *practicability* ya *some of these regulations that these guys are bringing*.

Rona le Rre Mmolotsi, re kopanya ditlhogo thata go bona gore re dira jang re akaretse *communities* gore re fokotse go nna sekgwafala ga dinaga. Ke na le tumelo e e tletseng ya gore *project* e ka *sites* tse e di tsereng, re ya go kopa tse dintsi mo go bone. Re bo re bona gore re di diragatsa jang kwa dintlheng tse dingwe. Ke dumela thata gore e o e boditseng e tsamaelana thata le kwa

kgaolong ya ga Motlotlegi Lucas ka gore ke nngwe ya dikgaolo tse di sekgwafatseng thata. *This project is the biggest project* mo Africa, matlho a mongwe le mongwe a kwano mo go yone go bona gore re e dira jang e bo e re ungwele jang.

Ke ne ke re ke go raya ke re yone eo, ke kopane le Rre Mmolotsi, re na le thulaganyo e nngwe e e leng gore re santse re e bopa e e leng gore re ne re kopana le babeeletsi ba e leng gore re ka ba neela tetla ya gore fa o tsoma fa, bona gore o tshela jang le barui, o dira jang gore o thuse *to avail the pasture, how do you avail* metsi. Netefatsa gore bone ba fa o tsomang teng, ba nne le dipoele tse di fetang, e seng tsa gore mo letsomong o ba neela sengwe. *So*, dilo tse tsotlhe ke di tshwaraganetse thata le Motlotlegi Mmolotsi. Ke dilo tse ke dumelang gore ene le lephata la gagwe fa re ka nna re ntse re kopana, jaaka ke etle ke le bolelele, batho ba dikgaolo tsele ba tlaa nyenya (*smile*) mme go tlaa kopanela gone kwa e leng gore re bopela teng motlotlegi. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, Ministers' Question Time is over, we are going to questions.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, looking at our time, *go raya gore* we are going straight to the statement. Honourable Members, I understand the Minister of Environment and Tourism is here to make a statement, Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi.

STATEMENT

EXPECTED EL NIÑO CONDITIONS DURING THE 2026/2027 RAINFALL SEASON

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): Thank you very much Madam Speaker for allowing me to make this very, very important statement to the Honourable House and to Batswana in general.

Madam Speaker, I wish to present to this House information on the expected El Niño conditions during the 2026/2027 rainfall season, potential impacts on various economic sectors and suggested mitigation and response measures with the aim to cushion the economy of Botswana.

Madam Speaker, information and advisories on El



Niño have been issued by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and other Global Modelling Centres, including the Southern African Development Community Climate Services Centre (SADC-CSC) and the African Centre of Meteorological Applications (ACMAD). As a response to this, the African Union Commission convened the African Continental Climate Forum on 30th July 2026, where members were urged to proactively put in place early warning systems in preparation for El Niño impacts likely to cause between US\$10 billion and US\$20 billion in economic damages across the African continent.

El Niño conditions are present and are expected to strengthen through the Southern Hemisphere summer 2026/2027, particularly from October 2026 to January 2027. During an El Niño event, sea-surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean become unusually warm and trade winds weaken. El Niño typically has a warming effect on global temperatures, with the strongest influence often felt in the year after it develops. It is commonly associated with reduced rainfall, leading to drought and extremely high temperatures in Botswana and parts of Southern Africa. Official models indicate a more than 90 per cent probability that a very strong El Niño will dominate Botswana's upcoming rainfall season from October 2026 to March 2027. El Niño is historically associated with dry, hot conditions in Botswana.

Madam Speaker, it is important to highlight that the El Niño phenomena is not the climate driver, the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), also influences weather in Southern Africa. A negative IOD is associated with a good, wet season, while a positive IOD is associated with dry, conditions. The IOD is currently in the neutral phase, models predict a potential shift towards a positive IOD later in the year, which could bring reduced rainfall, a delayed onset of the seasonal rains and higher temperatures to Botswana and most part the of Southern Africa region. The IOD will likely reinforce the El Niño-driven drying signal for Botswana.

Madam Speaker, El Niño has occurred in the past. We may recall the 1982/1983 and 1991/1992 cycles, which led to drastic reductions in traditional grain harvests, necessitating state-funded food relief. The 2015/2016 cycle brought record-breaking heatwaves and high temperatures, as well as the worst regional drought in decades. Maun recorded a historic peak of 44.0°C in January 2016. The southwest experienced intense desert heatwave conditions, with Tsabong reaching 43.5°C and

Werda 43.3°C. Gaborone also reached a record high of 43.9°C. Gaborone Dam levels dropped below 20 per cent capacity, prompting severe water rationing. I believe we all remember that time. The 2023/2024 Cycle was declared an extreme agricultural drought year. These occurrences led to severe budgetary strain from urgent adjustments in national spending, agricultural losses where major crops such as maize permanently wilted, severe rangeland degradation that directly contributed to thousands of cattle and wildlife deaths, and the drying of crucial seasonal rivers, catchments and dams.

Madam Speaker, our country is a semi-arid, drought-prone nation heavily reliant on rain-fed seasonal farming. Therefore, the onset of an El Niño poses an immediate threat to Botswana's rainfall consistency, agricultural stability and national water security. The following are expected impacts on various economic sectors: This is where I hope Botswana will listen attentively.

- (a) Reduced agricultural production (crops): The El Niño phase is projected to delay the onset of seasonal rainfall and trigger prolonged mid-season dry spells. This environment drastically threatens domestic yields for staple grains like maize and sorghum. *Akere le a utlwa gore go raya gore pula e ka nna ya dieganyana, mme fa e dieganyana jalo go raya gore go tlaa ama tsone se e leng gore* Botswana *ba di lema thata e bong mmidi le mabele. Jaanong kana gone mo fela ke mathata bagaetsho mo itsholelong ya rona.*
- (b) Water resources: compounded by elevated regional temperatures, high evaporation rates are expected to place intense structural pressure on major national dams, pipelines and communal watering points. *Jaanong yone e bagaetsho le a utlwa le lona gore kana go raya gore kwa metsi a rona a leng teng, le gone go ka nna ga amega. Kwa matamong le kwa mafelong a e leng gore a re tshwarela metsinyana ka lebaka la gore* the rate of evaporation *e nna ntsi fa mogote o le kwa godimo. Jaanong go raya gore go ka nna ga ama* Botswana *ba ba tshelang ka metsi a matamo. Go ka nna ga ama diphologolo tse di tshelang ka metsi jalojalo,* should this situation prevail as predicted.
- (c) Livestock sector: Rapidly deteriorating rangelands and shrinking natural water pools present an immediate threat to the national herd, risking localised livestock mortalities. Reduced grazing land and shrinking water sources will worsen

cattle body conditions and mortality. *Ka Batswana e le barui, gone mo fela ga gore* our range lands are rapidly deteriorating, shrinking natural water pools, *di ka nna tsa dira gore le diruiwa tsa rona di nne le mathata ka lebaka go tlhoka phulo sentle le gore metsi a tlaa kgala.*

- (d) Increased wildlife mortalities: El Niño exacerbates the risk of dehydration among wild fauna. The drying of water sources and the withering of grazing lands may contribute to mass mortalities. Like it has happened before where a lot of elephants and other wild animals died because of dehydration. Fisheries are similarly affected due to the drying of water bodies. This phenomenon disrupts entire ecosystems, resulting in starvation, disease outbreaks and habitat destruction. Extreme resource scarcity associated with the El Niño is likely to force wildlife resources to wander out of protected areas into human settlements, leading to increased human-wildlife conflicts.

Ke gone fa e leng gore jaanong re ya go nna le mathata a matona re le ba Lephata la Diphologolo. Kana go raya gore fa go sena metsi, go sena tse di jwang gone kwa wildlife protected areas, diphologolo tsa rona di ya go felela di tswa di ya kwa mafelong a lona di bo di ya go le kgoreletsa go bo go raya gore thulaganyo e, e dira gore go nne le kgotlhakgotlhano fa gare ga batho le diphologolo.

- (e) Wildland fires: Due to exceptionally high fuel loads following good rains during the previous season, there is an increased risk of the spread of high-intensity, fast-moving wildland fires across rangelands, forests, protected areas and communal grazing lands. *Rre Bagaisamang* reported to me yesterday that *kwa kgaolong ya gagwe melelo e simologile*. It is because of the high ... (Inaudible)... loads following that we experienced as a result of the good rains that we experienced *mo ngwageng o re tswanag mo go one*. This threatens communities, biodiversity, tourism infrastructure and livelihoods.
- (f) Public health and heat stress: High-intensity heatwaves are projected across all districts, increasing health risks for outdoor workers, the elderly and vulnerable rural populations.

Go raya gore jaanong mogote o tlaabo o le kwa godimo bagaetsho, go tlaa ama le botsogo jwa rona ka lebaka

la gore fa mogote o le kwa godimo go raya gore go na le risks tse dintsi tsa gore babereki ba ba direlang kwa ntle thata ba bo Ipelegeng le ba bangwe fela jalo ba ka nna ba amiwa ke mogote o o kana. Bagodi ba rona mogote o ka nna wa ba imelela, le bao ba ba tshelelang thata kwa ntle.

Madam Speaker as a response, the public is urged to consider the following immediate actions:

- (i) Farmers: The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture to strongly urge the immediate adoption of climate-smart techniques by farmers, including the use of drought-tolerant crop seeds, calculating early livestock feed supplementation, the use of varieties that mature faster and considering destocking.

It is a very difficult one, mme fela gone boammaaruri ke jone joo gore fa seemo se ntse jaana go tlaa patika gore jaanong balemi-barui ba leke gore sengwe sa dilo tse ba ka di dirang e nne to adopt mo gotweng climate smart techniques. Ba dirise dipeo tse di kgonang go itsetsepela mo leubeng le tse di ka kgonang to mature ka nakwana e khutshwanyane.

Le ba e leng barui ba tshwana Maj. Gen. Mokgware, ba kgone to consider gore a ba ka se ke ba name ba fokoditse dikgomo tsa bone, ba tlogela palo e ba ka e jesang ba emetse gore seemo se tle se tokafale. Otherwise fa ba sa dire jalo, go ka nna ga nna le mathata a gore dikgomo di tle di swe ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, bo Rre Maele, jalojalo.

- (ii) Water sector: Authorities must maximise water conservation enforcement and closely monitor regional reservoir drawdowns to avoid emergency supply failures. Also promote rainwater harvesting.
- (iii) Wildlife Resources: The wildlife sector should adopt climate-smart landscape management. Wildlife authorities, conservation groups, and safari operators can safeguard biodiversity by maintaining water points and drilling boreholes to reduce pressure on existing ones.

Le rona kwa Wildlife, re batho ba re neng re ntse re epa didiba thata. Ka lebaka la itsholelo, go boketenyana gore re epe didiba. Le ka lebaka la ditlhwatlhwa tse di neng di ntse di dirisiwa, go raya gore go tlaa re ketefalela go fitlhelela ditlhwatlhwa e nna tse di siameng, gore Honourable Lucas a se ka a nna a tsosa modumo o o kanakana o o siametseng itsholelo ya rona.



- (iv) General public: Citizens nationwide must follow heatwave safety precautions, minimise unnecessary direct sun exposure during peak hours and practice strict domestic water budgeting. Citizens can also prevent devastating wildland fires by practising safe fire handling, creating firebreaks and reporting outbreaks immediately.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), through the Department of Meteorological Services (DMS), continues to engage the public and climate-sensitive sectors of the economy on the potential effects of the current El Niño during the upcoming rainfall season. This engagement occurs through various platforms, including social media platforms, radio and television interviews, print media, multi-sectoral and stakeholder meetings, and Local Authorities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Madam Speaker, I wish to conclude by informing this Honourable House that the ministry will issue an official rainfall and temperature outlook for the upcoming rainfall season in early September 2026, following analysis of the effects of the current El Niño and other climate drivers affecting our region. At this stage, only an advisory has been issued as an early warning to raise public awareness of the issue. Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to present the statement.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 41.3 I will allow short questions for the purpose of elucidation.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Madam Speaker*. Mma re dumedise setšhaba ka kakaretso. Tona re a go utlwa, kana se o se buang ke gore o raya setšhaba o re, tshabang koo leuba ke leo le etla. Kana fa o rialo re lebile temothuo thata, re lebile bojanala thata. Potso e motho a ka e botsang ke gore, lona le le Goramente le ipaakanya go le kae thatathata *in these two sectors*, tsa temothuo le bojanala go ya kwa balemi-baruing, go ya kwa...

MADAM SPEAKER: Intshwarele foo *Honourable Kekgonegile*. Sergeant-at-Arms o kae a tseye *phone* ya ga *Honourable Gare*?

MR KEKGONEGILE: ...le ipaakanya go le kae go ya go isa thuto kwa setšhabeng kwa balemi-baruing le ba ba tsamaisang bojanala?

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members!

MR KEKGONEGILE: Sa bobedi Tona ke gore, kana fa go nna le dikgang tse tsa bo leuba, go solofelwa gore *inter-ministerial committee* e bo e nna teng go leka go bona gore a mme lenaneo le teng la go hema seemo, le gore ga go lebelelwe fela kwa *districts* gore e nne tsone *that deal with* seemo se. A mme le setse le diragaditse mogopolo oo, wa gore *inter-ministerial committee* e bo e setse e le *up and running and planning*?

Sa bofelo ke gore, kana go raya gore *budget* jaanong e tshwanelwa ke gore ka fa e neng e lebile teng e fetoge e lebe go sele. Mo go tlang mo ke sebetša sa tlhologo, se e leng gore ga gona ope molemi-morui, yo o tsamaisang bojanala yo re neng re ka re o beetse sengwe ka fa thoko *for* seemo se. Gore a mme *budget* e teng to *try and facilitate* gore batho ba thusiwe, a ke ka *half price to supplement* dijo tsa leruo, *and supplement* ba bojanala. A *budget* le a e baakanya? Tanki.

MADAM SPEAKER: Re tseye di le mmalwanyana?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee.

MR LEKAU: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ga ke itse, fa Tona a le kwa go ba *tourism* e bile a bo a supa gore re fokotse leruonyana le re ntseng re na le lone go babalela, ke ipotsa gore ke tsamaiso efe e re ka e dirisang go gwetlha *Minister wa Agriculture*, gore le ene a re beye pele kgang e. Letshogo legolo ke gore kwa mmarakeng go ya go diragala eng fa go nna jaana, *in terms of prices* tsa leruo?

Ke boa gape ke ipotsa gore, re ka gwetlha jang *Minister wa Health* gore le ene a re thuse. Fa go buiwa ka seemo se se ntseng jaana, fa o lebelela mafelo a tshwana le Tshane, Maun, Kgalagadi le Ncojane, o fitlhela e le gore fa o bua ka letsatsi o bua ka le le tseneletseng le go feta. Re na le batho ba bonaleboswafe, o fitlhela e le gore dithuso o kare ga di ba fitlhelele sentle, le ya go ba thusa ka sebopego sefe fa re ba lebeletse.

Go boela kwa go *Minister* ke botse gore, go lebaka le le leele go sa dirwe *firebreaks*, mme melelo e simolotse go tlhagoga. Go tswa fela fa Magotswane go ya go tsena Morwamosu, go tswa mo Metsimantsho go ya go tsena kwa Ncojane, melelo e simolotse go tshuba kana go kekela. Fa o tsena kwa *cutline* tsa bo Makalamabedi, melelo e simolotse go tuka.

Jaanong ke re, go tsere lebaka le le leele thata fa o lebelela go tsweng kwa Kasane *Minister*, *cutlines* tsele di sa dirwe. Mababe, Khwai, *cutlines* tsa teng ke lebaka le le leele di sa dirwe. Mme fa o bua ka seemo se se ntseng jaana, a ga o na *plan* e e leng gore gone jaana e teng, gore bogolo go ye go dirwa *cutlines* tse ditshesanyane fela go babalela mahudiso a batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong tseo.

Ya bofelo ke re, ke kope gore a o ne o sa bone go le botlhokwa gore dilo tsotlhe *that were budgeted for...* tse re neng re sa eletsa gore re ka iphitlhela re na le seemo se, a ga o bone gore batho ba ba kwa dikgaolong tse di kwa tennyanteng, tse re solofelang gore re ya go fitlhela diphologolo di tsene mo metseng, go nne le gore jaanong ba ya go thusiwa jang, ka gore diphologolo tse re di bona di ya go tsena mo merakeng le didibeng tsa bone? Ke a leboga.

DR DOW: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke a leboga *Minister* for tekodiso e e tshosang eo, mme boammaaruri bo tshwanetse gore bo lebiwe mo matlhong. Ke ne ke re ke botse...o ne wa bua gore ke nako ya gore gongwe ba leruo ba fokotse leruo...*(inaudible)...* *destocking* kana ba fokotse se ba nang le sone gone foo. Ke re ke botse gore, fa morui wa dikgomo a le kwa mafelong a a tshwanang bo Tautshokwana, Mamagwaile, Kgomodiatshaba kana Leshibitse, fa ba fokotsa ba tlaabo ba fokotsa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka gore gompiano go tswetswe, le go bolaya mo lelwapeng ga go letlelelwe? Ba tlaabo ba di fokotsa jang, ba di isa kae, ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Kana re tlaa tla re utlwa *Minister wa Agriculture* a re bolelela gore *destocking* kwa *areas* tseo e ka nna jang?

Kgang ya bobedi ke tsaya gore, gore o tle kwano *Cabinet* e ne e kopane e bo e supa gore go tshwanetse go buiwa ka kgang e. Ke batla go itse gore...kana golo mo re tlile go tlhoka madi, fa le lebile madi...gantsi fa go nna jaana go kgaolwa golo gongwe, fa gongwe gatwe *five per cent, one per cent, across all budgets*, fa gongwe go lebilwe sengwe se e rileng fa go ntse go supiwa gore ka *priority* se kwa tlase, a re tseye madi kwa. Le lebile gore le ya go tsaya kae madi go kopana le kgang e ya go leka go thusa Batswana mo leubeng le le tlang, jaaka go ne go buiwa gotwe go tlhokafala gore go nne le *firebreak*, golo moo go tsaya madi? Go tlile go tlhokana le gore temo le yone e baakanngwe, temo ya ngogola gongwe e tlile go baakanngwa ka gore ga e ka ke ya bereka gape ngwaga o. Gongwe ga re ke re fiwa dipeo tse dingwe ka gore go supagala dipeo tseo ga se tse di ka tsamayang le El Niño. Ke tsaya gore le santse le tlile go akanya

thata, mme fa o bona madi a ya go tsewa kae gore re itepatepanye le mathata a? Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke leboge le Tona ka *statement*. *I only have one question*, mme pele ga ke botsa potso e ke lebogele Tona ka dikgakololo tse ntswang di se monate re tshwanetse ra di neela Batswana. Di tshwana le gore go lemiwe ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ba ba ruileng ba dire jang. Ke ne ke reeditse gore ka gore o Tona e e lebeleletseng diphologolo, rona o ya go re gakolola o reng ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse o supileng mo pegong ya gago gore go ya go nna le koketsego ya dikgang tsa go gotlha gotlhana ga batho le diphologolo? Ga o a ntsha kgakololo epe. Se o se buileng ke gore, mo dinakong tse dingwe go ne go e tle go ntshiwe madi go ye go epiwa *boreholes* gore diphologolo di se ka tsa tsamaela kwa batho ba nnang teng kana ba lemanang teng. Ke tshwenngwa ke gore o rile jaanong madi a *boreholes* ga a yo. Mo metseng e mengwe e tshwana le bo Nxaraga re kile ra bona seemo, noka e kgadile, dikubu di tsena mo motseng, ka gore kwa go tshwanetseng gore go pompiwe metsi teng a ne a sa tswe mo go lekanang. Jaanong ke kopa go itse fela gore, tota kgakololo ya gago kwa go ba ba tshelang le diphologolo wa re re dire jang, mme gape re solofele dithuso tsa mofuta mang go tsweng mo lephateng la gago kana mo Pusong mo mathateng a? Ke a leboga.

MR MOROLONG: *Thank you Madam Speaker*. Re go utlwile Tona. Ke na le mogopolo ka o bua ka kgang fela e tona, e e bokete, e re tshwanetseng ke go e ipaakanyetsa, mme re e ipaakanyetsa jaana ka seemo se e leng gore madi ga a yo. Ke ne ke kopa gore *Madam Speaker*, re emise *projects* tse di iseng di simolole *that were budgeted for*. Ke mogopolo wa me, e bile gongwe re tlaa tshwana rona ba re senang *projects on the plan*. Re emise *projects* tsotlhe tse di iseng di simolole tsa *financial year* e, *then we channel* madi *to ministries* tse di tlaabong di ka amega, jaaka fa re itse gore lephata la gago, la Botsogo le lephata segolo thata la ga *Honourable* Dikoloti le tlaabo le amega go le go tona. *Subsidies* jalo, ke solofela gore di bo di ka okediwa, segolo jang tsa theko ya dijo tsa leruo. Ke ne ke re ke kope jalo, Ntlo e e tlotlegang e, ba ba dumalanang le mogopolo ba bue ka lentswe le le lengwe ba re, ee...

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

MR MOROLONG: Gape mo kgannyeng ya go fokotsa leruo le morui a nang le lone *Madam Speaker*, ke re ke kope gape *Minister wa Agriculture*, e ke itse gore e tlaa ntosa le ene tsala ya me, gore a bulele...



MADAM SPEAKER: Minister Morolong, be aware *gore* we want short questions.

MR MOROLONG: *Okay. Minister wa Agriculture, a ga o bone jaanong o tlamega gore o name o buletse rraetsho, segolo jang kwa Kgatleng, Tlokweng le ka fa Mokwena, gore batho ba tle ba kgone ba ipaakanyetse kgang e? Go e ipaakanyetsa, ke gore ba kgone ba rekise. Nna flexible fa o ka kgonang teng motlotlegi. Ke a itse gore ke Zone 11, o sensitive, o lebile le market wa mafatshefatshe, mme batho ba rona ba mo tlang Motlotlegi Tona. Ba bulele ba ipaakanyetse seru se. Le rona re se ipaakanyetse ka fa le ka fa.*

A ga re bone go tlhokega gore kana seemo se jaanong se tlele go tlama *Minister wa Finance*, gore *borders* tsa maloba re bua ka tsone, tse gotweng ke tse dinnyennyane jaaka bo Sikwane, ke e fa sekai fela ka yone, le tsone di kgone di bulwe, gore batho fa ba batla go reka *feeds* kwa ntle...ka di tlele go re tlhela ka fa ke utlwang gore seru se se tla se le bokete ka teng. Fa ba ka kgona go reka dijo tsa leruo kwa ntle ga Botswana go nne motlhofo, ba tlole gone foo, go batlilwe motho wa *revenue* a nna fa *that border to collect* bonnyennyane jo bo tshwanetseng Puso. Ke ya me kgang fela e ke neng ke e kopa, mme ke dumalana le *Honourable Lekau* gore, wa *health* le ene o tlele go patelesega gore a re fe *statement* ka kgang e e ama le rona batho.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): *Procedure.* Mma ke go leboge *Madam Speaker*. Ke ne ke re e kete menwana yotlhe e supa kwano, mme fa o letla le *your Clerkship*, e kare ka Mosupologo la mpha *two hours* ka tla go fa *statement* mo Palamenteng. Ke tla go phatlalatsa dilo tse. Ke raya gore le ka direla ruri Order Paper, e kare ka Mosupologo *Madam Speaker* ka tla go bua dikgang tse mo Palamenteng. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *statement* gongwe re ka go sekasekela, *two hours* ke ene yo re ka se kang ra mo kgona.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Procedure* Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Mma re tseye *procedure*, then o bo o araba, *they will continue* ka *second round*.

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): O tlaa ntsenya mo tseleng *Madam Speaker*, kana batlotlegi ba a tshwaela le bone gore botsogo ga bo ka ke ba salela kwa morago. Ke dumalana le bone. Jaanong ke batla

go potlaka le nna. Ke a tlhaloganya gore re setse re le mo go Labotlhano, mme ke tlaa tshwanelwa ke go kopa Mosupologo *Madam Speaker*, gore le nna ke tle go ntsha *speech* ka *health*. *Thank you.*

MADAM SPEAKER: Ee batlotlegi, akere le a itse mme *procedure* gore le tshwanetse go ya kwa ga *Speaker* le ye go bona gore le ka felela jang. Ga re ka ke ra e fetsa *in the House*.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke tsaya gore batlotlegi selo sa ntlha se ba tshwanelwang ke gore ba se lemoge ke gone gore, jaaka re le lephata le le neetsweng matlho a segompiano a go bonela kwa pele gore tsa bosa di ka nna ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e bile go tla diragala eng le eng. Tota ke tshimologo ya gore jaaka re ntsha tlhaloso e, lephata lengwe le lengwe le bo le ka kgona gore jaanong le tseye mo go rona jaaka re gakolotse, ba bo ba kgona go atolosa gore bone e le lephata ka lephata ba ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang gone go leka go bona gore seemo se se dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke sone se go patikang gore jaaka re setse re buile, maphata ka go farologana le bone ke gone ba utlwang *this warning*, go raya gore *they have to sit* ba tle ba bone gore ba dira jang.

Go na le mo go bidiwang gotwe Rural Development Council (RDC) *that is chaired by the Vice President, Co-Chair* wa teng ke *Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs*, e e leng gore e tsenya maphata otlhe. So raya gore RDC e tlaa re *in their next meeting, they will be seized with this matter* go leka go bona gore jaanong fa seemo se le *projected* gore se ya go nna jaana, ba *agriculture* ba tshwanetse go bona gore ba thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, bale ba thusa jang, jalojalo *because that is the forum* e e simololang go leba *these impacts*, le gone gore Goramente o ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang go rarabolola seemo.

Potso ya ga Rre Kekgonengile e a neng a re re ipaakantse kana re ipaakanya ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e tlaa arabesega gone fa. RDC e tlele go nna e kopana go bona gore kgakololo ke gore go dirwe jang le jang go leka go thusa Batswana. Mo kgannyeng ya gore *are we repurposing the budget* gore e kgone go bona seemo se, ke tsaya gore karabo e ntse ke yone eo go bona gore jaanong *how are we going to prioritise* go bona gore Batswana ga ba wele mo isong ka lebaka la seemo sa bosa se e leng gore ga ba a se ipiletsa.

Ya ga Rre Lekau ya ntlha *was a question*, tota o ne a gakolola gore kgang e e bua le ba *Ministry of Agriculture*

le ba bo *Health*. Ka boammaaruri e bua le maphata otlhe ka go farologana a a amegang. *That is why* ke ne ka supa gore *this is going to impact* lephata le le le, *and therefore, that is instructive to say that particular sector* e tshwanelwa ke go bona gore jaanong e ya *to respond* jang mo seemong se re leng mo go sone, bakaulengwe ba ba rategang. Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Honourable Lekau* o ne a bua le bone jaaka o bona ba setse ba itshupile; ba *agriculture* le ba botsogo. Le ba bangwe fela ba *sectors* tse re di buileng tse di amegang, ba tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore ba tsapoge le bone. Beke e e tlang e bo e le *statements* beke yotlhe fela ba leka go gakolola Batswana gore re ya go leka go bona gore re ka thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Kgang ya ga Motlotlegi Dow le yone e tlaa arabesega ka botswerere fa *Honourable Dikoloti* a tlaabo a le *on the floor* gore jaanong fa go na le Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) jaaka e le teng jaana, *destocking* e e rotloediwang e ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke tsaya gore Rre Dikoloti *will be in a position to then adequately respond* to kang ya ga *Mother of the House*.

Le yone ya madi, jaaka ke bua, *Minister of Finance chairs the RDC, co-chairing with Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, I think these issues will be discussed extensively there with a view to see* gore gatwe jaanong go ka bonwa madi kae, jang.

Karabo ya teng e tsamaelana le e ke tlaa e neelang *Honourable Saleshando* gore kwa *north west, what kind of interventions are we going to put in place* re lebile gore ke ne ke bua ka didiba tse di turang. *I want to say* gore kang ya didiba ke nngwe ya dikgang tse e leng gore *as the Ministry of Environment and Tourism* re tlaabo re leka ka bojotlhe go ka e emela ka dinao ka gore fa diphologolo di sa bone metsi gotlhelele, mme di ka a dupelela kwa masimong mangwe, di tlaa ya gone koo tsa ya go roba sengwe le sengwe. *So* tota fela *we will have to find a way of drilling boreholes*.

Ke ne ke botswa gore gone pharologanyo ya didiba tse ke eng ka gore sediba se ke se epang kwa masimo ka P45 000 se ntsha metsi a a nowang, a a dirang sengwe le sengwe, jaanong tsa P6 *million* tse di neng di epiwa, metsi a tsone a na le sukiri kana ke a mofuta o o ntseng jang. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re tsayang gore re di lebile, *and that is why* kwa *ministry* re rile ga go sa tlhole go na le sediba se se ka epiwang ka madi ao. *Let us find a way* ya gore didiba di ka epiwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang, e e leng gore metsi a ka tswa, diphologolo tsa kgona go nwa. *We hope* gore *we will find* sengwe se se ka re thusang.

Mo kgannyeng ya *firebreaks*, ke boammaaruri, ke lebakanyana di sa dirwe bakaulengwe. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, go raya gore bojang bo bo tona, *obviously* molelo o ya go nna maswenyana. Se re re dumalanang se e leng gore re tlaa se dira ke gore jaanong re ye go dira *firebreaks*. Ke tsaya gore *they have made progress* mo go baakanyetseng thulaganyo e. Re fetola tsamaiso ya go dira *firebreaks* *because* re rile jaanong *firebreaks*, *especially* go bapa le *communities*, re se ka ra ya go dirisa dikatakata le *machines*, go hirwe *those communities* gore ba dire *firebreaks* tseo. Fa re bereka dipalo tsa rona le madi *that we have budgeted for firebreaks*, go re bontsha gore re tlaa kgona gore re hire batho ba le 5 000 ba ba tlaa bong ba dira *firebreaks* tseo ba dirisa matsogo, re emisitse tiriso ya dikatakata.

Re na le thulaganyo ya gore re ye go buisana le ba ba kwa dipolaseng jaaka bo Rre Maele le bo Rre Mokgware gore re ka thusana le bone ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Kana bone go na le se ba ka se itirang, mme re le Goromente re ka thusana le bone gore re ka dira jaana lona la dira jaana gore re kgone go dira *firebreaks*. *So*, ke nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore kwa lephateng re fa godimo ga tsone, mme re dumela gore *very soon*, re tlaabo re simolola *to implement* ka gore jaaka ke ne ke bua *earlier*, le jaaka *Honourable Lekau* a bua, melelo e simolotse. *Honourable Bagaisamang* jaaka le itse a le bogale, o ne a bua le nna maabane o bona gore ga a beye *comma* le fa e le *full stop*, molelo o kelemile kwa kgaolong ya gagwe.

Kgang ya ga Rre Morolong ya gore go emisiwe *projects*, ke tsaya gore e tlaa arabesega fa RDC e setse e kopane go leka go bona gore gatwe go ya go dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

Mokaulengwe Dikoloti wa Beula o setse a ikatlotse gore ba ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: I will take the last two; Honourable Digwa then Honourable Mapulanga.

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke leboge *Honourable Wynter Mmolotsi* go bo a re beile kang e pele. Ke kang e e botlhokwa thata, e supa lerato le a nang le lone mo lefatsheng le. Kana fa a bua jaana, Batswana kwa ba reeditse, ba a tsibosa.

Tota ke batla go botsa gore, yone El Niño e, fa le e lebile le e sekaseka, kana ga le na *torch* ya go lebelela kwa pele gore go ya go diragala jang, a ke ya ngwaga o fela kana e tlaa tswela e ya kwa ngwageng o o latelang?



Ke bua jaana ke lebile gore tota gompiano jaana ke na le tumelo ya gore mo mafelong a mantsi dikgomo di ne di ka tshela. Tota e kgang ya go di fokotsa, ke ipotsa gore e tlaa re berekela mo go kae mme re ntse re na le kakanyo ya gore re godise dikgomo tsa rona, di goroge kwa go *five million*? Jaanong kana fa go nna jaana, go raya gore kakanyo ya rona ga e ye go bereka. Go re thusa, *I suggest* gore mo dikgaolong tsa Kgalagadi tse di tshwanang bo Tsaabong, Kolonkwaneng, Werda lefatshe la bone ga le na metsi kwa godimo kwa, ke letswai fela, dikgaolo tsa Boteti kwa ntle kwa ke letswai, metsi ba a bona fela fa ba phuntse didiba go bapa le noka. Ke eng Goromente a sa phunye didiba mo nokeng ba thusiwe ba gogele metsi kwa go nang le bojang teng? Ke na le tumelo ya gore fa go ka dirwa jalo, dikgomo di tlaa tshela, fa e se fela mathata a a ka tswelela a tsena mo ngwageng wa bobedi. Fa a sa tsene mo ngwageng wa bobedi, bojang jo bo leng teng jwa pula e e kileng ya na, bo santse bo le bontsi, le fa di tlaa ya go ja bojang jo bo senang dikotla.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (MR MOTSAMAI): *Procedure.* Ga ke mo kganele *Madam Speaker*, ke ne ke re o mo tseleng mme a se ka a iphetsa bogale ka gore dikgang tse dingwe tse a di buang tse di maleba, *Minister* wa *Agriculture* o supile gore ka *Monday* o tlaa baya pego fa pele gore a tle a di mo lebise konono. Ke a leboga.

MR DIGWA: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Motsamai. Kana ga re re ntshe dikgakololo tse gore fa a tla, a bo a tla rwele dilo tse ka gore bojang bo bontsi. Fa o ya kwa kwa godimo kwa bo Makopong bojang bo bontsi, mathata meraka ga e yo koo ka gore ba na le *problem* ya metsi. *The same applies to* Boteti, bojang bo bontsi, mathata ke metsi go goroga kwa dikgomo di hulang teng. Dikgomo di bolawa ke letlhoko la metsi go na le bojang. Ke sone se ke neng ke re kgang e e tsibogelwe thata, gongwe e ka re berekela.

Ke lebogela kgang ya gago ya *firebreaks* ya gore o ya *to engage* batho gore ba kgone go itirela. A e se ka ya nna selo se se tlaa diegang ka gore molelo kamoso o tlaabo o thunya, o bo o nyeletsa maiteko a rona a go dira *firebreaks* fa re ka diega. Keletso ke gore kgwedi e e se ka ya fela go sa simololwa *firebreaks*. Ke tsone tse re beileng mo go tsone ka gore bojang jone bo teng.

Mma ke eme gone fa, se ke neng ke re ke a se botsa o se arabile ka RDC. Ke dumela gore *early warning* e ya go kopana e bo e rola kwa RDC ba ntsha megopolo ya bone gore ba batla go re tsibosa ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka seemo se. Ke a leboga.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Mapulanga, the last one.

MR MAPULANGA: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Tla ke go leboge Tona go re tsibosa. *Madam Speaker*, o tlaa lemoga gore re bua ka *climate change* e ke dumelang gore fa nne gongwe re letleletswe, ke ne ke ka ema fale ka e ranola ka Sesubiya gore batsadi ba utlwe sentle ka gore molaetsa o o botlhokwa. Fa re ka diega go o isa kwa batsading, dilo ka bontsi di ya go senyega. Ke dumela gore o re tsibositse Tona mme re kope thata gore o iteke le wena o kgorometse kgang ya *these climate funds* gore di goroge di tle go re thusa. Dikgang tsa *firebreaks* le *carbon credits* ke madi mangwe a ke dumelang gore o ka kgarametsa teng ra ya go tsaya mo teng, ra tla ra thiba manokonoko a a tlang.

Se ke neng ke re ke se kope ke gore leka go sutelela gaufi le ba metsi ka gore go epa sediba o fitlhela fa gongwe re isiwa kwa le kwa le fa o tshwere madi. Gongwe ba leke go tlhofofatsa gore Batswana jaaka o ne o gakolola gore ba epe didiba tse dingwe tse di *extra* go leka go baya metsi a a botokanyana, a e se ka ya re ba bona dikgang tseo ba diegisiwa go neelwa *water right permits* go leka go itirela metsi a a botoka.

Sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se kope Tona, o bua ka gore re fokotse dikgomo mme kana diphologolo le tsone di na le palo. Ga ke utlwe gore o ya go dira go le kae go bona gore *quotas* tse o neng o di neetswe o okeletse batsumi ba rona gore re se ka ra tla ra nna le manokonoko a diphologolo tse di swang ka bontsi jaaka ditlou le dinare ka gore kwa re tswang teng kwa bo Mabele, o a itse gore ke bo Parakarungu. Jaaka noka e kgala jaana, di ya kwa diretseng *and* di ya go ngaparela *in thousands* fela jaaka dikgomo. Fa di ngaparela *pollution* e nna kwa godimo. Le wena o iteke, o se ka wa tshaba, re a itse gore ba makgotla a CITES ba re lebile. Itেকে o bone gore re ka buisana jang gore dipalo tsa tsone re di fokotse ka gore metsi a re nang le one mo didibeng tse di mo *parks* ga a ye go lekane. Le fa di ka wela tsotlhe kwa Chobe River di ya go nwa, tse dingwe tse di kgakala ga di ye go goroga, thatathata jaaka phulo e tlaabo e ya kwa tlase.

Gongwe se sengwe se ke neng ke re ke se kope, ga ke itse le fa re rumolana *Madam Speaker*, kana go tewa gotwe le bone barui ba ipaakanye. Re bolelele gore re reke marumo ka gore diphologolo fa di tswa *at the park* di ya kwa merakeng di ya go diga diJojo le difalana di e ja dijo tse di mo teng, ba ipaakanye ka *razor fencing wires* ba leke go tshosetsa di boele kwa morago. Fa tlou e nyorilwe *Madam Speaker*, ga e na gore o ka letsa *clock*

kana *drum* e a tsena. Gore le rona re itshireletse, o se ka wa tshaba go re bolelela gore rekang marumo ba le nang le dihala le di kgarametse kwa morago le fa re sa e rotloetse thata.

Molaetsa re o utlwile Tona, gongwe ke go kopa fela gore lebisisa e gore a mme palo ya diphologolo jaaka re itse gore *we are close to more than 130+* mo ditlounge, re ya go dira jang ka tsone gore di se ka tsa tla tsa nyelela re sa itse gore *extension* e ya go tsaya bo *four months, five months* jaaka o bua gore dipula di ya go tla *late*? Gongwe le go kopa *trusts* tsa rona tse di tshwanang le bo Chobe Enclave Community Trust (CECT) le Pandamatenga, Lesoma and Kazungula (PALEKA), mo ba go tshwereng ba iphirele dikatakata tse di gaufi ba leke go go thusa go bona gore *cut lines* di sireletsa naga e e setseng. E se ka ya re re re madi a teng, ke a re a bonang re a lebile mme ba rotloetse gore ba a ntshe re ye go sireletsa lefatshe. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Mmolotsi.

MR MMOLOTSI: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. El Niño e bagaetsho go solofetswe gore e tlaa tswelela go ya go tsena kwa go *March* ngwaga o o tlang mme go tlaa potielwa gape go bona gore a e santse e na le mogoga moleele ka gore El Niños di kgona go *last from 12 to 18 months*. Mo nakong ya gompiano, kakanyetso ke gore e tlaa ya go wela kwa go *March 2027*.

Ya *stockings* gore *it defeats* kgang ya rona ya go nna le dikgomo tse *five million* ke boammaaruri. Ke tsaya gore ba Lephata la Temo Thuo le Lefatshe, mo pegong ya bone ba tlaa re tlhalosetsa ka botswerere gore ba ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang ka dikgang tsa bone, ba di ala ka botswerere ka fa re ba itseng ba na le bokgoni ka teng.

Le yone ya gore ba ya go thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang; o ne o akantshana ka didiba tse di ka epiwang go ya go thusa kwa bo Gantsi, kwa kaekae. Ke tsaya gore *they are adequate* ba tlaa re tlhalosetsa gore jang.

O ne o kopa gore re se ka ra diega ka *firebreaks*. Ya *firebreaks* re e buisantse, re e feditse. Ke tsaya gore ba setse ba tsamaya gautshwanyane le gore re simolole ka gore kgang kgolo e e neng e le teng e ne e le go ba fetodisa ka gore ba ne ba na le thulaganyo e e tlwaelesegileng ya dikatakata. Ke ne ke ba fetodisa tsamaiso gore a re lekeng go tsenya batho gore ba tle ba kgone go nna le sengwe se ba ka se jang mo dinakong tse di bokete tse,

re tle re kgone go ba duela sengwenyana jaaka ba tlaabo ba dira *firebreaks*.

Ba Lephata la *Metereological Services* ba simolotse go bua ka kgang e jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa kgantele. Re ile kwa *platforms* tsa bo Facebook, *television* (tv) mme re ya go tswelela ka go nna re ntse re kgaogana *message* o re ba neela mo ba ka go jang letsatsi leo *so that* barui ba diphologolo ba ka kgona go tlhaloganya gore ba ka dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke dumela gore le *sectors* tse dingwe bo *health* le *agriculture* ba tlaabo ba ya kwa *televisions, radios and social media platforms* go ya go tlhalosetsa batho gore ba reng go leka go ipaakanyetsa seemo se. Re ne re ba neela a *tripwire* gore bonang foo, go ya go diragala jaana. *It is now for these different sectors* gore di kgone go bona gore re ya go dira ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

O buile ka *climate financing* gore *yes*, ke boammaaruri, mo nakong ya gompiano re eme ka dinao go leka go bona gore *we access these climate fundings* ka go farologana ga tsone. Re tshwara *meetings* letsatsi le letsatsi le makgotla a e leng gore ke bone ba ba thusang ka *funds* tse go leka gore tota re dirise madi a. *We subscribe to international organisations*. Jaanong mme *for the longest time, we are subscribing* ngwaga le ngwaga, *we are up to date* mme *in terms of benefiting*, re ntse re sa *benefit* ka gore go raya gore Botswana o ntse a humile thata. Ke sone se e leng gore gompiano *our focus* e mo go reng *because we are already subscribing*, a re lekeng go tsenya matsogo go kopa madi a, a tle a kgone gore a re thuse go lwantsha dibetsa tsa tlholego tse di bakiwang ke kgotlelesego ya loapi.

Ke tsaya gore tsa *permits, sectors* tse di amanang le tsone ba tlaa di *address*.

O ne o bua gore re oketse *quota* ya diphologolo gore go tsongwe go feta ka fa re ntshitseng ka teng maloba. Nnyaa, re a go utlwa. Morago ga re sena go nna re tsaya kgang e, nngwe ya dilo tse re tshwanetse go di dira, re a itse gore go na le makgotla a e leng gore ba kgaatlhanong gotlhelele le go bolaya sepe fela mo lefatsheng la Botswana. *From here*, re tlaa ya kwa go bone ra ya go ba raya re re kana molaetsa ke o wa re re ya go nna le mathata. Kana diphologolo tse di ya go swa di bolawa ke lenyora, re thuseng gore la re jaanong fa go ntse jaana, le ka re thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore re nne le didiba. Ka gore fa le sa re thuse, re tlaa tloga re akanya gore re ka ithusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke one molaetsa o e leng gore re tlaa ya go o ntsha re o isa kwa go bone. Fa ba sa kgone, e se ka ya re kamoso fa re fokoditsenyana



ba bo ba simolola ba tsosa modumo ba paletswe ke go re thusa gore re ka tswa mo mathateng a ka tsela e e ntseng jang. *We will do that. But again*, le rona kana re le *Ministry of Environment and Tourism*, re *sector* e e leng gore e a amega. Re ya go tshwanelwa ke gore jaaka ba ne ba bua, le rona re bone gore tsa rona re ya go dira jang ka tsone go bona gore re ka thusa gore seemo se se ka sa nna maswemaswe. Go raya gore o se ka wa re tlhoboga gotlhelele.

Go bokete gore ke re Batswana ba reke marumo ba emele gore ba tle ba netle. Ke tsaya gore go na le ditsela tse dingwe tse e leng gore gongwe re tlaa di *explore* tsa gore fa go ntse jaana go ka tweng. *Already* o ntse o bua ka didiba, le nna ke a dumela gore fa re ka leka go bona gore didiba di ka bonala kae, *then* gongwe mathata a re a akanyetsang a gore di tlaa ya kwa masimong a batho, kae le kae, a tlaa fokotsega fa e le gore re ka kgona *to provide them* ka metsi.

Ya marumo yone e a tshosa. Gone mme kana jaaka re bua, fa di go tshasetse ga go na gore o ka reng, go raya gore lerumo le bereke.

Gape ke kopa gore Mapalamente le rona ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di nang le *trusts* jaaka re tlaabo re buisa diphuthego tsa Dikgotla, a re kopeng *trusts* tse gore kana madi a, a ba a bonang, ke madi a maikaelelo a one e leng go tlhokomela morafe koo. Jaanong fa e le gore re mo seemong se se ntseng jaana, a ba re thuse le bone gore ba ka dira *firebreaks* fa go kgonagalang, ba re thusa fale le fale ka gore e tlaabo e le go thusa *community* e e leng gore e neetswe ditsompelo tse gore e thuse setshaba.

Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo *Madam Speaker*, ke kopa gore Mapalamente a re yeng go ba kopa. Ke itse gore go na le ka fa re buisanang le bone ka teng, *we communicate with them, even if it is informal*, a re lekeng go bua le bone gore bagaetsho kana Tona a re go tlaa nna le mathata. Le rona a re nneng *sector* re bone gore re ka ya go thusa ka tsela e e ntseng jang gore manokonoko a a se ka a wela *communities* tsa rona ka bokete jo bo gakgamatsang. Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Minister. Honourable Members, we are going to Motions.

GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT TO ALLOCATE PLOTS TO ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST

Motion (Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the debate on this Motion is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Aaron was on the floor debating and he is left with 8 minutes and 8 seconds. Honourable Aaron, continue your debate.

MR AARON (NGAMI): Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke supe gore kana mogopolo o o beilweng pele Ntlo e ke mogopolo o e leng gore re o beilwe pele lantlhantlha ke *Honourable Minister* wa Ditsha. *Honourable Minister* wa Ditsha ke ene wa gore a re bontshe gore *land boards* di rwele dipalopalo tsa batho ba e leng gore ba sale ba emetse gore ba bewa ditsha. Ka jalo, *Motion* o o tlang ka *Honourable Taolo*, ke o o leng gore o *support* se nneng *Honourable Minister* a se bua gore mme a go bonwe gore mo lebakeng pele ga Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) e tswa mo Pusong ba bone gore ba leke gore ba bo ba feditse *waiting list* e go fa Batswana serite.

Ka jalo, ke supe gore *Motion* o ga o kgaatlhanong le sepe se UDC e neng e se ipeile pele. E bile *Motion* o ga gotwe o latlhela ope mo lefuting. Fa go na le mongwe yo a itatlhelang mo lefuting, UDC ke yone e ithatlhetseng mo lefuting ka gore mo ipapatsong ya bone nngwe ya dilo tse ba neng ba di baya pele ke gore Motswana o tshwanetse a nna le seriti sa go nna le bonno. Mo e bileng ba neng ba solofetsa gore e tlaa re fa motho a setse a le 21, *automatically* go na le gore o *apply, phone* ya gago e tlaabo e re “tsiritsiri,” e bo e go bolelela gore *you have been allocated plot south, so many what, what coordinates, not this, this*. Ke lona le ipeetseng dielo tse. Mo bogomprienong, ga re re yang kwa seelong se le se ipeetseng, ra re le lekeng gore pele le ka fitlhelela sele, le *clear* se se leng teng gompieno. Jaanong...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE):

Procedure. Thank you Madam Speaker. Ke reeditse motlotlegi sentle mme ga ke batle go mo senyetsa dikgang tsa gagwe. Fa re kgaogana maabane, o ne a santse a go kolota mafoko mangwe a a neng a tshwanetse go a boela ka morago a “Masisinyana.” Jaanong ga a ise a boele ka morago *and* ga re batle gore nako e bo e tshaya *Madam Speaker*. Le fa re ka tsaya Hansard ra lebelela, re tsamaile a ise a a boele kwa morago. Ke ne ke kopa gore a a boele kwa morago. A boele kwa morago mafoko a a neng a nyenyafatsa Tautona ka teng a bo a tswela.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, *Honourable Mokgware*, gongwe o ne o tswetse kwa ntle, o ne a *withdraw*.

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Madam Speaker*. Ke supe gore re fa go tla go le ema nokeng mo maikaelelong a



lona a le neng le eletsa go a fitlhelela. Ga go na ka fa le ka yang go aba ditsha tsa Global Positioning System (GPS) re ise re *clear* tse. Kgang e e tlhamaletse. A e re *in three years before* le tswa mo Pusong, bonang gore le bo le file Batswana ditsha. Gakologelwang gore ke lona batho ba go supa gape gore nngwe ya dilo tse leng gore le di ipaya pele ke gore dikereke di na le dingwaga di sotlega di sena ditsha. E rile ke botsa *Honourable Minister* maloba a re ga a na leano lepe la go ka bona gore o ka thusa jang dikereke ka gore ba dikereke ba ne ba setse ba botsa ka yone fela jaaka ba 21 *years* ba re botsa ka ditsha.

Ke supe gore *issue* ya *land servicing*, ke gatelela mafoko a ga *Honourable* Lucas gore mo go diang *land servicing* e re buang ka yone, ke kwa *main land boards* fela. *Sub-land boards* ga di na *surveyors*. A re dumalaneng gore a *surveyors* di nne gongwe le gongwe mo Botswana mo *land boards* le *sub-land boards* or fa go sa nne jalo, ke gore jaanong a *sub-land boards* di nne *land boards* fa e le gore *office* ya gagwe e ka nna fela kwa *main land board*. Ka gore re a itse sentlente gore ditsha ga di abiwe ke *main land board*. Ditsha di abiwa ke *sub-land board*. *Main land board* e tla gantsinyana mo dikgannyeng tse di fa godimo, gongwe go na le dingongorego jalojalo. Ke batla go tlhaloganya sengwe. *Honourable Minister*, ke kae kwa Etsha, Gumare le Nokaneng kwa go kileng ga abiwa ditsha di le *fully serviced*?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR AARON: O tlaa e tlhalosa ka nako ya gago o iketlile gore ke kae kwa Gumare, Nokaneng, Etsha le Habu, ga ke batle go bua ka bo Danega le Nxauxau ka gore bao bone le go ba itse ga ke dumele gore o a ba itse. Re kopa ditsha tse le ntseng le di fa batho gompiano. Ga re ise re bo re akole *not even one plot* e e *served up until now* mo Ngami Constituency. Ke raya gore go tswa mo nakong ya boipuso, go fitlhelela gompiano, *there is not even one single serviced residential plot* e e kileng ya abelwa monni wa Ngami Constituency. Jaanong a re se ipateng ka gore gatwe setsha se le sengwefela gore se bo se ka abiwa, se tshwanetse sa *cost* bo P200 *and something thousand*, ka re ga go ise go nne teng.

Fa e le gore go teng, gongwe go nna kwa *constituencies* tsa lona. Ga go boammaaruri, jaanong re leka go le thusa gore pele ga le fitlhelela ele ya gore *automatic* 21 *years* ya nnetlu, le ka se e dire *before clearing this one*, e e leng gore UDC e e ipeetse. *Honourable* Dikoloti, dipalo tse ke ene a di buile. Jaanong le nna tota ke fano go le gakolola gore gakologelwang maitlamo a lona.

Ipatso ditlhopho ga se fela go bua kwa dipepereng, ke go diragatsa dilo tse le di solofeditseng Batswana. Le saletswe ke dingwaga tse tharo gore le tswe mo Pusong e ka gore ga le na *chance* ya gore le ka boela ka fa le dirang dilo ka teng, ka fa le itatolang tse le di solofeditseng batho. Jaanong tlaa ke le reye ke re...

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, order!

MR AARON: ...UDC itse gore fa le le kwa, le babusi. Diragatsang se le neng le se solofeditse batho, ke rapelela Botswana yo, mme ke rapelela ntlheng e e ka fale ya Ntlo gore o kare Modimo o ka e bona fa e le gore go na le setotwane kana go na le sepe fela se e leng gore fa batho ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker...

MR AARON: ...se ba fetola megopolo le eng. Fa e le gore ke letimona, ke rapela gore moruti Mmule a rapelele ntlheng e e ka kwa ya Ntlo.

MR LEKAU: *Point of order. Madam Speaker*, tota fela fa re bua nnete batho ba ba itseng setotwane gore go tewa eng, ga re ka ke ra dumalana fa e le gore go na le setotwane ka kwano. Fa e le gore o itse gore setotwane go tewa eng, ga se mafoko a a ka dirisang *when referring* kwa go rona kwa UDC a bo a re fa e le gore go na le ditotwane ka kwa.

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, la reng jaanong, kana ga ke utlwe le go utlwa.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Ga ke mo utlwe a re o a bua, jaanong le nkitaya tsebe.

MR LEKAU: Mafoko a setotwane ga a a siama go ka dirisiwa mo Ntlong e. Le rona re na le *terms* tse di bokete tse e kareng fa re di dirisa ka kwa ba bo ba sa tseege sentle.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ka fa ke utlwileng ka teng a re fa e le gore go na le setotwane sengwe se se le ntshang mo tseleng, o rapele wena.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Nnyaa, o ka tlhalosa gore



setotwane ke eng. Tlhalosa foo gore setotwane ke eng gongwe mafoko a teng a raya sengwe se...

MR AARON: O kare re ka bitsa dikereke tsa rapelela letimona le le apereng Ntlo ka kwa. Ga ke reye lona, go na le mowa o o maswe fela o o apereng Ntlo e ka kwa, o e leng gore le fa o tswa kwano, fa o potela ka kwa o lebala tse o neng o di dira. E seng gore ke bua ka lona, ga ke bue ka lona, go na le mo ke go bitsang setotwane...

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Aaron o na le tendency ya gore fa ke go bitsa o bo o tswela fela o dira jalo. Next week fa o ka bo wa dira fela jalo, ga o na go bona gope fa o tlaa buang teng because you do not respect batho ba bangwe, but wena o batla go tlotliwa. Ke ne ke go raya ke re o tlhalose gore setotwane ke eng before re tswela.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wena o ka tswa o bua setotwane, bone ga ba itse gore setotwane ke eng. O tshube *microphone*. Ke kopa o tlhalose gore setotwane ke eng.

MR AARON: *Madam Speaker*, ke gone fa ke neng ke bua ke re ke mowa wa letimona, mowa o o maswe, o o apereng ntlheng e e ka kwa ga Ntlo. E re le fa motho a tswa kwa...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR AARON: ...selo fa a tlolela kwa go a sutlhega gotlhe mo a neng a go bua.

MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR S. MODISE): Point of order. Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am rising on Order 57.1, there is no way Madam Speaker, we have come to Parliament to come and talk about *ditotwane*. There is absolutely no way, I am rising on 57.1, can we be serious with the business of this House. Honourable Aaron has nothing to say, can you take the floor from this Honourable Member, 57.1 please. *O lese go re bolelela ka ditotwane.*

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

MADAM SPEAKER: *Honourable Members*, ke ne ke santse ke re tlaa tla ka 57.5 gore “a member shall not impute improper motives to another member.” So, lesa go bua ditotwane o raya batho ba bangwe. A ko o *debate* fela. Ke ne ke go rometse *message before* o tla go *debate* gore ke ne ke kopa gore gompiano a ko o nne *different*, ga o a o bala.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: E bile gompiano o *worse*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hang on...

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

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR SPEAKER (MR KEORAPETSE): Morning Honourable Members. Honourable continue with your debate.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, before o tsaya setilo seo, Honourable Aaron o dirisitse mafoko a a botlhaswa a a supang gore Ntlo e kwa letlhakoreng la rona babusi, go tletse matimona, mowa o o maswe wa ditotwane. A supa rona ka kwano. Mafoko a gagwe ga a letlelesege mo Ntlong e, a a boele morago. Ke a itse gore Speaker o ne a mo kgalemela a re mafoko ao ga a siama, mme ga a ise a a boele morago. Re kopa gore mo Hansard, Aaron a patelediwe go boela mafoko a morago, o a itse gore ga a dirisiwe mo Ntlong e, go sireletsa boleng jwa Ntlo e, le ene go mo ruta tsamaiso ka gore bofalele fa a ka tswela ka jone bo ka mo senyetsa sepolotiki. Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Moswaane ga ke a mo utlwa. Jaanong mme fa e le gore o dirisitse mafoko ao, kana o tlaabo a rumolane ka gore our Standing Orders are very clear that a member shall not use insulting or offensive language. Jaanong tsweetswee batlotlegi, a le ko le tlotlaneng le buisane sentle. Ke rile le babalelane. The Member on the floor a o ko o tswela le debate ya gago. Ke tla tla ke ya go leba Hansard Honourable Minister Moswaane gore o buile a reng.*

MR AARON: Ke a leboga *Honourable Speaker*. Ke supe gore fa e le gore ke kgoberile maikutlo a ga ope, ke ne ke sa bue ka *an individual*. Ke ne ke bua ka seemo se se leng teng, ke ka se bitse ope gore ke letimone. Jaanong fa e le gore ke kgoberile mongwe maikutlo, a e nne modiga.

MR SPEAKER: Bua fela o re *I withdraw*.

MR AARON: Fa ke kgoberile mongwe maikutlo, ga ke a bitsa ope ka leina, ke ne ke bua ka seemo. Ga ke *withdraw*, ke tlhalosa gore go diragetse eng.

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo



tsa Palamente. Mma ke tseye sebaka se go dumedisa batlotlegi le Batswana kwa gae.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable Minister, ke rile o nkwa le kana gore ke tle ke go bitse sentle. Ke emetse lekwalo leo, tswelela.*

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Ee rra, ke a go utlwa Mr Speaker. Ke tla tlisa Form B.*

Mr Speaker, I wish to acknowledge a concern raised by Honourable Lucas. *Motlotlegi* Lucas's Motion calls on Government to commit to allocate residential plots to half of the waiting list for residential plots within 3 years. I think *mathata fela tota* that we are having on this side, *ke* timeframes *tseo*. Having said that, the frustration of citizens who have waited for years for residential plots is real. As Legislators we must remain responsive to reality *eo*, however Mr Speaker as we deliberate on this matter we must also consider whether solutions we adopt will achieve the outcome which we all desire. At the heart of this discussion is not only the allocation of land, but the bigger question of how we enable Batswana to achieve a secure and dignified home ownership.

The Honourable Minister of Lands and Agriculture *Motlotlegi* Dr Edwin Gorataone Dikoloti, highlighted an important distinction. Mr Speaker, *ke kopa gore o ntshireletse, go lo fa re tlhwaafetse.*

MR SPEAKER: Ke go sireleditse thata ka purapura e o ka reng ya ga saatane e.

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

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Maabane* Beula o *ne a bua* an important distinction *gore*, receiving a plot is an important step Mr Speaker. A plot alone does not become a home for citizens to turn that place or that piece of land into a place they call home there must be supporting infrastructure Mr Speaker such as *ditsela, metsi, motlakase*, sanitation. There must also be access to resources that will allow families *tseo* to develop properties *tsa bone*. Therefore, *batlotlegi* as we consider ways to address the waiting list, we must look beyond the number of plots which are allocated, we must also consider whether those plots are being serviced, are they accessible and capable of supporting proper settlement development. Otherwise Mr Speaker, we risk creating a situation *kwa e leng gore* citizens have received land, but still face barriers in building those homes.

MR MOALOSI: *Clarification. Thank you, Honourable Minister. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Minister, do you know gore rona kwa dikgaolong tsa rona mo metseng ya rona go na le infill tse dintsi. The land is already serviced, but go na le diphatlha fa gare ga dijarata tse di ka ntshang ditsha fela tse di seng kana ka sepe. Ga o re gongwe go lebelelwe infills, di dirisiwe go neela batho ditsha who have been waiting. Kwa Dagwi, a very small village they have been waiting for 15 years go bona ditsha. Ke a leboga.*

MS MOPHUTING-DIKOLOTI: *Ee rra. It is case by case motlotlegi, ke tsaya gore ba Ministry of Lands and Agriculture ke diemo tse ba ntseng ba a di tlhodumela ba bona gore ba ka di rarabolola jang.*

Mr Speaker, it is important to recognise that Government is already implementing interventions aimed at addressing the housing needs of Batswana. At the same time *Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente*, we must acknowledge that the demand for the residential plots, yes, they remain a challenge that requires continued attention. Our people have different circumstances and different housing needs, and our approach must ensure that land allocation efforts they work together with existing housing programmes.

Mr Speaker, as we address the need for the residential land, we must also think carefully about communities *tse re batlang* to create them for the future. The development of settlements cannot only focus on meeting immediate demand. Climate change has reminded us of the importance of responsible planning, recent floods have shown us that where we build matters. Proper planning must take into account environmental conditions, drainage infrastructure in the long-term safety of our communities. Decisions we make today must ensure that we provide not only land, but safe and sustainable places where families can live.

Recommendations as I prepare to close Mr Speaker, we recognise the complexity of this matter. There are areas *kwa e leng gore le ba lephata la rona*, can continue improving the experience of our citizens. Firstly, we must obviously strengthen communication and transparency around land applications. Many citizens are not only waiting for plots, they are waiting for information. They want to understand where they stand *Rre* Dikoloti, how the process works and what timeline they can realistically expect.

Secondly, we must continue strengthening capacity *ya* land boards. If we expect faster and more efficient



delivery, our institutions must have the necessary human resources, technology and operational to respond effectively to that public demand. We must also explore innovative approaches that can extend housing opportunities while ensuring that development remains properly planned and of course sustainable Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, the desire for land ownership is deeply personal for many Batswana, *re a itse batlotlegi*. As we consider Motion *o wa ga* Om Luu, our responsibility is to ensure that the solution which we adopt, create lasting benefit for our people. I cannot emphasise that one enough. It is not only about reducing numbers on a waiting list Om Luu, much as that is very necessary, but it is also about ensuring that when Batswana receive land they have a genuine opportunity to build homes and communities where they can live with dignity.

Ke wela fela ka gore Mr Speaker, Government remains fully committed to improving access to land and housing opportunity. This requires a balanced approach, that considered land availability, servicing, infrastructure, affordability and the different need the communities across our country, our responsibility is not only to allocate plots, but to create conditions *tse di letlang* Batswana to build secure homes and a better future. I thank you Mr Speaker.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MR ATAMELANG): *Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Le nna ke ne ke re ke latlhele on this Motion wa ga Motlotlegi Rre Lucas. I think re ka simolola pele ka go fa background ya gore re tswa kae, re gata fa kae. The first generation land management e ne e le ya Dikgosi, second generation was land boards, now the third generation ke yone e re reng is digitally enabled. Ministry wa Lands through Motlotlegi Dikoloti ba ne ba bua gore, they advocate for compact settlements, smart cities, revitalisation of old areas. This is in alignment also with the National Spatial Plan (NSP) ya 2036.*

Ke ka botsa potso fela ke botsa Rre Lucas gore, why set a target as opposed to coming up with an alternative ya gore land management e ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang? So, what is currently happening ka our land management, the ministry is busy ka reforms, re setse re tsweletse ka the surveys, and that 80 per cent of Batswana currently ba bua gore process ya land acquisition ke yone e e tlhokanang le go tlhodumelwa. Jaanong ke re, fa ke bua ka targets, yes, you have to have targets, they have to be practical, but in this instance practicality

fela ya gore re ka re in three years re batla gore re bo re feditse the waiting list, is not really practical as per what the Minister has already stated. Jaanong ke ne ke botsa gore, ke eng... Rre Lucas ka gore Section 86 e mo tletse gone fa e mo neela dithata, ke eng a sa tle ka an alternative method kana solution ya land management, go na le to set target fela e e leng gore is not informed ke ways to get there. Jaanong ke re, a se ka a tla ka angle ya gore o re beela target fela a sena those methods of getting to that target. We are busy with our reforms, ke buela mo go reng, rona... in recognition of these challenges tse di leng teng tse e leng gore fa o batla go aba lefatshe o tshwanetse to have serviced it, and to service lefatshe go turu. The minimum service jaaka Rre Dikoloti a ne a sa tswa go bua, is about P7,000 per plot. Fa o dira like the maximum land servicing, which is about P250,000 is an expensive exercise altogether.

Kwa Boteti East what we are busy doing ke gore, we identified two villages tse e leng gore the waiting list e ntsi fela thata, metse eo ke Letlhakane le Mmatshumo. Re bo re lebelela gape gore, because ditrope kana settlements di a gola, and there is this sim card layout of saying gore, when you expand motse o sega plots tse disha, but the challenge is always how the roads get in there. Kwa dikgaolong tsa rona o fitlhela e le gore go motlhaba, ga go na metsi, ga go na eng. So in recognition of these challenges we decided gore, how about we merge these two villages together, physical merging, not gore we can merge fela e le gore motse o mongwe o metsa o mongwe, but just to have a controlled growth ya these two settlements, jaaka se re se lemogang mo Mogoditshane le Gaborone kana Gaborone City regions. We did this in recognition gape ya gore, go na le tsela that exists, is underutilised, go na le a powerline e e leng teng gone foo, le yone fela it is underutilised. Go bo go nna le substation e e dirilweng, e e leng gore fa re ka sega kana ra aba plots along this line, go ka nna motlhofo ka gore, we do not have to budget for ditsela, bo metlakase.

So tota fela argument ya me fela e tla mo go reng, go na le to set target a Rre Lucas le ene a tle ka moakanyo wa gore target eo re ka goroga kwa go yone ka tsela e e ntseng jang. That is where I am coming from. Go dira jalo go dira gape gore re kgone go goroga kana go aba ditsha ka tsela e e faphegileng. When you look at this corridor that we are busy developing, Letlhakane currently stands at waiting list ya about 40,000 people. Mmatshumo on the other hand stands at about 5,000. Jaanong we identified the road e e leng gore ke sekonotere se quality

ya teng e leng kwa godimo. So, *what we are saying, we are going to utilise one kilometre (km) of land on both sides of this road, e bo e le gore the land can be used for allocation ya lefatshe for different purposes. Golo mo fela ka bogone we have cut the budget, the need for infrastructure development kana basic infrastructure. E tlaa re fa re setse re tsena on the second phase we will plan for bo metsi, sewage, but budget ya rona will be way much less than e e leng gore is currently existing.*

So jaanong ke re, *Motion wa target go sena how to get there ga ke dumalane le one. Ke ne ke dumela fela gore the reforms that we are currently doing le digitalisation will definitely get us there, but the Motion right now I do not agree with it in that regard. Ke ne ke ka eletsa gore Rre Lucas a tle ka moakanyo wa gore, ene o dumela gore land management e ka dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. On that background I submit.*

MR GARE (MOSHUPA-MANYANA): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente go bo o mphile sebaka se. *Motion o Mr Speaker o nkgopotsa Motion o mongwe o o kileng wa nna mo Palamenteng e e fetileng re o neelwa ke Mopalamente Mmolotsi, o ne a nna gone fa, a bua gore o batla gore Goromente a epele batho didiba. Ke gore tshimo nngwe le nngwe a e fitlhela fela a epe sediba. Ra mo raya ra re, that is not practical, re ka eletsa fela, but it is not practical. Ke ne ke kgatlhega maabane ke utlwa gore o a tlhaloganya gore go kgona go se ka nna practical, go lebega o kare batho ba batla go ba tshwarisa penalty.*

Boammaaruri jwa kgang ke gore, *this Motion* rotlhe re a dumalana gore batho ba tlhokana le go bewa ditsha. Ga go na *constituency* epe e e senang *waiting list*. Kakanyo ya me ke gore, ka gongwe ka *principle* ke dumalana le *Motion*, gongwe re o sekaseke gore re ka o dira jang *to make it more practical*, gore re kgone gore, ka ke seemo se re se dumalanang *from both aisles* gore re na le dikgwetlho, re bo re o baya *in such a way that* re kgona gore *Motion* o nne *more practical*, o nne *measurable and implementable*, because kwa bofelelong kana re dira Ditshutiso tse re dumelang gore *we can hold* Puso *accountable* ka tsone. So se ke neng ke se eletsa ke gore, re ka o leba ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo ra bona gore re ka o baakanya fa kae gore o nne *practical*. Ke bua jaana ka gore, lefoko le le reng *“allocate to all people,”* ke gore *like an absolute commitment*, *“allocate to all people* ba ba leng *on waiting list within three years or the next 36 months,”* fa re bua boammaaruri fa pele ga Modimo ke gore *it is not practically possible*. Go lebega go le go ntle, go ka nna go ntle go ka nna jalo, but go

ka se ke go diragale re lebeletse diemo tse re nang le tsone; *financially* kana *you need to service land, do infrastructure, these administrative issues involved* mo teng. Re na le ditsha tse batho ba setseng ba beilwe, mo re ka bong re go dirile *could have provided minimum land service, but* go sa wela, go sa lekana. Ke dumela lefatshe le le senang ditlamelo tseo tsotlhe *it does not necessarily give us solution* kana tharabololo tsa gore re neele motho bonno jo bo lolameng. Jaanong ke ne ke eletsa gore, jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re, *I can propose a constructive amendment*, ke gore e e ka itebaganyang le dilo tse tlhano kana tse tharo, gore e re... ke gore *we do not move away from the spirit of the Motion*, sa rona e le *to strengthen the mechanism* wa gore *how can we achieve* se *Motion* o se ikaelelang. Go bo go nna *progressive*, e le gore re lebelela gore *on annual basis*, go *practical* eng, *budget* e ka dira eng, e ka kgona eng, gore re kgone gore re fitlhelele se re se batlang.

Sa boraro, *the Motion has to be fair to both* yo o ntshang le ba re solofelang gore *they will implement it, because* kwa bofelelong *it is about practicality*, gore a go *practical* jaaka ke ne ke bua. So, ke tsaya gore *any* phetogo e re ka e dirang *to the Motion*, e re neela tse ke di buang, go ka re thusa ka gore fa re o dira jalo, re tlaabo re lebeletse dilo tse tsotlhe tse ke neng ke bua ka tsone. *We need* selo sa ntlha gore re batle lefatshe, *get serviced*, e bo e le gore le na le tsotlhe tse di tlhokafalang. *Of course, Motion* o tshwanetse go nna le *element of accountability*, gore *the next three years* go tlaabo go na le *targets* tse di ntseng jang, *deliverables* tse di ntseng jang.

Ke bua jaana ka gore rotlhe fa re emelela re bua *from both sides of the aisle*, re a supa gore kgwetlho e ya *allocation of plots* ga go na motho yo e sa mo lebaganang kwa dikgaolong, *especially* fa go sena go nna go tla ka kgang ya bonno. Batho ba dumela gore Goromente o na le bokgoni jwa go ba neela *plots* ka fa gongwe *speed* se se neng se diragala go ntsha ditsha tsa Bonno ka teng, gongwe go ka kgonagala.

Kgang ya gore diemo tsa gompiano di ntse jang, a re lebeng, re bone gore re tla ka Tshutiso e e leng gore e ka re baakanyetsa gore go tlhamalale, go neelane, *from land identification* kana go senka lefatshe, *to plan, allocate, and then eventually* re bo re nna le yone *decent home ownership*.

The issue is not merely to speak to allocating, but availability of piece of land, but it should be clear gore re bua ka tsela e e leng gore *it is a proper pathway of giving* Batswana *a realistic ownerships* ya lefatshe. Jaanong



keletso ya me e ne e le gore Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, fa mosutisi wa *Motion* a ka dumela, re o sekaseke jalo, re tle re o buisane ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo, ka gore jaaka ke ne ke bua, *Motion* o...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a go utlwa *Honourable* Gare, gakere ka fa o buang ka teng, o raya gore ba ba ntseng ba bua gore golo mo ke go epa lehuti, tota ba bua kgang fela ya lesotlo? Kgang ke gore, go a kgonagala gore go bewa *target* ya gore go ka abiwa ditsha di le kae. Mo Pusong ya lona e e sa tswang go tswa, le ne le beile *target* ya 100 000 mo ngwageng, a mme o akanya *amendment along those lines* kgotsa jang? Ke re gongwe o itlhalose sentle, gore a *target* ga e bothokwa. Mongwe o ne a re ga e tlhokafale. O e tlhalose sentle.

MR GARE: Ke a leboga *Honourable* Om Luu. Go boammaaruri. Kana gongwe *maybe I have the benefit* ya gore ke kile ka nna mo Pusong. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, ke go raya ke re *Motion* o o nkgakolola wa ga Motlotlegi Mmolotsi o a neng a re re epe didiba, re mo raya re re *it is not practical*, mme go ka tswa go ne go ka nna *possible* fa go ne go ntswe fa fatshe.

Jaaka ke ne ke bua, *Motion* a re o dire jalo, re tle ka a *programme* e e tlaa lebelelang yone kgang ya *to fast-track to identify* lefatshe, go le tlhabolola, le *to identify* ba e leng gore ba tshwanetse gore ba neelwe, re bo re leka go bona gore mo nakong e e rileng ngwaga le ngwaga *waiting list* e e fokodiwa ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Jaaka ke ne ke bua, *it looks at all factors*, rona re ne re beile 100 000 diemo di le pharologanyo ka nako eo. Ga re itse gore bone e tlaa re ba lebelela, ba tlaabo ba dira ka mokgwa o o ntseng jang. Fela se ke se batlang ke gore, gongwe a e nne *Motion* o e leng gore *we are realistic and practical about it*.

Fa ke le nosi ke lebelela, Motlotlegi Lucas ka ke ne ke fetola wena, ke ne ke akanya gore ke ka o kwala jaana, ga ke o go kwalele, ke raya gore nna ke ne ke akanya gore fa re ka o buisa jaaka ke o kwadile fa, gongwe o ka araba tsone tse ke neng ke di bua gore *it would be more pragmatic and* o kgona gore o tsene mo seemong sa rona sa gompiano, *because...*

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

MR GARE: Nnyaa, ke gore ke bua selo se e leng gore *Honourable* Lucas, le wena fa gongwe e kare kamoso o bo o le mo Pusong, le wena o ka se ke o tshabe go se...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on. Freeze the clock. Honourable Gare, are you moving in accordance with Order 47 *kana*

o mo debating fela, o akanya fela? That is what I want to get from you.

MR GARE: Ke ne ke akanya, ke dumela gore se ke se akantseng ke tharabololo, ka gore rotlhe tota re a dumalana, re ganana fale le fale. Ga ke ise ke lebelele Standing Orders jaaka o bua.

MR SPEAKER: What I am asking you is, are you moving the amend the Motion?

MR GARE: Ee rra, ke eletsa jalo.

MR SPEAKER: Okay. So, that is in accordance with Order 47.

MR GARE: Ee rra. Ke ka tswela *sir?*

MR SPEAKER: O ka tswela fela, o re *you move in accordance with Order 47.*

MR GARE: *Ee rra. Go ya ka Order 47, ke ne ke eletsa gore re ka o bala jaana Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, "that this Honourable House requests Government to commit to a three-year national land and housing programme aimed at substantially eliminating the existing backlog of residential plot allocation through accelerated identification, planning, servicing and allocation of residential land with transparent and equitable prioritisation of persons currently on the waiting list, particularly those who have waited the longest, youth, vulnerable households and other deserving citizens, and that Government reports annually to this Honourable House on progress made toward achieving this objective."*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Gare, before I put the question on the amendment, let me get the text. *O ka nna wa e nthomelela, kana fa e le gore o e kwadile golo gongwe, o e tlise kwano. E romele* just so that we can also make assessment of whether it conforms with Order 47.2.

MR GARE: Ke e rometse *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: O e rometse?

MR GARE: Ee.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I am satisfied that the amendment conforms with Order 47.2 which provides that no amendment to a Motion shall be permitted if it introduces a new matter or seeks to



achieve a different objective than the original Motion. Let me read the amendment; the amendment by Honourable Gare, the Motion reads this way, "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to a three-year national residential land and housing programme aimed at substantially eliminating the existing backlog of residential plot allocation through the accelerated identification, planning, servicing and allocation of residential land with transparent and equitable prioritisation of persons currently on waiting list, particularly those who have waited the longest, youth, vulnerable households and other deserving citizens and that Government reports annually to this Honourable House on progress made towards achieving this objective." That is how it reads. When you look at the original Motion, a three-year period is covered, the clearance of backlog is covered, the allocation of those who are on the waiting list is covered, particularly those who have waited the longest (youth and vulnerable groups) and the reporting mechanisms to check progress. I do not see how this departs from the objective. Honourable Members remember, it is up to you to allow or disallow the amendment.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR SPEAKER: *Mme ke o bale gape le tle le o tshware.* "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to a three-year national residential land and housing programme aimed at substantially eliminating the existing backlog of residential plot allocations through the accelerated identification, planning, servicing and allocation of residential land with transparent and equitable prioritisation of persons currently in waiting list, particularly those who have waited the longest; youth, vulnerable households and other deserving citizens and that Government reports annually to this Honourable House on progress made towards achieving this objective." *Le o utlwile akere. Le o tlhole* in the group. I will take the procedure by Honourable Lucas before I put the question.

MR LUCAS: *On a point of procedure.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke ne ke tla ka Motion mme ke a itse gore fa o setse o tsene fa ke wa Ntlo e. Le fa o re Motion does not depart substantially from the original Motion, ke dumela gore o a farologana Mr Speaker, o a fapoga. Sengwe se se ka dirang gore o se ka wa fapoga ke *tampering with a term* e gotweng 'all persons' because go lebega e kete letshogo le letona ke la gore dipalo tse di mo waiting list di ditona. Fa e le gore you are not committing to the target ya gore in three years we should have dealt with

the backlog at a certain level, that is not the Motion that I originally presented. Ga se wa me jaanong, ba tlaabo ba o tsere e bile ke ka o ngala.

MR SPEAKER: I have made a ruling, so we are going to vote on the amendment. That is why I am saying, if you disallow it, you will do so. If you allow it, you will do so.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Further procedure.* Tanki Mr Speaker. Re utlwa tsamaiso Mr Speaker. Re ne re gongwe o ka re fa sebaka to persuade Honourable Gare gore instead of bringing in mo gontsinyana mo go leelenyana moo, why is he not tampering with an element of 'all persons' to reduce it from all persons. Kana 'all persons' re raya 680 000 ba ba mo waiting list mme if tampering le yone to reduce it from 'all persons' to at least 40 or 50 per cent so that go ka nna le target ya gore in three years, Goromente commits to a certain number, Motion o bo o sala jaaka o ntse Mr Speaker. Ke tseela gore go tlaabo go se maswemaswe. Gongwe we must persuade Honourable Gare gore a tseye that direction. Tanki.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke ise ke beye a question, he can still be persuaded gore o ka baya amendment jang.

MR DIGWA: On a point of procedure. Ga ke na problem le Motion, ke na le ya lefoko la 'elimination.' Ga ke itse gore 'elimination' a e tshwana le 'reduction,' if we were to reduce. Fa e re 'eliminating,' my understanding ke gore in three years, we would have done with this number e e leng gore it is in the backlog. That is where my problem is.

MR SPEAKER: A e tle amendment Honourable Gare.

BRIG. MOKGWATHI: *On a point of procedure.* Re tshwanetse ra re fa re dira molao Morena, re bo re itse gore re o direla eng le gore re lebelele resources and time. Ke kopa gore re amend Motion o.

MR SPEAKER: General Mokgwathi, you can move amendment fela fa o le mo floor debating. That is when you can move an amendment. Floor e santse e tshwerwe ke Honourable Gare, o setse ka five seconds. Honourable Lucas o ne a leka go mo sosoetsa gore a dire paakanyo. Honourable Gare, bala amendment e ntsha mme gape o e nthomelele ka kwano.

MR GARE: Honourable Speaker, given gore ke setse ka five seconds, e ne e le gore fa go 'all persons,' at least go tsennngwe 50 per cent.



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

MR GARE: Ke wena o rileng o batla o ntse jaana Mokgware, jaanong o o ngongoregela eng?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Gare, *fa e reng*, prioritisation of persons currently on waiting list, so *e nne* prioritisation of 50 per cent of persons...

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Hang on, *reetsa* Honourable Gare, the Motion will read, "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to 50 per cent of persons on waiting list for residential plots in the next three years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana." *Ke yone eo?*

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

MR SPEAKER: *Okay. I now put the question.* Ke tsaya gore *amendment* le e utlwile, le tlaa e *debate*, mme e seng lebaka le le telele. Fa le ka e *debate* fela le fa e le *eight minutes* o le bo le setse le e digetse.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke eme jaana go dumalana le Tshutiso ya ga Honourable Gare. Kana bakaulengwe matshwenyego a matona ke gore ba setse ka dingwaga tse tharo, mme *waiting list* ke 683 000. *Therefore*, fa o re *all persons* go raya gore o lebile 683, 000, bone ba re ka ngwaga ba ka kgona 45, 000, 47, 000. Fa o lebile dipalo tsa 683, 000 go raya gore ba ya go tsaya dingwaga tse 12 kana 13 gore ba bo ba feditse *waiting list* e. Jaanong go tsamaelana le bone, mme e bile gape re leka go ba raya re re 47, 000 ka ngwaga o monnyennyane, *they have capacity as Government* gore ba ka oketsa palo eo, gongwe to 100, 000 yo ba neng ba mo ipeetse. Ke dumalana...

MR MOSWAANE: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, ga go na gope fa Puso e kileng ya re yone e ka kgona 47, 000 fela, *never, ever*. O ne a supa gore *currently the budget* e re nang le yone *for this year* e supa bokana. Ga go a tse dingwaga tsotlhe e tlaabo e le 47, 000 jaaka rraetsho a bua. Nnyaa, ke ene a tlaabong a eme gone fa mo Palamenteng ka *February next year* a approve gore Rre Dikoloti a ye to *service plots* tse kae, ene gape Rre Kekgonegile. Ke Palamente e e reetseng Rraetsho Dikoloti gore *we are only giving you this much*, ga se ene e bile ga se *the ruling party*. *Thank you.*

MR SPEAKER: Nnyaa, mme o ka bo o mmaakanyeditse fela, kana o ne o tlaa tla o mmaakanyetsa gongwe o *debate amendment*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke tlhaloganye, ke raya gore fa *Minister* a re mo ngwageng o ka ntata ya *budget* re ka kgona 47, 000, golo moo go nthaya gore ke palo ya bone. Ga ke itse palo e nngwe gape e e kileng ya buiwa, mme gakere se re se buang ke gore palo eo e kwa tlase, a re e kgorometse e ye kwa godimo batho ba a sokola kwa ntle. Ke sone se ke reng ba na le *capacity* ya go isa palo kwa godimo *and* palo e e leng teng e nnyennyane, *50 per cent in three years is reasonable*. Ke dumalana le mogopolo *Mr Speaker*.

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Good afternoon.* Mma ke leboge bakaulengwe gore ba bo ba lekile go baakanya *Motion*. Selo se se botlhokwa se re tshwanetseng go se ela tlhoko ke gore, *do you have the capability to do that*. Fa o ipeela *three years*, o bo o lebelela le *the growth of the budget* ya rona gore *in three years* e tlaabo e godile ka bokae, e re tlaabong re e tlisa re tla go e *approve*. Kana re tlaabo re *approve budget* re lebeletse *the growth* ya *the economy of this country*. *Can we afford to do that? Can we afford those numbers?* Gompiano fa o lebelela *number* ka fa e ntseng ka teng fa, *that is highly impossible*. *Mr Speaker, there is only one principle when you do any other planning, the planning has to be done with a full mind that do you have enough resources to achieve that particular objective or goal which you are setting yourself against? Do you have the resources capability to do that?* Rona fa re lebeletse gore *budget* e tlaabo e gola ka bokae, re lebeletse bophara jwa Botswana, dikgwetlho tsa lefatshe le, re bona gore le fa o ka *amend Motion* o, ka fa a buang ka teng jaana, *it will be highly impossible*. *So, we are refusing this budget basing on that*, ga re re Batswana ba se ka ba neelwa ditsha. Ga re re ga re tlhaloganye letlhoko la Batswana, re a le tlhaloganya, mme re batla go le dira ka fa Puso e ka kgonang go dira ka teng. *That is what we are saying Mr Speaker*. Ga re ganane, re na le bone e bile ke rona re emeng ka dinao re lwela gore Batswana ba bewa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ke sone se re reng ga re dumalane le *this particular amendment on those reasons*. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

DR DOW (KGATLENG WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke tlhaloganye gore tota gatwe re gana *Motion* wa ntlha le o o tlhabolotsweng tota re lebile eng. Selo sa ntlha ga go na ope yo o ka dirang sepe a sa

ipeela seelo, gotlhelele. Gape fa o sena seelo *any target is okay*, o ka nna a *allocate* tse pedi kamoso. Fa o sena seelo, *anything is ... (Inaudible) ...* la ntlha seelo se a neng a se ipeetse e ne e le sa maranyane, sa tsiritsiri, o na le setsha, tsiritsiri, o na le setsha. Re dumela gore seo ba se tlogele ka gore moo tota e ne e le go ipapatsa fela mo go neng go sena *social contract* mo teng. Jaanong a re tseneng gompiano mo seelong, ra re Batswana ba solofele eng? Ba solofele ditsha tse tlhano, thataro, 100, 1000? Gompiano re fa seelo ra re bogolo 50 *per cent* ya se se leng teng, le fe Batswana e re bogolo o tlhabela, o re Motswana, ke ne ke rile ke tlaa le fa 10, 000, ke le file 100, 000 kana 10, 000 kana 1, 000. Seelo *Mr Speaker*, ga go na sepe se o ka se fitlhelelang o sena sone, re le fa seelo sa *half* ya *Motion* wa ntlha, re a kgaola. Motswana kwa gae, reetsa gore UDC ya re e palelwa ke go fa seelo sa gore o tlaabo a go file *plots* tse kae, leng.

Let us have a reasonable target, yo a reng ga go a tshwanela go nna le *target*, ga ke tlhaloganye gore *what kind of planning is that*. *With that Mr Speaker, I support the amendment* e e fa pele ga Batswana gompiano. Ra re Motswana, a fiwe ditsha ka *target* e re buang ka yone. Ga e tlhabela re tlaa boa...

MR SPEAKER: *E go tshwere* Mother of the House. Honourable Dikoloti. Honourable Mosanana, you will be the last.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE (DR DIKOLOTI): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Mr Speaker*, ke letse ke beile Ntlo e dikgang pele ka botlalo, ke supa tse Ntlo e e di fetisitseng. Ke supegeditse Ntlo *budget* e ba e fetisitseng ya NDP 12. Ke bo ke e kgaoganya go ya ka *all processes of land delivery*, gore mo *land servicing* mo le go nnetseng *can service plot* tse kae. Fa go tla go tsena mo go rekeng lefatshe, mo le go nneetseng, ngogola le ne le nneetse P45 *million* ke dirisitse bokana, ke rekile lefatshe le le kana. Ngwaga o le ne le mphile P15 *million* ke dirisitse P14 *million plus*, ke rekile lefatshe le le kana, mme lefatshe le le ka ntsha ditsha tse di kana. Go supa *Mr Speaker*, dilo tse re di bopile mmogo.

Motlotlegi Mmolotsi o letse a buile maabane, ke dumalana le ene. Golo fa *Mr Speaker* lefuti ke le, o a le bona lefuti la teng. Le fa Motlotlegi Gare a re o dira borogo jo bo tlohang lefuti, ba ntsha borogo jwa ga Gare, ba re tsenang mo lefuting ke le. Lefuti ke le *Mr Speaker*, o a utlwa e bile o a bona...

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MR RAMAOTWANA): *Clarification*. Honourable Minister, ke re fa o lebeletse *page 3*

paragraph 2 e e reng, “*to survey 78 000 go tlhoka le P11.6 billion*, go dira *full service* go tlhokana le P119 *billion*”, a re na le P100 *billion* go dira *full service*?

DR DIKOLOTI: Ke a leboga, o ne o gatisa mafoko a ke ntseng ke a bua. Fela pele ga metsotso ya me e tsamaya, ke itumeletse kakgelo ya ga Motlotlegi Mma Dow. Ngogola Mma Dow o ne a mpotsa potso ka *commitment* e ne Tautona a e beile ya Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), e bile a e bua ka tsela ya gore, ke gore ka fa a neng a e bua ka teng, mme ke itumelela gore jaanong Motlotlegi Dow o simolotse go bona gore *target* ke selo se se botlhokwa tota. Le fa o baya *target* o bo o sa e fitlhelele, gone *target* e tshwanetse gore e nne teng. Ke dumela gore nna le ene, jaanong re simolotse go nna magatammogo mo dikgannyeng tse. *Mr Speaker*, tota ga re dumalane le ka fa e leng gore le fa Motlotlegi Gare a re o dira borogo, ba a bo ntsha ba batla lefuti le fela tota batho ba wele mo lefuting. Ga re dumalane gotlhelele tota le phetogo e ba e tlisang *Mr Speaker*. *I so submit*.

MR MOSANANA (KANYE EAST): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Fa o lebelela dipalo tse di buiwang fa, *originally* tse e neng e le 680 000, *half* ya teng e bo e tla kwa go 340 000, ke dipalo fela tse di kwa godimodimo thata. Mo seemong sa gompiano sa madi, ga gona sepe tota fela se se ka kgonagalang gore 340 000 yoo o ka kgonagala. Kana bakaulengwe ka kwa fa ba riana, jaana ba a bo ba re beela *trap*, re a itse fela gore ke *trap* gore e re kamoso ba bo ba re goelela ba re bolelela gore re ne re beile dipalo di re paletse, re ye go ikopa maitshwarelo kwa Batswaneng. Ga re batle gore e re kamoso ba bo ba re gogagoga, ka gore ke bone ba ba rotloetsang Batswana gore ba re tlhanogele. Fela jaaka ba tshela ba ba bitsa, ba re ba tle fa ba tle go toitoiya fa. Jaanong fela nna ga ke dumalane le kgang eo.

Se se leng teng ke gore gone fa re a itse gore Batswana ba tlhoka lefatshe go le kana ka eng *Mr Speaker*, mme kana lefatshe le tshwanetse gore le bo le le *served*. Gompiano jaana fa go sena ditsela, *taxi* di folosa batho fela kgakalakgakala mo ba ka nnang ba felela ba bolawa ke batho. Go bo go boela mo go rona gape gore, le neetse batho lefatshe go sena ditsela. Seemo fela se se ngomola pelo. Fa o akanya lefatshe le tshwana le Losabanyana le Makapane, ke selelo le khuranyo ya meno. Ga se mo tota kgang e e ka dumelwang ke ope e ntse jaaka e ntse.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members, I now put the question. The question is that the amendment be agreed to.



Question put and **Division called for.**

MR SPEAKER: A division has been called by Honourable Kaizer. Ring the bell for 2 minutes.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors. Honourable Members, you are voting on the amendment and the question is that the amendment be agreed to. I have activated the voting machine. Press 1 to indicate that you are present or to activate your own machine. The "Ayes" 2, the "Noes" 3, "Abstain" 4. Honourable Moswaane *tima* microphone. Press 1 to activate.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: *Le tlhophile lotlhe?* I deactivate. Order! Honourable Members, there are 38 of you. The "Ayes" 10, the "Noes" 27, "Abstain" 1. So, the amendment is rejected.

Question put and **negated.**

MR SPEAKER: I now call upon Honourable Lucas to respond to the debate. Let me just ask Honourable Lucas that at least 25 past, conclude the debate so that we vote on the Motion today.

MR LUCAS (BOBIRWA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. E tlaa re fa nako ya teng e goroga re tlaa ema gone foo jaaka o laotse. Kgang e tona ke gone gore, ke ne ke le beile *Motion* pele, o o neng o le kopa gore le le Palamente le kope Puso gore mo dingwageng tse tharo e bo e abetse botlhe ba ba mo *waiting list* ditsha. Ke re ke solofela gore *Motion* o le tlaa o ema nokeng. Le ka tswa le ganne *amendment* ka e ne e re go fokolediwe kwa go 50 *per cent*, jaanong ke tsaya gore fa le e gana jalo le ne le e gana ka le batla gore mongwe le mongwe yo o *on the waiting list* e re *in the next three years* a bo a neetswe setsha.

Motho a simolole jaana a re, gone go maswabi ka gore, akere fa re le fa jaana re le Mapalamente, *debating* dikgang, re emetse batho, gone botlhoko ga re ka ke ra bo utlwa jaaka batho ba re ba emetseng. Go bothata kwa ntle kwa batho ba emetse ditsha. E re ba emetse ditsha jalo ba bo ba ka kgona go ema dingwaga di ka tshwara 20 kana 30. Ke gore *you apply for* setsha, e bo e le gore fa o ntse o tswelletse o se emetse, le ngwana wa gago wa ntlha, wa bobedi le wa boraro, le bone ba dira kopo ya setsha, e bo e le gore lotlhe jaanong le felela le le *on the list* ya ditsha tseo, le di emetse. Golo mo go botlhoko tota gore, e re o le motho bogolo jang wa

rre o iphitlbele o nna kwa lelwapeng le mohumagadi wa gago. Fa gongwe o ne o na le shelennyana kwa o neng o ka ikagela teng. Go botlhoko tota gore e re o le motho wa mme o bo o fitlhela o le mo lelwapeng matsale wa gago a go kelemetse letsatsi le lengwe a go bolelela gore, ke tlaa go koba mo lelwapeng la me fa o ka tswelela ka mokgwanyana oo. Go diga seriti gotlhelele, go a go nyenyafatsa motho wa mme o le foo o nna mo lelwapeng, letsatsi le lengwe le motho wa rre wa gago yo o tlang ka ene fa gongwe ga a ratiwe, o a kojwa, ka gore ga o na setsha. O a kojwa gotwe, yo ga se yo ke mmatlantlang. Go botlhoko go nna o sena setsha, fa gongwe o bo o hirisa o le kwa Bobonong, o le ngwana wa Bobonong, o bo o iphitlhela o hirisa. Go ntse gotwe mosimane wa kwa ga Sekwadola yo o hirisitse ka kwa ga Sekoba. Mosimane yo wa kwa ga Sekoba o hirisitse ka kwa ga Dandala. Golo ga teng go botlhoko, mme fa gongwe e le gore o ne o na le shelennyana wa gore o ka ikagela. Ke a utlwa gore Mapalamente ba bangwe fa ba bua o kare botlhoko jo ga ba bo itse. Gongwe bontsi jwa rona re na le ditsha, fa gongwe re na le ditsha, fa gongwe re na le *more than one*. Gone moo go ka dira gore botlhoko jwa teng le bo le sa bo itse sentle. Ke supe gore, a re amogeleng *Motion* o, batho ba ba mo *waiting list* ba kgone go neelwa ditsha *in the next three years*.

Go batliwe ditsela tsotlhe tse di ka kgonagalang gore madi a bonwe ditsha di neelwe batho, ka gore bothata jo bo tona jo re nang le jone gompiano fa gongwe ga se jwa madi, ke fela jwa gore *land boards are incapacitated*. Ga di a neelwa nonofo e e lekaneng ya gore ba ka kgona go aba ditsha. Go batla yo o bayang gape ditsha tseo, ga gona *surveyors, physical planner*, ga ba na dikoloi. Letsatsi le lengwe koloi ya *land board* o utlwa gotwe ga e na *battery*. Dikgang tse di tshesane tseo ke tsone tse di dirang gore ditsha di se ka tsa abiwa ka palo e e kwa godimo thata. Ke re go botlhokwa thata...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: Ema pele, *Speaker* o fokoditse nako a re golo fa re tshwanetse gore re tshaise, iketle pele ka *clarification*. Seemo seo se dira gore jaanong ditsha di se ka tsa abiwa ka bokete jo bo neng bo tshwanetse. Gape kana mogopolo ole wa gore ditsha di abiwe bogolo motho a nne le setsha fela le fa se le *un-serviced*, ke dumela gore mogopolo wa teng ga re ise re o fetoge. Ke sone se o bonang mo metseng e mentsi ka *target* ele ya 100, 000 ya Puso e e fetileng ba ne ba abelwa *un-serviced plots*. Go bo go raya gore boturu jwa go aba ditsha tseo ga se gore ke jo bo kwa godimo thata. Ke

lantlha ke bona batho ba na le poifo e e kanakana ya go kgona, kana ya go baya *target*. Mme mo dikgannyeng tse dingwe, ba kgona gore ba beye *target* fela ba bue gore, *in the next two years or until December* re tlaabo re ipeela *target* ya gore Air Botswana e bo e le *profitable* le tse dingwe. *Target* foo ba e dumalana ba re, e bile e siame, mme fa re bua ka *target* fa ba a e gana, ke re seemo seo...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MR LUCAS: Ema pele, *Speaker* o rile ke bue mo nakong e e fokoditsweng. A ko le nkutlwele bothoko. Ke utlwile bothoko golo fa ka gore ke buisitswe dipuo tse e seng tsone.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ke utlwile bothoko thata. Fa ke ne ke le *mlamo* wa me Moatlhodi ke ka bo ke re, “ke phatlogile pelo.”

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ka gore fa nna ke tlisa kgang e ke reng batho ba ba mo *waiting list* ba kgone gore ba neelwe ditsha ke bolelelwa dipuo. Rraetsho Dikoloti le mohumagadi wa gagwe ba a nkopanela ba bua kgang e e tshwanang.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ba a nkgana ba re, ditsha tse o di buang tseo ga di ka ke tsa kgonagala.

MR SPEAKER: *Nnyaa* Honourable Lucas...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke batle le dira jalo, ganetsanyang fela... *Honourable Members*, ke rile le babalelane, tswee-tswee.

MR LUCAS: *Nnyaa Mr Speaker*, o a itse gore ke go tlotla thata...

MR SPEAKER: Wa re o rumotswe, o se ka wa rumolana le wena. O se ka wa tima molelo wa tladi ka o mongwe.

MR LUCAS: Gone o a itse gore ke go tlotla thata... Le kwa lenyalong ke ne ke le teng, ke ne ke ile kwa Kanye. Ke ba tlotla thata, mme ke gakgametse ba kopanela kgang ya gore ba re, batho ba se ka ba fiwa ditsha ka tsela e ba buang ka yone. Golo ga teng go ntshwentse thata.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Ke batla go tswela...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lucas, order! *Honourable* Lucas, o ntheetse thata. Kana *when you debate* mo Ntlong e, *you are all bona fide Members of this House*. Fa motho a ganetsana le wena, o ganetsana le wena e le Mopalamente, *so, that is what you need to stick to*. *So, it is out of order* gore o bue mafoko a o a buang. Tswee-tswee tsamaela kgakala le one, *withdraw*, re bo re tswela.

MR LUCAS: *I withdraw Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke tshwenngwa gape ke gore...ke tswa mo go bone tota jaanong gotlhelele, ke ditsala tsa me...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR LUCAS: Motho yo mongwe yo o neng a akgela fa ke Rre Wynter Mmolotsi. Yo o neng a bua fela a re, o a mpona, e bile o a nkitse gore fa ke le fa ke batla go ba epela mafuti. Fa a ntibile o bona ke tshwere kepu kgotsa peke ya go batla go digela bone mo lefuting. *Nnyaa, Honourable Mmolotsi*, sengwe se le tshwanetseng la se itse ka nna fa le ba garona ke gore, *we wish you well. We want you to succeed, because when you succeed* go raya gore Batswana le bone ba tlaa akola maungo a *success* ya lona. Jaanong e se ka ya re fa re tla fa ka megopolo ya go leka go neela Batswana...

MR SPEAKER: *Honourable* Lucas, kana Order 51.1 *is very clear that you shall address your observations to the Speaker*. Jaanong ke bona o lebagane le *Honourable* Mmolotsi, o tloga a sia mo Palamenteng. O lebagane le nna kwano.

MR LUCAS: Ke gore fa o re ke lebagane le wena go raya gore ke a sokama jaanong ke nna jaana.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...(Laughter!)

MR SPEAKER: Go tewa gotwe mafoko a gago o a lebaganye le nna.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker, I want to assure you and this House* gore, fa re ntsha megopolo ka kwano, ga re e ntshetse go thaisa ope. Re ntsha megopolo gore re leke go tokafatsa seemo sa Batswana *through* ba ba busang, ba ba neetsweng marapo a go busa. Jaanong fa e le



sengwe, go na le go a akanya gore ke tshwere peke ke epa lefuti, o tshwanetse wa nkakanya ke tshwere peke ke leka go aga borogo jwa gore Batswana ka kwa ba tle ba akole ditsha. Wena o mpona ke tshwere peke e e leng gore ke ya go epa lefuti gore o wele mo teng, nnyaa peke e o bonang ke e tshwere ke ya go aga borogo jwa gore Batswana ba nne le ditsha, ba ba mo *waiting list*. Ba e leng gore gompiano *they are estimated to be around 680, 000*. Ke re Rre Mmolotsi, nna le wena re ne re le mo Palamenteng e, go ntse go buiwa fa gore, o ne o re Batswana ba direlwe lenaneo la go epa didiba. Ga ke itse gore a nako ya teng o ne o dira jalo e le gore o epa mamena gore o tle o kgone go nna *Minister*? Nnyaa, ga re batle gore le re buise jalo, ga le re buise sentle. Golo fa re tlile jaana re tlela fa go tla go bona gore matshelo a Batswana a a tokafala. Le se ka la ba la re akanyetsa gore re na le mogopolo wa bosawana, wa gore *you should fail, no, we want you to succeed*. Mme go lebega e le lona ba le tshabang *to succeed*. Ke itse le le batho ba le sa tlhaeleng ka dipalo. Le na le go pharega dipalo gongwe le gongwe fela, le kgona go supa gore le ya go dira ditiro di le 500, 000 *in four years*. Jaanong gompiano fa re re ditsha go lebega le le mo mathateng a a gakgamatsang.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order Mr Speaker.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (MR MOSWAANE): *Point of order. Mr Speaker,* ke a utlwa gore *Honourable Lucas* o e tshwere sentle *but* ke bona o kare o tswa mo tseleng fa a na le tumelo ya gore UDC *Government* e ya go gana go neela Batswana le go dira *commitment*. Ke ne ke batla gore e baakanngwe a itse gore *the UDC Government without this Motion will deliver 100 000 plots to Batswana*. Re ya go neela Batswana ditsha. A se ka e baa e kete fa re gana *Motion* wa gagwe, re o gana ka tsela ya gore o kare ga o a kwalwa sentle. *Although* a na le kakanyo e o ka reng re tsamaelana le yone re le Puso, re gana tsamaiso ya *Motion* ka gore go neela batho ditsha ke tiro e re e ipaakanyeditseng go feta Botswana Congress Party (BCP) *opposition party*. *That is why* ke ne ke batla gore e tlhamaladiwe gore Batswana ba ya go neelwa ditsha mo thulaganyong ya Puso e ntsha. Ka yone tsamaiso e re nang le yone.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Moswaane, resume your seat. *Nnyaa, o ka bo o mo diretse* correction.

MR LUCAS: Ke dumela gore le santse le tlaa dumalana. Ga kere ga re ise re tlhophe, ke ne ke bua ka

ba ba neng ba gana fela mme ba gana ka mabaka a ke sa a tlhaloganyeng. Ba le tlhophilweng ke batho kwa Molepolole, Letlhakeng, Kanye, Tonota le Tlokweng, ke dumela gore lona e tlaa re fa go tlhophiwa fa, le tlaa tlhopha sentle ka gore batho ba ba mo *waiting list* ba a sokola. Fa batho ba sokola mo go kalo, tumelo ya me ke gore le tlaa dumela gore ba ba mo *waiting list in the next three years* ba bo ba neetswe ditsha. Fa e le gore le a gana, ganang fela jalo.

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MR MMOLOTSI): *Point of order.* Ke tsaya gore *Honourable Lucas* is imputing improper motives mo Mapalamenteng ka gore a re ba a gana. Kana Rre Lucas a re mo dingwageng tse tharo, madi a go dira jalo ga a yo. *Therefore, it is not possible to allocate over 600 plots. Goromente over the next three years ga a na over P100 billion.* So, Mapalamente ga ba gane ba re, re tshwenngwa ke *three years* yo o mmeileng. Ga re na P100 billion. Bula gore o re batho ba neelwe ditsha.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker,* se ba se dirang ke go leka go ja nako fela. Boammaaruri ke gore bontsi jwa bone ba ke ba badileng ba dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng go balelwa le *Honourable Kedikilwe* ba Serowe, tota ga ba ise ba supe mafatlha a bone ka kgang e. Ba tlaa supa ka vote. Ba re ba utlwileng ba gana fela go papametse ke *Honourable Mmolotsi* le *Honourable Atamelang*. Bao re ba utlwile bone, ba ganne. Tumelo ya rona ke gore ba bangwe ba bone e tlaa fa go tsenwa mo *voting*, ba tlaa vote sentle.

MR MMOLOTSI: *Point of order. Honourable Lucas* is misleading this House and Batswana fa a re bangwe ba ganne a sa *specify* gore bangwe ba ganne gore ga go ka ke ga kgonagala le fa re ka rata gore madi a bonale gore mongwe le mongwe yo o mo *waiting list* a bo a neetswe ditsha mo *three years*. O se ka wa re batho ba a gana, o re ba re ga go na madi. Wena ke wena yo e reng morago o bo o tla o re go ikopiwe maitshwarelo gore batho ba akeditswe. Ga e ka ke ya nna wena *who can turn around* o re re dumalane le gore *in three years* re tlaabo re abile 600 plots mme o itse o tlile go tla fa o bo o tla o re raya o re, “nnyaa, ikopeng maitshwarelo le paletswa.” Golo moo ke boitimokanyi *Honourable Lucas*.

MR LUCAS: Mme gone le ganne gore go abelwe botlhe, *Honourable Gare* a bo a re fa e le gore ga le kgone go abela botlhe, go raya gore jaanong abelang 50 per cent, half ya bone bale. Le bo le vote le gana, le ganne lona ba le ganneng. Ke dumela gore *Honourable Ramogapi* wa Palapye, batho ba sotlega mo go kanakana

kwa Palapye... Kana *Mr Speaker* a re ke se ka ka go leba thata, ke dumela gore gone kwa Palapye, o a itse gore batho ba ba mo *waiting list* ba batla ditsha.

Ke a tle ke utlwe *Honourable* Modise a re o a akgela, ke re *Honourable* Modise, iketle pele wena. O itse mabaka a teng, ga ke batle go tsena mo teng gore ke eng ke sa tsene mo go wena.

Ke batla gore Palamente e, e itse gore Mapalamente a, ke Mapalamente a ke dumelang gore tlhopho ya batho ba bone ba e tsaya ka tlhwaafalo. Fa batho ba bone ba se na ditsha ba le mo *waiting list*, ba a hutsafala. Ka jalo, ke dumela gore a ko re...

DR DIKOLOTI: *Procedure. Mr Speaker*, tota Ntlo e e tlaabo e dule mo tseleng ka dikgang tse dintsi thata. Kgantele sebui se sengwe se buile gore kwa Ngami ga go ise ko go nne le *land servicing* mme ke na le *information* e e tletseng ya gore go dirilwe *minimal land servicing* kwa Gumare le Shakawe.

Sebui se sengwe kgantele se buile gore ga go na *main land board* e e abang ditsha. Ga ke itse gore a Tlokweng, Gamaletle le Borolong di na le *sub-land boards*? Motlotlegi Lucas o tsweletse o bua ka selo se re sa se dumalanang. O re beile sengwe pele, le *Motion* wa gagwe fa a o bua, *he was all over. Honourable* Gare o lekile *to amend*, a re o tsenya borogo, *Honourable* Lucas o bo ganne ba bo ba kopa nako ya gore ba ganane le ene. Tota o bona fela gore *Honourable* Lucas o mo mogopolong o a nang le one mme fela re tla bo re ntsha Ntlo e mo taolong fa e le gore Rre Taolo o batla go re baya ka fa e leng gore go batla go re mara dikgang ka teng.

MR SPEAKER: O ka bo o mmaakanyeditse.

MR LUCAS: *In conclusion Mr Speaker*, ke *respect command* ya gago. Fa Puso e fetoga ka *October 2024* jaaka re bua gore *it was a historic moment*, Batswana ba nnile le tsholofelo e ntsi thata ya gore mo Pusong e e tsenang, dilo di tlaa diragala ka pharologanyo. Lehuma, letlhoko la ditiro, *corruption, mismanagement and waste* di tlaa fokotsega. Batho ba ne ba na le tumelo ya gore le ditsha ba tlaa di bona gore ba kgone go ikagela, ba kgone gore ba nne le malwapa ba bo ba godisa bana mo malwapeng a bone. Batho ba ne ba na le tsholofelo eo. Fa le ka gana *Motion* o le le Mapalamente, la etsa ba ba ganneng, go raya gore *revolution* ele *has been betrayed*. Go raya gore *revolution* ya teng ga e ka ke ya tlhola e berekela Batswana fa e le gore le gana fela

nnyaa wa banyana le bo le itshuputsa fa fatshe le bua gore... (*Interruptions*)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR SPEAKER: *Order! Honourable* Lucas, ke batla o o bala jaaka o ntse o bo o *move*.

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

MR LUCAS: *Ke itewa tsebe ke batho ba ba ganang Motion wa ditsha. Ke kopa gore Ntlo e, e amogele Motion o o balegang jaana*, "That this Honourable House requests Government to commit to allocate residential plots to all persons on waiting list for residential plots in next three years to facilitate home ownership for a significant proportion of the people of Botswana." Thank you so much Mr Speaker, I so move.

Question put and **Division called for.**

MR SPEAKER: Ring the bell for two minutes. Sergeant-at-Arms, lock the doors. Honourable Members, remember Honourable Reuben Wame Kaizer, Member of Parliament for Selebi Phikwe West has moved in accordance with Standing Order 62.1 (a) and so, we shall proceed in that manner, so the division will be carried in accordance with Standing Order 63.

...**Silence...**

MR SPEAKER: *A re tsweleleng*. I am activating the machine. *Tlhophang, ka tidimalo. Le tlhophile?* I am deactivating.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Kante *Motions* tse ke tsa *faction* efe? *Faction* e nngwe fa e *support*, ke a *support*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable, you are interfering with recordings. *Order! Honourable Members*. Here are the results of your voting. *Le 40 mo Ntlong, le tlaa lemoga gore mo machine e kwala 41 e mpalela mo teng*. The Ayes - 11, the Noes - 25, abstain - 1, non-participations - 3. So, the Noes have it.

Question put and **negated.**

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members *e tshaile*. I shall now call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and **agreed to.**



MR SPEAKER: Have a nice weekend Honourable Members. You have an invitation Honourable Members, for a workshop by the Ministry of Health on the National Health Insurance at Sir Ketumile Masire *ka* 9:00 a.m. *Tsweetswee le nne teng*, especially Members of the Executive, this is a General Assembly, please be there, *le se ka la bitsa Mapalamente le bo le sa tle ka* Tuesday. Thank you.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until Monday 10th August, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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