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Tuesday 8th December, 2015

THE ASSEMBLY met at 2:00 p.m.

(THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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SPEAKER'S REMARKS

MADAM SPEAKER (MS KOKORWE): Good afternoon Honourable Members of Parliament. May you please be seated?

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

SEWAGE PROBLEMS AT PHASE 4 PRIMARY SCHOOL IN FRANCISTOWN

MR W. B. MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): Asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development:-

- (i) if he is aware of the sewerage problems at Phase 4 Primary School in Francistown;
- (ii) whether he is aware that this problem has been there for more than ten years; and
- (iii) what he intends to do to correct this problem.

MADAM SPEAKER: Are you taking it Honourable Mokgware?

PLANS TO RELOCATE THE GHANZI TOWNSHIP AIRSTRIP

MR N. S. L. M. SALAKAE (GHANZI NORTH): Asked the Minister of Transport and Communications whether:-

- (i) there are any plans to relocate the Ghanzi Township Airstrip which is located in the centre of the Township and now poses a danger to residents; if so, when; and
- (ii) it is budgeted for and the cost.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR MABEO):

- (i) Madam Speaker, my Ministry is aware of the current location of the Ghanzi Airport and there are plans to relocate it. Through the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB), Feasibility Studies were done in May, 2007 and a new site was identified and agreed with the relevant authorities. The new site is located approximately 7 kilometres South-west of the Ghanzi town

centre, and approximately 4 kilometres west of the Ghanzi District Hospital.

- (ii) The designs for the new airport (Runway, Terminal Building, associated buildings and services) were done in December, 2009. However, the project has not progressed due to financial constraints as this was one of the projects suspended during the recession period. The Ministry has not been able to secure funds for this project. In 2009, the cost estimate for the project was P87, 527,000.00. Thank you Madam Speaker.

MR SALAKAE: Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker, thank you Honourable Minister. Minister, do you remember that I asked this question last year? You used the very same response you were using last year. We know that right now there is Economic Stimulus Package (ESP) and you said that due to financial constraints, you will not be able to relocate the airstrip to a place that has been identified. Are you saying that, even with the ESP, this thing is not one of the priorities of your Ministry, looking at the fact that, this is a serious health hazard and security risk to the residents? It is exactly in the centre of Ghanzi, ESP is here.

MR MABEO: Thank you Honourable Salakae. I said I agree with you. I gave you the same response even today. However, you were talking about the ESP whose purpose has been explained to you. Unfortunately we did not manage to accommodate this project in the ESP because there are some projects of priority which are included. Like I have explained that, we did not manage, we will look in our upcoming plans to prioritise these projects. Let me touch on the issue of how risky it is, like you mentioned. Honourable Members, you will recall that there are airports which are in town centres. OR Tambo is in the heart of the city but we have never heard of any unfortunate incidents. I do not dispute the fact that, it is in the midst of people. I agree with you Honourable Member that we need to map the way forward as time goes on.

MR SALAKAE: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me commend you Minister. I heard you saying the people of Ghanzi know very well that, the airstrip is going to be removed from the town center as promised, as you have secured a new site seven kilometres from Ghanzi. It is not true because in other countries there are airports in the centre of towns. Thank you.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Further supplementary. Honourable Minister, I hear you very well comparing Ghanzi airstrip with Oliver Tambo Airport. What do you have in place to mitigate against loss of life in case there is an accident in that particular area?

MR MABEO: Thank you Honourable Major General. Honourable Members, we are aware that the government has in place people who respond to any crisis. Like we did recently when the students were involved in an accident, there was rapid response. I know that there are measures in place to deal with cases of emergencies. Thank you Madam Speaker.

STATE OF THE SELIBE PHIKWE STADIUM

MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELIBE PHIKWE WEST): Asked the Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture:-

- (i) to update this Honourable House on the state of the Selibe Phikwe stadium in particular when it will be completed; and
- (ii) what upgrades will be in place at its completion.

MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORT AND CULTURE (MR OLOPENG): Madam Speaker,

- (i) In principle, my Ministry desires to provide sport facilities in various centres around the country, Selibe-Phikwe included. However, Government has not commenced construction or upgrading of Selibe-Phikwe Stadium. To this end, it may not be proper to expect Government to update this Honourable House on the state of the Selibe-Phikwe Stadium and the completion date of a facility that has not been started. In addition, there are no funds which are set aside for this development project now.
- (ii) In view of the above, construction or upgrading of Selibe-Phikwe Stadium will be considered alongside other facilities when the financial situation improves. Therefore, currently there are no upgrades that can be reported to this house. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: Supplementary. Thank you Minister. Do you mean this project is not included in the National Development Plan (NDP 11)? The other question is, is it not included under the ESP projects?

MR OLOPENG: Thank you Madam Speaker. NDP11 has not yet been issued yet and I have a lot of initiatives on the pipeline concerning the stadiums and our intentions is to give towns the first priority. That is why I have stated that, when the due time comes, I will notify the Honourable Member because Selebi Phikwe is one of them. I thank you Madam Speaker.

AWARDING OF TENDER FOR THE CHARLESHILL/NCOJANE ROAD

MR. N. S. L. M. SALAKAE (GHANZI NORTH): Asked the Minister of Transport and Communications whether the tender for the Charleshill/Ncojane road has been awarded; if so:-

- (i) who won the tender; and
- (ii) when work will commence and be completed.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (MR MABEO): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Thank you Honourable Member, Salakae.

Madam Speaker, the Tender for Construction of Charleshill - Ncojane road has been awarded in the current financial year 2015/16.

- (i) The construction of this road was awarded to ZAC Construction under Design and Build Concept at a contract sum of P436,279,046.45, while Project Management was awarded to Bothakga Burrow Botswana at a contract sum of P33,720,636.10.
- (ii) Madam Speaker, the project commenced on the 9th September 2015 and is scheduled to be completed on the 8th September 2018 (36 months). The project is now at design phase which has been planned for Six (6) months from commencement date and construction of this road will commence in April 2016.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

MR SALAKAE: Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. Would you dare share with us Honourable Minister what led to the delays in awarding this tender? What happened to the initial contractor who won this tender, the Tau Grading? Can you explain to Parliament the reason you shifted from this first contractor to the second one?

MR MABEO: Thank you very much Honourable Salakae. Honourable Member, what delayed the award of the project was that, one of the contractors took us to court, therefore we could not go ahead with the award of the project. The other question on Tau Grading I do not know, because you are asking what happened to Tau Grading, why was Tau Grading not given the project and it was given to ZAC. We do evaluation before we can adjudicate the project. Therefore, with my able and competent officials at my Ministry I suppose they did all this with due diligence before they could award the project to ZAC Construction. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

MR SALAKAE: Further supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. Honourable Minister you are not so

elaborate in your answers and tempting one to press more for further supplementary questions, which I did not think we should go that far. My question is, now that you are saying the first contractor took you to court, did he win or lose the case? The second contractor who was awarded the tender was this after selective tendering or it was open to everyone?

MR MABEO: Thank you very much. The contractor who actually complained to the courts withdrew the case from the courts. Secondly, this tender has always been an open tender, so it was not a selective tender. Thank you very much.

MR DAVIDS: Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. Minister do you know the condition of the road at present and who maintains that road before the commencement of the project? Whilst you are there, you are telling the nation now that ZAC Construction has been given the tender, but do you know that the owner of ZAC Construction made history in this country by being the first person to bribe an official of the Road Department and you continue giving him tenders? Thank you.

MR MABEO: Thank you very much Honourable Davids. That question Honourable Member about bribery is news to my ears, you are better placed to answer it. Then secondly the one pertaining to the state of the road as of now, it might be horrible like you are saying, but that is why we are going to tar it, because we want it to be in a good condition. Then the last one...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Davids, you are out of order.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Chase him out.

MR MABEO: You will soon be chased out of this House. Just the last one Madam Speaker, where he wanted to know who has been maintaining the road. The thing is...

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

MR MABEO: Can you listen I am trying to answer because you asked me a question. Thank you very much Madam Speaker. The question on who has been maintaining the road before the project was awarded, we have our in-house team who does the maintenance of our gravel roads. Thank you very much.

MR KEORAPETSE: On a point of procedure Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Speak I am listening.

MR KEORAPETSE: Is it procedural for the Minister to ignore Honourable Davids' question when he asked a

simple question on whether the company that bribed the Minister and the Director of Roads is the same company that has been awarded the tender. Why is he denying any knowledge of that person yet he is under oath?

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Keorapetse, can you please go to your question.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Keorapetse, can you please go to your next question.

MR MOREMI: Procedure. Honourable Keorapetse has presented you with a point of procedure Madam Speaker...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Kgosi Tawana, can you take your seat please.

MR MOREMI: I am not done yet.

MADAM SPEAKER: No, you are done; I know what you are going to say ...

MR MOREMI: You do not know what I am going to say...

MADAM SPEAKER: I know.

MR MOREMI: You do not know.

MADAM SPEAKER: Alright, say it quickly so that I hear you.

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

MR MOREMI: Honourable Keorapetse had stood on a point of procedure and no ruling was made on it. What we know is that, when a Member rises on a point of procedure, there has to be a ruling with regards to it. Madam Speaker has to make a ruling, but to just continue saying 'next question' makes the House seem as if it does not have any procedures that guide it.

MADAM SPEAKER: Please sit down Kgosi Tawana. Sit down! To start with, that is not the question which was asked here, It has been removed. It was also not a point of procedure. It is so unrelated.

MR SALAKAE: Point of order. Madam Speaker, I am beginning to get worried, that even with points of procedure you are going to dictate how we should ask them. I believe this House will totally be out of order if we will be intimidated to make supplementary questions. The question which was asked, I believe you had to make a ruling on it otherwise we are not going to know what the Speaker thinks, so that we can ask about the procedures we want to enquire about.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Salakae, you are out of order, I have already made a ruling on that issue. You are totally out of order!

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I have closed, that issue is closed.

MR MOREMI: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: I said that issue is closed.

MR MOREMI: I am saying you should assist us Madam Speaker and tell us where Honourable Salakae is out of order with the Standing Orders, so that when you say one is out of order...

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Tawana, you are out of order.

STATE OF HIV/AIDS IN PRISONS

MR D. L. KEORAPETSE (SELEBI PHIKWE WEST): Asked the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security:-

- (i) to explain the state of HIV/AIDS in prisons;
- (ii) whether some prisoners get infected by HIV in prisons; and
- (iii) to state Government's efforts to combat the spread of HIV and AIDS in prisons.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, The problem of HIV/AIDS affects all sections of our society and prisoners as part of our society...

MR SALAKAE: Point of order Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Salakae, I am giving a last notice, we are no longer going to talk about...

MR SALAKAE: On a point of order...

MADAM SPEAKER: No, if you go back to that one I will say you are out of order because I have made a ruling on it, I have long passed it. So if you can continue doing so, I will not allow it.

MR SALAKAE: Yes Madam, on a point of order.

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

MR SALAKAE: On a different matter, I want to make a point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it a different matter?

MR SALAKAE: I had risen on a point of order Honourable Speaker. With all due respect and humility,

guide me and tell me where I was out of order. I am asking so that I do not repeat it.

MADAM SPEAKER: Sit down. I told you that you were out of order because I had made a ruling on that issue.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the problem of HIV/AIDS affects all sections of our society and prisoners, as part of society, are equally affected by the scourge. The extent of the problem in prisons can only be explained by statistics. To this end, I wish to indicate the statistics as at 30th November 2015 indicates as follows;

Madam Speaker, out of a daily average of 4 100 prisoners, there were 690 or 16.8 per cent of prisoners who are HIV positive, 333 or 48.26 per cent prisoners were enrolled in the Anti-Retroviral Programmes as at the 30th November 2015.

HIV testing is not compulsory upon admission. In the absence of testing on admission, there is no evidence on whether or not some prisoners contract HIV while in prisons.

Botswana Prisons Service in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, NACA, Tebelopele and other stakeholders have put in place various programmes to combat the spread of HIV and AIDS in prisons. Emphasis is laid on prevention measures which include education campaigns conducted by prison officials and stakeholders alluded to above. Additionally, there are two centres for Disease Control in Gaborone and Francistown both established to address the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The following programmes are offered:

Voluntary HIV Testing and Counselling (VTC)

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

Anti-Retroviral Therapy

CD4 Monitoring

Safe Male Circumcision. I thank you Madam Speaker.

MR KEORAPETSE: Supplementary. Honourable Minister, will the Government consider distribution of condoms in prisons in light of numerous studies that had been carried out about consensual and non-consensual sex in prisons. Secondly just to ask you about the study which was carried out by NACA, whether there were any recommendations on distributions of condoms in prisons.

MR KGATHI: Madam Speaker, distribution of condoms in prison to do what?

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Laughter!)

MR KGATHI: So, I am not in a position to say we are ready to distribute condoms in prisons...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Inaudible)

MR KGATHI: Yah! I mean if he can elaborate...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Murmurs)

MR KGATHI: No! As for the study as I stand here I specifically do not have the details of the recommendations lest I mislead this House. If need be, we may have to go and look at the recommendations.

DR P. BUTALE: Supplementary. Thank you very much. I wanted to reiterate the question; we have studies done that show evidence of consensual and non-consensual sexual activity in prisons and we are asking whether you are ready to consider distribution of condoms on the basis of those studies.

MR KGATHI: I understand you are a learned doctor, you know very well that recommendations from any studies do not compel any organisation to do this or that. So I cannot on the basis of many recommendations be able to say they will effect or compel policy implementation.

MR MOREMI: Supplementary.

MADAM SPEAKER: The last one.

MR MOREMI: Honourable Minister, I wanted to say when the Assistant Minister of Health stood here the other day debating on the State of the Nation Address he said there are incidents of sexual activity between people of the same gender. So the question is, if we know that much and if a senior figure like an Assistant Minister of Health can concede to it, is it not appropriate that...

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MR TSOGWANE): Procedure. I am not so sure but this issue has happened several times, the title as you pronounce it, if I remember very well in the 10th Parliament, a pronouncement and a ruling was made that, Honourable Members who are Paramount Chiefs or dikgosi, once they become Honourable Members of Parliament they are addressed as Honourable Moremi Tawana. They are not addressed as Kgosi Tawana because we are going to have some Honourable Members who are Chiefs at Ntlo ya Dikgosi who will be called Honourable Kgosi so and so, and that is going to bring confusion as to whether you are

talking about a Member of Parliament or an Honourable Kgosi in Ntlo ya Dikgosi. I thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (Inaudible)

MR TSOGWANE: You were not here.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Listen. Honourable Members this is not the time for me to say whether or not he is Kgosi. As far as I know, he is Kgosi but right now, we are on question time according to this Order paper. If you have an issue with regards to whether he is Kgosi or not and you want to raise it, we will do it some other time not today. Please you are out of order. Conclude.

MR MOREMI: I was still on the health sector, the Assistant Minister conceded that these are some of the things that they will address.

MADAM SPEAKER: It should be a supplementary, not a debate.

MR MOREMI: Yes, these are some of the things that we should address, the issue of homosexual relationships. As the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, do you not see it fit for us to address this issue at prisons so that we assist them?

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI): I have responded to you and I am not going to stand here and tell you that I support homosexuality, and as a result...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ... (Murmurings)

MR KGATHI: Why should I distribute condoms there? Stand up and tell me why I should distribute those condoms.

MR KEORAPETSE: Further supplementary.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Keorapetse, I had said that that was the last one, I am only giving this time because this is your question, but that is the last one.

MR KEORAPETSE: Honourable Minister, it is a fact that there is consensual and non-consensual sexual activities in prisons. There are reports, go to the University of Botswana library, and I think the government is ... (Interruptions)

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO): On a point of order. Madam Speaker, Honourable Members are out of order. People do not want to present this matter in Parliament, most of us do not talk about it but all we want is to take riders on what other people say. We want a law to be enacted

to provide for Honourable Kgathi to distribute those condoms in prisons. There is only three of us who can talk about this issue but the rest do not come out clear. He is out of order, there is no law which provides for that, so they should help up enact a law.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: You are right, there is no law which provides for that. Just propose that there should be a law or bring a Private Members Bill, you can do that. Honourable Keorapetse, you can bring a motion if you need a follow up on this issue.

APPRAISAL ON THE ORAPA GAME PARK EXPANSION AND ORAPA-TODAY, BOTETI-TOMORROW PROJECT

MR. S. LELATISITWE (BOTETI EAST): asked the Minister of Lands and Housing:-

- (i) to apprise this Honourable House on the Orapa Game Park expansion and Orapa-Today-Boteti-Tomorrow Projects particularly the:-
 - (a) benefits and location;
 - (b) Citizen Empowerment or Community buy-in;
 - (c) affected person's compensation and progress;
- (ii) whether the Minister does not see the need for the Business Park to have been built or constructed in Letlhakane rather than the current location; and
- (iii) whether the Minister does not see the possibility of squatters in future at the current location of the Business Park.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND HOUSING (MR MAELE): As part of the Orapa Mine closure socio-economic plan, Debswana has, through the Orapa, Letlhakane and Damtshaa Mines, initiated a regional project called **Orapa Today Boteti Tomorrow**. The project has identified four economic diversification components which include the development and expansion of the Orapa Game Park, development of a business park, development of a mining museum and expansion of the Orapa Technical College.

- a) Madam Speaker, the project covers 3 kilometres around the current Mining Lease Area and an additional 23,771 hectares of land north of the Mine Lease Area. This additional land also includes the Airport Pan Gravels that contains alluvial diamond deposits. The Potential benefits of the project will include:
 - Employment generation through economic

diversification projects to be located in the Business Park;

- Contribution to tourism development in Boteti Region through the expansion of the existing Orapa Game Park and establishment of linkages with Makgadikgadi Pan Heritage Trails;
 - Capturing and exhibition of the history of diamond mining in Botswana through the development of Orapa Museum and inclusion in De Beers Diamond Route; and
 - Training on mining related human resources development programmes to be offered by the new Technical College.
- b) Madam Speaker, it is anticipated that the project will economically empower citizens through employment and other activities generated by various projects. Local communities should equally take advantage of the project and utilize existing schemes to implement projects that would enhance their livelihoods. Since project inception in 2013, extensive consultations have been undertaken to introduce the project, and its objectives to key stakeholders such as local communities in Mosu, Mmatshumo, Letlhakane, Mokobaxane and Mopipi. These consultations also included Dikgosi from the 19 villages within the Sub-Districts, the affected farmers, both the Sub-Land Board and Main Land Board, both the Sub-District and District Development Committees, Plan Management Committees, Council, to mention a few. The project has generally been very well received by those consulted.
- c) Madam Speaker, a total of 37 farmers were affected by the project. Twenty-five (25) had cattle and livestock related developments within the expansion area while twelve (12) only had borehole rights without livestock in the area. Property and borehole assessments were done in 2014 as per the Compensation Guidelines. Farmers with cattle were duly compensated and relocated to Makoba and Setata Camp by end of October 2015. Discussions on the level of compensation are still on-going between Government and the 10 farmers who did not have cattle in the area.
- (ii) Madam Speaker, regarding the location of the Business Park, three potential locations were considered at the initial stages of the project being; the current proposed location, the area midway between Orapa and Letlhakane and lastly in

Letlhakane Village. The current site was preferred as enterprises that would occupy the Business Park provide service to the mine. Therefore, distance was a factor when the final location was decided. Industries that sell, assemble and maintain the big machinery used within the mine would be established within the Business Park. It would therefore be uneconomical for some heavy machinery to travel long distance to and from the mine as and when required.

- (iii) Madam Speaker, land authorities, local authorities, Bogosi, political leadership in collaboration with Debswana, will monitor developments in the area so as to ensure controlled and well planned developments. It is our hope that through such concerted collaborative efforts, the issue of squatting shall not arise. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

MR LELATISITSWE: Supplementary. Thank you for the answer Honourable Minister. You said distance was considered when looking at the location. I wanted you to maybe appraise the House on the distance from DK1 to the concerned site.

MR MAELE: Madam Speaker, unfortunately I do not know which one is the DK1, I have to be very honest with the House.

MR LELATISITSWE: Letlhakane Mine.

MR MAELE: I do not have the figure at the moment, but if he needs it, I will be able to get it to him by the end of the day today.

PROCUREMENT AT CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES (CMS)

MR S. LELATISITSWE (BOTETI EAST): asked the Minister of Health:-

whether she is aware that Central Medical Stores (CMS) continues to procure laboratory reagents, medical consumables, medical equipment and accessories reserved for 100 per cent citizen owned companies from non-citizen owned companies; if so, why and when will this stop; to apprise this Honourable House about CMS procurement since 2012 to date comparing citizen owned companies to non-citizen companies; if CMS is aware of the Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) Policy Directive No. 32B; and when will the above Directive be enforced at CMS.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MADIGELE): Madam Speaker, my Ministry is not aware of a list of laboratory reagents, medical consumables and medical equipment accessories that is reserved for 100 per cent citizen owned companies. However, Central Medical Stores has been implementing the Citizen Economic Policy since August 2004.

- (ii) Since 2012 to date CMS has been running open domestic tenders to encourage participation by local companies and this is in line with PPADB Regulation 55 (3). The comparison of tender awards and procurement done from citizen and non-citizen companies for the period 2012 to 2015 is:

Year	no. of Supplier	Citizen	Non-citizen	% citizen awarded	% non-citizen awarded
2012/2013	54	12	42	22.2	77.8
2013/2014	26	9	17	34.6	65.4
2014/2015	30	16	14	53.3	46.7

- (iii) CMS is aware of the Citizen Empowerment Policy Directive No 32 B of 13th August, 2004 and the preference margins are applied as illustrated in the table below;

Category of Preference	Price Preference
Sole citizen- company	10 per cent
Joint Venture between citizen owned companies	15 per cent
Joint Venture between citizen and non-citizen companies	5 per cent

- (iv) Central Medical Stores started implementing the Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) at its inception

and we have since been adhering to this as demonstrated by what I have said before. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**SEWERAGE PROBLEMS AT PHASE 4
PRIMARY SCHOOL IN FRANCISTOWN**

MR W. B. MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): asked the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development:-

- (i) if he is aware of the sewerage problems at Phase 4 Primary School in Francistown;
- (ii) whether he is aware that this problem has been there for more than ten years; and
- (iii) what he intends to do to correct this problem.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, let me greet our Chairperson of youth here present and his committee. Domkrag (Botswana Democratic Party) Andy Boatile and his Committee.

- (i) Madam Speaker, I am aware of the sewerage problem backflow that has been persisting for some time. This problem occurs when the Water Utilities Corporate sewerage line outside the school perimeter blocks.
- (ii) Whenever the problem occurs, the City of Francistown Council contacts Water Utilities Corporation to unblock the sewerage line as a temporary solution.
- (iii) Madam Speaker, to address this challenge on a permanent basis, my Ministry through Francistown City Council had outsourced this project but it was terminated on the 28th of January 2015 due to the poor performance of the contractor. Another contractor was awarded the project in August 2015 but rejected the offer from Council. The Council has now sourced quotations to hire a JCB to start excavations and the excavations will start on the 21st December 2015 after which Council will lay the pipes. It is expected that the project will be completed by end of March 2016.

MR BILLY: Supplementary. Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to ask Honourable Minister if she aware that there are some pockets in Francistown that are not connected to the sewerage line? Thank you.

MS TSHIRELETSO: I am not sure whether I understand the Honourable Member's question because the question was concerning the school, now he is

asking me of some pockets and I do not know which pockets he is referring to, Madam Speaker.

**TRANSPORTING OF PATIENTS FROM
HEALTH POSTS TO MOLEPOLOLE WITHOUT
A NURSE OR AUXILIARY STAFF**

MR N. M. NGAKA (TAKATOKWANE): asked the Minister of Health if she is aware that in the Takatokwane Constituency, patients on referral to Scottish Livingstone Hospital are being transported from Health Posts to Molepolole without a nurse or auxiliary staff; if so:-

- (i) how many lives have been lost in Sesung and Ditshegwane Villages because of this; and
- (ii) what action has the Minister taken to address this situation.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR MADIGELE): Madam Speaker, my Ministry is not aware of any patients from the health posts who were referred to Scottish Livingstone and were not escorted by a nurse. However the health posts provide transport to clients going for check-ups because there is no public transport and such clients are not escorted by a nurse.

My Ministry is also not aware of any lives that have been lost during transportation of patients. I thank you Madam Speaker.

**NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS DEPORTED IN
THE LAST 2 YEARS**

MR W. B. MMOLOTSI (FRANCISTOWN SOUTH): asked the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs:-

- (i) how many foreigners were deported in the last two (2) years;
- (ii) what were the reasons for their deportations;
- (iii) what happened to the assets they accrued while here; and
- (iv) how many of them were married to Batswana.

Later Date.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Member, the question time has passed, were you saying later date?

ACTING MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS (MR OLOPENG): Yes, however I request that if you are going to ask for later date, you should consult the Member who asked the question first.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay, the questions time has elapsed.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: No, he had sent me to ask that question.

MR OLOPENG: I did not know that there was a fight Honourable Mokgware.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Are you saying there is a fight?

MADAM SPEAKER: No, Honourable Olopeng, switch off the mic.

TABLING OF PAPER

The following paper was tabled:

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 148 OF 2014:
CHEMICAL WEAPONS (PROHIBITION) ACT
(DATE OF COMMENCEMENT) ORDER, 2014.**

(Minister of Defence, Justice and Security)

STATEMENT

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR GOYA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the 25th of November 2015, when answering Question Number 93 asked by Honourable A. S. Kesupile, I inadvertently omitted to provide an answer to Roman four (iv) part of the question and I then promised this Honourable House that I will provide such an answer at a later date. I am here today Madam Speaker to fulfil that promise and in doing so Madam Speaker, I would like you to allow me to invoke Standing Order 41.2 of the Standing Orders. The answer to that part of the question reads as follows;

Madam Speaker, in conceptualizing the proposed Abolition of Levels of Operation in the Teaching Service in November 2012, an agreement was reached by the different critical stakeholders to the effect that a proposal be submitted to Government to be granted a waiver to have a ceiling for School Head at Primary Schools be set as D2 salary scale against D3, which was assessed by the Job Evaluation Panel. Moreover, a compromise position was reached to have Senior Teacher 1s with and without responsibility to be graded at C1 salary scale. Furthermore, the parties involved agreed that the only differentiating factor between the two groups will be for the Senior Teacher 1s with responsibility to be given an urge or preference over others, whenever they compete for a higher grade of Head of Department on D4 salary scale. Madam Speaker, this is practical since Senior Teacher 1s with responsibility have a longer service on

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C1 having got in the scale in 1st July 2013, while their counterparts were in C2 salary scale.

Madam Speaker, the critical stakeholders alluded to earlier for clarity are the Directorate of Public Service Management, Ministry of Education and Skills Development and recognized Teacher Trade Unions, which included Botswana Teacher Unions (BTU), Botswana Sector of Educators and Trainers Union (BOSETU) and Trainers and Allied Workers Unions.

I thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the Standing Order 41.3 allows for short questions if any.

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Motion

(Resumed Debate)

MADAM SPEAKER: The debate on this motion is resuming. When the House adjourned yesterday, Honourable Dr Dow was on the floor and she was left 13 minutes and 57 seconds.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Pardon! What are you saying?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: 30.

MADAM SPEAKER: 30 yes. I said 30.

MR MOREMI: On a point of order. Madam Speaker, I stand on a point of order to ask if we are in order? I am asking this in regard to the fact that Honourable Mmolotsi is not here; he is attending other Parliament duties at England. Yesterday Honourable Dow made an insinuation about a video in this House and even said she is afraid to discuss about it in the House. Madam Speaker is that procedural to debate about something which cannot be explained and with no evidence in the House? You overlooked this issue yesterday.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Further procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Let me answer first. You cannot stand on two points. Honourable Dow, I am not aware of that issue but here they are asking if there is evidence to perhaps watch the tape you claim to be explicit (masisi). I am not necessarily referring to anyone's name. It was explicit ... (laughter)... We have no idea, we have not viewed it. However I also noticed something yesterday, I am not sure perhaps if it is there we can view it, no problem.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (DR DOW): Madam Speaker, I am not sure of what Madam Speaker is asking me to do at all because there have been debates in this House, about Chief who left to South Africa, there was no provision of passport to show that they happened, there have been speeches about all kinds of things. I am unclear as to what the Madam Speaker is asking me to do. If the issue is whether or not, a video was viewed in the tea room by various Members of this House, I believe it is hardly something that is debatable. At the end of the Session yesterday, Honourable Salakae came over to me and made the comment that “surely you are being unfair, more than one person viewed that video.” For his part, I have to put record straight on his behalf because it is important.

When the video was viewed in the tea room of this very Parliament, only two Members of Parliament who congregated there walked away with disgust and dismay; those were Honourable Salakae and Honourable Tshireletso who did not want to be part of that.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: What about you?

DR DOW: I did not watch the video. In fact, the only thing I heard was Honourable Mmolotsi's commentary. I threatened him that I am going to actually video tape him and post that in Facebook so that his people...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wait, let me check something Honourable Keorapetse.

...Silence...

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! You cannot just stand up now Honourable Tshireletso. Honourable Dr Dow, that video is said to be too graphic. Therefore if it was viewed we want the names of people who viewed it. What was really graphic about that video? We cannot really compare what you said about this video because you said it is too graphic. We cannot compare with the fact that Kgosi Kgafela is at South Africa because we all know that he is at South Africa.

DR DOW: Madam Speaker, Honourable Kgoroba wants to know more about the video. Madam Speaker, I am going to respect your ruling but I am not even sure what the ruling is. I do not know whether the ruling is that if Members of Parliament are part of an act that is maybe criminal, maybe unethical, then this House cannot speak about it? I am not sure what it is. Is it because ...

MADAM SPEAKER: My ruling is, since we have not witnessed that graphic video and the person who is

alluded to have viewed it is not here and there are claims that he did not view it alone just withdraw it and move on.

DR DOW: No, Madam Speaker that will be totally unfair. Madam Speaker, what am I withdrawing? What exactly, that the video existed...

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI): On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, the point of procedure I am standing on is that it would be extremely unprocedural to request the Honourable Member to withdraw reference to a video. I thought that...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order.

MR KGATHI: Wait.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order, he is out of order.

MR KGATHI: Listen. I thought Madam Speaker the query was reference to Mmolotsi because he is not in Parliament to the effect that he can reply or not. For you to make a ruling to request her to withdraw reference to a video, that would be unprocedural.

MADAM SPEAKER: No, since Honourable Mmolotsi is not here, she should withdraw her words in totality.

MR MOREMI: On a point of order. When we mentioned Honourable Mmolotsi, we were only introducing the matter on imputation of improper or dishonourable conduct by him. But before then, it was alluded that Honourable Boko cannot talk about loving children when he can abandon his and whether Honourable Mmolotsi can talk about loving children when he can watch such a video? That was an insinuation. That was the imputation from the statement made yesterday.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: That is a matter that I intend to take up here and now.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of correction.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Madam Speaker, point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: No, no, no, you close that thing. Order! Listen. Honourable Kgosi Tawana, actually I was here yesterday.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Wait; do not add onto the matter. I did not hear when it was said that someone did not have children or maybe I missed it.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: I can assist you on that one.

MADAM SPEAKER: No.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: I did not hear Honourable Unity Dow say someone has abandoned children.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Imputation.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: The Hansard is there.

MADAM SPEAKER: Let me call upon Honourable Dow.

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, may I suggest that the Hansard for yesterday be produced for this House because I can tell you I never, ever, ever said Honourable Boko has abandoned his children. What I said is that he is a lawyer. Let me not even answer that, let me just say bring the Hansard.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: We are going to take the previous one; you know that is what was said.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: You are the ones who know.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Yes, bring the Hansard.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: You want to accuse us.

DR DOW: Let me proceed, may I proceed?

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Dr Unity Dow, let us finish with Honourable Mmolotsi's matter first, then we will look at the Hansard. Please withdraw reference to him because like they are saying, you were imputing improper motives on him and he is not here to speak for himself.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Unity Dow, I have given you the floor.

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me frame my withdrawal. Again I am very unclear as to what I am withdrawing. Am I withdrawing all references to Mmolotsi yesterday, is that what I am doing?

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

DR DOW: Okay, I am withdrawing from the Hansard the name 'Mmolotsi'.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Order!

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am withdrawing any reference to Honourable Mmolotsi to my utterances yesterday.

MADAM SPEAKER: Okay, yes.

MR KEORAPETSE: On a point of order. Madam Speaker, earlier on when you made a ruling, Honourable Dow made a reference to other Members of Parliament.

MADAM SPEAKER: I said we were dealing with the issue of Honourable Mmolotsi first.

MR KEORAPETSE: Yes, it has passed. She made reference to other Members of Parliament whom she said possibly they even committed a criminal offence by watching that video.

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

MR KEORAPETSE: Yes, that is what she said and she is imputing improper motives on Members of Parliament.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of order, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Wait.

MR KEORAPETSE: It means that it is on record in the Hansard that Members of this Parliament have possibly committed a criminal offence at the tea room by watching a video which she says was not right. Do those words remain in the Hansard without any evidence of who those Members of Parliament were at the tea room who were watching a video and what the video was all about?

MADAM SPEAKER: She has withdrawn.

MR KEORAPETSE: No, she has not. She has withdrawn in reference to Mmolotsi, not to other Members of Parliament.

MADAM SPEAKER: She said utterances she made yesterday.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: On a point of procedure Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: She said and whatever she said in relation to that.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: No!

MR KEORAPETSE: No, that one she said it now; just a moment ago, not yesterday.

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

MR KEORAPETSE: No, it does not matter, she said Members of Parliament. Are we going to have a record in the Hansard which alludes to the effect that Members of Parliament possibly committed an offence at the tea room by watching an immoral video? If those words are withdrawn in reference to Honourable Mmolotsi, they have to be withdrawn in reference to other Members of Parliament.

MADAM SPEAKER: No, I have just been checking with my officials. When you all talk at a go, I cannot hear you. I have just confirmed and it is true that Honourable Dr Dow has indeed said so about other Members of Parliament. Can you please just withdraw?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: She should withdraw or bring evidence.

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

HONOURABLE MEMBER: How did she see that it was not right?

MADAM SPEAKER: No wait, can you please allow Honourable Dr Dow to withdraw?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: She did not say that in Parliament.

DR DOW: Madam Speaker, I withdraw reference to Members of Parliament watching a video...

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

DR DOW: I withdraw the word 'Members of Parliament' from my utterances. I do not know whether I should also withdraw that Salakae left. Should I put him in the scene or should I remove him from the scene?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Put him there.

MADAM SPEAKER: Withdraw all the utterances.

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

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY (MR KGATHI): On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, if things can be done this way then we are going to end up unable to say anything in Parliament. Members of Parliament have made reference even to me in person, during my absence. In the case of Honourable Dow she did not make reference to anybody in particular, she just said some Members of Parliament, so who is offended here? Anybody who is offended should be the one who can say that their name should be expunged from the Hansard.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Kgathi, I do not agree with you and I also do not agree with people who

continue to call for points of order even when I am standing. I am not going to allow that.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (MR RALOTSIA): Point of order. Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I do not find it to be in order for an Honourable Member who has witnessed an instance and not being disputed for that matter, no Honourable Member here has disputed...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ... (murmurs)...

MR RALOTSIA: No Honourable Member here has disputed having seen that video and I find it very, very unfair for the Honourable Member of Parliament and Minister to be caused to withdraw. Madam Speaker I find it very, very unfair for the Honourable Member to be caused to withdraw on something which actually happened and Honourable Members here did witness that. I thank you.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now listen. Honourable Members, this issue has been concluded and, Honourable Dr Dow has withdrawn, we are going to continue with something different from what we have been talking about.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR BOKO): On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, I rise on a very, very profound point in relation to certain remarks and insinuations made by Honourable Dow yesterday in the course of her submissions, in which she made reference in particular to my person and made remarks suggesting certain debates were taking place on Facebook of which she seemed to be part and in so doing, seeking to besmirch my character, go petty and personal on me.

If she would like that strand of thought to continue, if she wants to go down that route, I am prepared to take her on here and now. If that is what she wants, I have come to do exactly that. Let us go personal you and me, if that is what you want. Let us go personal and if this House is going to allow itself to be used as a platform for pettiness, let us agree that, that is the case so that we can all open the flood gates and do it. I raise this matter very seriously and profoundly and this is the first time you have seen me worked up like this. It may very well not be last. If you want us to go personal, let us agree and go personal and let us do it. Let us go in to people's private lives here, let us go personal on everybody here, if that is what you want to do. This is not the first time. The fact that I have chosen a path of decency in the face of insult, does not make anybody an authority on insulting other people, no!

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Honourable

Members, I want us to consult the Hansard. So I would rather we adjourn. You know that the Vice President is going to respond at 16:55 but let us adjourn for 20 minutes; I hope we will be able to get the Hansard quickly. I have told you my decision and so I will leave the House, you all have to be quite. We need decorum in this House because we are Honourable Members. People are looking at them; their voters!

**PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED FOR
APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS**

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Let us have Honourable Dow speak.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (DR DOW): Thank you Madam Speaker, when this House adjourned...

MR MARKUS: On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, when we adjourned here earlier on, we were told that you are going to bring the Hansard here. I guess you have brought the Hansard so that we read it and then we see exactly what was in the Hansard and that is what we are looking for Madam.

MADAM SPEAKER: No Honourable Markus, we agreed that the other Membership should be left outside and we remained discussing the issue and we have agreed on certain things. I am now allowing Honourable Dow to speak. Will you wait for her to speak so that you can then be able to bring a query if you want to?

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker, like I was saying when this House adjourned, we were told to go to the General Assembly for us to deal with a matter that had paralysed the House somewhat. I want to take this opportunity Madam Speaker to inform this House that all utterances related to Honourable Boko that he found offensive, be expunged from the record. Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker may I continue?

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes please.

MR MARKUS: On a point of procedure. I just want to know if she is reading the Hansard as it is right now or she is taking some of the words from there. I just want to understand that.

MADAM SPEAKER: She expressed that all words should be expunged from the Hansard and we agreed.

MR MARKUS: On a point of procedure. I do not think this was the subject when you left here, we left here on condition or on the suspicion that we are going to take the Hansard and read it. We want the Hansard to be read in Parliament, this is exactly what...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Allow for it to be read then!

MR MARKUS: Since I came to this Parliament, I have never seen Parliament going outside to talk outside, I have never seen that. I am so worried about this. All I need is for the Hansard to be read in Parliament, all the words that were said here, were said in public so the Hansard must be read in Public, period!

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (MS VENSON-MOITOI):

Madam Speaker, perhaps we need to explain to Honourable Markus since he needed some explanations as it was the first time we addressed the issue in a way that he just stated. We left the House to discuss the issue and we read what was uttered where we were and a decision was taken still outside this Parliament. I believe that the decision made is the one being summed up by Honourable Dow here. I think there is nothing out of procedure in this House, if there was something, we could go back again and explain the procedure. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Mother of the House, again when we departed, we never said we are going to come with Hansard to read it here. We never said we are bringing it here. Switch off that thing I am talking, switch it off Honourable Markus. When we departed from this place, we said we are going to refer to the Hansard, which is what we did and that is why Mother of the House is saying this.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS TSHIRELETSO):

Procedure. Madam Speaker, we do not have a problem that you met aside. The only problem is that, we want you to read the Standing Order number which allows you to take a matter which was spoken in Parliament where there is a complaint about someone and that matter becomes confidential and it ends there. We wanted to hear it mentioned that Standing Order number... allows us to have a subcommittee to handle matters on its own and they end there, that, we could actually understand. We do not want to have it our Setswana way, where we are told, 'no, we discussed matters'. We want it to be very clear that if we are able to talk at the General Assembly together, we should make a decision together. Normally we agree together at the General Assembly to say we agree that this matter is settled here or we are going to make a decision concerning this there. We have matters we discussed as Members of Parliament and made a decision on them here and we never talked about them. Right now the majority of us were not there, only the illegal subcommittee was in attendance.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hey! Give me a chance to also speak, you cannot monopolise speaking. Listen, there is no sub-committee which met. When we parted here, we agreed in this House that we should go and talk at a certain venue. Those who did not attend cannot blame anyone but themselves but it was not a sub-committee. After we discussed, as our resolution, we all agreed that only a few should remain and we voted. Of course we had to vote for them. However, we have never said we are going to get the Hansard, what the Mother of the House is saying, reflects the decision we took.

HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT (MR MASISI): Elucidation. Let me beg to seek your indulgence, Honourable colleagues in both sides of the House I plead that you listen and understand. We had our differences in the House as is provided for by our procedures, we are allowed to adjourn and convene as a General Assembly and discuss our differences, which we did. We concluded those differences and what Honourable Dow stands up to say is a culmination of those discussions. I ask that you respect what she says, because it was her that was on the floor and it is she who voluntarily animated the discussions that resulted in this. We also have talked about what we do going forward, I am assured that the Leaders across the aisle will share this with their followers and we likewise this side will so do. For the sake of progress Madam Speaker, I beg that we desist from seeking any further explanations, save for those that will be provided for outside this House in our various caucuses. Thank you.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (DR DOW): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I continue with my submission, I understand because of the limitations of time, I actually have lost some of my time, so I am going to try to be as brief as possible. Let me move to the issue of what brought this party to where we are today. In 2014, the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) gained power promising the nation to deal with far many issues; education, employment creation, corruption, HIV/AIDS precisely the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT). Madam Speaker, since then, His Excellency came to this House, to inform the nation about its health and the promises going forward and once again, among the issues that he picked, are education and employment creation and of course the other four. I picked those two particular ones because my mandate as a Minister of Education and Skills Development speaks to those two that is, education and skills, so that we can promote employment creation.

Let me start to address an issue that was raised by Honourable Mangole when he was debating. Honourable

Mangole said two things; on one he actually pleaded saying, Bakgatla are saying, what is it that they owe the BDP government so that they may pay it off, that is one thing, the other one was a lament that in Mochudi West Target 20 000 is only known to BDP activists and he asserted and assured we put in the Hansard that, in fact people are saying only BDP members can access Target 20 000. Madam Speaker I want to clarify this because it is very, very important, it would seem that either Honourable Mangole was not listening earlier in the year, when I came to this Parliament and informed this Parliament about Education Training Strategic Sector Plan (ETSSP), which is the strategy under which one of the programmes that is targeting Target 20 000. When Honourable Mangole was also debating, I think it was on the 27th, at the time that he was debating, 2 days before that had been a centre spread on Target 20 000, but even 2 days later he did not know about it, which is very unfortunate because the information is out there, the information come to this House and more than anything else that he could have asked me. I recall that Honourable Goya offered to inform Honourable Mangole on the side, but I want to say that I am the Minister of Education and Skills Development and all of us, myself and my two deputies are keen to engage and inform any Member who seeks any information about my Ministry. I have to say that as a matter of fact, Honourable Mangole is one of the few Members of this House who has never actually engaged me to find out more about education. Therefore I am saying that the door is open Honourable, please I will inform you to disabuse you of this information that I do not know where you got, that only BDP Members are entitled to benefit from Target 20 000. Let me move very fast because I do not have time. Let us talk about the State of the Nation Address. ESP; I recall the words of Honourable Boko, he says it is "The Economy Stupid". I am quoting him and he was quoting somebody else. There was an utterance which he actually rightly attributed to a former President of the United States. It was an utterance that was made in private which later became a campaign slogan, "It is the Economy Stupid". In fact ESP is an answer to the question; what is our biggest problem? It is Economy Stupid. That is the answer. So, I think we agree on one thing with Honourable Boko.

From the debates on this House the Opposition's response to the programme of ESP is confused and confusing. It ranges from a total rejection especially on the part of Honourable Boko, to somewhat acceptance and on the far right total and elated embrace. Honourable Boko describes the programme as follows and in his response at paragraph 16, he says, "ESP that we know is based on the misdiagnosis of the economy's problems, has flawed, conceptual and contextual moorings and is for

the most, part self-seeking.” Of course the idea of self-seeking runs through the whole of his document. I am suggesting that he says that just to loot the government, and many other unpleasant things are said about ESP. I want to say that first of all ESP is not a creation of the Botswana Government...

MR NKAIGWA: On a point of procedure. Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you Honourable Minister. I think the Honourable Minister wanted to quote from the words that were spoken by the Leader of the Opposition but I never heard her closing the quote. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: Oh, okay, close quotes!

DR DOW: Paragraph 16, if you have it in front of you, you will realise that at the end of the word “self-seeking” we close quote. Thank you very much Sir for your attention. I appreciate that.

I was making the point that ESP is not a creation of the Botswana Government, greater economies have done it. I can just refer to at least in recent history in the United States, in 2009 the American Government came up with what they call the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This is exactly what we are talking about today. If you look at Canada, in 2008/2009, they did the same thing. If you look at Australia, they did the same thing.

The purpose of an Economic Stimulus Programme or Plan is when the economy is hurting and slow, what do you do to make sure that you rejuvenate it. Different governments come up with different plans but usually one of the most really critical one is the need to invest in infrastructure, to build schools, clinics and roads, because when you do that you put money in the economy and put money indirectly into the hands of the nationals or the citizens. So it is not something new, it is something that many other economies have undertaken and no doubt you cannot reject it even before you see where it is going.

Right now His Excellency has said the programme that I want to move forward with is ESP. That is not the end of the story. The second part of the story of course is for the Minister of Finance to come to this House to say this is how we believe we can actually fund ESP. It is for this House to actually adopt the final financial plan going forward.

I have to commend the Minister because we are where we are today because of him and his very able team at the Ministry of Finance. If you look around, many economies, big and small collapsed since 2008 when we did not. We struggled but we did not collapse. And why is that so? It is because we have competent people at the Ministry of Finance who are prudent, who have

always offered guidance and above all have always really offered unwavering discipline. We have to thank them for that. Minister, I thank you for that.

MADAM SPEAKER: Honourable Member, remember we said we have run out of time. Therefore, you really have to stop because there are three Members and I am going to be giving them 5 minutes each because His Honour the Vice President will be responding at 17:45 p.m. He has yielded 50 minutes and we have calculated it, that means at 17:45 p.m. he will respond. So, please wind up.

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (MR GOYA): On a point of procedure Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have been listening attentively but I think it would not be fair on the part of the Honourable Member holding the floor because she is entitled to her entire 45 minutes. Madam Speaker, I am suggesting that we cause an extension of time in the same manner and context that we did with the 20 minutes tea breaks. Why do we not extend the time?

MADAM SPEAKER: You are eating on their time and you have had your time to speak. What we are basically saying is that the Standing Order states that a response should be done in 15 days. We made an announcement yesterday that His Honour the Vice President will deliver his response today at 16:55 p.m. So we cannot replace the time we lost outside in the House because we will then be breaking the Standing Order. So please allow the Honourable Member to speak so that we save time. Otherwise we shall close because we are pressed for time. When it is time, I shall be calling His Honour to respond. We always do that, when the time is up there is nothing that we can do,

DR DOW: Madam Speaker, I am assuming I have five minutes, is that correct?

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes.

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me just go now unfortunately to the last parts of my presentation because I do not have time. First it is a request to the Minister of...

ASSISTANT MINISTER OF PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MR MAKGALEMELE): On a point of procedure. Madam Speaker, no it cannot be right, Members of Parliament have had an opportunity to debate the State of the Nation Address. It is very important that His Honour the Vice President be given quality time to respond. So with the greatest respect Madam Speaker, we can extend the sitting of this Parliament today so that we can finish

even at midnight because it is very important that His Honour must respond adequately.

MADAM SPEAKER: He yielded 50 minutes and we agreed and I fail why you are complaining.

DR DOW: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me conclude my debate Madam Speaker by speaking for the people of Mochudi West. First of all is a request to the Minister of Finance that as you look at the various requests from the various ministries, please consider that the Ministry of Education requires more classrooms, laboratories, staff houses, et cetera. Therefore, I will request that you look at our ceiling and consider increasing it. My second request to this House is that when that request comes to this House because we are the final arbiters on that matter please support me and support the Minister of Finance to give us a bit more money.

With respect to Mochudi West itself, I will say Mochudi West needs a new hospital, and it needs in respect of Health; I am done talking to Ministry of Health who is not here, and also the Minister of Finance also because he is the person who holds the purse that we need a new hospital. I am told and I have seen that Deborah Retief Memorial (DRM) hospital really is in complete tartars, we need a new hospital. We need Makgophana clinic; in Makgophaneng it was destroyed by termites a few years ago, we need to rebuild.

Ministry of Transport; Honourable Mabeo Modipane-Mochudi is only 17 kilometres, we are asking for that road, if it is not possible try the Modipane-Dikwididi-Sikwane one. Really one of them would help de-congest A1 Road, please consider that.

The Minister of Lands; we are asking for land servicing especially at Morwa, Bokaa, and Pilane. Honourable Member if you can look at that, and if Minister of Finance can give you the necessary money to do that, we will be very, very happy about that. In respects of public Officers housing as well, Lands and Housing Pool Housing, Turnkey Projects, we are requesting for funds to make sure that happen.

In respect of the Defence, Justice and Security, again that particular border *kwa* Sikwane needs to be dealt with, needs to be strengthened and buildings be built there please.

Lastly...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: And Mmathubudukwane.

DR DOW: And Mmathubudukwane please, that is our request.

But finally Madam Speaker, I must speak about the

following projects, that we need additional classrooms at Linchwe Junior School, Artesia Junior School, Madikwe Junior School, Sedibelo Junior School, Ithuteng Junior, Radikolo Junior School and at Kgamanyane Junior School, Madam Speaker. I know the other schools also require some work but these particular ones the classroom shortage is really serious.

Staff Housing Madam Speaker; construction of staff houses Linchwe Junior Secondary School and at Odima; those are the two schools Minister of Finance please. If you remain with some change we would like to request you to consider those in respect of Mochudi West. Those are some of the request.

Finally, maintenance; Bakgatle School is dilapidated Honourable Minister of Finance, please furnish us with funds. I am requesting this House to support him when he requests the funds. As brief as I was Madam Speaker I thank you Madam Speaker, and unfortunately I was not able to cover all the things I wanted to cover but I guess that is life.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND HOUSING (MR MAELE): Madam Speaker, I am grateful to have had this opportunity to comment on the President's speech. I want to point out that the State of the Nation address we were listening to the other day was the sixth one to be presented in my hearing. This was one of the best that I have ever heard being presented by the President.

I want to point this out Madam Speaker that unfortunately I believe Batswana have made a mistake by bringing to Parliament the Members of the Opposition we have currently. The manner in which they debated has shown that these people do not understand what is meant by a State of the Nation address. I am saying this Madam Speaker because if you just start right away, even the response by the President of the Umbrella for Democratic Change; if you read it trying to match it with what was presented by the President, you will see that Honourable Boko was just talking about his own things, telling stories, not trying to address the prevailing problems which he had pointed out. Yes in a lot of cases he was able to point out the problems but he failed to come up with alternatives or solutions and say what they would do. Therefore where I found a problem is when the President of the UDC, Honourable Boko who happens to be my friend; I will speak in his hearing because I do not want the Hansard to go and be taken; he was speaking with so much concern about the President being absent in Parliament when the issues are being debated, when they respond, people being sworn in and so on and so forth. I wanted to say Batswana should know that Honourable Boko should not be the one uttering these statements. Honourable Boko voted

for the first time in 2014. It was his first time to register and vote, so instead of talking about those issues he should tell Batswana that "I voted for the first time so I do not understand some of these issues," now instead he is attacking the President with regard to his absence not knowing that his Ministers are there; that they will address the issues, Leader of the House is there, he will address the issues. Now when he comes to talk about such issues, I think he should rather go back to Batswana and tell them that the existing challenge is that he was not used to these politics such that it was his first time to vote.

Honourable Boko's speech Madam Speaker, when I read it; since this is the only time I can talk about it; it is very nice, it is well written with his poetic English that I know. It is the usual poetry that I know, he is my friend I have known him since way back. For those who do not know, we were together for four years at the University of Botswana, Honourable Boko and I and I have known him to be very good in poetry and that is the only thing he pointed out. That is why I am saying there is nothing which Honourable Boko was offering which we can write home about and say Batswana are really blessed to have...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...murmurs...

MADAM SPEAKER (MS KOKORWE): Order! Honourable Davids what is going on?

MR MAELE: So, there is nothing to write home about. Therefore Madam Speaker, I just wanted the people to see the situation we will be driving to as I always hear them dreaming that in 2019 they are going to be in government. If we are going to be led by the kind of leadership I am seeing, no, Madam Speaker, we are going to be in trouble. I am saying this Madam Speaker because all of them in the opposition have failed, they failed to amplify. When your leader has spoken, you must amplify his speech, just like you saw the BDP (Domkrag) men doing. The men on that side have failed the speech by...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Clarification!

MR MAELE: No, there is no time my friend.

MADAM SPEAKER: Are you sitting down? You are left with two minutes.

MAJ. GEN. MOKGWARE: Clarification. Thank you Madam Speaker, Honourable Member I can hear the way you are giving out praises, when are you going to talk about your challenges and amplify the President's speech; when are you going to debate?

MR MAELE: Madam Speaker I do not know how Honourable Mokgware sometimes treats this House. It is such a problem, I mean just listen to him, five minutes; and he took 20 minutes to express one point the other time.

Anyway I had started by explaining that Honourable Boko Madam Speaker, I think one thing that he has to know is that transforming economy and economic stimulus are two different things which in his speech, because I have read it very well; he should understand that he got it all wrong.

When we have a problem of the economy like we do currently, the best thing that you can do to shake up the economy quickly, is Economic Stimulus, this was done in Kenya, and it was done in 2010 just like the way we have done it, in Kenya it was focusing on infrastructure, education, food production, fishery and so on and so forth. We have also explained what we are going to do with it. In America, it was done in February 2008, it was done in America and we are not doing something which was never done by anyone. Therefore what I wanted to say is that Honourable Boko must understand that economic transformation is not the same as Economic Stimulus Programme. Stimulus Programme is a short term thing, and then...

MADAM SPEAKER: Your time is up it is now zero, zero it means you are left with one minute.

MR MAELE: I am remaining with one minute Madam Speaker. Actually I wanted to point out that...

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: ...murmurs...

MR MAELE: What are you saying?

HONOURABLE MEMBER: ...murmurs...

MR MAELE: I just wanted to point out that I do not know where Honourable Boko got these things from, who advised him? Or could it be the men on the other side, whom I believe they cannot afford to run a government at all. He should have not talked about economic transformation at this point in time. If he had read the President's speech, he could have heard what the background of the Economic Stimulus Programme is, and I am saying to him just go and study about Kenya which was done in 2010. Go and study about United States of America, of 2008 and see that their reasons were similar to the situation. When you talk about economic stimulus which has been done in Malaysia in 2010, it is a long term initiative because it runs from 2010 to 2020.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order! Order! Listen Honourable Members, I now call upon the Honourable Leader of the House to respond.

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MASISI): Madam Speaker...

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Procedure.

MR MASISI: I thank you for when you call me to speak; it was well within the procedures of the House. It cannot be then when I stand up we are out of procedure. Please, let us maintain our decorum and there must be reciprocity of respect.

Madam Speaker, I rise to respond to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana, Lieutenant General Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama in his statement to this very nation in this very Assembly. Wearing two hats; first as the order of my being here, being the very able, competent representative of the people of the beautiful constituency of Moshupa-Manyana. Where on a hot summer day last year, against all the forces that thought they could marshal enough, with the numerous buses to try and target me and my goalie, I knocked you out. I am the elected member of Moshupa-Manyana and I speak on their behalf. Madam Speaker, I also stand here as the elected Vice President and Leader of the House by Honourable Davids, of the Republic of Botswana and by that right, being the designated representative to speak on behalf of the Government of the day. So all these empty calls of His Excellency to come here and answer to your questions, direct them to me and to my team, we will competently as we have disabled you. That is why many of you have a degenerated and almost being extinct, Botswana Congress Party (BCP). And he is putting on the BDP tie.

Madam Speaker, I would want to begin, as is our tradition and well-meant, by welcoming Honourable Lotlamoreng to this House. Unfortunately he is not here but they will extend to him my welcome, very sincere and well-meant because we are a democratic country. We had our contest; we opposed him, if he attempts to run again we will oppose him, as long as he is under this funny shaped symbol. I welcome him to this House as a colleague. We from this side of Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) will provide him with the necessary guidance, we will be collegial to him and we will be decent and respectful, for the simple reason that he is an Honourable Member of Parliament elected by the people of Good hope-Mabule.

In the same spirit, it is a pleasure for me Madam Speaker to welcome for the second time, the rebirth of Honourable Molale. For it is not a simple task to leave a plum job given to you because of your immense competence and experience, and going to the rough and tumble competition in the political arena wherein you are judged by all at all times. But be as it may, propaganda won the day in Good hope-Mabule, trafficking won the

day Madam Speaker and very, very serious incursions on our principles and track record won the day. I will elaborate as I speak, for I say these things with utmost seriousness.

I welcome Honourable Molale Madam Speaker, a man who has immensely loadable and credible credentials to be a Member of Parliament (MP). He is an MP by virtue of a provision in the Constitution of this Republic, not in any way inferior to the way in which those of us who are elected were elected because it was procedural. That is why it is unacceptable for some of the Members in the House Madam Speaker to refer to those Members who were elected through special election in disparaging ways as if they were elected out of favour in to the House. I am very proud of the four that we have and I am pretty glad that the one that you had, or one of two that you attempted to bring in, when compared to that which we brought, could not stand the test of competition. So the ones that we have here; Honourable Dow, Honourable Matambo, Honourable Mokaila and Honourable Molale are honourable, equal in measure and in some respects, in competence superior to many; many in Botswana Honourable Davids, not in this House. They may even be superior to me but I am the Vice President, I am their boss as I am your boss Honourable Davids.

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

MR MASISI: I am Honourable Boko's boss, he knows it as well. Madam Speaker, Botswana has a rich history, a very rich history of democratic traditions and dispensation, extremely rich. The very act of submitting oneself, Honourable Butale if you could stop speaking to the phone, of submitting yourself as Head of State of this country to the institution of Parliament, to report back via the means of the State of the Nation is a loadable act. I applaud my President for consistently doing so and doing so in a manner that leaves no doubt that not only is the man in charge and knows what he is doing but adequately speaks to the issues that are priorities of this country. Also doing it in a manner that shows differences year after year.

When you compare the various States of the Nation, it is the sub-titles that may be the same or similar. I speak to you particularly Honourable Mmatli for you claim sometimes to understand things of sophistication when in actual fact they need to be simplified for you. I am only trying to communicate with you and if you do not understand, I do not mind you interrupting me and I will yet again explain as I have always done over the tea breaks when you have matters too complex, you call me aside and I have been patient to explain to you.

Madam Speaker, this man is a friend of mine; he was brought up in the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) as

indeed we are the overwhelming majority of those in the first bench of the Opposition. So, logic would dictate including the very Major General coming in. Logic would dictate Madam Speaker that the BDP groomed its own Opposition and I am proud to say that it is doing better than those we did not groom. It is doing far better than the ones we did not groom, including Honourable Kgoroba because we went out hand in hand as sons of former Members of this party, sons of former Members of Parliament of this party and sons of former Members of Cabinet of this party, but he is an immigrant. He is a product of immigrants and I am very proud to say that. Even when I travel internationally Madam Speaker, I tell persons that I do meet that I am Vice President of the country that I am very proud of because we are made up of immigrants of various shapes, various linguistic origins, some speak Afrikaans, and are very proud of the ethnic group currently. Some speak with clicks, not clicks of the Basarwa, but clicks of the Eastern Cape and I am very proud, our Leader of the Opposition is a descendant of that. He went to my village and found a maiden and came dressed in Xhosa attire; I am very proud of that. They too are fully aware of this but not only are they aware of it, they know deep down in their hearts that what they say and what they speak publicly and rhetorically is patently untrue, when they talk of this country being led by government that is impatient, intolerant, oppressive, abusive and closed. You see shadows in the dark, but when people see shadows in the dark like some of you Honourable Members, as you see no difference in the various States of the Nation Address that His Excellency presents to this House year after year, the very people who are listening to you, the very people who trusted you with their vote are listening. They are watching you and guess what, we are going to help them understand and hear you more because you must not take this lightly. We are not unaware of what happened at the last elections, and my golly Davids, you are under threat, you are going. Honourable Davids is my brother Madam Speaker, I sometimes do forget he also tells me when he sees me, I so remind him of his very fond friend my brother, now deceased. You can see by his smile that he misses him T.W. If he was here you would not be wearing that green.

Madam Speaker, this country, this...

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

LEADER OF THE HOUSE (MR MASISI): Madam Speaker, I humbly 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 9th December, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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