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Monday 5th August, 2024

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

P R A Y E R S

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MR SPEAKER (MR SKELEMANI): Pray be seated. Order! Order! Honourable Members good afternoon. May we start the business of today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

SEWAGE WATER PIPELINES

MR D. TSHERE (MAHALAPYE WEST): asked the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state:

- (i) under which circumstances have sewerage water pipelines gone through people's yards and further explain;
- (ii) whether rental is paid in cases where sewerage pipelines go through the yard,
- (iii) if it is possible to relocate these sewerage pipelines out of the yards' upon request;
- (iv) if it is possible to relocate the home owner to another suitable location and compensate upon request;
- (v) if he is aware that most of these sewerage pipelines normally get blocked and sewerage spills into people's yards, making homes inhabitable; and
- (vi) what his ministry is doing to help people who are affected by these intruding sewerage pipeline spillages.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND WATER AFFAIRS (DR MZWINILA): Thank you Mr Speaker.

- (i) Mr Speaker, the sewerage pipes which go through people's plots are along the setbacks of the plot by design, to facilitate easy of sewer connections to the plots. Provision of setbacks is made on individual plot layouts, through Building Control Codes to provide servitude for utilities. Such space is supposed to measure 1.5m on the sides, and up to 5m at the back.

Mr Speaker notwithstanding this, there are historic instances whereby people were allocated plots or granted plot extensions over sewerage network infrastructure, but this is no longer the case, owing to improved data management by the land board and stakeholder departments.

- (ii) When service lines are laid within a setback they are termed to be compliant, and therefore do not attract either rental or compensation. However, when the design of infrastructure encroaches beyond the setback provision, then land is acquired or expropriated to create a servitude for the pipeline. Thus in certain situations, we are able to compensate that person with land, because we will be taking that land and now making it into a servitude. The competent authority being the Department of Lands or the land boards, carry out the assessments and valuation of the piece of land to be acquired for the infrastructure leading to compensation.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) has a customer process to deal with requests for relocation of sewer lines. Assessment through property visits are done, however relocation of sewer lines in most cases is not a favourable option since construction of infrastructural works follows engineering protocols, which are often created by hydraulic analysis with a view to aid in terms of self-cleansing especially for sewerage. The decision as to whether the affected homeowner will be relocated or not is dependent on the outcome of the assessment by the land authority. In most cases sewer lines are laid below the ground level and within the setbacks, and therefore do not pose any trouble to the liberty of the plot owners.
- (iv) Mr Speaker, I am aware the sewerage pipelines sometimes get blocked and sewerage spills into the environment in people's yards, making homes not habitable. Customers are always encouraged to report them in time. It is the nature of the sewerage scheme that its operation is dependent on the users' attitude and conduct towards utilization. If beneficiaries flush and deposits substances that can cause blockages inside the sewer pipes and subsequently disrupt the flow to the appropriate wastewater treatment facility, then spillage will result and cause a nuisance in that yard. Cooperation by customers in this regard is of great



importance. As alluded to before, if the operation maintenance of the scheme is taken care-of, there is no threat of sewer pipes laid on the designated space overfilling on a regular basis.

- (v) The ministry through WUC mans the schemes to the level that eminent mishaps which may occur are minimized. In the event the blockages occurs and causes spillage, they are cleared and disinfected accordingly in order to avoid exposing inhabitants to such hazardous environment.

I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR TSHERE: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker, and thank you Honourable Minister:* Potso ya me ya ntlha ke gore, o ne o re *pipes* tse di lettelela gore di tsamaye kwa morago le ka fa dithoko, jaanong se ke se botsang ke gore go na le tse di tsamayang kwa pele, fela fa pele ga mantlo jaana, tseo la reng ka tsone. Le tse di fetileng 1.5m yo o mmuang, di tsena mo jarateng ya motho kwa pele le kwa morago. Wa reng ka tseo.

Se sengwe gape ke ne ke utlwa gore wa re *it is by design, and normally it is a standard* gore o kgone to connect jarata eo. Ee, ke a utlwa jaanong, mme ke eng o sa re bolelele ka molao o o teng o fetisitsweng ke Palamente e, gore a e letteleletse gore dijarata tsa batho go ka fetisiwa fela *sewerage line* ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, kana ke *standard* se le se tsayang kae.

O bo o tlhalosa gape gore, ke eng o kare golo mo go tlwaelesegile thata *in low social economic area*, kana mafelo a re a bitsang kwa *kasi jaaka* kwa bo G-West le kwa Mahalapye kwa ke tswang teng. Go tlwaelesegile, *pipes* tse di tlaabo di tsamaya fela gongwe le gongwe go sena kelelelo ya gore batho ba nna fa kae. O arabe eo ya gore go dirwa ke eng.

Sa bofelo, ke tsaya gore gompieno ga ke a go tena, jaaka o re ke go tenne o bo o sa re fe madi a go agelela *show* ya Mahalapye, a a neng a ntshitswe ke maChina. O re ke go tenne mo Palamenteng, jaanong o a tsere. Ke tsaya gore ga ke a go tena gompieno, *thank you*.

DR MZWINILA: Ke a leboga Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo go ya ntlha, ke tlhalositse gore mo setsheng go tshwanetse gore go nne le *sewer lines*, go tshwanetse gore go nne jalo. Re tshwanetse gore re tsenye mo re go bitsang re re *manhole* ka Sekgoa kana fa e leng gore mongwe fa a aga o ya go tla a isa *pipes* tsa gagwe kwa *manhole* e e leng ya rona. Ke tsamaiso, ga o ka ke wa nna le *sewerage* go sena *pipes* tsa rona mo

jarateng. Jaanong re di baya kwa morago ga jarata ka bo 5m kana pele ga 5m kana kwa bothokong by 1.5m. Fa gongwe di nna kwa pele, go tswa fela gore ke lefelo le le ntseng jang. Kgangkgolo ke gore go tshwanetse gore go nne teng, jaanong ga ke itse gore a o ne o raya kwa pele mo teng ga jarata kana kwa pele kwa ntle ga jarata. Se ke se buang ke gore, ga go ka ke ga tlhoka go bewa dilo tsa *sewerage* mo jarateng.

MR TSHERE: *Procedure Mr Speaker, just to explain.* O ne a re ga a tlhaloganye gore ke raya kwa pele kana jang. Kana go na le gore *pipes* tsa *sewerage* di nne kwa morago ga jarata, kwa ntle ga jarata gakere. Jaanong nna ke bua ka tse di mo teng ga jarata, wena wa re o lettelelwia gore o tsene mo teng ga Jarata ka 1.5m. Re se ka ra di tlhakatlhanya (*confuse*) le *connecting line*, e e tlaabong e tswa mo ntlong e *connect*. Ke bua ka *pipeline* ya *sewerage*, e e ralalang lelwapa e bo e ralala gape le kwa pele. Ke yone e ke buang ka yone. Ya *to connect* e tswa mo lwapeng jaanong e *connect* mo *sewerage* ya gago *is fine*, e tlaa nna teng ka gore *it is connect*. Ke a leboga.

DR MZWINILA: Nnyaa, ga se *point of correction* kana *point of order*. Ke rile mo jarateng ditiro tseo di tshwanetse gore di nne teng, ka gore o gokelela mo jarateng. *Manhole* o tshwanetse gore o nne mo jarateng, o tshwanetse gore o nne kwa tlase ga 5m fa o tsentswe kwa morago ga jarata kana kwa tlase ga 1.5m. Tse di kwa ntle le tsone di teng, ka gore di tswa kwa dijarateng di sele. Ke gore go na le *lines* tse e leng tsa *primary, secondary* le *tertiary*. *Primary* e tsena mo *secondary, secondary* e bo e tsena mo *tertiary*, di di ntsi *lines*. Tse ke buang ka tsone, ke tse o botsang ka tsone tse di mo dijarateng. Jaanong di tshwanetse gore di nne teng mo dijarateng, tse motho a tlaa kgonang gore a tsenye *pipe* ya gagwe mo go tsone tse di mo jarateng.

Jaanong go a farologana, go tswa fela gore *system* ya teng ke e e ntseng jang. Go na le *system* e re ka nna ra re ke ya *gravity* le ya *vacuum pumps* go tsaya *sewerage*. Gone foo go laola gore a *manhole* o tsena mo jarateng, kana o tsena kwa ntle ga jarata.

O ne o botsa gape gore a go na le molao, melawana, ditsamaiso kana *guidelines* tse di re neelang dithata kana tsamaiso ya gore re dire jang. Go na le mo go bidiwang gotwe Water Works Act, ke yone e e laolang gore ditlamelo le ditirelo tsa metsi le metsi a a dirisitsweng di tsenngwa fa go rileng.



Jaanong foo ke go arabile, o tlaa ya go e bala motlotlegi. Ya boraro ya maChina, ga ke itse motlotlegi, gore fa o ne o re wa go reng ka gore o botsa ka *sewage* jaanong o tsena kwa maChina le dilo tsa bo Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) tse e leng gore ga se tsa kwano, ke tsa kwa kgaolong ya gago. Legale ke e tla, akere tlhabololo e a fela, re tlaa tla re e bua sentle re le kwa kgaolong gongwe kgwedi yone e ka gore tlhabololo ele e wetse. Jaanong tsa CSR tse e leng gongwe o ne o batla gore di go thuse mo ipapatsong, re tlaa di bua gone kwa gore a go ka kgonagala...

MR TSHERE: *Point of order.* Nnyaa Mr Speaker, Honourable Mzwinila ga a ka ke a re o tlaabo a nthusa go ipapatsa. Ke nna ke simolotseng *project* e ya metsi le ene, re bo re kopa madi fela sentle kwa maChina a bo a gana ka one a re ke mo tenne mo Palamenteng...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of correction.

MR SPEAKER: Le a dumalana gore o a go bapatsa...

DR MZWINILA: *Point of correction.* Ke ne ke kopa go tlhalosa Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente gore mo ditlhabololong tsa metsi, ga ke itse gore Honourable Tshere a re o tsena fa kae mo go tsone.

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

DR MZWINILA: Ga ke itse gore o tsena fa kae ka gore ditlhabololo tsa Goremente wa rona di diragadiwa ke maphata a ga Goremente. Jaanong ga ke itse gore ene a re o tsene fa kae, mme le fa le teng kwa, ke tlaa mo neela *platform, stage* gore a tlhalose gore ene o dirile eng, ke bo ke tla ke bua morago ga gagwe. Ke a leboga.

BUY BOTSWANA INITIATIVE

MR S. N. MOABI (TATI WEST): asked the Minister of Trade and Industry if he has plans to institute a buy Botswana initiative which will enable access to the public (Government) markets through listing of locally manufactured products and brands in Invitation to Tender (ITTs) before procuring imported goods.

Later Date.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN BOTSWANA

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

- (i) progress on the large-scale tobacco company licenced in October 2020, specifically regarding its projected investment of P10 million and anticipated employment of 20 people;
- (ii) the types of products or services produced by the two licenced tobacco companies in Gaborone and any relevant regulations or quality standards they must adhere to;
- (iii) measures or incentives in place to attract and support the growth of the tobacco and alcohol manufacturing industries in Botswana and how his ministry ensures responsible manufacturing practices including health and safety standards;
- (iv) the licencing process and requirements for retail liquor businesses including the different types of licences and any specific criteria or regulations they must meet;
- (v) measures or support his ministry provides to ensure responsible alcohol sales and consumption in Botswana especially with regard to public health and safety in light of the significant number of employees in the liquor retail businesses; and
- (vi) plans or initiatives to further develop and diversify the tobacco and alcohol manufacturing sectors in Botswana and how his ministry monitors the impact of these industries on the economy and society.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente le motlotlegi mmotsi wa potso, ke kopa maitshwarelo. E se ka botlapa bope kgotsa jwa me kana jwa badirelapuso, ga re a ipaakanya. Ke kopa gongwe go ka thusa gore e re fa batlotlegi ba romela dipotso ka gore re na le *emails*, le nna ba nthomelele gore ke itse, ke kgone go tshikinya gore potso, *facts* di batliwe. Jaanong ke iphitlhela ke le mo seemong sa mo tshokologong e, ke sa ipaakanya ka mabaka a gore badirelapuso ba eno ba ne ba ise ba kgone go batla *facts* gore ke kgone go araba motlotlegi. Ke buile le motlotlegi pele Palamente e tsena, le ene Rre Moabi ke buile nae. Motlotlegi o ne a kopile gore re e sutisetse kwa Mosupologong mo bekeng e e tlang e ka mabaka a gore fa a ka re *later date*, a re gongwe le gape fa a rile *later date*, e tsena ka lenga la seloko. Jaanong fa re e dumalana gore a e the ka Mosupologo wa beke e e tlang, go tlaa rurifatsa gore go nne jalo. Ke ikobile batlotlegi.



MR SPEAKER: Thank you Kgabo.

Later Date.

SEWERAGE ARRANGEMENTS AT MAUN BDF

MR G. KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): asked the Minister of Defence and Security to brief this Honourable House on the sewerage arrangements at the Maun Botswana Defence Force (BDF) camp, in particular:

- (i) how the BDF camp disposes sewerage;
- (ii) engagement that took place with households adjacent to the BDF sewerage tanks;
- (iii) how BDF deals with the extreme smell affecting households adjacent to the sewerage tanks; and
- (iv) compensation paid to adjacent households to help them alleviate the health ills emanating from extreme smell.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MR MMUSI): *Tanki Mr Speaker. Good afternoon. Mma ke leboga mmotsi wa potso.*

- (i) Mr Speaker, the BDF manages waste water in Maun camp by using a facility that biologically treats the sewage. The facility was installed and commissioned on the 14th April, 2017 by a Maun based company. The bioreactor facility has a capacity to efficiently treat 20 cubic metres of waste water on a daily basis. The effluent is tested regularly and has shown to meet the effluent standard of Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) 93-2001. The effluent is used for irrigation in the camp.
- (ii) It must be noted that waste water treatment plants by the nature have a smell which however is not objectionable. Before the installation of the facility, sewage trucks were used to empty the conservancy tanks and dispose into the Maun Municipal Waste Water Treatment Plant. Since the installation of the bioreactor, the camp has not experienced any sewage problems.
- (iii) Mr Speaker, there were complaints from people residing next to the camp before the installation of the bioreactor. However, since this development to address the deficiency of conservancy, neither the BDF nor the ministry has received any complaint

up to date, it must be noted that the solution to the offensive sewage smell that led to the installation of the bioreactor was a result of the consultative process with local communities around the camp. Since the installation of the bioreactor, the BDF camp in Maun has never been subject to an offensive smell except on rare occasions when there is a breakdown in the functioning of the system.

However, such occurrences are a rarity and are often timeously resolved. Mr Speaker, enhanced smell may only occur where the treatment facility experiences technical problems resulting in accumulation of sewage in this conservancy tank. In such instances, the BDF sewerage trucks are used to empty the conservancy tanks, however it must be noted that the breakdowns of the bioreactor are a rare occurrence as it is regularly monitored and maintained to ensure proper functioning and efficiency.

- (iv) Mr Speaker, there has never been a case for compensation as stated above the sewage and the Maun camp is managed according to established standards. As such, no claims have been received at any time from the local community having suffered adverse health situations that maybe linked to the sewage smell from the camp. *Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Supplementary.* *Tanki Mr Speaker.* Mma re dumedise setshaba le batlotlegi. *Machine o o buang wa sekgoakgoa o, o tsentswe leng kwa kampeng e ya sesole?* O bua gore e sale o tsentswe, ga go ise go nne le *complaints*, mme gape wa re *on rare occasions*. E sale o tsentswe, *rare occasions* tsa go senyega di nnile kae? Maun Waste Water Treatment Plant e le ikaelelang gore sesole se bo se gokela mo go yone, fa o ntse o utlwalela ka koo, ka le mna lotlhe kwa Khuduthamageng, gatwe e ya go simolola go bereka leng?

Fa e le gore e ya go simolola go bereka ngwaga o o tlang, gompieno re le mo go August, batho ba tshelela mo monkong o o tshwanang le one ole letsatsi le letsatsi, mo ba ikaelelang go rekisa, a ga o bone go le bothokwa gore le nne fa fatshe go bona gore tharabololo e ka nna eng? Dingwe tsa ditharabololo tse, a ga e ka ke ya nna gore le le sesole, botoka go na le go tshedisa batho ba ka fa ba tshelang ka teng, le reke ditsha tsele for expansion ka ga go lebege le tlao aga kampa e ton a mo Maun? Sa bofelo, ditanka tsa leswe, how many times are they



being offloaded mo bekeng, di tlala ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Dikarabo tse, di ka go thusa Tona gore o kgone go lemoga gore mme fa ditanka di tletse, monko wa tsone a go ka twe go na le motšhine mongwe o e ka reng fa tanka e tletse leswe go bo go twe gongwe e ka bolaya monko wa tanka ya leswe? Tanki *Mr Speaker*.

MR MMUSI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Mma ke go leboge Honourable Kekgongegile. Ke tlhalositse gore motšhine o o tsentswe ka 14th April or has been commissioned ka di 14th April 2017.

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

MR MMUSI: O sale o tsenngwa, o ne o batla ke tsenya o mongwe gape? Mme fela kana one is maintained nako le nako. Fa o na le mathata, o nna serviced nako le nako jaaka ke boletse.

Fa go ka diragala gore gongwe go nne le bothata, diteraka tse tsa BDF di kgona go ya go tsaya leswe kana di gopa metsi a a leswe a kana leswe lone di ye go le tsenya kwa matlhatswetsong a matona a Maun. Gore a tlaa felela leng go kopanya Maun gore a nne connected otlhe, ga ke itse ka gore ke ne ke se aware, nna ke ne ke lebeletse potso fela ya kwa kampeng. Ke boditse le ba kampa tota ka ke ne ke tsaya gore motlotlegi ga a ka ke a tlaa fela ka potso e e ntseng jaana go sena dikgang tse di mo gwetlhileng. Ke boditse mookamedi wa kampa phakela gore a mme tota go na le dikgang tse e leng gore di a tshwenya teng koo mme tota o ne a mpolelela gore ga go na dikgang dipe tse ba di tshotseng. Le ba ofisi ya ga Molaodi ke ne ka leka go ba tshwara phakela tota gore ke botse gore a go na le dikgang dingwe gongwe tse e leng gore bongwanake gongwe ba ka tswa ba sa mpolelele, mme le bone ba ne ba sa kaye gore a ba na le dikgang dingwe tse ba di utlwileng Mopalamente.

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

MR MMUSI: Ba sesole, tse e leng gore gongwe ba ka tswa ba sa di dire, ga kere ke ba okametse ke nna rraabone. Ga ke itse legale gore a o itse Setswana rraetsho, gongwe ga o se itse. Fa o okametse batho o ba bitsa bana ba gago.

Ke dumela gore *solution* e re e tsentseng e a bereka Mopalamente, e tlisitse tharabololo. Ga ke gane gore go ne go na le dikgang pele, mme fela ke tsaya gore *system* e re e tsentseng e a bereka. Gore gongwe re ka reka ditsha tse di dikogileng kampa, ke dilo tse e leng gore re tlaa nna re ntse re di lebeletse go ya kwa pele fe re batla gore re ka di leba ra nna ra bona. Ke dikgakololo tse o tllang ka tsone mme tseo re tlaa nna re ntse re di leba. Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Further supplementary.* Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Tona, motho o ka botsa gore gone ka motšhine o le sale le o rekile ka 2017, gompieno re mo go 2024, re bua ka dingwaga tse seven, botshelo jwa motšhine o ke dingwaga tse kae? A ga o bone e le nako ya gore gone mme le ka bo le setse le o replace? Ka gore fa batho ba setse ba simolotse go ngongorega, go supa gore bothata bo teng. Tanki.

MR MMUSI: Tanki *Mr Speaker*. Jaaka ke buile Mopalamente yo o tlötlegang, motšhine o is serviced nako le nako. Ga ke gane gore o na le seven years o ntse o tsentswe, mme fela one ga o ise o supe gore o batla gore go ka tsenngwa o mongwe kampo wa fetolwa ka gore o a baakanngwa. Nako le nako fela re na le team e e leng gore they make sure gore o nna o le mo tirisong e e siameng. Ke sone se e leng gore nna ga ke ise ke dumela gore a gompieno go na le dikgwetlho. Legale ke dumela gore ka tota o le teng e ka re letsatsi le lengwe fa o le kwa Maun wa ntaletsra tla go dikologa rotlhe ra tsamaya kampo le nna fa ke ntse ke tsamaya ke tour dikampa jaaka ke tle ke dire, ke tlaa go laletsra. E ne ya re nako ele ke go laleditse wa lofa fa ke ne ke bula ofisi ele ya banana ya clinic kwa Police, ga kere o a gakologelwa? Ke ne ka go laletsra mme wa tlhoka go tla, mme le e ke tlaa go laletsra gore re tle re ye go bona ka gore gone o buile, ke dilo tse e leng gore ke nna ke di ela tlhoko ke nna ke di lebelela. I will make sure gore fa ke ya kwa ke go laletsre tle re ye go leba rotlhe. Tanki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.

PLIGHT OF BOTSWANA FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS

DR K. GOBOTSWANG (SEFHARE-RAMOKGONAMI): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs to update Parliament on the plight of Botswana former South African miners; the Minister should specifically state:

- (i) the extent of progress in respect of discussions between Botswana and South African officials aimed at resolving the long standing issue of compensations and pensions of the affected ex-miners;
- (ii) how many have been found to be eligible for compensation on medical grounds and pensions;
- (iii) how many ex-miners have been successfully assisted and reasons for delayed conclusion of outstanding cases.



MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MS MOKGETHI): Thank you Mr Speaker. My response to Dr Gobotswang, Member of Parliament for Sefhare-Ramokgonami is as follows;

Mr Speaker, let me preface my response by informing this Honourable House that one of the functions of my ministry through the Department of Occupational Health and Safety, is to regulate safety and health conditions in the workplace as well as facilitate compensation for injuries and diseases or death sustained by workers in the scope and cause of employment. It is on the basis of this mandated function that we have taken it as our responsibility to engage in facilitation for compensation of Botswana ex-miners from the South African mines.

Regarding the issue at hand, my ministry continues to receive enquiries from Batswana ex-miners who previously worked in the South African mines, mainly with regard to possible assistance in accessing various forms of compensation emanating from injuries, and/or occupational disease and related matters arising from their previous occupation at the South African mines.

Mr Speaker, my ministry has taken the responsibility to facilitate initiatives that would assist in addressing all the issues related to payment or compensation to ex-Botswana mineworkers from the South African mines. To realise this initiative, a task force team consisting of representatives from the civil society and Government has been formed to draft a framework through which these issues can be effectively addressed.

This task team is in constant engagement with its counterparts in the Republic of South Africa. Parallel to these efforts, an Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) called Tshiamiso Trust in South Africa has been set up to deal with any payment or compensations. This trust shares and exchange detailed information with respect to the data necessary to enable compensation to “to former gold mine workers who worked in South African gold mines covered by the settlement agreement reached between six gold mining companies being (African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, Anglo Gold Ashanti, Gold Fields, Harmony and Sibanye-Stillwater) and attorneys in the silicosis and TB class action.”

(i) Mr Speaker, my ministry has advanced the engagement that has otherwise taken too long, towards the end of 2023 when senior officials met for the first time with their South African

counterparts, to develop the framework of implementation of the compensation process. So, far a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) towards addressing this issue between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Botswana has been developed.

There are also plans to bring in Tshiamiso Trust and their medical team to work with our medical teams here in Botswana once the implementation plan and all necessary protocols have been done.

(ii) It is worth noting that thus far, the Ministry of Health through the Boswelakoko Clinic in Molepolole has diagnosed 3008 ex-miners with occupational lung diseases. Out of this number, a total of 481 claimants have been paid an amount of Thirty Seven Million, Seventy Nine Thousand and Twenty Four Pula (P37,079,024).

(iii) Mr Speaker, I must indicate that the process of compensation is lengthy as it requires certification process by a certifying authority. Some of the delays are caused amongst others, lack of documentation for ex-miners, some ex-mine workers not able to obtain record of service from TEBA while others have no official records in possession. Other reasons include medical records not being available, that is Tuberculosis (TB) treatment cards and/or X-ray reports especially for those that are deceased.

Mr Speaker, besides compensation for injury and health effects, there are other payments due to ex-miners in the form of pension, gratuities and annuities. This current engagement with our South African counterparts entails modalities on how this can also be accessed. This will mainly be in Provident Fund, in which the fund were invested.

Mr Speaker, the intention is to continuously update this Honourable House on new developments relating to the issues until it is totally resolved. I thank you Mr Speaker.

DR GOBOTSWANG: *Supplementary. Ke a leboga Mr Speaker. Honourable Minister, kana e rile ka nako e o neng o debate, ga ke itse gore a e ne e le Budget kana e ne e le State of the Nation Address (SONA), o ne wa ntsha sehuba wa sololets Palamente e gore kgang e ya babereki ba pele ba meepo ya South Africa e tsamaya sentle, e bile mo nakong e khutshwane ba tlaabo ba ya kwa dibankeng ba tshegatshega fela. Ga ke itse gore a*



o gakologelwa mafoko a. Jaanong a o jele semenogane? Gompieno jaana wa reng ka mafoko a o neng wa a bua at your last debate ka gore a ne a tsenya tsholofelo e ntsi thata mo bathong ba mohuta o mmaetsho?

Jaanong wa re tota sentlentle le le Puso le simolotse go buisana le Puso ya South Africa mabapi le babereki ba meepo ba pele ka 2023. Honourable Minister, a o bolelela Palamente e gore pele ga meeting o ka 2023, Goromente le Puso ya Domkrag go ne go sena pele se ba neng ba se dira mabapi le kgang ya babereki ba pele ba meepo, mme e sa le e goga lebaka le le kanakana? A wa re ga gona sepe se le neng le se dira, or somebody has been sitting on the job? O tlhalosetse setshaba gore sentlentle wa reng.

In terms of timelines; mmaetsho, kana re bua ka batho ba e leng gore ba bangwe ba setse ba godile, ba bangwe ga ba sa tlhole ba le teng mo botshelong. Do you have a sense of urgency on this matter Honourable Minister? A mme le berekela mo goreng e re le ise le tswe mo Pusong ka gore le saletswe ke dikgwedi di le pedi gore le bo le dule, maikaelelo a lona ke eng pele ga le tswe ka October mmaetsho? Kana le batla go re tlogelela dibanka?

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

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

DR GOBOTSWANG: Jaanong o ne o re ba le 481 ba setse ba duetswe, mme ga o a bua gore ba ba setseng, wa reng ka bone le gore go tsamaya fa kae in terms of timelines go ya go fela leng?

Ba pensions bone wa reng, ga ke a go utlwa sentle? Wa re ba pensions ga gona le fa e le yo mongwefela yo o kileng a e bona? A mme lona le le Puso tumelo ya lona ke gore pensions tsa babereki a di teng, a ba tlaa di bona? A o raya gore ga gona le fa e le yo mongwefela yo o kileng a bona pension go tswa kwa South Africa? Ke a leboga Mr Speaker.

MS MOKGETHI: Thank you Mr Speaker. Ke dumela ka bottlalo gore tlhaloso e ke ntseng ke e neela Palamente e, e supa gore go ntse go tsamayatsamaya sentle. Ga go tshwane le jaaka labofelo ke araba potso ya ga Honourable Gobotswang. Gompieno karabo ya me e supa gore there is positive progress which include the payment of P37 079 024. Jaanong Honourable Gobotswang is saying, do I recall that I said things are progressing well? I do recall that very well. I recall the time when I said millions of Pula will be paid out. I said

this to this Honourable House. Indeed, the progress that has been done so far in terms of compensation indicates that millions have been paid out so far.

I have also indicated Mr Speaker, the challenges that are being faced. The challenges I had indicated to making payments to all the 3008 ex-miners. Honourable Gobotswang asked about the delays and I indicated that tota go tlhaela bosupi jwa mokwalo o o tswang kwa go bone ba ex-miners, mme ka bobone ga ba kgone go senka bosupi jone joo. Ba bangwe Mr Speaker, ga gona le fa e le bosupi bope kwa The Employment Bureau of Africa (TEBA), jo bo ka supang gore bangwe ba claimants ba kile ba bereka kana ba nna miners kwa South Africa mme le bosupi jwa bongaka le bone ga bo yo. Bosupi jwa bongaka jwa batho ba ba ka tswang ba lwala bolwetse jwa TB ga bo yo. No medical evidence available, le fa e le X-rays le tsone ga di yo.

Mr Speaker, mme o tlaa bona gore maiteko a a sa tswang go dirwa ke a mantle mme a kgorelediwa ke dikgwetlho tse ke sa tswang go di bua. Ke batla go supa Mr Speaker, gore re le Puso le lephata le rona re a kgathala, fa o bona re setse re tsaya dikgato tse di farologaneng le go tshwaragana le ba bangwe ba ba tshwanang le Tshiamiso Trust kwa South Africa. Re dirile a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) le bone Mr Speaker. Ke dilo tse di supang tswelelopele, di supa gore maiteko a teng a baemedi ba South Africa le Botswana. O tlaa bona fela Mr Speaker, gore re nna fela re ntse re tsenya additional stakeholders go re thusa gore batho ba ba neng ba bereka kwa meepong, ba kgone go thusega. O tlaa gakologelwa fa re debate kgang e mo nakong e e fetileng.

Ke tlhalositse Mr Speaker, e bile ka amogela gore kgang e ya dituelo tsa ex-miners, e diegile. Le nna ke dumela gore e diegile. Mo statement sa me se ke se dirileng gone jaanong, ke supile gore go nnile le tiego. It has otherwise taken too long. Ke a e dumela gompieno. Ke e dumetse in the past. Ke gakologelwa ke botswa potso ke Rre Kedikilwe in the last session. Ke ne ka mo araba ka mo raya ke re, ke dumalana le wena Rre Kedikilwe gore kgang e, e diegile. Se ke ka se supang ke gore dikgang tsa ex-miners, for the first time in history, re simolola go bona maduo.

In terms of timelines, ke rile process is ongoing, re tswelelse. Kgang ya pensions le yone ke tlhalositse Mr Speaker gore pensions re buisana le our South Africa counterparts go bona gore ba ba nang le tshwanelo ya pension from the Provident Fund, ba ka thusiwa. So, timelines are such that the process is a continuous process, ga e fele. Re tlaa tswelela re ntse re dira maiteko a go thusa the ex-miners. Ke a leboga.



MR REATILE: *Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke botse Tona mo potsong e e botlhokwa e ya ga Honourable Gobotswang. Tona, ke batla go tlhaloganya gore Motswana wa *ex-miner* yo a ka tswang a tshwere documents tsotlhe tse di tlhogegang, o ka thusiwa? Go lo tsaya nako e e kae gore a bo a ka bona ditshwanelo tsa gagwe?

Ya bobedi, a fa le kopane le bone ba Aferika Borwa ka gore ke lona, ba Mozambique le Lesotho ba ba tsweletseng ka go dira lenaneo la gore batho ba ba kileng ba bereka kwa ba bone madi a bone, ga le a ka la dira tsamaiso nngwe ya gore o ka ya go tsaya masupi kae a gore o kile a berekela koo? A tla a felela *qualifying* gore le ene kamoso a je mofufutso wa phatla ya gagwe fa a neng a bereka teng.

Ya bofelo Tona, go na le batho ba go utlwlang ba raya *ex-miners* ba re, duela bokana, rona re ya go le batlela madi a lona kwa Aferika Borwa. A o itse ka batho ba? A ke wena o ba tlhomileng kana ke batho ba ba iphileng mathlale fela a gore ba gopele madi mo bathong ba ba tshelang ka kutlobotlhoko ya go tlhoka go bona madi a bone go tswa kwa Aferika Borwa? *I thank you.*

MS MOKGETHI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke lebogetse potso ya ga Honourable Reatile. *Mr Speaker,* ke supe gore tota documents tse di ka kgotsofatsang mabapi le *workman's compensation*, ke tsone tse ke di buileng. Ke tsone tsa bosupi jwa bongaka jo bo tshwanang le *the Tuberculosis (TB) treatment card.* Ke nngwe ya *the records* tse di ka thusang go bona gore mme boammaaruri karata ke e, e supa gore motho o kile a alafifa mabapi le bolwetse jwa go nna jaana. Ke ne ke supa gape gore *document* e e nngwe e e ka thusang gore ba thusiwe ke *x-ray reports.*

Mabapi le tse dingwe go batla gore go iwe kwa TEBA ka gore bontsi jwa babereki ba ba neng ba le kwa meepong tsa South Africa, ba ne ba kwadisa *through* TEBA. Mo gongwe *Mr Speaker* bothata ke gore, TEBA le yone ga e na *official records*, mme ke tsone fela tse di ka thusang. Ga go na bosupi jo bongwe jo bo ka dirisiwang. Honourable Reatile ga a tlhalosa gore o bua ka bosupi jo bo ntseng jang jo motho a ka bo tlisang. Tse ke di nankotseng fa, ke tsone tse di ka thusang gore motho a kgone go duelwa. *Our doors are open* gore fa motho a na le mo a akanyang gore ke bosupi, a bo tlise. Re bo re sekaseka gore a mme ke jo bo lekaneng gore motho wa go nna jalo, o ka duelwa.

O ne a o bua ka *agents*; go na le bangwe ba e leng gore they are self-appointed agencies *Mr Speaker.* Re le ministry, ga re a tshwaragana le ope mo lefatsheng la Botswana go ba thusa. Ba Honourable Reatile a buang ka bone, ga re ba itsie. Ba ke ba nankotseng fa, ke ba ke neng ke bua ka bone ba Tshiamiso Trust South Africa, ke bone ba ba re thusang kwa South Africa. Ke bone ba re nang le tumalana le bone. Ke Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) jaaka ke setse ke tlhalositse *Mr Speaker.*

Ke buile gape gore task force representatives from the civil society and Government have been informed to draft framework, ke bone fela ba re ba itseng *Mr Speaker.* Honourable Reatile ga a nankolola gore o bua ka batho bafe, ga ba na maina ka fa a tlhalosang ka teng. O ne a mpotsa gore a ke a ba itsie, a ba tlhomilwe ke rona; karabo ke nnyaa *Mr Speaker.* Ke a leboga.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

DROUGHT RELIEF MITIGATION MEASURES

MR T. LETSHOLO (KANYE NORTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development to provide an update on the drought relief mitigation measures and assistance for the 2023/24 agricultural drought year, following the declaration by His Excellency the President, Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, that the 2023/24 season is an extreme agricultural drought year, and necessitated urgent intervention to ensure household food security and support for vulnerable populations, further:

- (i) what is the total budget allocated for these drought relief measures;
- (ii) how much of this budget has been released to each council and the date of the savingram, listed by district and/or sub-district;
- (iii) how many elderly individuals, per district, have accordingly benefited from the provision of special food baskets;
- (iv) how are the food baskets being, or are going to be, distributed;
- (v) what are the necessary resources for the distribution exercise; additionally, if social workers are to be engaged, how many have been enlisted to ensure the operation is carried out efficiently and effectively, preventing Batswana from going to sleep hungry;



- (i) how many additional Ipelegeng workers have been engaged, per district, in accordance with these relief measures, also articulating the criteria used for the distribution; and
- (ii) Provide a copy of the savingram with the answers.

Later Date.

**EVICTIONS OF FORMER BCL EMPLOYEES
FROM THE COMPANY HOUSES**

MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): asked the Minister of Minerals and Energy if he is aware of the ongoing evictions of former BCL employees from the company houses by Deputy Sheriffs instructed by a Gaborone based law firm, if he is aware, he must state and explain:

- (i) the category of former employees being evicted and the reasons for these evictions, who is evicting them, under which law or regulation or judgement of the court and the reasons for evictions;
- (ii) how this is possible when the houses have been bought by Government and to explain whether indeed Government has purchased these residential properties, how much it has paid for the houses, number of houses bought and who it was buying the houses from;
- (iii) His Honour the Vice President's (VP) statement on Government's decision to buy the houses and whether Government is still committed to selling the houses to former BCL employees through a special targeted programme of subsidised purchase of the houses and to explain when exactly this will happen; and
- (iv) if he is aware of the ongoing secret sales of the houses by the liquidator and to state the number of houses purchased by individuals and companies.

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

- (i) Mr Speaker, it is important to highlight that BCL Limited was placed into liquidation in October 2016. Since then, Government of Botswana has allowed former employees to occupy the houses without paying rent.

The Government's decision took into consideration the loss of jobs caused by the liquidation and the economic hardships that would hit the former employees. Furthermore, we had hoped that individuals would use the time to look for alternative employment given that living rent-free or having that expectation is not sustainable because that benefit is not being afforded to all the citizens of Botswana. For nearly 10 years, the former BCL employees have continued to occupy the BCL houses without paying rent. That stated, it is equally important to note that the costs of maintaining, repairing and insuring the houses, runs into hundreds and thousands of Pula which are borne by the BCL Estate and by extension the tax payers (who do not have the benefit of free housing) because the Government is funding the liquidation.

The liquidator during her investigations established that some former employees have found alternative employment. However, despite being meaningfully employed, and with repeated requests from the liquidator to pay rent, the employees have refused to do so. In other cases, some former employees have sub-let the houses meaning that the employees are being unjustly funded at the expense of BCL. Other employees have also abandoned the houses which results in the houses being vandalised.

As a consequence of the above, the liquidator on behalf of BCL Estate, the lawful owner of BCL houses, made the decision to evict former employees who have found alternative employment but refuse to pay rent, and the employees who have sub-let the houses and/or abandoned the houses. The evictions process commenced this year, and is currently before the Courts of Botswana, where we will let the legal process of the courts follow the normal course.

- (ii) The Government has indeed purchased the residential houses from the BCL Estate through the Liquidator. The terms and conditions of the sale of the house including the purchase price for same are being negotiated and finalised between the Government and the liquidator. Government has purchased approximately 1200 houses from BCL Limited.
- (iii) It must be noted that Government is still committed to selling the houses to former employees. Let it be noted that there was never any commitment by Government to sell at a special targeted programme of subsidised purchase as alleged



in the Honourable Member's question. The Government and the liquidator have already subsidised the prices of the houses. As part of the valuation process, the liquidator instructed its valuers to value the residential houses using a forced sale value rather than the open market value. This effectively means the properties have already been valued and offered to the employees at a significantly discounted price. The discounted price took into consideration the condition of the houses and the economic ability of the employees. This means the houses to be sold will be offered to employees at prices that are significantly below market value.

- (iv) Mr Speaker, there are no ongoing secret sales of the houses by the liquidator, that is misleading and is of no legal basis. It is important to record that the Liquidator of BCL has been appointed by the Chief Registrar of the High Court in terms of the Companies Act. Hence, it is why in this capacity she is governed by the provisions of the Companies Act and she is subject to the directions and under the supervision of the Master and Chief Registrar of the High Court, and by resolutions passed by the general body of creditors.

The disposal of the houses is a statutory function being carried out by the liquidator, and she has briefed and received instructions from the largest creditor being the Government of Botswana, as well as the Master and Chief Registrar of the High Court. Therefore, to date, there have only been two purchasers of the BCL houses, the Government and former employees of BCL who took up the liquidator's offer to purchase the houses, and currently, just over 20 houses have been purchased from BCL by former employees. I thank you Mr Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: *Supplementary.* Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo. Ke ne ke re ke botse Minister gore gongwe a re fe *timelines* tsa puisanyo ya bone le the BCL Liquidator ka kgang ya go reka mantlo a rekiwa ke Puso. *The second question* ke gore, Tona a re Goromente ga a ise a itlame gore o tlaa rekisetsa babereki ba pele ba BCL mantlo a ka ditlhwathlwa tse di fokotsegileng as any special programme ya gore ba ka rekisediwa mantlo a ka subsidised prices. Jaanong ke re ke go botse Tona gore a mogopolo o o neng o kopiwa ke bone babereki ba pele ba BCL wa gore ba kopa go rekisediwa mantlo ka lenaneo le le faphegileng le le ka ba kgontshang go a reka, a le le Puso le raya gore mogopolo o le a o gana jaaka o re you never committed?

Ya boraro ke gore, wa re ga go na mantlo ape a BCL a a rekisiwang mo sephiring, a Tona ga a itse gore go na le batho ba e leng gore privately they are negotiating le liquidator, mme e bile bangwe ba bone e se babereki ba pele ba BCL, maikaelelo e le gore reka mantlo a, mme e bile bangwe ba bone ba setse ba tshotse offers, a Tona a re selo seo ga a se itse sa gore go na le batho ba a setseng ba tshotse offers tsa go reka mantlo a mo go liquidator?

Ya bofelo ke gore, mantlo a a 20 a o reng a rekilwe ke babereki ba pele, a o tlhomamisa value ya one le gore ke mantlo a a fa kae, and the category of former employees ba ba a rekileng? Ke botsiwa potso e ke gore, kana bontsi jwa babereki ba pele ba e leng gore ga ba a kgona go bona alternative employment, bone ga ba ka ke ba kgona go reka mantlo a bogolo jang ka ditlhwathlwa tsa market value. Jaanong ke re ke botse gore ba ba kgonneng go reka a a 20 a ke bafe? Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo, ke a leboga Honourable Keorapetse ka dipotso tseo tsa tlaleletso. Nako e re neng re e beetse liquidation ke nako ya gore ngwaga wa 2024 o se ka wa wela the whole liquidation process e sa wela. Kana e na le ditshetla dingwe tse e leng gore o tshwanetse go di diragatsa ka fa molaong bogolo jang ka gore she is supervised by the Chief Registrar and Master of the High Court. Ke thulaganyo e e tsweletseng, mo e leng gore fa go ne go na le thulaganyo ya go rekisa, e sa diragala ka thulaganyo ya gore baikopedi ba tle, go na le mo gotweng auction, mo e leng gore le gone it is considered a santse a beile gore dithoto tse di setseng di ise di rekwe, di bo di le auctioned ka dikgwedi tsa September, October gore a tle a kgone go digela tiro ya gagwe. Selo se se tonatona ke gore liquidation e a cost tota, it is bleeding Government coffers, jaanong go batla gore botlhe ba ba rekileng ba bo ba tswelela le ditiro tsa bone ba simolole go tlhama ditiro kwa Selebi Phikwe jaaka go tsweletse ba bangwe bo PNR ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Ke netefatsa jalo rra gore o ne wa tla wa botsa potso gore a ga go na lenaneo lengwe le go ka rekwang ka ditlhwathlwa dingwe tse di tlhofofaditsweng kana ka lenaneo lengwe. Ka go raya jaaka ke ne ke arab ka kgantle ka re, ga re a ka ra dumalana gore go tlaa nna le lenaneo lengwe, mme dikgoro ga di a tswala. Wena jaaka o le moemedi, o ka re thusa ka gore lenaneo lepe le teng ka gore e ne ya re fa re sekaseka mananeo a a teng gompieno a batho ba ka rekang ka one jaaka a bo SHHA, Turn Key Project bo eng, ra fitlhela e le gore



a kwa tlase thata mo go ka rekeng mantlo a. Re bo re re re thus le wena jaaka re tlhakanetse go tsamaisa gore o akantse lenaneo la go ka tshwana le lefe *to be considered* ka kwano. Ke sone se re neng ra tlogelana re se buile mo potsong e o neng wa e botsa mo malobeng ka tsela e e ntseng jalo.

Rra, mantlo a a rekisiwang, kana go na le mantlo a le 157 a e leng gore a tlogetswe fela a le *abandoned*, mme fa go ntse jalo, a tsala tsheny o e boitshegang.

Ke one matlo a re rileng, wena Liquidator go itsa tsheny o e yothle e ntsi e ka gore batho bangwe ba batla matlo a, a rekise. O a rekisa jaana a sa a rekisetse mo sephiring. O boletse jalo. Ke matlo *that are not occupied by* babereki ba bogologolo kana ba maloba ba BCL ba ba nnang mo go one. Ke one matlo a re buang ka one a re reng, batho ba ba ntshang *offers* ba re ba a reka matlo ao. Ba BCL ba ba batlang go reka matlo ao le bone ba ntse ba kgona go reka. Jaanong se se diragalang ke gore, mo gongwe motho o tlaabo a bona mongwe a bo a mo raya a re, rra kana nna ga ke na thata epe, mme ke na le tshwanelo ya go ka reka ntlo e, tla o e reke, re tlaa buisanya kwa bothokong gore re duelana jang. Gongwe ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse o ka tswang o kopane le tsone go reka mongwe *on behalf of a former employee*.

Tota se se teng fela ke gore, a matlo a tle go rekwa ke yo a leng teng, kana babereki ba BCL fela ba ba ka bong gongwe ba a batla. Go na le *industries* tse dingwe tse di kwa Phikwe, mme jaanong matlo a tlaa nna fela foo a bo a ija batho ba le teng ba ka a reka. Mongwe le mongwe o a lettelesega jaanong ka gore, bone e ne e le *on first come first serve basis*, mme *preference* ba bo ba e fiwa gore re tlaa simolola ka bone pele. Jaanong fa e le gore ga ba yo, *the houses still need to be sold. They will be offered to ba bangwe*.

Mo matlong a a 20 a ke neng ke re a setse a rekilwe, madi a one ke P3 374 million. *I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR KEORAPETSE: *Further supplementary.* Ke a leboga Tona. Ke re o tlhalosetse Palamente gore jaaka fa Liquidator a ne a re o ntsha *offers* tsa gore babereki ba pele ba ka reka matlo a, go na le ba ba supileng kgatlhego ya go reka matlo *but they never got any response from the Liquidator*. Jaanong ke re ke go botse Tona gore, e le gore *what is the criteria* ya gore motho o ka supa gore nna ke ka reka, e bile ke na le bokgoni, a bo a sa arabiwe kana a bo a sa neelwe tshono ya gore o ka reka? O re tlhalosetse gore *what is the criteria?* Le gore *criteria* eo a ke yone e e neng e dirisiwa *for* matlo a a 20 a o

reng go na le ba ba a rekiseditsweng? Ka gore kana se Liquidator a saleng a se bua o ne a bua fela gore, *these former BCL employees* ba ba neng ba supile kgatlhego *should wait*, le gore o tlaa ntsha *offer*, but ga a ise a boele kwa go bone ka *offer*. Jaanong ke re o tlhalose gone foo gore go ka tswa go diragetse eng?

Jaanong you introduced another issue ya assets o bua in general terms. I had asked you this question before, ke ne ke tsaya gore gongwe o ka e araba gore Palamente e itse gore, Tona a go na le dithoto tse le reng mo go Liquidator tse *they are too important to be sold especially to foreigners*? Ka gore re ne re bua kgang ya museum, go na le dithoto tse e leng gore tse ke tse di neng di ka dirisiwa *for museum, for instance* diterena tsele tsa bogologolo tse ke neng ke bua ka tsone. A go na le dithoto dingwe tse e leng gore tseo le mo dipuisanyong tsa gore tse ga se tse di ka rekisiwang, ka *they are priceless? Once they are sold* ga go na kwa di ka tlholang di bonwa teng. Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Member. Ee rra, tota criteria e nngwefela; supa Ntlo, o beye thoto ya madi fa fatshe, o tseye ntlo. Ke raya gore ke yone fela konokono ya gore o ka neelwa ntlo kana o ka se ka wa neelwa ntlo. E sale tshimologo ya thekiso ya matlo ga go na ope yo a kileng a busiwa. Ba ne ba beetswe three months of course, but ga go na ope yo a kileng a re, mme ke tla ke tabogile ka madi ke a ke santse ke ipaakanya, a boa mo tseleng. Jaanong they still have an opportunity now ka gore matlo re tshwanetswe go a rekisa, tsotlhe di tle di tswelele. Jaanong tota criteria e tona mo gare ga tse dingwe tse di ka nnang teng ke gone fela gore motho a bo a na le *that financial muscle* ya gore a kgone go dira jalo ka tsela ya go reka ntlo e e ntseng jalo.

Rra jaaka re ne re ntse re buisanya, go na le dilo tse dingwe tse re neng ra bua jalo ka gore, tse dingwe ke tse di yang go tlhokomela *mine* fa jaanong go setse go rekisiswe sengwe le sengwe mongwe le mongwe a setse... Jaaka o itse *shaft* tse dingwe jaaka *number 3* e a pontswa metsi gore *acoustic effects* tse re di utlwang kwa Phikwe re leke go di kokobatsa, bogolo thata jang ka gore ka kwa bo Selibe North le Central PNR e ka koo, jaanong e bile e batla *to access ore body* e e e tsereng ka tsela e sele e seng ka kwa *number 3 shaft*. Jaanong go na le *assets* dingwe tse re neng ra buisanya le Liquidator gore, nyaa mme tse di leng bothokwa tse a re di tlogele. Le tse dingwe fela tse e leng gore jaaka o ne o kile wa tshwaela, wa bua, wa gakolola, re le Goromente yo o utlwang, yo o reetsang, re utlwile, dilo tseo di tlaa



sala, bogolo thata jang ka gore re ne re ntse re bua le ka *museum*. Honourable Motsamai *next to you* o kile a bua ka gore a *museum* di nne teng. Mme ra supa gone gore re setse re ntse re tswelsetse. Go na le *the one that is already planned* o tshwanetse gore o tsene mo kagong mo Gaborone. O mongwe o setse o le kwa Orapa. Ene o ne a bua ka o a neng a o batla ka kwa South ka kwa. Jaanong le wa Phikwe fela ka tsela e e ntseng jalo, *as you rightfully say, some of these assets are priceless*. Re ne ra lebelela dilo tseo, re bo re itse gore, e tlaa re mo go sena go nna go rekisiwa di bo di phuthliwa sentle, di tle di rulaganngwe, gore di direle toropo ya Selibe Phikwe, a bo di direle Botswana boipelafatso jo bontle jwa gore re kile ra ne re na le dilo tsa go nna jaana. Mme di dirile letseno mo go ba ba kileng ba bereka jalo kwa moepong wa BCL. Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Supplementary.

MR SPEAKER: Last supplementary Honourable Nkawana.

MR NKAWANA: *Supplementary Mr Speaker*: Ke a go leboga *Mr Speaker*. Tona ga ke itse gore a puo ya gago e ntlodile ka nngwe tsela. Ke ne ke utlwa e kare o ne o re, Liquidator o mo lenaneong la go tlhotlhomisa gore mo babereking ba pele a ba bone mebereko gore a ba ka kgona go reka matlo, fa e le gore ke go utlwile sentle. Potso e le gone gore, a o raya gore fa motho a sa bona mmereko ga a ka ke a lettlelwa go ka reka ka epe tsela fela a sa bereke? Ke re o e papamatse gore ba ba ka tswang ba na le kgatlhego mme ba sa bereke a bo ba ka neelwa tshono eo, le fa e le gore madi ga a ka ke a tla a a rwele ka emere, ka gore ga go motlhofo gone go nna jalo. Gongwe ba na le thulaganyo ya bone, mme ba sa bereke, gore *element* ya go bereka re se ka ra e tsenya mo teng.

E nngwe potso ke gore, ka le ithaganetse le le Puso la ya go ema kwa pele ga *line* ya theko ya matlo a BCL, motho o ne a ka nna le tsholofelo ya gore, fa le setse le a rekile jalo gongwe le tlaa tla le lettlelwa babereki ba pele ba BCL gore jaanong ba a reke mo Pusong. A thulaganyo eo e teng gore le tlaa tla le ba a rekisetsa le le Puso a le setseng le a rekile? Ke a leboga.

MR MOAGI: Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke a leboga Honourable Nkawana. Nnyaa, go raya gore ke tsa ga morakile nkgonne. Ya ditlholtlhomiso ke ne ke bua gore, e rile fa a ntse a sekaseka gore *who are the former employees*, a fitlhela e le gore bangwe ba setse ba bonye mebereko, mme jaanong le fa ba bonye mebereko jaana

ba ganelela mo matlong fela ga ba batle go duela *rent*. A ba raya a re, nnyaa nthuseng go duela *rent*, bogolo ka gore le santse le tshotse matlo a. Ba bo ba gana jalo. Ditlholtlhomiso tseo ke ne ke bua ka ba ba neng ba bona mebereko mme ba sa batle go duela *rent* eo. Ba bangwe e bile *have subletted, subletted to* bo Big Foot jaana, gore babereki ba nne koo. Mongwe le mongwe o a lettelesega, a o a bereka, a ga o bereke. Kana o kgona gore o bo o sa bereke mme o le boketenyana kwa morakeng, o bo o nna o re ke tlaa nne ke latlhela merobanyana e le 10. Golo moo go a lettelesega, *that is a payment plan*, o a bona. Le thulaganyo ya gore Goromenta wa rona yo re mo ratang yo a bo a itlhaganela gore a tseye o ne a raya gore lona ba le dikgwatlha di bokete le se ka la tloga la tla le tabogile le bo le tsaya matlo a go bo go raya gore ga a tle mo bathong, *because all these houses are reserved for citizens* pele. Re batla *citizens*, bogolo thata jang *former employees* ba tle go reka.

Ke sone se Goromenta a neng a re, nnyaa nte ke name ke a tsere, gore yo o batlang go reka o ka reka *through* a a tserweng ke Goromenta ale. Ke yone thulaganyo e e ntseng jalo rra, ga se gore Goromenta o ne a a tsaya go a sola Batswana, o ne a raya gore a a bolokele bone ba tle ba a tseye segautshwane ba sa kgopakgopediwe ke ope, yo o tlang ka dikgwetlho tse di bokete. Ke tsaya gore e utlwetse, ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Moagi. Honourable Members, we go on to Second Readings. Clerk!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker.

MR REATILE: *Point of procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker*; ke emeleta ka *point of procedure* mabapi le Ntlo ya gago *Mr Speaker* gore kana dikgang tse dingwe ga re re nne re di tlhalogany. Fa e le gore *Mr Speaker*, kgang was *tabled* mo Palamenteng mo e le *Bill*, e bo e ya go boelwa morago kwa Botswana Television (BTV), a ga se go nyatsa Palamente ya gago *Mr Speaker*; mo e kareng Notice Paper le Order Paper di ise di bue, re bo re bona dikgang di le kwa BTV. Fa re tsena mo Palamenteng, *the very same Bill* ga e yo mo Order Paper gore e boelwe morago. Ke eng go sa nne le *courtesy Mr Speaker*; ya go tlota setilo sa gago? Ke eng Honourable Minister a ka se ke a tlhalose gore, tota o ne a patelediwa ke eng gore over the weekend a bo a ya go bua se e seng nnete kwa BTV, ka gore BTV e ka tsaya mo Palamenteng, e seng Palamente e tsaya kwa BTV.



Ke ngwao ya kae e *Mr Speaker*, ka gore dilo tse ga re di itse, re itse sengwe le sengwe se dirwa from the House, go tsweng foo go bo go buisanngwa le the public se se builweng mo teng ga Ntlo. Gompieno go nna le gore dikgang di buiwa kwa dipepereng, fa di tswa kwa dipepereng ke gone go tliwang mo Palamenteng. Kana Minister o ne a tlotlala Batswana fela, Bill e santse e tshela ka fa go ntseng ka teng, ka gore ke e ga a ise a bo a e boele morago, ga a ise tle kwa ofising ya gago go tla go boela Bill morago. O ne a leka goreng fela *Mr Speaker*? Re ne re bona e le gore tota ke go nyenya fatsa ofisi ya gago. *I thank you sir*:

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker, *di a tsamaelana* Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Further procedure Honourable Lucas.

MR LUCAS: *Point of procedure*. *Mr Speaker*, ke mo mafokong a ga Honourable Reatile a gore golo fa go lebega go na le boatla bo kopane le boferefere ka fa ke bonang ka teng. *A Bill was tabled* fa or Bills tse tharo, mme e bo e le gore Bills tse di supagala gore Batswana ba a di shema ba di kgwa mathe. Fa Tona a lemoga gore...

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas...

MR LUCAS: Rra?

MR SPEAKER: Ke a go utlwua o tsamaelana le Honourable Reatile, ga ke itse gore le bua ka ga eng...

MR LUCAS: Mma ke wele pele...

MR SPEAKER: Nnya! Ke go utlwile, ka re ga ke itse gore le bua ka ga eng. *I will tell you why* ke sa utlw Gore le bua ka ga eng.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker*, ke santse ke...

MR SPEAKER: Nnya, Honourable Lucas...

MR LUCAS: Ke leka go alela kgang e...

MR SPEAKER: Nnya, o aletswe go siame ke ... (*Inaudible*)... ka fa.

MR LUCAS: *Mr Speaker*, boatla bo diragetse golo fa.

MR SPEAKER: Take your seat please...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Lucas, no! I have withdrawn your point of procedure.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mo ntshetse kwa ntle *Mr Speaker*.

MR SPEAKER: Ga ke mo ntshe...

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

MR SPEAKER: Ga a a senya sepe. Honourable Lucas fa ke go tlhaloganya, o bua kgang e e neng e buiwa ke Honourable Reatile, ya Bills tse lona le itseng gore gatwe di ile kae, ga ke na kitso ya tsamao ya Bills gore di ile kae. Fa nna ke ntseng teng fa, Bills were noticed, they are still with me, nobody has done anything ka tsone. Kgang e felela foo, gore mong wa Bills tseo a o tswa go bua kwa setlhareng kae, nna ke mo emetse fa ka Bills tseo. That is the procedure.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: You cannot order me...

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

MR SPEAKER: Kgang e fedile banna, Honourable Members. E ya go tlhola fa ke ...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Sorry Mr Speaker, procedure.

MR SPEAKER: No!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure Mr Speaker, go go nnyennyane...

MR SPEAKER: Clerk, Second Reading please.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go go nnyennyanyana fela *Mr Speaker*...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Ga gona bonnyennyane jwa sepe.

MR SPEAKER: O tlaa kopana le tsala ya gago kwa le neng le le teng, kwa BTV kana ke kwa kae.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: O a re telela motho yo *Mr Speaker*, ga re ka ke ra mo letlelela waitse.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Sergeant at Arms get ready, there are Members who want to be removed.



BILL

...Silence...

POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING BILL,
2024 (NO. 16 OF 2024)

Second Reading

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr Speaker, there is a procedure on this particular one, on the Political Party Funding...

MR SPEAKER: The Funding one...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: Yes.

MR SALESHANDO: *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, Molao-kakanyetso wa Political Party Funding kana re ne re boleletswe ke Tona pele gore o ya buisangwa kwa All Party Conference. Go ne ga nna le draft e e kileng ya buisanngwa, jaanong go dule the actual Bill. Re ne re dirile kopo gore a o ka lettelela gore re nne le puisanyo kwa General Assembly, ka dintlh dingwe tse di mo Molao-kakanyetsong o.*

Ka tsamaiso gongwe ke ka bo ke mo emetse pele a dira *Second Reading* ya gagwe, mme ke ne ke akanya gore gongwe gore a dire *Second Reading*, re bo re emisa discussion, re tla re ya General Assembly re bo re bua, would not result in smooth flow of the debate. He was not ...(inaudible)... with it, so I thought I should move it now, make the proposal now, and you confirm with the Minister. I thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the House, point of procedure.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE): *Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, ke bona gongwe Ntlo e tlaabo e dule mo tseleng, jaaka le ene yo o emeng ka dinao...*

MR SPEAKER: Vice President (VP)!

MR TSOGWANE: Yes sir.

MR SPEAKER: You cannot anticipate my ruling...

MR TSOGWANE: Sir?

MR SPEAKER: You cannot anticipate my ruling, on the procedural moves.

MR TSOGWANE: Okay.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, Honourable Saleshando says that *o kile a re mee-mee le Tona ka Bill ya Political Party Funding, gore a ga go ka ke ga nna mosola gore le ye go buisana le le Batlotlegi Mapalamente ka fa thoko, pele fa Tona a tsisa Second Reading.* Meaning that he wants to move that you adjourn the proceedings of this Bill, to allow for a General Assembly meeting of the Bill. That is the Motion that I understand, we shall now put into the House. VP.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): Ee, ga ke itse gore a ke a araba?

MR SPEAKER: That is the Motion, before I then ask you to vote, those who want to comment on it, yes.

MR TSOGWANE: *Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I do not think Motion o is pre-empting what the Minister might have wanted to say. Ke tsaya gore Motion fa o ntse jaana, o tla fa re sena go nna re utlwa gore Minister a reng. Fa e le gore go na le mongwe yo o ipelaetsang gore nnyaa ka mabaka a a rileng, re ka nama re ile kwa General Assembly. This is how we treat Motions of this nature, mme fa o tla jaanong pre-empting re bo re bolelelw gotwe re dumalane ka kwa sephiring, gongwe ke ene a tlaa buang gore go dumalanwe kwa sephiring ka tsela e e ntseng jang.*

Jaanong ka re a Minister a lettelelw fela a dire *Bill* ya gagwe, yo o nang le dikgang o tlaa di ntsha re utwile gore gatwe mathata ke eng. So, I am opposed to the mover of the Motion, I am opposed to the Motion.

MR SPEAKER: VP as I understood Honourable Saleshando, o ne a sa re ba dumalane, ke rile a re ba ne ba re mee-mee. Jalo he, ka gore ga e ka ke ya nna tumalano ya bone ba le babedi, le fa ba ne ba dumalane the matter had to come to the House hence him moving the Motion. Ke a go utlwa VP, Honourable Leader of the Opposition (LOO).

MR KEORAPETSE: *Mr Speaker, kana we have developed a tradition in the House ya gore Bills be discussed kwa General Assembly, e le courtesy ya gore di toutiwe ke Mapalamente ba ise ba tsene mo matlhong a setshaba gore ba di buisane. Jaanong ke ne ke ipotsa gore tota mme fela go ka senyega eng kana go tlile jang gore such a weighty Bill e bo e le gore ga re e discuss gotlhelele kwa General Assembly. Ke ne ke re VP a ko le nne lebole.*



MRT SOGWANE: Ga ke gane, ka re di a ... (Inaudible)...

MR KEORAPETSE: Nnyaa, ke a go utlwa VP. Jaanong ke ne ke re tota fela mme a Tona o ne a ka se ke bogolo fela a *accord* Mapalamente *that opportunity* e re itseng gore e nna e dirwa ke Matona ka go farologana gore *Bills* di buisanngwe kwa General Assembly pele ga re tla go di buisana fa? Ka kopo tsweetswee e ne e le gone fela gore re ye gore meemee *Bill* e ka kwa pele. Ke a leboga.

MR SPEAKER: Le a utlwana, mme ga le utlwane ka gore *whereas Honourable Saleshando says* le ka babisa Tona ditsebe ka *Bill* e, gore a e ka re pele ga e balwa la bobedi ra buisana ka fa thoko. *The Leader of the House* a re nnyaa, kgang e e ka nna ya tla re sena go utlwa gore Tona a reng, *thus* ke re le a utlwana, mme ga le utlwane. *That is how I understand the two sides.*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Withdraw the Bill.

MR SPEAKER: Kana go na le batho ba bangwe ba ba senyetsang batho ba bangwe ka dikakgelo tse di sa thuseng le fa e le sepe, ke raya.

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

MR SPEAKER: Ee, ga ke itse gore gatwe mathata ke eng.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MORWAENG): Mpa ke go leboge *Mr Speaker* ka sebaka se o se mphileng ka tlotlo e e kalo mongwame. Ke utwile se mokaulengwe wa me Rre Saleshando a neng a se bua a se kopa, mme gape ke utwile jaaka mongwame Mothusa Mookamedi a neng a bua ka teng.

Fa o ntetla Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke kope gore ka gone boammaaruri ke gore o ne a ngunanguna jaaka re bua, mme jaaka re bua e se tumalano e le ngunonguno. Ke kopa gore gongwe molemong wa rona rotlhe *Mr Speaker*, a re ka se ke re tsene gone jaana kwa General Assembly, go na le gore re e ise kwa pele re bo re kgona go buisana sentle? E le mogopoloo wa me o ke tsayang gore gongwe o ka re *accommodate* rotlhe *Mr Speaker*, gore re ye kwa General Assembly gone mo gompienong, *so that* re bo re ka bona gore re gatana dikobo teng koo re buisane mongwame.

MR SALESHANDO: Ke kopa tlhaloso o ise o fetse. Kana Tona kgang e nngwe jaaka ke ne ke tlhalosa, le wena ke go e boleletse ke gore kgang e e ntse e na le ba ba e tshwereng e le ba *All Party Conference*, ba e leng gore le bone gore re digele sentle dipuisanyo, ga re le

bone re bo re kile ra bua le bone ra ba raya re re mme Tona a re, ka gore bone ka kutlwisiso ya bone ke gore ga ba ise ba digele kgang ya bone. Ke ne ke sena keletso ya go diya Molao-kakanyetso, jaanong fa re re go bo go tswelelwa gompieno go raya gore go re tshibela sebaka sa go ya go buisana le basimolodi ba molao o, *draft* e simolotse kwa go bone e seng kwano ya molao, gore re digele. Ke tsaya gore *we could allow sometime this week* gore re e buisane re welane, gongwe go ka itsa gore dipharologanyo di se ka tsa nna kalokalo, re utlwisisane botoka. *That is really my request today.*

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

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member, hang on, hang on Honourable Members. We have a Bill before us, I am sure those who had the time have read the Bill, which normally will be taken as the position of the Government and the Minister piloting it. Now *kgang ya gore go na le ba bangwe* who are involved *mo dipuisanyong*, will mean to me that the Bill which has been presented, bone *ba ya go buisana le bone kwa go buisanwang teng o ka re kana go akanngwa gore ba tlogetswe fa Bill e tlaa tla*. What I am saying Honourable Saleshando is that we cannot stop the debate on the Bill on the basis that people who you allege are being consulted *ba koo, go bonwe nako ya* to consult *gape*, when the Bill is quite specific on what it wants to do. There is no ... (Inaudible)... in the Bill, whether other people...whether they debated are not agreed or agreed or... (Inaudible)... *Fa o ya kwa caucus o re beke e e ka kwa* to go and hear what those people say, *ga ke bone* the immediate *tomaganyo ya* this Motion and that suggestion *gore jaanong fa gare fa re a go botsa batho gore a le dumalana gore Minister o latlile dilo tse le dumalaneng ka tsone kana o dirile eng, mme ene a tsena ka Bill ya gagwe* which is deliberate. So, I will rather put the Motion as I understand it.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes.

MR TSOGWANE: *Procedure Mr Speaker, before you put the Motion.* Kana e nna o ka re re ganana le go ya General Assembly, ga re ganane le go ya General Assembly, mme fela gore o bo o tla ka *Bill* o le *Minister* a bo e le gore *the other member from the other side* a bo a ema a kopa *withdrawal* le go bua o ise o bue, *the tidy thing is for the Minister* fa a ne a itse gore o buile le Rre Saleshando jang o ka bo a tsile fa go bo go ema ene a *withdraw this Bill for further consultation or go into General Assembly, not with the Motion, you cannot, it is untidy.* Rona ga re itse gore jaanong *Motion* o o ganetsa eng, o kopela eng gore go iwe General Assembly. Fa



o le Minister ke wena yo o ka ikopelang gore ke ne ke kopa gore Bill ya me, because it has been tabled e teng mo Order Paper, jaanong ke e withdraw. That is where I have a problem, ka tsamaiso.

MR SALESHANDO: *Further procedure Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker kana ke gore VP o na le go tla ka dintwa tse di seyong, o bua gore ka re to withdraw molao, ga ke ise ke ko ke rialo. Eo ya withdrawal ke ya lona, le itse kwa le withdraw teng, ga ke ise ke ko ke kope withdrawal epe gone fa. Ga ke a dira sepe se se kwa ntle ga tsamaiso. Ke a letlelesega gore ke kope postponement go iwe General Assembly. Ka jaanong ke a utlwa gore o a omama a re o ne a ka dumela fa go kopile Rre Morwaeng, let me withdraw for the sake of progress. Ke lese Rre Morwaeng gore e nne ene a kopang, gongwe o ka itumedisa VP ra kgona go tswelela. I withdraw.*

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, there is no Motion anymore before the House.

MR MORWAENG: *Dumelang bathobetsho. Mr Speaker, ke ne ke rile ke tswelela ka thulaganyo e, mme ke tlaa tswelela jaana.*

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

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MORWAENG): I have the honour to present before this Honourable House for Second Reading the Political Party Funding Bill, 2024 (No. 16 of 2024).

Mr Speaker, the object of the Bill is to provide for the regulation and funding of political parties and for matters connected with incidental thereto.

The Bill intends to give effect to Recommendation No. 37 and No. 38 from the Report of the Presidential Commission on the review of the Constitution as varied by Government Paper No. 1 of 2023, that is the White Paper.

To this end, the Bill in;

- (a) Clause 1 and 2 provide for the short title commencement and interpretation of the Bill.
- (b) Clause 3 provides for the administration of the Act by the Secretary to the Independent Electoral Commission here after referred to as IEC and under the direction and supervision of the Commission. This is on the basis that Part (viii) of the Electoral Act already provides for electoral expenses. Therefore, as part of this, the IEC can monitor and ensure accountability for Political Party Funding.

- (c) Clause 4 provides that monies paid to qualifying political parties in terms of this Act shall be monies appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose of funding political parties.
- (d) Clause 5 provides for the formula of how the monies are to be allocated to political parties, that is 50 per cent of the monies are to be distributed amongst political parties that have received at least 5 per cent of the total number of votes cast in the immediate preceding General Elections. Whereas the other 50 per cent will be distributed on the basis of the number of Parliamentary seats won by a political party in Parliament. This is important to make sure that the funding benefits as many political parties as possible.
- (e) Clause 6 provides for purposes for which monies received must be used for.
- (f) Clause 7 provides that monies allocated in terms of this law will be exempted from income tax.
- (g) Clause 8 and 9 provide for the obligation on political parties to demonstrate how the monies allocated to them have been utilised and whether such utilisation is in compliance with the purposes for which the monies are to be used for. Submission of audited books of accounts of a political party respectively is done to ensure accountability and transparency in its procurement processes and that such procurement processes are in compliance with the laws of Botswana.
- (h) Clause 10 provides for the suspension of the disbursement of monies where there is contravention of any of the provisions of this Act.
- (i) Clause 11 provides for appeals by aggrieved persons against any decisions made under this Act.
- (j) Clause 12 and 13 provide for the general penalty for any contravention of the provisions of this law and the power of the Minister to make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act and for any matter under the Act which requires to be prescribed.

Fa o ntela Mr Speaker, ke ne ke re ke e soboke two minutes ka segarona molemong wa rona rotlhe. Mr Speaker, mo bogompienong ke ne ke le fano ke kopa gore ke bale e le labobedi molao o o amanang le go neela diphathi tsa sepolotiki madi a go di tsamaisa kgotsa a go



di thusa. Thulaganyo e ke e e leng gore molao wa teng o bitswa gotwe *the Political Party Funding Bill, 2024 (No. 16 of 2024)*. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, se se rurifatsa se se neng sa bonala mo *Recommendation No. 37 and No. 38* mo *Report ya Presidential Commission ya Constitution*. Gone mo ga tsala gore e re go dirilwe *recommendations* jalo ke ba *Commission*, Puso e bo e dumalana ka *White Paper* ya Mmuso ya No. 1 of 2023. Gone mo, ke gone mo go re tlisitseng fa gompieno gore re le Puso re bo re dumalane le thulaganyo eo gore diphathi tsa sepolotiki jaaka megopol o ne ya tswa kwa Dikgotleng, batho ba bua jalo, re le Puso re dumalane gore a diphathi tsa sepolotiki di neelwe madi gore di itsamaise.

Mogopol o maikaelelo e le go nonotsha puso ya garona ya batho ka batho le gore re diragatse se setshaba se se kopileng nako ya go buisanngwa kwa *Constitutional Review*. Maikaelelo magolo ka fa molao o o dirilweng ka teng ke gore o ye go itebaganya le gore madi a neelwe diphathi le gore a ya go dirisediwa eng, mme gape le gore a ya go tlhokomelwa jang. Go ya go nna le ditsamaiso tse e leng gore mo molaong o go na le ditsamaiso ka fa madi a tlaa tsamaisiwang ka teng. Le gore go tlaa direga gore ka dinako tsotlhe, diphathi tsa sepolotiki di bo di begela *Auditor General* mabapi le madi a ba a neetsweng.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Clarification. *Tanki Mr Speaker.*

MR MOATLHODI: On a point of order Mr Speaker. Our Standing Orders are very clear my Lord, the presenter cannot be interrupted. Standing Order 53.3.

MR SPEAKER: *No, Honourable Member. The Minister has presented his Second Reading, what he is doing now ke go rurifatsa gore ba gongwe jaaka a ne a bua ka sejatlhapi, ba ba sa mo utlwang sentle, e re a bua ka Setswana ba mo kape.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Tanki Mr Speaker.* Tona, ke ne ke re kana pele ga o re baya kgang e pele, go ne ga nna le kgang ya gore a mme ga re boele kwa raya go e kopanela sentle re le Mapalamente ra leka go e tlhaloganya gore gongwe kana ke e e ka fetang ka bofelo fela fa re e tlhalogantse. Ga se gore gongwe mogopol o fa o ya go wela o o consider gore a ga o ka ke wa o move ka go lebega re dumelana? *Tanki Mr Speaker.*

MR MORWAENG: Ke tlaa boela kwa go wena motlotlegi. *Mr Speaker*, thulaganyo ya molao o e supa gore mme ba e leng gore ba tlaa tlola ditsamaiso tsa one,

ba na le tshwanelo ya gore ba beelwe fa thoko mabapi le go fiwa mašheleng one ao. Go bo go nna le thulaganyo gape mo teng gore batho ba mohuta oo kgotsa pathi ya mohuta oo e kgona go dira *appeal* gore ba ikuele kwa ba ka ikuelang teng. Molao o gape, keletso ke gore Tona a fiwe dithata tsa gore a bo a ka kgona go dira *regulations* gore madi a tsamaisiwe jang.

Ke tshwanetse ke fete ka ntlaa nngwe ke ye *Mr Speaker* ya gore molao o fa re ntse re o *draft*, re ne ra nna le makopano a mabedi le ba *All Party Conference* kwa re neng ra buisanya teng. Lantlaa re ne ra tla ka one, ra bua le bone mme ba re roma gape kwa Pusong gore nnyaa mme tsamayang le ye go tla ka *Bill* eo e kwadilwe re tle re e sekaseke. Ka nneta re ne ra dira jalo, ra ya kwa Pusong, nna ka sebelebele ka boela kwa go bone ba diphathi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Mo puisanong ya rona le bone, ba leba molao o ka botlalo. *Bill* e ga e telele *Mr Speaker* fa o ka e ela tlhoko.

Ba ba duleng ka megopol o bone ra busetsa kwa Pusong, ra buisana le Puso gore re tswa kwa go ba *All Party Conference* mme ba ntshitse megopol o ke e le e le e.

Mr Speaker, ke leka go supa gore *Bill* e re e tshotseng e ke *product* ya dipuisanyo. Rre Kekgonegile o ne a seo kwa bokopanong joo, o ne a kile a bo tsena nako nngwe mme a tlhoka go tsena jo e leng gore *Bill* e, e ne e buisanngwa teng. Ga ke shabe ka motlotlegi, ke raya ka gore o ne a kile a tsena bokopano bongwe. Kwa dipuisanyo tsa rona tsa bofelo kwa re neng re dumalana teng, go ne go na le bakaulengwe bo Rre Mosedami le mokaulengwe wa gagwe. *In short, Bill ke product* ya dipuisanyo *Mr Speaker*, ka gore fa ke wetsa le bone, ba ne ba itumeletse dipuisanyo tsa rona.

Ke leka gore ke re *what we have here* ke se re se buisantseng kwa *All Party Conference*. Se ke neng ke se bua kgantele, kakanyo ya me ke gore se batlotlegi ba neng ba akanya gore ba se mpotse ba botse kwa General Assembly, e seng mo *National Assembly*. Ke ne ke akanya gore re ka dira jalo fa go ne go ka kgonega. Ka a le kalo *Mr Speaker*, *this concludes my presentation. I therefore move that the Political Party Funding...*

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of procedure Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Maun West, mme ke go bolelele; the Minister is moving the Second Reading. He is trying at the wrong time to answer Honourable Kekgonegile. In terms of the procedure



fa a feditse jaana, we then put the question which will normally be followed by the debate. At that time when the question will be put so that Members can take the floor, then you can stand *go rurifatsa gore a mme a ga reye teng kwa* General Assembly or whatever form it takes, whether *ke* immediately kana *ke kamoso*, that is after the question had been put.

Order! Order! Honourable Members. This will be for any Member to take the floor. If you want to move a Motion, this will be the time to do it.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: May I move the Motion Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kekgongeile.

BUSINESS MOTION

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki *Mr Speaker*. In accordance with the relevant Standing Order, I move gore Palamente e dumalane gore re ye General Assembly go ya go buisana Molao-kakanyetso o, re bo re tla re boela kwano, either today or at a later stage. Tanki *Mr Speaker*. I so move.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Kekgongeile, le gale moo ke ga lona, you are putting a Motion o gotweng ‘either.’ Ga ke itse gore either yoo o tshojwa e mang.

MR KEKGONEGILE: May I move that either *o raya* time convenient to the Minister Honourable Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! The debate on the Bill be adjourned so that we go to General Assembly and return as where it is convenient to the Minister.

Honourable Minister, when it is convenient to you?

MR MORWAENG: *Mr Speaker*, ke a dumalana molemong wa tirisanyo ya rona fano gore re ka ya mo General Assembly gone jaana, ra buisana gore fa dingwe di thoka to be clarified, we clarify them.

Question put and **agreed to**.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, what we are going to do as we move to the General Assembly, we are going to switch off your television (tv). Until *le utlwa gore ra reng ka kwano, ga go gasiwe sepe* from this House. We are now in the General Assembly.

PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED AT 3:50 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR

PROCEEDINGS RESUMED AT 5:09 P.M.

MR SPEAKER: *Technicians, Parliament is resuming*, a dilo tsa Makgoa di bonale. Bagarona ba security fa le ka bona Motswana ope a le ka fa ntle a ne a kobilwe, mo reye o re o na le tetla ya go tsena mo Palamenteng kwa gallery. *The floor is open*.

MR KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Ke a leboga Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. Ke lebogela gore Bill e ya public funding of political parties e bo e tlife le fa title ya yone e sa balege jalo. Re a itse gore Bill e ya Political Party Funding Bill, 2024 (No. 16 of 2024), e sa le e nna kopo ya diphathi, bogolo jang tsa kganetso lebaka le lelele. Ke dumela gore le fa ke ise ke tsholwe Ntlo e e le teng, ba ba kileng ba tsena le mo maemong a ke leng mo go one gompieno bo Rre Matante, ba sa le ba bua ka yone. Go bothokwa to level the political playing field, le fa re itse rotlhe gore it cannot completely be even, go leka go e tlisa mo seemong se e ratileng go nna even. Ke gone gore diphathi tsa sepolotiki di thusiwe ka madi.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, kgang e e neng e gwetlhwiwa ke gore go ne go lebega gore ka ditlhopho tsa ntlha tse di neng tsa nna ka March 1965, the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) at the time, which after elections became the ruling party, e ne e rotloeditswe ka madi a mantsi bogolo jang ke ba e leng gore ka nako eo, go ne go dumelwa gore ke ba mmuso wa bokolone kana Makgoa le bagwebi ba ba ikemetseng. Go yeng kwa pele, go ne go itsupa gore tota lefatshe la Botswana, fa re lebeletse fela its developmental trajectory, ka fa le tlhabologileng ka teng, the state became a very, very important institution when it comes to distribution ya resources. Goromente o ne a nna pilara, a regulator and mogwebi ka dikoporase ka go farologana. Goromente e le ene yo e leng gore fa o lebelela private sector, o lomagane thata le especially big businesses. Gone mo go bo go tsala dikgang tsa gore bontsi jwa bagwebi ba ba ikemetseng, ba gantsi ba ikaegileng ka go rekisetsa Puso kana ka go reka mo Pusong, ke bone ba ba neng ba rotloetsa party e e busang. Gone mo go ne go baya parties tsa kganetso ka fa mosing.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, mabaka a matonatona a e leng gore go tshwanetse gore parties tsa sepolotiki di thusiwe ka madi, mo ka Sekgowa ba reng to compensate for growing cost and increasing scarcity of resources, ke gore fa o lebelela gompieno, ditlhopho di a tura. Campaigns tsa gompieno ga di sa tlhole di tshwana le tsa pele. Tota e bile gone go tswa kgakala ditlhopho di ntse di tura. Ke lone lebaka le le tona la gore go tshwanetse gore parties tsa sepolotiki



di thusiwe ka madi. Fa o lebelela bogologolo *even in the 1950s, lefatshe la Germany ke lengwe la mafatshe a ntsha ba ba neng ba tlisa thulaganyo e ya gore parties tsa sepolotiki di thusiwe ka madi.* 1959 *the Federal Republic of Germany e ne ya tla ka thulaganyo e, mme ya e tokafatsa go ntse go tsweletswe.*

Lefatshe la Botswana ke lengwe la mafatshe a sekaenya fela a a mo Southern African Development Community (SADC) a e leng gore *parties tsa sepolotiki ga di thusiwe ka madi.* Gone mo ke tsaya gore go tlaa tsholetsa serodumo sa rona sa puso ya batho ka batho le gore re lebege sentle re le lefatshe. Lebaka la bobedi le ke neng ke le bua la gore *to guarantee free and fair political competition.* La boraro ke gore, re a itse go na le mo gotweng ke *a potentially disruptive role of interest money. Interest money ke a a tleng a na le attached conditions. Attached conditions tsa gore o kgona go fitlhela bagwebi ba ba ikaegileng ka Puso, either ka tenders tsa Puso, either ka Puso e reke dithoto tse ba di rekisang e le customer e e tona, e le bone gantsi ba rotloetsang parties tsa sepolotiki tsa ruling parties.* Re a itse, *even elsewhere, gore certain categories of companies o fitlhela e le tsone that fund parties tse di rileng.* Re sa re go molato mme gone mo fa go sa elwe tlhoko, o kgona go fitlhela go kgotlala puso ya batho ka batho.

Mr Speaker, ke fa sekai sa gore, if you look at most of the arms manufacturing companies in the United States (US), o a itse gore ba support party efe. Fa o bua ka the Gun Lobby, o a itse gore most of the time they support party efe. O a itse gore the largest polluters gantsi support parties dife. They support parties tse e leng gore they are consecutive and ga ba dumalane le gore go na le selo se gotweng climate change. Ke sone se ke reng gone mo, go ne go tshwanetse gore e re fa re lebelela Molao-kakanyetso o, re bo re lebelela dikgang tse di ntseng jaana.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go na le ba ba ipelaetsang, e ne e le lebaka la *the ruling party for many years, gore ga re ka ke ra thusa parties tsa sepolotiki ka madi ka gore go tlie go lowa.* Ga re ka ke ra patika gore *the taxpayer a support the political parties ka gore go na le other pressing needs.* E ne e le dikgang tse di neng di buiwa. Mo gongwe e le gore o kare *parties tsa sepolotiki di tlaabo di rolwa boikarabelo jwa go ipatlela madi.* Ke re mabaka a, ga ke dumele gore a nonofile fa o a tshwantshanya le mowa wa gore puso ya batho ka batho e tshwanetse go nonotshiwa, e godisiwe mo lefatsheng la rona la Botswana.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, gore Molao-kakanyetso o bo o tlie mo Palamenteng, *it is a welcome development. As I say, re tshwanetse go leboga bogolo jang ba parties tsa kganetso ba ba tswang kgakala tota kgang e, ba ntse ba e setse morago ba bua ka yone gore a go nne le gore parties tsa sepolotiki di thusiwe ka madi. Parties tsa sepolotiki Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tsone tse e leng gore fa re bua ka puso ya batho ka batho, fa re re multi-party democracy, re raya political parties.*

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go na le dithulaganyo tse di farologanyeng tse ke tsayang gore e tlaare fa re ntse re *develop molao o, re di lebelele.* Dikgang tse di tshwanang le gore re lebelele *operational costs tsa political parties le election campaigns* di farologanngwe. Go tsepame, go nne *clear gore mo go rotloetseng parties tsa sepolotiki ka madi, go na le bontla bongwe jwa go thusa parties tsa sepolotiki gangwe le gape, ba meet their operational costs.* Ba kgone gore *costs tsa bone tsa letsatsi le letsatsi, a ke tsa go hira staff, rents, diofisi, maikaelelo a gore ba felele ba rekile dithoto kana ba nne le dikgwebo tse di ka reng ultimately di bo di kgona to fund political parties, go nne le tetla yone eo.*

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ga go molato gore *party e ka re e le party, ya nna le a trust. Trust e bo e nna le kompone. Kompone e bo e gweba fela jaaka kgwebo nngwe le nngwe e e ka kwadisiwang ka fa molaong.* Sone se ke dumela gore ga se a tshwanela gore re itlhaganelele gore se iletswa gore *a political party e ka batla ditsela tsa go ka itsenyetsa madi.* Gone mo go raya gore fa go ka rotloediwa *in the future, re tlaa bona e le gore the burden is released on the fiscas gore parties tsa sepolotiki di kgone go itsamaisa.*

Kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ke gakologelwa gore kwa lefatsheng lengwe le ke kileng ka ya kwa go lone kwa Europe, mo Palamenteng ya bone go na le *political parties offices.* E seng fela tsa Mapalamente, *but tsa political parties.* Ke gakologelwa gore *I even met Secretary General wa Social Democratic Party (SDP) e le gore o na le office e se Mopalamente.* E le *Secretary General wa party mme a na le office mo dikagong tsa Palamente.* E le bontla bongwe jwa go godisa puso ya batho ka batho *to make sure gore we recognise political parties which are represented in Parliament gore di ka nna le Secretary General that attend caucus, ba manage caucuses ba le gautshwane le Palamente.* Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, re a itse gore *parties tsa sepolotiki bogolo jang tsa kganetso tota fela*



di ne di beile mo malokong a tsone, dikoleke tsa maloko a tsone, ba ba dirang bopelotlhomogi, Mapalamente le Makhanselara ba ba nang le madi a ba a lopiwang kgwedi le kgwedi gore ba a tsenye mo letloleng la ...

MR MATHOOTHE: *Clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re o mphitise fa gore fa o lebile, ke eng se se tonatona se e leng gore gompieno Puso ya Domkrag e bo e dumalane le political funding? Ga se gore ba bona gore tsela ya bone ya go tsaya Puso e tsena mo sekgweng gore le bone e tle e re kamoso ba le kwa kwano, ba bo ba itse gore go na le sengwe se se leng teng? Thank you.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ee, mongwe o ka dumela jalo because a possibility always exists for any ruling party anywhere gore e ka nna party ya kganetso mo nakong e e tlang. Ke tsaya gore nako e tlie ya gore Molao-kakanyetso o o ntseng jaana, o tle mo Palamenteng. Ke ne ke re molao o, one jaaka ke bua gore it is a welcome development mme ka fa o kwalegileng ka teng, ke tsaya gore re buisane kwa General Assembly gore go na le dipaakanyo tse di tlaa nnang teng mme o ne o lebega o kare it is a rushed law.

Ke tlaa go fa sekai Honourable Moatlhodi, molao o ka fa o ntseng ka teng, ke gore o bua fela ka madi a e leng gore would be appropriated by Parliament. Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente tumelo ya rona mo UDC ke gore go tshwanetse gore go nne le a democracy fund. Molao-Kakanyetso o ka fa o ntseng ka teng, go ne go tshwanetse gore go lettelesege gore go nne le yone democracy fund e e tlaa bong e le letlolle le le laolwang ke IEC, le e e leng gore international donors ba ka donate go ya ka fa melao ya rona ya the financial system; a ke melao ya Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), a ke e e tsamaelanang le bone bo Eastern and Southern African Aanti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) le bo Financial Action Task Force (FATF), ba ka donate into the democracy fund the same way they are donating to projects and to democracy related projects jaaka tsa bo go rotloetsa banana, bomme le banalebogole gore ba tseye karolo mo pusong ya batho ka batho. Go tshwanetse gore go lettelesege gore we can have international donors, bilateral and multilateral donating to the democracy fund so that ga go nne mo maruding a ga Goromento all the time gore e bo e le Palamente appropriating madi, mme madi a teng a bo a ya go abiwa ka political parties.

Sabobedi ke gone gore, kompone e tshwana le Kgalagadi Breweries Limited (KBL) e kile ya ntsha madi a a kanaka P2 million e bo e re a ye go kgaoganwa ke

political parties. Golo ga teng go diragetse gangwefela fa ke gakologelwa mo Pusong ya batho ka batho ya lefatshe la Botswana. Of course, interpretation ya batho ba le bantsi e ne e le gore KBL was trying to lobby politicians gore ba ba buelele mo kgannyeng ya Alcohol Levy which was in the offing at the time. E ka tswa e le gongwe nnete, e ka tswa e se boammaaruri. Fela ke gore go diragetse jalo. Ka fa go ntseng ka teng Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, private sector either out of their own volition, they can contribute to this democracy fund e e leng gore e tlaabo e tlhomilwe e laolwa ke IEC Secretary e le gore ba ka koleka madi mo teng, madi a e bo e le gore a tlaleletsa a e leng gore a tlaabo a rebolwa ke Palamente. Maikaelelo e ne e le yone kgang e e neng e buiwa gotwe tota fela why re re Motswana a duelele political parties. Gone mo jaanong go ka re raya gore now the private sector can contribute to this fund go bo go raya gore madi a end up a le kwa political parties.

Yone democracy fund e Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, go ka nna le gore go nne le incentives tse e leng gore in other countries ba na le mo gotweng ke tax free or tax deductible in order to ensure that private companies contributes into the democracy fund. An argument is always there ya gore a ga re ka ke ra bona e le gore big donors ba tabogela go tsenya madi mo letloleng la democracy fund gore ba tle ba nne le makgetho a botoka. Go tila yone kgang eo, in other countries they make sure gore this system does not favour rich donors. Jaanong ke gone gore tax concessions should be limited to small and medium sized donations. Jaanong there are always safeguards. Fa point e ntse jaana, re bua ka yone democracy fund ya mofuta oo Honourable Serame, ke gone gore we must always have safeguards tse e leng gore ga di ka ke tsa kokonela madi a a tsenang mo letloleng la Puso mo isagong.

MINISTER OF FINANCE (MS SERAME): *Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke santse ke tshwerwe ke sengwe ka kwano, jaanong ke ne ke eleditse gore o boelele ntlha ele fa o simolola. I have missed dingwe fa o simolola, but I think kwa bofelong ke go utlwile. Thank you.

MR KEORAPETSE: Yes, Mr Speaker. Jaanong lone letlolle le Honourable Serame, mo gongwe go na le makgetho, gakere it will be a special fund, a re a bitsang re re ke the sin taxes. Sin taxes go tewa makgetho a a tshwanang le a bo bojalwa like Alcohol Levy, Tobacco Levy, a bo sukiri le dilo tse dingwe fela tse e leng gore gongwe di leka gore di iletswe. Jaanong again to reduce a burden on the taxpayer gore a rotloetse puso ya batho ka batho ka go e duelela, ke gone gore mo gongwe go



ka tsewa *into the sin taxes*. Gongwe ga tsewa *a decision ya gore a certain portion ya the sin taxes will go into the democracy fund*. Fela selo se setonatona fela ke gone *to encourage le go tla ka incentives tsa gore ba ba dirang kgwebo mo lefatsheng, ba kgone gore ba thus puso ya batho ka batho*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke gore fa o lebelela *the formula that has been used or that was suggested initially by the Government mo their White Paper*, kana *the formula e ba neng ba e dirisitse e ne e supa gore fa re ne re ya ka yone re lebeletse P34 million yo gotweng is budgeted for, fa Honourable Serame a ema pele Palamente ka budget, o ne a supa gore P34 million ke ene a seegetsweng fa thoko for public funding of political parties*. Jaanong Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: P34.6 million.

MR KEORAPETSE: Ee P34.6 million. Jaanong fa o tsaya P34.6 million ene yo, o bo o tsaya le *formula e e neng e akantswe, e ne e tlaabo e raya gore the ruling party will get maybe around P15.8 million*. Phathi e tshwana le UDC *will get say P6 million*. Jaanong batho ba le bantsi ba ne ba tsaya gore madi a a mantsi thata. I want to demonstrate gongwe ka constituency ya Nkange gompieno. Ke dumela gore e na le wards di le 15, fa e le gore UDC e tsaya madi a a kana ka P6 million, go ne go tlaabo go raya gore fa o re madi a abiwe go lekalekana, let assume UDC takes a decision that this money will be distributed equally among the candidates, go ne go tlaabo go raya gore constituency nngwe le nngwe gongwe e tsaya madi a kana ka P98, 300.00 plus. Jaanong fa o kgaoganya madi ao ka 16, ke raya gore gakere council candidates ba 15 and the Parliamentary candidate o mongwefela, go raya gore e ne e tlaabo e go neela around P6, 100.00. That is what it meant.

Jaanong ke re *the reason why I am trying to demonstrate the importance ya gore go nne le democracy fund e e leng gore go tlaa nna le other contributions other than money appropriated by Parliament*, ke gore madi a a manyennyane mo e leng gore ga a ka ke a dira pharologanyo fa re lebeletse seelo se Tona wa Finance a se beileng Palamente pele gore ke one madi a a tlaa bong a ya kwa diphathing. Ke sone se re reng go mosola gore go nne le *a democracy fund e e leng gore ka yone ke yone e tlaa dirang gore madi a a nne botoka*.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, jaaka ke tlhalosa, go ne go sa batle gore go ikaegwe completely ka Puso gore ke yone e tseye tshwetso ya gore madi a e leng gore

will be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of funding of political parties, e nne marudi a Puso kana a Tona yo o lebaneng. E tshwanetse gore e nne mogopolo o o kopanetsweng bogolo jang ke Palamente, kana go nne le thulaganyo e e tshwanang le yone ya bo All Party Conference gore go tsewe tshwetso gore mme tota madi a a ka yang kwa diphathing, e ka nna a a kae.

Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente, ke tsaya gore Molao-kakanyetsong o o lebane, ga re a bolo go o emela, mme a re dumalaneng gore a o nne le dipaakanyo tse di ka isang serodumo sa puso ya batho ka batho kwa pele. Ke a leboga.

MR KEKGONEGILE (MAUN EAST): Tanki Mr Speaker. Re mo Molao-kakanyetsong o o tsereng lebaka le le leeple fela thata gore o nne teng. Re tswa kgakala re le BCP re bua ka one, e bile ba ba ntseng ba re emetse mo Palamenteng dingwaga tse dintsinyana, ba buile ka one. Kana re mo bekeng e e dingalo thata e e leng gore fa batho ba ne ba akantse gore gongwe se se bothokwa e ne e le fale go okeletsa Tautona ditsompelo fa a retire, fale go okeletsa Mothusa Tautona ditsompelo when he retires, mme setshaba sa ema ka dinao, le rona re le BCP ra ntsha lentswe, batho ba boela kwa morago.

Kana mo bogologolong melao e e ntseng jaana fa re ntse re bua ka yone gore e nne teng, ya gore go tsamaisa puso ya batho ka batho go a tura, mme e bile mapolotiki lefatshe ka bophara bontsi jwa bone ba mo khumanegong, ba ba robetseng a mewa ya bone e robale ka kagiso, ba ba ba tlogetseng kwa morago e le baja boswa jwa bone, ga ba a ja boswa jwa khumo, ba jele boswa jwa khumanego e e nnileng teng ka ntata ya sepolotiki.

E rile fa re bua dilo tse mo malobeng e ne e nna o kare re bua dilo tse di sa buegeng. Gone go tshwana fela le nako e re neng re bua re re, kana bagodi ba lefatshe le ba diretse lefatshe le, a go nne le pension ba kgone gore matshelo a bone ba kgone go tswelela ba tshela fela sentle jaaka ba ne ba ntse ba tshela fa ba ne ba ntse ba bereka, ba na le maatla. Ya nna kgang tsa bo goreng, ke gore lona mme le kile la bona kae motho a duelwa a ntse fela, ka motho o tshwanelwa ke gore a duelelwe go bereka. Re santse re ntse re bua le gompieno gore, pension ya bone ga e a lekana, a go tswelelwe, re le BCP re bua ka P1,500. Re dumela gore ka iketlo, ka iketlo setshaba se a re utlwa, mme fa setshaba se re utlwa jaana se faka pressure mo go lona gore, le kgone go akanya jaaka re akanya. Re gone fa letsatsi jeno, ke boammaururi gore ditlhopho tsa Botswana ke dithlopho



tse e leng gore ga di a gololesega, ka ntata thatathata ya meamuso, gore party e e ntseng e busa, party e e busang e akola meamuso e mentsi go gaisa ba ba lekang go tsaya Puso mo go bone, kana ba ba ganetsa. *They have added advantage, over them, the playing field is not free, it is not fair.* Molao o o ntseng jaana ke o o lekang gore le se ka la nna referees la ba la nna batshameki, ke molao o o lekang gore rotlhe re tshamekele mo lebaleng le lelekalekanang. Fa e le gore go rwalla *dikhokho* re di rwale rotlhe, fa e le gore ke lenao re rage ka lenao rotlhe. Fa o *nkhaka* botoka o se ka wa *nkhaka ka grip*, o *nkhake* fela ka serethe. Ke molao o o lekang go dira jalo, ka gore Domkrag *for a very long-time* e akotse mo mading a ba ntseng ba a fiwa ke bagwebi. A mangwe a *tenders*, batho ba dueleta *tenders* ka fa thoko. E akotse, rona re sa kgone go nna le gone gore re ka tshela botshelo jo bo ntseng jalo re le ba *opposition*.

Motho fa a ka tsena mo go one Molao-kakanyetso o, wa tsena mo *section 52* (a) o o buang ka *disbursement*, gore a tlaabo a abiwa jang, 52 (a) e bua ka kemedi ya bomme mo Palamenteng, gore fa go na le kemedi ya mme a tlhophilwe o tlaa bona seelo se se fa godimonyana. Re re ee, go siame, go ka felela go rotloetsa diphathi gore di nne le kemedi ya bomme, mme ga go *enough*. Re tshwanelwa ke gore...mo kana *just motivates* diphathi fela, ga se mo go rotloetsang bomme thata gore ba ye go emela ditlhopho kana go ba kgontsha thata gore ba ka kgonia go emela ditlhopho gore phathi ya bone e kgone go bona madi. Le bone gongwe ba kgone go thusiwa ka one madi ao. O ya go fitlhela e le gore fa gongwe a tlaabo a tseiwa P300, 000 fela, e bo e le gore mme o eme, madi a teng mme a bo a sa ye go thusa mme yo o emeng a ya go fiwa *stage* sa ga Honourable Kgafela se se tonatona, mme a bo a tswelela mo legoeleleng.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tlhaloso.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Motsotso tlhe rra, e ile nako.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MR KGAFELA): *Point of clarification.* Ke a leboga. A mme tsetlana tse di rotloetsang bomme ga di reye gone gore political party ka bo yone e tsenyi mo tirisong a programme ka bo yone? A programme ya go rotloetsa kana go rurifatsa gore bomme they take part in political activity ba felela ba tlide mo Palamenteng, your own programme?

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ke boammaaruri go ntse jalo, but has to extend beyond that. It has to extend from the political party to motho ka bo ene, gore fa re ne re kgona

go fetola *the electoral system, the electoral system can enhance that*, re tswa mo *First Past the Post*, re ya kwa mixed, whereby we maintain *First Past the Post*, re bo re tsenya le mixed le *Proportional* gape. Fa re tsenya le *Proportional* gape, gone moo fela go tlaa oketsa palo ya bomme mo Palamenteng le kwa Khaseleng.

Fa re tswelela gape e ntse e le mo go yone eo, ra re go na le kgang ya banalebogole, gore molao o o bo o sa ama banalebogole, mme le bone ba na le bothata jo bo leng teng jo bo tshwanang le jwa gore ga ba ba ntsi mo sepolotiking fela jaaka bomme. Gongwe le gone go tlhokafala gore Clause ya banalebogole e nne teng mo mading a, gore le bone ba kgone go rotloediwa go nna teng.

Ke gore fa o ya kwa 6.1 e bua ka *a political party in a modern democracy*, le tiriso ya gore madi a ka dirisiwa eng, fa o e bala you might interpret it e raya gore mo go tshwanang *administration*, tsamaiso ya *party* letsatsi le letsatsi, mo go tshwanang babereki ba *party*, bone ga ba amege, mo o ipotsang gore mme fa e le gore mo mading a ga ba a tshwanelia go dirisiwa mo teng, motho interpreting it jalo, jaanong tsamaiso ya *party* letsatsi le letsatsi e ya go tsamaya ka tsela e e ntseng jang? Babereki ba ya go duelwa ka eng? I think we need to be specific here, as far as the administration and bobereki bo le concerned.

Fa re tsena mo issue ya penalty ...

MR MOATLHODI: *Point of correction.* Ke a go leboga Morena wa me, Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente. May the peace and mercy of God bless His Excellency the President and the people of this country. There is a particular Clause *mokaulengwe wa me, Motlotlegi Mopalamente wa Maun Bothhaba*. There is a particular Clause *e e tlhalosang gore* this fund is particularly for education on politics. *Ga e duele dikoloto*, I can find it for you if I had predicted gore wa go reng, ga e duele dikoloto, accounts dipe. Ke madi a a yang go ruta batho sepolotiki, to sensitize if not conscientize people on political education. I pray you understand it that way.

MR KEKGONEGILE: Ke tlhalogantse Honourable Deputy Speaker. Mme se ke se buang ke gore, kare on top of that...kana le le ba ba tlaabong ba ruta, ba tsamaisa political parties, ga le a tshwanelia gore o bo o tswa fela kwa bedroom ya gago o tlhapa, o lotlela ntlo, o bo o tsamaya o ya go ruta batho gore polotiki go tewa eng. Go na le golo gongwe fa o nnang teng, where you



discuss, fa o tsamaisang *party* ya gago teng letsatsi le letsatsi. Madi a a tshwanelwa ke go thusa *party* gore e itsamaise letsatsi le letsatsi; *not to accumulate dikoloto, wealth, not eng, but administration aspects.*

Mma re bue ka ya *penalties Mr Speaker*; 8.3, e e buang ka gore, *party* fa e sa dirise madi a sentle *it will be disqualified* gore e ka tlhola e fiwa madi. Nnyaa *let it not be disqualified, de-register it*. Fa Domkrag e rekisa *tenders* e sa tshwanelwa go di rekisa, *let it be de-registered, not disqualified. Audit 9.3; Mr Speaker it will wrong gore Auditor General e nne ene tshoso-e-rweleng mo go dupeng madi, accounts tsa political parties. A go batliwe an independent auditor yo o ipatletsweng ke party. As long as that auditor is recognised by the standards* le tsamaiso ya lefatshe la Botswana, e seng gore Goromente jaanong a tle go re tlhodumela re le BCP. Kana re tlaabo re tlhodumelwa ke Domkrag. Le tlaabo le re batlela melato fela, ka fa le batlang go re batlela melato ka teng.

MINISTER FOR STATE PRESIDENT (MR MORWAENG): *Correction.* Ee rra, ke ne ke re ke baakanyetse motlotlegi gore gongwe a atolose mafoko a gagwe sentle *Mr Speaker* gore, kana madi ke a setshaba. Madi ke a a tswang mo letlotleng la mmuso, mme fa a tswa moo jaaka re ne re tlhalositse kgantele kana lekgotla la sepolotiki koo le kgona gore le aroganya *accounts* tsa lone. Rona re bo re tsena mo go reng, re tlhoma matlho mo go dupeng (*audit*) funds tsa rona tsa Puso, go ya le ka fa gotweng madi a dirisediwe dilo tseo teng. Ke raya fela gore ke supe gore go reng go ntse jalo. Kgangkgolo ke yone eo, ke baakanya gore ka ke a setshaba, lebaka la Auditor General ke eng le tsena mo teng.

MINISTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MR GARE): *Further correction. Thank you Mr Speaker.* Ke ne ke re ke baakanyetse motlotlegi ka kgang ya *audit*, ke tsaya gore golo fa go supiwa sentle gore “*by the Auditor General or an auditor,*” ke tsaya gore o *certified by* Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA). Jaanong fa motlotlegi a re e se ka ya dupiwa ke Auditor General, e nna jaaka o ka reng *on the Bill* gatwe Auditor General fela. Le fa go ntse jalo re ke re ye motlotlegi ke re, kana gakere *these things, we are all professionals, it is done by the standards*, ke tsaya gore le *auditors* tse di kwa Auditor General ke ba ba *registered* ke Companies and Intellectual Property Authority CIPA. *So we are doing anything according to ka fa re kwadisitsweng ka teng, so we should not be worried gore ke Auditor General kana ke auditor yo o registered by BICA a le an independent auditor or the private auditor. I thank you Mr Speaker.*

MR KEKGONEGILE: *Mr Speaker, go na le pharologanyo fa gare ga Auditor General le independent auditor.* Se nna ke se buang ke gore, *independent auditor* o siame Auditor General a tsw. Fa o re go *audit* Auditor General, go tshwana fela le fa o re go *audit* Domkrag. Tanki *Mr Speaker.*

MR MOATLHODI (TONOTA): *Ke a go leboga morena wa me, Motlotlegi Motsamaisa Dipuisanyo tsa Palamente.* Mr Speaker, this is the very first time that our great Republic of Botswana introduces political funding. These are funds debited from the Consolidated Fund, with a precise purpose of funding political parties in forms of Section 4 of this new Bill.

Mr Speaker, Sub-Section (e) of Clause 2 categorically spells out that “these funds shall be allocated to qualifying political funds, and shall be exempted from income tax.” This is manna from the republic, this is manna derived from the taxes of this Government to facilitate on the promotion of active participation by individual citizens in political line, as per Sub-Section B of Clause 6.

Mr Speaker, *ke tsaya sebaka se go ikuela mo setshabeng sa lefatshe leno gore kana jaanong Batswana ba tlamega go itse ba bo ba rurifatse gore madi ano a tshwanetse a tsena mo diatleng tsa diphathi tse di tlhwaafaletseng go dira dipolotiki isa lefatshe leno ka nnete.* These are funds that are not going to be allocated to regional political parties, nor parties seen or identifiable with one place somewhere around this country. These are funds that are not going to be allocated to parties identifiable with a few people, referred to as their following. These are funds that are not going to be allocated to parties only seen or heard about during an election year. Mr Speaker, these are public funds that have to be accounted for, and like I said at the start of my presentation this is the first political bite on the cherry, and it must be understood that the first cut is the deepest.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS MONNAKGOTLA): *Clarification.* Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker.* Ke botse motlotlegi gore, madi a jaaka a bua gore a tlaabo a ntshiwa e bile a dupiwa (*audited*). Re a tle re utlwe gore diphathi tse dingwe di ntsha madi kwa dikgorong, a o bona gore madi a a ya go fokotsa madi a a tlhatswitsweng, a a sa nnang sentle a borukutlh, a o fitlheleng a ntshiwa kwa dikgorong. A o a bona ao rraago Nkamo? Ke a leboga.



MR MOATLHODI: Mr Speaker, I could not agree and applaud more of this Bill at Sub-Section eight at Clause 5, whereby the calculation should be at 30 per cent for female occupants inside the National Assembly. This is a clear call to incite the women of this country, to come to explore if not to exploit the political fields of this country. It can only be the wise as well as the optimistic leadership of His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, who has and continues to appoint some able Batswana women to posts of responsibility within our great civil service.

Mr Speaker, vernacularly we say “More wa gole o epiwa mothla wa tsholo.” *Ke lopa Batswana go tlhopha baemedi ba phathi ya Domkrag* at all the 61 constituencies, during the coming elections. More so that it is the only political party with more female aspirants, as well as at the current situation. Mr Speaker, the political funding as sought for per this Bill should only be paid to political parties registered in terms of the Society’s Act, and that has participated in the immediate preceding General Elections as per Clause 2 of this Bill.

Mr Speaker, the immediate preceding General Elections means 2019, the immediate past. Any other political party that may and can claim to have a stake on this fund, shall be extraordinarily avaricious.

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

MR MOATLHODI: I want to repeat this Mr Speaker, the immediate preceding General Elections means 2019, and any other political party that may and can claim to have a stake on this fund, shall be extraordinarily avaricious.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Go tewa eng?

MR MOATLHODI: Simply put, political parties that shall be extremely greedy for wealth on monetary gain.

Mr Speaker, I agree as well as support Sub-Section 4 of Clause 5, that the first...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: A mme o tshwere yone e e buiwang e?

MR MOATLHODI: *Ke tshwere yone tota*, it is not the one that you took our Minister and convinced him to come and agree with yourselves here. *Ke mo go yone tota*, I have read this Bill.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: *Eo* it is withdrawn mlamo!

MR MOATLHODI: Hey, waitse gore ke ka go dumela mlamo, dilo tse di diragetseng nase, ah-ah ...*(Laughter!)*... Ke ka go dumela mlamo waaka.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: It is withdrawn mlamo!

MR MOATLHODI: Ke bua ka *draft* mlamo, ...*(Laughter!)*... hei, nase le winne majita.

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

MR MOATLHODI: Mr Speaker, I agree as well as support Sub-Section 4 of Clause 5, that the first instalment should be paid immediately after the General Elections, as laws cannot be crafted retrogressively. Mr Speaker, these funds have been specifically designed for political funding and no any other purpose. I vigorously as well as rigorously plead with the Honourable Minister responsible for the Bill to introduce a heavy penalty for any political party that maybe caught flouting the procedures on the said Bill by disqualifying such party from future benefits. *Ga se madi a a yang go duela dikoloto* or any other purpose apart from the public educational means as called for by the Bill.

Mr Speaker, as much as Clause 6 clarifies that contravening the provisions shall be offensive, I pray that such offences be clarified and it must be very punitive as these are funds that must be strongly be legitimately used.

Finally Mr Speaker, I pray for continuous as well as regular checks and balances by the relevant Government mechanisms on the use as well as the operations of the said fund. Very finally, Mr Speaker, I support the Bill.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (MR LELATISITSWE): Ke a leboga *Mr Speaker*. Ke ne ke kopa gore Ntlo e ka rotlhe re a dumalana, e bile re tsere nako go ya kwa General Assembly re bua ka madi a a tshwanetseng gore a gololwe a dirisiwe ke diphathi, gore a mme ga re a bua bakaulengwe. Gantsi go na le tumelo *Mr Speaker*, e e a tleng e buiwe ke Motlotlegi Keorapetse jaaka re sale re tsena mo Palamenteng e, a buiwe gore madi ga a tsosediwe modumo.

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

MR LELATISITSWE: Ga ke itse gore a tumelo e re e tlhanogetse mokaulengwe ka gore ke bone o kare bontsi re a dumalana, gore a mme tota ga go thona *Mr Speaker* gore re kope go felela gone fa mo *Bill* e, ka gore rotlhe re a dumalana. Go ema o bua...



HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR TSOGWANE): *Clarification.* Ke dumalana le wena gore re a dumalana, mme kana ga o bona kgang e bo e ntshwa mo Palamenteng gotwe a e ye go buiwa pele kwa sephiring, o bo o itse gore e na le dikgang. Gongwe o letlele bakaulengwe ba arabe. Kana le fa go buiwa jaana, ba bangwe ba dumela fela mme go tswa fa ba tla ka dikgang di sele tse di sa amaneng le *Bill*, ba batla go di lomaganya le *Bill*. Jaanong ntle bakaulengwe ba arabe ba bangwe ba e leng gore gongwe ba dule mo *Bill*. Ke tsaya gore e na le ouranyana fela *Mr Speaker*. *I thank you.*

MR LELATISITSWE: Ke a go utlwa *Mr Speaker*, mma re tsene mo dintlheng tsa *Bill*. *Mr Speaker*, jaaka *Bill* re e beilwe pele, re dumalana le yone rotlhe ka Ntlo, gongwe re fe dintlha tse pedi tse tharo mo go yone, ke dumalane thata le ntlha ya gore ke leboge Tona Mma Serame yo o neng a kgona gore a *reserve* madi le fa ntswa go ne go sena molao. Madi a a tlaa supang gore fa *Bill* e e tla, madi a bo a le teng.

Le lona le le Mapalamente ke le leboge gore kana madi a setshaba a mo diatleng tsa lona. Ke lona ba le neng le a fetisa. Go a supagala gore mo dintlheng tse dingwe le a kgona go lemoga gore mapolotiki a tlhokana le tsamaiso ya madi a setshaba gore kagiso ya lefatshe e tswelele e le teng. Madi a, a ya go dirisiwa thata go ruta ka sepolotiki, ka gore fa o lebelela mo sepolotiking sa gompieno, o fitlhela e le gore go beilwe mo mokaulengweng yo o tlaabong a emetse ditlhopho. Golo mo o fitlhela e le gore go bokete, e re jaanong fa motho a setse a fentse ditlhopho, ga bo go nna o kare go na le madi mangwe a fiwang ke Puso gore a thuse mo matshelong a batho. Ke sone se o fitlhelang e le gore bakaulengwe bottlhe ka Ntlo e ba a lela gore dikopo di tsena di le matsorotsoro mo *phones* tsa rona re le Mapalamente, gore thusa foo ngwana o kaleletse kwa Gaborone, madi a *rent*, ngwana ke yo o a lwala. Dikgang tsa teng di le dintsi thata tse di tlhang mo Mapalamenteng. O bo o fitlhela e le gore Mapalamente a felela e re se se tsenang mo go bone, se bo se felela mo morafeng. Jaanong selo se ke sone se o bonang e le gore Ntlo yotlhe e a dumalana ka one mabaka a gore...

MR SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable Minister. It is now 6 o'clock. May I call upon the Leader of the House, His Honour the Vice President to move a Motion of adjournment.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR TSOGWANE):

Mr Speaker, jaaka o kopile, tla ke kope bakaulengwe ka gore re buisantse dintlha tsa Order Paper ya letsatsi leno, re eme gone fa, ba dumalane le wena *Mr Speaker*.

Question put and **agreed to**.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday 6th August, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.



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