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Thursday 8th August, 2024

THE ASSEMBLY met at 11:00 a.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR MOATLHODI): Re simolole tiro ya rona batsadi ba me, re setse re le kwa moragonyana. *Let us start the business of today with Second Reading of Bills.*

DATA PROTECTION BILL, 2024 (NO. 19 OF 2024)

Second Reading

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: The debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Mathoothe was on the floor debating and he is left with eight minutes, two seconds.

MR MATHOOTHE (SEROWE NORTH): *Thank you Mr Speaker,* mme ke go dumedise mo mosong wa letsatsi la gompieno. Ke bo ke dumedise Honourable Rakgare. Malatsi a o itshwara sentle thata, ke a mo akgola. *Mr Speaker,* ke dumalana le Bill e beilweng fa pele ga Palamente...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Ke a bo ke rile o mo tlhokomologe motlotlegi.

MINISTER OF YOUTH, GENDER, SPORT AND CULTURE (MR RAKGARE): *Point of order.* Ga ke ka ke ka mo tlhokomologa ka gore kwa setshabeng e nna gore ke motho yo ke ntseng ke sa itshware sentle. Ke ne ke re a boele mafoko ao morago a gore malatsi a ke itshwara sentle, go raya gore ke ntse ke sa itshware sentle mo nakong e e fetileng. Ke kopa a boele mafoko ao morago.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Serowe North, your colleague is not happy with *leboko la gago.*

MR MATHOOTHE: *Mr Speaker,* mma ke boele morago mafoko a go itshwara sentle.

MR SPEAKER: Tswelela mokaulengwe wa me le ntla ya gago.

MR MATHOOTHE: *Mr Speaker,* mma ke supe jaaka ke ne ka bua le maabane gore Bill e e tlisitsweng fa pele ga rona ke e e lebaganeng le tshaba ya Botswana. Ke Bill e re tshwanetseng ra dumalana le yone ka gore *data protection* ke dingwe tse e leng gore di mosola thata mo setshabeng gore ba tshwanetse gore gongwe le gongwe fa motho a nang le dikitso kana *information* ka sengwe, e tshwanetse ya sirelediwa. Fa o ka lebelela *the benefits* tsa go somarela kana tsa gore go nne le molao o o tshwanang le o, kana ka bogone fela *it is a fundamental right*, gape e bile fa di somaretswe sentle e kgona go thusa *to build the trust.*

Fa o na le nngwe *information* kana dikitso, gongwe jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re o le rakgwebo o na le *clients* tse o nang le tsone le dikitso, maina a bone le sengwe le sengwe sa bone, dikitso le *data* tse o di tshwereng tseo di tshwanetse gore di sirelediwe. E se ka ya fitlhela e wetse mo diatleng tse e seng tsone.

Molao o o ntseng jaana o mosola thata ka gore gape o ruta batho gore go sireletsa *data* e nne *part of their branding* mo dikomponeng tsa bone kana mo *services* tse ba di ntshang. Go raya gore e kgona gore e dire jalo ka gore fa e le gore *I am a medical doctor* ke na le *clients* tse di tlhang kwa go nna ke tlhaloganya ka malwetse a bone ka go farologana, jaanong fa ke somarela tse ba di mpolelelang fa ke na le bone go raya gore ke le ngaka kana kompone, ba tlaa tshepha thata mo go nna. E bo e le gore fa ke sirereditse *customers* tsa me, ke tlaa tswelela ke gola ke le kompone. Ke gone mo ke reng go kgona go dira jalo gore e nne *part of the branding.*

Fa o lebeletse tse dingwe *benefits* tsa teng ke gone gore, *to protect data* go kgona go sireletsa jalo mo dilong tsa bo *fraud* le tsa bo *cybercrime*. E bile gape *to protect data* go dira gore o babalele nako le one madi. Ke gone mo ke dumelang *Mr Speaker*, gore go mosola thata gore re nne le molao o o ntseng jaana. E bile molao o fa o le teng, o tlaa tlisa dikitso kwa Batswaneng go tlhaloganya gore fa ba na le nngwe *data* e ba e tshwereng, ba tshwanetse go e dirisitsa sone se se tshwanetseng, go na le gore e bo e iphitlhela e le go sele.

Fa ke go fa sekai *Mr Speaker;* re a tle re bone fa mo dibankeng gongwe tse di tshwanang le tsa bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) le National Development Bank (NDB), kwa Batswana ba tlaabong ba dira *proposals* tsa gore ba ye go ikopela madi jalo, ba di *projects* tse di rileng. Batswana ba na le go ipelaetsa gore *this information* e fa ba e tsere ba e isitse gone koo, fa ba felela ba se *funded*, o bona kamoso e le



gore mongwe o e dirisitse e bile *is funded. Information* e e ntseng jaana go a tlhokafala gore re bo re na le molao o o ntseng jaana gore ope fela yo o tlaabong a na le *data* ka wena ka dilo tse o neng o batla go di dira, di tshwanetse gore di sirelediwe.

E bile gape e tlaa tsena e nna thuto gape jaaka gongwe mongwe maabane a kile a tlhalosa fa gore fa o tsena kwa magaeng fa e le gore batho ba ya go hirwa jalo kwa bo Ipelegeng, ba tlhaloganye gore maina a fa a kwadisiwa gone foo, a a bo a direletswe fela phiro yone ya Ipelegeng. Ga e a tshwanelo gore kamoso e bo e le gore maina a a utlwala go sele, e nna e kete gongwe ba ne ba ikopela boloko jwa diphathi koo. Jaanong ba tlaa tlhaloganya gore fa molao o o le teng, o tlaa kgona gore o sireletse diemo tsa go nna jalo, go itsiwe gore *whatever information* e o nang le yone, o tshwanetse wa e dirisa gone fa e leng teng, e se ka ya iphitlhela e le gore jaanong ke...

MR LUCAS: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Honourable Mathoothe. Go na le batho ba ba tswelelang ba ipelaetsa gore ba iphitlhela ba kwadisitswe mo diphathing jaaka o bua, mme bone ba ise ba ke ba ise *information* ya bone. Ke re a molao o go ya ka wena ka re letse re ntse re o tlhalosediwa, a mme o ka sireletsa batho bao? A fa ba iphitlhela ba le mo seemong seo, ba ya go ikuela kwa go mang ka gore golo mo o kare jaanong go a tlopelesega? Ke a leboga rraetsho.

MR MATHOOTHE: Ee go ntse jalo. Ke dumalana le wena thata gore go a direga fela thata kwa dikgaolong tsa rona, o fitlhela e le gore fa batho ba ne ba emeletse ba itse gore ba ya go ikopela tiro jalo, kamoso maina a bone o bo o fitlhela a setse jaanong a le go sele, a se mo tirisong yone eo. Ke tsaya gore molao jaanong fa o tla jaana, o tlaa kgona gore jaanong batho ba teng fa ba fitlhela *information* e le go sele kwa ba neng ba sa batle gore e goroge teng, ba ka itsheka ba dirisa molao o o beiweng fa pele ga rona. Ke tsaya gore diemo tsa go nna jalo di tlaa...

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Honourable Mathoothe. Ke ne ke re *point* e o e buang eo e bile e engwe nokeng ke Honourable Lucas. A ga e tshwane le e e reng batho ba dule mo phathing nngwe e re gotwe ba ntshe maina a bone, ba bo ba gana go a ntsha, e bo e re go tshwarwa *primaries*, ba bo ba ya go tlhopha kwa phathing e nngwe? Ga se *mismanagment of information*?

MR MATHOOTHE: *Mr Speaker*, fa o tsaya o lebelela yone e jaaka o ka lebelela bontsi jwa maloko a Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF), ba sa le ba dule kwa Phathing ya Domkrag mme Domkrag fa e dira *voters roll* tsa yone, e tsweletse fela ka go nna e ntse e ba tsenya mo teng. Jaanong gone moo ga go a siama. Ke dikgang tse re buang ka tsone gore fa o setse o dule, o a bo o dule. Jaanong ke tshwanetse gore ke tsamaye ka maina a me go na le gore o bo o tswelela o dirisa maina a rona kwa *primary elections* tsa Domkrag. Ke sone se re se buang.

MR MOTAOSANE: *On a point of correction.* Thank you Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Honourable Mathoothe, mma ke go leboge. Honourable Mathoothe, ke go baakanyetse gore fa o dule wena, o bo o sa tle gore o dule, mme o itse gore o dule, wa re yo mongwe ene a go ntshe jang? Fa o tswa fela ka ditiro foo, o bo o sa kwale gore ke dule; le wena gone jaanong Honourable Mathoothe o santse o le teng mo *voters roll* ya rona ka gore ga o ise o kwale o re o a tswa mo Domkrag. Ke yone kgang e re buang ka yone gore selo se, ga se a siama. A re sa direng boferefere ka o a itse gore le gone jaana, le ba romile gore ba ye go tlhopha mo *primaries* gore ba le tlhophele yo le sa mmatleng, yo le tlaa mo jang. Re tlaa ba ntsha jang le ba raya le re, ba se ka ba intsha?

MR MATHOOTHE: Owaii! Ga go na ka *correction* epe. Ba a itse fela gore kwa go bone ka kwa fa go atumela ditlhopho, ba dira *registration* e ntsha. Ba e direla fa godimo ga maina a rona mme ba ntse ba bona gore re sale re tsamaile, re sale re ba laetse. Gompieno jaana o santse o belaela gore ga ke yo ka koo? Ga ke yo, ba tshwanetse ba ntsha maina a rona koo. Ba lese go a dirisa go ikokeletsa go fenza *primaries* ba dirisa maina a BPF. Gone moo, ke go tsietsa ba bangwe.

Mr Speaker, kgang e ke batlang go wela ka yone ke gore, melao e e ntseng jaana e e siametseng Batswana, e tshwanetse *to be implemented* ka nako. Re na le melao e metsi e e tshwanetseng Batswana, e re sa bolong go e fetisa mo Palamenteng mme le gompieno jaana, e ise e bereke. Go mosola thata gore fa re bua ka melao e re e fetisang, re bo re itse gore re ya go e diragatsa gore e bereke, e tle e thus Batswana. Re se ka ra itlhaganelela e go tlaabong go itibile rona, re tlogela e e lebaganeng le Batswana.

Mr Speaker, ke dumalana thata le molao o. Gompieno Morwaeng o tlisitse o o siameng tota o e tlaareng fa re ntse re tsamaya, dikgang tse di mo apereng di bo di fokotsega. *Thank you Mr Speaker*.



ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MS MAKWINJA): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke go dumedise mo mosong o montle o le bakaulengwe. Molao-kakanyetso o o fa pele ga rona o *Mr Speaker* jaaka Makgoa ba a tle ba bue, *it is long overdue*. Go ne go tshwanelwa ke gore go dirwe ditlholtlhomiso le therisanyo e e tseneletseng. Ke dumela gore Ntlo e rotlhe jaaka re ntse jaana, re dumalana le one 100 per cent. Ke tshwaele go le go nnyennyane fela ka one. Re dira melao e e tlamaletseng. Fa ke leba mo go one o, *allow me to quote Mr Speaker...*

MR SPEAKER: Do quote Honourable Minister.

MS MAKWINJA: Mo go Clause 10 e e reng “*the commission shall act with complete operational independence in performing its function and exercising its powers in accordance with this Act.*” Ke batla go tlhamalatsa e *Mr Speaker* ka gore re a bo re dirile molao o re o rata rotlhe mo Palamenteng e, e bile re o boka. Kamoso go tlaabo gotwe *Commissioner* le lephata la gagwe *is not independent*. Ke batla gore bakaulengwe ba tlhomamise gore a re a tlhaloganya gore *this independence* e raya eng. Kamoso go tlaabo gotwe ka gore o tlhongwa ke *Minister*, ga go na *independence*. *Minister* o kgona gore re ntshe *information* e, ntsha e. Ke kopa gore fa re fetisa molao o mo Ntlong e, kgang e, e bo e tlamaletseng gore fa re re *operational independence*, re raya eng. Kamoso go tlaabo go tshwana fela le tsa Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) le Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) gore *this commission is not independent*. Go botlhokwa thata gore e re fa Tona a fetola, go tlhamalediwe sentle gore e se ka ya re kamoso re bo re nna le dikgang tsa gore hei! ga go na *independence*, hee! *commission* e rile. E bo e bua gape ...

MR REATILE: *On a point of clarification.* Mma ke go leboge Tona. A o lemoga gore kgang ya *independence* e ka nna teng mo mokwalong *but in practice* e seo, *interference* e le yone *order of the day*? Eo yone o e bona e ntse jang Tona?

MS MAKWINJA: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke yone e re ntseng re bua ka yone motlotlegi. Ke ntse ke le raya ke re, a re farologanyeng molao *and what we perceive as interference* ka gore re tlaabo re re molao o rile, o rile mme ditsamaiso gongwe di gotlhagotlhana le molao. Ga re kgone go farologanya dilo tse, ke one mathata. Fa re sa diragatse se molao o se dirang ka dikgwetlhoo tse di tlaabong di le foo, re tlaabo re tshwaya Goromentwa letsatsi phoso. Ke tsaya gore ke

e tlhatsitswe. *That is why ke re, it is very important gore re farologanye dilo tse ka gore molao o tlhamalestse. IEC le Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS), ke ditiro tse e leng gore gongwe di a fatlha. Fa di fatlha, those are administrative issues tse e leng gore they must be dealt with administratively, discipline.*

*If you allow me again *Mr Speaker*, gone mo go Clause 10 (3), “any decision including investigations by the Commissioner shall not be subject to the direction and control of any person or authority.” Ke ntse ke gatelela *Mr Speaker* gore re dira melao e mentle e, e e clear, e go bolelela gore go tshwanetse go diragala eng. Fa gongwe se se diragalang e bo se fapaana, re bo re tla re re Goromentwa letsatsi, rona mo Ntlong e re dirile tiro ya rona. Dikomiti tsa rona di tshwanetse go farologanya gore molao wa reng, go diragala eng, phoso e fa kae, e ka baakanngwa jang.*

*Mr Speaker, re bo re yakwa Clause 11 (3) if you can allow me, ya re, “Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or officer of the commission who contravenes this Section, commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P50 000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or both.” Ke gopola gore the regulations e tlaare di tla *Mr Speaker*, di tlhalose ka gore these are employees. They have an independent existence from other departments. Therefore, they have to have their own rules and regulations. So, if the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner is found to have contravened the Act, what are the processes, or we just go straight to charging or imprisoning him. There has to be a process where people are called out.*

They have to be disciplined, or even if they are to be relieved by their responsibilities. In terms of regulations, I hope this will become much clearer so that we know our employee relations processes vis-à-vis these penalties that are in the Act.

*Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose dilo tse ka gore at the end of the day re dira melao mo. Bo Tona bangwe ba setse ba buile gore re dira melao e mentle, but fa go tla implementation, e nna mathata. One would have hoped gore by now re leba *Act* e le regulations tsa teng, so that delay in implementation is not an issue ka gore e bile re sale re o emetse bogologolo. Ke gopola gore ...*

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

MS MAKWINJA: Ee rra, it is very important gore fa re tlisa Acts mo, re ntse re bereka mo regulations gore within a very short space of time, we implement.



Storage of information, e clear Mr Speaker, *mathata ke go dutla*. It is going to be another challenge *ya gore ka re a dutla, ga go na sepe sephiri mo ditsamaisong*. *Re leka ka bojotlhe sengwe le sengwe, mme* data protection storage would have to be very strict. We know *gore* we are putting systems in place, *mme fela jaaka melao e re e dirang, le* systems to protect this data, *go tlaa re go gagamadiwe gore* information *fa e tswa re tlaabo re e batla*, it is not going to be coming out willy-nilly *ka gore re na le Data Protection Act, le Information Act e e leng gore re kgona* to access information *nngwe le nngwe*. *Jaanong ke dilo tse e leng gore jaaka re fetisa molao o, re tshwanetse go bona gore* this storage is really protected. *Batho fa e le gore* are going to contravene the processes and the procedures, *ba tseelwe dikgato immediately*. *Fela fa gotwe* this information was not supposed to be out there, *a go tlhotlhomiwi, go tsewe dikgato* Mr Speaker, immediately.

Ka a le kalo Mr Speaker, ke gopola gore ke ne ke re re athaatlhe dintlha tse, mme ke e ema nokeng fela thata. Ke a leboga.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): Ke ikokobeditse Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke go leboge gore o bo o mphile sebaka sa gore le nna ke latlhela tlhwara legonnyana. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke batla gore selo sa ntlaa fela fa ke simolola ka molao o ke leboge boetedipele jwa lefatshe la Botswana ka fa ba neng ba dira melao ya rona ka teng, le ka fa re bonang re ntse re tswelela re dira melao ka teng. Fa o ka ela tlhoko melao ya rona ka bontsi e mo mpepeneneng e sena diphiri. Melao ya rona ka bontsi pele ga e diragadiwa, e tsenngwa mo bathong le mo matlhong a a ntshontsho a a tshwanang le a bo Rre Kapinga gore ba kgone go dira *objections* kana ba akgele, ba gakolole ba reng, ba reng. Ke sone se o bonang maloba go ne go na le modumo go buiwa ka kgang ya gore re le boetedipele jwa lefatshe la Botswana re ikgagapeletse dichelete, re batla go itsenyetsa madi. Ke ka gore go ne ga dirwa tiro e e ka fa molao ya *to publish a Bill before* e tla mo Palamenteng gore Batswana ba e bone ba tle ba *object*. Fela jaaka re dira le mo manyalong, pele ga batho ba nyalana, *it is published* gore ba ba ganetsang ba ganetse lenyalo leo, ba ba dumalanang ba dumalane. Se ke se itseng, boetedipele jwa lefatshe la Botswana fa dilo tseo di diragala, ba nna tsebentla go utlwa ba bo ba ka dira se se tshwanetseng. Jaaka re ne re bona maabane go ne go boelwa morago *Bills* tse tharo tse Batswana ba neng ba sa di eme nokeng. Molao o wa *Data Protection* o gata fela gone foo.

Ke batla gore fa re o lebelela re le mapolotiki, a re se ka ra lebelela melao bagaetsho ka leitlho la sepolotiki thata. Re a itse gore mapolotiki ke batho ba ba botlhale, ba ba kgonang go dira maretshwa a gore dilo tse dingwe ba ka di bua ka fa ba di buang ka teng. Ke ne ke eletsa e kete o kare fa re lebelela molao o, re se ka ra o lebelela thata ka go akanya dilo tsa tsietso, kana tsa boferefere. Re tshwanetse go lebelela molao o ka leitlho le le re isang kwa pele ...

MR NKAWANA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re gongwe Tona, kgotsa legale ke ditsebe tsa rona, ga ke gakologelwe go na le *Bill* e e boetsweng morago gone fa, *unless* e le gore e boetswe morago bosigo. Ke ne ke utlwa o re go boetswe morago *Bills* dingwe mme mo Palamenteng ga re ise re di bone Mokgatla.

MR PULE: *Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke tlhalose gore molao o ke batla re o lebelela ka leitlho le le bulegileng, ka a very holistic view.* Re itse gore ke molao o e leng gore ga re batle go o buisa jaaka ke ne ke utlwa ntsalake a o buisa, e bile e le sware sa me Honourable Mathoothe; a bua ka voter's roll gore di a tweng, di a tweng. Ke batla gore re o lebelele re lebelsa e le molao o o lekang go rotloetsa puso ya batho ka batho mo lefatsheng la Botswana, o o batlang go sireletsa ditshwanelo tsa setho. *This law has been constructed to protect the rights of the people of Botswana.* Fa ke o bona, ke ne ka ja monate thata ke re gompieno re le lefatshe la Botswana ka fa re emeng ka teng, seemo sa rona ga re na *confidence* ya gore *information* ya rona especially personal data, is protected. O tlaabo o le Mabuse Pule, tlaa ke fe sekai, o bo o join gongwe gym nngwe o duela madi, e e leng gore gongwe e na le affiliation kwa mafatsheng a a kwa ntle, e re nako nngwe o ntse fela o bo o bona mogala o tsena motho a go leletsa a re o kwa Zambia, a re o a kolota kwa ga eno kwa Botswana. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse re sa di batleng ka gore jaanong go raya gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, your personal data has crossed the border e ile kwa mafatsheng a sele. How protected it is when it is there, because ga re itse gore a lefatshe leo lone le na le *Data Protection Act?* Mo e leng gore fa e le gore e teng, I need that *Data Protection Act* to protect le batho ba e seng ba lefatshe leo, kana batho ba Botswana. Jaanong ke dingwe tse e leng gore re tshwanetse go di galaletsa, re di direle meduduetso, re dire dilo tse di ntle gore bagaetsho, tota molao ke o o maikaelelo a one a matona...



ASSISTANT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (MR MOLEBATSI): *Clarification. Honourable Minister, ke gore data e e ka tsewang, kana gona le gore go kgone go tsewa data ya gago ke motho a le kwa ntle ga Botswana, data ya your personal information, say your house, a bo a bona rooms tsa yone gore di kae, how are you going to enforce this law fa e le gore data ya teng e tserwe ke motho a le kwa Ukraine sentle ka fa molaong? Ke a leboga.*

MR PULE: Ke yone kgang e ke e buang gore molao o tota *the whole intention ya one is to protect data, especially personal data ya Batswana. Jaanong fa re simolola re e amogana le mafatshe a sele, how are we going to be protected?*

Bagaetsho, ke badile molao o, *I am not a lawyer, I tried my best because the language technically is a legal language ya bo Honourable Kapinga. Fela fa ke o bala, the law is quite holistic because o bua ka protection, management and administration. I have got full confidence Mme Makwinja gore The Commission including the Commissioner herself wa molao o, these are people that we trust they are going to make sure that this law is fully implemented. How I pray the Commission ensures this, at least Commissioner ke motho yo ke mo itseng personally, ke itse ability ya gagwe. Jaanong I know gore ene le team ya gagwe are going to make sure gore molao o o a diragadiwa.*

Kana ba ka kgona fa re ba fa support re le leadership ya lefatshe la Botswana. *I have seen lots of benefits in this Act. Benefit e tona jaaka ke e buile la ntlha ke ya to protect the rights of people. Ya bobedi benefit e ke e bonyeng ke ya go thusa go aga tshepo gore fa o bula account kwa bankeng semangmang o bo o nna le tshepo ya gore your account is protected. E seng mo e reng fa o ntse kwa bankeng... the Commissioners this is for you, wena o itse gore o dirile stop order...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ke kopa *clarification.*

MR PULE: E bo e re o ntse o bo o utlwa gotwe kana o kolota bokana, wena o itse gore madi a gogile ka o dirile *stop order.* O bo o amogela mogala o tswa kwa *the same bank...*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, your colleague on virtual means Honourable Lelatisitswe pray for clarification.

MR PULE: Ee, dira ka bonako mokaulengwe ka gore nako ya me e tshaile.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR LELATISITSWE): *Thank you so much Mokhurutshe. Ke re Kgabo, kana golo fa go na le kgang, gongwe o latlhele fa o setse o bua ka kgang e ya go sireletsa data ya batho especially e e ka dirisiwang botlhaswa. Ka gore gompieno jaana fa o ntse jaana o kgona go bona o lelediwa ke motho a le kwa bo Canada, Nigeria o ipotsa gore o tsere kae nomore ya gago. Dilo tse dingwe tsa dilo tse re tshwanetseng go itse gore...(inaudible)... kana o lebe dikgang tse.*

MR PULE: Tanki mongwame. Ke kgang e ke buang ka yone mokaulengwe gore, *this law should be able to build confidence mo Batswaneng. I see this law coming in to promote business in this country.* Batho ba bantsi ba tshaba go bula accounts mo dibankeng ka ga ba *sure* gore a madi a bone a tlaabo a le *safe*. Jaanong re na le molao o o bidiwang Data Protection Act. Batho ba bantsi ba tshaba go tla mo lefatsheng la Botswana go tla *to invest because ga ba sure gore a fa ba le fa madi a bone a tlaabo a sireletsegile.* Batho ba bantsi ga ba batle go tsaya services tsa Puso ka mabaka a gore gongwe ga ba *sure* gore a fa maina a bone a kwalwa koo jaanong ga a na go dirisiwa ke ba bangwe ba ba tshwanang le bo Honourable Mathoothe wa ntsalake. Ke bua ka bomo ka gore ke ntsalake, gongwe o ya *to transfer him* a mo ntsha kafa a mo isa kafa. Batho ba bantsi ba tshaba go ikwadisetsa dithlopho ka gore ba fitlha dikgang tsa bone. Ke dilo tse e leng gore fa re na le molao o o ntseng jaana o dirisiwa sentle *effectively it is going to benefit us.*

*It will also help us to brand the country, locally and internationally. It builds confidence on the people who keep their money mo dibankeng. It also helps people now to start joining dikgang tsa online services. Re tshaba go tsena online Honourable Kapinga, ka ga o *sure* gore a motho yo o ithekisang...jaaka maloba ke ne ke bona on social media mongwe wa ngaka kwa America trending a re, go na le kalafi ya bolwetse jwa cancer. A bo a re you have to pay so much gore o kgone go bona kalafi ya go nna jalo. Ke dingwe tsa dilo tse ke tsayang gore molao o o tlaa itebaganya le tsone go lwantsha cybercrime le dilo tse dintsi tse di ka diragalang mo go rona. Most of all this law is going to promote democracy in this country. Ke dingwe tse e leng gore the fundamental thing that the law is going to do is to promote democracy. That is why ke rata molao o.*

Ka mabaka ao Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke eme fa ke le mongwe wa lekoko la Ntlo e e e tlotlegang e ke re, ke ema molao o nokeng. Ke a leboga.



MR NKAWANA (SELEBI PHIKWE EAST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke akgele mo Molao-kakanyetsong o wa *Data Protection*. Kgangkgolo ke gore, molao o re a o tlhoka. Ya bobedi ke gore, a o kwadilwe sentle. Sa boraro ke gone gore, a mme re tlaa kgonas go o diragatsa ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng. A ke molao o o tlaa amang sengwe le sengwe se se leng teng, le bone badiragatsi ba one. Ke dikgang tse di tshwanetseng ra di sekaseka fa re bua ka molao o *Mr Speaker*. Ka gore ee re tlhokana le molao o o sireletsang Motswana mongwe le mongwe le dikgang tsa Puso. Go na le dingwe tse gotweng ke *top secret*, ga ke itse gore *level* tsa teng di kanang kang. Diphiri tsa mofuta oo go bothokwa thata gore di sireletsege.

Kana *Mr Speaker* pele fa ke ya kgakala ke supe gore, fa re bua ka *Government secrets* keletso ke gore le fa gone re itse gore ke diphiri, go nne le nako e e beilweng gore diphiri tsa Puso jaanong ga e sa tlhole e le diphiri, di ka neelwa setshaba tsa sekwasekwa. Ke buisiwa jaana ke gore, go kile ga nna le *fly machine* ya Puso e e neng e rwele motlotlegi Tautona Masire yo o sa tlholeng a le teng mo botshelong, a raletse lefatshe lengwe la Angola, *fly machine* e a neng a le mo go yone ya thunthiwa. Le gompieno morago ga dingwagangwaga setshaba ga se itse gore gatwe go diragala eng. Makgoa ba na le *a time limit* gore morago ga dingwaga tse di kana *classified information* eo ya Puso *it becomes declassified*, a bo jaanong e le gore e nna dikgang tse morafe o ka di bonang. Jaanong keletso ya me ke gore, le mo Botswana re nne le lenaneo le le ntseng jalo le le papametseng gore diphiri dingwe di ka tshwarwa lebaka le le kana, le le kana, le le kana mme morago ga foo a bo re ka...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister responsible for Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture (MYSC) you cannot go out. *Nnyaa hapaana le yoo motlotlegi. Hapaana le yoo mong wa me.*

MR NKAWANA: *Mr Speaker*, re a itse gore go kile ga nna le madubadube a bo *the late Segametsi*, yo re itseng gore go ne ga nna le gore go rulaganngwe gore go bidiwe makgotla a gotweng a tshepegile thata, a bo Scotland Yard. Gone jaana mo sebakeng se re leng mo go sone go na le *theory* tse di buang gore le mapodise a Scotland Yard ga ise a ko a goroge mo Botswana. Ga re na bosupi ka e nnile *top state secret*. Fa go ne go na le nako e e neng e beilwe gore diphiri tsa Puso di tsaya lebaka le le kana re ka bo re setse re itse. E bile le rona re tlhomamisitse gore ammaaruri Mapodise a Scotland Yard a kile a tla mo Botswana go tlhotlhomisa dikgang tsa bo Segametsi, mme e bile ba bone se le se, le se le se.

Ke batla go tsena gape mo kgannyeng ya *Commission*, e e tlaabong e tlhomilwe... *Mr Speaker*, fa ke bua le wena o bo o bua, ke e tla ke nna le bana ba phefo ka ga ke itse gore ka tsamaiso ke go reng.

MR SPEAKER: Ke ne ke seba le bongwanake. O ne o ka se ke wa nkutlwla.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. *Commission* e e tlaabong e tlhomilwe, mme e tlhomilwe ke Puso, ke Tona, potso e nna gore, a ra re Tona ga a ka ke a nna le seabe mo dikgannyeng tse ka ke ene mohiri? Ke gore fa gongwe re e tla re bua gore *independence* e na le *limit*, ga se gore ke *independence throughout the time*.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Molebatsi, you cannot go.

MR NKAWANA: *Mr Speaker* le nna ke e tla ke kgoreletsega, e re fa o letsjaana o bo o nkemisetsa nako go le go nnyennyane. *Mr Speaker*, kgang ya me ke gore, a ga go na ka epe tsela e leng gore Matona a Puso ga go na fa ba tsenang teng mo go tlhomeng lekgotla le le tlaabong le tlhokometse dikgang tse tsa *personal data*. Gape ke na le kgatlhego ya go itse gore, kana mo malatsing a gompieno, ka *technology* e e leng teng, mongwe o kile a botsa *Honourable Molebatsi* gore, fa e le gore *information* ya gago e bonwa kwa mafatsheng a sele, go se ka ke ga gakgamatsa ka gore gompieno go na le batho ba ba tseneletseng mo maranyaneng.

Ke dumela gore *information* ka bontsi e tlaabo e le *electronic* e se *hardcopies*. Go a kgonagala gore bangwe batho ba ba nang le boitseanape, ba tsene mo dibalamakgolong tsa rona tsa lefatshe ba tseye *information* ya mofuta o, gore rona re tsamaya fa kae, a re a itshepha go tla go tsena mo sebakeng se. A *system* ya rona e *watertight*, re dumela gore e *watertight* le gore a re tlaa nna re e tokafatsa gore ope a se ka tsenelela mo teng ga *database* ya rona. Ke buisiwa se *Mr Speaker* ke gore, re le lefatshe re a palelwa. Ke gore re tlaabo re reka ditshiphi fa gongwe di nna foo di tsofale di bo di lape, jaaka gompieno gatwe go na le Government Accounting and Budgeting System (GABS). Go lo ga teng go sale go tsofala go lapile, gatwe ditshipi di a wa gone koo, ga ke itse gore a ke ditshipi kgotsa ke *software*...

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

MR NKAWANA: Gatwe go a wa, le Permanent Secretary (PS) ba teng ba kobilwe. Ke gore ga gona sepe se se tlhamaletseng se re nang le *plan* ya gore fa go nna jaana re dira jang *Mr Speaker*. Potso ke gore a



re ipaakanyeditse dilo tse, gore *we will we keep our software up to date*. Le yone *software* e le *protected and it cannot be hacked*. Ke dikgang tse di tshwanetseng gore di re tshwenye fa re fetisa molao o *Mr Speaker*. Ee ke a itse gore moo go *administrative*, mme re tshwanetse gore dilo dingwe tse di tlhokafalang gore re di tsenye mo molaong, le gone go thusa ba ba e tsamaisang, gore ba ya go e tsamaisa jang *Mr Speaker*.

Honourable Makwinja o ne a bua gape ka gore re a dutla, go dutla le *Ministers*, bo Molale re tshela re tsaya dikgang le bone, o utlwa gore ba *dis*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR NKAWANA: I withdraw.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR NKAWANA: I withdraw.

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

MR SPEAKER: Point of order Honourable Minister.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): *Point of order*: Selo sa ntlha *Mr Speaker*, go bua mo gotweng ke a dutla ke tlhapa. O se ka wa boela morago fela, o kope le maitshwarelo.

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Selebi Phikwe East, o a mo utlwa Motlotlegi rraetsho Tona.

MR NKAWANA: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke kopa maitshwarelo mo go wena Tona, ga o dutle, o siame fela.

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

MR NKAWANA: *Mr Speaker*, Goromenta wa Botswana, mabati a ole mo go sengwe le sengwe. A ke fensetere a ke eng, ke gore *information* e e leng gore go diragala sepe letsatsi leno, Tautona fa a akanya go bua jaana kamoso e bile re a itse gore o letse a bua le mang, a omanya mang, a mo tshosetsa go mo koba. Ke gore Puso yotha fela ka bo yone e a dutla. Jaanong fa re bua ka *data protection* re tshwanetse ra itebaganya fela kwa gae kwa tshimologo e leng teng gore *data* e re raya efe, e e tswang kwa kae, *generated by who, intention ya yone e le eng Mr Speaker*.

Ke tsena mo go digeleng kgang ya me *Mr Speaker*, re tshwanetse ra lebelela gore a Palamente e ka se ke e nne le seabe mo go tlhomeng lekgotla le le tlaabong le tsamaisa merero ya *data protection*, go itsa gore Matona

e bo e nna bone ba ba hirang, ba a hirololola, bana ba Modimo ba ba tlaabong ba hirilwe ba nna ba tshosiwa. Fa gongwe motho a go ipelaela a re o dutlisitse dikgang, ke wena o isitseng pampitshana e kwa babega dikgang, mme ngwana wa Modimo a sena molato oo. Go nne le lenaneo le le papametseng le le ka sireletsang le badiredi ba lekgotla le le ntseng jalo. Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ga gona ope yo o emeng *on the right*, ke tlala tlamega gore ke le buse...

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

MR SPEAKER: *Oh, sorry! My apologies* Mokwena. Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Molepolole Bokone.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: You cannot go OmLuc.

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

MR SPEAKER: Please put on your microphone and continue with your debate. On the other hand, resume your seat there is no quorum.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Please go ahead Honourable Member.

MR REGOENG (MOLEPOLOLE NORTH): *Mr Speaker*, ke tsaya gore ga o re direle sentle gore re bo re le fa, e bo e kete ga re bonale. *I have always said this nako le nako*.

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

MR REGOENG: Honourable Lucas, a ko o iketle. Ke kopa o ne o itse gore re ka kwano.

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

MR REGOENG: Le itse maitshwarelo lona?

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

MR REGOENG: Le itse maitshwarelo?

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Regoeng!

MR REGOENG: *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga gore o bo o mphile nako e gore ke akgele mo molaong o wa *Data Protection Bill*, 2024. Ke leboga fela thata gore molao o o bo o gorogile, go tserwe lebaka gore o bo o tle, mme ka o setse o tsile re re se re a se lebogela. Ke tshwanetse gore ke itumele thata go bona molao o o ntseng jaana ka gore, mo malatsing a gompieno borukuthi bo ile kwa



godimo thata. Borukutlhi ga se jwa go utswa dithoto fela, le *information* kana *data* e e leng gore motho ga a lettelelwaa gore a e tseye, a bo a e tsaya a ya go e dirisa bothhaswa kana go senya yo mongwe, golo moo le gone ke borukutlhi. Bogolo jang mo nakong ya gompieno ya tiriso ya maranyane, mo e leng gore mongwe le mongwe o kgona go tsena gongwe le gongwe fa a tsenang teng, a bosigo kana motshegare. Molao o o tletse gone gore o tle o sireletse ditiro tse di ntseng jaana tse di bosula tse, tse bontsi jwa rona re tshelela mo letshogong jaanong ka goreng semangmang o na le *information* ka wena le ka dilo tsa gago, di sa sireletsega, o sa sireletsega le wena. Ke tsaya gore molao o, o tlaa re thusa fela thata *Mr Speaker*.

Ke tsene mo kgannyeng ya gore, molao o ke tsaya o kwadilwe sentle *Mr Speaker* ka gore kana bagarona fa, o fitlhela o kare ba tsaya gore molao fa o ntse jaana, o kwalwa ke Mapalamente le *Ministers* ba ba fa ba. Nnyaa, re na le bana ba Batswana ba ba rutetsweng dilo tse, e bile ba di dira ka maikaelelo a gore ba sireletse Botswana. Go sa kgathalesege gore o mo lekgamung lefe la sepolotiki. Jaanong ke re ope yo o nang le pelaelo ya gore o dirwa ka goreng ke wa sepolotiki kana jang, ke re golo moo ga o a tshwanela gore Batswana ba go tseye ka tlhwaafalo, ga go boammaaruri.

Mr Speaker, ke bo ke re go boammaaruri tota gore molao o o tshwanang le one o o ntseng jaana, o tshwanetse gore o re sireletse. Gompieno fa o lebelela, Batswana o fitlhela ba le bonya fa gongwe go isa dikgang kwa sepodiseng, ka gore ba na le tumelo ya gore fa ba le koo, *information* e ba e isitseng koo, le yone ga e a sireletsega. E tswa fela, fa gongwe le ene yo e leng gore le bua ka ene le bo le fitlhela gore o setse a e bone. Golo mo go bo go ba kgoba Batswana marapo, gore ba ka ya go bega dikgang tse dingwe, kana ba isa *information* kwa e tshwanetseng teng. Molao o ke tsaya gore go tlaa thusa.

Le gone kwa dibankeng jaaka bakuulengwe ba sa tswa go bua, fa gongwe *information* ya gago fela ka dibanka o fitlhela e dule e le kwa e sa tshwanelang gore e bo e le teng. O bo o ipotsa gore e dule ka tsela e e ntseng jang, ka gore wena o ne o na le tsholofelo ya gore kwa e leng teng e sireletsegile, mme go bo go sa nne jalo. Jaanong molao ke tsaya gore *Mr Speaker*; o tlaa sireletsa dilo tse di tshwanang le tsone tse di ntseng jaana.

Ba bongaka; o tlaa re le wena o santse o ntse jalo *Mr Speaker*, e bo mongwe a go bolelela gore o lwala se ga o lwale se. Dilo tse, ke *information* e e leng gore tota kwa e leng teng e tshwanetse gore e sireletsega, e tsewe ke ba ba tshwanetseng gore ba e tseye.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Elucidation.

MR REGOENG: Re a bona gore fa gongwe o fitlhela go itsewe ka motho le bokoa jwa gagwe, ene a ise a rebole gore dilo tseo di ka tswela ka kwa ntle. *I yield Mr Speaker*.

MR MOTSAMAI: Mma ke go leboge *Mr Speaker* le Motlotlegi Regoeng. Ke ne ke re fa o bua ka dikgang tsa molao o, bogolo jang o bua ka tsa dibanka, a o raya jaaka re tlhola re bona e le gore fa o le wa phathi nngwe e e sa dumalaneng le e nngwe, o felela e le gore dikoloto tsa gago di bewa mo patlelong o bo o bolelewa gore cross o tsene ka fa re tlaa phimola sekoloto sa gago, *being pressurised* ka dikoloto, gore molao o o tlaa itebaganya le dikgang tseo, jaaka bo Rre Kwapo jaana le ba bangwe?

MR REGOENG: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Nnyaa, ke tsaya gore jaaka fa re bua, go sa kgathalesege gore a o mo *opposition* kana mo phathing e e busang, *information* ka wena e tshwanetse gore e sireletsega ga e a tshwanela gore e bo e tswela kwa ntle mmantleke fela jalo.

Mr Speaker, dikgang tse di botlhokwa fela thata gore Batswana ba di itse. Batswana ba tshwanetse gore ba di itse, mme e bile le rona rothle re tshwanetse gore re nne le seabe sa gore *information* fa e tsene mo letsogong la gago e tsene ka tsela e e tseneng ka yone e tshwanetse gore e sireletsega. Golo mo ke gone mo go ka re thusang fela thata ka gore bontlha bongwe jwa molao o ke go sireletsa ditshwanelo tsa motho gore tsotlh tse o nang natso o bo o tlhomamisa ka boammaaruri gore go sireletsegile le wena o tle o kgone go itshireletsa o bo o sireletse ba bangwe. Jaanong molao o ke tsaya gore *Mr Speaker*, a re dumalaneng re le Ntlo e gore o tshwanetse go feta, mme o ye go sireletsa Batswana le tsotlh tse ba nang natso.

Ke batla go wetsa jaana *Mr Speaker*, kana tota o fitlhela re tlisa melao fa, mo lefatsheng la Batswana *what I have picked* ke gore we are not a reading nation rather we are a listening nation, jaanong gone mo gongwe re simolole go ithuta gore a melao e e tshwanang le e e ntseng jaana, diofisi tse di okametseng, di ruta Batswana ka yone gore ba tle ba itse ditshwanelo tsa bone le gore ba sireletsegile go le kana ka eng, ditshwanelo tsa bone di ema fa kae, di simologa fa kae, mme ba ka itse fela ka melao e e tshwanang le e e ntseng jaana. Gone mo gore ba tle ba nne le... (*Interruptions*)... ba tle ba kgone gore ba nne le tshepho mo go Goromente le diofisi tse di dirang melao e e ntseng jaana ka thuto gore ba tle ba itse gore go diragala eng.



MR NKAWANA: *Clarification.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable a o ka dumalana le nna gore golo mo go tlopelesegile thata kwa Phathing ya Domkrag ka gore re e tla re bona maina a Batswana a tswa go tsewa kwa list ya Ipelegeng ba tla ba phakisiwa dikarata tsa Domkrag? A golo mo ga o bone e le nngwe ya dilo tse e leng gore data e e kwa Ipelegeng ga e protected?

MR REGOENG: Le na le mathata le Ipelegeng, fa o re o a ema fela a re Ipelegeng e rile, le tshwanetse le bo le dira ditiro tseo, Mr Speaker. Ba tshwanetse e bo e le bone ba dirang tiro e, re bua ka ...(*Interruptions*)... information go sa kgathalesege gore e fa kae a e sireletsege.

MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY: Procedure Mr Speaker. Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not know what words to use, *ka go bua mogolo*, I would say mischievous, but I do not know how to address this matter.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker, he has no access to me.

MR SPEAKER: O emeletse ka procedure.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No, he has no access to me, he cannot respond to what I said.

MR SPEAKER: I am listening to what he is saying.

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

MR SPEAKER: Let us have order! I just want to hear what he is...

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

MR MANGWEGAPE-HEALY: Tla ke tlogele kgang e fete Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Iketleng pele bagaetsho. Gone motlotlegi kana tiro ya ga Speaker, Standing Order 48 le 58.2 ke gore ke mo reetse gore a wele. Le a bo le ratetse phiri ka matlhoa, le ntshenyeditse kgang. Gone fela ke utlwile fela from the onset gore o batla go bua mafoko a a seng one.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Le ene o ikothaile.

MR SPEAKER: Ke lebogela go ikothaya ga gagwe. Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Molepolole Bokone, tswelela ka kgang ya gago.

MR REGOENG: Le bone ba emise go nna ba bua dilo tse, e seng jalo o tlaa ...

MINISTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR GARE): *Procedure.* Thank you Mr Speaker. Le fa o re o ikotlhiale, ke ne ke re gongwe re e baakanye. Honourable Nkawana o ne a bua mafoko a a tseneng mo record gore rona kwa Domkrag re ya kwa data ya Ipelegeng re bo re tsaya batho ba re ba direla dikarata, selo se e leng gore ga se na boammauri. Gore se tlaa arabiwa ke mang, ke ne ke tsaya gore go ne go le botlhokwa gore ka wena e bile o moreetsi, o a kgaoganya, o a tsamaisa, kgang e ga o ka ke wa e tlhokomologa. Jaanong mokaulengwe fela o ne a leka gore a go supegetse gore kgang e ga e a siama, ga e a nna sentle because ga e boammauri. Kana go mo record gore maDomkrag ba ba kwa Ipelegeng ba tsaya maina a batho ba bo ba ba direla dikarata, which is not true. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Motlotlegi Tona kana...

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

MR SPEAKER: A re reetse pele Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Ghanzi South, a re reetse mokaulengwe wa me. Nnyaa bagaetsho, in all fairness Motlotlegi Tona, e bile a le Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Moshupa-Manyana, o bolelela ruri. Kana fa ke le fa, ke soloftse ka botlalo gore motlotlegi yo o buang, yo go emeng ene, ke ene a tshwanetseng ka go emisitswe ene, ke ene a tshwanetseng a arabele mafoko a.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: Jaanong fa ke simolola ke arabela batlotlegi ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga o debate kana.

MR SPEAKER: Ahee, even if this that I am hearing from my left is a side remark, it is a worthy side remark. I am not holding the debate, fa e le gore o paletswe ke go araba, ke gone ke tshwanetseng ke tsene. Itlwaetseng bakaulengwe ba me go reetsa ba ba le kopang interjection.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification from you Mr Speaker.

MR REGOENG: A mme ke tlaa fetsa?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee, o tlaa fetsa.

MR SPEAKER: I have frozen your time.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: From Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: O e batla kwa go mang clarification Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Takatokwane?



MR LEUWE: Ke e kopa kwa tafoleng koo mongwame gore o re tlhalo setse re tlhaloganye.

MR SPEAKER: You rather stand on a procedure.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ee.

MR LEUWE: O se ka wa re ee o ntheetse. Mathata a me ke gore fa ke ema ka *procedure* e a gore ke bodiwa gore *procedure* fa kae ke bo ke palelwa. Nte ke e dirise fela ka gore gongwe ke yone e e ka mphang *access* ya gore ke kgone go bua le wena *Mr Speaker*.

Ke ne ke re gongwe o mphitise fa *Mr Speaker* gore fa ke eme fa, *floor* gongwe e tshwerwe ke Honourable Lucas, ke bo ke bua dikgang fela tse e leng gore ga se tsone.

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

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

MR LEUWE: Ga ke kgone go go bona, ke bone meno fela le go bua ke sa utlw... gore...

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

MR LEUWE: Ke ne ke re ke eme fa ke sa tshwara...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leuwe, o bua le nna kana, jaanong ga o bone meno a me fa go rileng?

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

MR LEUWE: Nne o ka re ke bona meno, mme lentswe ke utlw... o ka re ke la ga Honourable Dr Gobotswang. I am sorry ...(Laughter!)...

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

MR LEUWE: Sorry *Mr Speaker*, my apologies. Ke ne ke re gongwe *floor* e tshwerwe ke Honourable Lucas, ke bo ke mo kopa *clarification*, ke bo ke tla go bua dikgang fela tse mongwe le mongwe a utlwang gore tse ga se tsa boammaaruri, how are they accounted by yo a tshwereng *floor* *Mr Speaker*? O re fetise foo ka gore dinako tse dintsi fela fa motho a ka bua e se ene the one holding the floor; go tlaabo gotwe ga a a hold floor; mme mafoko a teng one a tsene mo Hansard ka gore o a bo a tobeditse *microphone*? Gongwe o re fetise gone foo re go tlhaloganye *Mr Speaker*. Thank you *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Bagaetsho, our traditions and norms, motho yo o sa tshwarang *floor*, yo o sa bueng, yo e seng ene a emeng a bo a bua fela a sa tobetsa dilo tsa rona tse di oketsang mantswe, jaaka ke tlholo gongwe nako nngwe ke le utlw... a bua fela a sa tobetsa, a nna ga go

ntshwenye... it is as good as ke sa mo utlw... Wena yo o tshwereng *floor* o mo utlw..., e re le mororo o ka se ke wa mo kgalema, mme fela re a itse gore re kgalemana jang mo e leng gore go a littlelesega, re a itse. I want to appeal to you once more Honourable Members, ke tlholo ke le bolelala, Standing Order 58.11, let us talk to each other with all those statements with decorum.

MR LEUWE: Further procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke dumela gore ga o a nkutlw... Ke dumalana le wena gore fa motho a sa tobetsa *mic* re tsaya gore it is a side remark. Kana fa a tobeditse *mic*, automatically go tsena kwa recording, kwa Hansard, mme ke buile dikgang fela tse e leng gore ga di a tshwanelo Palamente e. Ke raya mo scenario se se ntseng jalo *Mr Speaker*, e seng a pass side remark a sa tobetsa. Fa a tobeditse jaaka ke tobeditse jaana, mafoko a me a a tsena kwa recording. Mpolelela gore fa go ntse jalo jaanong re address situation eo jang ka gore motho yoo ga a hold floor? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Fa Motlotlegi Tona Gare a botsa, ke mo arabile. O mo motlhaleng wa mafoko a ga Motlotlegi Tona Gare. Ke rile motho yo o tshwereng *floor* ke ene a nang le tshwanelo yothe gore a arabe. Fa ke utlw... ke le fano ke le motshereganyi a sa arabe, ke na le tshwanelo ya go mo raya ke re heela rraetsho, mafoko a ga semangmang o ntse moriti o tsididi ka one mme a sa nyalane le seriti sa rona fano. Otherwise fa e ka re a ise a bue fela ke bo ke mo gakolola, le ya go ntika ka majwe gore ke a debate and I am not supposed to debate. Ke a gakolola, ke a tshereganya and I want to appeal to you once more batsadi me, a re buisaneng sentle.

MR REGOENG: Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Mme e bile mafoko one a a neng a buiwa a, ke batla gore o a gakologelwe fa e le gore a a go tshwenya.

MR REGOENG: A a ntshwenya *Mr Speaker* ka gore fa re le mo Palamenteng e, re dumela gore re batlotlegi, re bagolo. E bile a buiwa ke mogolo a tshwana le Rre Nkawana, a a tshwanang le one ao, it is very unfortunate gore a bo a buega jaaka fa a buegile. Ke re fa gongwe fa re le mo re tshwanetse go bua dikgang tse di tlhwafetseng, o bo o ya to trivialise dikgang tse re tshwanetseng go...

MR SPEAKER: Only one can go out! Let the two come back.



MR REGOENG: *Mr Speaker,* rona ka phathing ya rona ya Domkrag, dikgang tse Honourable Nkawana a di buang tse ga di boammaaruri. Ke kopa gore a itse, fa e le gore dilo tse ke tse ba di dirang kwa phathing ya bone, kwa goora Domkrag go na le tsamaiso. Ke phathi e e nang le tsamaiso e e salang morago, e e dirang dilo ka fa go nang le motlhala wa gore di dirwa ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Ga e tsamaye e apuletsa gongwe le gongwe fela jaaka gongwe bone ba dira. Ke re dikgang tse a di buang tse ga di boammaaruri e bile ga di a nna jaaka a di akanya. Ga re kwale batho jalo rraaetsho kwa garona, go na le tsamaiso.

Mr Speaker, ke ne ke wetsa ka gore ke re go botlhokwa gore melao e jaaka fa e dirwa jaana, diofisi tse tsa rona tsa ga Goromente tse di ithute kana di itlwaetse gore di rute batho ba rona, Batswana, ka melao e e tshwanang le yone e e ntseng jaana ka gore e ka ba sologela molemo fa ba ka e itse. Fa gongwe go tlhoka go itse ke gone mo o fitlhelang Batswana dilo tse dingwe di ba feta ba sa tshwanela.

Gongwe ke ka kopa gore go ya pele, a re atoloseng diofisi tsa rona. Gompieno fa o lebelela kwa melao e e rekwang teng, ofisi ya teng e teng fela mo Gaborone e le nosi, mme fa o ya kwa metseng e e tshwanang le ya bo Molepolole jaana, diofisi tse di ntseng jaana di a tlhokafala. Batswana ba ba kwa ba eletsa gore go bo go na le ofisi e e ntseng jalo gore fa ba bona melao e e tshwanang le yone e, ba ka e reka, ba e ipalela mo godimo ga dithuto tse e leng gore di ka dirwa ke ofisi e e tshwaneng le yone e e ntseng jaana. Ka one mafoko a *Mr Speaker,* ke dumalana le molao o gore o ka feta. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Mma ke go leboge ka tsela e e faphegileng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke re le nna ke eme fa pele ga lona batlotlegi ke nesetse pula kopo e e tlang ka Tona mo Ofising ya ga Tautona ya go tlisa molao o wa tshireletso ya tse di ka tswang di setswe tsa motho, di setswe ke ba ba hirilweng.

MR SPEAKER: Motlotlegi Tona, intshwarele Kgabo, *we have lost quorum, we are short of two. We have kept the bell ringing.* O se ka wa ela ruri motlotlegi, ke a go rapela. *Nobody goes out. Honourable Minister, please retake your slot.*

MR KGAFELA: Ke a leboga, mme ke re ke supe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore ka mabaka a kwelotlase kgapetsakgapsa ya palo e e tlhogegang ya

Mapalamente gore tiro e tswelele pele, ka re a iponela gore e papame gore gangwe le gape e wela tlase, fa ke digela mafoko a me, ke tlie go sutisa gore dipuisanyo mabapi le Molao-kakanyetso di tle bokhutlong, mme Mma Gofhamodimo ka gore a re o tshotse marapo otlhe, a tle a arabe.

Ke tswelele pele ke re Molao-kakanyetso o ga se tlholo ntsha. Ka gore e ne ya re ka 2018 Ntlo e e tlötlegang e ya tla ka molao wa mohuta o wa gore a ditsamotho, sephiri sa motho le tsotlhе tse e leng gore di tshwanetse gore di sirelediwe, di sirelediwe ka fa tlase ga molao. E ne ya re dingwaga di ntse di tlhomagana ka 2021, Palamente ya boa gape ya etela molao o. E ne ya o etela labofelo ka 2022. Molao o ke tshwanetse ka supa, ke rurifatsa gore ke eme Tona nokeng ka one gore maikaelelo a one kana ke go rurifatsa gore batho ba a sireletsegia mo go tse e leng gore ke tsa bone, diphiri tsa bone, jalo le jalo. Tshireletso e e rurifetse ka fa tlase ga melawana e e leng gore ga e kwalwa Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ga se melawana e e leng gore e kwadilwe ke Palamente. Ke melao e e leng gore re ne ra e anya re bo re e amogela ka gore mo nakong e e fetileng re kile wela ka fa tlase ga bokolone. Re bo re e amogela e le melawana e e tlileng ka Maroma. Jaanong tshireletso e ya gore se motho a kileng a se dira mo nakong e e fetileng kgotsa *history* ya motho, se se supang boleng jwa motho kgotsa *his or her character*, tse ka tswang e le lenseswe la gagwe kgotsa le yone *handwriting* ya gagwe tota, gammogo fela le setshwano fela sa gagwe, e bo e le gore di sobokwa e le bontlhа bongwe jwa tshireletso ya se se bidiwang gotwe *identity*. E bo e le gore o a sireletsegia mo go sone, ga go nne le tshono epe mo diatleng tsa ga ope tsa gore a e dirise ka tsela e e leng gore ga e maleba gothelele.

Jaanong ntswa re tlhaloganya gore tshireletsegia e e ntse e le teng, ya re fa go tsena mo tirisong boranyane ka jaanong re inaakantse le boranyane ka dipaka tse, bo bo bo supa gore matshosetsi a mašha a gorogile a gore e bo e le gore tsotlhе tse e leng gore ke sephiri sa motho kgotsa tse ene a sa eletseng gore di itsuge, e bo e le gore ka mabaka a gore gangwe le gape o tlaa kopana le modirelapuso, e le tshwanelo ya gore e re sepe se e leng gore o se tletse kwa bodirelapusong, e bo e le gore se mmakela gore e bo e le gore o botswa tsele le tsele, mme e re fa a botswa tsele le tsele, e bo e le gore go na le fa go felelwang teng, go na le fa go simologang teng. Ga go ka ke jaanong ga anywa mo go ene tse e leng gore ga di tlhokafale mabapi le se e leng gore o se tletse kwa bodirelapusong go tla go kopa dithuso.



Ke dumela gore Molao-kakanyetso o, se e leng gore Tona o a se dira gompieno ke go o tlhabolola, one o ntse o le teng. Se bakwa segolo ke molao o re sa tswang go o atla o o reng Puso le ope yo e leng gore o mo marapong a ketapele kgotsa o diragatsa ditsa setshaba, e bo e le gore o neela tshedimosetso ntle le tiego, ntle le tshokodiso epe, ope yo e leng gore o kopa tshedimosetso eo, *free access to information*. Jaanong e re tsalatse mo go šha mo go tlhokafalang gore jaanong o wa tshireletso ya *data*, e bo le one o tshwanelwa ke gore o tlhabololwe gore o akaretse se se gorogileng se sešha se.

Re tshwanetse ra supa gore re itumelela molao o, go nonotsha tshireletso. E bile re rotloetse Batswana ka kakaretso gore ba leke ka bojotlhe gore ba o ithute. Le one Mapalamente ba leke ka bojotlhe gore mo dikgaolong tsa bone ba o rute ba ba romileng ka gore ke ka thuto eo fela, e motsadi a ka itseng gore se a se kopiwang ga se se se lettelesegang ka fa molaong, a lebeletse sebaka se o ka bong a se kopanetse le yo a se mo kopang. Tshireletsego e bagaetsho gore e bone katlego, ke gore le yone kitso e bo e le gore e teng.

Nngwe ya ditlhabololo tse di tlang ka molao o re sa tswang go o atla o ke gore le tsotlhе tse di tsenngwang mo tirisong *in order to put this piece of legislation into effect*, le tsone e bo e nna *the subject of freedom of access to information* gore motho a itse gore go lejwalejwa eng gore go be go kopiwa tse e leng gore *information* e a tlhokwa mo go ene. Re ka fa tlase ga diphatsa *in this day and era* ya tiriso ya ditshwantsho tsa batho, tiriso ya mantswe a batho, tiriso ya di *handwritings* tsa batho di dirisetswa ditsela tse di ka tswang di amana le maiteko a bogotswananyana, tsietso, bofora jalo le jalo. Nna ke le sekai; ke a itse gore go tsamayatsamaya setshwantsho sa me se se reng go na le mamphemphe a madi a a kotšwang gore Tona wa Papadi le Madirelo a re mamphemphe a madi a teng. Di pedi ditshwantsho tseo; nngwe ke fa ke apere *party colours*, nngwe ke fa e le gore ke ikaparetse *suit* fela. Ka botsa ka se se dirisiwang ke apere *party colours* gore a mme e kare ke le Tona wa Papadi le Madirelo ka dira ditsapuso kgotsa ka dira tiro ya setshaba ke apere bohibidu. Ke re batho ba ikele tlhoko gore ba se ka ba utswetswa go dirisiwa ditshwantsho tsa Matona a Puso gotwe madi ke a, re fe tsele le tsele, *disclose your own accounting details* kgotsa deposit bolebelebe, ke gone mamphemphe ao a tlaa gololwang, e bo e le gore o a neelwa. Ke fa sekai fela ke re ntswa ke le modira-molao ke tsaya karolo mo ditsamisong tsa Palamente, le nna ke motswasetlhabelo wa tiriso ya setshwantsho sa me go utswa madi mo bathong.

Molao o o tlaa nna botlhokwa tota gore go siredediwe. Le dikatlholo tse di beilweng tebang le ope yo o dirisang se e leng gore o se setse mo mothong kgotsa lenseswe la gago, e bo go rurifadiwa gore dikothao di aparela ba ba otlhailweng. Le bone ba e leng gore ke badiragatsi go rurifatsa gore melato e ga e dirwe kgotsa fa e dirilwe e a tlhethhomisa mme e isiwe Kgotsatshekelo gore e tle e bone dikatlholo, ba tlhoafalele tiro ya bone. E se ka ya nna nngwe ya ditiro fela tse re fetisang molao o mo Palamenteng, e bo e le gore *it is business as usual, data* e nna e tsewa mo bathong *beyond the reasonable purpose* ya seo sebaka. E bo e fa e sena go nna e tsewa, e bo e le gore *it gets deployed to ends tse e leng gore they were not contemplated by the collection of that data*. Ke re go otlhaiwe fela ka tlhoafalo gore dilo tse re di fologe. Ke eme Tona nokeng.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke utlwa batlotlegi ba ngunanguna fa ke re ke sutisa gore re tle bokhutlong mme kana ba nna ba tswela kwa ntle, go supa gone gore o kare re a buile. Ke tlaa gogela morago maikaeleo ale a me a go kopa gore ke nne *fair*. Batlotlegi, mafoko a Kgotla a mantle otlhe bagaetsho, a re atlaatleng kgang e mme re e tlise bokhutlong nte le tiego epe, re dire tse dingwe. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR REATILE (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke eme ke akele mo Molao-kakanyetsong o o beilweng fa pele ga rona.

Mr Speaker, molao o kana lantla o tlie fa o ne o ka tswa o na le *sections* di le 55 mme gompieno o tla o na le *over 100 Clauses*, mo go rayang gore o ntsifetse. E rile fa ke ntse ke o tlhodumela *Mr Speaker*, di ntsifetse jaana, go supa re sa akaretsha dilo tse dintsi ka gore golo fa re itebagantse thata le *personal data* mme ga se yone konokono e le nosi. *Mr Speaker*, re tshwanetse e re fa re bua ka *data*, bogolo thata mo lefatsheng le le fatlhogang le tshwana le Botswana, re ipotse gore *industrial data* ya lefatshe la Botswana e le ya kompone efe e e tshwereng dikgang tsa botlhokwa mo gae, yone re bua re reng ka yone.

Fa ke tswelela gongwe pele ka ya *personal data*, re tshwanetse re bue gore motho fa a le kwa India a nna le *access* mo matlhokong a me ka gore ke dikgang tsa gore jaanong re a bo re lebile bolwetse e le dilo tsa bo *telemedicine* ka fa ba di bitsang ka teng bo Rre Dikoloti kwa *fields* tsa bone, a gone moo re lemogile gore ga re ise re go tsenye (*cater*) mo molaong o re o tshwereng? Batho ba ba kwa India ke bone ba setseng ba itse gore



Batswana ba tlhasetswe ke bolwetse bofe ka mabaka a gore jaanong ba nna le *access* mo makoeng a rona ka *technology* e e leng teng. Go raya gore foo re a bo re tsibogetse kgang ya bolwetse, re beetse dikgang tsa *data protection* fa thoko. Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re tsamaye ka tsone, re bone gore fa re tsibogela malwetse, re fatlha ofe molao. Fa re re re sireletsa *data protection*, re tlhasela batho go le kae mo bokoeng jo ba ka tswang ba le mo go jone? Ke dilo tse di neng di batla re le *sober minded* fa molao o o nna teng, re o bua sepolotiki, baitse ba molao bone ba bo ba o kwala semolao. Maloba fa go ntse gotwe e ka tla *under certificate of urgency*, matshwenyego a me a ne a le gone fa *Mr Speaker*.

Mr Speaker, fa o tsaya dikgang di tshwana le tsa bo *prospecting*, le tlaabo le neetse *company* ya Canada kana Australia *license*. *Data* e ba e tsayang ba neela ba *geological information* mme *data* ya ditswammung tsa lefatshe la lona, *is sitting somewhere in Canada, Australia or Russia*. Go tswa gore ke kompone efe ka gore kgang e ya *transfer of data*, ga gona ka fa re e katang ka teng. Ke tsone dikgang tse re tshwanetseng re ipotse gore a re dira molao, re bo re tla go boka gore o siame mme o ntse o na le *gaps* tse dintsintsi.

Ke gakologelwa gore go ne go na le ba ba neng ba dira *prospecting* ba De Beers ka golo mo gongwe go ne gotwe Zeppelin; e kile ya go tla go dikologa mo bo Gaborone. E ne e le a *small balloon* jaana, e tswa go thubegela kwa Jwaneng-Mabutsane. Kana ke gore kwa ke kgaolo e e thailweng, ga go tsenwesenwe fela le sa kopa. Jaanong Zeppelin ya teng e bo e phatlalalela kwa Sekoma. E ne e le gore go bala *data* ya Zeppelin, ga o ka ke wa e bala *and then interpret it* mo Botswana, e tshwanetse e tsewe e bo e romelwa kwa ntle. *That is where it will be interpreted*. Go tswa foo ba bo ba romela a certain information mo lefatsheng la Botswana gore ka fa re dirileng *prospecting* ka teng, *information* e ntse jaana le jaana. *We were not aware* gore a mme ke yone *data* yotlhe ya *prospecting* ya lefatshe la rona mo *area* e ba ntseng ba tsamaya mo go yone. Ke tsone dikgang tse lekang go di bua.

Fa ke ne ke bua ka kgang ya *industrial data* *Mr Speaker*, mo Botswana re na le kompone e e tiileng thata mo Kgatleng e bidiwa gotwe DVET Drilling. Ke bone fela mo Botswana kana mo Africa ba ba kgonang gore ba age *drill big* e e rekwang lebopo lotlhé. Ke bone fela ba ba nang le boitseanape jone joo. Re tshwanetse re ipotse gore *data* tsa mofuta o fa ke re *industrial data*, re di somarela go le kae.

A kamoso DVET Drilling fa e setse e le gore e rekwa ke moRussia kana yoo, o tsaya gotlhe go ntse jalo kana ke dikgang tse go nang le ka fa re sireletsang ka teng mantlontlo a dikitsokitso a mofuta oo? Ke dikgang tse re tshwanetseng e re fa re bua ka molao o *Mr Speaker*, re bo re di lebile.

Kgang e nngwe ke gore fa re tsweletse re bua ka molao o wa *data protection*, re tshwanetse re itse gore go na le ba ba dumelang gore ba fa godimo. Ke gore le fa re dira molao o, bone ga o ba ame, maEurope. Molao o wa rona ga o ba ame ka sepe ka gore ba tshela ka *general data protection regulations* ya bone koo ya European Parliament. Gore go diragalang kwano, tota ga di ba ame. Sengwe le sengwe sa bone, a ba ka tswa ba le fa kae, ba dira sengwe le sengwe ka General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) ya bone. Ke sone se re tshwanetseng go ipotsa gore a mme re tlaa tshela re ntse re *submit* ka fa tlase ga maEurope fa re dira molao, molao wa teng o sa ba ame. Fa ke e fa sekai *Mr Speaker*; nako ya fa ba simolola dilo tsa *sanctions* kwa Zimbabwe, molao o o ntse o le teng kwa Europe gore ga o ka ke wa *publish* sepe ka ope kwa Europe go sena *consent* ya gagwe, se ba se dirileng ke eng? Re ne ra bona *list* ya maZimbabwe a a neng a tsenngwa mo *sanctions*. E le gore *passport* tsa bone di foo le *families* tsa bone, ba violate the very same Act ya bone kwa Europe. Fela ka gore ba ne ba dira maAfrica, ba itse gore ga go na kwa ba ka ikuelang teng. Ke tsone dikgang tse e leng gore fa re tla go dira melao, re tshwanetse go leka go *sober* thata. Re ipotsa gore a mme re leka to tick the box kana re dira molao o e ka reng kamoso, re bo re itse gore o re tsaya o re isa golo gongwe.

MR RAMOGAPI: Clarification. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tanki Honourable President Reatile. O e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe. A o a itse gore kgang e o buang ka yone le gompieno e ntse e a tshela? Fa gotwe go na le kgaosetso dipapadisanyo le bangwe batho kwa Russia, go tswa *list* fela jaana le *passports* tsa bone go bo gotwe ba ja le Puso e, re ba kgaoseditse dipapadisanyo. Melao e e ntse e le teng gore gone foo ra re re ya go thiba jang? Ke kile ka botsa maabane re le mo *General Assembly* rra, go padile.

MR REATILE: Dilo tse ke tsone tse e leng gore fa re leka go kgotsofatsa mongwe, re felela re tlogela *information* e ntsi kwa morago. Fa re ne re tsepegile matlho, re ka bo re bone gore re *synchronize* melao ya rona jang, le molao mongwe o o ka tswang o le teng gore re tle re neelane. Mo ga rona ke tsone dikgang tse e



leng gore tota o kare re tlaa *specialise* ka to tick the box. Ke gore lefatshe la rona re batho ba bo UK.Com, bo France ka fa e ntseng ka teng. Gone moo go raya gore *domain* ya gago fa o dirisa ya America, *information* ya emails tsa gago is sitting somewhere in America. Ka mabaka a gore ga o dirise gov.bw. Fa o re gov.bw, o a bo o re you house your information mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Fa o bona jaanong o setse o tla ka bo FR, ZA, jaaka dikompone tse di tletseng kwa makgobokgobong kwa, *information* ya rona ya bojanala yotlhé ga e mo Botswana, it is sitting somewhere outside Botswana. Ke tsone dikgang tse re tshwanetseng gore fa re dira molao, re bo re ya go sosoetsa gore dikgang tsa domains di nne mo gae.

Fa o tsaya dibanka gompieno, bontsi di kwa Kenya. *Information* ya lona jaaka le tletse mo Palamenteng, it is not in Botswana, it is sitting in Kenya. First National Bank (FNB) e kwa Aferika Borwa, so, kwano nnyaa, re mo maitisong fela. Ke gore le fa re dira jaana melao Mr Speaker, ga go reye sepe. Ga re leke to address dikgang tse di kwa thoko tse e kareng kamoso di bo di busa *information* ele. Whoever yo o batlang go bua ka rona, o santse a ka re phatlalatsa a gololesegile ka *information* e kwa lefatsheng la gagwe...

MR SPEAKER: Your time is up! Thank you Honourable Member.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (MR MOLEBATSI): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Ke lebogele tshono e o e nneetseng ya gore le nna ke akgele mo Molao-kakanyetsong o. Mr Speaker, la ntla re lemoge, e bile re tsibogele gore molao o o ntse o le teng, jaanong go a baakanngwa, o tlhabololwa. Puso e dira sentle thata. Melao e e ntseng jaana e e nang le go fetoga ka matshelo a setho a segompieno, e raya gore go nne go ntse go fetolwa go baakanngwa.

MR REATILE: Procedure. Mr Speaker, ga ke batle re mislead lefatshe re dirisa gore molao o ntse o le teng, o a tlhabololwa. Molao o kile wa dirwa ka 2018 wa Data Protection Act mo lefatsheng la Botswana. E rile ka 2022, Minister Morwaeng a bo a feta a supa gore o o boela morago. Ga go na ope le fa a ka tlisa *reference* epe, a bo a re o dirisa *reference* ya Data Protection Act of 2018, ga go yo. Jaanong ga ke batle gore ka molao o kile wa feta fa o bo o bowa o busiwa, re bo re tla go dirisa kgang ya gore o ntse o le teng, nnyaa. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, you heard your colleague.

MR MOLEBATSI: Ga ke itse Mr Speaker gore a o dumalana le one. E ke e tshwereng pampiri fa e supa gore we are repealing molao and enacting a new one with amendments. Ke sone se se dirang gore ke e beye jalo ka gore go kwadilwe jalo. Fa e le gore Palamente e dirile phoso ya kwala ka tsela e e leng gore Honourable Reatile legitimately o tlhaloganya jalo, go raya gore ke phoso e e dirilweng ke Palamente.

Mr Speaker, mma ke akgele mo go se ke se bonang fa, gongwe le tlaa baakanya koo ka nako ya lona. Mr Speaker, melao e jaaka ke ne ke bua, go maleba gore fa nako e ntse e fetoga, le yone e fetolwe. Ke lebogela seo gore ka re setse re bona go na le botshelo malatsing a jwa maranyane, to store data, go phatlalatsa data, o tseye dinepe tsa motho o bo o tsenya tlhogo ya ga Honourable Ramogapi a le mompe jaana mo mmeleng wa ...

MR RAMOGAPI: Point of order. Mr Speaker, ke montle mo e leng gore le fa ke lebile kwa... Maloba o ne a tsamaya le mosadi yo mongwe jaana, a bo a tswa kwa go ene a tla kwa go nna a re, lekolwane ke le. Ga ke itse gore fa a re ke mompe, o raya fa kae? O mpona sentle tota? Ka re motho o ne a tsamaya le ene, o mo tlogetse a tla kwa go nna.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Le bua dilo tse di gakgamatsang, a ko le buisane sentle. Honourable Minister, tsepama mo go se re buang ka sone.

MR MOLEBATSI: Ke boela mafoko ao morago, motho yo Ramogapi ke motho yo o montle thata Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re gongwe re itebaganya le dikgang e seng data in general. Re bua ka to protect personal data, gore sa ntla motho o ka botsa gore personal data go tewa eng. Go bothhokwa gore re tlhaloganye golo mo. Boammaaruri ke gore le nna tota ke le gone fa, ke e tle ke bone dilo tse di buang ka nna, le dinepe tse ke itseng gore ke ne ke di itsaya ke le mo lelwapeng la me, go sena permission ya ga ope. O bo o bona ke kwadilwe ke motho gatwe Museveni. A bua gore ke dira eng le mang, kae, a bua dilo tse di ntseng jalo. Go bothhokwa gore re tlhaloganye gore fa re bua ka personal data, re tlhoka molao wa go nna jaana gore tota ba re sa itseng gore re ba ga mang, re nne le tshireletso golo gongwe. Molao o o re sireletse.

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

MR MOLEBATSI: Re a kwalwa le bo Dikoloti ke motho gatwe Museveni. Ke sekai fela se batho re se itseng. Gotwe re ne re na le Khama golo gongwe, re na le semangmang, re buile eng.



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

MR MOLEBATSI: Nnyaa, o tlaa bonwa ke Modimo ene Museveni yoo. Molato wa gore re bo re kopane le yo re kopaneng le ene ke eng ka ke sephiri sa rona? Gongwe molao o o tlaa re thusa tsone dilalome tseo. Le bone ba ba mo romang gore gongwe re tle re nne le tshireletsego. Se ke sone santilha se ke lekang gore ke itumelele molao o, e bile ke bue ka one gore gongwe re bone tshireletso golo gongwe.

Mr Speaker, fela jaaka ke bua, molao o jaaka o bua jaana, gore re tle re bone tshireletso ke gore o tle o diragadiwe, mme o nne le guidelines tse di tshwanetseng. Go nne le access control gone mo procedures...

MR HIKUAMA: *Clarification Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker: Ke a leboga Honourable Molebatsi. Kana I raised the same point that you are raising gompieno, gore fa sephiri sa batho se sireletsege, Honourable VP a bo a bua gore go matshwanedi gore batho ba go tlhotlhomi. Fela ka gore ba a bo ba go belaela. Go raya gore ga o dumalane le se a neng a se bua gakere?

MR MOLEBATSI: Ga ke go utlwe sentle. Ga ke na mathata le go tlhotlhomi, batho ba a tlhotlhomi, le nna ke kile ka tlhotlhomi. Ke na le mathata mo goreng botshelo jwame jo e leng gore tota bo sephiri ke jwame gongwe le bongwanake kana le batsadi bame le ba gago, e bo e le gore bo anegwa fela mo setshabeng ke sena gone gore gatwe tota ke ka iphemela kae.

Ke sone se ke neng ke re selo sa ntsha ke gone fela gore mma re tlhaloganye gore personal data go tewa eng. Personal data jaaka e ne e buiwa gongwe kwa European Union (EU) ba e tlhalosa fela gone gore ke information e e buang ka an individual. It is linked to an individual directly or indirectly ka identifiers tse di tshwanang le maina. Fela fa o simolola o kwala o bo o tsenya Molebatsi Shimane Molebatsi, o bo o itse gore o bua ka an individual, o bo o itse gore jaanong you are crossing boundaries. Identifiers di di ntsi; maina, lefelo le senepe kana picture yame. Fela jaaka ke bone go ne go tswa mo Museveni a kwadile ka nna gore ke tlide go dira jaana, jaanong ke raya gore o bua ka nna, ga a bue ka Kapinga ka gore ga re tshwane, ga a bue ka Gobotswang, o bua ka nna. Ke sone se e leng gore...*(interruption)...go baakanngwe gone mo fela gone gore...*

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Correction Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Re ne re re re mmaakanyetse gore kana ene ke Tona, he is a public figure. Ga ke bone gore

e tlaabo e le boammaaruri gore fa senepe sa gagwe se ntshitswe le maina a gagwe a kwadilwe mo newspaper, a bo a ka bokolela a bo a ngongorega. Ke tsaya gore boammaaruri jwa teng ke gore o tlaa nna o tsewa senepe, maina a gago a kwalwa, e seng jalo go raya gore o tlogele bo Minister, Honourable. Ke a leboga.

MR MOLEBATSI: Nnyaa, se ke se buang ke gore maina ame one a a tlaabo a kwalwa a bo a supiwa a bo a gokelelwa to some personal information yame. It does not make sense gore motho o ka a papamatsa fela a baya senepe same foo. Le wena fela, ao! Senepe seo se a bo se le attached to some information e e buang ka nna. Gore I am a public figure does not take away my...*(interruption)...*

Jaanong Mr Speaker, ke ne ke bua gore go tshwanetse gore go nne le access control procedures tsa gone gore batho could access personal information ya rona jang. Kana ba bangwe bone ba o ka fitlhela e le gore ke personal information ya gago tota e le wena o bonang gore e boammaaruri, mme o bo o sa itse gore o e tsaya kae ka tsela e e ntseng jang. Fa e le gore e tsewa kwa 3rd party companies, Mascom ke efa sekai fela, or operators kana dibanka, mme le bone go nne le training, awareness ya go itse fela gone gore go ntsha information ya rona ba e neela batho ba e leng gore ga ba a tshwanelo, ga go a siama. Go nne le data classification policy gore re itse fela gore data e nngwe e e ntseng jaana ga se e e tshwanetseng gore e ka tsena mo setshabeng e bua jaaka e bua jaana. Batho ba itse. Kana batho ba bangwe ba itse information ka motho gore o ne a leeditse mang maabane, ka nako mang, ba e neela kwa. O bo o fitlhela e le gore information e ke yone e e thubang malwapa, ke yone e e dirang gore batho ba bolaane, go nne le tlhakatlhakano mo lefatsheng.

Mr Speaker, data is an asset. Go tla ka molao o o ntseng jaana re ya kgakala. Data can be an asset mo economy. You can sell data fa go direga sentle. You can even sell it to American companies. You can sell it to ba ba dirang koloi ya motlakase go supa gore ba kae Batswana ba ba nang le madi a a kae gore ba kgone gore ba ka reka koloi yone e, and make money. It is a big, big asset. Data protection services le yone can be a source of business. Ngwana fela wa Motswana e le gore ene o ya kwa dikomponeng o ya to offer that service. Molao o o tlisa something mo economy ya lefatshe se se tlaa tlang se thusa bana ba Batswana gore ba itirele letseno, ba itirele madi.



Sabofelo *Mr Speaker*, ke sone se re buang gone gore go tshwanetse gore ba ba tshwanelwang ke gore molao o o tle o dirwe, a ko go tle go diragadiwe, *implementation* ya teng go nne le dikatholo, gongwe re tlaa bona go ka nna ledula mo lefatsheng le la rona gore re tshele sentle. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO): Thank you *Mr Speaker*. Le nna ke ne ke re ke latlhele ka bokhutshwane mo kgannyeng e *Mr Speaker*.

Kana re tshwanetse gore re gakologelwe gore lefatshe le ne la fetoga, la fetogela ruri go simolola ka 11th September 2001, fa go neng go tlhaselwa lefatshe la America. Ke gone fa go nnileng le kgatelelo e ntsi mo mafatsheng gore a tswe ka melao e e tshwanang le e ya go sireletsa *information* mabapi le batho. E bile gape e bo e tlisa dilo tse di tshwanang le bo Know Your Customer (KYC), e e re pateletseng gore re bolelele dikompone dilo tse di ntsi ka borona gore ke mang, ke nna kae, ke na le *bank accounts* di le kae, *phone numbers* tsame ke dife, *email yame* ke dirisa e gotweng mang, *and so on and so forth*.

Batho ka gore ba ne ba ntse ba sena tshepo mo polokesegong ya yone *information* e ba e neelang dikompone tse di e batlang mo go bone, ba ne ba belaela. *For example, jaaka recently go ne go dirwa KYC ya cellphone companies, batho ba ne ba botsa gore ke eng re tla go batliwa dilo tse ditlhopho di le gaufi.* A ga se gore ke gone jaaka ba dira *data for themselves* gore go nne motlhofo gore *to access us as voters* ba na le *information* yothe ya *cellphones* tsa rona, *house numbers and everything else* se se neng se batliwa ka KYC. Ke dumela gore fa re dira molao o o tshwanang le o, o o sireletsang *this kind of information*, batho ga ba ka ke ba nna le pelaelo mo dilong tse di botlhokwa jaaka KYC, jaaka ba ne ba belaela jaana. Ka gore KYC ntlha e nngwe fa e dirisiwa sentle, ke yone e e thusang *our security agencies to protect this country*. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re lefatshe le ne la fetoga ka 11 September 2001 jaanong re lemoga gore *terrorism threatens the very livelihood or the very existence of this world*.

Mr Speaker, ga re a tsoga mo dikomponeng. Go na le dikompone tsa *insurance*, le tse di adimisang madi, ga o ka ke wa itse gore ba tsere kae *information* ya gago. Fela fa o tlhomiya o nna mopalamente, mokhanselara, kana Kgosi, ba setse ba kokota fa lebating la gago gore a ga o batle *policy* kana *loan*.

Ba tla ba setse ba itse sengwe le sengwe ka wena gore o tlhomilwe Kgosi leng, e bile o ya go amogela bokae, e bile o na le *bank account* kae. *They come knowing*

these things in advance. Jaanong go botlhokwa gore go nne le molao o o tlaa patikang gore dikompone tse re patikesegang ka fa molaong gore re dife *information* e ka rona tse, ba se ka ba di fetisetsa kwa bathong ba re sa di ba neelang. Ba re sa ba rebolelang gore ba di ba needle. Ka gore kamoso fa o innetsel fela o setse o kokotelwa ke motho wa *loan sharks, insurance, jalojalo*, ba batla go go rekisetsa tse ba di go rekisetsang. Jaanong selo se re tshwanetse go dira molao go se kgoreletsa. Setshaba se tshwanetse go itse gore, ka ntata ya botshelo jo re bo tshelang malatsi a jwa *technology*, fa o tsena mo *google or any search engine* e o e dirisang, o tlogela mo gotweng *foot prints* tsa gago mo teng, *and should be careful* gore o tsena fa kae. *You should be careful* gore fa o tewa gotwe re kopa *the following information from you*. O tshwanetse go nna kelotlhoko gore motho yo o go botsang dipotsa tseo, yo o batlang *information* e e tshwanang le eo mo go wena *are they trustworthy and safe*. Bontsi jwa rona mo setshabeng re kwala fela and submit, o saitse gore *you are submitting to a safe organisation or not*. Kamoso o tlaabo o le mo mathateng a o sa kgoneng go a tlhalosa *Mr Speaker*.

Se sengwe se ke batlang go se bua ke se. O bona mo dilong tse di tshwanang le tse, go na le ba ba setseng ba le kwa pele ga rona, ba ba setseng ba gatetse kwa pele. Kgaolo e e tshwanang le *the European Union*, ba na le *standards* fela tse di kwa godimo, tse e bileng dikompone tsa *Information and Communication Technology (ICT) the big ICT companies* bo Google, bo eng, di dumelang gore European Union ntlha e nngwe e a di gatelela. Se ke se eletsang ke gore, bone ba re tlaabong re ba file boikarabelo jwa go tsamaisa molao o *should benchmark with the best in the world, such as the European Union and United States of America*. Le mo kgaolong e ya rona ya Southern African Development Community (SADC) re tshwanetse gore re le Botswana, re nne lengwe la mafatshe a a tlaa lwelang kana a tlaa thusa gore le rona re ipeele *standards* tse di rileng, tse di sireletsang *information* ya *an individual once it gets out there* mo maranyaneng. Re tshwanetse gore le rona re nne le *our own regional standards as SADC, African Union, gore re se ka ra felela e le gore re ikaegile fela mo go se European Union e se dirang*.

Ka bokhutshwane jo bo kalo *Mr Speaker* ke re, *I support* molao o gore o tle o sireletsetse Batswana kgatlhanong le dikompone tse e leng gore *are out there waiting any minute to exploit information* e rona re e neetseng ba re neng re ba e neela, ka tshepho ya gore re ba e neela gore ba re thusang mo go se ba re thusang mo go sone.



Se sengwe se ke batlang go se bua *Mr Speaker* ke gore, o kare malatsing a go nna *very common* gore gongwe le gongwe fa o reng o batla *service* teng, o tsena kae wa re ke batla go reka wi-fi, ke e duelele kgwedi le kgwedi, go tlaabo gotwe re neele *bank statement* ya gago *for the past three months*. *For what purpose Mr Speaker?* Malatsing a o kare *it is a common standard* fela gore gongwe le gongwe fa o tsenang teng, “re kopa *bank statement* ya gago, re kopa *payslip* ya gago.” *Why? These are personal things* tse e leng gore ga go tlhokafale gore di batliwe go sa tlhokafale. Fa e le gore ga o bone ke le motho yo o ka nthekisetsang wi-fi, se nthekisetse fela gangwe fela. Fa o simolola o batla *bank statement* ya dikgwedi tse tharo o bo o batla *payslip* fa godimo, *payslip* ya me e ntse e go bontsha gore *take home pay* ya me ke bokana, *I can easily afford to pay P600 ka kgwedi ke duelela wi-fi, o bo o batla my bank statement fa godimo, Mr Speaker; this is the abuse that we are suffering from corporations* tse di re fang dithuso. *These things we must curtail*, le fa re ba neets e tsone dilo tseo, e se ka ya re kamoso ba bo ba di fetisetsa kwa eleng gore ga a na *right* ya gore a di bone, ga ke ise ke batle wi-fi mo go ene, mme kamoso o setse a bone *payslip* le *bank statement* tsa me. *Mr Speaker, we have to have that privacy e Constitution* ya rona e e re neelang gore, *we all the right to privacy*, re se ka ra kgokgontshiwa ke dikompone, ka gore fela re batla sengwe kwa go tsone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR RAMOGAPI (PALAPYE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke eme *Bill* e nokeng, e bile ke kopa gore batlotlegi ba e eme nokeng jaaka ke bona ba e eme nokeng. Ga e na mathata ape, ke *Bill* e fale le fale e ka re thusang le fa go ka pala mo re reng ke *to implement it*, mme fela yone e bothokwa. Ke kgomisitse fela *Mr Speaker*...

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): *Point of procedure.* Ke re re tlhokomele o kare jaanong re ya kwa ditumalano di seng teng, ke ratile thata maabane fa *Mr Speaker* a simolola a ya kwa ditumalanong *initially* re ise re oketse ka *three- three*. Fa re ka tsaya fela gore jaanong o kare ga gona *business* re bo re boela gape kwa go botlhe ba ba batlang go bua, re ya go nna le bothata. Ke re gongwe re ele tlhoko *our initial... unless there is need*, e bo e le gore go a buiwa gore mme re tlaa oketsa ka bokana le bokana. *Thank you Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: *Thank you Your Honour.* O mpeile fa fatshe ke eme ka dinako mongwame, mme o opile kgomo lenaka. Ke kgotsofaditswe ke gore Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Palapye o ne a lebega e le ene wa bofelo. Ga ke itse legale gore *my boss* fa a tla ka *two*,

go na le mongwe yo o ka emang. Dipalo ke di kwadile gore a tle a bone gore re tswelsetse sentle. *Honourable Members, as it is now one o'clock we are going to suspend our deliberations here and go for some refreshments as prepared by mmaalona. So, I am going to ask us to stand while I and my entourage glide out. Bon Appetit! Honourable Members.*

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 1:03 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 2:00 P.M.

“EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERSHIP”

MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Order! Order! Honourable Members, let us resume our business starting with questions.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE'S QUESTION TIME

THEME: ACQUISITION OF TAUTONA LODGE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA

Asked the Leader of the House to state:

- (i) the size of the farm;
- (ii) activities taking place at Tautona Lodge since its purchase;
- (iii) in view of Government's aspiration to transform Botswana's economy from a mineral dependent to a knowledge based economy as envisioned by Vision 2036 how is the acquisition of Tautona Lodge going to benefit the people of Ghanzi and the Western region taking into account absence of tertiary institutions in the region;
- (iv) whether National Agricultural Research and Development Institution (NARDI) and Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) have not considered playing a leading role in unlocking Botswana's potential as a food hub by decentralizing and transferring some of their departments to Tautona Lodge farm; taking into account the exponential growth of the cattle industry and the booming horticulture sector in the area;
- (v) in view of Ghanzi township being landlocked by farms will a portion of the Tautona Lodge farm be apportioned for expansion of the township to accelerate access to land for residential



and commercial plots to create an enabling environment for commerce and industry, as well as to stimulate the local economy;

- (vi) when should the people of Ghanzi expect the Lodge to be fully transformed into an educational institution/research Centre; and
- (vii) when will the residents of Ghanzi be consulted to include them in the development agenda of the farm.

MR J. L. THIITE (GHANZI NORTH): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ke boditse potso ya ntlha ke e botsa the Leader of the House. Potso e ke ne ke e botsa ka gore, banni ba Ghanzi ba na le letshwenyego mabapi le lefatshe mo toropong ya Ghanzi. Jaanong go na le tse dintsinyana tse banni ba Ghanzi ba eletsang gore gongwe jaaka Puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya go reka lefatshe le, ba eletsa gore ba direlwé consultations ba itse gore lefatshe le tiriso ya lone bone karolo e ba tláa e tsayang e ka nna ya eng Mr Speaker? Ka jalo ke re ke botse potso e jalo. Ke supe gore banni ba kgaolo ya Ghanzi kana mo toropong ya Ghanzi ba dumalana le gore Puso e bo e tsere tshwetso jalo ya go reka lefatshe le. Ke re ka jalo ke botsa potso e ya ntlha ke e botsa Leader of the House. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. A e re pele ke tlhalose seemo se ke leng mo go sone, ba ba re editseng radio ba se ka ba tloga ba re gongwe Rre Thiite o a ikaraba jaanong, ba utlwa lentswe, ba itse gore ke tshwerwe ke flunyana.

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

MR TSOGWANE: Ka go rialo Mr Speaker, ke bone potso ya ga motlotlegi e e maleba, potso e e tswang mo bathong ba Ghanzi, ba tshwenyegile ka gore ba ntse ba utlwa go buiwa thata ka lefatshe le Mr Speaker, ka gore ga se ene wa ntlha a bua ka lefatshe lele la polase e Tautona Lodge e leng mo go lone. Mme ka go rialo, ke supe jalo *before* ke tsena mo karabong gore kana go na le dipotso tse di kileng tsa botswana *in the past* mabapi le lone lefelo le, tiriso le theko ya lefelo lone le Mr Speaker. Go na le potso e e kileng ya botswana ke Rre Nkawana ka di 8th December 2023, mme mo potsong ya gagwe, go na le karolwana yone e e neng e bua ka *lodge* ya Tautona, e le gore ka o ne a e boditse ka Sekgoa, a botsa gore *whether the lodge is operational?* Ke mo gakolole gore o kile a botsa jalo.

Ga nna le potso e e neng ya botswana ke Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Maun West, yo e leng Rre Saleshando, le ene a ntse a bua ka yone Tautona Lodge, mme e bile a ba a ya kwa makgotlatshekelo mangwe a leka gore o tlhotlhomisa ka ga yone, tsheko ya gagwe e e neng ya se ka ya atlega kwa Maun. Mme le ene a nna a gatelela dikgang tsone tseo. Tota nngwe ya dipotso tse di amegang mo potsong ya gagwe, e ka nna ya gore, potso e a neng a e botsa ka Sekgoa, a bua ka *the rationale for the Government purchasing of commercial hotel, hotel yone e e bidiwang Tautona Lodge.*

Ga nna le ya ga Rre Nkawana gape e a neng a e botsa ka di 7th February 2023. Mme mo go yone ka o ne a botsa dilonyana di le mmalwa, ga nna le ntlha e e neng e bua ka *the current status of these animals*, a bua ka diphologolo tse di fitlhelwang mo go yone polase eo e Tautona Lodge e leng mo go yone.

...Silence...

MR TSOGWANE: Having given that background, I would like to request at the earliest opportunity, after responding in English as the question has been written in English, you allow me to use our local language so that the people who sent Rre Thiite from Ghanzi may also benefit from these answers. So *e tláa nna sengwe se ke tláa se kopang labofelo*, it will be summary but it should be an answer in its own right in that language because it is a very pertinent issue indeed which needs the public to be educated on.

Having said that Mr Speaker, the question as it stands, which the Honourable Member did not repeat or put across as he was asking, it is important Mr Speaker for me to really read the question, so that when I respond, at least those who are not with us, or those who are not having the question in the Order Paper of today, may be able to follow this debate or the responses as I give them.

Mr Speaker, the question asked to the Leader of the House, has got a number of parts or questions that follow the main one. *E botsa ka;*

- (i) the size of the farm;
- (ii) activities taking place at Tautona Lodge since its purchase;
- (iii) in the view of Government's aspiration to transform Botswana's economy from a mineral dependent to a knowledge-based economy as



envisioned by Vision 2036, how is the acquisition of Tautona Lodge going to benefit the people of Ghanzi and the Western region taking into account absence of tertiary institutions in the region;

- (iv) whether National Agricultural Research and Development Institution (NARDI) and Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) have not considered playing a leading role in unlocking Botswana's potential as food hub by decentralizing and transferring some of their departments to Tautona Lodge farm; taking into account the exponential growth of the cattle industry and booming horticulture sector in the area;
- (v) in view, of the Ghanzi township being landlocked by farms, will a portion of Tautona Lodge farm be apportioned for expansion of the township to accelerate access to land for residential and commercial plots to create an enabling environment for commerce and industry, as well as to stimulate the local economy;
- (vi) when should the people of Ghanzi expect the Lodge to be fully transformed into an educational institution/research Centre; and
- (vii) when will the residents of Ghanzi be consulted to include them in the development agenda of the farm.

Ke ka fa potso e neng e ntse ka teng Mr Speaker. Now responding to those questions:

Mr Speaker, several questions have been asked, as I have given in the background, and responses provided to this Honourable House on the acquisition of "Farm No. 53 Fairy Glen," commonly known as Tautona Lodge in the Ghanzi District.

Let me start off by pointing out that Government has over the years, been carrying out land acquisition activities for various purposes at different times in almost all centres around the country. Our commitment as Government is to continue to acquire land around the country with a view to reserve it for future development.

The latest of similar acquisitions involved the Tati Farms in the North East District where a total of about 45,000 hectares of land was acquired in 2023. On the other hand, the Land Boards acquired a total of about 1,849 hectares of land in 2023 with a view to allocate it for different uses in settlements under their jurisdiction.

Mr Speaker, the acquisition of the "Farm No. 53 Fairy Glen," that includes Tautona Lodge, was done along the same principles, especially considering shortage of land in the Ghanzi Township as well as the need to reserve the land and do proper spatial planning to meet the future growth of the township.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the Farm No. 53 Fairy Glen measures about 4,458 Hectares. Part of the farm is developed with a lodge known as Tautona Lodge; which only occupies two hectares of the total land acquired.
- (ii) Mr Speaker, as explained several times before this Honourable House, since its acquisition, Tautona Lodge has continued offering services which include hotel and catering as well as conferencing services. The other part of the land outside the hotel area still accommodates approximately 17 different species of wildlife totaling to about 550 in number.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, as of now plans are underway to incorporate the Farm 53 Fairy Glen to be part of the Ghanzi Township Planning Area as per the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act. Government is also currently in the process of procuring services for preparing a new development plan for Ghanzi Township which, as the Honourable Member may be aware, is funded under the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP).

The Ghanzi Township Plan preparation will be guided by the ideals of Vision 2036 as well as the approved National Spatial Plan (NSP) which in particular has advocated for promotion of investment in the form of eco-tourism, livestock farming and meat processing as well as game ranching in the Ghanzi District. That notwithstanding, I cannot state with any degree of certainty as to what the development plan will propose for the future development of the land in and around Farm No. 53 Fairy Glen or Tautona Lodge.

- (iv) As of now Mr Speaker, there are no plans to decentralise some functions of Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) and National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) to Ghanzi for utilisation of part of the Fairy Glen Farm. As I have indicated, our plan is to develop a future-oriented development plan for the area.



Bringing BUAN and NARDI before the plan is done, would not be appropriate. (*Ke go segela ngwana thari a le mo mpeng*). Besides, such decentralisation as referred to by the Honourable Member cannot on its own bring about food production to the area. Food production economic activities require the participation of individuals and private sector to take advantage of the many Government schemes and produce food in the area; and we should continue to mobilise the market forces in and around Ghanzi for such, with or without the Tautona Lodge Farm.

- (v) Mr Speaker, the envisaged Ghanzi Development Plan that I referred to earlier on is expected to explore opportunities of how the farm can be utilised for sustainable township development taking into consideration the competing different land uses and the need to improve the socio-economic status of the people of Ghanzi. In fact, this will be in accordance with sentiments raised by Ghanzi community over the years on the need for expansion of the Ghanzi Township to meet its land demands for various uses and the need to stimulate the economy.

Therefore, the purpose of developing Ghanzi Development Plan is to explore this opportunity and ascertain land requirements by various uses. It is on the basis of this that the land will be allocated accordingly.

- (vi) Mr Speaker, as I have indicated, our primary goal is to prepare development plan for Ghanzi. Therefore, the people of Ghanzi should await the preparation of the development plan before advocating for transformation of the lodge into an educational institution or research centre.
- (vii) Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the fact that some stakeholders were consulted during the process of acquisition of the farm, where they expressed their views on how the farm can be utilised, I want to repeat and emphasise that the preparation of the new Ghanzi Development Plan will provide another opportunity to engage them on the best use of the land. The plan preparation process will be a highly consultative in line with the principle of “leaving no one behind.” A detailed stakeholder engagement plan will be prepared at inception stage of the project to guide the process.

The stakeholders will include but not limited to tribal leaders, political leaders, the community, district leadership structures, business community, Non-

Governmental Organisations (NGOs), youth and all other interested and affected parties. At the end of the process, a detailed consultation report will be produced demonstrating the extent to which stakeholders were consulted. Mr Speaker, I thank you.

Before I conclude Mr Speaker, let me provide this House and the people outside in a language that they will understand this particular matter. So, if you allow....

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead Honourable VP.

MR TSOGWANE: Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Puso e ntse e na le lenaneo la go kopa lefatshe mo go beng ba lone, ka maikaelelo a go dira ditlhabololo tsa isago. Mopalamente kgotsa Mapalamente ba ka gakologelwa tiro ya mofuta o, e e diragatseng fa re ne re kopa lefatshe la bophara jwa dikete di le masome a le mane le botlhano la Tati kwa Kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba mo ngwageng o o fetileng wa 2023.

Makgotla a rona a kabotsho le one a tswa kgakala a ntse a kopa lefatshe mo Batswaneng go baakanyetsa ditlhabololo tsa dikgaolo tsa bone. Theko ya lefatshe la Tautona Lodge, le yone e dirilwe ka maikaelelo one ao, segolobogolo go lebilwe tlhaelo ya lefatshe mo motseng wa Ghanzi le go dira ditogamaano tsa motse wa Ghanzi tsa isago.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, lefatshe la Tautona Lodge le bophara jwa dihekere di le 4 458. Bontlha bongwe jwa lone bo tlhabolotswe ka go aga hotele e e bidiwang gotwe Tautona Lodge, e e tsereng lefatshe le le kana ka dihekere tse pedi. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, jaaka go setse go tlhalositswe gantsi mo Ntlong e, Tautona Lodge e dirisiwa jaaka lefelo la bojanala. Bontlha bongwe jwa lefatshe la teng bo na le diphologolo ka mefuta tse di tshwarang palo ya 550.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo nakong ya gompieno, Puso e mo lenaneong la go akaretsa lefelo la Tautona Lodge mo lefatsheng la motse wa Ghanzi go ya ka fa Molaong wa Ditogamaano tsa Ditoropo le Dikgaolo. Puso e bile e mo lenaneong la go dira Lenaneo la Dithhabololo la Ghanzi, le le tlaabong le tsentse lefatshe la Tautona Lodge mo teng. Lenaneo la Ghanzi la Dithhabololo le tlaa ikaega thata ka maikemisetso le maikaelelo a lefatshe a 2036. Lenaneo la rona la tlhabololo lefatshe le supa fa Kgaolo ya Ghanzi e ka nna boremelelo jwa bojanala, thuo ya dikgomo, madirelo a nama, diphologolo tsa naga le tse dingwe.



Fa go ntse jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga ke ka ke ka kgona go bua gore Lenaneo la Dithhabololo le le tlaa tla ka megopolole efe, jaaka ke supile gore re tshwanetse go ya go rera le batho. Re dumela gore megopolole ya lone e tlaa diragadiwa kana e tlaa tla e nna teng fa setshaba sa Ghanzi se buisiwa, mme e bile e tlaabo e le megopolole e mentle e ke tsayang gore e tlaa tsewa ka tlhwaafalo. E tsamaelana le maikemisetso a rona a *Vision 2036*, a go rera le setshaba le gore ga re dira mananeo a ditlhabololo, re rera le batho.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mo nakong ya gompieno, ga gona lenaneo le le tsepameng la gore go isiwe Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) le National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) kwa Ghanzi kgotsa kwa lefelong lone le la Tautona Lodge. Jaaka ke tlhalositse, maikaelelo ke go dira lenaneo la ditlhabololo pele gore le tle le akaretse megopolole e fa e ka nna teng.

Go tlisa BUAN le NARDI pele ga re dira ba lenaneo e tlaabo e le go segela ngwana thari mpeng jaaka ke ne ka bua. E bile ke batla go tlhalosa gore le fa re ne re ka isa BUAN le NARDI kwa Gantsi gompieno, ga se gone mo go ka tlisang temo ya dijо kwa kgaolong eo. Se se batla bone batho ba, ba tla ka megopolole ya temo le mefuta wa yone le gore ba eletsa go bona eng gape mo motseng wa bone wa Gantsi. Batho ba tshwanetse go dirisa mananeo a a teng go tokafatsa matshelo a bone.

Lenaneo la ditlhabololo ke lone le le tlaa tlang ka megopolole. Ke batla go tlhalosa gore pele ga theko ya Tautona Lodge, e ne e rile go ntse go buisanngwa le batho bone ba kwa Ghanzi, ba bua go tlhokega ga lefatshe mo kgaolong kana mo motseng wa bone. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, jaaka ke tlhalositse, maikaelelo a ke go dira lenaneo la ditlhabololo la Ghanzi.

Mr Speaker, ke eme go le kalo go neela batlotlegi sebaka ba go botsa dipotso mme ke kopa gore e re fa ba botsa dipotso jaana, ka ke ne ke setse ke ba bontshitse e bile ke ba boleletse gore dipotso tse di ne di boditswe mo nakong e e fetileng, ba thokomele gore ba se ka ba...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ba di boeleta.

MR TSOGWANE: Ba di boeleta. Tanki Tautona wa Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF). Ke a leboga.

MR THIITE: *Supplementary*. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Potso e arabiwe ka bophara le ka bokgabane. Selo se e leng gore se ne se tshwenya kwa kgaolong yame ke

gore mo nakong e e fetileng go ne go na le dikgang le mabarebare a gore gongwe *lodge* kana polase e e reketswe Tautona wa lefatshe la Botswana. Ke re jaanong ke kgotsaletse karabo e, mme le banni ba Ghanzi ke tsaya gore ba ikutlwetse *Mr Speaker* gore ke maikaelelo a ga Goromento go tswelela a bona gore o tlhabolola setshaba. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR REATILE: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker*, ke ne ke batla go leboga Honourable Thiite le His Honour the Vice President ka karabo eo. Ke ne ke batla gore His Honour a tlhalose kgang ya gore go na le gore *lodge* e a bereka ka fa o tlhalositseng ka teng. Kitso e ke neng ke batla gore gongwe o ka re tlogela ka yone mo Ntlong e Your Honour ke gore madi a *hotel* a begiwa fa kae *in the books of accounts* tsa Puso ka gore go supafala gore ke madi a Puso? Under which ministry? Ke sone se ke batlang go se tlhaloganya.

Sa bobedi, fa a tsena ga a ka ke a fitlhega ka gore *it is open* gore madi a Puso a tsena jang, re itse gore Annual Statement of Accounts (ASA) e tlaa re a neela gore ke madi *that we generate* ka boroko go tswa kwa Ghanzi.

E nngwe Your Honour, ke ne ke batla o ka re thusa ka gore a babereki ba Tautona Lodge ke ba Puso kana ke ba kompone nngwe? Gongwe fa o ka re thusa ka dikgang tseo go tlaabo go berekile. Gongwe o bo re itsise fela gore babereki ba, ba kae ba Tautona Lodge? Ke se ka ka go jela nako e ntsi motlotlegi. *I thank you.*

MR TSOGWANE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke dipotso tse di maleba mme ke ne ke sa di dupelela gore di tlaa tla di ntse jalo, ke lebile ka fa potso e neng e boditswe ka teng le mo nakong e e fetileng ka fa tse dingwe di neng di bodiwa ka teng. Ke re fa ke sa kgona go di araba sentle, ke tlaa batla *information* eo gore motlotlegi a tle a kgotsofale. Se ke batlang go se go tlhomamisetsa ke gore jaaka re bua gore ke ya Puso, madi a ya kwa Pusong. Gore *account* ke efe *under which ministry*, ke sengwe se ke ka batlang go se tlhotlhomiisa gore ke tle ke nne le tlhaloso e e tsepameng. Se ke se tlhotlhomiisitseng le fa se ne se mo potsong ke gore mme gone e bereka jang. Kana fa gotwe *accommodation*, a ke *public* kana jang. Se rurifaleditsweng ke gore *as for now*, lekalana le le e dirisang thata ke la Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) *for training*. Ke bone badirelapuso ba e leng gore fa ba le koo *they are accommodated* gone koo fa ba ile *training*. Le maphata mangwe a ka nna a dira *workshops and training* gone ka kwa. Ke solo fela gore ga se e e leng gore *it is open for public use but if that is the case*, ke ka batla go itse sentle mme fela se ke se



boleletsweng ke gore mo nakong ya gompieno e diriswa thata ke ba DIS *for training* tsa bone ka gore *training* tsa bone di tsaya lobaka mme fela ba di dira gone kwa, *they accommodate* batho ba bone teng.

Babereki, *I am not sure* gore ba dirisa bone bale, *outsourcing or what but I will get you a proper response* gore babereki bone ke ba ga mang, a ke bone ba ba neng ba le moo kana ke ba e leng gore ke ba Puso ba ba duelwang ke Puso le gore ba kae. *I will try to get that information for you Honourable Member of Parliament for Jwaneng-Mabutsane. I thank you.*

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mothusa Tautona ke a go leboga mo dikarabong tsa gago tse di tlhapileng. A o a lemoga gore jaaka o ne o balolola dipotso tse di kileng tsa bodiwa gore ke boammaaruri ke ne ka botsa dipotso tse pedi? Mo go tsone ka bobedi, ke arabilwe mo go e le nngwefela, ya bobedi e bile e le yone ya ntlha, Honourable Morwaeng o ne a gana a re kana ga re ka ke ra bua ka yone e le kwa court. So, ke ne ke re ke simolole ka go baakanya eo gore ke e boditse mme ga ke ise ke arabiwe. Ke solo fela gore le santse le tlaa nkaraba fa Mr Speaker a ka letlelela gore e boelele.

Se sengwe ke gore mo go nngwe ya dipotso tse di neng di bodiwa, Tona Morwaeng o ne a supa gore e reketswe go dirisetswa *research*. Jaanong gompieno ga ke go utlwe gore sentlentle wa re e reketswe eng. Ke re gongwe o tle o e tlhalose.

Ya boraro ke gore go lebega Minister wa Lands, Honourable Mzwiniila le ene a utlwa e le dikgang fela, ga a itse gore gatwe go diragala eng. Go lebega jalo. Ke kopa gore o re tlhalosetse gore ke eng fa le rekafatshe mme le sa *involve the relevant and appropriate ministry* o e leng wa ga Minister of Lands, Honourable Mzwiniila?

Kana jaanong go buiwa ka hotel mme nna ke bua ka polase, jaanong ke ne ke re rile ke tlaa botsa gore a mme DIS, ka ke re itse e le batho ba sephiri, a ba ka letlelela *any other Government Department* go ka dirisa *facility* ya mofuta oo? Le gore fa e le gore *indeed it is a hotel*, ga kere mme re itse gore Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) ke yone *investment arm of Government in the hospitality industry*?

Dilo tse jaanong ke eng o kare di tlaa ganelela thata kwa ofising ya lona fela Mothusa Tona, di sa ye kwa go ba ba tshwanetseng?

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

MR NKAWANA: Ke ne ke re mothusa mang?

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

MR NKAWANA: Ehe, Mothusa Tautona. Ke ne ke re go lebega e le gore kgang e ya polase e e nang le hotel mo teng, e ikgagapeletswe golo gongwe. Ke gore ditiro tsa yone di sa tsenngwe *in the mainstream activities* tsa ga Goromente jaaka ke ne ke bua ka lefatshe gore go pala eng gore le boele kwa go Honourable Mzwiniila gore le ene a nne teng?

Ke boditse gape le gore *as a hotel, does it cater for tourists* kana le one maphata a ga Goromente fa a tla ba a e dirisa, *you treat them as tourists?* Le gore a ba a duela jaaka go boditswe, ba duela mang, a bo a duela mang? Kgotsa ke *transactions* fela tse re di akanyetsang?

Karabo e ya gore batho ba Ghanzi ba ka nna ba roba sengwe mo go rekeweng ga polase e, ga o e wetse sentle Mothusa Tautona. Ke *island* fela e le e rekileng, e go sa supafaleng gore a batho ba Ghanzi ba ka ja sengwe mo go yone ka gore le bone babereki, ga go itshupe gore a go hirilwe batho mo Ghanzi gore ba bereke mo *facility* eo gore le bone ba itshetse. Ke a leboga.

MR TSOGWANE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Mathata a a leng teng fela ke gore o boeletse dipotso tse dints tse di setseng di boditswe ke Motlotlegi Mopalamente Reatile. Ke ne ke di arabile mme le tse dingwe ke supile gore ga ke na dikarabo tsa tsone mo nakong e. Jaanong fa o di boeleta, go raya gore tota di tlaa sala di ntse jalo, ke ka se ke ke nne le dikarabo tsa tsone ka nako yone e ya bo gore go hirilwe bomang, jang, jang.

Tla ke leke go araba tse dingwe. Potso ya gago ga ke a tlhalosa gore e nngwe ga e a arabiwa *but* ke tlhalositse gore go kile ga bo go na le kgang e e leng gore le mo karabong yone e e a supafala gore potso eo ga e a arabiwa ka mabaka a dikgang tse di neng di le kwa makgotlatshekelo di ama Tautona Lodge. Ke sone se Tona Rre Morwaeng a neng a se ka a kgona ka nako eo go e araba ka gore e ne e santse e le fa pele ga makgotlatshekelo. Ke tsaya gore gongwe fa o ka mo e botsa gape, o tlaa go araba jaanong.

O ne o bua ka *research; research* ke bontlha bongwe, ke buile gore ditiro tsa lefelo le di ya go nna dints. Jaaka ke ne ke bua ke re re ya go nna le ditogamaano tsa Ghanzi, mme e akaretsa le gore batho ba Ghanzi ba tlaa *benefit* jang. Kana lefelo leo le ya go *nna part of*



Ghanzi Development Plan, so gone moo go tlaabo go akaretsa le *lodge* e. Obviously go na le dingwe tse ba tlaa di tlhokang tse ba ka di rulaganyang jaaka ke ne ke ntse ke tlhalosa ka botlalo gore ba tlaabo ba rerisitswe. Jaaka fela fa lefelo le le mo *plan*, go a rerwa le batho mme fa go tlhokafala e le dithhabololo tsa Ghanzi, di tlhokana le gore di ka bona phatla mo lefelong leo. Ke tsaya ke re ke dingwe tse di tlaa dirwang, di rurifadiwa ke *plan* e.

Minister Mzwini ka bontlha bongwe jwa dikgang tse ka gore fa re bua ka *development plan* re bua ka Ghanzi, e akaretsa le lone lefelo le. Obviously Ministry of Lands e tlaabo e le bangwe ba batsayakarolo.

Nnyaa DIS ga e dirise sepe se se kalo sa sephiri se se ka itsang gore maphata a mangwe le one a dire *training* kwa. Ke tsaya ke re ba ya kwa fela *for their training*, le ba bangwe le bone fa ba feditse *training* ya bone ba a sutu ga ba beye sepe koo. Ga se lefelo la bone le ba bayang sepe teng. Jalo he, maphata a mangwe le one a tlaa nna a ya go tshwara *trainings for now before plan* eo e tla e supa sentle gore jaanong go ya go diragala eng ka lefelo leo mo go tlhomameng. Ke tsaya ke re ke tsone ka gore fa e le e ya gore go hirilwe bomang, jang, ba *benefit* jang jaaka ke boletse, ke tse di welang kwa tlase ga dikgang tse ke santseng ke tlaa batlisisa le go itse ka tsone. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR MOTSAMAI: Ke a go leboga Mr Speaker. Ke go leboga Mothusa Tautona ka go araba. Ke bo ke go botsa potso e e reng a o a lemoga sentle gore Tautona Lodge e ne e le lefelo la Mopalamente wa rona wa pele e bile e ne e le Minister? Jaanong letshogo la batho fela ka kakaretso mo kgaolong e ne e le gore, e re go na le mafelo a mangwe a a farologanyeng, ga tla jang gore leo le kgatlhe leitlho le le feteletseng la ga Goromente gore le rekwe? A go ne go sena mo go ka tweng ke bomenemene kana bokukuntshwane jo bo dirwang go tsaya lefelo leo ka madi a setshaba a a kwa godimo?

Ke utlwa o ntse o araba gore tse dingwe ga o na dikarabo tsa tsone, ke ipotsa gore o ne o sa emisetseng dipotso. Jaanong ke batla go botsa gore a o a itse gore babereki ba ba kwa Tautona ba mo dikakabalang tsa gore ga ba itse gore a ke batho ba ga Goromente, a ke ba kompone e e ikemetseng ya Tautona Lodge kana nnyaa? Dikakabalo tse di dira gore matshelo a bone jaaka e le *benefits, promotions* le tse dingwe tse o ka di akanyang, go theogela le go tshaisa, *rights* tsa bone mo tirong, o a itse gore fa gongwe di a ne di ya di farologana? A mme o a itse gore dikakabalo tse di busetsa babereki ba Tautona Lodge kwa morago go na le gore ba bo ba ya kwa godimo?

Potso ya bofelo ke gore, ke a go utlwa Mothusa Tautona wa re madi a ya kwa Pusong mme ga o bue lephata le madi a tsenang mo go lone. Fa motho a ka go raya a re gongwe bua lephata le sele fela le e seng la Puso, kana go na le lephata le e seng la Puso madi a ya kwa go lone, o tlaa mo ganetsa jang o sena bosupi jwa gore a madi a ya kwa Pusong ka lephata lefe? O le bone kae lone lephata le madi a yang kwa Pusong ka lone Mothusa Tautona? Ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, tla ke go leboge.

MR TSOGWANE: Thank you. Kana gatwe matlo go sha mabapi, ke tsaya gore o ne o leka go thusa mokaulengwe wa gago ka dikgaolo tsa lona di tshwaraganetse mafelo a.

Tla ke simolole fela ka tse di sa arabiwang tsa babereki le eng, le eng. Ke boletse gore fa di ne di boditswe, ke ka bo ke ttile ke ipakantse sentle ka tsone. Ke ka bo ke di arabile fela jaaka tse ke di arabileng, jaanong kana ga di ka ke tsa ganwa gotwe di se ka tsa arabiwa ka gore ga di a bodiwa. Ke gone gore di ye go batlelwabikarabo. Ke se ke se tlhalositseng. Le one madi gore a tsena ka department efe, ke boletse gore ga ke *sure* gore account ke efe because Goromente o ka nna le dithulaganyo tse a ka di dirang tsa accounts tse di farologanyeng. Ke se ke tlaa se tlhotlhomiang go batla go se itse.

E nngwe ke gore ke eng go rekilwe Tautona Lodge e ne e le ya Tona e bile e ne e le Mopalamente mo Pusong e e busang? Se ke ka go tlhomamisetsang sone ke gore fa lefelo le tshwana le Ghanzi le re itseng gore go a rekisiwa, dipolase di a rekwa gape go *mines* dithhwatlha di ile kwa godimo, jaaka ke ne ke bua gore go ne ga lemogiwa gore fa Tautona Lodge e ka se ke e rekwe, bangwe ba ttile go e reka. O a itse fela gore lefatshe lele le rekwa thata ke baagisanyi ba rona ba ba tswang mo mafelong a a tshwanang le bo South Africa le Namibia. Ba rekile dipolase tse dintsi mme ba di reka ka tlhwatlha e e fetang e. Go buisana le go bona gore yo o a rekisa mme a bo a wela mo tlhwatlhweng e re lemogang gore ga se e re ka bonang lefelo lepe ka yone, go dirile gore go bo go rekilwe ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

E se ka gore e ne e le Tona kana Mopalamente, e le ka gore tlhwatlha ya gagwe was *affordable*. Goromente le gone a lemoga gore sebaka se a tsamaya, lefatshe le a fela. Bone ba ba le rekang le fa re ne re le tlogetse la rekwa ke bangwe, ba ne ba ttile go le rekisetla Goromente go menaganye gabedi, gararo, mo nakong e e tlang. It was a bargain for Government gore a reke ka nako eo, a santse a lemoga ka fa go rekwang ka teng lefatshe mo kgaolong ele jaaka o itse Motlotlegi



Motsamai. Ke sone fela, e se ka goreng. Fa e ne e le ya ga Motsamai, re ka bo re ntse re e rekile fa a ne a ka bo a dirisitse tlhwathlwa eo. Re ne re sena le fa e le bothata jwa go dira jalo motlotlegi. Ke tsaya gore ke tsone tseo ka gore tse dingwe jaaka ke go boleletse, ke tse ke sa tsholang dikarabo tsa tsone *for now. Thank you.*

MR REATILE: *Sorry Mr Speaker.* Go na le dikgang tse o fitlhelang re di bua go sena mekubukubu di tshwana le jaaka e ya gompieno. Mothusa Tautona a bo a re tshepisa gore re tlaa tla re bona dikarabo a sena go ya go tlhotlhomisa. Ke batla go itse fela gore gone gompieno *commitment* e a e dirang e ya tse a neng a sa di ipaakanyetsa, re ka e solo fela leng? *Thank you sir.*

MR TSOGWANE: *As soon as we are ready,* re tlaa tla ka yone Tautona. O Tautona wa Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF), o a itsce gore maemo a o a tshotseng, motho wa maemo a gago le wa maemo a me, ga se ba ba ka solo fetsang dilo tse ba se ka keng ba di dira. Ke a leboga.

QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTORS TO DEVELOP PROJECTS

MR M. REATILE (JWANENG-MABUTSANE): asked the Minister of Trade and Industry to state:

- (i) measures his ministry has taken to attract and support both local and foreign investors to develop projects and industries that capitalise on the unique wildlife, climate, vegetation, and other natural resources in Mahotshwane, Sekoma, Kokong, Keng and Mabutsane;
- (ii) if he agrees that such an investment has the potential to significantly boost not only the economy of these villages but also that of most, if not all, surrounding settlements; and
- (iii) any potential projects that have been identified in and around these three villages that might warrant seeking investors.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Ke go leboge motlotlegi. Ke go dumedise Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente mo tshokologong e. Ke re motlotlegi, metse e methlano e o e supileng e; Sekoma, Mahotshwane, Kokong, Keng le Mabutsane, ke e tsentse mo thulaganyong ya maikaelelo ape a go ngoka bobeeletsi le go medisa papadi tse di ikaegileng ka ditsatlholego tse di koo, loapi le metse

eo e le iponelang, diphologolo tsa naga, ditlhare kgotsa dijwalo tsa tikologo jalo le jalo. Motlotlegi, ga re na thulaganyo e e tsepameng e e itebagantseng fela le metse e methlano e.

Ke supe gore thulaganyo e teng e e akaretsang lefatshe lotlhe la Botswana, e sa remeleta fela mo metseng e. Ke motlotlo go go itsise gore re thusiwa ke matshego a Puso e bong *parastatals* segolo jang letshego le la Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC). Go thuba lebelo la go sekaseka fa mo lefatsheng la Botswana, bobeeletsi bo ka tlhongwa fa kae, dikgwebo di ka medisiwa fa kae. Ditshekatsheko di dikile di dirilwe ngwaga wa diketepedi lesome le motso (2001). Ditshekatsheko tse, di ne tsa re tsalela *the National Spatial Plan*. Ditshekatsheko tse, di ne tsa tla ka maduo. Maduo a tsone e le ditshekatsheko tse di neng di tshwaraganetswe le metsemeshate le metse se toropo tsa dikgaolo gammogo le *district councils*. E le maikaelelo a go tshwaraganela *Local Economic Development Framework*. Ditshekatsheko di ne tsa supa gore metse e o e supang e, e ka nna boremelelo jwa dikgwebo tse di amanang le leruo, temo, gammogo le bobeeletsi jo bo amanang le go tlhotlha dijo tsa leruo, dikgwebo kgotsa bobeeletsi jo bo ikaegileng ka thuou ya diphologolo tsa naga.

Ke supe gore tikologo ya dikgaolo tse di kwa tlase e supa fa ditlhatshana tsa kwa teng di na le bokgoni. Se ke se sela mo maduong a dipatlisiso tse. Bokgoni jwa gore ditlhare tseo di ka dirisiwa go ka dira melemo e e ka dirisiwang mo phodisong ya batho. Go supafala gape gore matlhasedinyana a teng, mme e se ka kgologadi a gore go ka nna le dikgwebo tse di bopang semente jalo le jalo. Go na le *acid* e nngwe le yone e ne ya iponatsa e supafala e bonwa gone kwa tikologong e, e bidiwa gotwe *oxalic acid*, e e dirisiwang gantsi mo go ntsheng dipatso, leswe, go minolosa rusi jalo le jalo. Go ne go supafala e se ka kgolaganyo epe motlotlegi, mme e le a *small scale* gore gongwe ke dilo dingwe tse di ka sekwasekwang gore di ka dirwa mo dikgaolong tseo, gammogo le one magala. Ke re, ke ditshekatsheko motlotlegi. Ga go ise go butswe gore ditshekatsheko tse, di ka nna tsa tlhatlosiwa ya nna dilo tse di ka diragadiwang. Ke dilo tse di neng tsa sekwasekwang. Ke sa iphitlhe ka monwana motlotlegi, ka se sebaka go itebaganya fela le metse e methlano e, nnyaa seo ga re a se dira.

Potso ya bobedi gore a ke dumalana nao gore fa re ka itebaganya le metse e methlano e, ka tse o di supileng a go ka nna kaone, ga tlisetla batho ba kgaolo eo kgolo ya itsholelo le lefatshe lotlhe ka bophara la Botswana; ke dumalana le wena ka botlalo. Ke ka leboga fa o ka tswa



ka megopolu ka tota ke tshwanetse ka go rurifaletsu gore ga ke maitsegotlhe motlotlegi. Le nna ke a tlhatlhelewa mme fa o ka tla ka megopolu e e supang gore go ka mela dikgwebo tsa mofuta ofe, go ka tla bobeeletsi jwa mofuta ofe mme e le dilo tse di kgonegang gore re di dire, ke ka di atla, ke di nesetse pula motlotlegi.

Ke se ka ka go tlhobosetsa. Dikgaolo di teng tse di gaufi le metse e o e buang e metlhano mme e ntse e le kwa gaeno. Ke supe gore BITC e dikile e thusitse gore go nne le lefatshe kwa Jwaneng le go ikaelewang gore go agwe *a sports complex* kwa teng koo. E ntse e le gone kwa Jwaneng koo, BITC e ne ya thusa gape gore go nne le lefatshe motlotlegi, le go ikaelewang gore go nne le *a centre of excellence* ya temothuo gone koo.

Sa bofelo ke re, ke ne ke lebetse go tlhalosa gore lefatshe lantlu la *sports complex* ke 20 *hectares*. Maikaelelo e le gore Debswana e tle e age *the sports complex*. Go bo go nna le la 45 *hectares* e ntse e le Debswana la *small stock*, e le *a centre of excellence* jalo le jalo. Ga ke tlhobose, *at least* go na le sengwe se kwa ga eno se atumetseng metse e, se e leng gore BITC e a thusa ka sone. Ke tsaya gore ke go arabile ka bophara motlotlegi. Ke eme.

MR REATILE: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Go boammaaruri o nkarabile Kgabo. Potso e ke e boletsu gore fa re ka tlhoma mathlo thata Mokgatla, ra kgona *to profile* dikgaolo tsa rona ka tse di ka tswang di ka fetola *economical setup* ya dikgaolo ka fa di ntseng ka teng, o ya go fitlhela go sa ye go nna kaone, e bile go sa ye go nna bonolo gore Batswana ba abe lefatshe la bone motlhofo. Ba a bo ba itse gore lefatshe la bone ga le a tlhobogwa. Le santse le na le dilo tse di le siametseng thata gore e kare kamoso, lefatshe la kwa e bo e le teemane ya dikokomane tsa kwa.

Ke sone se o bonang ke ne ke batla go itse, ke nankola mafelo a mathlano ka gore tumelo yame e ne e le gore re itse gore bangwe ba rile fa o bona ke go botsa jaana, fa o ka lema *ginger in a large scale*, e ka kgona gore e ye go goroga kwa Middle East ka gore ba Middle East ba e rata thata. Ke itse gore ke wena o leng *in a better place* go tlhalosa dikgang tseo. Mo gongwe e bo e nna tsone ditapole jaaka o bona motlhaba wa Ghanzi gotwe o na le menontshane e e tshwanang. Ke sone se o bonang ke ne ke botsa potso e motlotlegi. *I thank you sir.*

MR KGAFELA: Ke go utlwa sentle, ke sone se ke reng gongwe re tshwaranele, re tlhodumele *the national spatial plan* ka sone gore fa re le batlotlegi re ka ruta ba e leng gore ba re romile, gangwe le gape ra e ngathogana

le bone, ba tlaa tlhaloganya gore gaabo bone maikaelelo ke gore go sekasekilwe gore go ka tlhongwa dikgwebo tsa mofuta ofe le ofe. Ke re ditlholtlhomo di ne tsa dirwa motlotlegi jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, mme di ne di ama lefatshe lotlhe, di sa ame yone kgaolo eo. Kgaolo ya kwa ga eno jaaka ke supile, e ne e supa gone gore dikgwebo tse ke buileng ka tsone mme e se tsa kgologadi, go ne go supafala gore di ka dirwa mme *at small scale*. Ga ke itse ka se sebaka, gongwe fa ditshekatsheko tse re ka di boela, di ka supa kgotsa tsa sedimosa gore gongwe dikgwebo tseo e ka nna tsa kgologadi. Ke supile jaaka o tlhalosa ka *ginger* gore kgwebo ya temo le yone e ne e le nngwe ya tsone tse e leng gore ditshekatsheko di e senotse, le ya thuo ya diphologolo, thuo ya diphologolo tsa selegae tse e leng gore ke tsa tlwaelo gore go gwebiwe ka tsone, gammogo le popo ya *cement* go dira *cement* mme e le *a small scale*, gammogo le yone kgwebo ya *acid* e ke buang ka yone ke re *it is industrial acid*. Fa e dirisiwa, ba e dirisa *on industrial operations*. Ke re ga se dilo tse e leng gore e ne ya re fa go dirwa ditshekatsheko tse, dikgaolo tsa kwa gaeno di bo di tlodisiwa mathlo. Di akarereditswe, ke yone kakaretso e ke buang ka yone e ke e tlhomang monwana ka se sebaka ke re e teng. Go batla re berekela kwa pele go bona gore a mme kana dilo tse fa e le gore di a dirwa, a go nna le thulaganyo ya gore di ka ema ka dinao tsa dirwa. Go bitsa babeeletsi ke tiro ya rona, ya matshego a rona a bo BITC gammogo le go rurifatsa gore ba bona lefatshe re thusiwa ke bo Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA) jalo le jalo rraetsho, ga re a go kgaphela ntle. Ke eme.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

SELEBI PHIKWE/MMADINARE SOLAR PROJECT

MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy to confirm if the estimated total capital expenditure for the 120 megawatts Selebi Phikwe/Mmadinare solar project is BWP 1.4 billion with an estimated Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract value going to Scatec at BWP 1.2 billion (85 percent) and if not, to state correct figures and explain:

- (i) the reasons why construction and operation of the power plant will be managed by Scatec's organisation based in their South African office;
- (ii) the percentage of Scatec's contract value that is being spent on local manufacturers, construction and civil companies and associated services such



- as electrical installation and connections, lifting and hoisting, as well as jacking and sliding of heavy components such as transformers;
- (iii) how many work permits for skills that we have locally have been applied for and approved by the Government on this project; and
 - (iv) confirm the veracity of information that South African and non-citizen companies such as High Power (for electrical installation and connections, jacking and sliding) and Johnson and Johnson (for cranes – lifting and hoisting) etc. have been given these jobs which have previously been done by local service providers on other Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) projects.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MOAGI): Thank you Mr Speaker, good afternoon Honourable House.

Mr Speaker, the Mmadinare Solar PV Cluster project is an Independent Power Producer (IPP) project being implemented by Scatec ASA of Norway, through its wholly owned local subsidiaries Selebi Phikwe Solar (Pty) Ltd as well as Scatec Operations Botswana (Pty) Ltd. The project is in two phases; each phase has a capacity of 50 megawatts providing a combine capacity of 100 megawatts.

The capital cost of Phase 1 of the project is around BWP 792 million of which the EPC contracts amounts to BWP 583 million. For Phase 2 the total project cost and corresponding EPC contract values would be confirmed upon the Financial Closing of Phase 2. These contracts have not been concluded. These amounts are the cost of the project to Scatec who is funding the project as the project owner.

Being an IPP project, the scope of the project entails the development, financing, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of the Solar PV Plant by the project owner Scatec ASA, through its local and regional subsidiaries. Selebi Phikwe Solar has entered into a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) for the generation and sale of electricity. Scatec, the plant owner is the generator and will generate and sell electricity to BPC the offtaker. Scatec Operations Botswana is the EPC contractor as well as the O&M contractor.

- (i) Scatec of South Africa, as the plant developer and owner, has a mandate to develop, finance, construct, commission, operate and maintain the plant including management of the project throughout

the plant's life cycle. The project office from where the management of the power plant is conducted during construction is located on the project site at Mapakato. The project's registered office in terms of company secretarial and governance is located in Gaborone. Scatec has appointed a community liaison officer who is responsible for engagement with local stakeholders.

- (ii) Being a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) project, the following Local Content is mandatory to ensure Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE).
 - 40 per cent shareholding by citizen owned entity (entities) in the project company within five years of commercial operation of the project.
 - At least 85 per cent of the project operations and maintenance value should be awarded to a Batswana company within the first 3 years of commercial operation of the project.
 - 18 per cent of the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) value is allocated to Batswana Entities, which comprise both Batswana Companies and Batswana Citizens.
 - The developer is also required to transfer skills to Batswana during implementation of the project and demonstrate expenditure of at least 1 per cent of its annual revenue on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

This local content plan is reported by the developer and monitored by BPC. The allocation of total project costs to Batswana Entities is not less than 18 per cent of the contract value. To date, the current expenditure to Batswana Entities is BWP 47,002, 000 out of the total expenditure of BWP 170, 006, 000.

- (iii) The developer, like any other entity, is required to fulfil requirements for bringing in foreign skills where such skills are not available in the country.

The total staff complement currently on site is in the order of 240, and I may add that hiring continues at Mapakato. This covers all contractors, sub-contractors, and workers. The current staff compliment which are working on the project site for which the Department of Labour and Social Security has issued permits for skills not available locally are 58 in total. The bulk of the permits are for staff of the mechanical installation sub-contractor. The total staff complement is expected



to increase to between 400 and 500 as the site activities reaches peak construction. Installations of this nature, implemented through fixed price and time contracts, require specialist skills with relevant experience.

- (iv) The Project Developer (Scatec) is required to allocate at least 18 per cent of the project EPC value to Batswana entities to fulfil the mandatory project Local Content plan. The selection of the EPC contractor and its sub-contractors is the prerogative of the project developer. The developer needs to ensure that the project is developed within the set timeline, cost, and the right quality in order to deliver a project which meets the generator's PPA obligation of supplying safe and reliable power to BPC over the PPA term of 25 years.

High Power (a South African company) and Johnson Crane Hire (Botswana) (a local non-citizen which has been operating in Botswana since 2002) have been engaged to provide specialist grid transformer rigging services.

It should be noted that foreign companies engaged on the project are required to subcontract local citizen companies to the extent feasible given that the project is to be delivered within set timelines, quality, cost, and safety standards.

Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) will continue to monitor and enforce Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) compliance by Independent Power Producer (IPP)s engaged to develop power plants in Botswana.

The ministry, through BPC would be pleased however, to investigate specific concerns, if any, by citizen owned companies regarding contracts awarded to the said companies. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Supplementary.* Ke a go leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke leboge Tona ka karabo e. Tona, ke re gongwe re simolole fa Mokwena, gore o ne o re BPC monitors compliance in terms of allocation ya ditiro to dikompone tsa Batswana. Jaanong ke re ke go botse gore, so far mo monitoring ya bone ba lemogile eng, ba itemogetse eng mabapi le dipotso tse ke di botsang tse? Jaanong ke go botse Tona gore, mme gone re a go tsena leng mo seemong se e leng gore batho ba ba akolang itsholelo ya lefatshe la Botswana mabapi le dikgwebo, bogolo jang tse di tshwanang le tse di ikaegileng thata ka madi a a tswang

kwa Pusong, jaaka re itse gore kana *this IPP* e tlaabo e tla e rekietsa Goromente motlakase? Re tlaa tsena leng mo seemong se e leng gore ba tota ba ungewlwang ke Batswana ba sekei, ga se batswakwa, borankudikae, maArabea, maIndia, ga se makgowa ke lewatle, jaaka re bona gompieno e le gore *main contractor* ke Scatec? Re a itse gore *this company* ga e tlholege mono, ga e tswe mono.

Mo *contractors* go na le VRH Power, e re itseng gore ke kompone ya kwa Afrika Borwa, go na le Ibhayi Contracting e e leng gore le yone *is subcontracted*. Fa o lebelela VRH-P ke kompone e re itseng gore le diofisi tsa yone di bonwa kae kwa Afrika Borwa, kwa Centurion. Fa re lebelela ya Johnson and Johnson e e leng gore ke nngwe ya tse di filweng dikonteraka gone koo, fa o re o lebelela *four out of five of its Directors more website* ya Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) ba supa gore *addresses* tsa bone ke ba kwa Afrika Borwa, a le mongwe fela-fela ke ene yo o reng *address* ya gagwe ke kwa Phakalane, mme le ene fa o lebeletse *surname* ya gagwe ke rankudikae.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rankudikae?

MR KEORAPETSE: Ee rankudikae go tewa maburu bagaetsho, jaaka Brooks. Jaanong ke re ke go botse gore, ka re a itse gore go na le dikompone mo lefatsheng la Botswana tse e leng gore ke tsa Batswana tse ba ka dirang *electrical installations and connections* mme ga ba a fiwa ditiro gone kwa tirong e, ba ba dirang *jinking and sliding, lifting and hoisting, ba cranes*. Re a itse gore go na le Batswana ba ba dirang ditiro tseo ba ba di nonofetseng, ba di dirile gongwe le gongwe le kwa meepong, jaanong ke eng fa ba sa fiwa ditiro?

Ya bofelo Tona ke gore, kana wa re mo bathong ba ba berekang kwa ba le 240 ba le 58 ke bone ba e leng gore *their work permits, ke dumela gore le residence permits, they have applied and were approved, go raya gore se se raya gore ke batswakwa ba le 58 out of 240*. Jaanong ke re ke go botse Tona gore, a o a itse gore mo teng go na le *artisans, technicians le engineers* ba dithuto tse e leng gore di teng mono, bangwe ba bone ke setse ke ba bone ka namana ba ba hirilweng ke nngwe ya *subcontracted companies*, ba e leng gore *skill* se is available mo lefatsheng la Botswana, *including* mo toropong ya Selebi Phikwe? Jaanong ke re Tona, a mme ke ka fa o batlang re tsamaya ka teng? Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker and thank you Honourable Keorapetse*. Ke supe jaana gore, ke ne ka supa ka kgang e ke neng ke e bua ya 18 per cent ya



gore e setse e fetile 18 *per cent* ya madi a a setseng a ya kwa Batswaneng, mme go lebega e bile a gola ka yone *content* e re neng re re e neelwe Batswana mo teng ga tse di lebilweng ke BPC, e ntse e di *monitor* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Gongwe re boele fa moragonyana re tlhalose jaana gore, kana se re neng ra se itemogela, bogolo jang jaaka e le gore ga se Goromente a ka tlang ka madi otlhe a bo a re ke tlaa aga *power station*, ke tlaa reng, ke tlaa reng. Re tshwanetse re fete re lebelela gore mme ditirelo tse re di tlhokang tsone ke dife. Fa re tlhoka tirelo ya motlakase e re neng ra golola gore jaanong e se ka ya tlholo e nna BPC fela e nnang yone *generator, transmitter* le *distributor*; go nne le mo gotweng *independent power producers*. Jaanong batho bao re ba gololetse gone gore le bone ba tle ba tle ba re thus go atolosa motlakase mo lefatsheng la Botswana. Fa re dirile jalo re dumalana ka gore, o tlaa nthekisetsa motlakase ka bokana. Jaanong fa re dumalane gore o tlaa nthekisetsa motlakase ka bokana, maikaeleo a rona fela ke *to make sure* gore fa motlakase o tlie re a o reka ka tlhwatlha e re e dumalaneng. Jaanong fa go ntse jalo, go na le dilo tse dingwe in the commercial space tse e leng gore ga o ka ke wa baya motho lengole ka sengwe le sengwe mme e le ene a tlang ka dilo tse, *risk* yotlhe e ya kwa go ene. Ke rakonteraka, o tshwanetse go bona gore mme gore ke diragatse se ke se dumalaneng gore ke tle ke neele batho ba motlakase ka nako e re e dumalaneng, ka *quality* e re e dumalaneng jalo-jalo ke sa golafatsa batho, ke ke dire jang. Ke sone se go nang le dilo tse o neng o supa ka the 24 *per cent* ya batho ba ke neng ke supa gore ke bone ba ba filweng *permits* go tswa kwa ntle, mo go rayang gore bontsi jwa ma *artisan* le bodiredi jo bo thokegang jo bongwe ke jo bo tserweng mo gae, but go bo go nna le ba bangwe ba e leng gore, kana fa o tla ka kompone ya gago wa re, nnyaa *cheibase* ke yo o tlaabong a bontsha batho gore rona ka kwano mo Scatec re bereka jang, ga re bereke jang. Ka jalo ke dumela gore mo teng ga 76 e e setseng e e tshotswe ke bone beng-gae ka kwano, 24 e le bone batho ba e leng gore ba tsamaile jalo.

Gape bathong re lemoge dilo dingwe, sedibeng go iwa ka tsela. Fa o ka lebelela mo *industries* tse di di kgologolonyana di ntse di dira, a re tseye tsa *mining* jalo-jalo, gotlhe-gotlhe jaanong re setse re na le dikompone tsa moepo tse di tsereng meepo tsa Botswana di a dira, kwa ntle ga tse e leng gore gongwe are *specialists* re ne re ise re nne le botsipa jo bontsi jwa tsone, bogolo thata jang kwa bo *underground*, jaaka re bona kwa bo Khoemacau. Mme tse dingwe tse tsa bo *open pit* di

dirwa ke Batswana, ka dikompone tsa Botswana, di tshotswe ke Batswana, khumo eo e tla kwa Motswaneng wa sekei. Ka jalo le ya metlakase e re e simolotse. O tlaa itse gore jaanong mo gotweng bo *transmission lines*, bo dipale jalo, bo di eng, go dira Batswana, ee ba ntse ba a goroga mo teng ga maranyane a a *renewable energy* a bo *solar*; bo eng. Ba tlaabo ba ntse ba...ka gore ba a ithuta jaaka ba ntse jaana. E tlaa re kgabagare e bo e setse jaanong ba ithuta, dilo tse di tsena mo go bone, e le bone re ba neelang ditiro re sa tlhole re neela ba ba tswang kwa ntle. E bile re ba rotloetsa gape gore, le bone ba itse gore kgang e tona e e a tleng e pale ke ya ledi, ya madi, jaanong re ntse re bua le ba disigo tsa madi gore ba kgone go neela Batswana ba garona madi. Bangwe e bile re kgona gore re eme re le Goromente re re, nnyaa re tlaa ba ema nokeng gore fa e le gore *they can fail* go duela re kgone go ba thusa, gone gore re unwise Batswana ba tle ba felele ba tshotse dikompone tse di ntseng jaana. Ke bua jaana ka re itse gore go na le kompone e nngwe e e dirilweng ke Batswana ya *cranes*. Mme fa re bua ka *these specialist grid transformer rigging services* golo gongwe go ne ga nna le botlhaedi gore go ka bo go tserwe bone, but le fa go ntse jalo we insist thata gore anything se se ka nnang *subcontracting* e bo e le gore se tswa mo go bone, *cranes* tse di ntseng jaana. Re dumela gore golo gongwe ba tlaa felela ba gorogile jaanong ba bo ba felela ba neelwa ditiro tse. Dilo tse di tshwana le jaaka re na le batho ba ba nosetsang ditshipi, bo *welder*, mme golo gongwe fa o ntse o tsamaela on *welding*, go nosetsa tshipi, go na le mo gotweng *coded welders*, ga re ise re nne ba ntsi re le Batswana ka kwano, jaanong mo gongwe go bo gotwe le tswa go tsaya *welder* kana monosetsi wa tshipi, mme tota e le gore go na le bo *technic* bongwe jo bo dirisiwang.

So tota dilo tse di tsamaya di ntse jalo, gore re tle re goroge kwa go reng jaanong re felele re neele Batswana botlhe, e le bone ba ba tlaabong ba ka iphirela kwa ntle fa e le gore ba ka iphirela kwa ntle.

Ke tlaa supa gape gore go na le *projects* tse dintsinyana tsa *solar plants*, tse di kwa tlasenyana tsa bo 4 megawatts jalojalo. Tseo di tshotshwe ke Batswana tsotlhe, ra re Batswana go siame ka gore la re ga re le neele, tse di tshwanang le tsa kwa ga *Honourable Lucas*, yo o neng a sia gotwe tla o bone re isitse motlakase kwa Bobonong, di dirwa ke Batswana *projects* tse di ntseng jalo. Le gone re e tla re bona ba bangwe ba e leng gore fa ba sena go neelwa, go tla go nna le bothatanyana. Ke santse ke kopa le kwa dibankeng tsa rona gore, bagaetsho thusang



Batswana ke bao ka madi, ba tsene ba dire metlakase e ya marang a letsatsi. Ke raya gore rra, ke tsela e e tswang kwa sedibeng kana e e yang kwa sedibeng, re tlaa goroga mo go yone. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Further supplementary.* Ke lebogela dikarabo tseo Honourable Minister. Ke ne ke re jaaka o bua o re 18 per cent, kana go raya gore 82 per cent ke yone e tshwerweng ke batswakwa, *only 18 per cent* e mo Batswaneng. Re dumalane nna le wena gore, *these are crumbs from rich, affluent foreigners table, crumbs eaten by Batswana and ga re batle crumbs.* Jaaka o bua gore mo Independent Power Producers (IPPs) tsa megawatts kwa tlase, di tshwerwe ke Batswana. Jaanong ke go botse Tona gore, a go na le *contracts* tse di iseng di wediwe *for this project*, tse di tlaa yang kwa Batswaneng; *that is the first question.*

The second question is this, o ne o bua ka bone ba *cranes* gore gongwe go fosagetse gore ba bo ba sa tsewa, go ka tswa go fosagetse fa kae.

Jaanong o tlhalosetse Palamente gore, *this has been the argument in this House for many years*, gore go nne le molao o o sireletsang Batswana fa go tla mo itsholelong, e le reng ke *economic inclusion*. Ke go botse gore, *where this is practised, for instance fa o tsaya the Black Economic Empowerment Policy backed by broad based Black Economic Empowerment Act le regulations*, go na le *metrics* wa to measure gore are you Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) compliant. Do you have a metrics o e reng fa motho a tla a re I am IPP, le bo le *measure* gore are you citizen inclusion compliant. Do you have that metrics? Le gone o re tlhalosetse gore, fa e le gore go na le sekale, a ke sa boleng jo bo ka tsenyang itsholelo mo Batswaneng. Ke yone tota e ke neng ke batla gore ke e itse.

The last one ke gore, there will be more IPPs, IPPs ga se rocket science. In fact, one of your colleagues in Cabinet o ne a na le very concrete proposals before he came into Cabinet ya IPPs. Ga se rocket science, ke selo se e leng gore project e, tumelo ya me ke gore fa nne re tlhwafetse e ka bo e tshwerwe ke Motswana wa sekei, e bile a sub-contracting Batswana ba bangwe, a bo a tla a rekisetsa Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) motlakase. Ke go botse gore, mo go tse di tlang in the future, can you commit gore projects tsa mohuta o di tlaabo di tshwerwe ke Batswana, ka gore nna ke dumela gore ba setse ba tsene mo seemong sa gore..., ga e ka ke ya re ke ne ke santse ke tsena kwa primary, bo Rre Kitlane Sethole ba okametse BPC, re bo re re today we cannot have a project of this magnitude e tsamaisiwa ke Motswana, it cannot. Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga Honourable Keorapetse, ka tse o neng o di bua tseo. Ntle re tle jaana bagaetsho, kana kgang e tona fela e re tshwanetseng ra e tlhaloganya mo teng ga dikompone tse kana sengwe le sengwe, ke gore a o tlaa kgona go dira tiro ka nako e e beilweng.

Batswana ba na le kitsso, ke file *example* ka meepo gore ba ne ba le teng ba dira, mme ba sa dira dikompone tsa gore ke bone ba ka tsamaisang, fa gotwe go na le Cut 8 kana Cut 9 kwa Jwaneng ba bo ba ya go e tsamaisa. E rile fa re ntse re bua le dibanka gore, kana Batswana ke ba, e bile ke bone ba gongwe le gongwe ba tsamaisang dilo tse, ga kgonega ka gore kitsio e teng. Ga re *doubt* kitsio, ga re *doubt eng, it is not the only requirement.*

In a project it is about project capital, e o yang go ntsha madi. Jaaka ke ne ke bua gore Goromenta ga gona fa a ntshang madi teng a re tsaya o ye go reka se, tsaya o ye go reka se o nkagelie power station. You the developer, o tla ka madi a gago at your own risk. Rona risk ya rona ke gore re bo re go duela motlakase, fa o setse o re raya o re motlakase ke o. Jaanong ke teng fela fa go nang le bothata teng, fa batho ba sa kgoneng go supa gore ke ka goroga foo ka ntsha madi, ka kgona go aga plant e. So there is no doubt gore Batswana are competent, they can do that. Kgang e santse e le one madi, jaanong a re thusaneng re bone gore re ka tla ka eng. Ke tsaya gore funds tse di tlaa tl Lang tse di ntseng di bolelwaa ka agreements tse di dirwang, gongwe e tlaa nna dingwe tsa dilo tse di tlaa thusang Batswana gore ba kgone to access project capital, ba tle ba kgone to deliver these projects. Ke sone fela selo se setona se se teng, se se tlaa thusang.

Le mo isagong jaaka ke supile gore e rile ga re bona gore gongwe madi ale a bokete, re bo re ngotla boleng jwa projects gore gongwe projects tse di madi a a kwa tlase, ba ka di kgona. Ke sone gompieno jaana tse dingwe di tlaabo di simolodisiwa mo bekeng e tlang ke Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona, e le tsa Batswana, di 10 ka palo ya tsone. Re solo felang gore ba setse ba tsamaile, ka gore le Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) e setse e supile gore e tlaa kgona go ba thusa, go ba neela madi gore ba dire dikgang tsa go nna jaana. Jaanong tota re eletsa jalo gore e re fa go tswa foo, ba bo ba kgona go golela mo projects tse ditona e le Batswana ba tshotse projects tsa motlakase o o kwa godimo. Re eletsa thata jalo, and re dumela thata gore ba tlaa goroga gone koo.



O bo o bua ka *metrics* one wa BEE *compliance*. Ga re na *metrics* o o tshwanang le wa kwa South Africa kana kae. Ee, rona re na le *criteria* nngwe e e chekang gore motho o kgona jang kana o fithelela jang gore a tle a kgone gore a dire tiro e re e mo neetseng. Go na le *criteria* e e dirisiwang, e e salwang morago, e o tlaabong a kgona go supa gore nnyaa mme fa o kgonne fa, ga o kgonne, o bo o tsena ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

O tlaa itse gape gore mo *tenders* tse di tlholang di dirwa, go na le mo gotweng *two envelope contracts*, ya ntlha e le *technical*, ya bobedi e bo e nna *financial*. Tsotlhi di le *separate* gore go bulwe pele *envelope* ya *technical* go bonwe gore a bokgoni mme bo teng re ise re tsene kwa mading, mme bontsi o tlaa fitlhela e le gore bo a kgona, ke a tle ke utlwé gotwe go beilwe 70 per cent ka re kgakala le tsone rona ga re di itse. Ee, go beilwe 70 per cent wa gore batho ba fete, mme bontsi jwa dikompone bo kgone go feta. E bo jaanong bo ya go boa bo lebelelana ka kwa mading gore jaanong kwa mading go a reng. Mo gongwe motho a kgone, a bo a beile mo teng ga ikopelo ya gagwe gore o tlaa tsaya *between six and 12 months to reach financial close*. E bo e le gore nnyaa go a pala jaanong *to reach financial close*, o ya kwa go 18 months, bo two years a ntse a ise a tle.

Golo mo go raya gore Motswana yo o letletseng tlhabololo eo, jaanong ene ga a kgone gore a bone ditlhabololo tse di ntseng jalo. So tota our main issue ke project capital motlotlegi, ke sone fela se se re itsang, mme re lwa bosigo le motshegare gore re bone gore Batswana ba ka thusega jang, gore jaanong ba felele e le gore sengwe le sengwe se dirwa ke rona ka kwano. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Supplementary.* Ya bofelo o ne o bua ka madi gore gantsintsi ke one o kareng go na le mathata. I am quite aware of Government creditors jaaka bo Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), somewhat Botswana Development Corporation (BDC). Jaanong ke re mo go supile gore ga go a lekana. Fa o lebelela, most of the contractors ba Batswana, the moment fela motho a fanya tender, o setse a na le mathata a madi before mobilizing fee.

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

MR KEORAPETSE: It is a stereotype for many companies Honourable Molale but for Chinese companies fela jaaka o mo award contract, o tsena fela mo Johannesburg, go na le the Chinese entity permanently placed there gore e o thuse ka capital.

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

MR KEORAPETSE: Yes, in Johannesburg, that is where they go. Jaanong ke ne ke batla go itse gore for capital projects tse di tona tse di amanang le bo mining, engineering tse e leng gore gantsintsi ga di kgone to be financed ke bo BDC le CEDA, a go na le maikaelelo a go tla ka letlole le legolwane le e leng gore gongwe can be funded through Sovereign Wealth Fund because fa o lebelela what the Chinese are doing, you take Chinese Investment Corporation (CIC) and look at the number of companies which are owned by it, di dints i tse e leng gore dingwe tsa tsone re boa re kgona go tla go di fa ditiro mo Botswana. Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Keorapetse. Rra ka bokhutshwane ke ka go raya ka re kana fa o bona re ne ra simolola ka go baakanya molao o o ka gogelang kobo ka fa letlhakoreng la Motswana wa sekei, re bua ka melawana ya Citizen Economic Inclusion ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, ra ya kwa bo CEDA jaaka o ne o bua ka mananeo a ga Goromente a a thusang ka madi, gore oketsang thresholds di reng, ke fa re ntse re tlhagola tsela ya gore tota re bone gore Batswana ba ka access madi jang. Re bo re bua ka matlole a tshwana le a bo Diamonds for Development ke fa re ntse re tlhagola tsela.

Fa ke ya go tsena kwa go ya Sovereign Wealth Fund, concept is there as being discussed, mme ga ke ka ke ka go raya ka re e tlaare mo Palamente e e tlang yo o tshwanetseng a bo a tlisa pampiri fa pele ga rona gore re e bue ka gore e santse e le puisanyo e e tlaabong e tla ka bogakolodi gore e ka tla e ntse jang, ya reng, tota mme re ntse re lebile gore Motswana re ka mo thusa jang. Ke maikaelelo a rona because kana dilo tse fa madi a circulate within our economy, a spin ditiro tse dingwe tse di tlhabololang itsholelo mo ga rona. Ke selo se se botlhokwa thata se re eletsang gore se ka nna teng gore se tle re bone gore se thuse Motswana gore a kgone to access funds to develop their projects.

Gape re e tla re thusa jaana, gore go nne le dithuto tse di ka thusang Motswana bogolo jang dithuso tsa to access finance ka gore mo gongwe mo boitlhobogong jwa go sa boneng madi, motho o felela a hand project ya gagwe fela jalo a bo a itswela ka lemme a e neetseng mongwe. Re bona go le gantsi mo dilong tse ba nang le tsone ba na le di tshono, a ke licences tsa meepo kana eng, ba di hand fela jaana ba sa nne le konokono ya gore bogolo a nne le seabe se se tiileng gore e tle re yole fa a tla ka photo ya madi, ene a bo a tla ka shares a bo e le gore jaanong



o nna *part and parcel of this*. Golo mo ke gone mo e ka reng kgabagare fa go kalwa kompone ya bone, o bo o fitlhela e le gore kompone e kalwa ka sekale se se kwa godimo. Fa sekale seo se le kwa godimo fa a *convert shares* tsa gagwe to madi a bo a fitlhela e le gore ke madi a mantsi a a ka kgonang gore e re ga a bona tiro e nngwe *cashing on those shares*, a bo a kgonan to finance tiro ele kana a e baya as *collateral against* madi a a tlaabong a a kopa kwa dibankeng. Ke tsone dilo tse re santseng re di setse morago rra.

Ke dumela gore golo gongwe re tlaa kgonan ka gore fa o lebelela dikomponne di tshwana le bo Cut 9, *the value of the contract* e a thusa gore banka e kgone go go adima madi *against* se o tlaa se bonang *from that contract*.

Re bona koo bo Majwe ba kgonan to access funds tse di ntseng jalo Batswana ba le mo teng ka *percentages* fela tse di kwa godimo. Ke dumela jalo rra, ke tlaa e sala morago le yone ka gore re ntse re tsweletse re e setse morago le bo Africa 50 le bo mang ke batho ba re buang le bone gore Batswana ba kwano, *because of the ease of doing business, the attractiveness index* ya rona in the mining area, ba itumelela gore ba tle go neela Batswana madi go tla go dira ditiro tseo. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR GARE: *On a point of procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker.* O tlaa nkgakolola mongwame, potso ya ga Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO) e bothhokwa thata, but ke ne ke eletsa gore dilo tse dingwe gongwe re di tlhatswe kana re di tlatsa. Ga ke itse gore fa ke batla go dira jalo ke ka dira jang, but ke ne ke batla go tlhatswa sengwe especially mo kgannyeng ya financing the project. Ke bua jaana ka gore fa gongwe bangwe ga ba itse; Goromente through CEDA go na le golo mo gotweng purchase order financing. Gongwe fa o neetswe purchase order o sena madi a to finance o kgonan go ya kwa CEDA e bo e kgonan gore e go thuse ka madi a go nna jalo.

The other thing Mr Speaker; Goromente o kgonan gore fa a se na go go neela contract, a bo a dira mo gotweng performance bond and then you would be advanced ka madinyana gore o simolole project ya gago. Gongwe ke tlatsa jalo ka gore mogolole fa a bua o kare ga a e kgoma. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Most relevant Honourable Gare.

ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (NO. 7 OF 2024)

Second Reading

(Resumed Debate)

MR SPEAKER: The debate on this Bill is resuming. When the House adjourned Tuesday 6th August, His Honour the Vice President was on the floor debating and he is left with six minutes 41 seconds.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker,* ke ne ke santse ke le mo kgannyeng e e supang gore ke bona gore go tlaabo go le diphatsa thata go dirisa passport le driver's licence mo boemong jwa Omang. Jaaka ke ne ke supa, kana Omang ke the National Identity Card ka fa mongwe le mongwe a itseng ka teng. Le mo tsamaisong it is the only National Identity Card. Jaanong gore re bo re tla re mo ditlhophong tsa rona, tse re itseng sentle gore di bothhokwa go le kae mo lefatsheng e bile di tsenelelwa ke Batswana fela ba ba nang le National Identity Card in the form of Omang... Gape re lemoga sentle gore go na le dikarata tse dingwe kana dingwe tse batho ba itshupang ka tsone jaaka bo driver's licence tse e leng gore ga di a sireletsega mo go kalokalo in terms of security features, let alone gore ga di yo mo molaong. Ga di a sireletsega, di kgonan go dirwa motlhofo di itirelwaa, forgery and so forth.

Re tlaabo re bulela ditlhopho tsa rona gore jaanong kamoso go bo go nna le dikgangkgang, nnyaa motho yo o dirisitse driver's licence, ga se yone ya boammaaruri, passport e ga se yone ya boammaaruri. Gongwe re tlaabo re bua dikgang tse re ka sekeng re kgone Mr Speaker. Re a lemoga gore maikaelelo ke go leka go thusa batho gore ba tlhophe mme jaaka re itse, Omang o a dirwa fela jaaka these other documents. O a expire fela jaaka these other documents tse re buang ka tsone. A re tsepameng fela, re se ka ra nama re akantse. Gongwe fa go ntse go ya pele re setse re lemogile kana re ipaakantse, re bone security features tse re ka di dirisang mo passports le driver's licence, ke gone re ka akanya gore mme o kare security features...

MR MOATLHODI: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga morena wa me Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. May the peace and mercy of God bless His Excellency the President and the people of this country. Ke ne ke re morena wa me Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Boteti Bophirima e bile o le rraarona Mothusa Motlotlegi Tautona, ene Omang yo o ka reng o go jesa ngwene ka Sekwena, ga kere o a itse gore o a šhafadiwa? Le fa o santse o ile go mo šhafatsa, o a itse gore batlhophise ba go lettlelela go tlhopho o tshwere receipt e e supang gore o tlhotlhomo mo motlhaleng wa go mo šhafatsa? If that is the case, mathata a fa kae?



MR TSOGWANE: Go ntse jalo *Mr Speaker* gore Omang yo o a šhafadiwa. Fela gongwe jaaka ba ntse ba bua ba re mo go reng o ka tlhopha ka *receipt*, gone ga go ise go nne teng.

Fela jaaka o bua, kana go supa bothokwa jwa Omang le gore ke ene mmangmang, ga o ka ke wa dira tse dingwe tse *without* Omang. Ke gore ga o ka ke wa ya go dira *driver's licence without* Omang *unless* e le gore o motswakwa gongwe o dirisa *any other identity*. Omang o a go supela mo go tsone tse tsotlhe tsa bo *passport* bo eng. Tota gone selo se se tona fela ke *the security features*, ke yone *my main concern* gore a mme tota ga re tloge re bulela mo gongwe mo. Omang yo o a šhafadiwa fela dikgwedi di le mmalwa pele ga a fela. Ke gore fela batho re boitseme fa gongwe. *I think* o kgona go mo šhafatsa *three months before* a fela. E tlaare o ntse o emetse Omang wa gago yo mošha o bo o setse o ikopetse Omang. Ke gore fela a re tlhoafaleng re rute batho. *We only need public education than to find an alternative which may not work for us as the situation is.* Re rute batho fela bothokwa jwa Omang le pabalesego ya one, o bothokwa go le kae le gore ba kgona go mo šhafatsa dikgwedi di le tharo pele ga a wela. Batho gantsinyana ba o fithelang ba sena Omang o fitlhela e le ba nang le mathata a gore ba mo šhafaditse *late*.

Gape re a itse gore *document* e kgona go latlhega jaaka batlotlegi ba ba neng ba sutusa Tshutiso e ba bua. Fa gongwe o lathegelwa ke Omang, o šhela mo ntlong mme le tsone tse dingwe tse kana *they still stand the same chance*. Di kgona go latlhega le tsone, di kgona go nna le bothata jone joo.

Ke ne ke re ga re na bothata, e ya kwa matlhophelong re tlhalositse fela sentle. E farologana le ya ga Rre Saleshando fela go se kae, e re sa tswang go e gana maloba gore kana golo kwa ga go a sireletsegia. Ga re ise re goroge mo sebakeng sa gore re ka ikgotsofatsa gore tota mme go sireletsegile mo go kalokalo. Le sone *security* se re se buang se gotweng tsa bo Khanselara tsone di tlhophelwa kwa, *the interest* e batho ba nang nayo thata mo ditlhophong tsa bo Palamente e tona ka gore ba itse gore ke tsone ditlhopho tse di agang Goromente. Tshologelo ya bone kwa go balelwang teng e feta ya mo lefelong le go balelwang tsa Makhanselara teng. Ka go rialo bagaetsho, re tlaabo jaanong re oketsa bokete jwa tiro. Gape tota le fa di ka balelwang kwa *centres* tse go balelwang tsa bo Khanselara teng, *I do not think they can be under the same roof. Still* re ya go batlana le *manpower* ya go bona gore go tlhokomelwe lefelo leo.

Over and above, gore re sireletse mabokoso a re sena le pelaelo, ke gore re a lottele mo go babalesegileng. Re itirele tsa rona tse re ka tlhomamisang gore re lebokoso le ga le ka ke la bulwa ke ope, le tlaa ya go goroga le sireletsegile.

Go ne go na le kgang ya lebokoso le le galalelang, le lone ga le na mathata a le kalo mme ba bangwe ba buile maabane jaaka Reatile a re le kgone go thubiwa fela motlhofo. *Mr Speaker*, ke a leboga.

MR KEDIKILWE (SEROWE WEST): Mma ke go leboge Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke bo ke dumedise ma-Serowe West. Ke ne ke re ke dumalana le Molao-kakanyetso o tota gore ka boammaaruri ke o o siameng o o tlisang phetogo. Fa o ka ela tlhoko, batho ba Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) morago ga ditlhopho, ga ba nke ba re ditlhopho di fetile. Ba ipakanyetsa tsa *cycle* e e latelang. Gone foo fela fa ba fetsa tse ba tswelela ka ipaakanyo. Mo ipaakanyong ya bone ba bitsa *stakeholders*, ba a re bitsa re ye go ntsha megopolole gore re di bone di ntse jang, e le mo gotweng *evaluation* ya ditlhopho tse di neng di feta. Mo *evaluation* e, mo pegong ya bone batho gore a ditlhopho di balelweng gone foo fa tiragalo e neng e diragalela teng. Ba tsaya megopolole e mo bathong ba ba nang le kgatlhego, ba re solo felang gore megopolole kana dikgatlhego tsa bone ga re a tshwanelo go di latlha fela ka fensetere.

Gone mo gape ka gore re na le balebeledi ba mafatshefatshe ba ba a bong ba tlie go lebelela ditlhopho tse, le bone ba supa jalo gore o kare rona re santse re saletse kwa morago thata. Go na le Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model Law on Elections. Re le leloko la SADC e bile re le bangwe ba basimolodi ba lekgotla le, re ka bo re le bangwe ba ba kwa pele mo ipaakanyong. Fela jaaka ke re ba IEC bone fela fa ditlhopho di feta ba tswelela ka mosepele wa go baakanyetsa tse di latelang. Jaanong ga ke itse gore fa Mothusa Tautona a ntse a re nnyaa e tlaare re sena go ipaakanya, re tlaa ipaakanya leng rraetsho ka gore fa *report* re tswa batho ba go supegetsa dikgatlhego tsa batho, ke gone fa go go rayang ba re fa ba ipaakanya ka fa le wena o ipaakaanye ka fa o le Goromente...

MR RAMOGAPI: *Elucidation.* O e tshwere sentle Honourable Kedikilwe. A o a gakologelwa gore lefatshe le la Botswana ke lone la ntlha le diragatsa puso ya batho ka batho ya go tlhopha mo SADC? Jaaka re bua jaana mafatshe a ttileng kwa morago jaanong a gaisa lefatshe la Botswana. Bone ba tlhopha ka bo Omang, *passport* le *driver's licence*, a SADC. Ke re o e gatelele thata mokaulengwe, o e tshwere sentle.



MR KEDIKILWE: Ke gone foo. Fa e le gore e le basimolodi e bo e le rona re saletseng kwa morago, ipaakanyo e e buiwang ga ke itse gore go tewa e e ntseng jang. Dipeco tse mo dingwageng tse jaaka IEC e tswa kwa le ditlhopho, *immediately* fela morago ga ditlhopho e ntsha pego go supa gore Batswana ba reng.

Go raya gore Goromente fa e ne e le gore o ya ka dikgatlhego tsa Batswana, ga re o ka bo a setse a sedile sengwe sa go supa gore o ipaakanyetsa seemo se. Bona fela le bo Commonwealth ba supa jalo gore re le Batswana re santse re saletse kwa morago ka dipaakanyo mo dingwageng tse di masome a matlhano le metso re ntse re ipaakanya fela Tona Molale. Ao rra, ga ke go itse o ntse jalo.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: *Be careful* ka gore *careful* e nngwe e raya sengwe.

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

MR KEDIKILWE: Jaaka ke bua, ga ke bone fa go ka supafala gore ke boammaaruri *features* tsa *passport* ya rona di ka belaelwa ka tsela epe. Ga ke bone *an international document* e e kgonang *to identify you internationally*, e bo e le gore e kare o le *nationally*, e bo mong wa yone a e belaela. O batla go bolelela mafatshefatshe gore *features* tsa *passport* ya gago o a di belaela. Motlotlegi Mothusa Tautona o ntse a supa fela a re re tlaa ema pele go fitlhela re ka bona sengwe sa *features* tse di ka supang gore *passport* e e ka letlelelwa. Fa o rialo, o bolelela mafatshe gore le bone ba ka simolola go go belaela.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): *Clarification.* Nnyaa mme rra se tseye lefoko le lengwefela a bo e le gore jaanong o le dira kgang o le lekanya le tlou. O a itse fela le wena sentle gore go na le dilo tse di itirelwang tse ke buang ka tsone, tse e leng gore *cases are there*. Ga se gore fa o dirile jaanong go raya gore lefatshe leo la reng. *Passport* e o e buang e, kana senepe sa yone se ntse fela jaana, se kgonon go manololwa wa tsenya se sengwe *mo passport* eo. Ga ke itse gore jaanong Rre Kedikilwe o a bo o reng.

MR KEDIKILWE: Raetsho, ke dumalana le wena. Fa e le gore re tlhoafetse jaaka ke re re batla go baakanya mo molaong gore go nne teng, go raya gore le *improvement* mo *features* tseo ga re o di diragatse ka maikaelelo a gore o e letlelele ka fa molaong gore e letle motho gore a o ka tlhopha, o ka ikwadisa a e tshwere. Jaaka o ne a

bua, Omang *number* e teng mo go yone le kwa *driver's license*. Go supa eng; go supa gore *documents* tse di a tsamaelana, ke tsone tse di ka go supang gore o mang. Tsotlhe di supa gore o mang, di ntshwitswe ka molao ofe mme tsone tsa re o mang.

MR TSOGWANE: Nnyaa ya me *passport* ga e na Omang *number*, ke ka e ntsha ka go e bontsha. Go na le *passport number*, *my passport number is different, it is not an Identity Documentation (ID) number*.

MR KEDIKILWE: Nnyaa rra, ke a go utlwa. Rona fa gongwe tse re di tshwereng ga di tshwane le ya gago. E tlaabo e le ya gago ya gore o Vice President (VP) ka gore go na le VP a le mongwefela, jaanong ke ya ga VP fela, e tlaa nna *unique*.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Correction.* Honourable Kedikilwe, *passport* ya me ke ye, e na le ID *number*. E bile *passport* e standard. VP ke *sure* ga a tshwara *passport* epe e e *special* go na le ya me. Di a tshwana, ke *diplomatic passport* tsotlhe, di na le *passport number which is BD000*, e bo e nna le dinambara tse dingwe. E bo e nna le ID *number*. E *standard*. Ke *passport* ya Botswana e ntse jalo, ga gona ope yo o nang le e sele e e *special*, e e senang ID *number*.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Fa o ne o nkutlw Motlotlegi Keorapetse, ga ke dumalane nae. Ke sone se o utlwang ke re e tlaabo e le gore e *unique* ka gore go na le VP a le mongwefela, o diretswe ya gagwe e e *special*. Jaanong fa e le gore ke *passport* fela, ga e ka ke ya nna jalo. Ga se gore ke dumalana le ene.

MR TSOGWANE: *Correction.* Fa o tsena mo go supiwang ka *passport*, ga ba go botse Omang *number*, ba go botsa *the passport number*. Ke yone e o e kwalang mo difomong. *Passport* nngwe le nngwe e na le *passport number*. *The passport number is not Omang number. That is what I am saying.* O ntse a e bala gone fa gore *passport* ya gagwe e na le *passport number*.

MR KEDIKILWE: Ra rialo ra re mme ka gore *passport* yone e gore o e tseye, o supetswe ke Omang, nomoro ya Omang ya ba ya tlhagelela mo *passport* e teng ka fa. Jaanong go supa gore ga gona jaaka o ka belaela gore Omang yo kana *passport* e ga e ka ke ya kgonon go go thusa gore o ye *to register*, o bo o tlhophe. Ke gone mo ke buang gore mo ga go ipaakanya a re ipaakanyetseng, re letleleleng batho gore ba kgone go dirisa *passports* tsa bone fela jaaka re dumela gore kwa mafatsheng a sele



di a lettelelwa. Go tewa gotwe *it is an official document* e e go lettelelang gore o ka tlola melewane gongwe le gongwe mo lefatsheng, e lettelelwa ka fa molaong.

Tiriso ya *ink...*

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(MR PULE): *Correction.* Nte ke thusé bakaulengwe. Ke dumalana le mokaulengwe gore *passport* e ya rona e na le ID *number* e bile e na le *passport number* e leng gore *it is serialized. Every time* fa o e tsaya, e go fa *a new number*. Ke ne ke tsaya gore Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, Mma Mokgethi maloba o ne a tlhalosa fa a akgela gore *passport* ya rona *is a secondary identification document*. Ga se e o ka e dirisang *to be identified with* kwa ntleng ga o le mo mosepeleng ka gore e laolwa ke National Registration Act. *As we speak Mr Speaker, passport* ga e na molao o o e fang *authority* ya gore o ka e dirisa *as an ID. There is no passport law in this country*. Ke re ke baakanye gone fa mongwame. Kana Batswana ba tloga ba akanya gore se Rre Kedikilwe a se buang se ka kgongala.

MR KEDIKILWE: Nnyaa ema pele rra ka gore se a kgongala. Golo fa re mo paakanyong ya molao, wena o bua ka molao o o teng letsatsi leno, re dumalana le wena. Ke sone se o bonang go tla paakanyo ka gore fa e ne e le gore go ntse jalo, go ka bo go sena paakanyo. Jaanong kgang ke gore mo molaong o o teng o, o o sa letteleleng gore go nne jalo, ke sone se o bonang go batliwa paakanyo gore re lettelele gore go nne jalo. Akere molao o o dirilwe ke Palamente yone e, le yone paakanyo e e tlaa dirwa ke Palamente e, a bo *passport* eo e bereka.

Fa a ntsena ganong, ke ne ke re ke a re a re letteleleng ka fa molaong gore go nne le *ink* gore go se ka ga nna le *double dipping*, motho a tlhopha ka fa a tloga a siana, gape a tlhopha ka fa ga nna le pelaelo. Ditolhaloso tse fa re di bua betsho, re di bua jaana ka gore lona Mothusa Tautona, le na le lefoko le le tlileng ka lone la re “a re chencheng.” Ga ke itse gore le raya go fetoga bo mang. Ke belaela gore Tautona o nosi mo lefokong le, lona fa le teng la re, “a ba fetogeng.” Le raya gore bangwe ba fetoge, lona ga le yo mo teng. Ga e ka ke ya re diphetogo di tla, le bo le ntse le ganelela jaaka Rre Pule a bua gore molao o wa riana, Tona Mokgethi o boletse jaana. Tona Mokgethi o bolela jalo ka gore ga gona molao o o rialong, jaanong ra re a re fetogeng, o se ka wa re a ba fetogeng. O raya go fetoga bomang wena o sala? Jaanong Tautona wa Modimo o nosi fela, o

ithaya a re o na le lona. Golo mo lekoko le lengwe ga le na nae, ga le mo diphetogong le fa o le lebeletse jaana, ba mo goreng *business as usual*. Ga ba mo go fetogeng, matshelo a fetoga bone ga ba fetoge. Jaanong ke gone mo reng nnyaa betsho, a re thuseng Tautona lefoko le, re dumalana le ene. Rre Keorapetse a rialo a re, “a re fetogeng, re fetoleng dilo gore di kgone go tsamaelana le ka fa seemo se ntseng ka teng letsatsi leno jaana.” Wa re a ba fetoge, wena wa rialo. Ke a leboga. Ke supa gore ke eme nokeng mogopolo o.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY (MR SEGOKGO): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ema jaana gore ke bu e gore tota le nna ga ke dumalana le paakanyo e dirwang mo molaong o. Mabaka a me ke gore santilha ke dumela gore le yone paakanyo gongwe ga e aka ya kwalega kana ya akanyega sentle. Ke gata fa ba bangwe ba tsamaileng teng.

Ka lebaka ba kganetso ba ntse ba supa gore go na le tsietso mo ditlhophong tsa Botswana. Paakanyo e ba e tsisang, ke bona e le e ba batlang gore go tle go nne le methale e go nnang le tsietso e le mentsi. *Mr Speaker*, fa e le gore re tsamaya le paakanyo e, ya re gongwe le gongwe fa go tsentsweng *identity card*, re bo re kwala re re Identity Document (ID). Go tlhalositswe gore ID ba raya dipampiri di le tharo; *driver's licence, passport* le Omang.

Mr Speaker, sengwe se se tsisang tshireletso mo ditlhophong tsa rona ke gore fa o ikwadisa ka Omang jaaka re bona go diragala, go na le gore batho fa ba re ba ikwadisa labobedi, re bo re kgona go itse gore nnya yo o ikwadisa labobedi. Fa re tsenya paakanyo e ba e dirisang e, go raya gore ikwadiso ya rona e supa dipalo tse Mothusa Tautona a neng a bua ka tsone; *passport number* le *licence number*. Golo mo *Mr Speaker*, ke bona go simolola kamoso go tsala seemo se se ka re tsisetsang gore motho a ikwadise gabedi, kana go sa lemosege motlhoho. Go go bo tsala diemo tse ba buang ka tsone tsa tsietso.

Se sengwe ke gore, ga se kgang ya go ikwadisa fela, ke gore le fa o emela ditlhopho, o itshupa le ka Omang. Go tsewa Omang *number*. Ke ipotsa gore a mme dintlha le ditemana tse di mo Electoral Act tse di buang ka *nomination ya candidates*, le tsone re tlaabo re tla ka *driver's licence* jalo, re itshupa ka tsone gore re *candidates*. *Mr Speaker*, tota ke bona mogopolo e le gore Motswana yo o ka tlhophang, a nna le tshono ya go tlhopha, ditlamorago tsa paakanyo tse di dirwang



tse, di ka re tsenya mo mathateng. Ke bona gore ga ke ka ke ka ema mogopolo o nokeng ka one mabaka a a ntseng jalo. Segolobogolo o nkgakgamaditse ka gore ke bone ba ba buang gore go na le tsietso. Ke ne ke sa gopole gore ba ka akanya ka tsela e e ntseng jalo. Ba tsisa methale e e leng gore kamoso ba tlaabo ba simolola dikgang tse dingwe tsa gore ba *driver's licence* ba fetile ba kwadisiwa ka bokukuntshwane, jaaka ba etle ba re ba bo Omang ba kwadisitswe ka bokukuntshwane *Mr Speaker*. Ga ke eletse gore mafoko a me a nne mantsi ka gore e ne e le one a ke batlang go a bua. Ke bona fela o ka re tsenya mo thaelong e e sang yone *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Segokgo. Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO), you may reply to the debate.

...Silence...

MR KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke leboge bothle ba ba nnileng le seabe mo go fetoleng Molao-kakanyetso o ke o beileng Palamente pele. Ke leboge tshono e o e mphileng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Tota Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, se re lekang go se dira fa, ke go tokafatsa molao wa ditlhopho. Go tokafatsa gore Batswana ba tlhophe ba le bantsi ka dipalo tse di ntsi. Re itse gore gompieno ba Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) ba ne ba na le *target* ya 1.3 million mme ba kgonne fela fa godimonyana ga *million close to 300,000 people did not meet the target*. Maikaelelo ke gore re tle ka methale e mesha e e leng gore fa re lebeletse melao ya mafatshefatshe e re e ikanetseng re le lefatshe, ya SADC, Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) Model Law on Elections, SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections, Commonwealth, African Union (AU) le tse dingwe, e ne e le gore a re tokafatseng. Jaaka Honourable Kedikilwe a bua, "a re tshentsheng." A re tshentsheng o, o raya gore a ko re tlhabologeng. Re na le lebaka le le telele e le gore tota fela ga re tokafatse ka fa re tsamaisang ka teng bogolo jang mo ditlhophong. Dipaakanyo tse di tona tse di tlileng jaaka ke tlhalositsse, ke tse di tlileng ka 1997. Tsone tsa gore ba ba kwa ntle ba tlhophe, 18-year old's ba tlhophe, *Presidential term limit, automatic succession* ya Vice President (VP) to the President le fa ke sa dumalane le yone, le dipaakanyo tse dingwe Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Jaanong wa ntlha go tsibogela mafoko a me e ne e le Honourable Morwaeng. Se a neng a se bua ke gore, All Party Conference e santse e tshwere dikgang tse dingwe. Ke ne ke eletsa gore Honourable Morwaeng o ka bo a le fa. Ke ka bo ke mo tlhalosetsa gore ...

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

MR KEORAPETSE: Ee, ke ne ke re ke eletsa gore o ka bo a le fa. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, All Party Conference bontsi jwa dipaakanyo tse di dirilweng di tswa gone kwa All Party Conference. All Party Conference; I can state this without fear of contradicting myself that it is been over 20 years e ntse e bua ka dipaakanyo tse ke buang ka tsone tse. Jaanong gore Tona a bo a emelela a re, re santse re emetse gore go a ngunagunwa kwa All Party Conference is to be very disingenuous. It is insincerity of the highest order. The reason I say this Mr Speaker, is that Honourable Morwaeng o tlide ka Molao-kakanyetso wa gore go nne le indelible ink kana a mark fa motho a tlhophile, mme All Party Conference e ntse e tsweletse.

Kgang ya *ink*, le fa e ka buisanngwa ke All Party Conference ya gompieno kana e e tlang, se se salang ke gore ba na le dingwaga ba ntse ba e buile. Ke gakologelwa gore ka ditlhopho tsa 2004 prior to those elections, I was attending a party conference kwa Phikwe, ke dumela gore ke Rre Kgospipula, e ne e le Mokwaledimogolo, a bega a tswa kwa All Party Conference. There was a long list of litany of ideas tse di neng di buisanngwa kwa All Party Conference mme e le gore party e e busang e diganne. Dingwe tsa tsone ke tse ke buang ka tsone Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente tsa gore go balewe kwa go tlhophelwang teng le dipaakanyo tse dingwe tse re lekang gore re tle ka tsone. Honourable Morwaeng ga se ene a ka reng re eme pele ka gore go na le dipuisanyo kwa All Party Conference, a ntse a itse fela gore le nako e a neng a le kwa Botswana Democratic Party (BDP), a idiwa go nna candidate ya Bopalamente, unfairly so, go ne go ntse go buiwa ka dipaakanyo tse gore di nne teng. Le fa a ya kwa Botswana National Front (BNF) mid to late 90's, go ne go ntse go buiwa ka dipaakanyo tse. A le kwa BNF go ne go ntse go buiwa ka tsone. Fa a fitlhela re emelela re ya Botswana Congress Party (BCP), a bo a emelela le rona, re ne re ntse re bua ka dipaakanyo tsone. Fa a boela kwa BDP, go ne go ntse go buiwa ka dipaakanyo tse. Fa a ya go tlhama Botswana Movement for Democracy (BMD) le ba bangwe, re bua ka tsone. Fa a boela kwa BDP, o fitlhela go ntse go buiwa ka tsone.



Ga se mo e ka reng letsatsi leno, a bo a re, “nnyaa mme o kare re bua ka dilo tse di sha,” *no*, ga re bue ka dilo tse di sha, di di kgologolo. Bogolo jang ene a kgona go tla ka paakanyo e go santseng go buiwa ka yone kwa *All Party Conference* jaaka fa a ne a bua. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga se gore re itira bo sekono pampiri jaaka *Honourable Morwaeng* a ne a bua. Dikgang tse, ke tse di builweng jaaka ke ne ke bua gore yo o neng a eteletse pele balebeledi ba ditlhopho tsa 2019 mo Botswana, a eteletse lekgotla la SADC, o ne a bua gore, gore *security* sa ditlhopho re se ise kwa godimo, re baleleng kwa matlhophelong.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, *Honourable Morwaeng* o ne a botsa gore a mme ke rona ba re ka tshephiwang? O tsaya fela gore ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ga re ka ke ra tshephiwa, ka fa *Honourable Morwaeng* a neng a bua ka teng. Jaanong ke re, re ka tshephiwa. Batho ba ba ka se keng ba tshephiwe ke ba *primaries* tsa bone gotweng go na le *ghost voters*. Ba e leng gore motho o kgona go ya *primaries* a sena *voters roll*. Ba e leng gore motho o kgona go ya *primaries* e le gore batlhophi ba gagwe ga ba yo mo *voters roll*, a ngongoregile gantsintsi a kwadile makwalo, a sa fetolwe. Go bo go ya go fitlhelwa e le gore ka letsatsi la ditlhopho, batlhophi ba gagwe ba ntse ga ba yo mo *voters roll*. Bao ke bone ba ba ka se keng ba tshephiwa. Ba kgona gore ditlhopho di nne *late* ka *more than 12 hours*. Gotwe go tlaa tlhophiwa ka *six*, go bo go ya go tlhophiwa ka 12 bosigo. Bao ke bone ba Batswana ba tshwanetseng ba se ka ba ba tshepha ka go tsamaisa ditlhopho Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Indelible ink ke itumelela gore e bo e tla, mme kana se se buiwang ke gone gore ga re batle gore *limelight* e ye kwa *Opposition*. It is not about *limelight* Mr Speaker; it is about principle ya gore it is important to allay fears tsa gore batho ba ka tlhophababedi, jaaka bangwe ba bua mo ditlhophong tsa peo-letlhokwa tsa BDP ba re batho ba tlhophile babedi. Jaanong gone go tila gone mo, ke gone gore *ink* e dirisiwe, jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa gore lefatshe la India I think is exporting this *indelible ink* to over 30 countries around the world. Ga re ise re ko re utlwae ope gotwe o tlhokafetse o bolailwe ke *ink*. Ke dumela gore ke mogopolo o ke tlileng go o ema nokeng fa *Honourable Morwaeng* a tla ka one ka gore o ke utlwae gore they have set tone ya gore fa o tla ka *Honourable Tshere*, ga se mogopolo o o siameng. Go and check the Hansard o utlwae gore go ne gotweng fa *Honourable Tshere* a tla ka mogopolo wa gore a ba ba tlhophileng ba makiwe. Jaanong ga ke itse gore gompieno ba a go bua ba reng fa *Honourable Morwaeng* a tla ka mogopolo wa *indelible ink*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Who told you about the limelight?

MR KEORAPETSE: General Merafhe, *may his soul rest in peace*.

Honourable Hikuama, ke lebogela mafoko a a neng a a bua bogolo jang a gakolola *Honourable Reatile* gore fa selo se siame motho a bo a tswa kwa e le sekebekwa kana e le segogelathoko, a bo a se senya, mme re itse gore selo seo se siame, nnyaa ga re ka ke ra fetoga jaanong re bo re re selo seo ga se a siama. Fa *Honourable Reatile* a re he observed ditlhopho e le gore batho ba ne ba thuba *transparent ballot boxes*, gone moo ga re ka ke ra go tsaya e le a *benchmark*. Se re ka se dirang rona ke to make sure gore fa re na le mabokose one a a *transparent*, a babalesegile, le to punish ope yo o ka bong a leka gore o ka kgotlela tsamaiso ya ditlhopho tsa lefatshe la Botswana. Seo ke sone se re ka se dirang, but gore re bo re gana *transparent ballot boxes* re re ka gore kwa Nigeria batho ba kile ba tla, nnyaa ga se gone. Fa go ne go tlhophelwa mo diterankeng, gongwe digogelathoko di ka bo di tsere one mabokose ao tsa sia ka one tsa a pega mo diterakeng.

Ke ne ke rutiwa ke monna yo mongwe wa Lekgoa o ne a bidiwa Kenneth Good; a re go ne go na le motsana mongwe kwa lefatsheng lengwe le a kileng a nna kwa go lone, a re dirukutlhli were more organised than mapodise, mo ba neng ba kgona gore ba go gakolole ba go leletsa gore please get your valuables ready on Saturday morning we will be coming to collect it. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra re re ka tsaya golo moo e le *benchmark* ya gore nnyaa mme ka gore motho o kgona go leletsa kwa mapodiseng a bo a re kana batho ba re ba etla ba tlie go utswa dithoto tsa me, mapodise a teng ba bo ba re nnyaa rona re tsena fa ba di utswile. Jaanong ke re mafatshe a mangwe ka fa a tsamaisang ka teng, ka fa dilo tsa bone di leswafetseng ka teng, ga se tse re ka buang ka tsone. So let us not talk about *transparent ballot boxes* in that manner and say ga di a sireletsegafela ka gore dikebekwa kwa lefatsheng lengwe ba kile ba tla ba di thuba ka dilepe.

MR RAMOGAPI: Elucidation. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker, ke a leboga *Honourable Keorapetse*. Ke ne ke re ke go tlatse ka gore o e tshwere sentle mokaulengwe.

Gape ke go botse gore, a o a itse Motlotlegi Rre Keorapetse gore go na le *transparent boxes* tse e leng gore ke plastics that are reinforced. Ke gore one mofuta wa dilo tse di *transparent* tse, ga di thubege, so ke dilo



tse e leng gore di ka nna teng tse di sa thubegeng. Le fa o ka tsaya sekai sa tse dingwe fela tse di motlhofo tsone tse, le fa ke ne ke re o tseye lebotlele la coca-cola, ga le thubege motlhofo, ke selo fela se se motlhofo. Jaanong fa e le boxes tse di *reinforced rraetsho*, di teng, tse dingwe e bile di a dirisiwa gone mo di tsenya dinama gone mo Botswana mo. Ke a leboga.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke a go leboga Honourable Ramogapi ka tlhaloso eo...

MR MOATLHODI: *Clarification.* Ke a go leboga Morena wa me Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e bile ke leboga le Motlotlegi Moeteledipele wa Kganetso go bo a ntetile gore ke mo tsene ganong.

Kana o ntse o bua fale Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Selebi Phikwe, le ka tlota ya gago o le Moeteledipele wa Kganetso, gore re itseye malebela, re bo re ithute ka bo *Model Laws*; o buile le tse dingwe tse di ntsinyana. Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Jwaneng-Mabutsane o re tlhagisitse thata ka boxes tse di galalelang, jaanong kana ka Setswana gatwe ‘dilo makwati di ngaporololwa mo go ba bangwe,’ fela jaaka o ne o re re ngaporolole kwa go ba bangwe. Jaanong ke eng o gana re ngaporolola tse di re babalalang tse? Motlotlegi Rre Reatile o tlhalositse gore o tsile a sia, o palame le *flying machine* e a neng a sa e buka a tshaba a bone go gailwa boxes tse di galalelang tse. O ne a re tlhagisa a re bonang bogale ke jo jo bo tlang, ngaporololang dilo tse di maswe ke tse le ithute ka tsone. jaanong ke eng o gana, mme kwa o ne o gatelela gore re ithute *bye-laws*; kana wa rialo?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga go na *quorum*.

MR SPEAKER: Ee, motho wa Lesoso o bolaile *quorum*.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Keorapetse, you may continue.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke re go botlhokwa gore re tlhamalatse dikgang tse jalo gore re leka go tokafatsa.

Honourable Kapinga premised his argument on philosophical foundations gore lona go lebega le le conservative thata. Le batho ba ba ganang diphetogo, le bonya le go amogela diphetogo. All Party Conference bogologolo, megopolis fela yotlhhe e le ka tswang le ne la e implement kwa morago, le fa le re le careful, bo

careful jo bo re seisitse dilo di le di ntsi thata tse e leng gore fa le tla kwa go tsone, le tla kwa go tsone e le gore o ipotsa gore tota fela gatwe le ne le ntse le diilwe ke eng. Ke gore o ka mpolelala gore Mr Speaker, fa batho ba gana state funding of political parties, at the time when the economy was one of the fastest growing mo lefatsheng, ba bo ba tla go e dumela at the time e e leng gore gone jaana Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is estimated at zero per cent, diamond sales plummeted 49.2 per cent, with this kind of economic hardships tsa bo unemployment, underemployment, poverty, o ipotsa gore a mme tota ga go na contradiction gone fa. Jaanong ke sone se ke reng le gana diphetogo, le bonya le go amogela tse e leng gore di ka re isa kwa pele re le lefatshe. Ga le progressive, le gana ditlhabololo tsa tsamaiso, you suffer from what Honourable Kapinga has termed paradigm paralysis. Ke gore fa gotwe paradigm shift, lona you are paralysed. Paradigm paralysis ka fa a buang ka teng. Ke gore le fa le ntse le re Mindset Change, jaaka Honourable Kedikilwe, ga ke itse gore le raya go fetoga mang lona le sa fetoge.

Kgang e e neng e buiwa ya gore nnyaa mme o kare ga re itlhahoganye, re tla ka dikgang tse di sa tshwaneng mme o ka re di a tshwana, ke tsaya gore o e tlhalositse sentle Honourable Kapinga.

Ke leboga Honourable Ramogapi jaaka o gakolotse ka Tshiamo Ballot Box, ka fa go diragetseng ka teng, gore golo moo go ne go supa gore re ka nna le makgwere mo ditlhophong tsa rona.

You were right fa o bua; kana kwa All Party Conference ga e ise e ko e tsewe serious ka tlhoafalo ke phathi e e busang, a o bua ka nako efe kana efe. Ke sone se o bonang e le gore megopolis ka bontsi ga e a ka ya tsewa ka tlhoafalo.

Jaanong Your Honour the Vice President (VP), kana o ne o bua gore mafelo a mangwe fa o bona le nnile bonya le mogopolis o le reng le dumalana le one mme ga se nako; wa gore go balelwae mo matlhophelong, you are advancing the argument, and ga se wena fela, gore kwa mafelang a mangwe gatwe ga go na motlakase, ke mafelo a e leng gore mme ga a tlhabologela gore go ka balelwae kwa go one.

Ke re nnyaa, kgang e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, as I said, we observed ditlhopho mo mafatsheng. Kwa gongwe where we observed ditlhopho teng it is actually much more rural than mo Botswana. Kwa Lesotho ka 2017 ga re le kwa ke na le Honourable



Majaga le Honourable Moswaane, le ba bangwe, re na le Mapalamente ba SADC under those... (inaudible)... ya SADC PF, kgakololo ya ntlha fela ga re tsena e ne e le gore, matlhophelo a mangwe a le tlaa yang to observe kwa go one, are only accessible by foot or on horseback fela, gore o fitlhe teng ke fa o tsamaya ka dinao kana pitse fela. Mme gone kwa matlhophelong ao, a mangwe e ne e le ditante...ke gakologelwa fa go balwa ditalama Mr Speaker; kwa ke neng ke le teng mo polling station eo, go ne go sena motlakase, but go ne go laitilwe ka solar lights fela sentle, go bonegilwe fela sentle. E bile ba na le backups tsa gore ga go ka ba ga re kgwara!... ke gore if there is one thing...you can fault lefatshe la Lesotho ka fa o ka batlang ka teng, but if there is one thing se nna ke se lemogileng ka bone ke gore, ga go nke go nna le ipelaetso ya tsietso mo ditlhophong ka fa ba beileng safe guards ka teng. E bile ke sone se o bonang Puso e fetoga motlhofo kwa Lesotho.

In the last elections ke dumela gore ke tsa 2017, o a bona gore The All Basotho Convention (ABC) e ne e fentse ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, but the new party e e ileng ditlhophong e le just about six months, re a itse gore ke yone Goromente gompieno in a coalition. So gone koo jaaka ke ne ke bua, go a itshupiwa ka passport, driver's licence le ka Identity Card, mme e bile go itshupiwa le ka birth certificate. Mo godimo ga moo, matlhophelo mangwe le mangwe a na le Morena. Morena yo ke yo e leng gore le fa o tsena Mr Speaker, fa e le gore polling station ya gago ke kwa Mapoka, ga ke itse gore sekole sa teng se bidiwa mang. Ga o tsena kwa Mapoka o tlhophoa, e le gore gongwe o tlide o tabogile kana o ne o tla o tswa kwa danga, o bo o tlhamalela kwa polling station, e bo e re fa o tsena kwa gotwe tlisa sesupo, o bo o re, thaaka! mme ke di lebetse, go bo gotwe, nnyaa mme kana jaanong ga o ka ba wa re o boela gone kwa re tlaabo re sala re tswala. Go na le Kgosi gone foo yo o reng, yo ke Phandu Tombola Chaha Skelemani, o tsalwa mo Kgatleng ya gore, mo Mapoka. Ke a rurifatsa gore ke ene, le ene a re ke ene. Go tsamaisiwa ka thulaganyo eo. E bo e le gore go a thodumelwa mo voters roll, a mme o ne o ikwadisitse, nnyaa mme o ne a ikwadisitse ke yo o teng mo voters roll, ka sesupo sa Kgosi, ka gore Magosi a a tlhomphega. E bile go itsiwe gore ke bone batho ba e leng gore they are not politically aligned. In those rare circumstances, e o lebetseng disupiwa, Kgosi o a go supela. Ke gore I am demonstrating the extent to which other countries can go to ensure that the right of franchise is exercised or extended to the citizens, that is the extent to which some countries go.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, I was taken aback by Honourable Segokgo, yo e leng gore ke motho wa Information Technology (IT). Passport, driver's licence, tse e leng gore ke tsa Botswana, passport e e na le passport number, e bile e na le Identity Document (ID) number. Driver's licence e, e na le licence number, ke ya me ke le nosi, ga ke a e kopanelo le ope, e bo e nna le ID number. So disupiwa tse ga re di tsenya in addition to Omang, re tlaabo re dira gore jaanong Batswana ba nne le tshiamelo ya gore ga ba ya kwa ditlhophong ga ba kgoreletsege gotwe Omang wa gago has expired. Jaanong se ke sa se tlhaloganyeng ke gore, wa re tsietso e ka tswa kae kwa e leng gore ga di supiwa di le dintsi ga go nne le tsietso teng? E bile ka gore wena o motho wa IT, e bile go na le dinomore tse, IEC can have ID number e e leng gore it is in all these documents, it can have in addition, licence number and passport number; e ke sa e kopanelang le ope. Licence number e ke sa e kopanelang le ope. Ga ba na le those numbers... ga ke itse gore IT ya gago o e dirile lebaka le le kae ago Honourable Segokgo, with the greatest of respect. Ga ke itse gore a wa re motho o ka kgona gore o ka ikwadisa gabedi, tota wa re tsietso e ka tswa fa kae? Mme legale ga ke makale, some of your colleagues this side, they are actually blaming you for database ya BDP e tlhakatlhakaneng. Ga ke itse gore a ba bolelela ruri, kana ba a go golega, mme ba go supa ka monwana ga ba seba rraetsho. Maybe that is why o akanya gore ditlhopho di ka tlhakatlhakana fa go dirisiwa disupiwa tse dingwe.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY (MR SEGOKGO): Ke kopa clarification. Nnyaa rraetsho, kana se ke ntseng ke se bua ke gore ke lona ba le buang ka tsietso, mme re dirisa ene Omang fela a le nosi. Jaanong if you introduce three different numbers, you are increasing exactly se le batlang gore le bue gore go na le tsietso mo teng, that is my point.

MR KEORAPETSE: How is the question? As an IT expert, o na le experience mo IT, I am asking you how? I have asked my young brother who has graduated in IT, he said no, that is very easy, ga gona le fa e le ope yo o ka tsietsang mo thulaganyong e e ntseng jalo fa e le gore ba IEC ba na le dinomore tsotlhe tse ke neng ke di bua tse. Ga ke itse gore wa re tsietso ya teng e ka tswa fa kae. That is why I am asking you the how part. You had ample time, you did not even utilise it because you had nothing to say but to try and inculcate confusion mo Batswaneng and doubt ya gore disupiwa tse di additional di ka dira gore go nne le tsietso, the answer is no.



Honourable Mokgethi; yes, Omang is the principal identification document, but se re se kopang fa ke gore, a molao wa ditlhopho o fetolwe gore go nne le additional documents, which is driver's licence and passport. Go tila eng gore Batswana ba se ka ba tlhophpha gotwe Omang o latlhiegile kana has expired. Ke ne ke le kwa Distance kwa maloba motho a nthaya a re, "kana ga ke a kgona go ikwadisa because Omang wa me o ne a lathhega ke le kwa phaneng." Ka mmotsa gore a o na le passport? A re "yes." Ka mmotsa gore, a o na le driver's licence? A re, "yes" ke na le yone. Ke bo ke mo raya ke re, mogopolo wa UDC ke gore ga nne e le yone e e busang o ka bo o letleletswe gore o ikwadisetse ditlhopho. Jaanong raya ba lelwapa la gago ba ba kgonneng go ikwadisa gore ba ye go tlhophpha Umbrella for Democratic Change ka gore, yone e ya go tokafatsa seemo se, se gompieno o beilweng ka fa mosing, ga o ye go tlhophpha, mme Botswana jwa gago did not expire, o na le driver's licence le passport tse di valid. Ga ke itse gore tota gatwe matsapa di a tsaya kae mo kgannyeng e ya gore go ka dirisiwa additional identification documents.

Ke dumalana le Honourable Kedikilwe...Honourable Molale, nnyaa ga se ene a tlhophang, go tlhophpha batho ba Selebi Phikwe.

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

MR KEORAPETSE: Ee, o ka ba bolelala, but ba itseela tshwetso. Ba ne ba ntse ba bolelala ke ba ba fetileng. Honourable Kedikilwe, kana o bolelala ruri motho wa GaMmangwato gore, fa e le gore gatwe passport ya lefatshe la Botswana jaaka go ntse gotwe security features, kana passport e, Your Honour the Vice President, you were still in this Parliament, passport e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, o tlaa gakologelwa gore there was a time, Honourable Pule can elucidate, there was a time that a decision was taken to enhance security features tsa passport ya lefatshe la Botswana. Passport e is one of the best in the world, e ya lefatshe la Botswana. Le fa o ya kwa mafatsheng a mangwe, ke gore ga o ka ke wa bona ba e gadimakaka gantsintsi e kete ba a go belaela...yone e.

Jaanong ka o batla go gana mogopolo wa kganetsso ke gore, you are contradicting yourself, o leka to downplay the security features tsa passport ya lefatshe la Botswana, e kete o tlaa romela message kwa go ba bangwe gore go na le mathata ka passport ya lefatshe la Botswana.

Ga se boammaaruri Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, e na le enhanced security features.

Fa o utlwa ke le raya ke re le se ka la dira dilo tse dingwe le na le poifo ya gore gatwe motho can fake passport le driver's licence, se se le rayang se re motho cannot fake le ene Omang, ke eng? Gakere motho o tshwerwe kwa o ne a bidiwa 'Goromente,' go sena document epe ya Puso e a ka se keng a e direle motho. Gakere le a mo itse motho yo o neng a bidiwa 'Goromente,' o kae Honourable Mmusi? O ne a tshwarwa kana ke kwa Mogoditshane, a butse ofisi, fa o batla setlankana sa ga Goromente, permit ya ga Goromente, passport, Omang, driver's licence, 'Goromente' o ne a direla batho these documents ka bokunkunshwane. Mme mapodise a lefatshe la Botswana ka molemo wa teng, ba felela ba mo tshwere. Re bua jaana e le gore 'Goromente' o ne a tshwarwa Mr Speaker. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra idiya go dira dilo ka ntata ya batho ba ba tshwanang le 'Goromente' re re nnyaa, ga re ka ke ra re Batswana ba tlhophe ka passport le driver's licence fela ka gore batho ba ba tshwanang le bo ene yo o neng a bidiwa 'Goromente' will fake, no we cannot operate like that.

Mr Speaker; kwa bokhutlong ke gone gore a disupiwa tse di dirisiwe, a ink e nne teng, go makiwe botlhe ba ba tlhophileng gore ba se ka ba ipoletska kana ga nna le pelaelo ya gore ba ka ipoletska go tlhophpha gape.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, a ditalama di balelwae kwa matlhophelong, tsotlhe le tsa ba ba kwa mafatsheng a sele, fela fa ba se na go nna ba tlhophpha a go balwe, go na le balebeledi ba diphathi. Early voting; a di balwe, fa di sa balwe, a di katiwe jaaka re bone kwa mafatsheng a sele ba dira.

A go nne le gone gore ba ba latlhegetsweng ke dikarata tsa dithlopho, ba le teng mo voters' roll, ba tshotse disupiwa, ka ba ikwadiseditse ditlhopho, a ba letlelelwae gore ba tlhophe. A re diriseng transparent ballot boxes, re tswe mo segologolong sa go gana diphetogo.

Fa ke buile jalo Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, I therefore move that the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 7 of 2024) be read a second time. I thank you.

Question put and negated.

BILL

CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (NO. 2 OF 2024)

Second Reading

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki Mr Speaker. Re dumedise batlotlegi, re dumedise lefatshe ka bophara. Re ba dumedise kwa Maun East.



Mr Speaker, ke eme fano go baya pele Molao-kakanyetso wa Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 2 of 2024).

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR KEORAPETSE): *On a point of procedure.* Ke ne ke re *immigration*, ga se yone e e amang Honourable Mokgethi yo ke bonang a tsaya *bag* a bo a tswa a tsamaya?

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

MR KEORAPETSE: Ke eng a tsamaya ka *bag*? Ga re senke gore re bo re tloga re re...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO), at least the Bill was called when she was in the House, if she does not care, that cannot be by problem.

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY (MR MOAGI): *On a point of procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker.* O laetse batsadi, o rile o tsaya se sa gagwe gore a tle a kgone gore a fetole sentle. *Bag* ga a ka ke a e tlogela, ke motho wa mme.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Motho wa Modimo e tlide gore a tswa kwa a bo a fapaana le se se buiwang. Mme re tswelele.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR PULE): *On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker,* ga ke itse, gongwe o tlaa nkgakolola. Ke bona Honourable Kekgonegile o kare bo morwarraagwe ga bayo, jaanong ga ke itse gore o tlaa engwa nokeng ke bomang *when presenting Bill*. O nosi fela jaaka Honourable Keorapetse go ne go se na ope yo o mo emeng nokeng. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Eo ga e ka ke ya nna kgang ya me.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Mo ke *to mark present* fela gore batho kwa kgaolong ba utlwe gore o teng mo Palamenteng, le fa o senya nako ya Palamente fela. Kana fa gongwe batho ga ba kgone go lemoga gore go romela batho ba bangwe kwa Palamenteng, ke go itirela mathata fela.

Mr Speaker, ka Friday 6th December 2019, ke ne ka ema fa pele ga Palamente e go baya pele kopo ya Motion to the amendment of the Citizenship Act. Ke kopa gore a molao wa rona wa citizenship, o baakanngwe gore o se ka wa dira gore batho ba tlhoke boagedi. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) e bua thata ka gore motho o tshwanelwa

ke gore a nne le boagedi mme e bile rona re le leloko, re le *signatory* kana re sanne thata *protocols* tsone tsa UNESCO, re ne re tshwanelwa ke gore re se ka ra ipona re le lefatshe le le dirang batho gore ba tlhoke boagedi. Golo foo re ne re bua thata ka kgang ya *default position, dual citizenship* gore molao wa rona wa *citizenship*, fa re bua ka *Section 15.1*, e bua ka gore fa o tsholetswe mo Botswana, o tshotswe le motswakwa, fa o tsena mo dingwageng tse di 21, o bo o sa itatole botswakwa joo jwa gago, go raya gore o latlhegelwa ke Botswana jwa gago. Gone moo fela ka bo gone, go ne go raya gore bana ba a godisiwa mo lefatsheng le, re ba kala re ba fa bo tsabana, ba ya *primary* ba rutiwa e le Batswana, ba nna 16 years ba tsaya Omang le *passport*, fa a nna 21 years fela re a mo itatola re le lefatshe ra re tlisa Omang le *passport* tsa rona. Fa a le kwa sekoleng, ka bontsi jwa bone ba a bo ba le kwa *tertiary* kwa bo Mmadikole, ra re tswa mo *class*, ga re go itse, ga o Motswana. Ke moka a diilang fela, fa a bereka motho wa Modimo o tswa mo tirong ka o tseelwa Omang wa gagwe. Jaanong gone moo fela re re, ga go a siama, kana dikgang tse ke tsa 2019, ga go a siama, motho ga a tshwanelwa gore a dirwe jalo. Palamente e *Mr Speaker*, e ne ya dumalana le mogopolo oo gore ke boammaaruri, ga go a siama. Tona Mokgethi jaaka a tlaabo a tla fa jaana, kana re bua ka dilo tsa 2019, o ne a araba a re, *if I may quote Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Please do.

MR KEKGONEGILE: A re, “*Mr Speaker, in conclusion, my Ministry is finalising Cabinet Memorandum for presentation to Cabinet as part of this review process. I thank you Mr Speaker.*” That was in 2019. Gompieno re mo go 2024, it is five years later, ga go na sepe se se tiling fa pele ga Palamente. Re a ipotsa gore a *Cabinet* e ga e ise e tswe, phuthego e ya *Cabinet* ga e ise e tsene? Mme kana re itse *Cabinet* e tsena beke le beke.

*Cabinet meetings tse di tseneng go tswa December a le di 6 go fitlhelela gompieno go le di 8 tsa ga August, di dintsi fela thata, but ga go na sepe se se dirilweng mme tshokolo ya batho e tsweletse e diragala. Re gakologelwa thata *Mr Speaker, Honourable Kapinga a mmotsa gore mme ka gore o dumalana le Tshutiso e, a ga o bone go ka siama wa declare moratorium on the requirement ya gore motho a renounce?* A re ga go tlhokafale ka gore ngwaga o o tlang fela July, re tlaabo re le gone fa, a bua ka ngwaga wa 2020, re tlaabo re feditse kgang eo. O fetile ngwaga wa 2020, re fa gompieno, ke ka moo *Mr Speaker* ke tlisa Bill e fa pele ga Palamente gore batho*



ba a sokola. Ga re ka ke ra tswelela re le Palamente re leta gore setshaba se sokole jaaka se sokola jaana. Ba re tswang kwa dikgaolong tse di leng mo melewaneng go sa kgathalasege gore a ke kwa borwa, bokone kana *in the western side* kwa bo Kgalagadi, re na le masika a mantsi thata. Le fa o sa tswe fela mo molewaneng, *still* o na le masika a mantsi thata, o na le batlhophi ba bantsi thata ba e leng gore jaaka re bua gompieno jaana, *they are stateless*. Rona kwa re tshelelang teng kwa bo Etsha, Shakawe, Maun le Nyaminikwate, ke bothata. Letsatsi le letsatsi mo Palamenteng go buiwa gore ga se bothata bo a fedisiwa.

Bill e *Mr Speaker*, e na le *sections* di ka nna nne, *Section* ya Bobedi e bua gore re *amend Section 15 of the Citizenship Act*, CAB 01:01, gore *the default position which is 2.1*, e nne gore fa motho a nna 21 years a sa re ga ke motswakwa ke Motswana, a latlhelwe ke botswakwa jwa gagwe, a tswelele ka Botswana jwa gagwe. *Unless they have renounced* Botswana jwa gagwe a re jaanong ke motswakwa. Fa a sa dira jalo, ga a tshwanelo gore jaanong re bo re re mo tseela Botswana jwa gagwe *because bontsi jwa batho ba*, ke ba e leng gore le gone kwa mafatsheng a gotweng bangwe ba batsadi ba bone ba tswa teng, ga ba ise ba ko ba ye teng. Ba bangwe ga ba ise ba ko ba tlole molelwane. Ba bangwe le lefatshe leo ga ba le itse. Ba bangwe le mo gotweng ke lesika kana *extended family* ya gagwe ya lefatshe leo, ga a e itse. Fa o mo tseela Botswana jwa gagwe wa re a ye kae, ka gore lefatshe le a le itseng le lengwefela fela ke lone le? Ke sone se Molao-kakanyetso o o tlangu re 2019 ga se fano, a re baakanyeng.

2.2 *Mr Speaker*, ya re *dual citizenship* gore a motho yoo a letlelelwe gore o ka tswelela *beyond 18 years* a tshwere boagedi jwa mafatshe otlhe ka bobedi, fa e le gore ke motho yo o godileng a tshwere boagedi jwa mafatshe a mabedi. Tota bothata jwa rona ke eng fa motho a na le boagedi jwa mafatshe a mabedi? A golo moo ga se *added advantage to us* gore motho yoo o ka tla ka meamuso e tswa go sele a e tlisa mo lefatsheng le? A re letleleleng *dual citizenship* e tswelele e nne teng.

Mr Speaker, Bill e fa re tsena mo *Section 3*, maikaelelo a yone ke gore *the principles* tsa United Nations, 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, *and as expressed in the African Commission on Human and People's Rights Resolution on the Right to Nationality* ya SADC Citizenship Rights, *in African Network on Statelessness*, re itebaganye le kgang e. Ga re a tshwanelo gore re le lefatshe re nne lefatshe le e leng

gore re bua se mme re dira se. Ga ke dumele *Mr Speaker*, gore mo go rona rotlhe e le Mapalamente re le fa, go na le mongwe yo o akanyang fela gore go siame gore ngwana a ntshiwe mo *classroom*. Go na le mongwe yo o akanyang fela gore go siame gore Botswana e ka nna a *signatory of international protocols* tse di sireletsang boagedi jwa motho, mme e bo e sa diragatse jalo. Gone mme ke eng re dira jalo? Ke potso e re tshwanelwang ke gore fa o ema ka dinao o le Mopalamente o bo o e ipotsa, o bo o e araba, o bo o sololetsatsi setshaba gore wena o bona go siame kana o bona go sa siama gore motho a tlhone *nationality*.

Mr Speaker, Article 7 e bua gore fa e le gore go na le molao mongwe o o buang ka *renunciation*, a o se ka wa dira gore motho a *lose nationality* ya gagwe. A o dire ka tsela e e leng gore o thusa motho gore a nne le boagedi, a nne Motswana jaaka ene batsadi ba gagwe mo go goleng ga gagwe a itlhophetse go nna Motswana.

Mma ke se ka ka e tsaya ka bolele *Mr Speaker* ka gore ke kgang fela e e tlhamaletseng. E bile gape Bill e e tla morago ga gore *high court*, go nne le *judgement* ya *case* ya ga Sithabile P. Mathe and Others versus Attorney General, fa *high court* e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya gore batho bao ba bua boammaaruri ditshwanelo tsa bone di a tsuololwa. E bile gone moo fela go raya gore *Section 15 of the Citizenship Act* e gataka Molaomotheo wa lefatshe le e bile e gataka *Section 13, 14, and 15* tsa Molaomotheo o. Bill e maikaelelo a yone ke *to align* Citizenship Act le *high court judgement* e setseng e dule. Akanya fela gore *judgment* e sale e dule leng, mme gompieno *ministry* ga o ise o eme ka dinao fela o reye setshaba o re jaanong se re ntseng re se dira e le tsamaiso, ga e sa tlhole e le sone, tsamaiso ke jaaka *high court* e bua. Fa e le gore bothata jwa go sa dira jalo e ntse e le gore molao o ntse o sa baakanngwa, *then this is an opportunity*. Ke sone sebaka se gore re baakanye molao re o tsamaise, re o lebaganye le *judgement* ya *high court*.

Fa o tshelela kwa go bo *Honourable Mavange*, *Honourable Billy*, *Honourable Brooks* le *Honourable Mokgethi*, fa o le Mopalamente fela yo o effective mo kgaolong, dikgang tse di tsena mo ofising ya gago ya Bopalamente letsatsi le letsatsi. Ga se mo re ka sololetsatsi gore e kare *Honourable Mmusi* a ema ka dinao a re, a re ganeng le wena o bo o gana fela ka gore Domkrag ya re a re ganeng, mme o ntse o itse gore fa o tswa fa, o tsena kwa ofising ya Palamente ya gago ya *constituency*, beke ga e ka ke ya fela motho a ise a tle to say, *this is what I am experiencing*, botshelo jwa me bo eme.



I therefore Mr Speaker move gore bakaulengwe ba ka nkema nokeng mo Bill ra tswelela, ya feta mo the Second Reading after the debate. I so move Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kekgonegile. We have to wait for the quorum.

...Silence...

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS

(MS MOKGETHI): Let me thank you Honourable Speaker. Ke ntse ke reeditse Honourable Kekgonegile presenting his Bill on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (No. 2 of 2024.) Ke ema jaana Mr Speaker ke supa gore ke reeditse mabaka mangwe a gagwe a e leng gore o ntse a a bua. O ne a bua ka tshotlego ya batho ba ba tshotsweng ka *dual citizenship*. Ke batla go supa gore ke nna ke itseng thata ka gone. Ke nna mong wa lephata le le lebaganeng le dikgang tseo tsa *citizenship*. I am not deaf and blind to those issues.

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

MS MOKGETHI: Ke ntse ke mo reeditse a bua gore ba bangwe ga ba itse lefatshe lepe, *they only know Botswana jwa bone, ga ba itse gore lefatshe la Zimbabwe le kae, lefatshe la Zambia, Malawi or wherever, ga ba ise ba gate kwa mafatsheng ao.* Ke boammaaruri. Bontsi jwa bothata jo re ntseng re lebagane le jone mabapi le batho ba ba latlhegelwang ke boagedi jwa bone ke bothokakitsso because a whole number of them e ne e se gore they so much want dual citizenship. Ba ne ba sa itse gore ba na le option ya to denounce the other citizenship. However, that is not why we are here. We acknowledge and recognise the concept of dual citizenship ka fa e tlhalositsweng ka teng in the Court of Appeal judgement e e leng gore it has been cited by Honourable Kekgonegile ya MA8GB00321 of 20, e e leng gore mo yone...

MR KEKGONEGILE: Point of correction. Ga se Court of Appeal, ke High Court. I just want you to get your facts right. Ke buile fa o seyo gone fa ka re go tlide go diragala mathata.

MS MOKGETHI: Mr Speaker, there was such a Court of Appeal case, ee, e ke ya High Court e, I accept the correction. There was a subsequent Court of Appeal judgement which was withdrawn. We did not oppose subsequent Court of Appeal judgement. Re le lephata ga re a nna kgatlhanong le yone. Ga re a ganana le yone re le lephata le ba re neng re eme le bone, ba ba neng ba re emetse kwa court ba Attorney General's Chambers.

That meant that the High Court decision still stood, yone e e nopotsweng ke Honourable Kekgonegile. It remains standing.

Ke eme jaana go bua gore ke kgatlhanong le Bill e e tlisitsweng ke Honourable Kekgonegile. Ke tlaa bua ke bala se ke se kwadileng fa gore mabaka ame ke eng ke bala ka Sekgoa.

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead Honourable Minister.

MS MOKGETHI: I have considered the Bill and found it very narrow as it only seeks to amend Section 15 of the Citizenship Act. It falls short of effectively addressing issues of dual citizenship holistically. The consultative engagement that we held with key stakeholders has revealed that the amendment of the Citizenship Act to introduce dual citizenship will necessitate consequential amendments to 36 pieces of legislation, including the Constitution, particularly Section 9 (2) of the National Registration Act which restrict the valid of National Identity cards in respect of dual citizenship up to the age of 21. That exercise has since been completed hence consequential efforts adopted. These are pertinent to the seamless implementation of the Act. Further, the proposed Bill does not address any safeguards to adequately encompass the envisaged consequential amendments concerning citizenship. Government is at an advanced stage of amending the Citizenship Act. In fact, the draft Bills are in place. They have been finalised and I am ready to present them before this Parliament. I am ready to hand them to the Clerk on the day when I appear on the Order Paper Mr Speaker. Now these are...

MR KEORAPETSE: Procedure. I am not sure if a neetswe e e siameng. O kare tshwanetse o fiwe nako e e okeditsweng which is 20 minutes, because she is a Minister responding gore re kgone go nna le exchange tsa gore a clarify dilo dingwe. I do not if that is permissible. I do not know if also...

MR SPEAKER: You are right. I observed if the Minister was going to do it automatically. Thank you very much. Honourable Minister, just continue, I will tell you when you are left with 10 minutes.

MS MOKGETHI: Parent Act provides for acquisition of citizenship of Botswana by birth, decent, adoption, registration and naturalisation. However, the proposed Private Member's Bill makes provision for automatic acquisition of Botswana citizenship by marriage. This is inconsistent with Act and deviates from the judgement.



The spirit of the judgement which was cited by Honourable Kekgongeile is to protect children who are born with dual citizenship such that they should not lose their Botswana citizenship or become stateless. In the same manner, Batswana married to other nationals will be protected from losing their Botswana citizenship.

Mr Speaker, accommodating the thinking of Honourable Kekgongeile poses a danger to the sovereignty of Botswana as it could promote marriage of convenience. Further this would have adverse repercussions since it does not consider whether the country of origin of that person allows dual citizenship or the desires of the affected person. The Bill outlines principles of the United Nations Convention of 1961, the African Commission on Human Rights and Peoples Resolution on the right of nationalities, SADC Citizenship Rights in Africa Network on statelessness recommendations and the 1961 Convention which establishes safeguards against statelessness.

However, the Bill fails to make provision on how these principles will be realised which clearly demonstrates the narrowness of this Bill. I want to remind this Honourable House that international conventions provide limited guidance on dual citizenship, therefore legislative safeguards are considered key to address any concerns. Mr Speaker, the Citizenship Act already provides safeguards against statelessness as it allows in Section 6 citizenship by settlement, Section 7; citizenship by adoption in respect of children below three years. Section 8 citizenship by adoption in respect of children...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Correction Honourable Kekgongeile.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of correction. Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore the Honourable Minister o tshwere yone sentle tota the Bill I presented because le nna ke leka go e bala gape ke re gongwe ga ke a e kwala sentle. Ga ke bone fa ke kwadileng teng gore fa motho a nyalwa a bo a tsaya citizenship ya Botswana, kana a nyala a bo a tsaya citizenship ya Botswana. Ga gona fa ke kwadileng teng jalo, Honourable Minister o kare o araba se sele. The point of correction o a e utlwa?*

Then secondly, as a matter of clarification fa e le gore o tlaa ntetla honourable, you are concentrating on the dual citizenship, ga o bue sepe ka the default position. Tanki.

MS MOKGETHI: *Ke tlaa tla ke e bala.*

In conclusion, Article 1 on the convention on certain questions relating to the conflict of nationality laws and I quote “it is for each state to determine under its own law who are its nationals. This law shall be recognised by other states in so far as is consistent with international conventions, international custom and the principles of law, generally recognised with regard to nationality.” This means that it is generally considered to be part of states sovereign power to determine under its law who its nationals are.

This has therefore resulted in different countries passing variance or veering legislation about the issue of dual citizenship. Now if I can go to Honourable Kekgongeile’s Bill, Section 15(2) Section 15(3) and (4) where it says “a citizen who has acquired citizenship of another country, as a consequence of marriage shall remain a citizen of Botswana, irrespective of place of residence unless such person has renounced Botswana citizenship. Where the law of the country of a citizen spouse requires that foreign spouse of its citizen should be registered as a citizen of that country or the law of that country, automatically confers citizenship on the foreign spouse of its citizen.

The citizen of Botswana shall not cease to be a citizen of Botswana and (a) if he or she does not by a voluntary and informal act, acquire the citizenship of his or her spouse’s country. Notwithstanding the requirement of registration or if after contract of marriage he or she continues to live in Botswana.

So I am saying Mr Speaker, what Honourable Kekgongeile is proposing *ke gore* as soon as you get married to a foreign spouse, *go raya gore* Botswana citizenship is automatically conferred, which is contrary to our current law on acquisition of citizenship when you are married to a foreign spouse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Correction Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Correction Honourable Kekgongeile.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Point of correction. Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore gongwe Tona o badile a itlhaganetse kana jang. Se ke se buang foo Tona ke gore fa o godile o tsholetswe mo Botswana o le moagedi wa Botswana o bo o nyalwa kwa ntle ga lefatshe, a re re America. Fa e le gore America ya re mo melaong ya bone fa o nyetswe ke moAmerica o kgona go nna moAmerica, tswelela o nne moAmerica mme o se ka*



wa latlhegela ke Botswana jwa gago. Ke sone se ke se buang se, e seng gore fa o nyetse mo America e tle e nne Motswana, nnyaa ga ke rialo. Tanki Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I hope *le mmogo jaanong* because I was getting puzzled *le nna* from the Minister's reading *gore* I do not understand where the Bill suggests *gore motho yo o nyalwang ke Motswana, o bona boagedi jwa lefatshe le batho ba tshelang teng*. Honourable Minister.

MS MOKGETHI: Section 15 4(a), if he or she does not by voluntary and formal Act acquire the citizenship of his or her spouse's country, notwithstanding the requirement of registration or (b) it after contracting the marriage, he or she continues to live in Botswana. That is what it says. If you read the memorandum...

MR SPEAKER: *Minister, o a ntatlha jaanong le nna. Those are little things which come gotwe fa go ka nna jaana, fa go ka nna jaana...*

MS MOKGETHI: Mr Speaker, if we can go to the...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, read that to the ... (Inaudible)... If you flow from the ... (Inaudible)... I get closely to how that transect is saying *motho jaanong o bona boagedi jwa* Botswana. Counsel, you can help also with the Bill. I am not saying you should say anything, but I am alerting the Minister to my confusion.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: The time is frozen Minister, do not worry of the time.

...Silence...

MS MOKGETHI: If you can read the memorandum Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I thought Minister, you were referring us to the Clause, so if we jump from Clause to memorandum...

MS MOKGETHI: If you can read the memorandum where it says 2.2, "dual citizenship to citizenship of Botswana continue beyond the age of 18 years, one having acquired citizenship Botswana through birth, marriage or any voluntary or informal Act." That is what it says.

MR SPEAKER: That may be true, but that is not part of the Act. If those parts become our law if this Bill is passing the law, it cannot as a matter of law. You can

consult Counsel on it, the limited issue being whether this Bill *fa ke le utlwa sentle* Honourable Minister *le* Honourable Kekgonegile, that this Bill says *fa motho a nyalwa ke Motswana, motho yoo o bona boagedi jwa* Botswana. I think that is what the dispute is about. Honourable Kekgonegile says no! No! No! He says nothing like that.

The Minister's interpretation is that if you read the memorandum, it talks about acquiring citizenship by this, by this, including marriage. Counsel, are you able to, it is alright?

LEARNED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL (MR TLHOWE): ... (Inaudible)...

MR SPEAKER: If you are not ready ...

MR TLHOWE: I will settle it. *Tanki Mr Speaker.* Mr Speaker, it is my understanding when reading the law that when we focus on amending a section of an Act, we look at the Bill, the Clauses of the Bill and not necessarily the memorandum. The memorandum serves more as a summary of what the Bill is trying to achieve. But the wording of the Bill, in this scenario, the Clauses of the Bill, is the main focus in what is trying to reach the Act. That is my suggestion Mr Speaker.

MR MOATLHODI: *Procedure Mr Speaker.* Ke a go leboga Morena wa me Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke ne ke kopa gore o nthuse lekgoa la me, ke re ka tlollo le tlhompho, go lebega mmaarona Motlotlegi Mmaetsho Tona, o kare dipampiri tsa gagwe ga a di lebaleba sentle, gongwe ka lebaka la gore ke kgang ya molao jaaka o itse, e bile o le rramelao Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

Ke kopa gore go tsamaisiwa ga gago mo setilong seo sa gago sa tlota, go a lettelesega gore fa go nna jaana, o ka re rebola gore ntla e gongwe o e beeble lengwe letsatsi, go na le gore re bo o kare re tlaa latlhegela ke mmila wa letsatsi leno. Ke ikobile thata Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, le mo go ene gape Motlotlegi Mmaetsho Tona, ke mo ikobetse thata, gammogo le bakaulengwe ba me Batlotlegi Mapalamente, gore re tle re tswelele ka tiro ya letsatsi la gompieno. Ke a leboga Morena wa me.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Deputy Speaker. Honourable Moatlhodi, *ke a go utlwa, e bile ke a go tlhaloganya.* There will be time to freeze time but the actual time is not for the moves. So, I was trying to see whether the Minister can pinpoint the Clause which she



reads as suggesting conferring citizenship *ya* Botswana for somebody married to a Motswana, if I thought is that difficult.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): *Procedure. Mr Speaker, ke tsaya gore fa re le mo Ntlong e re le Matona a Puso, re kgona go thusana. Jaanong Motlotlegi Mma Mokgethi o ntetile gore ke mo thus. Ke tshotse dipampiri tse a di tshotseng fa. O ne a sa itire, go kwadilwe jalo mo dipampiring tse. Boammaaruri ke gore gone mo Bill, Clauses tsa yone, se se kwadilweng mo dipampiring tse, ga se se se mo Bill e. Ga go na gope mo Bill that deals le acquisition of citizenship motho a tswa kwa ntle, e bo e le gore o a nyalwa mo lefatsheng la Botswana. But we cannot forge, it is written for her here, that is why she made that assertion. I think it is only proper that we must concede gore Motlotlegi Rre Kekgongelegile is correct in his argument gore ga a ise a rialo. The Bill speaks for itself. It contains everything that he intended to convey to us as Members of Parliament (MPs) and we cannot pinpoint to a Clause which says that which he is alleged to have said Mr Speaker. I think we can settle it on that and proceed with the debate.*

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Kgafela. You want to proceed Honourable Minister?

MS MOKGETHI: Mr Speaker, what I would like to say is that there are other provisions or other reasons that I have advanced before this Honourable House for the rejection of this Bill presented by Honourable Kekgongelegile. As I have said Mr Speaker, this Bill or the law on citizenship has not been holistically reviewed. As I said, I will come before this Parliament to present a Bill on citizenship which holistically amend the current Citizenship Act. As I have said Mr Speaker, Honourable Kekgongelegile has not taken into account consequential amendments that will be necessitated by the amendment of the Citizenship Act as he proposes.

Mr Speaker, on ...(interruptions)...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification.

MS MOKGETHI: ...that I have mentioned in Section 9(2) of the National Registration Act is the Act which restricts the identity card of a person after five years. That means after five years, the validity of his Omang expires, and Honourable Kekgongelegile has failed to bring consequential amendments. We want to bring the

amended Bill of the National Registration Act before Parliament Mr Speaker. Not only is this National Registration Act just making provision for Section 9(2), but it has also been holistically reviewed.

Mr Speaker, the Citizenship Act that we intend to bring makes provision for other people who may also find themselves to be stateless like foundlings. Foundlings *ke batho ba e leng gore* we find some of them have been disposed, have been discarded and have been found without anybody knowing their origins, whether they have parentage of a Motswana mother and the father or a mother, or a parent who is Motswana and the foreign national, we do not know. So, those are part of the consequential amendments that we will be making. These provisions have not been taken into account, for example; to deal with foundlings and their registration. We have to amend the Births and Death Registration Act. Honourable Kekgongelegile's Bill is therefore wanting. It is wanting because as I have said, when I stood up is to say that it does not address the issues of dual citizenship and the issues of citizenship holistically. If those consequential amendments are not made, then it is as well that his Bill is for *mahala fela*, for nothing and for no reason Mr Speaker. It is on that basis, as I said, there were also 36 pieces of legislation, including the Constitution, which will be impacted by the introduction of dual citizenship which we have taken into account.

So, as I said, his Bill is very narrow and it only dealt with the striking out of Section 15(1) and Section 15(4) of the current Citizenship Act. So, that is some of the problems that I have for the Bill.

MR KEKGONGELEGILE: *Correction. Mr Speaker, Tona kgapetsakgapetsa o bua ka Constitution, gore Bill e e tlaabo e offend Constitution, mme kana High Court e setse e ntshise Tshutiso, judgement ya gore ke boammaaruri, fa re sa baakanye, re gataka Constitution. Jaanong Bill e ya re a re baakanye Constitution. Tona, Bill e e gataka Constitution fa kae, a ga e tsamaelane le High Court judgement? Ke ne ke re ke go baakanyetse gone foo fela gore e tsamaelana le High Court judgment e e reng Constitution e a gatakwa, e seng gore e gataka Constitution.*

MS MOKGETHI: Mr Speaker, I did not say Honourable Kekgongelegile's Bill is contravening the Constitution, I am saying that the issues of dual citizenship when you amend the law, it has consequential amendment arising from it. That is the point I was addressing. I did not say



that it is contravening any provision of the Constitution Mr Speaker. I do not think Honourable Kekgongile understood me very well. So I was saying that his Bill does not make comprehensive amendment to the Constitution, and did not bring further amendments which would be consequent upon the amendment of his Bill. That is what I am saying Mr Speaker. I hope you understand me very well. Thank you.

MR KAPINGA (OKAVANGO): *Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Ke ema jaana go ema nokeng kopo e e ttileng ka Honourable Kekgongile.*

Maloba e rile re bua ka molao o mongwe o re neng re bua ka *access to information*, ka bua gore bothata jwa babusi ka fa, ke *conservatism* ya bone; go gana go baakanya dilo tse e leng gore di a tlhokafala gore di baakanngwe. *Already the High Court has passed a judgement that imposes...*

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MS MOKGETHI): Procedure. Mr Speaker, in my address, I had not said anything about refusing to amend the Bill. I am refusing Honourable Kekgongile's amendment because I have brought a holistically amended Citizenship Act, which also encompassed the issue of dual citizenship. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: Rona Mma Mokgethi, o sale o re raya ka 2019 o re o tlaa tlisa molao, le gompieno ga go na sepe fa pele ga Palamente se se tswang kwa go wena. *Remember* nako ya teng ke go raya ke re Mma Mokgethi, ga ke solofole *the kind of attitude* e o nang le yone, o le motho yo o tshwanang le nna, yo o tswang gaufi le *border*; gore e ka nna wena yo o ka ganang reforms tsa *Immigration* ka bokete jo o dirang ka jone. *Remember that time* ke go gakolola ke re *I am expecting you* gore e ka nna wena yo o *more receptive to suggestions to reform* dilo tse, ka gore nna le wena re tswa kwa *border*. Nna le wena re a itse *these issues* tsa Trans-Frontier Immigration. Jaanong *attitude* e o e tsereng e a nkgakgamatsa, gore a wena tota o le Mma Mokgethi, o tswa kwa o tswang teng, o le *lawyer*; o ka gana diphetogo tse di molemo jaaka yone e ka bokete jo o ganang ka jone.

MS MOKGETHI: Procedure. Mr Speaker, tota se se buiwang ke Honourable Kapinga, ga a tsamaelane le se nna ke se buileng. Se a se tlhalosang ke gore, nna ke le ngwana wa a *border village*, ke ganana le go baakanngwa ga molao wa *dual citizenship*, mme ke ntse ke tlhalosa gone jaanong ke sa tswa go nna fa fatshe gone jaanong,

ke tlhalosa gore *I am binging Bills to address dual citizenship holistically, even consequential amendment.* Se se tlisitsweng ke Honourable Kekgongile Mr Speaker, se lolea, *it is still not going to help those people* ba di *border villages*, ba a lelang ka bone as we have not brought consequential amendment to assist those people. That is why ke re molao o a o tlisitseng o lolea. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: Mr Speaker, ga o utlwa Sekgoa se re go na le *putting the cart before the horse*, go tewa yone kgang e. Ga e ka ke ya re o ise o bo o fetise the Amendment Bill, o bo o setse o re nnyaa ke batla *consequential amendment* pele ke gone ke ka dumelanang le Bill e. *What kind of logic is that? I do not understand what logic is that. You are supposed to talk about consequential amendments, o sena go dira the amendment, which causes consequential amendments to arise. How do you talk about consequential amendments o ise o bo o bo fetise sepe se se fetolang molao?*

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): Correction. Mr Speaker, in Government *fa o baakanya molao, o bona gore mme e tlaa re molao o o sena go feta mo Palamenteng, o bo o sa kgone go diragala ka gore o tlaabo o thulana le melao e mengwe*, assaulting other piece of legislation, you do a holistic review, hence the word consequential amendment. It is not sequencing; it is about doing them simultaneously. So I think Honourable Mokgethi, that is what she is saying and probably answering other queries *tsa gore* since 2019. Drafting a law is not child's play. *Re bolelelwka ke lawyers bo Rre Kapinga.* You do not just draft a piece of legislation and then say *ke a e fetisa*. You have to really go in and make sure that it does not assault other pieces of legislation, let alone the Constitution. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Mr Speaker, *ke ne ke re ke botse* Mr Speaker *le batlotlegi gore kana Moathodi Rre Maripe*, in that judgement, he struck down Section 15.1 and Section 15.4 of the Citizenship Act. Can we amend a piece of legislation which has been struck down? That is the fundamental question *e e leng gore ke a e ipotsa* because it does not exist. What are we amending, because it has been struck out?

MR KAPINGA: Honourable Speaker, *ke tseela gore fa e le gore* that section has been struck down, then there is a vacuum, and this proposed Bill is meant to fill that vacuum. We cannot just leave it to be a vacuum like that,



o re nnyaa, the court has struck it down. It has struck it down, what have you replaced it with? This is meant to replace that vacuum, to fill that void *e e dirilweng ke* that judgement. So I still underscore my point. *Ke re go bua ka gore nnyaa ga re ise re dire consequential amendment*, is a lame excuse Mr Speaker. *O ya go re raya o re ga ke ise ke dire consequential amendments until when?* *O sale o re raya ka 2019 o re* I am working on a review.

My submission is that, let us pass this amendment, and this amendment if it is passed, then it will impress upon us *gore* we should expedite the formulation of the consequential amendment, because now there will be an act of Parliament on our heads *e e re rayang e re* pass these consequential amendments. *Ga o ka ke wa itshwarelala ka consequential amendments gore o gane diphetogo mo molaong, o bo o re ga ke dire molao oo ka gore ga ke ise ke dire consequential amendments*. What kind of logic is that?

Mr Speaker, *kwa ke tswang teng, batho ba bantsi ba e leng gore ba* stateless because of this unreasonable laws. These absurd laws that we still have in our statutes, *tsone tse re lekang go di ntsha, tse e leng gore Goromento yo o santse a di kakatela fela di sena mosola*.

Ga di thus lefatshe la rona ka sepe gore re bo re itsa batho gore ba tswelela e nne Batswana; ngwana a tsene primary le secondary mo Botswana, e re a tsena mo go 21 re bo re re tlisa kwano Omang yoo ga o sa tlhola ole Motswana. *What kind of logic is that? What kind of humanity is that Mr Speaker?* Ga go na sepe.

Go na le selo se gotweng *ultra-nationalism; it is the disease that you are suffering from*, gore lona you are more entitled to be called Batswana to be citizens of Botswana more than others . Ke jone bolwetse jo le bo lwalang, *ultra-nationalism e e leng gore Motswana wa sekei ke nna fela, ba bangwe ga ba ka ke ba nna Batswana*.

MR MOTAOSANE: On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker my procedure is here, the Honourable Member is no longer addressing the Bill, he is just attacking and attacking! and we are not grabbing anything that helps us understand where he is coming from, what he wants us to amend. *O bua fela ka fa e leng gore re ba re ganang, re ganang*. Where is this anger coming from Honourable Kapinga? I respect you, but today honestly it beats the logic to listen to you.

MS MOKGETHI: On a point of procedure. Mr Speaker, *golo fa go buiwa e kare nna ga ke na sepe*, but I believe that I have published the Bill in the Government Gazette, the one touching on citizenship, holistically reviewing and amending the Citizenship Act. It has been published in the Government Gazette, if anybody has taken time to read the Government Gazette you will see that I am addressing the issue of dual citizenship. I have also published the consequential amendment that I am referring to which is the National Registration Act as well as the Birth and Deaths Registration Act Mr Speaker. I am not just saying it, I am saying something which is there, which is in existence. Now I do not know if they want to turn the blind eye to the fact that I have published these three Bills in the Government Gazette. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: Ke a leboga Honourable Speaker. Honourable Motaosane, bogale jwa me bo tswalwa ke gore ke emetse batho kwa Okavango, ba e leng gore gompieno jaaka ba a sotlega because ba tseetswe Omang, ba bangwe ba ganelwa ka Omang, ba sa bolo go nna mo lefatsheng le, ba direla lefatshe le ba tlota melao ya lefatshe le. Gompieno jaana ke batho fela, ga ba na Omang, ga ba na eng. Ke sone se se ntlatsang bogale fa e le gore one o sa itse gore ke tladiwa ke eng bogale.

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

MR KAPINGA: I am addressing the Bill, se ke neng ke batla go se bua ke gore, obegang, be receptive to reform. That is the point I am trying to make, be receptive to reform, do not adopt such hard-line position like you are doing. Re bua ka matshelo a batho golo fa Honourable Speaker.

Fa ke araba ya ga Motlotlegi Mokgethi e a reng o tsentse her intended Bills in the Gazette, ke Mombukushu mme Setswana ke a se selasela. Setswana sa re, “bojang jwa pitse ke jo bo mo maleng, jo bo kwa ntle e swa e bo lebile.” Ga re gatang teng fa, five years yo re neng re mo neetswe ke Batswana o a fela, mme o sale o re raya ka 2019 o re o tlisa molao. Jaanong ga re ka ke ra ikanya bojang jo bo koo, go na le bojang jo bo setseng bo le fa. So it is better for us to deal with what is before us than to deal with something se re sa itseng gore se kae, se ya go lala se goroga leng mo Palamenteng.

Mr Speaker, citizenship ke tshwanelo e e bothokwa thata. Fa o e itsa motho yo e mo tshwanetseng o a bo o mo diga seriti, o a bo o mo sotla, o mo dira gore a



ikutlwé kana a itebe e le sengwe se se kwa tlase ga motho (*to consider themselves to be below a human being*). When you deny a person citizenship for no good reasons. Ke na le batho Mr Speaker ba ba sa bolong go tla mo Botswana...

MS MOKGETHI: On a point of clarification. Mr Speaker, I just want to ask Honourable Kapinga. If this Bill which I am referring to which has already been gazetted, if it were to be presented before this Honourable House on a certificate of urgency during this session, together with its consequential amendments, would we not be talking about *bojang jo bo mo maleng* and cure the problem that he is talking about? Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KAPINGA: Honourable Minister, fa o ka bo e ne e le gore o motho yo e reng o sololetsa sengwe o bo o se dira ka nako, ke ne ke tlaa tshepha se o se mpolelelang. The fact ya gore o sale o re re raya ka 2019 o tlisa sengwe fa pele ga rona go fitlhelela gompieno jaana, e re Honourable Kekgonegile a tlisa Bill ya gagwe e bo e le gone o emang o re, nnyaa kana ya me e bile e mo Gazette jang jang, go thata mo go nna gore ke ka tshepha se o se mpolelelang. I would rather rely on what already is in Parliament rather than on your promises tse e leng gore ga di tshepege. Ga di tshephege ditsholofetsa tsa lona; di dintsi tse re ka di supang tse le di sololeditseng setshaba le sa di dire.

Mr Speaker I stand here to support this proposed Bill, ka gore fa e ka tswa batho ba ke ba emetseng ba Okavango ba ba saleng ba ntse ba kopa go nna Batswana, ke na le tsholofelo ya gore jaanong e ka nna Batswana. Ke na le tsholofelo ya gore bana ba ba kwa Okavango kwa ba ba tseneng kwa Shakawe Primary School le Kathiana Mahunga Primary School, ba ya go tsena kwa Shakawe Junior ba e leng gore gompieno jaana ga ba na Omang simply because one of the parents e ne e le mo Namibia, ke sololetsa gore fa molao o wa ga Motlotlegi Kekgonegile o ka fetisiwa they can enjoy tshwanelo e ba nang le yone naturally. They have that natural rights gore le bone ba nne Batswana, ka mmaabone kana rrabone e ne le Motswana, but ba idiba ke molao o e leng gore Motlotlegi Mokgethi ga a na keletso epe go o baakanya. O batla go re baya bopi matlhong a re sengwe se mo Gazette re dumalane le sone se se fa pele ga rona.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DR KWAPE): On a point of clarification. Honourable Kapinga, kana ke dumalana le wena, le rona kwa dikgaolong tsa rona re na le batho ba ba tsetswang ke batho ba bangwe ba ba

latlhetsé foo, ga gona kwa ba nnang teng. Ke re rotlhe re batla selo se le sengwefela motlotlegi, le fa gone o sa dumalane thata le se Mma Mokgethi a se buang. A o bona mme gone go se botoka, jaaka a bua gore Bill e e comprehensive e tshotseng dilo tsotlhe tse wena le nna re di batlang, e tle. Kana jaaka a kopile gore e tle under certificate or urgency, a golo moo le gone o ganana le gone?

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Ke a leboga Motsamisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Batlotlegi ke badile Molao-kakanyetso o o tlang ka Motlotlegi Kekgonegile. Sa nthla fela se se neng se ntshwenya ka one fa ke o lebile ke gore, kana e rile fa baatlhodi Rre Leburu, Rre Maripe le Rre Maphakwane ba ntsha katlholo ya bone, kgwedi ya Moranang e le 29 ngogola, ga ba a ka ba ntsha lefoko fela le le reng “section 15 ya Citizenship Act is unconstitutional.” Ba ne ba boledisa, ba ba ba shabiso lefoko le ka lefoko le le reng jaanong they are striking it down. Let me withdraw the description of it as seshabo, ga se seshabo it is fundamental, ba ne ba re we are striking it down. Ke bo ke tshwantshang le nako ya fa Mma Dow a se ka ya gagwe, e ntse ele molao wa constitutional validity ya provisions of the Citizenship Act. Baatlhodi ba ka nako eo ba ne ba felela fela fa ba reng, we declare it unconstitutional, e bo go nna mabaka ka gore they did not strike down the provision, they only declared them unconstitutional. Go be go tlhokafala gore Palamente jaanong e tle e tle go baakanya ka gore, all they did was to declare.

Ka se sebaka re lebaganwe ke kgang e e reng molao o has been struck out, Baatlhodi ba le bararo, jaanong ke bo ke ipotsa ka gore fa ke bala Molao-kakanyetso o, kana o kwadilwe ka Seesemané, o papame ka fa tlase ga tsetlana ya bobedi gore maikaelelo ke to amend Section 15, e e leng gore it has been struck down. Jaanong ke tshwanetse go tlhamalatsa, ka gore ke tshwanetse go bolelela Ntlo e boammaaruri e seng sepe gape. What was struck down e ne e le Section 15 sub Section 1 le sub Section 4. Jaanong fa motlotlegi ga a bue gore o baakanya eng, a o baakanya the whole of Section 15, parts of which had been struck out, kgotsa o baakanya eng. Fela se ke se tlhaloganyang ke gore, go lebega go ka se ke go tlhamalale gore o bo o re o baakanya se se phimotsweng, lekgotla has struck it down.

Besides that Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke badile the content ya amendment, e thulathulana le the regime which has been ushered in by case ya ga Sithabile Mathe. Fa o lebelala the regime ushered in by that case



ke gore, go a go simolola go nna le *dual citizenship*. Jaanong Molao-kakanyetso wa motlotlegi o e tla o supa gore o tlaa latlhegelwa ke *citizenship* fa o dirile jaana, ntle le gore o bo o boela kwa morago jaanong o ya kwa dikantorong tsa Puso o ya go *declare*, o *announce* gore ke boela mo go *citizenship*.

Tla fela ke tseye tsetlana ya bobedi, ke kopa to quote it, “Any person who is a citizen of Botswana and also a citizen of another country shall upon the age of 18 years cease to be a citizen of the other country, unless such person has immediately before the age of 18 years (a) renounce the citizenship of Botswana, (b) take an oath of allegiance to the other country and made such declaration or intention concerning residence as may be prescribed”. Now, you will see *gore case ya ga* Sithabile Mathe is opening up the door, *ya re* we are now recognised in dual citizenship. *Motlotlegi o santse a le fa moragonyana*, because he still contemplates loss of citizenship. *E bo e le gore jaanong* he places a burden upon *motho wa Modimo*, *a re ya kwa diofising o ye* to renounce citizenship, *ke gore o ne a leka go dira* a default position. *A leka go baakanya* the old Section 15 which does not exist anymore, *a tlhalosa gore* upon the attainment of age of 18 the default position must be that you retain the citizenship of Botswana. *O ne a leka go baakanya selo seo*. Jaanong the only challenge *ke gore, o santse a le mo lefaufaung lele la gore go na le* a loss of citizenship of some sort, when Sithabile Mathe is clear that a new regime has come in, where people can have citizenship *go sena sepe se se ntsi*.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Correction. Tanki Mr Speaker. *Mr Speaker, ke baakanyetse Honourable Kgafela gore the fact that judgement e rile nnyaa, a go se ka ga diragala jalo, ga go reye gore 1, go nne vacuum fela mo molaong, 2, ga go reye gore motho ene ka boene ga a na tshwanelo ya gore mo go lemogeng gore ke Motswana e bile ke mo South Africa a bo a re ke itlhophela go nna Motswana. Judgement ga e kganele seo, and that is what the Bill is saying gore as much as that judgement is saying that, we need to go beyond that and give a person tshono, tshwanelo ya gore o ka itlhophela.* Fela gone a e se ka ya re fa a sa itlhophela, a latlhegelwa ke Botswana ja gagwe. Ke ne ke re ke mmaakanyetse gone foo Mr Speaker.

MR KGAFELA: Ga gona paakanyo epe, ka gore maiteko a go thatsa se a se tlhalosang e le *vacuum* e nnile poelo morago. Mo tsetlaneng ya gagwe ya ntlha a re, fa o le *citizen* ya lefatshe le sele e bile o le *citizen* ya

lefatshe la Botswana, e re fa o fitlha kwa dingwageng tsa bolesome le metso e e fera bobedi, o latlhegelwa ke boagedi jwa lefatshe le lengwe lele. Ntle fela le gore pele ga o digela dingwaga tse 18, o bo jaanong o latlha boagedi jwa Botswana kgotsa o itlama gore wena a jaanong o ikamanya le lefatshe le lengwe ka fa tlase ga maikano, wa rialo. Jaanong ke go raya ke re, se o reng o tla ka sone o re ke thiba diphatlha tse, mme ke poelo morago ka gore Sithabile Mathe e tlisa *a new regime* ya gore o ka nna le *citizenship* ya mafatshe a mabedi. Jaanong o patika motho gore a na le *citizenship* ya lefatshe la Botswana le ya lefatshe le lengwe, a bo jaanong a latlhegelwa ke ya lefatshe le lengwe. Fela ka mabaka a gore *he has attained the age of 18 years, ga a ise a ye to renounce citizenship* ya Botswana, ga a ise a ye go ikana *under oath of whatever religion they will be under* gore ene jaanong o ikamanya le lefatshe le lengwe. *You are still under lefaufau la gore, o kare golo fa ga re ise re ikamogele gore you can have dual citizenship. That is why ke re there are terms to close the vacuum*, tota fela ke poelo morago, o di gamela mo mokgokoloseng motlotlegi, o tlaa intshwarela.

Le fa ke ka bala e ya bobedi e, “Any person who will be 18 years of age or above acquires the citizenship of another country by volunteering a formal act shall continue to be a citizenship of Botswana unless such a person renounces Botswana citizenship”. Ga e tlhokafale gotlhelole because what is now obtaining ke gore o na le tshwanelo ya gore o tshware *citizenships* tse pedi. Jaanong e tota fela ga ke itse gore e a bo e le go oketsa eng kgotsa *mischief* ofe o o lekang gore o thibiwe. Ke nngwe ya ditsetlana tse e leng gore e rile fa ke e latlhela bofou ke bo ke bona gore ke nngwe ya tsa poelo morago.

Go na le e ya boraro e e buang ka lenyalo, gore fa e le gore o le Motswana o bo o nyalwa ka lefatsheng le sele ...

MR KEKGONEGILE: Correction. Tanki Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke mmaakanyetse gore ga a ka ke a re ke poelo morago, ka gore gompieno jaaka re bua jaana Citizenship Act ya rona ga e bue jalo. Ga re na clause e mo Citizenship Act ya rona. Fa e le gore ke tsenya clause e e ntseng jaana mo Citizenship Act ya rona o bo o re ke poelo morago, mme e seyo, ke dumela gore o latlha setshaba. Tanki Mr Speaker.

MR KGAFELA: Kana se ke se supang ke gore *the regime ushered in sir, ga e oshaošhe, e papame gore Batswana go yeng pele can be citizenship of Botswana and another country*. Jaanong le wena tsetlana e e leng gore tota fela o leka go thiba *what you described as a*



vacuum, ke yone e ke e kayang ke re ke poelo morago, because e bua in the context ya gore o kgona go latlhegelwa ke citizenship, o tshwanetse wa dira se, wa itshegetsa ka se le se. When the regime ushered ke yone e ke reng, dual citizenship is not permissible.

Le fa o ya fela le tsone le e e buang ka lenyalo e, *a citizen who has acquired citizenship, sub Section 3*, e e reng fa e le gore Motswana o nyetswe kwa lefatsheng le sele, o tlaa tswelela pele e le Motswana go sa kgathalesege gore o nna kae, ntle le gore jaanong o latlha boagedi jwa Botswana. Ke gore lefoko le le nnang le huhumela la “tatlho” ya citizenship ya Botswana, fa o tsena mo go yone “tatlho” citizenship ya Botswana, o bala number 4, “tatlho” ya citizenship ya Botswana. Jaanong ke ipotsa gore lefoko le fa le ntse le ipoletsa clause by clause, go mpontsha fela gore santse motlotlegi a le mo lefaufaung, ga a sala morago Sithabile Mathe.

Rra, re gatetse pele, Mme Mokgethi o supa gore o etla ka Bill e le gore jaanong e tlaabo e tsepame, e tanne Sithabile Mathe judgement, e iteile kgomo lenaka gore go diragatswe se judgment e le e reng re se dire. Ka mabaka a ga ke eme nokeng Molao-kakanyetso o, *on the basis* ya gore tota fela ba ba neng ba mo thusa, ke maswabi ga ba a mo direla tiro motlotlegi. Ga ba a mo direla tiro pila, ba mo latlhile. *The Bill is being competent with respect, and ga e ka ke ya feta.*

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

MR KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ke emela go ema nokeng Citizenship Amendment Bill 2024 e e tlisitsweng ke Honourable Kekgonge, Member for Maun East. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, tota fela nkabo e rile Honourable Mokgethi a simolola a bo a kopa maitshwarelo mo Palamenteng le mo setshabeng sa Botswana gore a bo a dirile assurance ka 2019 ya gore o tlaa tlisa Bill e e tlaabong e itebagantse le dikgang tse Honourable Kekgonge a tlang ka tsone. Jaanong fa a emeleta, a bo a ratha sekwa mo go kanakana, a bo a tla a blame ba ba mo kwaletseng pampiri a thusiwa ke Honourable Kgafela, go bua a very experienced lawyer a re o kwaletswe about a legal document, ke modirelapuso mongwe golo gongwe, a tshwere Bill e e gazetted ka 23rd February 2024, a bo a tla letsatsi leno mo Palamenteng a bo a batla go latlha Palamente a re Honourable Kekgonge a re e re fa motho a nyalwa kana a nyala a bo a supa citizenship ya Botswana. Honourable Kekgonge ga a ise a rialo. Gone moo Mr Speaker, ga ke itse gore re ka go bitsa re

re ke eng. E se lantlha, re a itse gore most of the time Honourable Mokgethi fa a emeleta mo dikgannyeng tsa molao, ga ke itse, fa ke ne ke ka kgona ke ne ke ka re go tlhotlhomiwi gore a mme tota o dirile jang molao, go tsamaile ka tsela e e ntseng jang.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MOLALE): Point of procedure Mr Speaker. Tota mme Honourable Keorapetse, a o ne o tshwanetse gore e re fela mo mmeng yo o tshwanang le Mma Mokgethi o bo o simolola after a sena go direla Botswana Congress Party (BCP) ka lebaka le le kana, a bo e le gone o ka belaelang bomolao jwa gagwe? Mr Speaker, se ke se bonang mo go Leader of the Opposition (LOO) it is just go leka go sotla Mma Mokgethi. E bile dilo tse a reng o di buile a ise a ko a di bue. Ke kopa gore such personal attacks di fokodiwe Mr Speaker.

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

MR SPEAKER: Mathata batho ba bangwe ba bua ba ntse fa fatshe... (Inaudible)...ba batla go... (Inaudible)...mo thaelong... (Inaudible)...Honourable Molale is saying please don't go to any Honourable Member's character. Do not do that. I think we all know that, unless there is something pertinently wrong. You do not debate a person, you debate the Bill. You know that LOO.

MR KEORAPETSE: Thank you Mr Speaker. I will desist from ad hominem attacks but that was not my intention and I withdraw. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, ke kopa gore o ele thoko a pattern ya ga Honourable Minister. That pattern worries me. That is what I sought to communicate.

Jaanong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga ke dumalane le mo gotweng gatwe re se ka ra dumalana le Honourable Kekgonge fela ka gore go na le Bill nngwe e e gazetted golo gongwe. I have not seen the Gazette myself. Jaaka Honourable Kapanga a ne a bua, bojang jwa pitse ke jo bo mmepeng jo bo kwa ntle e swa e bo lebile.

Honourable Mokgethi ga a ise a ko a re reye a re Bill e go na le fa e leng gore ga e a kwalega teng. Ga go na. Ga go na fa a kileng a re raya a re it is wrongly drafted. Se a se buileng ke gore a re go na le consequential amendments tse di tlhokang go dirwe. The big question is kana fa o re consequential, consequent to what, is consequent to se o tlaabong o se fetotse. You see the challenge we are having mo Palamenteng e ke gore you



pick and choose go ya ka gore letsatsi leo o support mang. Re nna re kopana mo Palamenteng addressing consequential amendments tse e leng gore some laws were passed three, four and five years ago and even two years ago, including ka session e.

MR SPEAKER: I think LOO we are not quorated. We just have two members connected virtually.

...Silence...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Members it is now 6 o'clock, I will call upon the Leader of the House to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE):

Mr Speaker, ka nako e setse e tshaile, ke tle ke kope batlotlegi ba ba leng teng, re dumalane le wena gore jaanong re eme gone fa. Le ene Kekgonegile ba ga bone ba phatlaletse o ne a tlie go jewa mo ditlhophong tse. Thank you.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Friday 9th August, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



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