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**Transparency lesson for government on e-Toll**

“We trust that the government will, when making decisions in future, learn to be transparent and to take seriously the legal implications and learn from this general protest, against the implementation of the e-Toll.” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“As matters now stand, allegations of corruption and kick-backs are rife, and with South Africa dropping to the 64<sup>th</sup> position on the corruption perception index, no one can blame the public.

“In fact, more and more international donors of development aid are tight fisted where suspicion of corruption exist, which means that government, in future, will receive even less development aid and thus place a greater burden on the taxpayer.

“Section 32 of our Constitution, is supposed to guarantee access to information to those whose rights are affected by that information. Yet Sanral continues to be tight lipped when it comes to this.

“If the court application succeeds tomorrow, and government is embarrassed, they can only blame themselves, but the tax payer will have to foot the bill for that as well.”

**e-tol en deursigtigheid**

“Ons vertrou dat die regstameletjies waarin die regering hom nou met die instelling van die e-tolstelsel bevind, deur die regering ter harte geneem word wanneer toekomstige besluite geneem word wat die bevolking raak – om vanuit die staanspoor deursigtig te wees,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Soos sake nou staan, is bewerings oor korrupsie en pasellas aan die orde van die dag, en met SA wat tot die 64ste plek op die korrupsiepersepsie-indeks teruggesak het, kan niemand die publiek ook verkwalik nie.

“Om die waarheid te sê, is meer en meer internasionale ontwikkelingsdonateurs se hande minder oop weens vermoedens oor korrupsie, wat beteken dat die regering in die toekoms minder sulke hulp sal kry en die belastingbetalers net meer sal moet opdok.

“Volgens ons grondwet, artikel 32, is ons veronderstel om toegang te kry tot inligting wat ons regte raak, maar Sanral se lippe bly geseël.

“As die hofaansoek môre slaag kan die regering net homself blameer, maar die belastingbetalers sal daardie rekening ook moet vereffen.”