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THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

**MR SPEAKER (MR MOLATLHEGI):** Good afternoon Honourable Members. Let us start our business for today with questions.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

**RECOGNITION OF BOTSWANA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE GRADUATES WHO PURSUED ENGINEERING COURSES**

**MR H. G. NKAIGWA (GABORONE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Infrastructure, Science and Technology if he is aware that graduates from Botswana College of Agriculture who pursued engineering courses are denied registration with the Botswana Institute of Engineers; if so, what is being done to assist such graduates to receive recognition.

Later Date

**SWAPPING OF LAND TO A SOUTH AFRICAN BY TATI COMPANY LIMITED**

**MR N. S. L. M. SALAKAE (GHANZI NORTH):** asked the Minister of Lands and Housing:-

- (i) whether he is aware of the land measuring 32210 hectares which the Tati Company Limited offered to a South African in exchange for wildlife sites in the Northern Delta, Khwai, Savuti and Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR);
- (ii) whether swapping of land is supported by Government Policy; and
- (iii) whether the interest of the Tati Company Limited to swap land in the Francistown area with portions of the CKGR where Basarwa were evicted may give credence to reports by Survival International that such removal was in bad faith, and meant to give way to mining and tourism interests of the rich and powerful.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND HOUSING (MR MOLEFHI):** Mr Speaker, I am not aware of any records showing land transactions or transfer of shares between Tati Company and any South African or lessee of any of the sites in the Northern Delta, Khwai, Savuti and Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR).

Mr Speaker, swapping of land is a form of transfer and therefore is permissible as per the provisions of Government policy. However, any transfer of tribal or state land cannot take place without sanctioning by the responsible land authority.

Mr Speaker, as I have indicated earlier on, I have no record of Tati Company interests in the CKGR. Therefore the issue of giving credence to Survival International on Basarwa relocations giving way to the mining and tourism interests of the rich and powerful does not arise.

I thank you.

**OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENT BUSINESS IN GABORONE**

**MR H. G. NKAIGWA (GABORONE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development:-

- (i) how far the bye-laws relating to outdoor advertisement which were long presented to the Ministry for approval by Gaborone City Council (GCC) are;
- (ii) what is delaying the bye-laws;
- (iii) if there are any plans to reserve outdoor advertisement business for Batswana, if not, why;
- (iv) how many Batswana and foreign companies are involved in the outdoor advertisement business in Gaborone respectively;
- (v) to state the level of business received by Batswana owned companies compared to foreign owned companies;
- (vi) how much revenue was GCC making out of outdoor advertisement before the suspension of the bye-laws; and
- (vii) how much income was lost due to the suspension of the bye-laws.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO):** Good afternoon. Mr Speaker, the outdoor advertising bye-laws are currently with the Attorney General's Chambers for final vetting.

My Ministry has been informed that the bye-laws are still undergoing different levels of vetting and we are expecting feedback by end of November 2015, after which the necessary approval process will follow immediately.

Mr Speaker, my Ministry is in discussion with Gaborone City Council with a view to engaging outdoor advertising companies on issues of citizen participation in the industry.

Currently there are 9 advertising companies operating in Gaborone; out of which 6 are Batswana owned companies and three are foreign companies.

In terms of business opportunities, there are 308 approved advertising sites within the city boundaries of which 31 are for Batswana owned companies, 267 are foreign owned advertising companies. The remaining 10 sites are owned by none advertising companies doing their own adverts.

The collections by Gaborone City Council were P7,293,153.00, P7,828,752.00 and P7,413,422.00 for 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 financial years respectively.

The City Council has not lost any revenue as a result of the moratorium imposed on advertising as the primary purpose of this action was firstly to de-congest the advertisement sites to a minimum of 350 metres and standardise the size of boards.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR NKAIGWA:** Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Minister. This submission of bye-laws was done in 2010; and it is almost five years now, how long should still wait? If you allude that there is no loss of income, what does that mean because the policies that have to govern these bye-laws are non-existent. They would have allowed any new form of business or expansion of the industry which will accommodate more Batswana.

Lastly...

**MR SPEAKER:** You are now making a statement. It is supposed to be a short supplementary question. You are not allowed to ask long questions. That is not procedure Honourable Member.

**MR NKAIGWA:** Lastly, Honourable Minister, are you personally satisfied with the number of foreign owned companies which seems to have over populated those of the locals?

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Concerning the first question, I concur with what Honourable Nkaigwa has said that indeed the submissions were made in 2010 but to date, nothing has been done yet. It has taken far too long to be implemented. However, as I have already stated, we have been talking to the Attorney General's Chambers and they have promised that before the end of this

month, they would have brought them to us so that we submit for vetting. I could not agree more with the Honourable Member that it was unnecessary to take this long and I believe that since they have promised, I hope we will not wait for long.

Another question touched on the issue of no loss of income. We are referring to those that have been in existence and paying their dues. You are better placed when it comes to these issues because we once deliberated on them when you were still a City Mayor. That is why I concur with you. We have even talked about the ratio of the locals against foreigners, and I thought there were many foreigners than Batswana but when I look at 4, if I can quote Mr Speaker, "currently there are 9 advertising companies operating in Gaborone, out of which six are Batswana owned companies and three are foreign companies." Out of these companies 6 have been given the job to advertise but when they get the job they sub-contract foreign companies and that is why we have foreign companies in advertisement and only a few Batswana. That is why I concur with the Honourable Member about these numbers which we contribute to as well. There was another question and I did not get it clearly Sir.

**MR NKAIGWA:** On a point of supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Minister. I was talking of the loss of income Honourable Minister; did the council not lose any income if these bye-laws have not been effective? The last one would be, is the Minister aware that most of the South African companies that are in Botswana are failing to give Botswana companies advertising business? They give to these 3 foreign companies. So what are you doing to protect these local advertising companies?

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** I do concur with you even though it is for the sister ministry which can assist. But our concern is that when Batswana are given these jobs, they sub-contract these foreign companies. This is what the bye-laws will be rectifying so that Batswana can get the business because these they do not get those businesses from the Council per se, but the Council give these jobs to locals who pass them onto foreigners. Like you are saying Honourable Member, when these bye-laws are ready, they will help us deal with the situation since it is a great concern on our side as well. If you remember well, we once requested that we have a meeting with you and these 3 foreign companies and then we established that even the employees are foreigners as well. We were to meet and discuss these issues, you remember them, right? Before our meeting, people implicated you for having shares in those companies, do you remember?

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

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** No, I do not want to implicate him, but he knows he wanted to make things right but people implicated him and we waited Mr Speaker. Thank you.

**DEVELOPMENT OF GABORONE GAME RESERVE INTO FULLY FLEDGED GAME RESERVE**

**MR H. G. NKAIGWA (GABORONE NORTH):** asked the Minister of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism what plans Government has to develop Gaborone Game Reserve into a fully-fledged game reserve that can attract more tourists to Gaborone.

**ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE AND TOURISM (MR SERETSE):** Mr Speaker, the upgrading of Gaborone Game Reserve is planned under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP). The proposed project include the following developments: upgrading of the fence to improve security, development of walking trails and public picnic sites, upgrading of the education centre and development of restaurant and accommodation facilities.

Mr Speaker, my Ministry believes that these developments in addition to the marketing inputs planned will attract more visitors to the game reserve. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR NKAIGWA:** Supplementary. Thank you Honourable Minister, thank Mr Speaker. When are we going to see the implementation of that Honourable Minister?

**MR SERETSE:** Soon.

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

**MR NKAIGWA:** When is 'soon' Honourable Minister? Soon might be tomorrow or any time. I just want to appreciate when?

**MR SERETSE:** Thank you very much Sir, within reasonable time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, I did not hear you, what were you saying?

**MR SERETSE:** Within reasonable time.

**REMOVAL OF MAISANE VILLAGE FROM THE JURISDICTION OF LOTLHAKANE EAST TO MOLAPOWABOJANG**

**MR A. S. KESUPILE (KANYE SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development if he is aware of the claim by residents of Lotlhakane East that Maisane Village has been removed from the

jurisdiction of Lotlhakane East to Molapowabojang, without due consultation; if so, to state:-

- (i) the procedure for removing a settlement from one jurisdiction to the other;
- (ii) the reasons for placing Maisane under the jurisdiction of Molapowabojang; and
- (iii) what happened to the property co-owned by Maisane and Lotlhakane East.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am not aware of the claim by residents of Lotlhakane East that Maisane Village has been removed from the jurisdiction of Lotlhakane East to Molapowabojang, without due consultation. I am however aware that in terms of spatial settlement growth, Maisane is planned to grow eastwards towards Molapowabojang.

There is no laid down procedure for removing a settlement from one jurisdiction to the other. That notwithstanding, the National Settlement Policy of 2004 clearly states the procedure and criteria for recognizing new settlements. This criteria includes population size, nearness to other settlements that have existing services, historical background of the settlement, availability of land for settlement purposes and other uses and the need to preserve fertile soils. This is the criteria that was used and adopted by the Southern District to arrive at its decision to recommend the settlement for expansion towards Molapowabojang.

Maisane has not been placed under Molapowabojang but is to be spatially planned in such a way that it grows towards Molapowabojang as it is only 2 kilometres from Molapowabojang as opposed from 4 kilometres from Lotlhakane East. The overriding consideration was distance, which has an impact on the cost of service provision.

There are two known co-owned properties that my Ministry through the Southern District is aware of but there are some public facilities such as Kgotla Shelter, Mobile Health Stop and a Primary School in Maisane and all the above are public facilities which all Batswana are entitled to benefit from. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR KESUPILE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Lotlhakane East Kgosana and his Village Development Committee (VDC) say that they were not consulted on this issue. What were they told regarding this programme?

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** In 2013, there was a request from the District Councils across the county regarding some settlements which are not recognised, some Dikgotlana

in Kanye, what is this other one, the one out there, what is it called?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Goora Seno.

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** Thank you very much my brother and it was a similar case with areas in the Southern, the likes of Polokwe, Tshwane and Betesankwe. We then gave it to the Councils for them to decide as to which areas can combine or which will be independent and we found out that the Southern Council decided that Maisane will fall under Molapowabojang.

We know that the Council should have made consultations and finally resolved in their Council and then inform us that settlements such as Betesankwe, Tshwane, Polokwe and Goora Seno will fall under Kanye. They are not the only ones though, in other areas in Botswana they have done that, some of them are independent. When they looked at the distance, they decided to develop Maisane so that as Molapowabojang get services, Maisane should get them too. Thank you.

**MR KESUPILE:** Supplementary. It seems like you are not sure that indeed the Council that you are talking about consultations with the people of Lotlhakane East. You only accepted their suggestions. So what do you want them to do because the people are complaining that they were not consulted?

**MS TSHIRELETSO:** I have a problem Sir because I was not there when the Councillor consulted people, even Honourable Kesupile I am not sure if he was there. However, if he was there I would agree with what he is saying. Even when the Council says they have consulted the community I agree because I was not there. There is nothing I can do. One thing that I can ask though is that since the Honourable Member is a Member of Parliament within the district, can he go and investigate why they did not tell us the truth, and not me. When the Council or the Councillor says they have consulted the people, I agree as much as I agree with the Member of Parliament saying they have consulted their constituents. I cannot doubt them because I was not there. So, I am not disagreeing with the council; I agree that as they say, they have consulted as much as I agree with the Member of Parliament. But if the Member of Parliament does not agree, he should go and raise his concern with the Council. Thank you.

#### **STATUS OF THE HUNTING BAN WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 2014**

**MR N. S. L. M. SALAKAE (GHANZI NORTH):** asked the Minister of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism to give a status of the hunting ban which was introduced in 2014 in particular:-

- (i) whether a review has been undertaken in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (CAP 30:01), if so, the Minister to provide the names of the people who carried out the review;
- (ii) whether the public is kept informed about the status of the hunting ban; and
- (iii) to state the last time such an effort was undertaken and the means of communication used.

**ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE AND TOURISM (MR SERETSE):** Mr Speaker, the suspension of hunting in Botswana was first instituted through Statutory Instrument No.2 of 2014 (Prohibition of hunting, capturing and removal of animals) for a period of one year. During that time Parliament was informed that the order will be reviewed on annual basis in accordance with the powers conferred on me by Section 45 of Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act of 1992 as the Minister of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism.

Accordingly, my Ministry reviewed the factors which led to hunting ban in 2014 without any prejudice. Amongst others, the review process took into account the fact that the countrywide area animal counting is not yet complete. Therefore without the number of wild animals depicted from the results of aerial surveys conducted by my Ministry, it was difficult to make a rationally informed decision to lift the suspension. Hence my decision to revoke the Statutory Instrument No.2 of 2014 and declared number of hunting in 2015 through Statutory Instrument No. 2 of 2015 (Prohibition of hunting, capturing and removal of animals) Order 2015.

Mr Speaker, the public is kept informed about the status of suspension of hunting in Botswana through the available public platforms such as Kgotla meetings and workshops.

Mr Speaker, my Ministry informs the public about the status of the suspension of hunting through Statutory Instrument No.2 of 2015, Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (prohibition of hunting, capturing and removal of animals) Order 2015 published on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 in the Government Gazette.

In addition, my Ministry has been addressing Kgotla meetings countrywide sensitising Members of the public about the suspension of hunting in Botswana. Other fora were also used to communicate the status of hunting such as the World Wildlife Day Commemoration held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at Seboba Nature and Recreational Park in Kasane and the Wetlands and Wildlife Symposium

held in Maun from the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Mr Speaker, my Ministry has no doubt the public is aware that there is no hunting in Botswana since 2015. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SALAKAE:** Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. Maybe the Minister should come out clear because we are not debating a policy; we are talking about an Act. Is he saying the plan to review the suspension of hunting has been done? What is his response because he has talked about a lot of things and I asked just a short question? For the benefit of the public, you should tell us if you are saying it is there.

**MR SERETSE:** Sir, I do not understand what he wants me to answer.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Salakae, can you please explain what you want him to do.

**MR SALAKAE:** Is it not that he has been responding to a question that talked about the review of the hunting ban? I just wanted him to clarify because I realised that he too was just reading and does not understand what he is saying. So are you saying the review for the hunting ban policy is there?

**MR SERETSE:** Thank you very much. I think it is important that I read yet again and I will make sure when I reach the word 'review', I will speak louder.

Mr Speaker, the suspension of hunting in Botswana was first instituted through Statutory Instrument No. 2 of 2014 for a period of one year and during that time, Parliament was informed that the order will be reviewed on annual basis in accordance with the powers conferred in me.

#### **DIFFICULTY IN ALLOCATING RESIDENTIAL PLOTS AND FIELDS TO LEHOKO AND SEHERELELA VILLAGES**

**MR A. S. KESUPILE (KANYE SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Lands and Housing if he is aware that residents of Lehoko and Seherelela villages are concerned over the Land Board's failure to allocate them residential plots and ploughing fields; if so:-

- (i) will the Minister explain the difficulties the Land Board is experiencing; and
- (ii) state when he will address the residents' concerns.

**ACTING MINISTER OF LANDS AND HOUSING (MR MOLEFHI):** Mr Speaker, I am aware that residents of Lehoko and Seherelela are concerned over the length of time it has taken for the Land Board to allocate them residential plots. The Land Board

prepared mini layouts for both settlements around 2008 and 2009 financial year. The mini layout of Seherelela had a total of 123 plots and 132 plots for Lehoko. A total of five plots were allocated at Lehoko and 10 in Seherelela. The remaining plots could not be allocated due to the fact that the plot boundary beacons were vandalised. However, it is important to note that from 2013 to 2015, 21 infill plots were allocated in Seherelela while five infill plots were allocated in Lehoko. In an effort to address the residents' concern, a team of land surveyors has been dispersed to the area on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to replace the plot boundary beacons. The allocation of the plots is expected to take place in January 2016.

Mr Speaker, with respect to arable fields, Ngwaketse Land Board continues to allocate in Seherelela. The last allocations were done on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015. It is true that there are some delays in allocation of arable fields in Lefhoko. The challenge is that there is no clear boundary between grazing and ploughing areas of which the community was supposed to resolve. However, the community took time; that is between 2011 and 2014 to reach a consensus. As a result, Ngwaketse Land Board only mapped the boundary of the drift fence in 2015. Unfortunately, other community members disputed the mapped boundary. The matter is still under consideration by the land board. I thank you Sir.

**MR MOREMI:** Supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:** What were you saying Honourable Moremi?

**MR MOREMI:** Supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes, speak louder.

**MR MOREMI:** Supplementary. Thank you Mr Speaker. We have been attending climate change workshops and they said they can predict areas where there will be dense rainfalls therefore before land board can allocate these arable fields; do they have such information so as to know where they can allocate these fields?

**MR MOLEFHI:** It is true that the Land Board works hand in hand with the Ministry of Agriculture; they are being trained especially in the climate change and modern farming research. In the meantime, we are relying on the community's knowledge of how they segmented their areas for both arable and pastoral farming. Like you are saying as there are changes, the community has to be educated so that they can understand they are told to look for other areas where they can practice agriculture. The main thing is to make sure that the community understands these climate changes, what they mean and also taking into consideration the soil quality. Research

should also be conducted to ensure that farming would be productive. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**LACK OF CONDUCTION OF MINE  
INSPECTION FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS**

**MR S. LELATISITSWE (BOTETI EAST):** asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs if he is aware that the Labour Office in Letlhakane has not been conducting mine inspections for the past 18 months due to unavailability of protective clothing for the inspection team; if so:-

- (i) how has this affected labour related disputes in the mines in Boteti East; and
- (ii) when will the officers be provided with protective clothing.

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MR BATSHU):** Mr Speaker, I am aware that the Labour Officers at the Letlhakane District Labour Office do not have protective clothing. Protective clothing was supplied to labour inspectors in 2010. Thereafter, two (2) labour inspectors resigned, one in May 2014 and the other in July 2015. My Ministry is in the process of deploying two (2) labour inspectors to the Letlhakane Labour Office in January 2016. In the meantime, the two (2) labour officers who are performing the mediation function will be supplied with protective clothing by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015, to enable them to carry out labour inspections. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I wish to point out that in the past 18 months, four (4) labour inspections have been conducted in the mines out of seventeen (17) companies identified for labour inspection.

Mr Speaker, with regard to implications for trade disputes, the trend in the number of trade disputes reported has been consistent in the past 18 months. Letlhakane District Labour Office registered 681 labour disputes. This translates to an average of 38 cases per month. One hundred and seventy (170) or 25 per cent of these disputes were from companies in the mines. Out of these 170 cases, 76 cases were settled, 47 referred to the Industrial Court, 18 did not turn up for mediation, 17 were dismissed, 6 were withdrawn, 4 were default awards and 2 are still pending. Majority of these are disputes related to terminal benefits to be paid at the end of shutdown projects. I would like to thank you Mr Speaker.

**OVERSTAY BY SOME TEACHERS IN SOME  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT**

**MR A. S. KESUPILE (KANYE SOUTH):** asked the Minister of Education and Skills Development if she is

aware that some primary school teachers in the Southern District have overstayed in the schools that they teach at, and some have not been promoted for over (ten) 10 years and have not been sent for further studies; if so, to state:-

- (i) reasons for failure to observe the policies guiding transfers to avoid overstaying, promotions or progression and further studies; and
- (ii) why overstaying seems to mostly affect teachers in rural schools.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR GOYA):** Thank you Mr Speaker. A very good afternoon to you.

Mr Speaker, I am aware that some primary school teachers in the Southern District have overstayed in their current schools. However, I would like to indicate that efforts are being made to address this situation. Consequently, out of a total of one thousand three hundred and thirty-nine (1, 339) teachers, eighty-nine (89) have stayed for over ten (10) years, which represents 7 per cent.

Moreover, of these eighty-nine (89) teachers, 56 per cent have been promoted within the same period. Within this cohort of 89 teachers, six (6) hold degrees; fifty-eight (58) diplomas and twenty-five (25) Primary Teachers Certificate (PTC).

Mr Speaker, I would like to highlight that overstay is attributable to the fact that a good number of serving teachers in urban and peri-urban centres were transferred from remote areas mostly on medical grounds and as such, it proves very difficult to transfer them back to remote areas, whilst the same reasons still stand. However, I wish to assure this Honourable House that as a ministry, we continue to transfer teachers to reduce overstay whenever vacancies occur and funds permit.

Mr Speaker, we do all within our control to adhere to policies on promotion, transfers and of training. Also worth noting is the fact that development of teachers at Primary and Secondary level remains a priority to us as a ministry as part of our endeavour to produce globally competitive human resource. To this end, we have 3, 014 teachers under-going upgrading from Certificate to Diploma and from Diploma to Degree in the past three years.

Mr Speaker, for the reasons already outlined earlier, overstay affects teachers in both rural and urban schools but it is perhaps more of a concern to teachers in rural areas. The Southern District has more schools in rural areas and therefore that is one of the reasons why

overstaying seems to be a challenge there. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**PROCEDURE FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION**

**MR K. MZWINILA (MMADINARE):** asked the Minister of Health:-

- (i) if there is a Children's Ward at S'brana Psychiatric Hospital; if not, what is the procedure for children requiring In-patient hospitalisation;
- (ii) if there is a Children's Outpatient Department at S'brana Psychiatric Hospital; if not, what is the procedure for children requiring advanced mental health intervention;
- (iii) what are the other treatment centres for childhood mental health disorders in Botswana apart from this hospital; and
- (iv) what is the ratio of mental health professionals who specialise in childhood mental health disorders to the number of children who display mental disorders, and whether she thinks this ratio is optimal for service delivery.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MADIGELE):** Thank you Mr Speaker, good afternoon. Mr Speaker, there is a children's ward at S'brana Psychiatric Hospital which caters for children.

Mr Speaker there is no specific children out-patient department at S'brana Psychiatric Hospital. Children are seen at the general out-patient unit which also caters for adults and admitted whenever indicated.

Mr Speaker, apart from S'brana Psychiatric Hospital, specialist-led psychiatric services in Botswana are provided at Jubilee Psychiatric unit (Francistown), Mahalapye District Hospital (Psychiatric Unit), Sekgoma Memorial hospital (Psychiatric Unit), Scottish Livingstone Hospital and Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital in Maun. For the rest of the country, services are integrated such that they are provided in the different Primary Health care facilities by the different health care personnel. Mr Speaker, the country currently has no mental health professionals who has specialised in childhood mental disorders, instead, care is given by general Psychiatrists, General Psychologists and General Psychiatric Nurses. My Ministry intends to train these professionals as part of our comprehensive training plan. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE AND TOURISM (MR SERETSE):** Procedure. Thank you Mr Speaker, I think it is very

important to correct the statement that was very, very definitive when I was answering Honourable Salakae when he said, 'is it done'? I responded definitively and said 'yes', that is not so, 'it is a continuous process'. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister, when we correct a statement we had previously made, there is a procedure which we follow. You do not wait for others to finish and then say you want to correct. You should look at Standing Order 41 Honourable Minister; it will guide you as to what you should do.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** I am still standing; I am saying he should look at Standing Order 41 and correct his answer. Now why are you calling for procedure when I am still teaching you how you should go about doing things?

**MR SALAKAE:** Point of procedure. Mr Speaker, I wanted to ask if you are going to allow the second answer, and if you are going to allow it should I have a supplementary question on it?

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Salakae I said read Standing Order 41, the Minister is going to use it as well.

**MR MOREMI:** Procedure. Mr Speaker maybe you should guide us here, the Standing Order is going to be read but the Hansard has already captured the damage which has been done here when Honourable Seretse was answering. The Hansard has not been corrected, yet you have instructed that people should go and read; you did not say whether what has been captured in the Hansard still stands or what.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Moremi and Honourable Salakae do not waste time. The Minister is going to correct his answer according to how Standing Order 41 guides him. That is what I said. He will go and make a correction. The answer he gave today will remain as is until he corrects it via a statement; please read Standing Order 41.

**TABLING OF PAPERS**

The following papers were tabled:

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 113 OF 2014: PRISONS INDUSTRY REVOLVING FUND ORDER, 2014.**

(Minister of Finance and Development Planning)

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 150 OF 2014: ROAD TRAFFIC FINES FUND (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2014.**

(Minister of Finance and Development Planning)

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 62 OF 2015:  
LIQUOR (EXEMPTION) (NO. 6)**

**REGULATIONS, 2015.**

(Minister of Trade and Industry)

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 81 OF 2015:  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTY**

**(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) (NO.18)  
NOTICE, 2015.**

(Minister of Finance and Development Planning)

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Point of order. Mr Speaker please help us, there are issues which we have just been dealing with involving Matsha Senior Secondary School which at this point in time the School Head has been suspended pending investigations. The Minister is still here, she has not been suspended, but we take it that every responsibility concerning anything that takes place at the Ministry of Education and skills Development is upon the...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** ... (murmurs)...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Honourable Masisi what are you saying?

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Mmolotsi, face me you stood on a point of order, I have given you the time.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Okay, Mr Speaker we were saying assist us in that regard; as leaders of this country, as Members of Parliament; can we allow the poor man whom the buck does not necessarily stop with to be suspended; the buck stops with the Minister who is the custodian of all this.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Mmolotsi, if I recall very well we came to Parliament together in 2009. I believe at this point in time you understand the procedures of Parliament very well; and you know how you should ask if you want to know something. If you say "point of order" you are asking me, and you know that I am not a Minister of Education and Skills Development, so I cannot be able to answer you. You can ask the Minister of Education and Skills Development that question or submit it for Ministers' question time, or come up with a Motion so that those who have that information can answer you. I am just an individual who is presiding over Parliament business; please do not ask me questions.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** We want the Minister.

**RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH  
Motion (Resumed debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** If you want her to come and answer, you know which Standing Order to follow. Let us continue.

**RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
SPEECH**

**Motion**

**(Resumed Debate)**

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, when we adjourned yesterday Honourable Molefe was still on the floor and he was left with 22 minutes and 26 seconds. He is not forced to use this time, he can sit down but if he still has something to say then he can continue with his debate. Honourable Molefe, you can continue with your debate sir.

**MR MOLEFE (MAHALAPYE WEST):** Thank you Mr Speaker, good afternoon. I would like to continue my debate on the State of the Nation Address that was given by His Excellency the President. We were informed that a lot has been done by the Ministry of Education to improve the state of education in our country. We were also informed that...

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT (DR DOW):** On a point of order.

Mr Speaker, I want your assistance. If an Honourable Member uses this House to grab headlines what is done to address that situation. He knows very well that whatever he does and whatever he says whether it is true or not grabs headlines in the newspapers. I wanted you to help me.

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

**DR DOW:** I mean Honourable Mmolotsi.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Dow, there is nothing I can do. The Standing Order does not say anything about that and had it not been for that, I would have thrown him out of this House. He abuses the system of this House but one day it will catch up with him. He abuses the standing order by calling for a point of order only to mention stories written in newspapers that we have no evidence of. He knows that he is violating the procedure and that is why I was reminding him that we came together to this House, but the day will come. I can assure you.

**MR MOLEFE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I continue by saying that we have been informed about the ESP that will...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** On a point of order. Mr Speaker, I had thought that you will caution Honourable Dow that she is imputing improper...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! I will not have those types of bilateral conversations. Let us get serious. You want her to stand on a point of order to respond to what you said and I will not allow that. Honourable Molefe, continue with your debate.

**MR MOLEFE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. We are thankful that under the ESP there will be construction of houses, classrooms as well as accommodation for teachers. We are waiting with positive anticipation that the ESP will benefit us especially when it comes to job creation.

Mr Speaker, we are still concerned by the decline in the results of our students and so we are grateful that the Ministry of Education will provide for training in different technical skills so as to fill the gaps that we have in the different sectors. In my constituency, we have a situation where the Ministry of Education employed teachers on a temporary basis. We therefore request the Ministry to look into this to ensure that these temporary teachers are employed on longer contracts so that they do not lose the skills they have gained. We are bothered by the poor results that we get and so we advise government to explore all the avenues possible to try and improve the quality of education in the country. The main focus area should be the blue print and that it should be considered because that is where the number of students a teacher can teach is stated or provided for. It should be looked into because currently teachers take on large classes and it prevents a teacher from performing exceptionally and thus bring good results.

Senior teachers also have additional responsibilities apart from teaching including issues of Performance Management System. That does not give them enough time to do the teaching work diligently. The workload for teachers should also be looked into and reduced so that results can be improved. Still talking about the Ministry of Education, I would like the government to look into issues of accommodation for teachers and schools should be built as well to aid education.

Now turning to the Ministry of Lands and Housing, I would like to highlight that our public officers in Mahalapye have challenges of accommodation. As I speak to you, the Department of Building and Engineering Services (DBES) boarded 28 government houses in 2011 or even more. Up to now those houses are not occupied and we request that through the ESP those houses should be renovated and occupied again. If you can pay attention, you will realise that criminals use those houses for criminal activities and that increases the crime rate in our area.

One other issue that I have from my area is that our post office needs an upgrade. Our village has grown to the point where it is surrounded by nine small villages and

that causes for it to be always congested. The elderly have to wake up in the wee hours of the morning every month to go and queue at the post office. The queues begin as early as 4 a.m. I want to request the government to consider increasing the size of the post office so that those who need different services can access them without going through long queues in the sun.

Moving on to the Ministry of Health; our constituency has a big hospital. Our hospital has nurses' quarters but they are not enough. We have more than 300 nurses in our area and there is shortage of accommodation. Furthermore, we have five functional clinics but the services they offer are quite limited and the patients end up going to Mahalapye Referral Hospital. They create serious congestion at the hospital from 4:00 a.m. till the sun sets. We request that these five clinics should be well resourced and be extended quickly to reduce congestion at the hospital.

Mr Speaker, we have the youth who are very important as they are the leaders of tomorrow. In Mahalapye we have a lot of young people who have finished school but they cannot get jobs and they still lack certain skills. In the training programmes that will be undertaken, I ask that they be allowed to apply for school. We also request that those who have been funded through EDD and YDF should also be given an opportunity to compete and apply for small projects in councils for ease of establishment and also to employ their colleagues so that our constituency may develop as we all wish.

Mr Speaker, when I look into the Ministry of Defence Justice and Security, we were updated in the President's Speech on the escalating figures of crime in the country as a whole, and we also...

**HIS HONOUR, THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR MASISI):** Clarification. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I wanted to ask the Honourable Member if he has hope, knowledge or belief that what the government has promised, the cries of youth unemployment, training, building accommodation for nurses and teachers, etcetera, will be answered shortly in his constituency and Botswana as a whole? Does he have that belief and knowledge about the ESP?

**MR MOLEFE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Vice President I trust and believe because I know the BDP Government to be a visionary government that has programmes. We know that there are measures in place pertaining to the ESP programme and the intent is to hasten those programmes which are ... (interruptions)... implemented in a short while. Thank you for that question Honourable VP.

Mr Speaker, still on defence, I would like to add that we are also worried about the ever increasing crime in different areas. In the past two months, I held Kgotla meetings and different Dikgosi in my constituency were appealing to me and sent me to come and report here in Parliament that crime deprives them of sleep. As we will be taking the step of stimulating the economy, it is important that our area should be safe from all forms of crime by the time the industries are revived and companies start coming up.

The Police are doing the best they can do in my constituency. However, it is not enough as they still lack resources. They fail to meet the expectations because they service a wide area. Mahalapye combined with the small villages surrounding it has a population of more than 100,000 and this makes the Police to be spread thinly in offering their services.

**MR ARONE:** Clarification. Thank you my colleague. I am listening to you attentively and you are debating the issues of your constituency very well. In your view, what causes the notorious crime in Mahalapye?

**MR MOLEFE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Member for your question. There are different reasons perpetuating crime. I can briefly single out...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Elucidation.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** That was quick, he has not even finished.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Of course, I am helping him.

**MR MOLEFE:** Let me continue and...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Let him answer first.

**MR MOLEFE:** I can continue briefly Honourable Member and say, like I have just said, Mahalapye is a semi-urban area and people come from these nine villages surrounding it. The total population of Mahalapye and the surrounding villages is more than 125, 000. People come looking for jobs, businesses and to engage in different things. They come to Mahalapye with those expectations and when those expectations are not met, some end up resorting to criminal activities.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO):** Elucidation. I wanted to assist you my colleague by saying, there is no one who knows the thoughts of a thief. There are many thieves who steal money everywhere. So, there is no how you can ask what causes theft. Theft is greediness. There are people

who live below the poverty datum line but they do not steal anything from anyone but there are rich people who have money yet they steal. So, you can never really know the thoughts of a thief Honourable. Thank you very much.

**MR MOLEFE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Minister Tshireletso. Let me continue by saying as a way forward, we ask Parliament that there should be a firm programme of ensuring that all the contractors who will be coming in to develop our constituency and to improve its economy are safe. Just like in all our 16 Dikgotla, we have over 400 Cluster Volunteers. However, we request the government to partner the Police Officers with the Cluster Volunteers so that when they fight crime like being engaged in the neighbourhood watch programme, they should have the Police with them at all times.

As the ESP programme will endeavour on developing villages, we request electrification of our streets as our village is enshrouded in darkness. We have been informed that the ESP programme will install street lights so that the criminals will have no place to hide.

Some workers who stay in areas like Flowertown, in most cases go to work at different times and when the criminals notice that they are not in, they break in and steal. We also request the government to have Satellite Police Stations in areas like Xhosa 1, Madiba, and Tewane to make the Police visible at all times. Mr Speaker, villages have got no street names, I therefore request the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to speed up the implementation of street names. This will simplify a lot of issues like reporting a crime so that it becomes easier for the Police to respond in a short period of time.

That is all I had to say Mr Speaker, I thank you.

**MR KABLAY (LETLHAKENG-LEPHEPHE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Firstly, I would like to commend our government on the way she handled the recent sad tragedy that has just hit us. Parents have sent their messages of appreciation for ensuring that their children were buried with dignity. We know very well Mr Speaker that losing a loved one...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** On a point of order. Mr Speaker, I think Honourable Kablay is talking about a very sensitive issue, but...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Mmolotsi, this is your last warning for abusing point of order, as Opposition Whip. I am not going to repeat myself. If you want to correct something, you stand either on point of elucidation or correction because a point of

order, procedure requires my engagement as you are addressing me. So you cannot stand to address me and yet address Kablay.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Are you threatening me?

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes I am.

**MR KABLAY:** That is what I wanted to say Mr Speaker. Secondly, I would like to thank the Honourable Minister for the speech he delivered to us. Indeed it shows us that when our President took over, he made rigorous improvements even though other people choose to keep a blind eye to that and remain unappreciative of all the efforts. But in a case where your leader is unpredictable, it becomes difficult for your people to have hope in you. As for our President, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that this country is driven towards achieving the best. If it was not for his efforts, we would be in chaos. We had world economic crunch which affected a lot of countries negatively, but our President fought for the welfare of his country, that is why we are here. If he was ignorant, we would not be where we are today. Therefore I would like to commend him for the job well done.

I still want to challenge someone out there that our President is a politician because he has initiated so many beneficial programmes and those are qualities of a good leader. I still want to challenge any of the Members of Parliament out there that, it is a given that if it happens that a Member of Parliament calls for a Kgotla meeting and the President does the same, more attendance will be for the President as opposed to the constituency Member of Parliament. That is a clear indication that, our President is a famous politician who is loved by all. I still argue that our President has set a trend when it comes to holding Kgotla meetings more than all politicians. Even if they can discredit him, he is a true politician. The success of this party Mr Speaker is solely because of our President's efforts that we have managed to accomplish quite a lot for the party and the country at large. So we discredit all the negative comments coming from the opposition because it is mere jealousy.

Thirdly, I would like to thank this House for electing Honourable Molale as Speacilly Elected Member because he is very responsible when it comes to service delivery. We also welcome Honourable Lotlamoreng into this House even though the elections were a bit chaotic as our vehicles were hit with hammers. We could not however identify or associate the culprits with the Botswana Congress Party (BCP) or Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC).

Moreover, we appreciate the proposal of the Economic Stimulus Package (ESP). This programme has come

at the right time because there were a lot of pending projects which we shall be able to implement through it. We are from constituencies which have a problem of tarred roads and some will be able to have tarred roads. Areas like Malwelwe, Botlhapatlou, Moshaweng have no tarred roads and ESP will try to address a few of them to improve the livelihoods of our people. It will also create jobs for the concerned areas.

Our schools which have been in dilapidated state, will be catered for under this programme. We believe that...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have just arrived and already you are seeking clarification? Where have you been following this debate from?

**MR SALAKAE:** Point of clarification. I have just arrived. You are on the right track Honourable Member, now since you have been praising this proposed ESP, have they informed you of its budget?

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The budget will follow thereafter and the relevant officers shall inform us in due course, do not be worried. Let me thank the Honourable Member that through the ESP programme, the school in Moshaweng will be developed and maintained. This ESP programme means a lot to us all despite our different political affiliations. We have to embrace it and see to it that it sees light as it is going to help us in the region. We should not be seen to shun the programme but at the end of the day the same programme is implemented in our region. They have been talking about the ESP but it is now helping them. These are some of the things that I am grateful for. I do not doubt the fact that, we are going to develop the Ngware Junior Secondary School, we have to construct it because it has been promised. I do believe that the community will welcome the development as it will reduce the number of students who attend schools in areas as far as Shoshong and Matsha. I therefore thank the introduction of this programme. We are going to have health posts being upgraded to clinics, and we are going to have maternity wards in clinics, as well as ambulances in our regions. These developments also come with increase in the number of nurses and doctors within the region. We are going to have houses built, Mr Speaker, these are the developments we are looking at. We have been longing for the developments, let us decentralise the developments and not do them in one area. Let us know that our constituencies as well need the developments and as such, we want to be on the same line with areas such as Francistown and Molepolole, we should not seek developments and services from Molepolole only because we are nearer to Molepolole...

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

**MR KABLAY:** We also want to have our services and service points as well. Mr Speaker, we humbly request those who are looking into this initiative...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** You are on the right track but do not forget the areas of Sojwe, Lephophe and Shadishadi as you babble Honourable Member

**MR SPEAKER:** Are you saying Honourable Kablay is babbling?

**MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE:** No, I mean as he talks, as he lists the villages, not that he is babbling.

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I still have time Honourable Member. My constituency has many villages, so relax. We are grateful that we are going to have employment opportunities in our constituencies. We are going to make paving bricks which we will use to pave our internal roads to Dikgotla and we will employ people to do that. That is what the ESP is doing, gearing towards changing the mind-sets. They are going to wonder what is happening.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** ... (Laughter)...

**MR KABLAY:** They are going to wonder where the government has been. That is how we are going to do these things Mr Speaker

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! I cannot hear Honourable Kablay, please listen to him he is debating

**MR KABLAY:** We are going to do that so that we improve the lifestyle of Batswana. Mr Speaker, I have a great concern about the water situation. Boatlaname, Shadishadi, Maratswane villages have a serious water shortage, there is no water in these villages. We do not know how to address the water situation Mr speaker, boreholes have dried up and the trucks which bounce water always have breakdowns before they deliver the water. People do not get the water and students do not attend school regularly because of this shortage of water.

We have to see to it that we address this situation in these villages and water them, nothing is moving when there is no water. Mr Speaker, we will be grateful if our land board allocated plots could be serviced. We keep getting questions as to what has become of the plot if they are not serviced. We also have a challenge with the Kweneng land board, they take time to allocate land yet we have plenty of land in the Kweneng district. When land is not allocated we have a problem of...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** On a point of clarification. I just want the Honourable Member to be clear. On the other side he is raising concerns while on the other hand he is discussing the merits of the ESP, what are we supposed to do in this case?

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am only debating what I am representing in my constituency. I am also talking about the good that the government is doing, at the same time highlighting the shortfalls of the government. I do not know if it is wrong to talk like that? I cannot credit anything that comes by, I have to select what I say and deem fit to be debated. That is what I am doing. What I am saying is that, people are complaining that the land allocation process takes long and they need to use the land to their benefit so that they improve their lives.

If land is not allocated and at the same time the government has many initiatives regarding farming, where do they do their farming? People want to develop themselves; they want to get bank loans using their land. The Molepolole land board is delaying in allocating people Mr Speaker and banks end up recovering their loans without affording people any financial assistance. Nevertheless God has helped us with so many plots.

We take it that our Agriculture will be significantly developed through the Economic Stimulus Package (ESP). We believe that things that have been lagging such as roads to the lands will be done Mr Speaker, and as they are being constructed, our access to the lands to collect food will be highly enhanced. Now, as the government we can see how we can ensure that farmers are settled at the lands; how we can supply them with water so that they do not have to leave their lands to go and seek for water. If they become forced to go seek for water, it will leave their crops vulnerable to invasion by birds, cattle as well as duikers. Now, these are things that we as the government should think about so that ...

**MR KGOROBA:** On a point of procedure. On a point of procedure, thank you Mr Speaker. I wanted to get clarification on a Setswana saying that goes "*ga se marago ke marago a lebotlele*" what does it mean?

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Kgoroba, what you are asking is not procedure. I am warning you as well for the last time. If you abuse that provision again I will take measures against you.

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. When I try to be lenient and give someone a chance to speak and they speak like him I will refuse to yield.

Mr Speaker, that is why I was saying, it would be helpful to us if we could get water at our lands so that

we can be better equipped to care for our lands. It will also be helpful for institutions such as the Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) that purchase crops to be encouraged to visit us. This is because it will be difficult for someone from Malwelwe or Shonono to use a donkey cart to sell his or her products in Molepolole, but if BAMB can visit them, it would be easy for trading to take place between the two parties when rain falls.

Corn and sorghum prices also have to be increased Mr Speaker. Right now you find that after working hard in cornfields, in the end you get a paltry P70 or P60. These things Sir end up discouraging people from growing many crops at their lands. They know that even if they do that they will get low returns for their products. Mr Speaker, these are some of the things that we should look at.

We are thankful for the government to be helping us with disease outbreaks. It does not matter which disease breaks out, the government is always there to help. Nevertheless Sir, there are diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Diabetes is a very taxing disease. It requires a lot of special food in order to give a person the necessary nutrients so that the disease can be under control. I am therefore pleading to our government to assist us with prescribed food morespecially those who are not well off. You will find that some people die because they could not access the prescribed food. They then become victims of high blood pressure and diabetes. But if our government could give these diseases attention, we will be saved. Most people have nothing but they are expected to eat certain food, the food that they do not have. If our government could supply us with this food we will be glad.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** On a point of elucidation. Thank you Honourable Speaker, thank you Honourable colleague. I wanted to point out that we as the Ministry of Health, we help Batswana by pointing out that traditional food are able to combat diseases such as high or low blood pressure and diabetes. Moreover, these foods are relatively cheap. They should eat organic sorghum and kale. We are not saying they should go out and buy things such as lettuce; they should just get traditional food. They should eat what you and I know as relatively cheap. These indigenous foods work efficiently more than exotic foods, which do not have any fibre.

**MR KABLAY:** For one to be able to eat sorghum meal, it is only when it has rained. Now if there is no rain where will you get the sorghum to pound and have a meal? Where will you get the rain for kale or relish? Relish/kale only becomes available when it has rained. Now this is where I have reservations Minister.

What I was referring to Mr Speaker, is food such as beetroots, carrots and spinach which are readily available and do not require one to wait for rain. Now, if you wait for the ones that require rainfall, where will the poor person be in the meantime? These are things that we need assistance on.

We are thankful for the poverty eradication Mr Speaker, which we are told will help people by purchasing goats, and chicken for them; this is because from my constituency, there are many poor people, so they are really thankful. The problem is at times those who are tasked with running these things do not do their job. The goats that we promise to people end up not being delivered as well as the chickens. Now, that is why we need to change things Mr Speaker so that people can receive these things, because if they do not receive them, they become skeptical of everything but if they do receive them, we will forever be thankful because our poverty will be greatly alleviated.

If we do not alleviate the poverty in Letlhakeng Lephephe constituency, there is nothing we would have done. Now these areas should be our main targets. We should go and determine what kind of assistance these folks need, because if we do not assist them, even if we talk about poverty eradication without assisting them, it means nothing will ever suffice.

Moreover, Mr Speaker, we should build brigades in these areas so that we alleviate the poverty there because our children who are out of school will be able to enroll in brigades and be able to learn a lot of things which will help them in future so that they are able to alleviate their parents from poverty. So construction of brigades can help us Mr Speaker, the current brigades produce mechanics and builders. We should boost the District Commissioner's office because people are complaining about these offices more especially in my area. As currently it is reported that the Vice president will be overseeing these District Commissioner's offices, he should seriously ensure that these offices implement poverty eradication programmes which are still lagging behind at Letlhakeng, if those offices were efficient in the service delivery and give people of Botlhapatlou goats, we could not be having such challenges of poverty eradication. People were given these goats but the office was slow to process then the suppliers ended up taking their goats back because they were not paid. Mr Speaker even if you can take the office to task, from there they just sit back and relax.

Even this Economic Stimulus Package (ESP), if we cannot supervise the District Commissioner's office the same thing which happened with the poverty eradication programmes might happen again, then tomorrow people

would celebrate in their areas and for us it would be a different story as we would not have received anything.

The other thing His Excellency the President mentioned is to respect our *Bogosi*. We are grateful for this Mr Speaker but in order for our *Dikgosi* to be respected we should build them offices and buy them vehicles as Minister Tsogwane promised that he is going to do for every village; each Kgotla will have a vehicle. Let us show in our actions that we respect our *Dikgosi* because if we just talk and take no action, *Dikgosi* will not believe if we truly respect them Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, these issues of discriminating people that one is Mosarwa, one is Mokgalagadi is an old practice but it seems like Molepolole chieftainship is still holding on to that practice of discriminating people. They still discriminate Basarwa and treat them in a different manner, which is not good.

I am saying this Mr Speaker because there is a small village called Loologane. This village is for Basarwa and they have been staying there for twelve years, after that a clinic, school and a nicely furnished tribal court office complete with the air conditioner were built. The problem is that the *Kgosana* of that village does not rule over cases. So in that case the poor Basarwa have to go and report at Sojwe and Lephephe if they have issues and they need to be there, how is he going to travel to Lephephe? How is he going to travel to report that some cattle have eaten someone's sorghum. When you try to talk about these issues they have nothing to say. When you try to talk to the Assistant *Kgosi* he just laughs. Mr Speaker, this makes one wonder that if these people do not want to respect Basarwa but laws have been amended, what should these poor people then do to get their rights? What should these people do so that they can have a *Kgosi* who is in the payroll and is able to rule cases of his own people?

This *Kgosi* understands Basarwa as he even speaks the language because that is the language commonly used. So if you take a Mokwena *Kgosi* to rule over a case involving Mosarwa who does not even understand Setswana, what should be done Mr Speaker? Mr Speaker as we raise these concerns we request Minister Tsogwane to seriously address them, his office should ensure that these people are assisted. That is what I wanted to say...

**DR MMATLI:** On a point of clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker. Can Honourable Kablay elaborate what the Molepolole *Kgosi* has done wrong? Can he verify in this House that *Kgosi* has not recommended the promotion of Loologane *kgosana*, does he have the evidence or he is just attacking him.

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Member, the Loologane *Bogosi* falls under Molepolole. The Molepolole *Kgosi* has to make a recommendation to the Minister for that *Kgosi*; he is keeping them in his office. We are representing those people Mr Speaker, I am not representing Molepolole, I am voted at Loologane. So I cannot just sit back and watch our people who are suffering...

**DR MMATLI:** On a point of order. Mr Speaker, the problem is that my colleague is attacking *Kgosi* but he is not here to defend himself. What I am saying is, he has not responded to my question Mr Speaker and he is out of order. I was saying does he have evidence that *Kgosi* did not recommend the *kgosana* of Loologane?

**MR SPEAKER:** He is responding just listen to him.

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Yes Honourable I do have that evidence, I was talking to *Kgosi*. I spoke to your *Dikgosi* in numerous occasions, the reason I am raising this here is because I have no other option. There is nothing I can do, I am complaining that people in my area...

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** On a point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not wish to provoke my colleague but I thought the procedure of this House is that we do not mention names of people who are not here to defend themselves. So if we mention the *Kgosi* of Molepolole, it is the same as mentioning him by name. Are we in order? We can speak in general terms without mentioning the name of the person who is not here to defend himself.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! But I did not hear him mentioning anyone's name, I heard him say *Dikgosi* of Molepolole. Honourable Kablay even if you are complaining do not mention *Dikgosi* of anyone's area because you are provoking them. Just complain on behalf of the Loologane Kgotla and not mention *Dikgosi* of Molepolole.

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Member I am complaining to the Honourable Minister that in my constituency area *Dikgosana* are not paid but Parliament passed the budget for *Dikgosana* after a recommendation was made that they will be paid. My problem going backwards...

**MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR TSOGWANE):** Elucidation. Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker let me assist my colleague. I understand his complaint but we have 286 posts of *Dikgosana*, they are being appointed as we speak depending on the submission of names including those of Molepolole. We are doing

appointments for those who were recommended. You can check our office to see if those who are supposed to be appointed have already been appointed...

**MR KABLAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I would be very grateful Honourable Minister, even though your Ministry is taking long. This is the second year since people have been waiting for funds. With those words, I thank you Sir.

**MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MOLALE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to also add my voice in thanking His Excellency the President for a very elucidating, rich and informative speech that gives hope to the citizen of this country. Before I do that I need to congratulate my compatriot Honourable Lotlaamoreng Montshiwa for having been elected into this Parliament. I do so sincerely with all the respect for the rule of law and democracy and all the good things that are being done in this country. It is something that we should be proud of as citizens. When we go out to the elections it is not war. It is expressing views that actually help citizens to make proper discernment of what they want. Therefore I thank you very much Honourable Montshiwa.

I would also want to thank my Honourable Colleagues in this House who saw it fit to bring me back into Parliament as a Specially Elected Member of Parliament.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** ...(Applause)....

**MR MOLALE:** It is very important to note that all that has happened, be it the elections in the Good Hope/Mabule or the special election in this Parliament, is a sign of good governance. That is a sign that this BDP Government has sworn to uphold this constitution of the republic. It is therefore a very good sign that under the BDP Government this country has a future. It is quite gratifying to note that, as and when we exercise our democratic franchise the citizens of this country individually are expressing a view as to what government they would wish to see. It is quite gratifying that they have continuously without failure acknowledged the good work that this BDP Government is doing. It is also a sign that even in the future the citizens of this country will continue to pin their hopes on this BDP Government.

Mr Speaker, this constitution here when we talk of governance guarantees a number of things. It guarantees protection from inhumane treatment, from deprivation of property, secure protection of law, freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and association and freedom of movement and many others. I am proud to say that under this BDP

Government these protections that are enunciated in the constitution have been upheld to the letter. That is where I am saying even into the future the citizens of this republic will continue to pin their hopes on the BDP Government because it is the track record that speaks for itself.

Having said that Mr Speaker, I would want to come back to the speech as presented by His Excellency the President. We have seen a very elucidative speech as shown here, which is very informative, which gives hope to the citizen of this country, which acknowledges failure where things have not worked and actually goes on to say where there has been failure, we are taking action to correct, such that we do not get derailed from our vision of ensuring prosperity for all.

We have been reminded by His Excellency, when he says, "As we begin the countdown to the 50th Anniversary of our Republic, let us accept that we have reached a stage where a major choice must be made. We can either become more productive by working together to reach our goals, or we can allow individual desires and potentially debilitating divisions to rob us of further progress".

I am quoting this paragraph Mr Speaker because in some of the interventions from our colleagues from across the aisle and in particular the response by their leader, he unashamedly says the speech that was given by His Excellency has no agenda and yet the agenda is very clear and this paragraph prepares us to get ready to understand what the agenda is, because he says let us work together, let us not be blinded by individual desires and potentially debilitating divisions. But what has been exhibited by our colleagues from the aisle has been that where there is nothing to oppose we resort to personal attacks. Where there is nothing to oppose our colleagues resort to personal attacks. This Mr Speaker is a sign that the opposition is desperate, the opposition is in disarray. This Mr Speaker is a sign that all that probably was holding at the centre at the last elections is falling apart. So Mr Speaker, we must acknowledge the fact that, His Excellency gave a speech that has an agenda and this is the agenda that is contained in this booklet; sustained development through diversified economic growth, that is the first item of the agenda. Sustained development through diversified economic growth; history speaks for itself; we cannot deny the fact that all of us in this House are a product of this sustained development, we cannot deny that.

**DR MMATLI:** Clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to agree with the Honourable Minister that where there is nothing to oppose, we should not oppose. Now, I want to find out from him if he would agree with me

that when the Kgosi stands for elections, he would not be opposed because you cannot oppose your own Kgosi. I want to know if he would agree with me that, it was short sightedness on his part and disrespectful for his Kgosi to oppose him. Thank you.

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. That is what I am looking for. But first let me crave for your indulgence Mr Speaker, to implore upon the Honourable Member and his colleagues to refrain from behaving or displaying a behaviour that is tantamount to people who can be called nincompoops...

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

**MR MOLALE:** I am here debating a serious matter Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Molale I am not sure what that word means and whether it is acceptable. Please explain what the word 'Nincompoops' means and if at all it is acceptable.

**MR MOLALE:** Mr Speaker, that is an acceptable English word in this Honourable House because it means a person who is always deviating from reality and taking serious things as if they are triviality.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Molale, can that word be used to refer to Honourable Members, because it is important that we do not use it in this House and keep referring to each other...

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order!

**MR MOLALE:** Mr Speaker, I never said anybody here displays that, I was only saying that I request you to implore upon Members to refrain from displaying a behaviour that is tantamount to them resembling nincompoops.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order!

**MR SPEAKER:** No, I am not asking for anybody's assistance.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Really! Am I wrong to call for a point of order?

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes you are out of order because I am still standing. Honourable Molale, the reason why I am talking about this word is because I do not have the dictionary with me since I do not like difficult English terms. I want you to explain what it means because I suspect that it could be used to imply that somebody is stupid. I therefore request that we refrain from using

those words in this House. Please withdraw it and find a suitable word to use.

**MR MOLALE:** I accept your guidance. I shall therefore withdraw the word 'nincompoop' and just state that people should not display a behaviour that seems to make them show resemblance of somebody who lacks mind of purpose.

**MR KHAN:** Procedure. Mr Speaker, I do not know who is really addressing us because the board displays that it is Honourable L. Kablay and it seems like the person who is actually speaking is somebody else, so can that be corrected.

**MR SPEAKER:** Please correct the name on the board; it is supposed to be Honourable Molale not Honourable Kablay.

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker and thank you Honourable Khan. I was still saying Mr Speaker that the first item on the agenda of this speech is sustained development through diversified economic growth and it was a very elaborate statement when His Excellency was showing why he has this at the top of the agenda because...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Molale, stop your debate at that point. We shall adjourn for 20 minutes and we shall come back at twenty past four to continue with our programme.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Members, thank you once again for coming back, late as you are but thank you for coming back. Honourable Molale, carry on with your debate you are left with 32 minutes and 14 seconds.

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I was still on the first agenda item of the State of the Nation Address by His Excellency; sustained development through diversified growth. We all know that ever since our independence, our resource allocation has been guided by very good principles that were aimed at ensuring that the resources reach a larger proportion of the citizens. Much as there were some challenges for instance, the per capita cost of development, we did all that we could and this has stood the test of time over the 49 years and what His Excellency is saying is that we will continue on that path albeit with more and more improvements to the system that has sustained us so far. That is why under this sustained development, he brought in this noble programme, not project as Honourable Boko did allude to, it is a programme. The Economic

Stimulus Programme is meant to do just that, sustain our development through our diversified economic growth...

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** On a point of elucidation. Thank you Honourable Speaker, thank you colleague. I know you as a renowned civil servant with many years of experience, and having crossed over to now become a politician, which is so common in many countries. I just wanted to get a feel based on your experience and having benchmarked in so many countries, the programme that we are talking about in sustained economies, has it been done before, and is it something that is odd for Botswana, or other countries have done to jumpstart, to invigorate or to stimulate the economy?

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Honourable Makgato. The ESP is not anything new; it is not unique to the Republic of Botswana. Some of you who have read history, after the Second World War there was what was called the Marshal Plan and the New Deal. That was an economic stimulus programme and it gave birth to the Bretton Woods Institutions; the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which have over time been the flag bearers of ensuring that member countries embark on a sustained development path. So, 1945 is a long time back.

But even of recent, after the 2008 economic slump, we have seen that happening in the United State of America (USA); we have seen that happen in Europe, Asia; we have seen that happen even in Africa. And this ESP is a result of about six years of an economic slump and just as we are going out of it one has to then bring in these strategies of stimulating the economy. It is unfortunate that some are making jokes out of it that it is '*motsosa*.'

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

**MR MOLALE:** We say '*morodiso*' not '*motsosa*'. We are stimulating the economy to grow, if you want to know what in Setswana that means. So, this is not something new, neither is it something that can be causing people to be so frightened as to what the ESP means. So, the first item on the agenda of the President's speech is sustained development through diversified economic growth. And when we talk economic growth we are talking all sector of the economy to ensure that there are jobs created.

There is a bigger portion of that programme ensuring that we purchase locally so as to further stimulate growth. These are some of the things that will bear testimony to the fact that, this BDP Government has always had a good management programme of the economy and also ensured that we account for what we do. Even into this Honourable House, when Members of this House sit in

the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) they ensure that the resources that were allocated have been effectively utilised for the purpose they were allocated for. And if not, they ask questions and actually cause remedial action to be taken. That is sustained growth, sustained development through accountability. If one has to then say this state of the nation address has no agenda, I think they are all at the height of falling to imagine that there is nothing that is being said when a lot has been said, and has been proven to have been said over time.

The second agenda item of this state of the nation address Mr Speaker is accelerated job creation. His Excellency has stated that through the ESP and many other existing programmes more jobs are going to be created, and while the skills are in short supply we have put money aside under the ESP to further skill, retool and retrain 20 000 of our citizens so that they can be able to fill the gaps where we may be running short of skills.

**MR NKAIGWA:** On a point of clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister. I just want to appreciate Honourable Minister as Minister for Presidential Affairs that with the current state of conditions of service for government employees, do you believe that you will be able to achieve the ESP as you think? And what is it that you are going to be doing to motivate government employees to deliver on the ESP and also to help them with the high debts because most of them are so highly indebted to the local banks and cash loans?

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Well in an attempt to derail me, such questions will be asked which really then have relevance to what I was saying. But I must hasten to say that, what seems to be painted as a bleak situation with regard to the public service is not so. What we are saying is that, we are going to be ensuring that more jobs are created, not only through the ESP, but through other programmes that are in existence.

We are also saying that we will work hard to eradicate abject poverty. And we are working hard to ensure that poverty is eradicated, and here we have a booklet Mr Speaker that shows some of those projects that can be made available to citizens of this country so as to fight poverty. It is something that is living; it is not something that people can talk about as if it is not real.

We are also talking about improving health care and fighting a vicious war against HIV/AIDS. These are real matters on the ground and I need to hasten to say that one member yesterday or the other week was talking about hubs that have achieved nothing. When we say improving health care, we mean that, because one of the hubs is the Health Hub where we are now able to do heart

surgeries right here in the country, where we are now able to test medication and ensure that it is authentic. You even saw it in the papers today, where we do all these good things. We are even accrediting hospitals such that they subscribe to international standards; that is what we mean by improving health care.

Mr Speaker, we now see an unfortunate thing here where for instance, our friends from across the aisle, instead of raising issues that are contained in the State of the Nation Address, there is a haphazard way of just talking aimlessly to discredit the Presidency, rubbish everything that this government is doing, preaching hopelessness and despair amongst our citizens, blaming everybody and everything that is seen to be pro-BDP, misleading people into believing that Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Government programmes are useless.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** Point of order. Mr Speaker, I thought our Standing Orders were very clear on how Honourable Members are supposed to present. Honourable Molale is reading the script and you are not putting him on line.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! No, Honourable Mmolotsi, Honourable Molale is right next to me, I can see him very well, he is not reading anything, he is just referring to his notes.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** I am watching him.

**MR MMOLOTSI:** No you cannot see him properly.

**MR SPEAKER:** Proceed Honourable Member.

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Therefore, all these points I have mentioned here which are being pushed by the Opposition to reflect a Botswana that is ungovernable, to reflect a situation where Botswana should give up and say they do not have a government, I think there is an illusion on the part of our Opposition people and in the process they go on to make Botswana believe that 2019 they will be taking over government, that is an illusion.

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

**MR MOLALE:** That is an illusion. As I said earlier on, where there is nothing to oppose, personality attacks come to the fore and in some instances attacks that deride off issues that run against our culture. There is enough to prove here in what Honourable Boko said, for instance about the leadership of this country, and if I may quote, he says, "So, when the President gleefully quotes a raft of reports that say he is governing well, he is essentially giving us the middle finger." That is deriding of leadership. What on earth is this, saying to

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a President that he is giving you a middle finger? That is unparliamentary and instead of being mentioned, this should have been expunged in the Parliamentary Hansard.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Yes, you are on the right track.

**MR MOLALE:** It is unparliamentary.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Molale, are you now attacking me?

**MR MOLALE:** I am just giving advice Sir. He goes on to say, if I may quote, "This Presidency was not about delivery, discipline, development or dignity. His Vice President is a man who entered Cabinet as an Assistant Minister with one brief, Poverty Eradication. He is yet to deliver a National Strategy on Poverty Eradication." He is again here, on the attack of the Vice President of this country. He is saying the Vice President knows nothing except making false promises because he says he is yet to. This Vice President here has been an Assistant Minister, he has been a Minister and as while a Member of Parliament for Moshupa-Manyana who when you go to his constituency, they will tell you a lot of what he has done.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Yes.

**MR MOLALE:** So, this is something that is actually worrying. The same person who was reading these words which are kind of derogatory, was the one who was standing here, next week after reading his poetic something about Matsha students, he then goes on to say the leadership in this Parliament must behave in what manner, that is behaving like a spineless serpent. So we cannot allow this thing to happen. We cannot allow people to mislead the population of this country into believing that the BDP Government is a government that will never deliver. It has delivered and it continues to deliver. There are challenges but these challenges are being tackled and we are winning.

Mr Speaker, we go on to hear that the government's intentions are not adequate. I do not know what the Leader of Opposition here means, "the government's intentions are not adequate." But believe me; the government's intentions are more than adequate and it is very clear that what this government has done, be it public servants or government initiatives, or any other programme of government, it has benefited this country. Let me tell you, if within this country some of you do not see the adequacy or otherwise of these intentions, you must go around the region and beyond the region and hear the accolades that are being heaped upon President Khama for having been able to lead this

country not only wisely but as a true man of honour, a democrat at heart. So we are very clear that we shall not allow anybody to detract us from this stance that we are a government that gives hope to the citizens of this country.

The Leader of Opposition continues to say that he is unhappy and bitter at the incompetence and impunity of government. What impunity? Can anybody prove it? There is nothing that shows any impunity here, except that the government intentions are more than adequate and they are meant to serve this nation. They are meant to serve every citizen of this country. Impunity is probably imagined in the minds of a few who have found no other reason to oppose, except to be just sensational and...

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** Clarification. Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Honourable Colleague. While you are in that mode, can you just tell us how many governments in this region if you can recall, pay school fees for their students, pay health care for their students and provide to the extent that this government of the day, of the BDP that continues to aspire to give even more-, how many in this region are able to do what we do?

**MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MOLALE):** Thank you Mr Speaker. In fact Honourable Makgato, some of our colleagues, little realising that they are making a joke out of themselves have gone around to tell our own students here to also go on the students' School Fees Must Fall Campaign. That in itself behoves of people who do not even really know what is happening within their backyard.

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

**MR MOLALE:** Yeah, it is heavily subsidised. Honourable Makgato, I think I know about three to four schools where school fees are being paid for, I am not sure about the others. And what we are having here is a system where free education starts from primary school all the way to the tertiary level. I do not know what impunity; inadequacy is, if we may go by the example of school fees as was mentioned by Honourable Makgato...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Clarification.

**MR MOLALE:** My time is up.

Honourable Boko and his core claim that civil servants doing private business is irresponsible. Now I am going to answer him this way, you go out when we are even trying to say that civil servants must also have some means of supplementing their wages. You say they are

irresponsible and the act is irresponsible. That is a zilch.

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

**MR MOLALE:** Why should we hate public servants who have done nothing to you?

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

**MR MOLALE:** He has talked of social protection and mistakenly thinks that social protection is about the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) and the Botswana Police infringing on people's rights. Social protection is something else. If he also talks about the DIS, let him come to me and I will tell him what the DIS is doing, not to talk about frivolous issues that are associated with the DIS when actually it is not. The DIS is protecting you if you do not know. They are protecting you.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** You are a member of the DIS.

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

**MR MOLALE:** Yes. Some of us are good at keeping secrets, otherwise we could be telling the entire world. The Honourable Leader of Opposition Mr Speaker, has gone on to claim that economic inclusion is none existent and the State of the Nation does not even mention anything about that.

I implore you to read that statement and understand it. Do not be blinded by hate and then say nothing has been done. If you want to attack your opponent, know what he saying and know what he is doing.

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

**MR MOLALE:** Of course and tell the truth and then the truth will bail you out Pastor Nkaigwa.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** And set you free ... (Laughter)...

**MR MOLALE:** He goes on to say Mr Speaker that this State of the Nation is a sugar coated rendition of things that mean nothing. When we say we are building the North-South Carrier 2, you say it is sugar coated. When we are connecting Masama 2 to the North-South Carrier, you say it is sugar coated. When we are building plants in Selebi-Phikwe to ensure the survival of Selebi-Phikwe after mining, you say it is sugar coated. When we are building airports around the country, when we are enriching you despite the fact that you then go around and say these programme are useless, behind people's backs, you run and be number 1 to take those programmes, you say it is sugar coated. My goodness!

I still wish to see anything sugar coated in this pamphlet. Show it to me. I would show you a lot of your sugar coated statements where you are actually sensationalising trivialities and turning a blind eye to realities trying to then deviate people's attention to things that do not matter to them. That is a sign of hopelessness within the opposition ranks. Hopelessness...

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MAKGALEMELE):** Elucidation. Thank you Mr Speaker. Before you conclude your debate Honourable Minister, there is somewhere where Honourable Nkaigwa discredits the meritorious honour that His Excellency the President was accorded. Are we not supposed to embrace these honours accorded by these universities looking at the fact that these universities are credible and are of high profile?

**MR MOLALE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Those are the trivialities I was talking about. I think a preacher man as he is; Honourable Nkaigwa is overwhelmed by jealousy. Jealousy! President Khama deserves that award. President Khama deserves these accolades. As he said, these accolades are not from him, they are for his Government for the work that he has done. They come from outside and he earned them together with his good followers in the party who are on this side of the aisle and we are waiting for those who are really wishing to come back. We will accept you.

We have seen condemnation of the ESP that people do not find rational in what this means. We have heard that it is laced with corruption and wasteful expenditure. Listen to me, I am going to hit you hard. Corruption and wasteful expenditure; much as they are saying wasteful expenditure, they are the ones who are crying to know what the ESP entails. Why is this question interesting you Honourable Members? You spend time there complaining that the service is poor and you want to register companies.

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

**MR MOLALE:** That is being hypocritical. So, we have heard that we are negligent because we have failed to prepare for post 2016. I do not know where you live? But I did issue letters to the Opposition to nominate people into the post 2016 Presidential Task Force on the next vision. You gladly supplied the names and they are now working and your Leader of Opposition is saying that is negligence in failing to prepare for post 2016. Where does he live?

Mr Speaker, these are some of the things that are really worrying and as the President was saying, as I quoted him at the beginning of this presentation, he is craving

for the indulgence of both the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) Members and the Opposition Members to work together for the good of this country. When we should be working together, people turn a blind eye and then start actually coming up with the trivialities. This is unacceptable, we should never allow such kind of individual, self-centeredness to over shadow the need to take this country forward.

I therefore appeal to the Opposition to come to the party to take this country forward. President Khama is not about this country alone, it is about us in this House. It is about us in all the institutions that they have been put in place by this noble constitution, including the one that Honourable Lotlaamoreng Montshiwa came from. There are honourable institutions that are meant to take this country forward. Do away with trivialities. I am wanted in that Constituency just like you are wanted in Mathangwane and everywhere. I thank you Mr Speaker.

**DR MMATLI (MOLEPOLOLE SOUTH):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I would do just like other Honourable Members have been doing and start by congratulating Honourable Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II for being voted by his constituents to come to this Parliament. I would also like to congratulate 'Hard Rock' Honourable Molale. Even if he used backdoor, he is here with us and we should congratulate him. After that I will then tell you who I am.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MAKGALEMELE):** On a point of order. I wanted you to clarify to this House if it is possible for a member to come here through back door Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** No Honourable Makgalemele do not ask me, ask Honourable Mmatli. Honourable Mmatli if you can refer to the Constitution, it is very clear on how people come to this Parliament. There are those who are elected and those who are specially elected by the Members of Parliament. I do not know why you are saying somebody who came to this Parliament came through backdoor. He was specially elected; he did not come here through the backdoor.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I was actually using Setswana way of speaking, with that said I will agree that he is a specially elected member. Even if I do not like the system that was used to get him here, I will just appreciate that he is here now and welcome him.

I just wanted to talk to Molepolole South Constituents because I know that they are confused wherever they are. There is so much said about me as their Member of Parliament. I want to clarify this issue. There are rumours that I am going back to the University of

Botswana because I am not satisfied with the payments that I get here in Parliament. I want to clarify this issue because I know that those who are against me go around spreading such rumours. I heard they are saying I am no longer in politics and I am planning to rather join either the church to become a priest or to join Botswana Democratic Party.

People have been calling me, others even came to my house, therefore I wanted to assure the people of Molepolole South that there is no truth in all that. They are only trying to paint my name bad. I am one person who would not want to disrespect the voters by doing such. I want them to know that I will be here until the end of this term. Whatever that is said morespecially by the Members of Botswana Democratic Party is not the truth. I will pass that one.

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (MR RALOTSIA):**

On a point of clarification. I wanted Honourable Mmatli to tell us if it is disrespectful to the voters for one to quit his parliamentary post.

**DR MMATLI:** I am not talking about anybody who may leave Parliament; I am talking about myself, as the Member of Parliament for Molepolole South. I would like to thank all those who were there to grieve with the families that lost their children and all those who were injured. It was a tragedy and I will explain how the tragedy befell them. I thank you all. I would however like to emphasise that we are not going to leave that case hanging like that, somebody has to take responsibility for what happened. The Government of the day should take that responsibility because it was supposed to protect these children and it failed.

I would like to thank our President, Leader of Opposition Honourable Duma Boko with the statement that he made here. It was comforting, encouraging and pleading to those who are responsible to take the responsibility. I would like to encourage Honourable Ngaka and Honourable Kablay not to be tempted to go against what our President, Leader of Opposition has proposed, that he will ensure that those who have lost their children are adequately compensated. The two of them should not be against this proposal because it would not be fair to the people. The Ministers have gone...

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI):** On a point of clarification. I thank you Honourable Member. I heard you saying there are rumours that you want to leave parliament. Was it not ideal for you to go and talk about this at a Kgotla meeting? Secondly, should we ignore the application that you had submitted?

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish I could leave Honourable Kgathi to be attended by Honourable Molale as he is his match. Let me remind Honourable Kgathi that these statements are not about him, they are for the concerned Molepolole residents. I know that he is not concerned. I was not talking to you Honourable Member, I was talking to them because you say such concerns are never raised when you visit Molepolole, but now it seems as if you are the one going around making false promises.

Furthermore Mr Speaker, let me indicate that Ministers have been visiting Molepolole starting from the Speaker of the National Assembly, she visited Molepolole explaining to Bakwena the Parliament procedure. Ministers have visited Molepolole to talk about different government programmes. The President also visited, telling them how this Government loves this country, how this Government loves Bakwena. These efforts are good but Honourable Members you should know that you have stirred Bakwena's hopes; you enticed them now they are desire. The youth who had applied told you Honourable Minister, that there are no programmes, promise them after this, since you promised, these programmes will be implemented.

Just like the land applicants were complaining that they cannot acquire land, there are no plots but you promised and they are hopeful Minister. I think I should thank and inform you that Bakwena are expecting a lot that your promises will materialize especially since...

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** On a point of procedure. Thank you Honourable Speaker. I suspect that we are out of order. This afternoon's debate is on the State of the Nation Address. I am fully aware that the Member of Parliament can lay out an introduction but the introduction is just too long, when is he getting to the debate?

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Makgato, do not be impatient, this is his time. I am listening to him attentively, I believe that he will wrap up the introduction and get to his debate.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you. No, I am on the introduction Minister. Lastly let me indicate that Bakwena has high expectation because...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** On a point of order. Mr Speaker there are two factors which you should call this House to order on. Firstly, the conference between Honourable Molale and Honourable Masisi. Secondly, we have all been labeled well but at Honourable Molale's seat his name is Hardrock, he put a different label. So he is giving this House the impression that he is not Honourable

Molale he is Hardrock. So can you kindly rectify that Mr Speaker because we are an Honourable House here.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Mmolotsi I do not know if you are not listening to Honourable Mmatli's debate such that you are bored and talk about irrelevant things. That label is for Honourable Molale, I explained that a new one is being printed.

Secondly, I do not know what your problem is if Honourable Molale discuss with Honourable Masisi just like you were discussing with Honourable Phenyio Butale after that he returned to his seat, what is the problem?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Is it allowed?

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes, you know that it is allowed.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Really?

**MR SPEAKER:** You can go and discuss with your colleague and go back to your seat; there is nothing wrong with that. So I do not know what your problem is, why are you bored in such an interesting debate? Concentrate.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Let me repeat the statement which the Honourable Minister interrupted me, I was saying both the youth and adults were complaining during your visit. The youth were complaining that their projects are not funded, others have been in the waiting list as far back as 2012 but you had made a promise to them, so the simple thing to do here is to deliver. Some were complaining about CEDA, others about LEA. So the issue is that such things should not just be promised to Bakwena they should be implemented as promised.

In the President's speech; I hold the same view as my comrades that it is an everyday speech, it is predictable. There is nothing different. Every year it is the same thing. The only new thing in the President's speech is Economic Stimulus Package (ESP), that is only new issue and it runs through his speech but it is surprising. The Minister asked if it is really surprising, is it peculiar to Botswana? I am surprised, the countries which stimulated its economy through ESP were doing it when the economy was very low but for the past years we have been informed that our economy is stable; in 2013 the President explained that the economy is growing very well, we are recovering from debt. Last year 2014, the President informed us that the economy is growing therefore we were not expecting that the money will be brought to the table after the economy improves.

Other countries did not do that, they did that when there was recession, right not we are not in recession, so it was not necessary but since the money is here...

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MASISI):** On a point of clarification. Thank you Honourable Member. I just want to find out from you if you are aware that of recent, almost all our commodity prices have been experiencing serious decline in the prices that they fetch, worryingly, almost all commodities not one commodity. Thank you.

**DR MMATLI:** I am aware Honourable Vice President but you know very well that you failed to diversify the economy. That is the problem. That is why we are saying if you are failing hand over to others so that they can try.

Let me proceed Mr Speaker. I was saying since you have already made the decision as the Botswana Democratic Party not Parliament, the money is here we can talk about it now. What I have observed is, earlier on I heard Honourable Tshireletso talking about theft, I was once a Police Officer, and I know how a thief looks like.

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO):** On a point of order. Can he correct that, I never talked about theft; the person who talked about theft is Honourable Molefhe. He is out of order and is imputing improper motives.

**DR MMATLI:** Okay, my apologies Honourable Minister. A person who said those words, I have this to say to him, Honourable Molefhe if it is you. This package is handled in such a manner that it seems like a stolen package. I know how a thief looks like.

If a thief is in possession of money, he or she can say "they say I have stolen" or even say "they are saying I have money in my possession" when in actual the thief has money. I heard Honourable Matambo yesterday trying to correct the statement by saying there is no money, but the truth is that the President talked about this money for the first time in Molepolole during a Kgotla meeting, talking about ESP. He said money is going to be taken from our foreign reserves. Now, there is no one who can come to Parliament and deny that that is not the case because the President said it. By the time it went to the BDP (Domkrag) Congress it had already been mentioned there, therefore I will not be tricked by anyone who says there is no money, yet others are saying the funds are there. That is why we are saying we know that the behaviour around stolen money is problematic, it is quite uncomfortable. The problem with Botswana Mr Speaker, is that there was never a time when we did not have money, the problem is corruption, lack of accountability, lack of due diligence in using national funds. When people have this money they treat it as if it is theirs. Right now we are dying of thirst, it does not mean there are no funds to assist

with the provision of water, the funds were not utilised properly. Saying that money will be brought when we are actually getting money from our coffers is astonishing. We are in darkness in Botswana and it is not because there are no funds to produce electricity. It is because...

**MR MAKGALEMELE:** On a point of order. Mr Speaker, I believe Honourable Mmatli has derailed this House. As Botswana we have ways of generating income for this country, through taxes and so forth. Therefore the Honourable Member cannot stand here and say we are talking about stolen funds, I believe he is out of order. Please ask him to withdraw those words because the avenues through which a country generates income are clearly laid out in the laws. Even when we approve the budget here, we would be informed as to how the funds were generated.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Member that is not a point of order.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I did not say it is stolen money, I say the funds seem to resemble stolen money, they are treating the funds as if they have been stolen; that is what I was saying. What I was also saying was that we are in darkness not because there are no funds. A lot of funds which were supposed to be used to generate electricity for us at Morupule B were released...

**MR MOSWAANE:** On a point of order. Honourable Dr Mmatli is defaming this country and this thing should be paid attention to, that we do not generate income fraudulently. He has to withdraw that statement; otherwise we should get the Hansard so that he explains to us what he meant, because it is not in order to utter anything that comes to one's mind, and he went to say. "Hey, Botswana generates income fraudulently, and I know the behaviour depicted when having stolen money," saying this referring to ESP funds. No, he should withdraw such statements. If he does not have anything to say he should just sit or resign as he was already intending to resign.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Members order! I have been listening to the way Honourable Mmatli has been debating, if he says something that calls for me to call him to order I will do that. Just listen to him and not take anything personally; just listen to what he is saying, then you will understand the context he is using and his choice of words.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** You cannot argue with me Honourable Moswaane, I have made a ruling and that is it.

**MR MOSWAANE:** I was saying on a point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** No, point of order on what? Honourable Moswaane switch-off that microphone you are impeding progress. Honourable Mmatli if you want to debate, please use proper words, do not compare government funds with stolen money. You will delay us from progressing with the business of the House.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** On what? Switch off those microphones.

**DR MMATLI:** No, I had already finished with that one, and I will not repeat that one Mr Speaker. I was still saying it is not like there are no funds. First of all we would have to know about the funds which were released to make developments and then...

**MR MMOLOTSI:** On a point of order. I wanted to say maybe we should look at these issue properly, in our Setswana language when speaking we can make comparison; using similes and metaphors. When a Member of Parliament is...

**MR SPEAKER:** Look, sit down, that is what I have been saying here; why do you have to repeat something I have already said. You are getting yourself involved in things that do not concern you. I know Setswana better than you, it does not mean if I was not a teacher before you can beat me in Setswana. I know Setswana, that is why I am saying I am listening to the Honourable Member.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I was explaining that we are in this situation, despite the fact that funds were released to make developed...

**HIS HON VICE PRESIDENT (MR MASISI):** Point of order. Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Honourable Member. Mr Speaker, with the greatest respect I would want to seek and indulge you in the interpretation of the Standing Order which speaks specifically to imputing or imputation of improper motives which is not allowed. I recall clearly hearing Honourable Mmatli, if I might paraphrase what he said, that, "He knows a thief, he was once a police officer, when someone has stolen money they will keep saying "I do not have it," this money seems to be treated like stolen funds. If it seems like stolen money Mr Speaker, it 'seems' from a perspective of someone who does not have this money, looking at someone who is holding this money; he knows what a thief behaves like, and that is what it seems to be," that is an imputation on those who are holding the so-called monies, for me it is very clear and for the sake of respect for our Standing Orders, I plead Mr Speaker for a consideration on your part for the interpretation of that because I very strongly feel, as Leader of this

House and leader in the Government side, that, that is an imputation of improper motives on our part. I thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Mmatli, the complaint by the Leader of the House is that you are comparing ESP funds with stolen money. So, please rise and clarify exactly what you were saying because your comparison is not acceptable the way I heard you explaining it.

**DR MMATLI:** Do not use up my time, my comparison is allowed Mr Speaker, that is why that I have already said a lot after that statement. Since you are instructing that I should explain it, I will do so. I was saying these funds are being handled like stolen money, because when a thief has money he or she will sometimes say, "I have the money" and also say, "They are saying I have it." He or she would say "they are saying I have it," and I gave an

example that Honourable Matambo said that there is no money. It just reminds me of the time when I used to carry out investigations and an individual being investigated would say they have the money and change their statement in the same breath and say that they do not have it. This is the context Mr Speaker.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! There is no need to be excited Honourable Butale.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Who is getting excited?

**MR SPEAKER:** There is absolutely no reason to be excited.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** You should talk to us with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Dr Mmatli, Standing Order 57.5 clearly states that when one is making comparisons they should not do it in such a way that one of the Members might feel like you are referring to them. I had already made a ruling in that when I was listening to you as you made those comparisons you were not intending to tell us who the thief is. I was listening intently and I shall continue to listen to you and please do not make comparisons that can end up offending others. I am surprised as why you are not making comparisons of good things because there is no one who can accept to be compared to a thief. Please continue with your debate but do it in an acceptable manner.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I accept your advice. I should continue with the point that there is always money that is returned to the Government coffers

and that is why I insist that it is not like the money is not there, rather we have a problem of implementation capacity. This is why money gets returned. For instance, in paragraph 14 of the 2013-2014 Speech by the President there was a P7.22 billion surplus. In 2014-2015 there was also a surplus of P5.34 billion. This just shows that the problem is not that there is no money, it is there.

Mr Speaker one other issue that bothers me is that the process through which Government money is released was disregarded. Why is the Vice President given the responsibility of managing the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) funds, and a cabinet committee formed to manage the funds? What is the reason for it not to be managed by the Ministry of Finance and development planning. Are they not trustworthy? Those are some of the things that instil in me a sense that we have to be more careful.

I believe that if people feel that the acceptable process of managing money within Government is slow then they should correct things so that money can be released correctly. Since this money...

**MR MOSWAANE:** On a point of order Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the Honourable Member is out of order and misleading this House when he says that the funds would be disbursed by the Vice President. That is a blue lie, it has never happened like that.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Moswaane that is a correction it is not a point of order. You are an honourable Member and so do not say that another Honourable Member is telling a blue lie. You should rather correct him with respect so that he can respect you in turn. Honourable Dr Mmatli, please continue.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** On a point of procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** On what? What I have been just saying?

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** No, Honourable Moswaane I will not allow that point of order.

**MR MOSWAANE:** I called for a point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** No!

**MR MOSWAANE:** You did not hear what was said on that side.

**MR SPEAKER:** No!

**MR MOSWAANE:** I said point of order, I have got that right.

**MR SPEAKER:** No, switch off that mike.

**DR MMATLI:** I should say that since these are our resources too we shall be waiting and watching whether...

**MR MOSWAANE:** On a point of order.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Procedure Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Point of order takes precedence.

**MR MOSWAANE:** I need your assistance Mr Speaker. We have a problem this side because Honourable Nkaigwa keeps on insulting us. He is saying that the BDP members should go back to council and he is saying this because he knows that his microphone is switched off. I am surprised that he can say that when he failed to run this city and left it in ruins as we can all see. What is he on about? You know this guy is a real hypocrite.

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Honourable Moswaane, I did not hear him. I am not sure perhaps he sent you a message on your phone. I have been listening to Honourable Dr Mmatli. Honourable Nkaigwa, please stop uttering words which are not accepted in this House. I advised you against that last time and if I catch you at it you will see. I did not hear you; perhaps you had that conversation whilst you were outside with Honourable Moswaane. Please stop calling for points of order and points of procedure, derailing him from his debate. Allow Honourable Dr Mmatli to debate.

**DR MMATLI:** I was...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Point of order Mr Speaker.

**DR MMATLI:** In Molepolole we want to establish what our contribution is when it comes to the ESP...

**MR KGOROBA:** On a point of order Mr Speaker. Thank you Mr Speaker, I request that Honourable Moswaane should withdraw the words "a blue lie" that he uttered.

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Kgoroba that was not a point of order. I said that I do not allow such words in this House because although they are not an insult, they are not appropriate to say to someone especially when they are older than you and also being an Honourable Member. Respect each other. Differing in opinion does not constitute using inappropriate words.

**DR MMATLI:** The ESP should benefit all of us. We are so behind in Molepolole and one would be astonished

to discover that it is one of the big villages whose population size follows that of Gaborone. It is the face of the Kweneng district but it does not appear that way. I will soon agree with those that believe that the BDP hates Bakwena and hence the reason it always makes false promises to them. I did not say I agree with them but rather I am saying that I am tempted to agree with them. Honourable Members I am saying this because Molepolole roads are dilapidated. When it rains the water fills those potholes. It does not look like a village in Botswana.

**MR MOSWAANE:** Point of order. I thought you will guide Honourable Dr Mmatli, his statement portrays elements of jealousy and can cause conflicts within the nation of Botswana when he says BDP hates Bakwena and it is a Government which is not supposed to be tolerated. He should not use tricky phrases which say 'like' yet he knows what he is talking about.

**HONOURABLE MEMBERS:**...murmurs...

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Moswaane, this is a final warning, stop abusing that provision of 'order' this is the last time I am warning you, Honourable Mmolotsi, Honourable Salakae, Honourable Kgoroba...

**DR MMATLI:** I regret why I let people flow their debate without interrupting them, I will start doing the same. I was just highlighting that our roads in Molepolole are damaged. I believe that we will also stand to benefit in Molepolole because the funds from Economic Stimulus Package (ESP) are said to be for development,

I understand that Molepolole will have a bypass as part of developments. We welcome the bypass development as it is long overdue.

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** ...inaudible...

**DR MMATLI:** It will bypass Molepolole. For us who stay in Molepolole, it is not going to benefit us that much, it will benefit those who do not want to be stuck up in Molepolole traffic; the people heading to Letlhakeng and other areas will bypass Molepolole. That is why I am saying when a bypass has been constructed through the ESP programme, it should not pass off as a road for Molepolole residents as the Minister was saying yesterday. Our roads are within the village. We are only looking forward to the construction of the road from Gaborone to Molepolole.

We are also looking forward to forcing you to use the ESP funds to construct a road from Molepolole to Mmanoko and Gamodubu. We are wondering why those roads are not already constructed because they could have long been constructed. We want them through ESP

funds because it was reported in Molepolole that the funds are ours.

Molepolole residents have also sent me to talk about the roads status because Molepolole has now grown and extend far up the hills. For an example, a sick person has to be carried on the back to get to a taxi waiting at the foot of a hill. Bakwena are asking what crime have they committed if they are not being assisted on this.

Honourable Members we have long requested, and I must state that this is not the first request, even Mr Kwelagobe made that request. That is why I am saying some already believe that you hate Bakwena and you do not want to give them anything. Sewerage system appears in National Development Plan 8 (NDP 8) planned for 1997-2003 even up to now we are still waiting for it. We hear that it is on plan, it will be done but this is not the first time we have been promised. This time around we want it to be built because we do not want empty promises. You must remember Honourable Members that I am not a BDP member therefore you cannot silence me because in BDP when someone speaks like I do you silence him or her and say 'do not say that, you will make us a laughing stock'. I am saying this as a representative of Molepolole residents.

We have a challenge of rain water damaging homes, houses and getting inside people's house. This challenge can be addressed through a storm water drainage system which was long promised Bakwena. Bakwena are asking for storm water drainage system to prevent rain water from seeping into their homes. If you cannot do these things which are just bare minimal, we will wonder why you hate Bakwena.

ESP should come to assist the constituents. All the constituents in Molepolole South are faced with severe water shortage. If you read the President's Speech, you will find that people were promised water from North but Molepolole was not included. Where does Molepolole feature? We believe that the situation will improve in Molepolole if only Thamaga could get water from elsewhere other than Molepolole. The main problem is that Molepolole pipes are old and the pipe lay outs date as far as 1966 hence pipe leakages everywhere. We have long pleaded to have these pipes changed and we want to benefit from the same ESP programme that Honourable Kablay was talking about by having our pipes fixed instead of them breaking all the time so that we may have water.

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI):** Clarification.

**DR MMATLI:** I am not yielding.

Employment; Honourable Members, we are told that ESP is going to create employment, eradicate poverty and the people will start working. I think that we are aware that unemployment grows daily, students graduate from universities and roam the streets, some are sacked from their jobs and some lose their jobs because companies close down. We know that the diamond firms in Molepolole closed down and people were left jobless. We now observe a trend even in Gaborone where there used to be companies, the churches are now using them as places of worship which is a better option to having criminals using the place. The President's Speech is not explaining how the ESP is going to reinstate these people. All it says is that the ESP has a lot of funds that will manage to do everything.

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI):** Procedure. Mr Speaker, you will advise me if I am not on procedure, I want to understand something to ensure that my colleague is on track because when he was campaigning, saying...

**MR SPEAKER:** No! Honourable Kgathi you know where procedure is applicable...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** ...murmurs...

**MR SPEAKER:** No, Honourable Kgathi, you know how procedure is used, I do not want you to use it wrongly. I am listening.

**MR KGATHI:** Mr Speaker, maybe it is best I shoot straight to the point and say, my colleague and others when they were campaigning, they told the voters that remove the people who are already there and vote us instead because we are going to bring you developments. Is it procedural for them to be crying this much and asking from BDP whereas they told the people that they will bring them developments. That is the procedure I was...

**MR SPEAKER:** You see, you are abusing that provision...

**HONOURABLE MEMBER:** Throw this person out Speaker, can you allow us to do this?

**MR SPEAKER:** Order! Honourable Nkaigwa, what are you doing? I will throw you out of this Parliament. Where have you seen that happening? Firstly, I did not ask for your help in running this House, I am listening to the point of procedure, I am still warning him that that is an abuse of Standing Order and you talk like that. Do not do that Honourable Member. Honourable Mmatli please proceed.

**DR MMATLI:** Thank you. As I have already stated, a lot of people lost their jobs when a lot of companies

were dissolved and the owners going back to their home countries. They came here with the mission to start businesses here but like I said, some companies in Molepolole like diamond companies have been shut down and the employees have gone back home.

Even Gaborone has not been an exception, companies have shut down and now the structures are utilised by churches and they have really helped to curb white elephants. I would like to point out that business across the country has been unstable and a lot of businesses are uncertain of their future in this country because they might be told any time to go back home.

The other contributing factor of failure of business to succeed is failure to service land. Molepolole is worse of them all and those who aspire to start business are not able to do that because of that factor. Now if we have a problem of water and electricity, how do we expect investors to come into our country? If small entrepreneurs fail to succeed, how about bigger ones. I am worried that the State of the Nation Address speech delivered by His Excellency does not come up with tangible solutions on how these projects are going to be done. It does not go into detail to explain how ESP will benefit. If I quote, "Molepolole to be a competitive..."

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable Mmatli, kindly sit down first. Honourable Tshireletso and Honourable Kgathi, why are you laughing out loud as if you are in a garden? Honourable Mmatli, please continue.

**DR MMATLI:** Mr Speaker, it is not clear as to how this will benefit the Molepolole residents.

On Paragraph 25, I will paraphrase, the President in his address has stated that this program will make the country to be a competitive location for investment. I am now wondering how Molepolole will fit in this competitive location for investment and job creation given the status it is in. If this paragraph includes Molepolole, it is still not yet clear how it is going to be catered for. Even the Land Use Policy does not allow a local business person to...

**MINISTER OF HEALTH (MS MAKGATO):** On a point of procedure. It is the first time to hear that the State of the Nation address has to outline village by village. That can only be captured by the Committee of Supply where budget is done according to the needs identified independently. This is the State of the Nation Address.

**MR SPEAKER:** Where is the procedure Honourable Member?

**MS MAKGATO:** Procedure means the Member has derailed from the matter on the floor. He is debating it as

if it is a committee of supply and it is not a committee of supply speech here. Therefore he is out of order.

**MRSPEAKER:** Order! Can you please give Honourable Mmatli to debate the State of the Nation Address and the challenges he is faced with in Molepolole. Do not interrupt him.

**DR MMATLI:** I am talking about ESP because it has not divulged the details how this investment will be done. When I think of the status that we are in at Molepolole, I fail to come to an understanding of how we will fit in all this.

As I was saying, our Land Use Policy is so rigid that it does not accord any business prospect in Molepolole to venture to any business of their choice. For instance, there was a group of women who got funding from Gender Affairs to start a grinding mill and they were told that the piece of land they identified is for commercial use while they need an industrial plot. Even bakeries are not allowed to use that kind of land and none of them have an industrial plot. At the end they are left helpless but if the policy was flexible, those proposed businesses would be operational. They have tried to submit their query to the Minister and he promised to assist them. That is why I am saying all those Ministers who have been holding Kgotla meetings with Molepolole residents, they should honour the promises they made to the residents.

One other aspect is employment through the tourism sector. Tourism is dominated by foreigners and it appears like nothing is being done to accommodate Batswana into this kind of business. Even the natural resource management does not show how it will benefit them. Now that it has been stated that the ESP will address all the pending projects, I believe it will take into consideration also the engagement of Batswana into tourism industry so that they benefit as well. Let it be money that will bring a difference in the livelihoods of Batswana because everyone has been praising it.

I now wish to talk about issues of health. When I first came to Parliament, we discussed various Ministries and we even went to visit the hospital in Molepolole. We have proposed to Parliament that the health sector needs an intervention and the Minister concurred to that. The main challenge is that there is shortage of blankets but the Minister has promised to do something about them. In any case, despite all your efforts, we still need help in Molepolole even though we try very hard as members of Parliament for that constituency to address other problems. The constituents are even surprised to see all the efforts that we continue to make because they have never had hard working Members

of Parliament in their constituency. The problem of shortage of blankets continues to be a hurdle for us in Molepolole because even from the recent tragedy that struck us, it was evident enough that there is shortage, patients had almost nothing to cover them. It calls for action by the responsible Minister, it should not just be our responsibility as area Member of Parliament only because we have deliverables that we have to fulfil for our constituents.

Furthermore, Molepolole South, I have long submitted a request to have a 24 hour clinic. When patients travel from Mmanoko to Scottish for consultation, they are often told that it is a referral hospital. We do not have a 24 hour clinic which can ease the congestion at the hospital.

When it comes to education, it is common knowledge that Molepolole is rated as the lowest in rank when it comes to quality of education. Honourable Minister of Education, the students' performance is very low and even the environment under which they are taught is not conducive, schools are dilapidated and it is a sad scenario because some of the students are already suffering from asthma due to the dust and the cold. . I implore the responsible Minister of Education and Skills Development to go to Molepolole and assess the situation there and take proper action to correct the situation. As a committee of parliament we have assessed the situation and made recommendations since we do not control the budget. I pray that in 2019 the Umbrella for Democratic Change will be the ruling government and we will be able to rectify the situation since we will be controlling the budget.

The food that primary school pupils get is of low standard, this is one of the reasons why I challenge the Honourable Minister to go to Molepolole to assess the situation, in most cases a student will only be fed *phaphatha*, without any beverage, in this weather, a student having bread alone. The thing is the distance the primary school pupils travel to schools. Students who attend school from Mmanoko for instance, they cover a long distance. There is a motion that we presented with Honourable Khan in this House, that there should be two teacher schools in that area. Children will then be able to attend pre-school and up to standard 3 then proceed to that distant school at standard 4 level. It is not like we just want to talk about these things, and we are not only making conversation, we are serious because at the end of the day parents are blamed for not being involved in the education of their children. The Minister of Education and Skills Development has to do something in this regard.

There is a lot of juvenile delinquency especially

when students are at secondary level. We have to take responsibility as both parents and the Government, we have done our part and teachers have done their part as well. Honourable Minister, maybe it is time for you to fund research or to facilitate that a study be carried out to establish what really happens between primary school and senior secondary school because there is a problem there. Kgari Sechele Senior admits the 'D' batch from junior level, something must be happening between primary school and senior secondary. If it is possible to find information on what happens at junior secondary school level, if we could do some form of research which only the minister can facilitate. This is a request. Teachers are trying and they can only do so much. Their conditions of service bind them to go a certain mileage. The progression is slow, in terms of promotions, they are slow and most of the times, teachers are promoted to Molepolole, while those in Molepolole have also gone for the interview and not promoted. Honourable minister, please consider this matter. Their accommodation is not properly structured and their overtime payments are delayed. Maybe this is something that demoralises them in their job. Their salaries; not only for teachers, but the entire public service, they do not need to be pushed, all they need is...

#### **MOTION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Question put and **agreed to.**

The Assembly accordingly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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