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Expected Cabinet reshuffle a damp squid

“Does the fact, that the expected Cabinet reshuffle did not materialize, mean that Pres Zuma is satisfied with the present level of performance by the incumbents?” So asks Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“That Cabinet has remained unchanged, whilst a new economic growth plan is being announced, is about as encouraging as the news from Statistics SA, that unemployment levels have increased and that more people have lost hope and are no longer looking for employment.”

“A Cabinet reshuffle, introducing new blood, could have signaled real intent on the part of government to tackle the serious problems confronting the country, and might even have created some much needed confidence, which is seriously lacking at present.”

“Not responding to this obvious need, only strengthens the perception that the ANC has run out of ideas, if they even had any, and worse still that they have run out of suitable candidates to choose from.”

Verwagte kabinetskommeling toe nat vis

“Beteken die feit dat die verwagte kabinetskommeling nie plaasgevind het nie, dat pres. Jacob Zuma met die vertoning van die bekleërs tevrede is?” So vra ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratise Party (CDP).

“Dat die kabinet onveranderd bly, terwyl die ekonomiese groeiplan aangekondig word, is omtrent so gerusstellend soos die nuus dat Statistiek SA bevind het dat werkloosheid toegeneem het en dat nog meer mense moed verloor het om werk te soek.”

“’n Kabinetskommeling, wat nuwe bloed sou inbring, kon die boodskap uitgestuur het dat die regering ernstig is om die probleme wat die land in die gesig staar, aan te pak, en kon selfs daartoe bygedra het om broodnodige vertroue, te skep, iets waaraan die land nou erg mank gaan.”

“Om nie uitvoering te gee aan ‘n ooglopende nodigheid tot ‘n kabinetskommeling nie, versterk die persepsie dat die ANC se planne opgeraak het – as hulle ooit werkbare planne gehad het – en nog erger, of die ANC oor geskikte mense beskik om van te kies.”