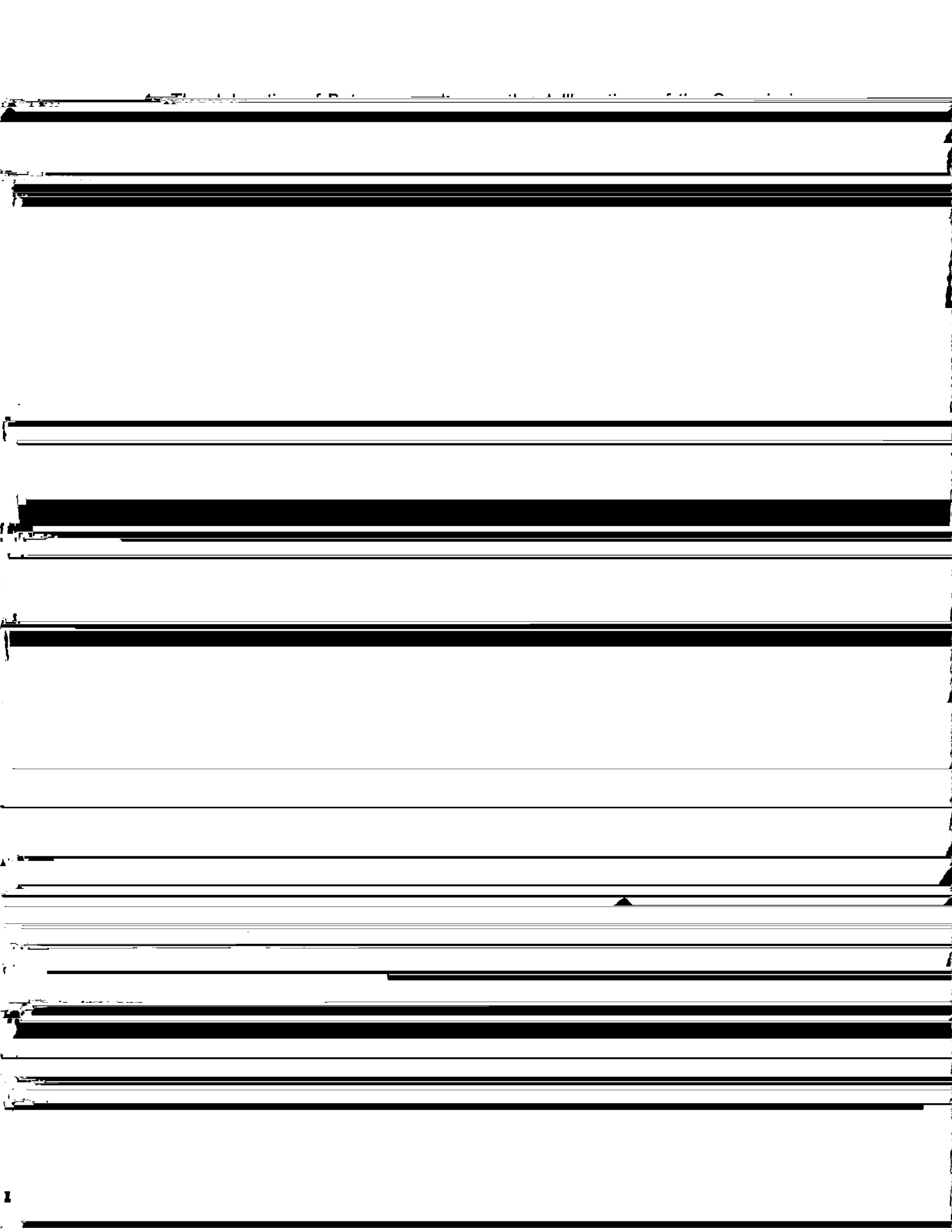




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Q. The Ministry responsible for gender has been restructured with the reduction

in the number of Departments from 13 to 7. Gender is now prominent and forms an integral part of the Ministry's Vision. In addition, the Government's commitment to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women is demonstrated through the six fold increment of the Women's Affairs Department budget. The budget increase has moved from US\$200,000 to US\$1.2 million for the Financial Year 2008/09.

10. The budget allocation is intended to cover women's specific projects that address the Six Critical Areas of Concern on women in Botswana. These are:

- i) Women and Poverty, including Economic Empowerment;
- ii) Women in Power and Decision Making;