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CDP welcomes reregistration for social grants

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes the announcement to re-register all receivers of social grants to root out corruption,” says CDP leader, Rev Theunis Botha.

“We believe that our country’s tax basis cannot afford 15,3 million people receiving grants. We would much rather see marked savings, and more investment in the productive sector where at least some of the disabled and aged can benefit in a dignified way.

“Although we insist on a proper process to deal with corruption, we plead that it is done with compassion so as not to traumatise the most vulnerable of our society.

“One must also take into account that many welfare institutions are now suffering to make ends meet with lottery grants having dried up. This position will probably continue until the Public Protector has completed her investigation.”

CDP verwelkom herregistrasie vir maatskaplike toelaes

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom die aankondiging oor die herregistrasie van alle ontvangers van staatstoelaes om korrupsie uit te roei,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Ons glo nie die land se belastingbasis kan toelaes aan 15,3 miljoen mense bekostig nie. Ons sal veel eerder aansielike besparings op hierdie uitbetalings wil sien, sodat meer fondse in die produktiewe sektor belê kan word waardeur minstens sommige van die bejaardes en mense met gestremdhede ‘n menswaardige bydrae kan lewer.

“Alhoewel ons aandring op ‘n behoorlike proses om korrupsie hok te slaan, versoek ons dat dit op die mees deernisvolle wyse gedoen word om nie die kwesbaarstes van ons samelewing te traumatiseer nie.

“’n Mens moet in gedagte hou dat baie welsynsinstellings nou onder druk verkeer omdat fondse van die lotery opgedroog het, en dié situasie sal waarskynlik voortduur tot die Openbare Beskermer se ondersoek hierna afgehandel is.”