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Vee skoner as net Shiceka

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het die ondersoek verwelkom wat deur die parlement aangevra is na beweerde geldelike onreëlmatighede deur die minister van Samewerkende Regering, Sicelo Shiceka.

"Daar is egter 'n paar hinderlikhede wat ook aangespreek moet word," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP. "Ten eerste het IDASA die stelling gemaak dat die ministeriële handboek nie werk nie, en dit moet ook ondersoek word om enige gapings vir misbruik hok te slaan. Tweedens het die ANC sy tyd geneem om standpunt in te neem, hoewel Cosatu darem gou uit die blokke was om op stappe aan te dring. Ten derde is daar geen aanduiding dat die minister se woordvoerder al op medianavrae gereageer het nie."

"Hoekom wil die regering sy eie koerant met belastingbetalersgeld begin as sy woordvoerders met bekke vol tande sit wanneer die kalf in die put is? Dis darem 'n alte duidelike aanduiding dat die regering die koerant vir mooiweerspraatjies wil reserveer en die kiesers nog verder velle oor die oë wil trek."

Sweep cleaner than merely dealing with Shiceka

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes the investigation requested by Parliament, into alleged financial irregularities concerning the Minister of Cooperative Governance, Sicelo Shiceka.

"There are however a few more skeletons in the closet which must also be investigated," says CDP leader. Rev. Theunis Botha. "Firstly, Idasa noted that the Ministerial handbook is non being effectivly controlled, and this needs to be addressed to prevent further irregularities from crawling out of the woodwork. Secondly, the ANC took its time on responding to such a serious matter, even though Cosatu set the correct tone. Thirdly, there is still no indication that the minister's spokesperson has yet responded to media inquiries.

"Why does the government need to have its own newspaper at the expense of the taxpayers, if its spokespersons are silent when it matters most to speak? It is crystal clear that government intends to whitewash this issue, and to keep the electorate in the dark."