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Poor municipalities

“Irrespective of how one perceives the Treasury report on municipal finances, it points to a government that has lost the plot,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“Government cannot claim to be in the dark when it comes to the devastating impact of cadre deployment, and yet it continues to be a contentious matter implemented at full throttle. But trying to blame the shrinking rural economies for the problems of smaller municipalities is also short sighted. Rural economies are almost always heavily reliant on agriculture, yet government continues to consider and implement policies that are detrimental to the agriculture sector.”

“It is the same as the practice of hiking Matric pass rates by lowering the standards. Even Oprah Winfrey pointed to the problem of low standards.

“There is simply no easy way out, and it remains vital that those with the know-how and skills, manage the processes of taking the country forward. This is what is understood by a government that rules in the interest of cadres instead of the interest of the country as a whole.”

Arm(e) munisipaliteite

“Ongeag hoe ‘n mens die Tesourie se verslag oor munisipale finansies vertolk, dit dui op ‘n regering wat die kluts kwyt is,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Die regering kan nie daarop aanspraak maak dat dit in die duister getas het oor die gevolge van kaderontplooiing nie, maar dit bly steeds ‘n omstrede kwessie en die praktyk gaan in elk geval volstoom voort.

“Maar om die blaam vir sukkelende klein munisipaliteite op die krimpende landelike ekonomieë te plaas is ook kortsigtig. Landelike ekonomieë is bykans altyd swaar afhanklik van landbou, maar nogtans implementeer en oorweeg die regering die een stuk beleid en wetgewing na die ander wat verwoestend op die landbou inwerk.

“Dit is soortgelyk as die praktyk om die matriekslaagsyfer te verhoog deur standarde te verlaag, sodat selfs Oprah Winfrey aangedui het die standarde is te laag.

“Daar is doodgewoon nie kortpaadjies nie, en dit is noodsaaklik dat diegene met die kundigheid die proses bestuur om die land vorentoe te neem. Dit is wat verstaan word onder die begrip van regering in algemene belang, en nie bloot in belang van kaders nie.”