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**CDP's reaction to mini budget**

"It is ironic that the reduced amount South Africa will collect in taxes, which is R5 billion, will be almost the same government spent on catering and the likes," says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"We realise there is no direct nexus, but it demonstrates governments skewed spending priorities. "We welcome the minister's acknowledgement that the expected lower growth rate of 2.5% is linked to problems such as labour related unrest, but his attack, during an earlier news conference, on those who criticised government's handling of matters, will only add to the negative perception that government has built over the years. Bad governance is not rectified by criticising criticism.

"Allocating more functions to municipalities with financial implications will remain a recipe for disaster as long as the ANC persists with cadre deployment."

**CDP se reaksie tot mini-begroting**

"Dit is ironies dat die bedrag aan belasting wat die staat vanjaar minder verwag, R5 miljard, ongeveer dieselfde is as wat die staat op spyseniering en soortgelyk spandeer het," aldus ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Ons besef daar is nie 'n verband nie, maar dit demonstreer die regering se misplaaste uitgaweprioriteite.

"Ons verwelkom die minister se erkenning dat die groeikoers 'n skrap 2,5 % gaan beloop en dat dit met die arbeidsonrus verband hou, maar sy aanval kort tevore tydens 'n mediakonferensie op diegene wat die regering se hantering van sake kritiseer, sal net bydra tot die negatiewe persepsie wat die regering oor die jare opgebou het. Swak regeerkunde word nie deur kritiek op kritiek reggestel nie.

"Om meer funksies met finansiële implikasies aan munisipaliteite toe te ken bly 'n resep vir ramspoed solank die regering hardkoppig met kaderontlooiing volhou."