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No services, no tax

“The revelation by Sicelo Shicheka, minister of co-operative governance and traditional affairs, that 280 white ratepayers’ associations, who are placing their money for municipal services in private trust accounts, are to blame for the ANC municipalities not being able to fulfill their service delivery obligations, speaks volumes” says Rev Theunis Botha of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and Acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“The question Shicheka should ask himself is why they are not paying.”

“The answer of course obvious with all the corruption in these municipalities and with their money being squandered on excessive salaries and extravagant motor vehicles, the people no longer trust those in charge to use their taxes to their benefit.“Shicheka must remember that rates and taxes are not raised by a government to waste or spend as they please, they are payments for services rendered.

“No services should mean no taxes!”

Geen dienste, geen belasting

“Die afleiding van die minister van samewerkende regering en tradisionele sake, Sicelo Shicheka, dat 280 wit belastingbelatersverenigings hul geld vir munisipale dienslewering in trustrekenings plaas en die blaam moet kry daarvoor dat munisipaliteite hul diensleweringverpligtinge kan nakom nie, spreek boekdele,” sê ds. Theunis Botha. Leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese alliansie (CDA).

“Hy moet eerder vra hoekom mense so maak.”

“Die antwoord is natuurlik voor die hand liggend. Weens die omvangryke korrupsie vermors die munisipaliteite geld op reuse salarisse en luukse motors, en daarom het die mense nie meer vertroue in die rade om na hul belastinggeld se aanwending om te sien nie.”

“Dit sal die minister loon dat hierdie fondse gein word om in belang van die gemeenskappe aangewend te word, en nie om vermors te word nie.”