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Public participation

– report with all public comments

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TO: The Minister of Finance

FROM: DearSouthAfrica.co.za

DATE: 16 February 2026

SUBJECT: Public Participation Report: Budget Tips 2026

1. Overview

- **Total Submissions:** 4,023
- **Closing Date:** 16 February 2026
- **Platform:** DearSouthAfrica.co.za

2. Executive Summary

The public consensus indicates that South Africa's fiscal challenges are no longer driven primarily by insufficient policy frameworks or inadequate budget allocations, but by systemic weaknesses in execution, accountability, and the maintenance of existing infrastructure. Persistent corruption, wasteful expenditure, rising municipal debt to Eskom, and the deterioration of water and sanitation systems collectively undermine economic growth, service delivery, and public trust.

This memorandum proposes a set of practical, enforceable reforms aimed at ensuring that public funds are spent efficiently, transparently, and in a manner that delivers reliable basic services. The core principle underpinning these recommendations is that fiscal support must be strictly tied to performance, compliance, and measurable outcomes.

3. Policy Objectives

The proposed reforms, as driven by public consensus, seek to achieve the following:

- Restore reliable electricity and water services at the municipal level.
- Reduce corruption and wasteful expenditure through structural safeguards.
- Improve payment discipline, particularly in relation to Eskom debt.
- Prioritize maintenance and refurbishment of existing infrastructure.
- Rebuild public confidence in the management of taxpayer funds.

4. Quantitative Breakdown: Top Concerns

When asked to identify their primary concern regarding the National Budget, respondents overwhelmingly pointed to broad systemic issues and government spending habits.

(Note: Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth for clarity.)

Top Concern Category	Submission Count	Percentage of Total
All of the above	2,453	61.0%
Government spending	815	20.3%
Other	189	4.7%
Energy and water investments	125	3.1%
Municipal finances	98	2.4%
The economy and fiscus	94	2.3%
Stabilising SOE finances	75	1.9%
Tax revenues	68	1.7%
Addressing a large budget deficit	64	1.6%
Debt sustainability	38	0.9%
No concern	4	0.1%
Total	**4,023**	**100%**

5. Key Data Insights & Qualitative Themes

The Dominance of "Government Spending": Outside of the 61% of respondents who view all categories as critical, "Government spending" (20.3%) completely eclipsed all other individual categories. Submissions noted that paying interest on "past mistakes" is crowding out the budget for healthcare, infrastructure, and services. Participants warned that without curbing wasteful spending, economic growth will remain stagnant regardless of tax revenues.

Water Infrastructure & Accountability: Participants strongly urged that investments in water treatment must include mandatory recycling components (e.g., for industry or agriculture).

Strict Conditional Funding: There is a strong demand for strict conditions on municipal funding. Municipalities should be required to submit detailed motivations, prove repairs are completed before the end of the financial year, and undergo independent engineering peer reviews.

6. Deep Dive Analysis of the “All of the above” comments

6.1. The Public Wage Bill vs. Private Sector Reality

A dominant thread across the comments is severe frustration with the size and cost of the government.

- **Bloated Administration:** Citizens are demanding a drastic reduction in government personnel, specifically calling for cuts to the number of ministers, deputy ministers, and their associated VIP protection details.
- **Salary Disconnect:** There is widespread resentment regarding government salary increases. Submissions strongly suggest that government salaries and annual increases must be strictly aligned with private-sector benchmarks.
- **Performance-Linked Pay:** Participants want an end to automatic performance bonuses, arguing that salaries should be withheld or reduced for officials overseeing dysfunctional municipalities or failing state departments.

6.2. The End of the SOE Bailout Era

The public has completely lost patience with the financial drain of State-Owned Entities (SOEs).

- **Aggressive Privatization:** There is a loud and repeated demand to stop bailing out failing SOEs with public funds. Citizens are urging the government to privatize these entities, sell them off, or aggressively pursue public-private partnerships to ensure they are run efficiently.
- **Focus on Merit:** Submissions repeatedly call for the scrapping of current procurement and employment policies like BEE, arguing that these frameworks foster corruption and inflate costs. The public demands that SOEs and government departments hire strictly on merit, employing capable and qualified individuals.

6.3. Municipal Collapse and Ring-Fenced Funding

Because service delivery happens at the local level, municipal failures drew some of the sharpest criticism.

- **Protecting Infrastructure Funds:** To prevent the misappropriation of capital, citizens propose that infrastructure funding be strictly ring-fenced within accounts controlled by the National Treasury.

- **Mandatory Maintenance:** A highly specific recommendation emerged suggesting that a mandatory minimum of 40% to 50% of all infrastructure allocations must be legally reserved for maintenance and system upgrades, rather than new projects.
- **Professionalisation over Politics:** There is a strong call to insulate technical and financial municipal roles from political influence, including mandatory professional registration for engineers and municipal managers, alongside an explicit prohibition of political deployment into technical roles.
- **Conditional Support:** Municipal access to additional funding should be conditional upon payment compliance with Eskom and bulk water suppliers, and achieving clean or improving audits.

6.4. The Shrinking, Overburdened Tax Base

The financial strain on the middle class is a recurring theme, with participants expressing that they are “bleeding” to fund a broken system.

- **Broadening the Base:** Instead of raising taxes on the current base, participants suggest broadening the tax net by enforcing tax compliance on cash-only businesses, specifically highlighting the taxi industry.

7. Demographic Deep Dive: Employment Status of Participants

To better understand the socio-economic drivers behind the public’s concerns, an analysis of the participants’ employment status was conducted. Of the total submissions, 3,309 participants opted to declare their current employment status.

The data reveals that Retired and Employed Individuals make up nearly 72% of the total participating base, highlighting that those who have contributed the longest—and those currently bearing the brunt of the income tax burden—are the most vocal about fiscal reform.

7.1 Quantitative Breakdown: Employment Status by Top Concern

The following matrix illustrates how different employment demographics categorized their primary fiscal concerns:

Top Concern Category	Retired	Employed	Self-Employed	Business Owner	Unemployed	Other (Student/ NGO)
All of the above	993	432	222	152	147	12
Government spending	351	164	109	47	34	8
Energy and water investments	39	36	14	8	12	2
Municipal finances	36	21	10	11	6	1
The economy and fiscus	15	29	13	9	9	1
Stabilising SOE finances	17	19	8	13	6	0
Tax revenues	16	27	4	6	2	2
Addressing a large budget deficit	24	16	7	1	2	1
Debt sustainability	8	12	2	6	3	0

7.2 The “All of the Above” Cohort: A Demographic Deep Dive

Looking specifically at the 1,958 participants who selected “All of the above” and provided an employment status, a clear pattern emerges in why they view the budget categories as fundamentally linked.

1. Retired Participants (50.7% of the cohort)

- **The Perspective:** Retirees, often living on fixed incomes or pensions, are hyper-focused on government waste and the visible size of the administration.
- **Key Demands:** Their comments overwhelmingly demand a reduction in the size of the cabinet, the scrapping of VIP protection details, and the implementation of harsh penalties (such as dismissals without bonuses) for financial mismanagement. They view government spending not just as inefficient, but as a direct threat to the country’s future stability.

2. **Employed Individuals (22.1% of the cohort)**

- **The Perspective:** The traditional working class is heavily focused on the disconnect between the taxes they pay and the services they receive.
- **Key Demands:** A major friction point is the public sector wage bill. Employed participants expressed severe frustration that government salaries and annual increases outpace the private sector, while taxpayers "bleed" to fund a system that fails to fix potholes or maintain water quality. They demand strict alignment of government wages with private-sector reality.

3. **Business Owners & Self-Employed (19.1% of the cohort combined)**

- **The Perspective:** Entrepreneurs view the budget through the lens of operational stability, red tape, and structural economic hurdles.
- **Key Demands:** This group strongly advocates for aggressive structural reform. Their primary "tips" involve selling off failing State-Owned Entities (SOEs), centralizing government payments within the National Treasury to bypass municipal corruption, and expanding private sector participation to fix essential infrastructure like electricity and water networks.

4. **Unemployed Individuals (7.5% of the cohort)**

- **The Perspective:** Unemployed participants link government spending habits directly to the stagnant job market.
- **Key Demands:** They highlight that corrupt and wasteful expenditure drains the capital necessary for infrastructure development and job creation, calling for funds to be redirected toward actionable, employment-generating projects.

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Robert Hutchinson, founder, DearSouthAfrica.co.za

All public comments are included below.

	Submitted	message	first-name	status
top-concern:	Count (All):			
▼ **All of the above**	**2453**			
	2026-02-04 08:16:00	1. Executive Summary South Africa's fiscal challenges are no longer driven primarily by insufficient policy frameworks or inadequate budget allocations, but by systemic weaknesses in execution, accountability, and maintenance of existing infrastructure. Persistent corruption, wasteful expenditure, rising municipal debt to Eskom, and the deterioration of water and sanitation systems collectively undermine economic growth, service delivery, and public trust. This memorandum proposes a set of practical, enforceable reforms aimed at ensuring that public funds are spent efficiently, transparently, and in a manner that delivers reliable basic services. The core principle underpinning these recommendations is that fiscal support must be tied to performance, competence, and measurable outcomes. 2. Policy Objectives The proposed reforms seek to achieve the following objectives: Restore reliable electricity and water services at municipal level Reduce corruption and wasteful expenditure through structural safeguards Improve payment discipline, particularly in relation to Eskom debt Prioritise maintenance and refurbishment of existing infrastructure Rebuild public confidence in the management of taxpayer funds 3. Reprioritisation of Public Spending 3.1 Focus on Core Services Public expenditure should be strictly prioritised toward foundational services that underpin economic and social stability: Electricity transmission and distribution Water treatment, wastewater management, and bulk supply Freight and economically critical road infrastructure New discretionary programmes, pilot projects, or institutional expansions should be deferred until these core services are demonstrably stable. 3.2 Maintenance as a Budgetary Priority A mandatory minimum of 40–50% of all infrastructure-related allocations should be reserved for maintenance, refurbishment, and system upgrades. Deferred maintenance has proven to be significantly more costly than proactive asset management. 4. Ring-Fencing and Control of Infrastructure Funding To reduce leakage and misappropriation: Infrastructure funding should be ring-fenced within National Treasury-controlled accounts Payments to contractors and service providers should be made directly upon independent verification of milestones Municipalities should retain project oversight responsibility but should not directly control large capital cash flows This approach strengthens accountability while preserving local operational involvement. 5. Performance-Based Fiscal Support for Municipalities 5.1 Incentives for Compliance Municipal access to additional funding and accelerated approvals should be conditional upon: Payment compliance with Eskom and bulk water suppliers Clean or improving audit outcomes Reduction of non-revenue water and electricity losses below defined thresholds 5.2 Consequences for Persistent Failure Municipalities that consistently fail to meet minimum standards should face automatic interventions, including: Loss of financial autonomy in key functions Temporary assumption of billing, procurement, or payroll by National Treasury or provincial authorities This framework replaces ad hoc bailouts with predictable, rules-based consequences. 6. Professionalisation of Municipal Administration Technical and financial management positions must be insulated from political considerations. Recommended measures include: Mandatory professional registration for engineers, chief financial officers, and plant managers Nationally standardised salary bands to attract and retain skilled professionals Explicit prohibition of political deployment into technical and operational roles Municipal utilities should be managed as professional service entities rather than political extensions. 7. Structural Resolution of Municipal Eskom Debt Municipal debt to Eskom requires a systemic solution rather than repeated bailouts. Proposed approach: A once-off settlement of verified historic debt by National Treasury In exchange, implementation of enforceable reforms including: Introduction of prepaid or smart metering Transfer of electricity distribution to Eskom or licensed private operators where municipalities fail Automatic restrictions or interventions triggered by renewed non-payment This ensures sustainability while protecting national energy security. 8. Strategic Use of Private Sector Capacity Private sector participation should be expanded where it demonstrably improves outcomes, particularly in: Water and wastewater treatment operations Metering, billing, and revenue collection systems Maintenance of electricity distribution networks Government should retain ownership, regulatory authority, and tariff-setting powers, while contracting for performance-based service delivery. 9. Transparency and Public Oversight To deter corruption and rebuild trust: All municipal payments exceeding a defined threshold (e.g. R100,000) should be published online National dashboards should report real-time data on Eskom debt, water losses, and capital project performance Senior municipal officials should submit enhanced personal accountability declarations Transparency must be treated as a preventative control, not a reporting afterthought. 10. Project Rationalisation and Delivery Discipline Public funds should be concentrated on fewer projects with higher likelihood of completion and measurable impact. Policy emphasis should be placed on: Completing existing projects before initiating new ones Replicating proven delivery models Terminating chronically underperforming projects early to prevent further losses 11. Enforcement and Consequence Management The credibility of fiscal reform depends on visible enforcement. High-profile consequences for financial misconduct, including dismissals, asset recovery, and criminal prosecution, are essential to restoring discipline across the public sector. 12. Conclusion South Africa's fiscal challenge is not primarily a shortage of resources, but a deficit in accountability, maintenance, and execution. By prioritising core services, protecting infrastructure funding, professionalising municipal management, and enforcing performance-based consequences, the state can significantly improve service delivery while safeguarding taxpayer funds. These reforms require political resolve, but they offer a credible path toward stabilising essential services, restoring public trust, and supporting long-term economic growth	Theuns	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:15:57	Government employees annual increases must be in line with the private sector - 2%. We are all struggling to keep our heads above water - our annual salary increases are way below inflation not to mention that Eskom, the Municipalities, our Short Term Companies and the Private Health sector have annual increases above inflation. Municipalities - the sewage plants are not working - we are living 24/7 with a strong sewage smell in the air - this is extremely unhealthy and it makes you depress. Our water quality has deteriorated substantially over the years - this is also a health hazard. Our water infrastructure is falling apart - our Government has failed to maintain the existing infrastructures and they did not expand anything over the last 30 plus years. This is disheartening! As tax payers we are paying taxes through our ears and for non service delivery - we get NOTHING back for the taxes we pay. All the money goes into a black hole and disappear miraculously. Fix all the fraud in your Municipalities and your Government owned entities! Employ capable people to do the actual job. All illegal immigrants without valid pass ports and work permits must leave SA. Vandalism to existing structures are out of hand. Cancel all the body guards for LP's and Municipal employees. They are normal people who are supposed to serve their paying citizens - they are not Gods! Only ministers can have body guards! Fix our roads and all the potholes - we must spend money on new tyres and rims due to money being stolen - fix the roads with capable people! Bring the employment rate for job specs in line with the Private Sector - we work 60 -70 hours a week for less pay! For every 2 private sector employee Government has employed 15 people! Government spend will never reduce! You are keep on bleeding your tax payers - We are lucky if we have 15c for every Rand earned to spend after you have paid all Government taxes and levies.	Sonja	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:15:48	Get Business to run SOEs. Scrap BEE. Jobs earned on merit. ALL government officials, including Ministers & the President to use public hospitals, schools, police. No salary whilst on suspension. No salary increases for municipalities without clean audits. Government must realise they work for the people and we pay their salaries. We should have a say. Our beautiful, once bountiful country can be rescued with honest governance.	Liz	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:15:43	Serious attention to the sheer SIZE of the cabinet with their related security detail and general spend altitude needs to happen...all "wasteful and unauthorised spend" needs to cost JOBS and have "payback" applied! No "performance bonus" or any other bonus should ever be paid for those guilty (by association as well) ...EDUCATION needs to be a top priority with proper class sizes so teachers can do the job rather than become "crowd controllers" ! Only with proper eduction and a realistic pass rate can we build a decent future for our people! 30 years of opportunity wasted....rural schooling is no better than it was before democracy in most cases! Let the private sector in to look after things they do best while government needs to focus on infrastructure and maintenance!! Stop the nonsense of court delays that waste time and money while the Zumas of this world play games ...accused should not have the right to years of delay tactics....corrupted employees should have a time limited suspension for investigation and charge and a PAY BACK dismissal. The list is endless unfortunately!	Cheryl	retired
	2026-02-04 08:15:08	Replace the government with capable politicians that have RSA interests at heart. Cut the entire government numbers. Send all non documented foreigners back to their countries at their country 's expense. Remove ALL luxuries from prisons and employ them on infrastructure projects.	Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:13:01		Saroj	employed individual

	2026-02-04 08:12:26	Goverment spenditure. Massiff loan load.. Think before you spend our tax money.	Santjie	retired
	2026-02-04 08:10:47	Get rid of the corrupt ANC government that is holding this country captive, and things will improve drastically. As someone said - any party with a spear in its logo should GO.	Eileen	
	2026-02-04 08:10:38		SUSAN	retired
	2026-02-04 08:09:50	Do not cut budget on education. Reduce foreign aids & use this money on a better cause at home. Cut unnecessary spending like bailing out SOEs and municipalities. Stop corruptions on SOEs & Municipalities who are defaulting due to incapabilities/corruptions of the government officials working there. Problem is most government officials working in Municipalities/government offices are not qualified for the jobs. Plug the above mentioned holes with the might of law and once corruptions stop, the country will be in a better shape.	leong	retired
	2026-02-04 08:09:05		Heidi	
	2026-02-04 08:08:39	SOE's continue to drain the fiscus with corruption, incompetent leadership and cronyism creating a disabling environment for almost all of these entities. Open the door to Private partnerships, but rid the SOE's of cadre leadership and reduce procurement fraud. Invest in Water infrastructure, Teacher, Nurse and Technical training colleges, not outsource. Sort out the Ports! Reduce Cabinet size. reduce cabinet salaries to lead by example, Move Government to Pretoria to reduce double spend on Ministerial homes, unlock latent Government office and houses for private sale in Cape Town. Spend more on Education and Health, encourage youth to move into technical fields, plumbing, electricians, TEACHERS, Nurses, vet assistants, Agriculture. Offer scholarships for after school learning for National Service repayment.	Francois	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 08:08:21	All very obvious suggestions. 1. Drop all the ridiculous labour laws that are deterring private sector from hiring people. Make It easy to hire and fire. Bring back probation periods. Work is a privilege not a right. 2. Government is way too bloated. Cut all the fat. Follow point 1 above the jobs will come from the private sector 3. Drop BEE and the AFFIRMATIVE ACTION policies. All tenders must be based on merit and performance. Drop the 10% built in black inflation policy for tenders 4. Fire anyone that has been implicated in corruption. No suspension with PAY. The burden of proof must lay with the accused. If you are innocent.. it must be easy tp prove it. 5. Stop protecting political elite from prosecution. 6. Allow People to install Solar power with no red tape or penalties. Eskom needs to run on its own steam. Be more competitive. 7. Stop bailing out all SOEs. Public funds must not be used to correct ANC failures. 8. Bring starlink into South Africa so the rural schools can benefit. 9. Drop the NHI bill completely. Focus on fixing the current system, infrastructure . NHI does not work. even I countries that can afford it. 10. Drop all expropriation act completely. Give foreign companies the confidence to invest here. 11. The list is endless! Bit obvious and implementable tomorrow. Stop the communist protectionist, nationalist nonsense. 12. Re establish relationships with the WEST!!! The west is the key to prosperous society.	Tristan	
	2026-02-04 08:08:14	Sell all SOE's. Reduce the size of government. Start with firing all Deputy Ministers. Control all government spending from Treasury. Municipalities should have no control over finances as this is where all the corruption is taking place. Close all avenues of corruption by centralizing all Government payments.	Clive	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:07:29	Everything only improves with accountability. No control - no going forward. Stop looking at external sources of funding (Taxes) and clean up house...	Graham	retired
	2026-02-04 08:06:06	1) All govt and non critical state employees should take a 50% sakary reduction 2) All deputy ministers should be made redundant and removed. 3) All municipality that are not audit compliance should be shut down . Community run maintenance will do a far superior job. 4) Reduce university graduates and increase technical students. 5) All blue light brigade to be reduced 6) Raf should have a capped payment and lawyers maxed at 10% of payment. 7) BEE should be scrapped, only govt buddies and cadres benefit. Public gains nothing. 8) Taxi industry should pay tax like all other businesses. 9) All public schools should be free . Thank you.	Hansi	
	2026-02-04 08:05:55		ANDREW	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:05:12	Drastically reduce the bloated government personnel and associated salaries both national and provincial . Employ competent employees and not family members and get rid of as much of our debt as possible . Lastly ensure cash only businesses pay tax to SARS instead of cheating the system	James	retired
	2026-02-04 08:04:54	To fix this whole problem is very easy... every government employee... from president to sweeper and yourself gets fired and can never again have anything to do with governing. The new people takinging over will only be a 10th of what is already in the game and there salaries is minimum wage as they are there for the people not themselves. Problem fixed in under 48 hours	Leonard	
	2026-02-04 08:03:15	Reduce government spending, cut,deputy ministers, cut protection of ministers and other important people " where's the danger, how many life threatening incidents have there been?". Appointment financially sound officials where government money must be accounted for. Privatize state owned entities to become more efficient, streamlined and less dependant on state bailouts.	Ernest	retired
	2026-02-04 08:03:10	Unfortunately, cutting expenses alone will not close the deficit. What is needed is policy changes. Policy changes: - Too many government departments and a bloated cabinet. - Privatize SOEs, overspending through exploited tender processes and corruption, can then be put to a stop - Address corruption in the health sector where medical supplies & equipment are sold at inflated prices because suppliers paid 'consultancy' fees to officials & hospital managers. The tender process does not get South African the best bang for their buck. It has become a means for government official to line their pockets and that of the cronies. Here are some suggestions for cuts: - VIP protection services should only be reserved for the President and key ministers. - Reduce ministerial budgets, no new cars, no entourages, South Africa is done paying for the lavish lifestyles of the politically elite. - Reduce the salaries of roles to similar values that exist in the private sector. It is well known that finding a cushy job in government sees one earning more than your private sector peers with little effort in performing duties.	Neil	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:01:43	Get rid of BEE and appoint competent role players.	nicola	retired
	2026-02-04 08:00:07	Why is it that we see so little accountability in the face of so much corruption, wasteful expenditure and shameless open theft? This is not sustainable. Give the money to lifestyle audited polygraphed personnel or suffer the consequences. Apartheid robbed many people in this country from dignity and welfare, but no one has ripped them off quite as decidedly as the looting cadres. Also, the shrinking tax base cannot keep on sustaining the expanding unemployed population. This should be obvious but it seems necessary to point out anyway. Use it, don't use it.	G	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:59:43	No 1 break SOE's into chunks of PPE's or direct Private Enterprises No 2 cut government bloated staff and high level wasted expenditure by 20% across the board regardless. The other 80% must get on with the job. No3 employ only competent accountants and managers in municipalities black, white or coloured. No4 will look after itself if the above 3 are tackled with real political will	Richard	retired
	2026-02-04 07:59:32		Ria	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:58:49		CAROL	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:57:51	get rid of all the fat cat usless ministers in government. remove all ministers salary increases. restore SOE's . Remove all BEE racist laws and EWC. This is the only way forward and without doing this we will have no country left	H	
	2026-02-04 07:57:45		Daniel	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:57:27		Jenni	retired
	2026-02-04 07:57:09	There are a few things that they can look at doing. The government is bloated so reducing the amount of employees they have would be a step in the right direction- unfortunately this would just create more unemployment. Maybe they need to relook at the salaries they earn They could definitely go after everyone involved in corruption, lifestyle audits etc and take the money back. Sell the assets - I think this is a massive one because if they actually show how serious they are and people go to jail, this will stop the massive outflow of money. What about taxing a massive “corporation” the taxi industry. This is a cash business where some people live like kings. Creating jobs - the government doesn’t need to do this themselves but maybe we should stop allowing people like the Chinese to come in and take over our businesses - we had one of the best steel and textile industries in the world and they let others in and this resulted in factory closures - factories that employed SAfricans. Make it easier for start up businesses so they can employ more people which means more tax. Our railway system - fix this and it does 2 things - less damage to our roads, therefore less maintenance and it creates cheaper transport options for people to get to work. Honestly if they just help get our industries like steel ,textile, farming etc back on track that would create so many jobs. Their due diligence with regards to people that are awarded government contracts - some of the people and companies that they contract in don’t know what they doing - so things end up being redone or just left. Complete waste of money. The government needs to run the country like a company with checks and balances in place. Right now it’s a free for all.	Sharon	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:55:13	South Africa is not alone with this issue, in fact most developed countries have the same issue. If you want to fix the problem you have to be comfortable with being unpopular, something no SA politician will ever do…so you are doomed to failure. Even here in the Middle East where money just flows, the government behaves like the money will stop flowing in 5 years, yes they spend but wastage has been trimmed over the past 10 years quite aggressively. They also pursue financial mismanagement of funds most aggressively, so start by plowing money into making SA a LAW ABIDING nation, educated and law abiding and with zero tolerance for crime. The other thing SA did that I will never understand is attempt to Tax non residents by eliminating the 183day rule. This train wreck decision by Saint Pravin who allowed public finances to be striped while he was Finance Minister was the single most illogical decision effectively forcing millions to Financially Emigrate and stop sending money home on a routine basis. You shot the golden goose. I do not envy you position, but if you want to help the next generation you need to make tough decisions, decisions that are unpopular and very hard to make…	Camden	employed individual

		1. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Thank you for the opportunity. I grew up on “Spoorwee”, which was the best government entity in Africa. I recall every school holiday when we travelled by train from Nelspruit to Oudtshoorn. An urgent resolution is to stop financing both Eskom and Transnet. Both are draining the country financially, while big trucks are destroying our road infrastructure, which is constantly repaired, forcing other motorists to subsidise the damage. Transnet must be removed entirely from the Department of Transport. This will have an immediate effect on the salary budget. I am not suggesting layoffs; rather, an agreement should be made where private companies absorb employees while the process continues. Transnet must be divided and opened to public companies: (i) one company to own and manage the railway lines, and (ii) another company to operate the train system (passengers and freight). This would result in different companies running rail services, and the name Transnet should disappear. The same applies to Eskom. For now, we cannot bypass Eskom entirely, as many power stations remain a government responsibility. However, distribution lines and substations must be transferred to private companies to maintain and operate, with municipalities and private contributors paying for these services. If Eskom cannot produce electricity, then it must be closed. Eskom’s responsibility is to ensure electricity supply, funded by government and electricity sales. All tenders must be crystal clear and must exclude any government employee and/or their direct family members. 2. Where to cut government spending I see this daily: too many government officials sit idle, some are on a slow strike every day, and others are not even at their workplaces. Not all officials are bad—there are good ones, and we must use them to improve government performance. The salary budget must be reduced urgently, as the number of taxpayers is not growing. This is extremely concerning. Regarding tenders, I am familiar with the procurement process (after long investigation). The systems exist, yet abuse continues. All provincial tenders should be moved to a central government division with a 60/40 public–private partnership. Verification must be strengthened to exclude any government official, their direct family, and company directors from participating. A verification process must also exist during and after the tender to stop payments for poor or incomplete work. Government must stop launching new programmes and unrealistic initiatives, such as the medical insurance scheme, which drains current resources until collapse. Fix the existing systems first. If departments are not working, fix them. Use disciplinary processes and remove non-performing employees. This applies to SANDF, SAPS, Home Affairs, Correctional Services, Regional Councils (each province has two or three), and sub-departments such as AARTO, RTMC, Amamalosi (Education), and even the Public Protector. These institutions exist, yet we hear very little about their effectiveness. 3. How to fix municipal finance failures First, all foreigners must be required to pay taxes and contribute fairly. Many shops are unregistered, businesses grow without contribution, and some do not pay for water or electricity while occupying shops or vacant buildings illegally. Money flows out of South Africa, yet services are still demanded here. I do not hate foreigners, but when South Africans go to their countries, the rules change. Why should it be different here? Municipalities must be allowed to return to managing their own water and electricity networks, with local offices where residents can submit proposals and complaints. Amalgamation has failed. Municipalities should govern themselves by town or city. Please do not introduce political arguments about self-governance or specific groups—this is about building South Africa for everyone. If one political party governs a town or city, that is acceptable and will correct itself over time. Yes, change is costly, but I am 100% sure some municipalities will succeed. Municipalities must ensure water and electricity availability and that everyone pays, or that support mechanisms exist for those who cannot. A small group cannot continue subsidising services indefinitely, as that group keeps shrinking. Increase licence fees for trucks and expensive vehicles by 100%, and return all vehicle licence fees to municipalities, as required by the NRTA, 1996 (Act 93 of 1996). Traffic fines should also be returned to municipalities. With AARTO, more money will flow—unfortunately, much of it will go to private companies that have failed in service delivery and road safety, costing South Africa heavily each year. Ensure all municipal employees are correctly qualified. Allow them time to qualify or require them to leave. Provinces have become too large, with duplicated work and staff. This level of government must be reduced urgently—transfer some employees to municipalities or lay them off. It is time. 4. What to do about the tax burden on households This may be difficult, but taxes must be reduced first for those who are still working and contributing. Lower tariffs for pensioners and reduce taxes on food. Increase taxes on luxury furniture and specific high-end vehicles—especially extreme luxury vehicles often linked to crime or businesses trading with government. Everyone who receives services must pay in some form. Why do some people live outside municipal boundaries, pay lower taxes, yet use municipal infrastructure (roads, malls, buildings, services) for 80% of their day without contributing to costs? Please leave politics out of this discussion.		
	2026-02-04 07:54:50	Let us make South Africa work again—make it safe, functional, and prosperous, as it once was.	Andrew	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:54:41	The main contributor to all the failed entities are BEE. Get rid of BEE and this country will flourish.	Danie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:54:20	The Government spending should be audited by an independent accredited party to identify where the excess spending is going	Glynis	retired
	2026-02-04 07:54:20	1. Encourage investment by scrapping BEE and Expropriation without Compensation (AKA theft) – two huge barriers to investment, especially foreign investment. 2. Trim down our bloated government - get rid of all the deputy ministers as a starting point. 3. Enforce minimum qualifications for all decision makers in parliament and local government, e.g. BCom. People in charge of spending our money should understand the basics of profit/loss. 4. Stop providing members of parliament with free housing, vehicles, etc. - they earn enough to pay their own way (unlike 90% of the population). 5. Cancel the ridiculous opening of parliament function, which resembles a Hollywood Oscar night, complete with red carpet and designer outfits. How much does this cost? And what is the ROI? Zero. 6. Scrap blue light brigades. Reduce the number of bodyguards provided by the state. 7. Privatise SEOs - have them run by business people who understand profit/loss. 8. Hold those who spend government funds accountable. Municipalities should not be allowed to simply write off huge amounts as 'wasteful and fruitless expenditure'. 9. Use the SANDF to patrol borders and eliminate smuggling - e.g. cigarettes from Zimbabwe - that is damaging our economy.	Sheila	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:53:10	WHY the F..K do we have a minister of finance that needs "suggestions" to help him do his extremely overpaid civil servant job??????? Just another election-time ploy to fool the sheeple into thinking that the gumment values their democratic input... We all know that tax-payers input will all land up in file 13 while the gumment continues it's looting spree on an even greater scale while bleating on about how they "value the country's opinion" on how to spend our taxes.	Vic	
	2026-02-04 07:49:28	Why is it that we see so little accountability in the face of so much corruption, wasteful expenditure and shameless open theft? This is not sustainable. Give the money to lifestyle audited polygraphed personnel or suffer the consequences. Apartheid robbed many people in this country from dignity and welfare, but no one has ripped them off quite as decidedly as the looting cadres. Also, the shrinking tax base cannot keep on sustaining the expanding unemployed population. This should be obvious but it seems necessary to point out anyway. Use it, don't use it.	Peter	retired
	2026-02-04 07:48:29		Liz	
	2026-02-04 07:48:16		Merlene	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:47:39	Stabilizing SOEs like Eskom and Transnet • Build on recent gains (no load-shedding, improved energy availability, Eskom profits in Q1 2025/26) by accelerating private-sector partnerships in transmission, renewables, and rail access. • End further bailouts beyond committed debt relief; enforce strict performance targets and governance reforms with merit-based leadership. • Reduce contingent liabilities (currently high) through third-party involvement, potentially freeing R50-100 billion annually for priorities. Where to Cut Government Spending • Target non-essential areas: Freeze administrative hires, link public wages to performance, and cut inefficiencies (potential R50 billion+ savings). • Eliminate wasteful procurement (e.g., BEE premiums), phase out underperforming subsidies, and enforce underspending controls in departments like Health and Police. • Aim to narrow the borrowing requirement (R588 billion in 2025/26) and support debt stabilization at ~77.9% of GDP while maintaining primary surpluses. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures • Strengthen enforcement: Withhold equitable share grants from defaulters (e.g., those owing Eskom ~R100-102 billion) to compel payments and accountability. • Reform funding: Shift to performance-based grants, review equitable share formula, and promote private involvement in metro services. • Improve capacity with skilled appointments, stricter audits, and unified grants for water/energy to boost own-revenue growth and reduce deficits. Addressing the Tax Burden on Households • Avoid hikes: If revenue overruns continue (e.g., recent R19.7 billion extra), withdraw proposed R20 billion additional measures for 2026. • Provide targeted relief: Adjust PIT brackets for inflation, expand zero-rating on essentials, and protect medical credits. • Broaden the base via better enforcement and anti-evasion (SARS boost) rather than increasing burdens on middle-income earners, while preserving incentives to support consumption and growth.	Gary	retired
	2026-02-04 07:47:22	We need to deal with corruption and not excuse it. Put the right qualified people into positions for jobs to be properly done, train those who need training and make sure qualifications are valid documents. Cut down on the size of government, deputies only where they are really needed and have a job to do. This would save a huge amount of money. Only those in high positions should travel business class the rest economy class. Only those in high positions should stay in 5 star the rest normal accomodation eg 3 star hotels. If government hospitals were repaired, equipment replaced or maintained and the correct people put in place to manage hospitals correctly, financially and medically we would not need to spend millions on an NHI. This would just need good medical and financial honest management. By rights we already have an NHI. Private for those who can pay or have medical aid. If government hospitals were repaired , improved and Equipment maintained and replaced . With good trustworthy financial and medical management . We could save in the long term and both the poor , working , middle class and rich would have equal medical attention. The majority of government hospitals have Been allowed to deteriorate, No NHI will fix bad management, corruption and medical care. Until hospital management , and medical management improve this is a lost cause. Without good, medical care and hospital management by correct qualified , honest people our countries medical service shall fall apart . The state of many of our government hospitals and conditions patients have to deal with is a proved example.	Sharon	retired
	2026-02-04 07:46:46	I generally agree with most comments of other participants. Smaller Gov. fire corrupt officials do not put them on paid leave. Stop bee and appoint qualified persons. Privatise Transnet and Escom AND create a competitive environment to approve service delivery and price. Money do not solve problems, hard work do!! Prioritise debt payment to reduce the enormous interest payments. Etc. ETC.	Adriaan	retired
	2026-02-04 07:46:17	The Government structure needs to be substantially downsized and people appointed to positions only with the correct, verifiable experience and ability. The waste of funds on the bloated parliamentary structure is out of control. There needs to be ONE parliament - not Cape Town and Pretoria - as the national seat of government. This will reduce housing and other costs. This is an essential and overdue matter. Get all the money that was stolen back and let the Taxi Industry be taxable, although all the ministers have Taxi's. The Taxi Industry must be taxable.	chrissie	
	2026-02-04 07:46:05	Tip: Increase the VAT threshold (last changed in 2009) from 1 million to 5 million. Small businesses which are the lifeline to the economy are being strangled as soon as they reach some degree of success. Many have suppliers who are not yet VAT registered so there is no offset for their VAT bill. This cash burden kills the businesses. Increasing the VAT threshold will breath life back into the SME's enabling them to get more scale, employ more people, contribute to the wider tax collection before having to register for VAT>	Gareth	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:44:30	I am actually at a loss lost for words here . where do we start? After watching the Madlanga Commission there is no more hope for the current ANC government so asking any of the above questions does not help ! the have ticked all of the above but we can't THEY NEED TO GO	shelley	business owner
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	2026-02-04 07:43:26		Magda	employed individual

		1. Reform of Social Spending: From Grants to Labor The current trajectory of Universal Income Grants is fiscally unsustainable and does not address the root cause of poverty. The Proposal: Transition funding earmarked for universal grants toward a National Labor Fund. Instead of unconditional transfers, funds should be disbursed in exchange for labor provided in public works, infrastructure maintenance, and community services. Caveat: Disability and old-age grants must remain protected as these recipients are physically unable to participate in the labor market. Impact: This shifts the budget from "consumption spending" to "investment in human capital," restoring dignity through work and improving public surroundings. 2. Health and Fiscal Responsibility: Halting NHI National Treasury's own projections show a massive deficit and an interest-repayment burden (R434.9 billion) that exceeds the health budget. The Proposal: Abandon the National Health Insurance (NHI) framework in its current form. The state is currently unable to fund its existing liabilities; adding a multi-billion rand healthcare monopoly will further destabilize the debt-to-GDP ratio. Focus: Redirect those administrative resources to fixing the existing public hospital infrastructure. 3. Infrastructure & SOE Stabilization: Privatization The "stabilization" of Eskom and Transnet cannot be achieved through perpetual bailouts. The Proposal: Accelerate the privatization and concessioning of energy generation and Transnet's rail and port corridors. Impact: By allowing private capital to take the risk, the government removes the R1 trillion infrastructure maintenance burden from the taxpayer, improves efficiency, and lowers the cost of doing business. 4. Economic Deregulation: Removing Growth Barriers To widen the tax base, we must remove the "compliance tax" that stifles entrepreneurship. The Proposal: Repeal race-based legislation, specifically B-BBEE, which currently acts as a barrier to entry for small businesses and restricts investment. Alternative: Shift toward a merit-based, business-friendly environment that rewards job creation regardless of ownership demographics. A broader tax base is only possible if the private sector is allowed to grow without restrictive legislative friction.		
	2026-02-04 07:43:15		Luke	
		From a good citizen and patriot's point of view, the minister has an opportunity to make strategic, responsible decisions that could help restore fiscal 1. Stabilising SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Improve Governance and Accountability: Strengthen the management structures of these state-owned enterprises (SOEs). This could involve appointing independent boards, ensuring that there is a clear separation of powers between the executive and SOE management, and cracking down on corruption. A transparent, performance-driven culture will reduce mismanagement and inefficiencies. Privatisation or Public-Private Partnerships: Consider the possibility of part-privatisation or forming strategic public-private partnerships for Eskom and Transnet to attract expertise, investment, and better management. This would reduce the financial burden on the state while still ensuring essential services are maintained. Diversification of Energy Sources (for Eskom): Eskom's financial health is critical, and addressing energy supply challenges will help the economy. The minister should push for a more diversified energy mix, moving towards renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro, in addition to modernising existing coal plants. This could be paired with incentivising private-sector investment in energy. Financial Restructuring and Debt Relief: Eskom, in particular, is burdened with crippling debt. The minister should negotiate with lenders for debt relief or a more manageable repayment schedule to provide financial breathing room for Eskom's turnaround strategy. 2. Where to Cut Government Spending: Re-assess Non-Essential Expenditures: A key focus should be on trimming wasteful and non-essential government expenditures. This includes areas like excessive executive compensation, inefficiencies in the public sector, and unnecessary state programs that do not align with the priorities of a nation facing fiscal pressure. Capex vs Opex: Prioritise capital expenditure (Capex) that will generate future economic growth (like infrastructure and innovation), while limiting operational expenditure (Opex) in areas that don't contribute directly to long-term national prosperity. Public Sector Reform: There is potential to save significantly by reforming and modernising the public sector. The government could incentivise private sector participation in service delivery to reduce inefficiency. Additionally, revisiting the public service wage bill and considering long-term, sustainable wage growth policies could ease budgetary pressures. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures: Decentralised Fiscal Responsibility: Municipalities should be incentivised and equipped to generate their own revenue. This could include exploring new, more efficient tax collection methods (e.g., better property rates assessments and usage-based tariffs). Local Government Capacity Building: Some municipalities lack the capacity to manage budgets efficiently. The government could increase training and provide technical assistance to local government officials to better manage finances and deliver services. Transparency and Accountability: Public audits and financial reporting standards should be strictly enforced at the municipal level, with clear repercussions for mismanagement. This ensures that funds are used for the intended purposes, building public trust. Intergovernmental Transfers: A comprehensive review of the formula for intergovernmental fiscal transfers is necessary to ensure municipalities get equitable resources based on need and performance. Performance-based transfers would incentivise better governance at the local level. 4. Addressing the Tax Burden on Households: Progressive Taxation System: Ensure that tax increases, if needed, target those who can afford it, rather than burdening the working and middle classes. Strengthen the implementation of progressive taxes to reduce the financial strain on the most vulnerable. Tax Incentives for Investment and Job Creation: Offer tax incentives for companies to invest in infrastructure projects, research and development, and job creation. This will stimulate economic growth and generate additional tax revenue, which could ease the overall tax burden. Tax Compliance and Efficiency: Focus on closing tax loopholes, improving tax collection systems, and reducing tax evasion. By ensuring that those who are not paying their fair share of taxes do so, the government can increase revenue without burdening ordinary citizens. Social Support Programs: Reallocate funds from savings in other areas (like defence spending or ineffective subsidies) to enhance social grants and healthcare services. These efforts would reduce the financial pressure on low-income households. General Strategic Considerations: Debt Management and Economic Growth: Prioritise economic growth initiatives. Economic expansion will naturally result in higher tax revenues, which could help reduce the deficit and allow for more effective debt management. Investment in Education and Skills Development: A long-term strategy should focus on improving education and vocational training. This will help address the unemployment rate, build a skilled workforce, and increase tax revenues as more citizens enter formal employment. National Dialogue: The Minister should initiate national conversations with key stakeholders—business leaders, trade unions, and civil society—to generate public buy-in for the tough decisions needed. Transparency, trust, and consensus are key to overcoming South Africa's fiscal challenges.		
	2026-02-04 07:42:32		Nicholas	
	2026-02-04 07:42:04		Elsie	retired
	2026-02-04 07:42:03		Karel	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:41:03		Charlene	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:39:33		Gary	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:38:40	The Government structure needs to be substantially downsized and people appointed to positions only with the correct, verifiable experience and ability. The waste of funds on the bloated parliamentary structure is out of control. There needs to be ONE parliament - not Cape Town and Pretoria - as the national seat of government. This will reduce housing and other costs. This is an essential and overdue matter.	Diane	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:38:22		Cornelius	
	2026-02-04 07:36:20		Emmie	retired
	2026-02-04 07:35:23		OLOF	retired
	2026-02-04 07:35:14	I am not well versed in the matter of economics but it appears to me that SOEs and municipalities should be privatised. As for the rest, if the powers that be don't know how to fix it then surely they are not competent and should be replaced	Douglas	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:35:10	Dankie vir die geleentheid: Ek wil graag'n aangeleentheid bespreek wat ek glo kan 'n verskil maak. Die Minister moet begin by Transnet. As ons die infrastruktuur op die spoorstelsel kan begin onderhou en meer vrag op spoor vervoer vanaf hawens na kliente maak ons trokke op ons paaie minder en soedoende spaar op ons paaie onderhoud en uitbreiding koste op meer paaie. Deur dit te doen kan mense weer spoor gebruik om mee te reis na vakansie plekke lands wyd. Op die oomblik is dit onveilig in albei kante vir vrag sowel as passasiers. Groot verbetering kan alreeds gesien word op PRASA se kant met ou metro rail wat nou weer begin werk het. Hier verskaf ons 'n diens en almal wat dit gebruik betaal om sodoende dit in stand te hou. 2. Daar moet gekyk word na ons ouer mense en hulle maandlikse toelae. Die Minimum loon is hoer as die toelae hoe verwag ons dat hulle moet lewe van die toelae. 3. Dienslewering in staats instansies moet verbeter oor die hele spektrum. Kyk na aanlyn en verbeter en sorg dit werk dit kan ook 'n verskil maak. 4. Plaaslikke Munispale instansies moet verbeter op instandhouding, Geld word op die verkeerde plekke bestee en mense wat sit en niks doen nie. Onproduktief. Dit moet aangespreek word want dit maak mense lui en ons betaal daarvoor.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:34:58	Stop the looting and corruption of senior politicians and hold the officials accountable by acting on the commission's findings. They are spending millions on commissions but are ignoring the outcomes. Wasteful expenditure.	Emor	
	2026-02-04 07:33:28		Thys	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:33:15	I would think that purely being more pro active with corruption will solve 90% of these issues. The person on the street gets over taxed already but government seems to just be constantly involved in corruption. There is enough money it is just being wasted and stolen!	Willem	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:32:44	Reduce the size of the cabinet and government staff. Stop paying Escom employees these massive salaries. Cut back on the crazy salaries for the municipality top brass. Stop over taxing the few to pay for all the grants.	Leon	retired
	2026-02-04 07:32:26		Magdalena	retired

	2026-02-04 07:30:24	STAATSBESTEDING: Dit is een van die wortels van alle kwaad! Begin om die logge onproduktiewe staatsdiens drasties te verklein en vaartbelyn te maak. Verklein die kabinet drasties. straf ongemagtigde en vermorste uitgawes meedoenloos. Bly weg van avonture soos die voorgenome gesondheidswetgewing wat die potensiaal het van verdere korrupte vermorsing van staatsfondse. Verminder sosiale gifte (grants) geleidelik soos produktiwiteit en werkverskaffing toeneem. Dwing departemente soos Verdediging om allokasies aan te wend op verbetering van effektiwiteit van toerusting en verkleining van topswaar generalestaf. BEGROTINGSTEKORTE: Dit is onaanvaarbaar om hierdeur fenominale staatskuld met tekorte te vergroot. Daar moet eerder doelbewuste voortdurende strategiese oogmerke wees om dit sistematies kleiner te maak. STAATSBEHEERDE ENTITEITE: Raak ontslae van onbevoegde leierskap en stel persone aan wat bewese vermoeens het om dit effektief en winsgewend te bestuur. Geen verdere storting van fondse om hierdie op die been te hou nie. Indien nie daarin geslaag kan word nie - gee dit in die hande van die privaatsektor. ENERGIE EN WATER: Raak weereens ontslae van onbevoegde en ongemotiveerde leierskap. Wanbetaling moet met wortel en tak uitgeroei word sonder genade - ongeag of dit individue, plaaslike owerhede of staatsdepartemente is wat nie verpligtinge nakom nie. BELASTINGBELEID: Vergroot die belastingbasis eerder as om die klein basis verder te belas. Raak ontslae van negatiewe, rassistiese wetgewing wat produktiwiteit en privaat inisiatiewe na ekonomiese groei en werkgeleenthede doodsmoor. STAATSKULD: Moet doelbewus afwaarts bestuur word. MUNISIPALE FINANSIES: Straf munisipaliteite wat subsidies (grants) wanbestuur of nie produktief aanwend nie. Ook die wat bepalings van die munisipale wetgewing oor betaling van krditeure en invordering van skuld nie nakom nie en dienslewering verwaarloos.	Danie	retired
	2026-02-04 07:30:13		Cyril	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:30:01	Government should control spending on poorly run municipalities where the municipal employees including the mayor are earning too much in relation to the size of the municipality. This results in money being used for salaries and not for badly needed infrastructure! Civil servants across the board earn far in excess of their worth and there are too many in the employ of the State. Use the citizens tax money wisely and not for the benefit of a few cadres!	Anne	retired
	2026-02-04 07:29:34		Ivan	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:29:27		Carla Anne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:28:20		Jennifer	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:27:34	Cut out all corruption and theft. Hold those who are accountable and stop putting people who are caught on leave and still pay them! Fire them or jail them. Stop BBEEE. Employ people who have the correct qualifications. Reduce government staff. Reduce government officials salaries. One training schools to people who repair potholes etc and don't have 29 odd people doing 1 pothole!!.	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-04 07:27:31		rene	retired
	2026-02-04 07:27:29	Government must privatise the SOE’s and must allow more than one supplier because competition ensures better run SOE’s, with better collection/infrastructure systems. Scrap BEE, cadre deployment, incompetent people in positions in Government and Municipalities and then employ people who are fully competent to do the work. Get rid of the Blue Light car convoys, personal protection for government officials, stop spending money on expensive and unnecessary parties, travel, allowances, and EXCESSIVE SALARIES for officials. Get rid of Lotto corruption and allow the money to be spent on schools, NPO’s, gender-based violence initiatives, public health facilities. Institute real and actual prosecution of people involved in corruption in Government, Police and Municipalities	Antoinette	retired
	2026-02-04 07:26:23	Privatise the SOE's, or at least bring private business partners on board. Cut down on the number of Govt. ministers, deputies, assistants, and 'hangers-on'. Recover the funds from proven corrupt officials who stole billions. Collect revenue from unpaid services instead of writing them off. Tax the wealthy (apparently a lot of billionaires would be happy to pay more tax) Cut out the amount of money spent on 'unauthorised, wasteful and fruitless' expenditure. Reduce the number of 'commissions of enquiry' the outcomes of which are rarely (if at all) acted upon, eg; The Zondo Commission.	Paul	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:25:53		frank	
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	2026-02-04 07:25:40	Our public servants suck up a huge part of our budget. Time to slim down and streamline government departments. We need spending on infrastructure - water is top of the list, rail and ports essential to grow economy. Municipalities for the most part need a complete overhaul and some sort of control over their budgets and how they spend them.	Dr Elizabeth	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:24:56		Marisa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:24:44		Rosita	retired
	2026-02-04 07:24:40	We are sick of the corruption! We are sick of the inflated government salaries and unnecessary spending on jobs that are not required. Cut government spending! Cut privileges to Ministers. Employ people who are actually QUALIFIED for positions! Stop relying on BBEEE - IT ISN'T WORKING! Hold SOEs accountable and stop bailing them out! And if they can't do the job, then privatize (NOT TO BBEEE partners but to QUALIFIED companies). Grow a pair and tax the Taxi industry! It is simply not sustainable for 2.5% of the population (mainly the whites you don't want) to carry the tax burden! Invest in infrastructure. You can't BLAME apartheid forever for your lack of maintaining a once-functioning country. We need water, electricity, hospitals, schools, roads, security!	Tanya	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:24:15	Trim down the number of members of government Stop expensive individual security brigades for government officials Stop holding expensive 'commissions' that accomplish nothing Appoint capable people not cadres to local goverment Privatise SOEs Spend money on fixing up infrastructure	Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:23:45	You can not spend more than you earn. For years the Minister of Finance has not corrected the tax for inflation. This means that I have moved 2 levels up in marginal tax. The taxi industry is only taxed at the petrol pump with VAT. By taxing the tobacco industry more only means that people go to illegally imports. So my advice is stop increasing any tax. Reduce your expenditure . Interest paid on loans of the Government is wasted money.	Jan	retired
	2026-02-04 07:23:37	Stop the wasteful spending and fraud and focus on growing the economy and job creation.	Silas	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:23:22	The proof is in the pudding that has burned!	Anne-Marié	retired
	2026-02-04 07:22:53	First ly cut the amount of these lazy unproductive,ministers, employ people with know how and backbone, root out corruption, This needs to be done without burdening the Tax payer, we are already paying to much,	Bernie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:22:23		Muaaz	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:22:20	Fire deadwood ministers drawing astronomical salaries. Get rid of corruption. Hire people that can actually do the job and not rely on BEEE hires. Get rid of district municipalities. No more extravagant parties, jet-setting etc. that the ministers feel is their right. All the above is pure logic - we shouldn't have to even mention it. Hold ministers accountable for their spending. Corruption in your departments are rife and this should be addressed	Adila	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:21:36	The only solution is for the anc and its useless cardre ministers to be voted out of power and office.	John	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:20:59	Increase the amount the elderly receive.	Angela	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:20:51		Peet	retired
	2026-02-04 07:20:09	South Africa’s core fiscal problem is not only the size of spending, but weak value-for-money: we borrow more while outcomes stagnate. I urge National Treasury to adopt a hard multi-year expenditure ceiling (protecting maintenance and high-return infrastructure) and to shift large service budgets toward measurable outcomes. For education, link a portion of funding to verifiable improvements in early-grade literacy/numeracy, teacher attendance, and basic functionality, with transparent district-level reporting. For municipalities, make transfers conditional on billing/collection performance, clean audits, and ring-fenced maintenance, with professional competency requirements for key posts. For state-owned enterprises, separate unfunded social mandates from commercial operations and enforce hard budget constraints, with greater private participation where it improves reliability (especially freight logistics and energy). Finally, protect the social safety net but reduce leakage and design working-age support to connect people to skills and jobs, not permanent dependency. Debt-service costs are now crowding out delivery, so fiscal credibility must be rebuilt through spending quality, not only higher taxes.	Ryan	
	2026-02-04 07:19:38		Joril	
	2026-02-04 07:19:00		ian	
	2026-02-04 07:18:28	What bothers me the most, is the enormous debt that the country have to pay back of as well as the ongoing waste of tax payer's money and theft that is still going on in Goverment Departments. If corruption is not root out and dealt with it really does not matter what is suggested by the public, the problems will remain.	Aletta	retired
	2026-02-04 07:18:03	Stop corruption and hold those who are guilty liable. Employ people who actually do their jobs Cut government employee salaries	LLANA	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:17:57	Cut the parliament by 50% cut the dead wood in the ministries, work to make jobs for all, stop BBBEE, beg USA for forgiveness.	August	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:17:27		Don	
	2026-02-04 07:17:13	1. Privatize SoE's and encourage competition to improve efficiency, accountability and affordability 2. Reduce the bloated government to improve efficiency, accountability, corruption and high costs. 3. Drop expensive BBBEE requirements, which encourage expensive inefficiencies and corruption in spending taxpayers money. 4. Government must be transparent and accountable to the taxpayers, whose money government is spending 5. Cut back lavish government spending and unnecessary costs. 6. Bring corrupt and lawbreaking officials to justice quickly and recover lost or stolen monies from them. 7. Be circumspect in foreign policies, in particular do not provoke powerful trading partners which leads to punitive financial measures on our trade.	Dennis	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:16:26		David	retired
	2026-02-04 07:16:12		Barry	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:12:24		EJ	retired
	2026-02-04 07:04:41	Don't stabilize SOE's. These have long served their purpose. Open the market and allow other companies to supply and compete. Cut government spending by reducing the amount of cabinet members.	Graeme	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:04:40		Beate	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:03:51		Jan	retired

	2026-02-04 07:03:08	Cut ministers in parliament. Stop corruption and looting.	Debbie	
	2026-02-04 07:02:13	The only way is to get rid of BEE, Kader deployment, Incompetent people on positions and then employ people that can do the work.	Frikkie	retired
	2026-02-04 07:00:36	Please get rid of the Blue light car convoys. And sue that money for the army and police.	Hugh	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 07:00:23	1. Skraap alle wette wat ekonomiese groei en werkverskaffing van alle individue ongeag ras en velkleur insluit. 2. Stel mense met die nodige opleiding, ondervinding en kennis aan in sleutel posisies soos by munisipaliteite, waterwese, elektrisiteit, agrikultuur ens. 3. Verminder die ministerie getal in die parlement tot die wat regtig opgelei is om bestuur te kan uitoefen. 4. Verminder die jetsetting, partytjies en onnodige uitgawes verbonde daaraan. 5. Besnoei die maandelikse inkomste van die ministerie. As pensioenarisse met R2300 per maand moet deur gaan, dan kan die ministerie sekerlik ook. 6. Hou op om jong gesonde leeglêers afhanklik te maak van die regering, eerder voorsien dat diesulkes opgelei word om selfonderhoudend te word. 7. Wees net eerlik en verrekeningswaardig in alle fasette van besluitneming teenoor die publiek.	Dave	retired
	2026-02-04 06:58:23	1. Die aantal parlementslede behoort rasioneel verminder te word ten einde openbare besteding te beperk en die doeltreffendheid van die wetgewende gesag te verhoog. 2. Die omvang van die staatsdiens behoort betekenisvol verklein te word deur die rasionalisering van poste, met die oog op kostebesparing en verbeterde dienslewering. 3. Dit is onaanvaarbaar dat individue in die staatsdiens aangestel word om spesifieke funksies te verrig, terwyl daar onvoldoende of geen fondse beskikbaar is vir die uitvoering van daardie funksies nie, maar wel voldoende fondse vir die betaling van salarisse. 4. Die voortgesette indienshouding van staatsamptenare sonder toepaslike begrotingsvoorsiening vir operasionele uitvoering dui op ernstige finansiële wanbestuur en 'n gebrek aan begrotingsdissipline, en behoort nie voort te duur nie. 5. Geen minister behoort op 'n adjunkminister staat te maak om sy of haar grondwetlike en administratiewe pligte na te kom nie. Indien 'n minister as onbevoeg bevind word, behoort sodanige persoon uit die amp verwyder te word. 6. Onbevoegde werknemers binne munisipaliteite behoort verwyder te word, aangesien hul vergoeding uit openbare fondse en ten koste van belastingbetalers betaal word. 7. Sogenaamde "spookwerknemers" in alle regeringsfere behoort geïdentifiseer en uitgeskakel te word, aangesien hulle reeds miljarde rand se verliese vir belastingbetalers veroorsaak het. 8. Onakkurate munisipale fakturerings- en rekeningstelsels skep verdere geleenthede vir staatsbeheerde entiteite om inkomste onregmatig te onttrek, tot nadeel van belastingbetalers.	RB	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:58:04		jansie	
	2026-02-04 06:58:00	Deputy ministers are doing nothing. Potholes are a nightmare. Stop providing for immigrants.	David	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:57:59	he bloated civil service, especially the tiers of top government need to be shrunk in numbers and in salary levels. 2. While the need for equity in society is essential, the only factor in filling a post, should be ability. 3. The population explosion needs to be addressed. No power on earth can provide qualified personnel and infrastructure and amenities to cope with it. 4. Arts and culture need proper oversight - the priorities are skewed. Name changes rather than sponsoring performers is nonsensical.	Kim	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:55:46		Lebalane	
	2026-02-04 06:55:45		Lebalane	
	2026-02-04 06:55:11	The bloated civil service, especially the tiers of top government need to be shrunk in numbers and in salary levels.	Rina	
	2026-02-04 06:53:51	Reduce and cut government size by 50% Sell off ALL SOE's to private investors / companies Completely stop BBBEEE. Lower taxes rates	Allister	
	2026-02-04 06:53:37		Tom	retired
	2026-02-04 06:53:26		Elize	
	2026-02-04 06:52:56		Bev	retired
	2026-02-04 06:52:54		Zacharias	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:51:54	A budget is just another figure and means absolutely nothing unless the departments responsible for rolling out the actions by which the budget amount was arrived at, are properly monitored and financially accounted for with the necessary checks and balances.	Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:51:21	1. The bloated civil service, especially the tiers of top government need to be shrunk in numbers and in salary levels. 2. While the need for equity in society is essential, the only factor in filling a post, should be ability. 3. The population explosion needs to be addressed. No power on earth can provide qualified personnel and infrastructure and amenities to cope with this. 4. The taxation of pensioners, especially those in the lower income brackets needs to be decreased. Individuals who get pensions from several sources should not be subject to taxation on the total, but each source can be taxed individually.	Richard	retired
	2026-02-04 06:50:05		Margaret	retired
	2026-02-04 06:49:25		Armando	retired
	2026-02-04 06:49:11		Leon	
	2026-02-04 06:47:59	Suspended politicians should not receive a salary while sitting at home doing nothing.	Melitza	retired
	2026-02-04 06:47:57	Suspended politicians should not receive a salary while sitting at home doing nothing.	Melitza	retired
	2026-02-04 06:45:13	Very easy. Stop corruption and wasteful expenditure and tgere will be more than enough money to run the country efficiently	Phil	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:45:10	In 1994 we handed the ANC a country with only 107 billion debt and I am sure SOE that was running efficiently and did not need ant bail outs due to theft and corruption, not saying there was not but not at the scale we see today. Get rid of all the overpaid Minister and Under -Under ministers, sure we will get all the money he requires to pay country's debt. Reason all infrastructure is falling apart is that municipalities spent the money allocated to them yearly on themselves instead of maintenance so now we must pay for their incompetence .	Ian	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:45:05	Get rid of the entire govt - put in a Govt that has the people at heart and know what they are doing. The present govt has pulled S.A down to a point of no return - it's time for us to fight back.	Dave	
	2026-02-04 06:43:45	The minister can not fix the budget deficit alone. After more than 30years of BEE, somebody in government need to explain why nobody is removed timeously from positions where the services suffer. SA have a bloated cabinet and a set of incompetent departments that only make sure that BEE in all its disguises is implemented. Rewards for results is long gone and zero accountability is the order of the day.	Pieter	retired
	2026-02-04 06:43:44		Jacob	
	2026-02-04 06:43:41	1. Tax the taxi industry 2. No increases or bonuses for government institutions that don't deliver. 3. Lifestyle audits for ALL politicians 4. Buildings and companies who owe eskom millions should no l9nger receive power till payment is made.	Lee	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:43:23		Nic	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:43:23		Nic	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:43:15	We have an over inflated Government. Cut all the dead wood - all the extra so called management personnel. Cut the over inflated municipalities. Cut their spending allowances. Let them drive normal cars, not fancy expensive vehicles. Why should so many in a 'job' get sooo many perks of cars, entertainment allowances etc etc	Glenda	retired
	2026-02-04 06:43:11		Dawid	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:42:54	The deficit that the government currently faces can be mainly attributed to poor management of state owned enterprises/ corruption at the highest levels of governance/ fraud. The state can no longer afford the luxury of government employee / government ministers salary increases & bonuses higher than the rate of inflation. Workers in the public sector, the sector that provides taxes, salary increases has been lower than the rate of inflation, government needs to follow suit. Bail outs of state owned enterprises must be discontinued.	Peter	
	2026-02-04 06:42:37	DUMP theANC	FRANK	retired
	2026-02-04 06:42:28		Christine	
	2026-02-04 06:42:10		Erns	
	2026-02-04 06:42:03		Margaretha	retired
	2026-02-04 06:39:20		Tami	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:38:52	1.No Minister should have a Deputy Minister to do his work.If the Minister is found to be incompetent, he / she she should be removed from office. 2.iIncompetent Emplyees within Municipalities should be removed for they are being paid at taxpayers expense. 3."Ghost employees " within all sectors of government " must be rooted out" as they gave cost the taxpayers ,Billions . 4. Municipal billing system with inaccurate bills per households is just another avenue for state owned enterprises to siphon revenues at the taxpayers expense.	Rajendra	retired
	2026-02-04 06:38:41	Firstly it only fair that tax payers and fee paying benefit from their money. If I pay for vehicle licenses, atleast the roads must be perfect! If I pay for refuse collection, it must be collected. Makes no sense of government to take money that came through vehicle licenses and go give it to grant recipients. Prioritise first the area that payed, if surplus then send to grants!	Ntokozo Patron	
	2026-02-04 06:38:32	adopt policy of equal opportunities, Govt must co-operate with private sector.	martin	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:38:17	Only way is to get rid of the ANC	Jacques	retired
	2026-02-04 06:36:04		Isolde	
	2026-02-04 06:35:25	Not a quick fix this BUT…… 1. Stop Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet that have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions . 2. stop contracts with incompetent companies that cannot do the job (I.e.not just because they are BEE) , 3. wrt municipalities: enforce stricter consequences for financial mismanagement, 4. remove any person who does not have the qualification to perform the job they are employed to do as they are costing the country a lot of money	Bev	retired
	2026-02-04 06:34:22		Rynier	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:34:14		Henriette	

	2026-02-04 06:33:56	Stop The Corruption !!!!!!!!!!!! Employ competent people Scrap BEE , Only the connected benefit Completely overall the Justice System Far too many to list here.....	Alan	retired
	2026-02-04 06:32:08		Margaret	retired
	2026-02-04 06:30:37		Ronell	
	2026-02-04 06:29:30	Get rid of corruption and theft , then use the same money to reduce debt. The government wage bill needs reducing .not increasing. Senior government officials are grossly overpaid and need to be incentive based. Run the government like a serious private business and we can succeed. These comments relate to finances and not the whole of government	Jim	retired
	2026-02-04 06:27:54		Patricia	retired
	2026-02-04 06:26:56	1. Gov must stop spending millions for the upkeep of foreign prisoners in jail. This is taxpayer's money, some coming from the victims. They must be deported & declared undesirable. Should they come back again & be incarcerated, their friends/ families must bring them food. Consider bringing back death penalty instead of Rm spent on hardened unrepentant criminals. 2. Stop appointing comrades with no qualifications who don't know what to do. 3. Reduce the bloated cabinet & the perks to create jobs for unemployed doctors & graduates. 4. Qualified engineers to fix & maintain drainage system to avoid spending money on disasters that could have been avoided. Climate change is also a reality that can't be ignored. 5. Do away with R350 grant & rather give coupons. People drink this money. Create responsible citizens. 6. Appoint more police & Metro police. 7. Foreigners buying property in SA to pay more taxes.	Nonnie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:26:04	CUT our leaders' massive income & expenditure every year!!! Leaders have run our country like a business, not like a private income. That is why there is no money for the basic needs in our country.	Pieter	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:25:12	The budget should prioritise reducing spending on government staff costs and state wellfare to ensure we maintain a budget surplus and allocate funding to infrastructure. So I want to see a removal of all deputy ministers, reduce the number of ministries and reduce the perks and benefits (reduced blue light benefits, reduced travel etc..) at the top to lead the way by setting an example. It is unacceptable that a small country like SA has so many ministers and deputies. Investing in infrastructure will be most effective if the government breaks up and sells all state owned enterprises to encourage private sector participation and investment. By all means retain a minority stake to benefit from the upside but this should be housed in an asset management vehicle reporting to the treasury. These assets should be making money for the country not costing it. Discontinue the SRD grant, it was meant to be a temp measure and must be stopped. Rather focus on creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive so that there will be jobs instead of grants available. Stop this health insurance nonsense. It will fail as has been seen in many developed countries where their budgets are significantly larger. The private healthcare sector in SA should be praised and protected. They have built something that works. Rather look at interventions that will bring costs down within the existing ecosystem. The primary goal should be to create more jobs, not through the state but through businesses, especially in the SME segment. This requires business confidence and investment. So remove BEE requirements, provide business friendly tax incentives, reduce business red-tape and relax labour laws. These interventions are well documented and have been proven to increase business confidence, providing a catalyst for private investment which when combined with increased government infrastructure spending will dramatically change the shape of our beautiful country's economy for the better. Examples we should aim to copy: Singapore, Poland and Argentina. The first two economies started on the same level or smaller than SA 30 years ago and now their people and their economies are prospering. Argentina is a recent example, and will take a few years for the changes to take root but already you can see the seismic shift in business confidence and increased foreign investment.	Nathan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:23:14	Remove unnecessary government employees, ministers don't need ministers to do their work.	Deon	
	2026-02-04 06:22:10		Wendy	retired
	2026-02-04 06:21:55	1.The finance minister should increase the saving threshold from R22800.00 for under 65 year Olds, to further encourage saving. 2.Very crucial reduce government staff compliment. 3. Employ competent and professional candidates to do the necessary tasks. 4. Create a conducive environment to conduct business.	Ray	retired
	2026-02-04 06:21:48	My suggestions are as follows 1. Reduce the size of Cabinet to half and get rid of all deputy ministers 2. Reduce the number of personnel of the security for ministers 3. Privatise all SOE's 4. Privatise the Water Board and Eskom	Errol	retired
	2026-02-04 06:19:37		Clive	retired
	2026-02-04 06:19:33	Cut the coat according to the cloth. Cut government spending to fit tax revenues. This will inspire confidence, investment and growth will follow. It is not the quick fix, but the sure path to prosperity for our future. At the moment the tail is wagging the dog.	Roy	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:19:14	Cut out deputy ministers and lessen salaries of ministers and the president. Those who lead must be willing to serve and give back to save the nation.	Celeste	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 06:17:37		Josef	retired
	2026-02-04 06:16:51	Trim 50% of the sitting bloated government and only keep top employees adding value and performing. Start attracting new business and investment by changing policies and BBEEE laws. Align with West - that's where the money is	Kobus	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:16:36		Brigitte	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:16:35		Donald	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 06:16:19	Boosting national production and making government efficient are the main goals a nation should aim for and what to do are: # Get rid off of progressive tax and assign one fixed tax percentage on income to everyone which will be a maximum of 20%. #SOE must be privatise because it is well known that the private sector survival depends on efficiency, effectiveness and for it make sure to provide good quality services and products. #Encouraging competition and it starts with the point stated above and by allowing foreign companies to enter the market freely by eliminating BEE barriers and things of the sorts.	FIDEL	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:16:18		D	retired
	2026-02-04 06:14:55		Shanna	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:12:28	Government salaries must be cut, the live and look like fat cats, but the people on the ground are suffering! Starting with the President and his ministers first!!!!	Urshula	
	2026-02-04 06:12:01		Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:10:25	It is no business of anyone else how we individually spend our hard earned salaries. This stinks of of wef over reach. How each every member of parliament making public where their vast salaries are spent and why he wants certain member the population to pay higher taxes.	Jenni	
	2026-02-04 06:08:40		cristina	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:07:40	Drop BBBEE and land grabs, privatize Transnet and Eskom, reduce government employees, and the NHI . Instead, force all private health facilities amd doctors to supply 10 to 15% of their services for free to the State. Support small businesses by removing costly administrative burdens	Annette	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:05:35	Focusing on Economy, Infrastructure and Consequences will automatically start solving the other issues. - Economy: Remove all the excessive red tape and requirements that are busy extinguishing businesses and investment. - Infrastructure: Follow Telkom's model of having more private than government ownership with all SOE's. Governments aren't made for making money but spending it, and therefore they aren't good at making money. However, the private sector excels at this, so let them do what they are best at. - Consequences: There needs to be consequences for financial mismanagement and crimes. Two-thirds of COVID funds was misspent/stolen, if the same metric is applicable to most government funds it's clear the South Africa has enough money, it's just going to the wrong places.	Jedidja	
	2026-02-04 06:04:12		Adorn Zakhele	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 06:03:16	We the people have paid our taxes (middle class which youre driving into poverty(, only to have it stolen by criminals in cabinet. Why should we keep paying? Cut cabinet and government/municipal salaries. It should be solely dependent on performance. Hire competent business people. Reduce the number of ministers and others - they're useless anyways. Remove and imprison criminals in government and municipal positions and seize assets to pay the government debt. Stop wasting money on renaming cities! Instead spend it on the crumbling infrastructure- water, electricity and roads. Improve safe public transport at a reduced cost to end user Close the borders and deport foreigners unless they have invested in the economy and created jobs (not through crime). Remove criminals in the police and invest in law and order. Increase old age pensions for SA citizens Social grants for orphans and seriously disabled only. Work initiatives for the rest. Introduce a paye bracket for all low income earners (2,5 - 5%) with more vat exempt items and discounts as for pensioners. Remove quotas from universities! Bring back trade schools (like we had at end of standard 7). All for citizens, not non contributing foreigners Attract international tourism and investment Clean up and maintain!	Shereen	self-employed

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	2026-02-04 06:01:39	The Government should prioritise the spending, do away with caders that is incompetent to serve the community and get rid of officials that only want to steal their peoples monies. The local and national government is corrupt. Do away with the many deputy ministers	André	retired
	2026-02-04 06:00:08	Government corruption must firstly be ended	Barry	
	2026-02-04 05:58:52		Elize	
	2026-02-04 05:58:26	Tax all people - minimum wage workers too. Everybody should participate. Cut exorbitant salaries and bring responsibility with penalties. Focus on service and attitude of government employees to the public. Action and not words about corruption especially in police and traffic and up delivery and standards of your hospitals.	Adri	
	2026-02-04 05:56:53		Alan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:56:14	Stop the corruption - prosecute ALL corrupt irrespective of cadres. Cut government spending, cut the number of ministers / deputies / officials, cut all the “free-be’s”, stop funding other countries.	Lis	
	2026-02-04 05:55:18	Some suggestions from me: 1. Municipalities must be forced to ring-fence the proceeds of electricity sales, so that the debt owed to Eskom can be recovered. At the moment Eskom’s paying customers are subsidising non-paying customers and the gap between them is ever increasing. 2. Cut the number of ministries, ministers and deputy ministers. We have a bloated cabinet. 3. Municipal officials and other state officials in charge of public funds should be held accountable for any misspending thereof is their personal capacity. 4. Debt must be relayed, otherwise it will continue to balloon and get out of hand. 5. Consider implementing a framework whereby the state subsidises private sector employment. The private sector is far more efficient than government, but labour is expensive. Encourage businesses to hire more people and commit to paying a portion of the salaries of these new employees. Everyone wins out of this.	Ken	business owner
	2026-02-04 05:54:59		André	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:54:28	Our bloated cabinet steals and enables theft of our taxes. Hold them accountable! Use the money for what it's actually budgeted for!	H	retired
	2026-02-04 05:52:09		Lona	
	2026-02-04 05:51:07	Cabinet needs to halved and deputy ministers likewise. No funding for unprofitable SOE's. Blue light protection removed for all except most senior cabinet ministers. Budget for NPA increased. BEE pricing to be put on equal footing with private sector pricing.	Les	
	2026-02-04 05:50:50	We have to stop spending more than we "earn". Cut the the cabinet to the size Mandela had. It worked. Cut or at least freeze salaries for Govt. Reduce the perks. Stop funding "Royalty " and traditional leaders- we are a democracy. Why the double standards and double costs? VIP security is wasteful, unnecessary and is only harming the country due to abuses and people acting as if they are above the law. Stop paying people when they're suspended due to serious allegations. Speed up the disciplinary process and dismiss them or get them workingagain. Stop rewarding criminals and incompetents. Start putting the greater good ahead of short term political gain, stop pandering and allowing corruption to continue to destroy our futures. Be brave and do the right things	Brenda	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 05:50:42		Shane	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:50:40		Shane	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:50:15		Sugan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:49:18	It is a disgrace that South Africa has borrowed Billions of Rands and that those Billions have been squandered by this corrupt Government. It is a disgrace of countries that lent them money from hard earning tax payers in the first place. It is high time tax payers throughout the World rid themselves of self serving and corrupt politicians and appoint honest community minded people.	Gillian	
	2026-02-04 05:46:05		Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 05:45:40		Hennie	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 05:44:17		Pieter	
	2026-02-04 05:43:55		Senyu	retired
	2026-02-04 05:42:01	Cut the salaries of all goverment employees by 50 percent , because they are under performing at 100 percent	Hans	retired
	2026-02-04 05:40:03	Focus to be on responsible and sustainable choices that ensure a future of good governance and a strong fiscus.	M	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:39:04		Colin	business owner
	2026-02-04 05:35:42		Jeanne	
	2026-02-04 05:32:15	Our government wastes money - there are too many "ministers " earning way too much Money wasted on name changes, unnecessary spending	Julie	
	2026-02-04 05:31:12	Like an overloaded truck: the SA economy is top heavy with laws and regulations image and other money swallowing machines. Free it up like Argentina did..	Robert	
	2026-02-04 05:21:25		GEJA	business owner
	2026-02-04 05:13:42		Edward	
	2026-02-04 05:13:30	Cut back on bloated Cabinet and Deputy Ministers, VIP unit, Private vehicles, Spending Fire known corrupt Government employees. Replace non performing Municipalities with experienced competent staff Get rid of BBEEEEEE	Bruce	retired
	2026-02-04 05:12:24	Stop making more laws . Laws cost money to implement. Laws stifle economic growth. Growth is dependent on freedom not stifling laws regulations policies and agendas. Stop spending on “ image”. Get back to basics… Stop ambition beyond our means	Robert	retired
	2026-02-04 05:11:49		Johan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:07:35		Bongi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:07:31	Cut Government employee size, reduce salary bill. 2. Privatise all SOE's. 3. Stop name changes. 4. Stop all grants except old age pension 5. Supply proper medical care to the needy. 6. Remove undocumented foreigners from our Country. 7. SAPS budget to terminate criminals. 8. All this enquiries must start action implemented. 9. South Africa does not need Deputy President. 10. Imprison and fire all corruption accused out of Government 11. Get rid of Black Empowerment Policy/Law.	Lukas	retired
	2026-02-04 05:04:27		Des	business owner
	2026-02-04 05:01:58		Dirk	
	2026-02-04 04:58:50		Michael	
	2026-02-04 04:51:47	There’s too many ineffective ministers that are too old and unproductive and getting paid a lot. State owned entities, be partly privatised not by politicians though but by reputable companies. Have reputable and experienced people to run municipalities. Start recovering real money that was illegally taken from the state and use that to be intentional about paying off this huge debt we having.	Nonhlanhla	employed individual
	2026-02-04 04:50:47		Marietjie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 04:42:04		Kevin	retired
	2026-02-04 04:41:44		Ina	unemployed individual

	2026-02-04 04:37:12		Mphumelelo	retired
	2026-02-04 04:29:55	1. Cut Government employee size, reduce salary bill. 2. Stop wasting money on SOE's , if they cannot make it themselfe, Privatise! 3. Stop name changes, it costs millions, rather build houses, water and infrastructure. Supply cheaper Electricity. 4. Old age grand should be the same as minimum wage. 5. Supply proper medical care to the needy. 6. Remove undocumented forenerse from Country. 7. SAPS budget to terminate criminals. 8. All this enquiries must start action implemented. 9. South Africa does not need Deputy President. 10. Fire all corruption accused out of Government employment.	Adriaan	unemployed individual
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	2026-02-04 04:28:48	Minister, a responsible starting point would be to reduce the Cabinet’s excessive salaries and curb wasteful expenditure, including corruption at all levels of government. Greater priority should be given to the welfare of SASSA pensioners and people receiving disability grants, who are among the most vulnerable in our society. At the same time, the current child grant system requires careful review, as it is being widely abused. This unintended consequence places additional strain on an already severe budget deficit and contributes to greater long-term social and economic pressure. Sustainable, accountable solutions are urgently needed.	Denize	retired
	2026-02-04 04:13:38		Ezette	retired
	2026-02-04 04:13:37		Ezette	retired
	2026-02-04 03:55:42		Gasant	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 03:55:03		Magdelize	self-employed
	2026-02-04 03:48:51	For a start ...kick the thieving ANC out	steve	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 03:40:34	Privatise. The government is elected in a democracy by the PEOPLE for the people. Like in every venture there is a Constitution. It's the laws, rules and legislation that they are to apply and abide by. The Anc are so dumb, illiterate, ignorance and above all simply Stupid. But more so; Greedy, Power hungry and corrupt. Their only requirement for the JOB is a vote.	Errol	retired
	2026-02-04 03:18:37		Victor	retired
	2026-02-04 03:10:00	Stop stealing our hard-earned tax money and start upgrading all the infrastructures for our country to attract foreign investors again to create more jobs and uplift the community	Amanda	retired
	2026-02-04 03:02:53		Bill	retired
	2026-02-04 02:55:40		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 02:36:17		Lae	
	2026-02-04 02:36:16		Lae	
	2026-02-04 02:24:00	They should spend more where poor people are affected,Boosting the economy should be prioritised because it will also boost the chances of job creation so that the unemployed can get employment	Zwelinzima	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 02:19:05		Daleinn	self-employed
	2026-02-04 01:55:58		Dwain	retired
	2026-02-04 01:53:17		Nicky	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 01:41:49		William	retired
	2026-02-04 01:35:30		Raleigh	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 01:29:16	I have the simple answer is to pay off the debt and stop allowing the cadres to steal over 500 billion,which could pay for teh debt every year due to the inherent and inbred theft gene in the african	Barry	retired
	2026-02-04 01:21:45		Raymond	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 00:24:52	Stop stealing. Fire corrupt "officials" Employ professionals instead of parasitic political appointees, cut numbers of "top" employees in state "enterprises", their salaries, perks and allowances. For heavens sake come to your senses and start to act in the interest of the COUNTRY and not this very sorry State. South Africa has been in the past good to its people but your Government is now very bad to us (all) the people. Limit your greed. WAKE UP! Act. If not honestly then at least sensibly. Thank you.	Jary	
	2026-02-03 23:54:53		Phillip	retired
	2026-02-03 23:54:36	The government sector salaries are too high. Officials should be paid according to their output. All parties said that the economy and creation of jobs is the highest priority Every item for discussion should be examined if it has relevance to creating jobs and contributing to the economy. If it does not it should not be discussed they and should more on to the next item until the problems of the economy and job creation are resolved. The government should do nothing else. Contracts given only to those with proven track record - no BEE startups relying on other contractors. This implies funding infrastructure repair and new projects. They must come down heavily on construction mafia as this is tantamount to treason - these criminals must be made an example of. Strengthen the police force - Treat corrupt police as treasonous too. Have a special court to try these treasonous cases with no appeals - if they are aliens they must be deported, South Africans long sentences with hard labour. Criminality must be stamped out.	Jon	
	2026-02-03 23:50:39	The main priority should be wasteful expenditure - start by halving all government salaries, stop the extravagant perks & make all ministers actually earn their pay! Lifestyle audits & performance appraisals on all gov't employees, especially cabinet ministers!	Loki	
	2026-02-03 23:43:50	The main priority should be wasteful expenditure - start by halving all government salaries, stop the extravagant perks & make all ministers actually earn their pay! Lifestyle audits & performance appraisals on all gov't employees, especially cabinet ministers!	Andrew	
	2026-02-03 23:38:17	State owed entities must be privatized. Less parliamentarians and cutting their exorbitant salaries. People in charge of municipalities must be competent and be held accountable.	Marcelle	retired
	2026-02-03 23:36:21	AA (Affirmative Action) and related policies like BEE; BBEEE have done more damage than good and are aggressively doing even more damage. In terms of policy it is no different to Apartheid economic and socio-political policies where only a select get rewarded while purposefully preventing others to participate and benefit financially. Unlike Apartheid, the beneficiary net is comparitively much smaller and more concentrated to the sellect. Also unlike Apartheid, the proceeds of economic activity have not been put into building the infrastructure let alone maintaining it, on the contrary, it has fast tracked to destruction. The policies have enabled grand scale corruption and fostered a mafia state with nearly all sectors of economic activity 'captured'. The policies have forced highly skilled and badly needed professionals to emigrate and contribute to economies elsewhere and are irreplaceable. Investors have fled, major companies closed down or moved off shore. The policies have eroded healthcare and education, the millitary along with the Navy and Airforce are inopperable and would be ineffective for their duty. The police force is corrupt to its very core. These policies have been the cause of an arrogance that has spat in the face of its beneficiaries, aid suppliers and long term trading partners while at the same time pandering, prostituting and selling off South African assets to the new Imperialists and contribute to a debt so huge that not even its Finance Minister knows how to save it. When the answer is so obvious but the spite and greed wont recognise it, when the tax base is shrunk and the unskilled and unemployable grow larger in number, the corrupt elite flaunting their wealth like bejewelled pigs in a sludge trough still want stricter BEE policies and to further entrench racism. Scrap the policies in their entirity, they are unconstitutional anyway	Oliver	self-employed
	2026-02-03 23:19:49		Kathy	self-employed
	2026-02-03 23:15:02		Peter	self-employed
	2026-02-03 23:14:40		Jan	retired
	2026-02-03 23:02:07		Klaus	retired
	2026-02-03 22:54:25		Linda	retired
	2026-02-03 22:52:18		Beryl	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:49:47	It's time to hand SOEs to the private sector.	Kenneth	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:46:51	PRIVATIZE THE SOE'S. MAKE MORE FOODS VAT FREE, EG CHICKEN. CHANGE YOUR IDEOLOGY AND POLICY DIRECTION TO ENABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT.	Carmen	unemployed individual

	2026-02-03 22:46:09	Given the current low growth rate, which single policy change would most effectively encourage businesses to invest and create jobs in South Africa? - Facilitate and fund entrepreneurship and not social grants. Get people to know they are responsible for their own futures. If you had to reallocate 5% of the current budget from one department to another, where would you take it from, and where should it go? - Take from Social Grants and give it to Education. To bridge the budget gap, should the government focus more on cutting current expenditure or finding new ways to grow revenue without raising taxes? - Stop spending on frivolous "salary perks, trips, conferences, committees, hiring of non-Dept of Public Works offices and facilities and use gov owned properties" to cut expenditure and educate entrepreneurship to increase employment and the tax base and don't raise taxes. Should the government continue to provide financial bailouts to struggling SOEs, or should these entities be required to find private-sector partners to stay afloat? - No bailouts for free. Use private-sector business partners with proven track records and not corrupt tender based partners to rebuild and restore gov enterprises. What should be the priority for infrastructure funding: building new renewable energy projects or repairing existing municipal water and sanitation systems? - We spend too much money on building "new" capability when we don't maintain what we already have. Cheaper to look after what we have than to replace with new build. Till debt levels are brought, not just under control, but within low interest repayment levels, no new builds, except where they can bring more provable income and financial growth and not ideology driven. Which tax adjustment would most help your household or business: a reduction in Personal Income Tax, a VAT holiday on more essential items, or corporate tax incentives for hiring? - All the above at a level that still ensure tax income but stop heavy taxes on Capital Gains, Estate Duties and areas that kill wealth and the growth that is enabled by wealth. Reduce duties on fuel. Household incomes are being killed by much higher increases for food, fuel, medical and other essential items than what is stated in the Rate of Inflation - salary increases are very low while costs escalate unreasonably. Gov must reduce tax levels if they don't reduce levies and duties on wealth. This kills the engine of growth and leaves no money in the pocket to spend , which is what grows the economy. As interest payments on debt now exceed the health budget, what is your 'tip' for the Minister to prevent the country from falling into a debt trap? - Keep up the repayment of interest debt to reduce the growth of total debt and abolish the idea of borrowing more to meet the budget. Cut the budget and live within your means like every household and business with any fiscal sense has to. How can the National Budget better support municipalities: through more direct grants or by enforcing stricter consequences for financial mismanagement? - Stricter consequences for mismanagement of every sort and not "suspension on full salaries". Grants to be provided as rewards for good management and growth, and should not be funded by increasing debt.	Scott	retired
	2026-02-03 22:45:18	I think the biggest saving that could be made is to cut government personnel, thus reducing the safari Bill	Lorraine	retired
	2026-02-03 22:39:30	The obvious and key questions are: 1. Why is there no sunset clause on growth constraints like BEEE?? 2. corruption at every level of governance is blindly obvious but without consequence 3, Why are essential services like energy and potable water provision not being pr ioritised?? 4 . Why is crime (and. Grime) running rampant??	Bill	retired
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	2026-02-03 22:33:34		Daniel	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:33:31		Daniel	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:29:04		Melvyn	retired
	2026-02-03 22:26:59		Barend	
	2026-02-03 22:20:46	Stop all salary increases for national, provincial and municipal governments. Stop government corruption and and incompetence. Privatisation all non essential SOEs. . Scrap racist BBBEE. Downsize cabinet. Stop stealing on every level of authority. Prioritise and promote economic growth, entrepreneurship, and job creation in the private sector, not stifle it with restrictive labour and other laws.	Dave	retired
	2026-02-03 22:17:06	First of all, stop cutting your own throats with B-BBEE. It doesn't work. A free-market system would bring in more money than you could possibly need, as well as much needed jobs. Set the economy free and watch it grow. Secondly, how many cadres do you really need in government? A minister is enough for most portfolios. Deputy ministers are simply a waste of money. You are supposed to work for the nation, not have the nation work to support your entire family and buddies in a manner to which they would like to become accustomed. Thirdly, stop with the vanity projects! We don't yet have enough money to support all the nonsensical name changes, among others. What is wrong with you? Have you never seen our debt clock? We owe over R86000 per man, woman and child. Over 78% of our GDP! You are swiftly getting us into more debt than our descendants will be able to pay! Fourthly, stop protecting criminals in your organizations. This is not only aimed at the ANC, but other parties in government too. Your people, ALL of them, not only the ones you don't like, are losing hope. Criminality is rising, especially among the youth, because they do what they see adults doing. For once in your lives, lead by example and charge and PROSECUTE those who are guilty of crimes. How do you expect us to trust you with our money if you refuse to recognize criminality in your own organizations? And finally, STOP municipalities from levying even more taxes on residents in direct opposition to the Rates Act. We should not have to fight the very people we have to pay to run our cities and provide services. DA, I am looking at you. In my opinion this is blatant theft and, even if you lose the court cases, you do not pay back the money you have effectively stolen.	Gillian	retired
	2026-02-03 22:14:34	This is the magic solution, be it unpopular in some circles, however if the feeling is COUNTRY and its Citizens First .... Cancel all BEE Procurement Regulations which will reduce the Tax Burden by a significant amount., considering anything from 30 to 200 % goes to the tendered who in effect don't Add any Value to the transaction.	Franco	business owner
	2026-02-03 22:13:54	Scrap BEEE	Timothy	retired
	2026-02-03 22:11:05		Carrol	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:10:38		Brad	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:10:29		At	retired
	2026-02-03 22:10:28		At	retired
	2026-02-03 22:10:20		Robert	retired
	2026-02-03 22:07:37		Tony	retired
	2026-02-03 22:07:34		Andre	retired
	2026-02-03 22:07:03	Reduce government and engage the private sector to reduce spending, budget deficit and debt	Wayne	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:06:35	Cut Ministers salaries and no more blue light escorts and make them buy their own lunch and electricity. Quite simple!!	Mari	
	2026-02-03 22:06:07	The deficit is drowning us . Minister needs to stop spending unnecessary amounts for workshops that are a waste of money to teachers , and other public servants . I know this since I am an educator . Money is spent on unnecessary workshops and seminars that do not improve is as teachers in the classroom .	Rani	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:05:41		Frikkie	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:02:58	STOP THE CORRUPTION AND THEFT NOW!!!

	2026-02-03 21:58:16	Lang storie kort Die goverment moet hul korrupsie, bedrog, en diefstal stop. Hul vuil hande uit die staat se koffers hou. Hou op geld leën onder die pretensie dit moet die land aan die gang hou of vir die of dat, dis net nog geld wat hul wil steel. As daar geld moet geleen word moet dit daadwerklik toegewend word aan dit waarvoor dit geleen was. Die geld moet spandeer word op dit wat dit voor bedoel en beplan is. End kry om tenders vir dienste toe te staan aan familie en vriende en dit toestaan aan bevoegde besighede wat nie korrup is nie. Die amptenare se salarisse en verhogings is lagwekkend, dis hopeloos te hoog; en persoonlike sekuriteit (vip protection) is iets skrikwekkend. Dink gou daaraan, as die politikus of wieookal, n eerlike en opregte persoon is wat hul pligte nakom en die verteoue het en behou vd land se burgers, sal dit mos nie nodig wees vir n magdom lyfwagte. Dis mos nie nodig vir so baie, kan n bietjie hê. Die staat moet ophou om staats fondse te gebruik soos hul eie persoonlike spaarvarkie en sommer vir hul vakansies ens Stel bevoegte amptenare en hul gevolg aan, die wat indrukwekkende ondervinding het in hul departement/veld (bv minister/nationale kommissaris van Polisie moet/moes n highly decorated offisier wees want so n persoon weet wat die werk behels, waar verandering moet plaasvind vir verbetering sodoende ook beplanning ens) Hou op fondse mors op onbenullige drêk soos dorpe en strate se name te verander, daai naam gaan nie n plek se probleme verander en nog minder oplos nie. Fokus op dit wat saak maak en aandag moet kry soos bv die gesondheid sektor, spandeer dondse op toerusting en voorraad wat benodig wors, stel bekwame personneel aan wat rerig belangstel in hul werk en wat n passie het vir dit. Moet nie net mense aanstel vir getalle en charts nie. En nog n ding, n mens se vel kleur het absoluut niks met jou bekwaamheid te doen nie, die werk moet gaan vir die persoon wat rerig die werk kan en wil doen. DIS waar mens sommer gou n vinnige verbetering sal sien in dienslewering in alle sektors. Dis ongelukkig n feit dat as n persoon net daar is vir die salaris en voordele en nie vir die passie daarvan, word dienslewering baie negatief beïnbloed en is uiters swak en pateties invergelyking met iemand wat n passie het vir wat hul doen Tov die polisie, maak herindiensneming vir oud bekwame polisielede meer gereeld oop. Maak dit regverdig waar n oudlid nie verneder of verkleineer sal word deur dienende lede wat n probleem het met dit nie hetsy dit is oor hoekom die oudlid ontslag genem het of enige ander rede. Verhoog die pos getalle. Die staat moet verstaan, om n nuwe lid te kry op die vlak van opleiding en ondervinding gelykstaande aan n oudlid, kos die staat derduisende rande, maar n oudlid het reeds al daardie jare se ondervinding en opleiding wat net n verfrisser kursus sal kos. Dit maak ekonomies baie goeie sin. Almal maar almal is meer as bewus vd misdaad in ons land en kan doen met gesoute polisie lede wat baie nodige kennis kan bring tot die tafel en aan die jonger beamptes. Maak die land se grense toe, ernstige en intense beveiliging van alle grense is dringend nodig. Onwettige immigrante kos die land derduisende elke maand, hul moet summier terug gestuur word na hul land van afkoms. Instandhouding van infrastrukture het konstante toewyding nodig, nie net nou en dan nie. Dan sal die staat geld spaar teen eise wat kon vermy word.	Jacolene	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:57:56		Francois	retired
	2026-02-03 21:57:02		Schalk	retired
	2026-02-03 21:55:54	Stop all salary increases for national, provincial and municipal governments (which the president has not done, thereby spitting in the faces of all hard working citizens) Keep national debt as low as possible and pay off as much as possible Do NOT bail out or give a cent more to SOEs. Don’t raise taxes - South Africans have been robbed and abused enough by the anc Allocate as much as possible to fixing and upgrading infrastructure, especially water Procure all required goods and services, across the board, from the most efficient, competent and cost effective providers	Carol	retired
	2026-02-03 21:55:07		Naomi	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:53:34		Elzabe	retired
	2026-02-03 21:52:57		Basson	retired
	2026-02-03 21:51:11	1. Scrap racist BBBEE 2. DOWNSIZE cabinet 3. Stop STEALING OUR MONEY	Milo	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:50:24	Cut all "dead weight" from parliament. Do a lifestyle audit on all managers and parliamentarians who are there to serve "the People" and responsible for spending our hard earned taxes. The salary increases for ministers and councillors must be postponed for two/three years. Every financial transaction must be checked and double checked to stop fraud. Finally, get qualified people in senior positions. Stop the unnecessary borrowing. Find ways to reduce the countries debt quickly! abolish BBE so that our economy will once again thrive again	Serén	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:50:12	Privatisation of many aspects of the economy is recommended, as long as there is no connection to any paliamentarian or families/ friends.	Merle	retired
	2026-02-03 21:50:05	We need to rescue South Africa and get it to a decent country. Stop the corruption and thieving. Cut down on the number of politicians in government! No need for deputy ministers… they cost the country enormously. Put money towards water and pipe restoration, electricity, repairing roads, traffic lights repair, hospitals and basis needs of South Africans. Stop overloading the already overburdened tax payer. The SOE’s seem to waste money.. let them be run as a business or even privatise them . Get rid of dead wood that is people who don’t do their work but still get a big salary monthly. Stop paying people eg police who have only been suspended. Make government officials accountable for what they spend.	Rosemary	
	2026-02-03 21:46:57		Adriano	retired
	2026-02-03 21:46:55		Adriano	retired
	2026-02-03 21:44:35	The removal of BBBEE and other red tape to businesses to allow free market to flourish is necessary. The stimulation, not stifling, of growth is necessary to create jobs.	Roberto	retired
	2026-02-03 21:44:09	Reduce the size of government employees by 25% and take the savings and give it to SASSA pensions to increase the spending power of the extremly poor senior citizens. This should increase employement in other areas where participation in work instead of doing as little as possible will be achieved thus increasing the ficus	Patrick	retired
	2026-02-03 21:43:56	All government people need to repent of their carnal worldliness and turn to Jesus Christ for salvation. Then they will automatically be under the control of the Holy Spirit and no longer under the control of darkness and will know how to govern properly and with more righteousness and will result in more of God's blessing falling on the country. There is no other way.	Trevor	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 21:42:47	Stop the looting. Fix what needs to be fixed. Spend our tax payers money slowly. And give more finances to Military Veterans for MilVet pension.	Allan	retired
	2026-02-03 21:41:11	Do a lifestyle audit on all management who are responsible for financial transactions. The salary increases for ministers and councillors must be postponed for two/three years.Every financial transaction must be checked and double checked to stop fraud.Finally,get qualified people in senior positions.Too many family members working together is the cause of major problems. People must references for honesty and integrity.Stop the unnecessary borrowing.What happens to the money, Huh!	Russell	retired
	2026-02-03 21:38:59		Joni	
	2026-02-03 21:38:48	Start by cutting back on the size of government. Remove deputy ministers and frivolous departments.	Heather	retired
	2026-02-03 21:38:25	A start would be by cutting our Parliament to a third of the size it is and getting those kept to do the job. Other Countries seem to be capable of managing with a lot fewer members of Parliament. Use tax money for what it is supposed to be used for I.e. infrastructure, proper education, maintaining what South Africa had, a competent police force, army etc. It is ludicrous to have run up such a debt to keep government run businesses, I.e. ESKOM, SAA, the Johannesburg toll road system, etc running. Government run hospitals are in a bad state several having had to close down because of corruption and being badly run. BEEE is a total failure, firms just hire less people or become smaller so as not to have to comply. It means less foreign investment, leading to less job creation. At this point in time there are enough people of colour (to be politically correct) or as I would say , previously disadvantaged , people who have been educated well enough to start their own businesses. Why after so many years are we still referring to black and white people. We are one people - South Africans. Stop the dividing laws, stop the quotas. Let us move forward as one nation and our economy will grow.	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-03 21:38:20	Start by cutting the abnormally high salaries that government officials are getting, and STOP all their (equally extravagant) bonuses and perks. Thousands of people can barely make ends meet to survive, while government officials live like kings. That is WRONG!	Riana	
	2026-02-03 21:38:04	There is no law enforcement in South Africa. If only road user are fined for transgressing traffic laws there will be enough to spend on road maintenance. Everyday thousands of vehicles skip robots, passing vehicles on white lines, parking illegally with so-called traffic cops watching but doing nothing. If say only 100000 trespassers are find R500 per day that gives you R50 000 000 per day . If the minister of finance cannot do a calculation on the possible income that can derive out of this - man old man then he has no intellect. But ok we understand that as it now comes to the forward how crooked the police service is it is surely that it is amongst the president and his cronies.	Martin	retired
	2026-02-03 21:37:16		Elizabeth	retired
	2026-02-03 21:36:37		Linda	retired
	2026-02-03 21:33:04	Stop spending and looting the money - basically stealing our - they few of us who are still paying and fix what is broken as you are supposed too - stop lining your own pockets and fix our roads, hospitals, water and sanitation issues - upgrade our EMERGENCY systems	Nanette	retired
	2026-02-03 21:32:55	Get rid of half of the government, and you will save so much money to spend on infrastructure and stop ? the government and SOE’s to steal everything to bankruptcy.	Barendina	business owner
	2026-02-03 21:32:10		Abdul	retired
	2026-02-03 21:31:10	All the SOEs and municipalities, and State bodies are badly handicapped by the ANC policy of appointing people on the basis of race / cader deployment / corrupt kickbacks etc... The latter results in employment and appointment of the worst rubbish that can be found. Filling positions with the worst candidates that can be found, results in a country bound to descend into disaster. ALL THE ANC HAS TO DO is abandon corruption.... and SA would be saved.... But the ANC won't because it is trying to prove the racists of the world to be correct.	martin	self-employed

	2026-02-03 21:29:15	SA has a very bloated government. Get rid of deadwood. Privatise SOEs If municipal officials fail to perform as required - replace them. Fix the water infrastructure. Do away with personal income tax and charge a higher VAT on everything. That way, everyone pays. Do away with "kings" salaries. SA is supposed to be a democracy - not a kingdom. If tribes want a king, let them finance them.	Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:28:07		Alta	
	2026-02-03 21:27:30	Firstly, stop screwing tax payers for failure of SOE's, fire and jail the culprits that are frauding and stealing tax payers funds. Secondly, minimize the members of government to cut government expenditure, and stop putting members on paid suspension, fire and jail them for defrauding the system. Thirdly, all members that have been caught defrauding the system, recover tax payers monies from the thieves, as the money doesn't belong to them, it belongs to tax payers. Stop giving above CPI increases to all government employers, they already getting too much for doing nothing. Give it to the poor which will reduce, crime, theft, murder, etc.	Mike	retired
	2026-02-03 21:22:58		Caron	business owner
	2026-02-03 21:22:32		Thomas	business owner
	2026-02-03 21:21:38	Cutting expenditure is simple: 1. Cut back on the number of civil servants. There are at least 50% to many people employed. 2. Employ qualified AND experienced people in all government entities. Appoint the best South African candidate. 3. Stop employing friends and family 4. privatize institutions such as Escom 5. Stop social grants to all and sundry The old aged and truly handicaped should be assisted 6. Stop meeting and start doing 7. Allow private enterprise to flourish by reducing strangulation regulation 8. Stop socialist ideology and start practicing well balanced capitalism	Piere	
	2026-02-03 21:21:23		Francois	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:20:38	Eliminate all forms of tax levied on pensioners.	Carl	retired
	2026-02-03 21:17:40		Nelisiwe	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:16:54	In my opinion, corruption by anyone, inside or outside the workplace, should be rooted out , and the perpetrators punished That will loosen up a lot more money Financial planning should be done by experts ,and their advice followed	Tienkie	retired
	2026-02-03 21:15:55		David	retired
	2026-02-03 21:15:38		Devan	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:14:49		ROSS	retired
	2026-02-03 21:13:25	Cutting expenditure is simple: 1. Cut back on the number of civil servants. There are at least 50% to many people employed. 2. Employ qualified AND experienced people in all government entities. 3. Stop employing friends and family 4. privatize institutions such as Escom 5. Stop social grants to all and sundry The old aged and truly handicaped should be assisted the rest must stop multiplying and be prepared to work. 6. Stop meeting and start doing 7. Allow private enterprise to flourish by reducing strangulation regulation 8. Stop socialist ideology and start practicing well balanced capitalism	Wanda	retired
	2026-02-03 21:12:37	Stop your wasteful expediture, stop giving raises to people that are not competend to do the job. Stop steeling, stop your corruption, stop blaming the people of South Africa, apartheid, different races and laws for your incompetence over the last 30 years.	Anja	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:12:34		Janet	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:12:24	Privatise soe's, stop stealing our money, stop BBEEE.	Derek	
	2026-02-03 21:12:09		Fanie	retired
	2026-02-03 21:11:38	Concerns on spend, accountability, investing in the correct areas such as energy and water, reducing spend on state owned Enterprises. I concern is on accountable and Correct spending of the municipalities. Budgets need to be spent in the correct manner and there needs to be proper governance in Place.	Patricia	
	2026-02-03 21:10:58		Marietha	retired
	2026-02-03 21:10:48	Concerns on spend, accountability, investing in the correct areas such as energy and water, reducing spend on state owned Enterprises. I concern is on accountable and Correct spending of the municipalities. Budgets need to be spent in the correct manner and there needs to be proper governance in Place.	Richard	
	2026-02-03 21:10:14	If the most capable person is appointed for each job, and he or she does the job to the best of his ability, and does not expect or demand outrageous remuneration, and unnecessary job restrictions are absent, all will work out and the economy will grow.	Jannie	
	2026-02-03 21:09:15	Abolish the NHI - if you don't the country will fall into the biggest debt trap imaginable. There will no recovery from that debt trap. Abolish BEE – the economy needs to grow above 3% per annum so enlarge the tax base and reduce the money spent on some of the social grants. Re-patriate undocumented foreigners. Re-patriate unskilled, unemployed foreigners. Even employed foreigners that don't have the skills that SA needs, need to be re-patriated, there are South Africans that need those jobs. Cut the cabinet by 50% - there too many ministers and deputy ministers that aren't contributing anything to the country. Get rid of them. Their salaries are way too high for the output they produce, and they are stealing tax payer money, on top of it. Fully Privatize ESKOM, TRANSNET, DENEL, SABC, SAA and all government run institutions Tackle corruption within the government , municipalities, SAPS, Judiciary and SANDF, by doing lifestyle audits on ALL staff in these institutions, starting at the top, working down through the ranks. This would restore the public's confidence in these institutions. Tackle corruption in the public sphere, zero tolerance on all crimes. The various mafias that exist must be prosectued and jailed. Build more prisons, enforce prisoner labour, give harsher/longer prison sentences.	Maurice	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:09:09	Concerns on spend, accountability, investing in the correct areas such as energy and water, reducing spend on state owned Enterprises.	Angela	
	2026-02-03 21:08:57		John	retired
	2026-02-03 21:08:34		ROSE	retired
	2026-02-03 21:08:34		ROSE	retired
	2026-02-03 21:08:22		Johan	
	2026-02-03 21:07:58		Liret	business owner
	2026-02-03 21:06:37	Counter question: why would you ask us when you know they won't listen and wise up!? But if you have to "know", then firstly, stop stealing! That's a wide cutting swath. Not just for the sake of literally stealing money, but also correcting the total mismanagement and/or misappropriation of funds! Allocation and diversion of funds (that should have been used properly) is enormous. Government "officials" that get their grubby paws on funds for their own purposes is inexcusable! Our water and sanitation systems are in dire need of upgrading and the health system is no better. Spend money wisely on these and cut back on the "child makers"!	Gunter	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:06:33		Ellen	
	2026-02-03 21:05:44	The government needs to cut down on the number of civil servants and senior staff need to have their perks reduced. Travel budgets should be cut and people need to be held accountable when they don't follow the rules or overstep boundaries. Water is our most precious resource so the water infrastructure needs to be seriously upgraded so that water can be preserved properly. Stop the corruption. There will be enough money without burdening tax payers more if you spend the money the right way. No more borrowing, fix what you already have.	Tracy	
	2026-02-03 21:04:42		Bruce	retired
	2026-02-03 21:04:32		Mrs i	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:04:05		Stebastiaan	retired
	2026-02-03 21:04:03		Trevor	retired
	2026-02-03 21:03:08		A	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:01:46	Privatise all SOEs, improve Medical Aid subsides for retired government employees, with the gold price in the region of R5000.00 per ounce, some of the country's gold reserves should be sold off to pay off Eskom's debt, put an end to corruption	Peter	retired
	2026-02-03 21:00:27	When is this government going to start fixing our beautiful country and start listening to the economic experts and stop breaking South Africa.	Errol	
	2026-02-03 20:58:51		Jan	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:58:19		Jitendra	retired
	2026-02-03 20:56:45		Theunis	retired
	2026-02-03 20:52:38	Government needs to get out of the way of economic growth: avoid or drop unnecessary restrictions. BEE is an example of getting in the way: it should be based on means/ disabilities within reason & not race as it has only lead to corruption, waste & inefficiency. Too much is spent on perks for ministers, deputy ministers & officials: cut the fat. When the economy picks up sufficiently then honourable ministers can receive earned bonuses. An example of what's wrong is the way SANDF top brass has misspent scarce funds on fancy cars & overseas trips when their own personnel don't have proper equipment. Same goes for municipalities along with a lack of competence: posts need educational/experience requirements. SMEs & small farmers need more assistance: it shouldn't cost much & benefits would be exponential. Raising taxes is not really feasible: people are already struggling. Mining used to bring in a lot of funds but policies & uncertainty keep getting in the way, causing a huge decline: talk to the industry & carry out their recommendations(that'll include firing a certain minister).	Alistair	self-employed
	2026-02-03 20:52:37	Fraudulent activities should be stopped and perpetrators should be held accountable. Poor performance should be managed. Municipalities should be taken to task and held accountable for poor planning and poor service delivery. Pensioners should not be taxed.	Lana	retired

	2026-02-03 20:52:35	1. SOEs and Eskom: Get rid of cadres, incompetent and corrupt staff, starting with the minister of Electricity who was responsible as mayor of Tshwane for trying to ensure that PEU consultants could bleed the city dry through massively corrupt prepaid meter contract 2. Goverment spending: Get rid of cadres, incompetent and corrupt staff, replace mismanagement with responsible effective management 3. Municipal finance failures: 90% of capex spending to be allocated to renewal of infrastructure that has long passed their end of useful life - without urgent renewals service failures will get much worse than it already is. Appoint responsible, honest, competent managers and staff. Stop the ANC corruption, theft, mismanagement 4. Tax burden: Get rid of cadres, incompetent and corrupt staff, demand consequences for failures, mismanagement, corruption etc. Ensure government start doing what it is supposed to, in stead of serving and feeding the ANC	Sarel	retired
	2026-02-03 20:51:24		Gerhard	
	2026-02-03 20:50:13	Stay within the budget. Don't enter into new loan agreements. Reduce the public service. Reduce the number of Ministries - whole state departments! Get rid of the blue light brigades. Change SOEs to PPPs. Put rules in place: no first class flights or 5-star accommodation; Reduce size of delegations accompanying ministers abroad; each Ministry to be allowed one visit abroad per year - if any. Introduce Zoom (or similar) meetings. Use locally built facilities to their fullest extent. DIRCO building in Pretoria is a prime example. Sell underutilized state-owned properties (the minister of International Relations to be given full power to dispose of properties abroad.) Pay debts. Use recovered assets to pay debts not to fund poor planning or corruption. The list continues...	Nicolette	retired
	2026-02-03 20:50:11	Stay within the budget. Don't enter into new loan agreements. Reduce the public service. Reduce the number of Ministries - whole state departments! Get rid of the blue light brigades. Change SOEs to PPPs. Put rules in place: no first class flights or 5-star accommodation; Reduce size of delegations accompanying ministers abroad; each Ministry to be allowed one visit abroad per year - if any. Introduce Zoom (or similar) meetings. Use locally built facilities to their fullest extent. DIRCO building in Pretoria is a prime example. Sell underutilized state-owned properties (the minister of International Relations to be given full power to dispose of properties abroad.) Pay debts. Use recovered assets to pay debts not to fund poor planning or corruption. The list continues...	Nicolette	retired
	2026-02-03 20:49:16		Marius	
	2026-02-03 20:49:14		Bruce	retired
	2026-02-03 20:48:49		Zelda	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:48:10		ashok	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:47:57		Willem	retired
	2026-02-03 20:47:46		Melinda	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:37:46		Patrick	retired
	2026-02-03 20:37:44		Patrick	retired
	2026-02-03 20:30:45		Robbie	retired
	2026-02-03 20:29:55	Once again...if the syndication and corrupt control of our key infrastructure is not dealt with, nothing will stand a chance of developing positively. Privatise as much as possible, the government is essentially inept at financial planning, budgeting and putting in place any sustainable initiatives. They must facilitate the private sector far more than ever, this government cannot grow this economy through destructive and anti-competitive practices!	Zane	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 20:29:48	Stop corruption, cadre deployment and have proper control over procurement. Reduce the size of government on all levels , local, provincial and national. Appoint skilled officials. Get corrupt politicians officials and police in yale to restore confidence in Government, SAPS and the justice system.	Jurgen	retired
	2026-02-03 20:29:47		Gaynor	retired
	2026-02-03 20:28:10	Cut Ministers back. Stop all deputy minister posts. Reduce massively bloated staff in government. Lifestyle audits to root out the rot. Bring in private sector experts to investigate spending and reduce costs. Take action against corruption.	Joe	
	2026-02-03 20:24:52		Andy	
	2026-02-03 20:24:29	Abolish BEE and STOP stealing.	Mario	business owner
	2026-02-03 20:17:16	There is not a political will to stop corruption. Hold people accountable. Basic accounting procedures. Don't spend what you don't have. Don't borrow just to make the money disappear into politicians pockets. Stop thev litist enrichment scheme. BBB	Mikkie	
	2026-02-03 20:16:04	Remove BEE and business will thrive increasing the tax base. Scale down bloated SOE's, cadre deployment must stop.	Andrew	
	2026-02-03 20:16:04		Anthony	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 20:16:00		Anthony	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 20:14:09	Stop social grants that should've ended with Covid. It's unsustainable. Give a grant for your first child and then stop.!!! You can't keep having children you cant feed. Give grants to disabled and elderly. In fact, make elderly grants more! . The Education System needs huge investment because without educating a nation you are doing the same as previous ruling parties by keeping the masses ignorant. Remove the Maths as a compulsory subject for matric and teach people skills!!! Stop lowering the academic levels needed and provide alternatives for our children. Make writing your driving licence compulsory in matric. How can a country prosper without grassroots? Stop the people breaking the law everyday. Taxis drive any way they like everyday!!! Fine people for littering! My heart breaks when I see how the ANC has destroyed our land. Get over the race issue and govern our country properly. We have had over 30 years of a democracy and you have let everything deteriorate. Fix our ports and fix yourselves! Encourage young men to join a properly run army instead of wondering the streets aimlessly to teach them some discipline needed in life to succeed. Thank you for asking us for suggestions but until you guys DO WHAT'S ETHICAL and HONEST our country is DYING with a few amazing people standing up for truth, honesty and accountability! Protect our farmers too. They provide the food we eat everyday! Protect our health workers so that our doctors don't leave our country! STOP the CORRUPTION which started this whole mess. Protect honest state witnesses. The list is endless ..... but we love South Africa and I wish you did too or you would NOT have allowed this to happen to our beloved land.	Charmaine	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:14:08	1. Ask for advice from people that have a trade mark of success in turning from nothing into a productive Business 2. Scrap BBEEE and all race based legislation, aim for merit over outdated race ideology. Watch how foreign investment comes in and employment grows! 3. Recover stolen funds from the biggest looters - jail them and try them for treason. 4. Cut the size of government, as well as the huge pay cheques ! Get rid of unnecessary portfolios. to Manny people working on one job! 5. Privatise all SOEs, and open the doors to healthy competition, which will keep prices reasonable and standards higher, as well as employ more people. 6. Phase out the grants system, and move financing to NGOs / churches / charities to assist the most vulnerable people ! 7. Build up the police to crack down on crime - businesses and investment and employment will flourish in a safe environment. 8. Get rid of all the corrupted municipalities inc the Mayor & Bord members that do not get their hands on the job them self, cut the luxury cars & housing allowances, a standard Budget car will get you safe from point A to B & Back they dont need a Luxury 4x4 SUV to drive then they can experience the real potholes in Life we all need to get in to every day.	Chris	retired
	2026-02-03 20:13:15		Lorraine	retired
	2026-02-03 20:12:12		Marco	retired
	2026-02-03 20:08:32	Government to be held responsible . For mismanagement of tax money	Glen	retired
	2026-02-03 20:08:25		Devarajan	
	2026-02-03 20:05:50	Stricter consequences for mismanagement of funds at all government levels, but especially at municipal level because that is where South Africans feel it the most.	Caroli	self-employed
	2026-02-03 20:04:43		Vaughn	
	2026-02-03 20:03:30	Raak ontslae van die anc! Verklein die regering met driekwart. Vergroot die provinsies weer na vier. Raak ontslae van al die geskorstes wat vakansie hou met volle betaling. En begin om die werk te doen. Raak ontslae van tenders en laat departemente mense aanstel wat die werk kan dien. Raak ontslae van al die onnodige toelaes kinders onder 21 en die ander vir mense wat nie wil werk nie. Skort werklose toelaas op na 6 maande. Raak ontslae van korrupsie en die diewe. So ook van wette wat werkgewers voorsê hoeveel om hul werkers te betaal en wie indiens geneem mag word. Gratis niks meer nie, slegs vir arm pensioenarisse. En dan, raak ontslae van al die onwettiges, laat hulle betaal vir medies en skool en geen toelaes. Stel gewalifiseerdes aan in al die departemente, vergeet van kaders sodat daar herstel kan plaasvind. Om die pos te beklee moet dit iemand wees met 'n finansieele agtergrond, sodat om die begroting op te stel logies kan wees en dat die persoon weet wat hy doen.	Anel	retired
	2026-02-03 20:03:21	First thing is to get rid of useless ministers who earn way too much for their doing, many of those in power need to be retired. Employ competent people who know how to sort out our broken infrastructure, stop employing friends, family etc. Focus on repairing & maintaining everything they have broken with competent, experienced people.	Trish	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:03:14		Hilton	retired
	2026-02-03 20:03:11		Leanne	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:02:18	Privatise all SOE's. Cut the parlement, they cost a lot of money and don't do anything to deserve such large salaries. Fire corrupt government officials. Fire incompetent and corrupt municipal workers. Get rid of BBBEE Appoint persons who can actually do the job.	Paula	self-employed
	2026-02-03 20:02:04		Ria	retired
	2026-02-03 20:01:45	1. Ask for advice from people such as Rob Hersov! 2. Scrap BBEEE and all race based legislation, aim for merit over outdated race ideology. Watch how foreign investment comes in and employment grows! 3. Recover stolen funds from the biggest looters - jail them and try them for treason. 4. Cut the size of government, as well as the huge paycheques ! Get rid of unnecessary portfolios. 5. Privatise all SOEs, and open the doors to healthy competition, which will keep prices reasonable and standards higher, as well as employ more people. 6. Phase out the grants system, and move financing to NGOs / churches / charities to assist the most vulnerable people. 7. Build up the police to crack down on crime - businesses and investment and employment will flourish in a safe environment.	AJ	retired
	2026-02-03 20:00:19	Stop the ficticious NHI, which a disaster. Get the right people in to make informed decisions on all aspects of the fiscus, not the useless ministers. Priority should be to curb ridiculous spending on ministers housing and other benefits.	ALLAN	retired

	2026-02-03 19:58:00	Stop borrowing money, and pay debts directly with the tax revenues	Sreve	retired
	2026-02-03 19:57:59	Stop borrowing money, and pay debts directly with the tax revenues	Sreve	retired
	2026-02-03 19:57:58	Stop borrowing money, and pay debts directly with the tax revenues	Sreve	retired
	2026-02-03 19:56:40	Ditch the NHI completely. Drastically reduce the number of state employees at all levels. Get rid of all deputy ministers and reduce the number of ministries. Employ Compitent People who are capable of doing the job.	Guy	retired
	2026-02-03 19:55:42	The government should make the cabinet way much smaller. The people of all the munsipalitys Is paid way too much as well, cause they can't help the public with stupid answers, and send the public around like headless chickens from this way to that way. They get big salaries and don't lift a finger to deserve that cause they are not trained for the work they do. Get rid of all the criminals in the cabinet and everyware, fix our infrastructure cause the money for that are in their bank accounts, and so is all the money for every thing that is not maintained. Train the police and make sure the can handle a firearm. Pay the teachers and the elderly more. And make a change for the better in the medical aid.	Helen	retired
	2026-02-03 19:54:27	Eradicate all the deadwood from all state entities. Get control over uneconomic spending. Do lifestyle audits on all CEO’s snd CFO’s of all the SOE’s, and stop stealing. Actually the stealing and plundering is why we are where we are.	Alfreda	retired
	2026-02-03 19:52:59	Reduce the top heavy structures in Parliament, Municipalities, Government departments, stop the “blue light brigades”, and extra security services Stop salary payments for members on suspension and recover bad debts from debtors	Phillip	retired
	2026-02-03 19:51:11	1. Treat Debt Like a National Emergency (Because It Is) Legally cap debt-service costs as a % of revenue. If breached, automatic spending cuts kick in (no parliamentary delays). Zero-based budgeting every 3–4 years for all departments — justify every rand from scratch. No new unfunded mandates (if Cabinet approves a policy, funding must be identified upfront). If households must budget this way, so must the state. 2. Fix SOEs by Shrinking the State’s Role — Not Managing Better Government is a bad operator but a decent regulator. Eskom: Government owns the grid only. Generation = competitive market (public + private). Distribution partly devolved to metros that can run it properly. Transnet: Infrastructure owner + regulator. Private operators run trains, ports, logistics end-to-end. Performance-linked contracts for executives — miss targets, you’re out. No golden handshakes. Ownership ≠ control. Regulation ≠ interference. 3. Municipal Reset (This Is Non-Negotiable) Municipal collapse is what will sink water, sanitation, and electricity. Automatic intervention trigger when: Debtors > 120 days Audit disclaimer 2 years in a row Eskom/Water Boards unpaid Regional utilities for water & electricity (remove small municipalities from running complex systems). Ring-fence revenue: electricity & water money cannot fund salaries or political projects. Professional city managers appointed nationally, not politically. You can’t decentralise incompetence. 4. Shift the Tax Burden Without Losing Revenue South Africans are tapped out — but the economy isn’t. Broaden the base, don’t raise rates: Aggressive action on the informal-but-profitable economy. Modern SARS data-matching (banks, deeds office, customs). Lower personal income tax at middle brackets to stimulate spending. Increase sin & luxury taxes (high-end vehicles, alcohol, gambling). Property-based local taxes in metros instead of service cross-subsidies. Growth fixes tax collection better than punishment. 5. Infrastructure: Crowd In Capital, Don’t Beg Treasury That R1 trillion water bill won’t come from the fiscus. National Infrastructure Bonds (inflation-linked, tax-efficient). User-pay models for bulk water & logistics. Standardised PPP templates — no more project-by-project chaos. Maintenance-first budgeting (every rand spent early saves 5 later). Investors don’t need guarantees — they need certainty. 6. One Hard Political Truth Nothing changes unless: Cadre deployment ends Corruption prosecutions accelerate Failure has consequences Markets forgive bad luck. They never forgive bad governance.	Bette Louwrens	retired employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:50:58	Resign from the WEF and the WHO. Stop borrowing money. Abolish BBBEE - BBBEE tenderpreneurship is costing tax payers billions and that wasteful expenditure could go towards paying off debt. Abolishing BBBEE will encourage more investment into business startups. Cut the bloated government - another major cost saving. Reduce government salaries in line with the private sector. Stop government employee perks like fancy cars, blue light brigades, tax payer funded private security. Abolish the scam "green energy" initiative and focus on fixing existing infrastructure. Stop wasting taxpayer money on endless commissions that serve no purpose, and rather jail the corrupt cadres, including Ramaphosa. Stop bailing out NGO's with taxpayer money - if they can't run profitable businesses, shut them down. Time for government to start focusing on cost cutting instead of constantly finding new ways to penalise the slaves ie the taxpayers that keep you in your cushy government positions. Put an end to monopolisation of our food sources because your slaves ie taxpayers can't work on an empty stomach.	Kim	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 19:48:33	lizane		self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:47:49	The health sector has been sadly neglected and for me is a priority. However water and electricty are equally important as is reducing massive Government debt. My view is that staff complements in govenment need to be reduced BUT with sufficient staff to comfortably do the job - to reduce government spending. I would like to see the end of governments tenders - and rather the employment of permanent staff to undertake road, water infrastructure, electricity tasks, maintenance of parks etc as I see tenders as a potential source of corruption. I would not wish to see tax rates for individuals increase because I believe we have one of the highest tax rates in the world but with limited benefits. More importantly - employment opportunites need to be expanded - so that more taxes can can cover the needs of the country and boost the economy.	Sandra	retired
	2026-02-03 19:45:36	Lionel		retired
	2026-02-03 19:43:54	Our government needs to understand that they cannot do this alone. They need to start listening to people who actually run successful businesses and realise that some of their ideology will just continue to make SA poorer. Make the policy changes that will benefit investment and make SA more attractive. If the economy improves there will be more money in the budget and everybody will benefit especially the poor.	Claire	retired
	2026-02-03 19:42:52	It all hinges around cutting the size of Gov cabinet and reducing Gov spending. No Gov official should receive any increase or bonus or any other perk until their department and relatedresponsibilities are met. We reward failure and corruption and the people are tired of having to cover for Gov incompetence.	Mike	retired
	2026-02-03 19:39:32	Mel		
	2026-02-03 19:33:22	Anni		retired
	2026-02-03 19:32:17	The Government should drastically decrease the size of the cabinet. Drastically cut state employee salaries as it is way above the private sector salaries. Increase the salaries of teachers. Spend more on selection and training of Police officers. Drastically cut corporate and personal tax. Cut state subsidies to SOE's. Hold state employees responsible for fruitles and wasteful and unauthorized expenditure. Recover such monies from them. Unfortunately the Material Irregularity process of the Auditor General is ineffective. No more borrowing of money by the government. Pay off debt and decrease the tax burden on companies and individuals. By doing this the government will increase its tax base and earn more income to pay of the national debt.	Marius	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:31:25	hilton		retired
	2026-02-03 19:29:09	Stop corruption and most of the issues will be 1000000000% better.	Steve	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:28:58	Luisa		self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:27:05	The only thing government can do is to waste money, not to spend it wisely.	Siegfried	
	2026-02-03 19:26:50	Cut the Salaries of Govt Employees , Ministers , & everyone one connected to the Govt payroll & STOP the purchase of expensive vehicles for Ministers .This will help the Country & the Citizens prosper	Daleepnand	retired
	2026-02-03 19:26:10	Government needs to stop corruption and rather privitise SOE so they are accountable for profits instead of relying on tax	Rennie	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:25:49	NT should be more assertive and more punitive of municipalities that do not deliver on their mandate. Govt is seriously treading a thin line with taxpayers who are paying way too much tax for not much benefit. Tax brackets must receive a higher than inflation increase.	Sameer	employed individual

	2026-02-03 19:25:49	1. Cut ministerial posts by half. 2. Cut ministerial payt increases: Since they earn R1000000 plus each I am sure that the increase of R100000 per month is not justified. 3. State Owned Entities must be privatised so that these loss makers can turn into profitable entities. 4. Muncipal Budgets: The people who get elected continue to pilfer the coffers and the money meant for service delivery never gets used for what it was meant for. Corruption is rife in the municipalities because they will raise tenders for items but then the tender process is not dealt with properly. Family of muncipal workers get the tenders and then dissapear without completing the work. Processes are long and are full of ineffeciencies. 5. Water and Energy investments: Money allocated for maintenance is not used for maintenance.	Ursula	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:25:43	- Privatize SOE. (ESKOM, TRANSNET, etc.) - Implement efficiency measures within government, reduce headcount. The government is the biggest in the world. - Hold municipalities accountable for wasteful spending, not using allocated funds to develop infrastructure & housing in metro and cities. - control our borders and deport illegal immigrants, it will create more job opportunities for sa citizens. - Stop importing goods, support local industries to manufacture goods, ceating more employment which wil, brin in additional revenue.	Johannes	
	2026-02-03 19:23:43		Deon	retired
	2026-02-03 19:23:42		Deon	retired
	2026-02-03 19:22:30		Adelaide	retired
	2026-02-03 19:22:23	Get rid of BEE - this has failed dismally. Privatize all SOE's. Stop corruption / theft and put those responsible in jail.	Kim	retired
	2026-02-03 19:20:45	The system has to change to reduce corruption incentives. Privatisation of SOE's. Increase the tax base by recognising the informal economy. Extend zero rated staples. Pursue policies that allow private enterprise to flourish (without quota systems) to increase employment and foreign investment. Reduce government employees dramatically.	Alex	business owner
	2026-02-03 19:20:32	The Govt should stop unnecessary excessive spending. They should review how to build this country and create jobs than encourage handouts. Jobs give people dignity and responsibilties. The people that are responsible for theft should be dealt with like all criminals and be made to pay back all the stolen funds.	Farhana	retired
	2026-02-03 19:17:29	Get rid of the ANC Get rid of deputy ministers Get rid of SoE's by privatising them Get rid BEE Get rid of social grants Get 90% of all new grade 1's to finish gr 12 Stop spendings billions on travel and stop taking your extended family with Actually spend, not steal, budgets for what they are meant for. Stop overtime payment, during weekends, for municipal workers who do nothing during the work week Can't fix potholes, how will you fix water - privatise!	D	
	2026-02-03 19:16:29	The Gov is blind for it's own corruption and reckless spending on EVERY level. Adjusting finances, starting on your own doorstep, will already make a huge difference.	Elsabe	
	2026-02-03 19:14:20	Privatize all SOE's .	Sonja	business owner
	2026-02-03 19:13:53	STOP CORRUPTION and blatant THEFT ... and see just how much money you really have to work with. RECOVER the money from the thieves - confiscate and sell their assets .... Use these funds on collapsed infrastructure	Marge	retired
	2026-02-03 19:13:41		Neels	retired
	2026-02-03 19:13:04	Stabilising the economy is paramount and removing the ridiculous red tape to start a business and continue doing business. Remove the deputy ministers, drastically reduce ublic sector perks and salaries. Provide the NPA with a large budget to properly tackle corruption.	Warrick	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:11:36		Graeme	retired
	2026-02-03 19:07:59	Stop corruption in all sectors of SA and get the economy going so that jobs can be created and crime will also be curbed if people earn proper salaries.	Mariette	retired
	2026-02-03 19:07:53		Moira	retired
	2026-02-03 19:06:14	1. Remove equity employment and employ the most skilled person for positions at state enterprises. 2. Less ministers and deputy ministers as well as downgrading and or removing security details. 3. Deregulate industries to promote growth and investment. 4. Focus financial audits on government personnel and institutions as well as actually following up with immediate investigation, enforcement and criminal prosecution when discrepancies arise.	Ivann	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:04:12		Francie	retired
	2026-02-03 19:03:05	The government can cut their own spending, as was proven , some ministers spent absorbent amount of finance that might have been approved, but was totally ineffectual and more of a joy ride, taking a huge enterage of deputies and secretaries along, this wasteful spending is just one example. Increases for government is far higher than the public increase, and as noted a small country like South Africa has a larger membership than much larger countries, we don't need over 450 members of parliament who can't even stay awake during a parliamentary sitting also the fraud and corruption even by ministers is atrocious, but goes on unchecked there are many ways to cut government spending but the president and members serve themselves before the people of South Africa.	Ken	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 19:02:29		Fanie	retired
	2026-02-03 19:00:07		Lois	
	2026-02-03 18:59:42	Every time they create a new idea and it turns into deeper debt without first resolve to those existing actual solutions first.	João Paulo	
	2026-02-03 18:59:35		Deon	
	2026-02-03 18:59:00		Janice	
	2026-02-03 18:58:21		Jared	
	2026-02-03 18:37:44	The government of South Africa is out of control. Reduce the bloated state wage bill. Reduce the cabinet wage. Put BEE in the grave where it belongs and release the strangle on the economy. Scrap HNI	J	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:15:04		Marlene	retired
	2026-02-04 09:13:58	On growing the economy - there seems little economic growth as a result of the grants. If the grants stimulated the economy that it should be booming, but it isn't. Government must consider attaching some economic upside to the grants, for example, people only get grants when they are enrolled in an infrastructure development programmme like cleaning up our cities, removing alien vegetation etc. Do everything that enhances or encourages economic growth. Stop with BBBEE - it is not working. Stop antagonizing our trading partners - only the government elite in the ANC get a thrill out of it, while we all get poorer. Stop interfering, get out of the way so that we can get on with building businesses and employing people. Your job as government is to enable growth through making sure that we have working infrastructure, that is regularly maintained. For the rest - get out of the way! On government spending - cut salaries of all cabinet and government officials and employees until we see improved productivity. We are tired of seeing how lazy and incompetent the government officials are in sorting out problems for the community. We have to beg staff to just do their job! SOE - stop wasting money on SOE. Let the private sector take them over so that they can be productive and run like a business. It is only with a business mindset that incompetence, corruption and laziness can be sorted out. None of these things are tolerated in a business. Energy and water - please spend enough NOW on sorting out water. If water goes like the energy / Eskom fiasco, then there WILL BE NO economy to speak of. If water in SA collapses, then every citizen of this country will know that the ANC government is more than USELESS. Surely, lessons have been learnt from the energy crisis. If you can't learn from your mistakes, then you are NO good to anyone! Debt - we have to reduce our debt and thereby decrease our interest payments. There is so much MORE that we could do with R439 billion instead of throwing it away on interest repayments. Municipal finances - please get RID of corrupt and useless municipal mayors and staff. We can see that every town and village is falling apart due to INCOMPETENCY. This is where the "takkie hits the tar". We, the citizens of this country, experience our government at the local municipal level. I can tell you that the experience is nothing short of HORRENDOUS. Please fix the basics at local level - roads, litter, water, energy. This is your JOB - and you are doing a TERRIBLE JOB. Other - we are sick of ideologies. We want the basics from our government. Surely, this is not too much to ask!!	Andrew	retired
	2026-02-04 09:13:19		Nikki	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:13:12	Municipalities simply don't work. They are a haven for sheltered employment. Remove this workforce and replace it with a streamlined body that has high productivity and delivers. Put managers in place that are driven. Scrap BBBEE now. It has strangled our economy only benefiting the ANC and its elite. Reduce the number of MP's and deputies. Re-look at their benefits i.e. business class flights. Do proper lifestyle audits with full transparency to the public. Dis-allow overspending of any nature. Remove the idiots in parliament that make it the circus it is. We are a laughing stock!	Mark	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:12:45	All of this need to start right at the bottom on each and every level - If u want to spend R10 u need to earn R15 + - discipline and consistency.	John	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:12:44	The Minister needs to understand that tax payers are already tired of carrying the whole load on their shoulders. SOEs that are underperforming should be subject to disciplinary actions not rewarded with bonuses.	pamela	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:11:32	No economy will grow as long as ideology rules over sound economic principles. This is visible in Russia, China, many Islamic countries, and many African countries. There is no short cut to economic upliftment apart from strong leadership based on sound principles. Educating our young people rather than making them dependent on government grants is the way forward. The current strategy is not only stupid, but insulting to the next generation.	Jokkie	retired
	2026-02-04 09:11:15		Cliff	retired

	2026-02-04 09:11:14	The people in charge of every entity on which monies are allocated must be personally held responsible to provide absolute clarity on what every Rand is allocated for and spent on. They should have the power and responsibility of identifying corruption and having the corrupt individuals brought to account. There is no point calculating fancy budgets when those using the money are not personally accountable. The size of government departments and the spend on lavish lunches and transport for all appointed government employees must be reduced by at least a third. The budget is only the first step of the Finance Minister's job. Let him take accountability for overall insight into the spending of the budget. If need be have assistance under his management made up of qualified people with integrity who must oversee what each minister is actually spending money on. Ensure each government department submits audited financials that are checked for irregularities. Have a team who can identify fraud and corruption that can be called on if such is suspected. All of the fancy plans and budget are a complete waste of time and effort when government departments are not accountable for spending the money as planned. Minister can ask as many people as he likes for suggestions but until the waste and rot is identified and accountability is ensured the plans of mice and men come to naught.	Therese	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:10:30	Start with hiring competent and qualified persons to serve government and municipalities, not cadres or exclusively BEE positions which undermine the entire process. Then engage in lifestyle audits of all government and municipal staff as corruption is so deep rooted - it needs to end. Impose severe and swift criminal sanctions on all found to be corrupt to serve as a deterrent for those considering corrupt activities. Don't hire unless imperative, as government is already substantially overstaffed. The above initiatives will restore efficiency, accountability and reduce expenditure, or at the very least re-direct expenditure to serve the country as opposed to a select few. Accept that it is the private sector that creates jobs, not government, so enable private partnerships and capitalize on the experience of proven business models with proven results - lose the red tape for emerging businesses and promote all, not only the select BEE businesses. Despite its once good intentions, BEE in its current form is a failed initiative which has served only a few over a 30-year period - it's time for Government to scrap failed policies.	Dorian	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:09:59	STOP WAISTING MONEY - APPOINT COMPETENT PEOPLE- STOP STEALING	NICOLENE	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:09:45	Forget BEE get retired experts to train present incumbents or new entrants. Reduce size of Goverment bodies from top to local. Reduce the Generals in all departments. Reduce the security guards at all levels. Reduce provinces to 3 ie Cape province Gauteng and Kwazulu Natal. Will reduce all the duplications. Do above and we will be free of interest payments. Most large private companies re engineer structures why not Goverment. I would love to be a consultant to implement above.	Adriaan	retired
	2026-02-04 09:09:07	1. Privatize state own entities. 2. To many Government workers earning big salaries. They must work and get paid on a performance base system. No performance no increase. Like in the private sector. 3 . Do away with these extremely fancy cars the people in Parliament drive unless they pay for it themselves. These fancy cars also cost Gov more to maintain.	Marus	retired
	2026-02-04 09:08:46	1. CUT the President, Ministers and all Government salaries, bad governance and poor service delivery should not be rewarded. 2. Reduce the bloated cabinet and municipalities. 3. Tackle wasteful and un-necessary expenditure in all government departments and SOEs. 4. SARS should tax the TAXI INDUSTRY and go after all illegal traders that do not contribute to the fiscus. 5. Scrap BEE - spend more on creating jobs & growing the economy, which will result in an increase in the tax base 6. Put qualified people into government jobs 7. Privatise SOE's 8. Bring all those ministers who have been found guilty of theft or who have been implicated, to justice . Get rid of the rot! 9. Fix the current infrastructure like dams, electricity, hospitals, rail system, porta and roads instead of wanting to build more! 10. Lifestyle audits should be done on all government officials and employees. 11. Revise all tax brackets especially tax on retirement -employees who retire shouldn't have to pay such high tax as they have have made provision for their retirement, yet they are basically being penalised for this by paying so much tax!	Sharon	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:07:31		Lawrence	retired
	2026-02-04 09:06:54	THE GOVERNMENT MUST CURTAIL WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE AND INVEST MORE MONEY ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY SHOULD PUNISH THOSE THAT ARE STEALING FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND RECOVER ALL STOLEN FUNDS. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INVEST MORE MONEY TO SECURE OUR BORDERS AND DEPORT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND DISMISS ALL PERSONNEL WHO ARE COLLECTING BRIBES AT OUR BORDERS. INVEST MORE MONEY INTO THE SAPS AND TRAIN MORE DETECTIVES.	JAKES	retired
	2026-02-04 09:05:56		Fred	
	2026-02-04 09:05:42	There are too many cabinet ministers and deputies and most of them are ineffective.	Leon	retired
	2026-02-04 09:05:25	Areas were tax money goes down the drain Ghost workers Stop paying state employees under investigation or discipline. The said discipline process can take years to wrap up with the employee sitting at home still getting a salary. Cut that out. Cut the fat.Blue light and security for the President and duty only This should be done during the opening of Parliament not everyday. All others with a the image of I am an important. Cut that security completely . The homestead in Pretoria (Rock Star alley) sell that off. The politicians can buy their own houses.	STEVE	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:05:16		Kamrudien	retired
	2026-02-04 09:03:48		anton	retired
	2026-02-04 09:03:42		Gert	retired
	2026-02-04 09:03:32		Arno	
	2026-02-04 09:03:27	All of the issues in government relates back to money issues involving all of its departments. We cannot even pay back a fraction of the interest on money borrowed from China, Iran, etc. As long as there are money being stolen and mismanagement of money, there never will be a sustainable budget ever. The so called “budget” will become like an open sore with some apparent healing on top but the underlying tissues and nerves rotting away! As long as money are being stolen and money being mismanaged there will not be healing of that sore!	Rachel	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:02:51	Scrap BEE laws, reduce number of people employed by government, assist private enterprise in investing in infrastructure, reduce taxes, reduce government grants	DARYL	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:02:49	Cut ministers salaries and benefits. Get rid of your private security that you spend billions on. What are you scared of? Only somebody that's got something to hide have security like the ministers. Privatise the bankrupt soe's. You have destroyed everything that was built up by the previous government so you obviously do not know how to run a business. You don't need deputy ministers. Are you too lazy and incompetent to do the job yourself. Act on the Zondo report that you spent billions on. Revamp and restructure the police. There are many policemen that you got rid of that can do the job. BEE is killing possible private investment. Your pals and cronies have all got jobs now after 30 years of rule. The American tsunami is coming. You will all drown if you don't learn to swim quickly	Johan	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:02:10	We need honest God fearing leaders or else the system will collapse. Do not steal Be honest Respect the people	Pierre	retired
	2026-02-04 09:01:55	The totally wrong ideas of the goverment make our country a third world country!So all of the concerns are goverment made-so all are important to be urgently addressed!!!	Theuns	
	2026-02-04 08:59:48		richard	retired
	2026-02-04 08:59:24	Please increase the price of alcohol like in the first world countries	Lindile	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:59:22	Please increase the price of alcohol like in the first world countries	Lindile	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:58:34		Susan	
	2026-02-04 08:58:26		Wilhelm	retired
	2026-02-04 08:57:19		Michael	retired
	2026-02-04 08:57:09	Recover stolen money from state capture. Put workable maintenance plans in place with competent advisors and engineers for electricity and water. Stop borrowing money. Improve the economy with solid financial advice from reputable and knowledgeable professionals. Cut salaries of government workers and ministers and minimise bonuses. Combat fraud and corruption. Jail the guilty. Put competent people in charge of all departments of government. Put proper training in place everywhere. Give knowledgeable people jobs that are now in the hands of the incompetent. Cut out the rot.	Marilynne	retired
	2026-02-04 08:56:14		Philippa	retired
	2026-02-04 08:54:30		Armand	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 08:54:01		MORAIG Daphne	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:54:00	- Cut back the number of ministers and their associated costs. We have more ministers and deputy ministers than the US! Reducing cabinet will reduce costs and improve efficiency. We don't need ministers of ministers! - Involve private enterprise in SOE's. That will reduce government expenses and improve efficiencies. - Hold municipalities and ministers accountable for expenses. - Introduce rigorous audits to make sure municipal and government budgets are adhered to, and that funds end up in the right hands, and that competent providers and suppliers are contracted with. That will ensure the right price is paid and that contracts are not redone due to incompetence. - Collect outstanding municipal debt that is owed to ESKOM. - Increase import duty of Chinese and Indian cars and platforms like Temu and Shein. That will increase revenue, protect our local industry and save jobs.	Marius	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:53:41	Firstly the most important matter to address is the excessively high salaries of the Miniters, Mayors and Municipal managers. These need to come down and be more realistic. They also need to pay for cars, houses, lights and water. The subsidies need to be drastically reduced. Secondly what does the excess pay for. We don't see improvements in infrastructure, repairs and maintenance. Finally why does the Finance Minister allow this over expenditure	Verna	
	2026-02-04 08:53:12	1 Cutting the fat in an overburdened sized Parliament. Integrate Departments and dissolve deputy ministers unless the size of the portfolio warrants it. 2 Dissolve ineffective municipalities and integrate with more effective ones. 3 Cut the bloated Government employment landscape and get rid of those employees particularly those that have corruption levelled at them. 4 Put some of the corrupt big fish in orange overalls to send a message that corruption has consequences.	Harris	retired

	2026-02-04 08:51:29	State owned enterprises MUST be privatised - only way forward but on condition that BEE is removed to enable the private enterprise employing the best suited in all positions. It can be done on a review basis - if private enterprise show no improvement after 5 year term it needs to be sold to another private company. Stabilising finances - first priority cut the size of government which has repeatedly been shown as over inflated - use that saving to pump back into paying off debt Infrastructure - use prisoners to build/fix roads, renew water and sewer infrastructures, build schools, hospitals, clinics etc. Give communities credit on their electricity, water, rates if they maintain the cleanliness of their neighbourhoods - not difficult to monitor. However EVERYONE to pay rates, water and electricity and sewer which you can levy on their DSTV/Vodacom/MTN/Cell C accounts - if not paid the cellphone and DSTv gets disconnected and they get blacklisted to enforce payment and allow them access to these services until paid/credited Employ the youth at basic salaries to assist in renewing infrastructure - they can plan and manage prisoners with the assistance of prison management. South Africans are overtaxed - arrest and claim back all the stolen money by government employees and their connections as well as all other criminals - BUT fix the justice department and police force FIRST otherwise aforesaid will not be achieved. Billions will go back into the South Africa's budget. Again get rid of BEE so that the best can be employed. Criminals must be blacklisted on a central site which can be accessed by all. BUT justice and police system to be fixed. In that way, huge disincentive to be a criminal - no good employment positions - they can also be used to repair infrastructure. Municipal finances can only be fixed if the criminals can be arrested, money claimed back assets claimed back and BEE taken out - employ the best and reduce number of people required - Savings on payroll, rentals and all cost of maintaining the municipality. Internal audits to be affective, accountability must be enforced through the justice system FAST and EFFECTIVE. Repair relationship with America - SA needs them far more than Russia, Iran, and other communist countries that we bend over backwards to remain friends with due to ideology and not due to what they financially mean for South Africa and its citizens. However, that can only be achieved if government is focussed on delivering the best for its citizens regardless of ideology of being politically right or left aligned.	Tana	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:51:24	It feels like an insult to ask South Africans for "suggestions" on how to spend tax money when this government has spent the last 30 years proving it has no intention of being a responsible steward of the fiscus. For three decades, they have treated infrastructure investment as an afterthought, and the results are catastrophic: a broken rail network, a collapsing power grid, collapsing water infrastructure, and an economy that cannot grow because the literal foundation is rotting. The root cause of our massive deficit isn't a lack of ideas—it is the gross incompetence, systemic maladministration, and blatant looting that the Auditor General confirms year after year. This is the same as asking South Africans for suggestions on where to open the next door for corruption. Pumping more taxpayer billions into State-Owned Entities (SOEs) without purging the rot from the inside is an act of economic sabotage that encourages criminals to keep stealing. In the private sector, you deliver or you are fired. In this government, you fail, you loot, and you get a bigger budget. There is Zero Accountability every official should be on a performance contract with real, legal consequences for wasteful expenditure and not another cent should go to SOEs until they are cleared of the proxies and parasites currently bleeding them dry. While they have wasted billions on bailouts, our Healthcare and Education systems are on life support. These are non-negotiable rights, yet they are starved because the state would rather fund its own dysfunction. They should have started by investing in the hard infrastructure that actually drives growth, and stop pretending to care about the economy. The current model is a parasitic failure. We don't have a "spending" problem; we have a leadership and theft problem. asking us how to spend the money is not the solution if they don't start by holding their own people accountable for the billions they have already flushed away.	Nolan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:51:18	Maybe start to get rid of all the deputy ministers and there body guards. Why do ministers get such huge salaries. They basically get everything for free. Reduce the 400 to 500 so called generals in the SANDF and SAP. Look at Combining certain port folios. Increase Pensioners pension/grants. Remove all these grants that gets paid out. Especially the child grant... Maybe they will stop breeding. Relook at the fuel levy. Start putting more tariffs on imported cars... Paper cardboard {could have prevented mpact from closing. The cigarette trade...start closing and prosecuting the illigal cigarette trade. Government is loosing a lot of revenue there. Be more strict on Financial Governance in SOE's.	Courtney	retired
	2026-02-04 08:50:55	Firstly and foremost there should be a zero tolerance implementation for government corruption for any other measures to succeed. To stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet, accelerate private-sector participation through expanded IPPs, freight concessions, and joint ventures to cut reliance on bailouts; enforce stricter governance, performance-linked pay, independent boards, and milestone-tied support instead of unconditional funding. For government spending cuts, target administrative overhead by freezing non-essential hiring, consolidating agencies, digitising procurement, auditing and phasing out low-impact programs/grants, while capping SOE bailouts and protecting core social spending. Fix municipal failures by enforcing accountability (e.g., withholding grants for non-compliance), mandating professional billing/debt recovery systems, and providing conditional grants tied to performance improvements or PPPs for water infrastructure to tackle the R1 trillion backlog. On household tax burden, automatically index brackets/rebates to inflation to counter fiscal drag; expand VAT zero-rating on essentials; and broaden the revenue base via better evasion enforcement and loophole closures rather than rate hikes, prioritising sustainable growth to ease long-term pressure.	Leon	
	2026-02-04 08:50:43	Pay attention to elder care. Stop increasing government officials salaries so much and curb government spending on celebrations and stop wasting money on name changes.	Maria	retired
	2026-02-04 08:50:38	Reduce personal income and corporate tax. This will provide more cash to be spent by individuals to employ more people and spend within the economy. The private sector is the biggest driver of employments. Cut government spending. Start with government salaries for MP's and parament. They are public servants, not there for the money. Reduce tax, reduce VAT. It will boost spending a lot. Cut grants. If taxes are reduced, more business will be created and more people will spend. This will allow employment. Cut municipal finance. Only pay them on performance and service delivery. Review all there salaries. Remove BEE. Improve the farming sector.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:50:16		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:50:01	We need to halve the government personnel. Too many hangers-on. Stop money being stolen and SOE's being defrauded. Spend the money on education by fixing schools to start with. Fix the police corruption and appoint more to the judiciary and get moving with cases involving high profile businessmen and politicians. This could help a bit.	Ed	
	2026-02-04 08:49:15		Neil	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:48:50	We really need to privatise most of the government run entities. Everything is crumbling and we must buy water and make provision when there is no power. You need an off-road vehicle to navigate the potholes. Half the robots don't function and even OUTsurance points man are lolling on the side of the road while the traffic piles up. Yet our rates and taxes increase yearly whilst the services crumble. Now the refuse employees are on strike, but you must still pay for non-services.	Daryl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:48:36	Reduce the number of ministers and deputies. They do not add value, but cost a lot of money along with all the salaries, housing, cars, security and other benefits. Do not put people on paid suspension, it is giving the message that you can do whatever you want and still get paid. Reduce the money spent on parties and functions. They are hugely overpriced and basically tells the public that their hard earned taxes are just wasted on the government's pleasure. Do away with the blue light brigades. The cost of all the police escorts and disruption to the traffic is huge. Privatise as many organisations as possible so they can become competitive. SOE's have no incentive to be competitive and add value, as they get money anyway. Stop overtaxing the same, dwindling few taxpayers and increase revenues by focus on broadening the number of taxpayers eg taxation of taxi industry, Spaza industry and illicit cigarette industry, all of which generate enormous volumes of wealth. Focus on Business Process Re-engineering of govt depts and SOE's to streamline organisational structures and trim bloated civil service to affordable streamlined posts. Raise "Super tax" margin on the mega rich.	Nic	
	2026-02-04 08:48:16	South Africa’s collapsing infrastructure is increasingly eroding jobs, business opportunities, and investor confidence, with particularly severe consequences for tourism—one of the country’s largest and most labour-intensive industries. Chronic electricity shortages, failing water and sanitation systems, deteriorating road networks, disrupt supply chains, and force many small and medium enterprises to scale down or close altogether. Tourism operators are especially hard hit: water availability affect accommodation and restaurants, unsafe roads and failing public services deter both local and international travellers, and inefficiencies at airports, and municipal level undermine the country’s reputation as a reliable destination. As visitor numbers decline, so too do jobs in hospitality, transport, guiding, arts, and conservation, creating a ripple effect across local economies that depend heavily on tourism spend. The ongoing infrastructure crisis not only constrains economic growth but actively reverses development gains, pushing skilled workers and entrepreneurs to seek opportunities elsewhere and deepening inequality at home. I live in Knysna and am experience the affects of incompetence in managing infrastructure and money grabbing municipal officials first hand.	Lizelle	
	2026-02-04 08:48:08	Get rid of BBBEE and all other race based laws. Everything that works against the well-being of the people also works against the economy no matter how much money is thrown into it. People with no common sense in government have ruined this country by deliberately bringing in unjust laws. New laws are made faster than the public can even grasp what's going on. Things that cost millions of rands yet has no impact on serving the people, things such as changing the names of cities. Then there are also the ways that SARS is allowed to do whatever they please . Instead of making it a priority of going after the taxi industry, they would rather pick on people who are struggling to even make ends meet today. It would be interesting if an economist could do a survey to assess how much money the taxi industry makes for one day only, based on an individual taxi for one day's work only. What about the taxis doing distant routes across provinces. SARS must not be allowed to bully people anymore as the people just can't afford to be sucked like this, and what about businesses that are struggling to survive and where will they even get the money to upgrade their systems with new equipment just to accommodate AI which is totally unnecessary. Too much for small businesses and many more will close. Government must also stop the use of AI in the workplace as it will reduce the amount of people in the workforce. How will the people then find jobs. AI stops people from thinking for themselves and finding workable solutions with real people in a real and harsh world of reality. Stop raising tax, get rid of bbbee and all other unjust laws against the people, get rid of people with no common sense sitting in positions of decision making and law making in government, get rid of the amount of people in government as the evidence is showing that this amount of people in government has and had no impact over the past 32 yrs in making the country a better, safer,cleaner and healthier place for all citizens. What exactly did each one do, that's besides the ones that's always in the news. Direct that money towards the defence force, education, health, the elderly and poor.	Daley	retired
	2026-02-04 08:47:38	So much money is getting spent due to corruption. This problem must be weeded out urgently, across all government departments.	Cornelia	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:47:05	Reduce the number of ministers, town council officials and reduce all of their benefits. Non performers need to be ousted. Privatise the state enterprises. Support businesses to curb job losses. Stop unnecessary spending on government parties.	Thomas	unemployed individual

	2026-02-04 08:46:03	The burden on the individual household is overwhelming, while government officials line their pockets and municipal and government officers waste resources instead of using them for the benefit of the taxpayers.	Michelle	
	2026-02-04 08:45:55	Cutting wasteful and unnecessary expenditure at government level, i.e. benefits, security details, etc for ministers and deputy ministers should be reviewed/reconsidered. In addition, government departments/ municipalities should not be allowed to suspend personnel on fully paid leave for months/ years without resolution. Processes should be in place to resolve issues within a maximum of 90 days, and then the party/ies involved should be re-instated or their employment be terminated. Aggrieved parties can use the CCMA and/or Labour court if they are not happy with the outcome. State-Owned entities should be made to compete with private providers so that they are forced to improve their effectiveness and affordability. Private providers should be allowed into the energy and water markets. Taxes on middle income individuals and small businesses should be reduced, and taxes on high income earners and big businesses should be increased. High income earners and big businesses that try to avoid paying tax should be vigorously pursued by SARS. Finally, a more proactive and aggressive stance should be taken on corruption in every organ of State.	Lynthea	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:45:14		isak	retired
	2026-02-04 08:44:43	1. CUT the President, Ministers and all Government salaries, bad governance and poor service delivery should not be rewarded. 2. Reduce the bloated cabinet. 3. Tackle wasteful and un-necessary expenditure in all government departments and SOEs. 4. SARS should tax the TAXI INDUSTRY and go after all illegal traders that does not contribute to the fiscus. 5. Spend more on creating jobs & growing the economy, which will result in an increase in the tax base	Shireen	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:44:17	Make the Bloated Government Departments Less	George	retired
	2026-02-04 08:44:11	All politicians should be audited and must payback if the are involved in corruption and other crimes,the law applies to all . Eskom should be sold or run as a private co not govt entity	faheema	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:43:55		Trewin	
	2026-02-04 08:43:53	Stop overtaxing the same, dwindling few taxpayers and increase revenues by focus on broadening the number of taxpayers eg taxation of taxi industry, Spaza industry and illicit cigarette industry, all of which generate enormous volumes of wealth. Focus on Business Process Re-engineering of govt depts and SOE's to streamline organisational structures and trim bloated civil service to affordable streamlined posts. Raise "Super tax" margin on the mega rich.	Andrew	retired
	2026-02-04 08:43:31		Anton	retired
	2026-02-04 08:42:01		Cebisa	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:41:41	In general our money should be spent on ensuring a healthy infrastructure to support the economy and education. Stop the over paid SASSA benefits for a number of people whom should and could work. These people would have work if the illegal immigrants were all repatriated and border control worked as it should. Government is not a profit business, they are there as a public service to ensure we get the services we have a right to. Well managed and operating Home Affairs, Licensing offices, Law enforcement (Police and traffic). So stop paying incompetent people to sit or sleep in offices, as one has found when visiting public services venues, specifically referring to GMM in Mpumalanga. 1. How to stabilize SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Employ qualified and capable and willing people, and stop bailing these out and in the case of ESKOM, stop allowing NERSA to dictate and introduce excessive increases. 2. Where to cut government spending: Just go through the institutions and see how many lazy loafers you have in employment. Cut the numbers and stop paying bonusses as government is a Public service and not a profit center. Our money should be spent on items such as infrastructure to carry the economy and education. Stop accommodating illegal immigrants from neighbouring Africa countries. They cost the tax payer an arm and a leg. Repatriate them at cost to their own countries. 3. How to fix municipal finance failures: Get serious with non conforming municipalities and stop protecting ANC driven poor managed municipalities. The experience one has dealing with any municipal office and e.g. license renewal offices is that they are not productivity driven, but think they are doing you a favour. Fire the useless and appoint competent, able and wiling people. Start enforcing fines against municipalities whom do not ensure their users pay their accounts and that their service suppliers are paid. 4. What to do about the tax burden on households: Just that only a small percentage of the population and formal businesses carry the brunt of the income tax. So many "informal" businesses make more profit than formal businesses, but yet they are not seeked out and registered and forced to pay tax. The taxi business is maybe the major benefactor/culprit in this case. You can increase taxes drastically on alcohol for all I care, maybe we keep death off our roads. 5. Stop killing our own manufacturing businesses in allowing cheap imports from the likes of China and others.	Des	
	2026-02-04 08:41:07	He must adjust the TAX tables and is now going for 5 years without an adjustment. The taxpayer can not continue paying tax at the current tax tables; with the current tables, 50% of any increase in salary or pension goes to tax. With increases in all other expenses, you end up with your take-home salary is less than your increase	Carel	retired
	2026-02-04 08:40:14		Graham	
	2026-02-04 08:40:00		Coenraad	retired
	2026-02-04 08:39:54	The problem is easy to solve: - Bring God back into the government and in South Africa. Start all you are doing with God. -Remove incompetent and greedy people. -Cut the government top ministers they are here to serve ,not to be served. -Remove Padres they are incompetent of doing the work and only there for a free ride. - Stop focusing outward and look inward. -Start rewarding the tax payers with incentives,instead of burdening them with unreasonable expenses. -Remove socialist /communist ideas. -Instead of dividing the people (racism)try and unite,for all can have a part to add value and not destroy,if are respected. - Remove the old order, it is stagnant and dead,bring in younger educated and vibrant people who have the the countries best interests at heart. -Entitlement belongs to all South Africans and South Africans alone,it's our country and we need to restore our national pride. -Corruption steals, kills and destroys, but honesty and integrity bring life! Sort these things out, not only in speech, but also in action, then we can begin to work on the above issues!	Pieter	retired
	2026-02-04 08:39:53	Teveel mense word teveel betaal.	Willem	retired
	2026-02-04 08:39:46	Th state has shown they can not govern with regards to finances and spending and they should stay away from state owned entities and privatize. They have shown their inability to make a budget work with regards to spending and debt that is unsustainable.	Jackie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:39:29		Natalie	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:39:08	The majority of South Africans are not contributing any tax. If government start by addressing the unemployment by creating jobs for all the young people who studied hard to get somewhere in life, it will contribute towards the inequality of taxation stop destroying and start building	Susan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:38:47		Else	retired
	2026-02-04 08:38:46		Else	retired
	2026-02-04 08:38:40	Our Government and all parts of it clearly do not know how to budget, hence the predicament SA finds itself in. Corruption is the main source of income and then in the following year the public needs to cough up. We claim inflation of 5 -7% but it is way worse than that...we will keep going downhill as long as the ANC rules. They do not have a grip on state enterprises or local municipal spending	Marco	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:38:28	The only way to save is to cut from the top. Figures aren't complicated. People make them complicated	Ilse	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:37:10	The government spending should be drastically reduced as a matter of urgency. Ministers and government officials are spending money that is not available, that WE pay for. This money could be used to firstly address the electricity and water infrastructure. ESCOM needs to be dismantled and independent entities should be allowed to re-build the infrastructure. Companies will then re-invest in South Africa and the economy can once again thrive. This will help the poor and unemployed. But it remains a fact that the people on the top do not care about the man/woman in the street, line their own pockets with no regard for the citizens. More money is asked via taxes and rates from the person who cannot afford their own households anymore while the rich get richer.	Ursula	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:36:50	Stop paying huge salaries to people in government who steal more and do nothing. Privatize state owned entities.	Gustav	retired

	2026-02-04 08:36:43	To stabilise SOE's appoint competent and principled office bearers who are not corrupt and competent in financial management and oversight. In short fire the useless and incomopetent. Period To cut Govt spending reduce the number of state employees (most are incompetent) and employ in their places honest and competent managers and emplyees who can handle accounts and refrain from stealling and wasting through strict controls and severe counter measure such as a vigorpoous watch dog wjho must approve /reject any form of irresposibility through wasteful expenditure. CONTROL is critical. To fix most of the municipal financial, failures refer to the above guidelines on Govt spending. Added to the above introduce competence exams in the areas applied for and reject anyone who fails these exams without any lattitude given. Political leanings are to play no role in appointments...only absolute copetence. The tax burden can be alleviated by: a. Lowering the tax threshold to include many who dodge the need to contribute to the country's financial needs. b. Impose a higher tax on the taxi industry and remove subsidies to these for fuel c. Tax the property on which shacks are erected , even if it be a small amount such as R100 per month. That will inject a huge amount into the foscus. d. Stop crippling indutries through BEE as this is causing disinvestment and immigration. Income from industry will then soar as business will thrive and revenue will be boosted and we will retain as residents the wealthy and competent taxpayers. e. Discontinue penalising those who have invested in solar systems in the interests of survival and appreciate what they have done for the country by alleviating the load on Eskom. f. Exercise control over Nersa who is running amok with price increases in electricity by veting tier proposals using a ighly copetent and patriotic control board which will exercise restraint and minimise the ;load on households. Nersa is stealing from us. In short just exercise strict control over ALL fianacial areas and implement a code of instannt dismissal for any form of corruption. This will stop the roty in its tracks.	Ian	retired
	2026-02-04 08:36:26		Martin	retired
	2026-02-04 08:35:57	Water and energy Employ the right people so money is not stolen ,especially from small town municipalities.	Pat	retired
	2026-02-04 08:35:56	There have been so many commissions of enquiry into fraud etc, but to date no convictions for those involved. Way too much spent on this to have no result. No one in government is serious about ending corruption and uncontrolled government spending. Dangerous foreign policies have a huge negative impact on our trade with other countries in particular the USA. Make all laws applicable to MP's as well.	Russell	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:35:33		Jonathan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:32:16	A huge concern is how pensioners are supposed to survive, far to many people who get a pension that should not (depends on who they know) and how can SASSA take money off pensions if they get financial assistance from family. Housing for pensioners, it is almost non-existent. What housing there is, you find families living in these units. Service delivery, what service:? Alberton has potholes, majority of robots broken. Where is the money gone to repair all this? Schools: no where enough but then again "no money". How?	Marilyn	retired
	2026-02-04 08:32:06	They to reduce their salaries	Averil	retired
	2026-02-04 08:31:42	South Africa is plagued by rogues capturing the ANC in order to line their own pocketrs instead of getting the poor out of poverty. 1. We need to properly fund corruption fighting institutions. 2. The economy needs to grow. It is a simple word sum that reads "If your population growths is x then your economy is required to grow at y" In order to eat into the current unemployement that means that y must be much bigger than x. 3. South Africa is spending far too much on people cost. The State organ is overemployed by multiples. It need to become efficient in its execution. 4. Infrastructure maintenance has been neglected far to long. Sweating your assets means one thing, however, not maintaining your assets whilst sweating them is suicide and people should be held accountible for negigent execution of their duties where this is the case. 5. Employ people that are fit for puprpose. ANC cadres have emtied the state coffers into their own pockets. 6. Hold people accountible where corruption surfeces. Not only people that steal but those that collapses the controls to allow them that. 6. Build, build, build. Dams, water reservoirs, roads, schools., etc. The population is growing people. You cannot service more people with the same infrastructure. 7. Get Cyril out of his blue light brigade and let him walk. Let him smell the sewrage in our streets, see the clean water running into the storm water drains, see the potholes, see the decay in our towns and subburbs. 8. How can someone fail a municipal audit year after year.... Those people should have been hung, drawn and quartered decades ago. The same useless thieving cadres are shuffeled between posts allowing the rot to continue. 9. You need to start taking people to task for violating the rules. Whether this is dumping carbage (our country has been raoed by people littering, braking rules of the road, stealing etc. What is this that its a free for all. Government is supposed to be controlling the people accoridng to the rues of the land....	Cor	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:31:22		Nett	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:31:17		Nett	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:31:15	Please cut the government "social and entertainment" budget throughout all sectors and reallocate it to areas where South Africans can see the benefit. Such as improving services, infrastructure, creating jobs and improving our economy. We do not need to see yet another year of government wastefully splurging our hard earned tax money.	Yumna	
	2026-02-04 08:30:52	The Higher Excellence Architecture exists for sovereign human beings: You and I. The highest vision of humanity where every individual is recognized, supported and complemented in the form of benefits that substantiate a caring society of divine light beings that are change directors that live a life of free will, in abundance and by means of creativity. Government spending priorities: PROVIDE A LIVELIHOOD PORTFOLIO TO ALL PEOPLE; addressing a large budget deficit: CANCEL ALL DEBTS AND IMPLEMENT A NEW BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM; stabilizing State-Owned Entity finances: WE THE PEOPLE MUST DECIDE TOGETHER HOW THIS RESOURCE IS ALLOCATED; energy and water investments: BETTER ENERGY AND WATER SYSTEMS EXIST - MUST BE MANUFACTURED AND INSTALLED; tax policies: THIS IS THE END OF TAXATION IN ITS TOTALITY; debt sustainability: THIS IS THE END OF THE DEBT MONEY SYSTEM IN ITS TOTALITY - THE BIRTH OF THE POSITIVE ECONOMY; municipal finances: TO BE MANAGED IDENTICAL TO ALL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIOS; all other economy-related topics: I am the author of business portfolios that completely addresses outcomes in all areas of life, industries and the optimal management of resources. I am the provider of solutions on the director's table. You are welcome to contact me in this regard for a consultation. PEACE, LOVE AND JOY TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN! Nicolas	Nicolas	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:30:28	Stop the corruption, lock-up the thieves! Try & recover some of the trillions stolen. Employ competent, honest people to work within a budget. As it stands no department has a clue.	Karen	
	2026-02-04 08:29:23	One of the first steps is ACCOUNTABILITY. People in positions where large amounts of money goes missing should be held accountable in their personal capacity and removed	JURIE	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:28:48		Jerome	
	2026-02-04 08:27:27	The Ministers and the government in its entirety must have their MASSIVE AND EXCESSIVE salaries CUT, to normal average salaries same as the rest of our county's citizens. WE, THE CITIZENS, ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE AND TO AFFORD ALL THE BASICS…….. While the government officials are sitting back, filling their pockets and getting richer……. THIS CANNOT GO ON!!! WHY DO THEY NEED SO MUCH MONEY??????????????????????????? Why are they not giving back to their community…… compromise…….	Heinrich	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:27:20	We need a completely new government, which is unlikely. The only other hope is that the DA replaces the ANC in the GNU coalition as the majority party, and helps drive improved economic reform, tackles corruption & service delivery with a rational & practical plan - which is then actually implemented!! No more empty talk.	Robin	retired
	2026-02-04 08:27:08		Diana	retired
	2026-02-04 08:26:44	Need to get rid of a bloated government civil service as well as unsubstainable grants to the unimploved.	Alan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:26:28	Cutting expenditure at Government level is critical. A bloated Government in terms of ministers and deputy ministers plus their benefits, security details etc. This should flow down to all Provinces and municipalities. In addition, government departments/ municipalities should cease this placing / suspension of personnel on fully paid leave for months/ years without resolution. Take a leaf out of business, have a process that is a maximum of 90 days then fire or re-instate. Aggrieved parties can use the CCMA and/or Labour court as happens in real life. Finally, take a more proactive and aggressive stance on corruption, both parties, and prosecute and forfeit all proceeds from both parties. Plus, let the country see that jail time is a fact.	john	retired
	2026-02-04 08:25:33		Willem	
	2026-02-04 08:25:16		Errol	
	2026-02-04 08:25:09		Ryk	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:24:59		Tana	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:24:33	Gov spending is a disgrace. Parties, expensive blue light brigades, travel, corruption. Its shocking. Electricity supplied by Eskom Their charges exceed my electricity usage abd then they want to penalise me for installing solar.	Desiree	retired
	2026-02-04 08:23:46		Paul	
	2026-02-04 08:23:28	1) Cut government perks, get rid of the big fancy cars 2) Cut parliament employees' salaries by 20% and going forward increases to be based on the growth of the country 3) We do not have a need for all the deputy ministers 4) Employe suitable educated candidates then all the commissions would not need to be established 5) SOEs - do physical head count and obtain job description in order to ensure 4 people are not employed to do one person's work 6) Stop paying bonuses to SOE employees for actually doing what they are paid for 7) Cases for suspended ministers etc are dragged out for years. Finalize suspension/dismissal within 3 months	Elaine	employed individual

	2026-02-04 08:23:27	The problem is easy to solve: -Remove incompetent and greedy people. -Cut the government top ministers they are here to serve ,not to be served. -Remove Padres they are incompetent of doing the work and only there for a free ride. - Stop focusing outward and look inward. -Start rewarding the tax payers with incentives,instead of burdening them with unreasonable expenses. -Remove socialist /communist ideas. -Instead of dividing the people (racism)try and unite,for all can have a part to add value and not destroy,if are respected. - Remove the old order, it is stagnant and dead,bring in younger educated and vibrant people who have the the countries best interests at heart. -Entitlement belongs to all South Africans and South Africans alone,it's our country and we need to restore our national pride. -Corruption steals,kills and destroys, but honesty and integrity brings life! Sort these things out,not only in speech,but also in action,then we can begin to work on the above issues!	Karl	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 08:22:47	Stop corruption, manage useless expenditure, strong oversight and harsher consequences for officials abusing power and wasting tax payers money. Regulate industries like taxies - SARS to collect taxes from businesses like that Spend the budget on making the lives of South African citizens better and not on city name changes and other frivolous activities that bear no improvement to day to day living in SA. More accountability for every R that is spent.	Riaz	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:22:16	There is a very simple solution - remove all "affirmative appointments" - apartheid in reverse has cost the country quadrillions. Very few municipalities were in any kind of trouble 30 years ago. The deployment of competent QUALIFIED people is essential - as we can clearly see.	Paul	
	2026-02-04 08:22:02	All of above!!	rob	retired
	2026-02-04 08:21:36	Spending money you don’t have and the the taxpayers must pay for it! Get rid of the criminal government!	Cronje	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:21:20	Stop stealing the money that is received. It is that simple. Stop spending it on Lamborghinis, awarding tenders to "friends", buying houses, luxuries and chicken meals. Start spending it on what is actually needed, instead of draining everything into a corruption black hole. Municipalities have budgets, have projections, have plans worked out. Instead of using the granted funds to enrich yourself and your cronies, actually use it for what it's intended for.	Mari	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:20:41	The economy cannot be stabilized by only 7 million law-abiding taxpayers being flagellated on behalf of the ANC by SARS, on a mission to uphold payments of SASSA pensions & social grants to over 30 million jobless citizens, illegal immigrants & criminal cartels, all before one cent of any loan-based resolution, wrought by decades of government greed & corruption, can begin to be addressed. Apartheid is alive and well and flourishing amongst the ANC elite. The word 'apartheid' is broadly based on privilege & entitlement, not skin colour, alone. Wake up, South Africa. The primary reason we are being asked to be party to any involvement in the so-called maladministrated national "budget" plan, is to share the blame for the imminent financial collapse of the last shred of financial dignity, if any, still rippling on the political tip of the criminal iceberg our country has become. Until those responsible for their financial crime & consequences against our humanity are deposed & indicted to face the interntional rule of law & justice, business as usual will continue to decompose, along with all those who can no longer afford to put food, nor water, in their mouths...	Graham	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:20:40	The 2026 National Budget should prioritise economic growth through policies that enable private-sector investment, improve efficiency, and ensure fiscal sustainability. With limited resources, government spending must focus on growth-enabling infrastructure — particularly energy, water, logistics, and digital connectivity — where public investment can unlock private capital and raise productivity. Reducing the budget deficit requires firm expenditure discipline, improved value for money, and performance-based budgeting rather than higher taxes that risk undermining growth. State-Owned Entities should move toward financial independence, with any fiscal support strictly conditional on governance reform, cost control, and greater private-sector participation. Tax policy should emphasise broadening the tax base through growth, improved compliance, and a stable, predictable tax environment. Clear fiscal anchors and a credible path to debt stabilisation are essential to maintain investor confidence. Strengthening municipal finances and basic service delivery will further support local economic activity and job creation.	Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:18:36		Roger	retired
	2026-02-04 08:18:21	Stop the child grants if a woman has more than 2 children. For every 30 children a new classroom needs to be built, which is not being done. The children need proper education! Every child needs accommodation, medical care WATER etc. If a person is already receiving a grant they should be given an injection to prevent pregnancy because they obviously cannot take care of themselves, let alone another human!!!	Cornelia	
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	2026-02-04 10:27:57		Marlene	retired
	2026-02-04 10:26:53	Having worked for SOEs in the late 1980s and 1990s, I discovered that they are all over staffed and need to reduce both wage bills and the employment of more staff than is actually necessary. Privatisation of the SOEs could provide a simple solution to the problem. It could bring down costs to the South African public and generate tax for the Fiscus.	Bryan	
	2026-02-04 10:24:44	Catch the thieves and corruptors that cripple our country! Not only catch them, they have to be prosecuted and go to jail, but most important - we should get the money back!!!!!!! And stop the millions of Rands per year salaries to people in parlement. Why are there so many deputy ministers, when not even the ministers do what they are paid for?	Dalena	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:24:05	There is no reason that we should have so many Ministers and departments. Cut those extra Ministers and deputies. Get competent people to head department instead of kaders, regardless of their political veiwpoint	Rudi	retired
	2026-02-04 10:23:43	What is needed is a leaders cohort that should be focused only on service to the country and community legally living in here in SA. Pragmatism and relationships with any country should be the only consideration of said leaders cohort with no grandstanding of any sort as they are in service not personal control of anybody's life except their own and not at any cost to any citizen of this country except what is needed to maintain and improve infrastructure for benefit of the country and keep law and order, them included. A seemingly very difficult concept for politicians and bureaucrats who at this stage is in control apparently only for their own benefit.	Jakobus PH	retired
	2026-02-04 10:22:13	An institution is only as good as its leader. Unfortunately South African is in its position because of too many "chiefs' and very few workers. I am not a financier and comment on a practical means which has been noted. Government working assesments (from outside human resourses) will go a long way to saving wasted expenditure on top heavy salaries/wasteful municipalities/wasteful hospitals/ maintenance of public services and supplies etc. etc. The controls have got out of control and I am sure with proper managment a vast amount can be saved. It appears it is easier to charge the hard working South African more - to recover incompetent lost costs. Wisdom on financial matters need to be taken from countires or companies who have a healthy financial standing.	Julie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:22:11	Reduce the size of the government, stop giving increases to government employees - we don't get any, as most businesses can't afford to. STOP STEALING! Stop creating committees to analyse things - the government knows full well where they are being corrupt and WHO are corrupt.	Ronelle	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:21:51		Stephanus	
	2026-02-04 10:21:14	Government is top heavy. No need for deputy ministers. Government employees (ministers included) need to start working. Actually working. Trim the fat, as the saying goes. Get a lean mean working machine. Get rid of ESCOM & malfunctioning SOE's - they are CLEARLY GROSSLY MISMANAGED and beyond salvage. MUNICIPALITIES - Employ people qualified to do their job. CUT ALL RED TAPE and reduce useless policies - this will allow businesses to operate better, generate more income and in turn uplift the taxpayer base. Lower taxes so that the few who provide for the many will not immigrate and leave SA. Make SA investor friendly. Go scorched earth on corruption across all government departments.	JP	
	2026-02-04 10:20:55		Sophia	retired
	2026-02-04 10:19:57	1) Stop the “free loaders”, everyone must pay for services and taxes including MP’’s and political appointees and anyone currently.not contributing to the tax base - with no increase in remuneration to compensate 2) Monitor payments to COGTA recipients to ensure monies GIVEN to traditional leaders are not just to increase their opulent lifestyles but utilised for the development of their areas for job creation to reduce migration to current urban areas 3)Ensure councillors and other members in State run institutions pay for services and not hide behind “labour legislation issues”” follow legal processes to recover debt	Neil	retired
	2026-02-04 10:18:57	Cut corruption and the present government, employ people who know how to work and transition this country how it was before 27/04/1994	Giovanni	retired
	2026-02-04 10:18:45	Cut Government Headcount drastically. Privatize SOE's. Collect payments for services from all non-paying municipalities and public. Scrap BEE Scrap blue light brigades	Dirk	
	2026-02-04 10:18:37		Busisiwe	
	2026-02-04 10:18:05		Morga	retired
	2026-02-04 10:18:03		Willem	retired
	2026-02-04 10:17:58	A. Trim: 1. Reduce the size of Govt Ministers. 2. Amalgamate certain ministries. 3 Remove all Deputy Ministers (they serve no purpose). Billions will be saved. B. Cut the fat: 1. Frieze Ministers salary increases or better still, cap them. 2. Remove all the excess 'nice to have' perks. Normal working citizens don't have them, so what makes Ministers 'more privileged'? They already receive enormous salaries. Pay for those perks if you want them. Billions will be saved. C. Privatize and sell off: 1. Those SEO's that have consistently not performed. Even if it is an introductory percentage. 2. Open markets to competition. Billions will be generated. D. Clamp down: 1. On continuous ongoing corruption. 2. Fast track prosecutions and recover stolen monies by dedicating proper budget at it. Billions will be generated. E. Get SARS to have the taxi and illegal cigarette industry and illegal regulated and contribute what they owe. Billions will be generated. F. Put all failing Municipalities into administration and control wasteful expenditure. Billions saved.	Marc	self-employed

	2026-02-04 10:17:36	Our country is small in comparison to the many different countries in Europe. Yet our gjverment employ more people than them! We are top heavy, too many chiefs too little Indians.	Annamarie	
	2026-02-04 10:17:23		Arshad Mohamed	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:17:03	just stop putting our money into Commissions that don't solve or punish anything or anyone and don't employ so many people to do 1 job!!!	Annette	retired
	2026-02-04 10:16:21	South Africa's Parliament needs to be reduced to the bare minimum number of people required! South Africa has one of the largest governments/parliaments in the world - and it has been published in global media that the South African goverment/parliament is the least productive in the world! (Tax payer money is being wasted on 'Sheltered Employment' for corrupt politicians who literally do nothing and get paid!). Enough is enough! Politicians are employed by the tax payers. They are civil servants that are supposed to work FOR the people of South Africa!. Anyone that does not meet their KPI targets, or basic requirements of their employment should be held accountable and removed for good! Cut back on the size of South Africa's government and you can save billions!	Roger	
	2026-02-04 10:15:49	No 1. Make sure that SOE are functioning properly. They have too many incomponent persons running a business which they know nothing about and receive benefit which are overrated, with deputies not required with the same benefits. Such as cars houses bodyguards and escort's ext. They get played to do the work but contract it out and also receive backhands. The contractors also get played before the work is done and run away with not doing any work. BEE is also one of the big evils, it is feeding the already incompetent and advantaged but is holding back the developing of private companies that could generate more employment with that capital. No 2 . The ministers in parlement are not worth the money and benefits they are receiving. On top of it all they have deputies as well with the same benefits doing nothing. Then every year they receive big salary increases without being evaluated on their performance. This is why all the SOEs are grinding to a halt, and they cannot balance their books. To many government officials mismanaging their responsibilities. No 3. The municipalities are the same as Nos 1 and 2 stealing, mismanagement and are controlled by the unions. They do nothing during the day and want to work OVERTIME due to higher rates. Work is also contracted out due to incompetence, corruption and no planning or maintenance. The contractor receiving the tender are usually the highest price and the ones who pay the backhands to the officials. No 4. If all the above are addressed, then the personal tax will come down due to the controlling of budget expenditure. This is because the municipalities are managed the same as the government SOE.	Manie	
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	2026-02-04 10:15:03	Govt is simply not working in the best interest of citizens but rather in their own interests with inflated salaries, spending, salary increases. One simple example is where residents are being penalized for seeking alternative energy(solar) and water solution(borehole etc). Instead of incentivising citizens, govt finds ways to impose tarriffs. 2 very simple incentives exits which might seem small but can contribute to a larger solution. 1. Incentivize citizens by given then a rebate on their water usage if they're using water from an alternative source such as rain water capturing(jojo tank etc) 2. Provide an electricity rebate(cost per unit or extra units on next purchase,)for citizens that make use of solar power energy that's grid tied or make use of stored energy during peak times	Elroy	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:14:05	Government is top heavy. No need for deputy ministers. Government employees (ministers included) need to start working. Actually working. Trim the fat, as the saying goes. Get a lean mean working machine. Get rid of eskom & malfunctioning SOE's - they are CLEARLY GROSSLY MISMANAGED and beyond salvage. MUNICIPALITIES - Employ people qualified to do their job. CUT ALL RED TAPE and reduce useless policies - this will allow businesses to operate better, generate more income and in turn uplift the taxpayer base. Lower taxes so that the few who provide for the many will not immigrate and leave SA. Make SA investor friendly. Go scorched earth on corruption across all government departments. Good luck	H	
	2026-02-04 10:13:09	Get rid of all incompetent people. Stop corruption. Appoint workers on merit. Stop ministers travelling around the world on tax money. Minister and municipal salaries are too high. If the budget is finished, don't borrow from somewhere else. Cut down on transport benefits. Most government officials do not deserve the salary they get. The finance "watchdogs" in government must get the authority to punish the culprits. What good is the financial reports if nobody takes responsibility.	Roy	
	2026-02-04 10:09:10		Stan	retired
	2026-02-04 10:09:00	Calls to end the FEDERAL RESERVE echo across the Atlantic, same must be true in SA. Banks fractionalise everything from currency to gold, silver etc. They sell what they don't have, create money from debt, there are no reserves and now the whole FIAT ponzi scheme is beginning to crumble. Reigning in the theft and general corruption would be a massive stimulus for the economy but those like the EFF and ANC seeking to blame and punish the builders of economy, small business owners, farmers etc miss the cause of the problem. Debt based money, usuary! The Epstein Files revealed alot more than just which politicians and actors are pedo's. The entire wretched system needs an overhaul, and the current political class including the DA can't be trusted, if you want more of the same keep on pandering to these tyrants.	Brett	business owner
	2026-02-04 10:08:47	We need to encourage investment from foreign sources. For this to be successful BEE must GO. Investors are not interested in giving away 30% of their businesses. The time has come to say "the best person for the position, be it on the sports fields or in the workplace. As has happened on the rugby field, every man is there because he is the best regardless of race. The Springboks are by far the best example of BEE being no longer a necessity	Danny	retired
	2026-02-04 10:08:34	Privatise all SoE functions. Create competition between private providers. Cut goverment personnel and salaries.	Lizette	
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	2026-02-04 10:03:28	1. Clean the country of illegals by enforcing existing legislation. 2.merge local municipalities , Ekurhuleni and Tswane and Johannesburg. 3.get rid of municipal police- increase the S A police 4.streamline the police force 5. Review govt.grants 6.Better incentives for SME’s 7.Improve educational opportunities for the youth 8 Get rid of inefficient Government ministers 9build more dams 10. Nationalize basic industries 11. Ban dual citizenship	Mohamed	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:03:23		Dave	retired

		(I believe that Isabel said everything well and competent). Economy and fiscus: Prioritise investment-led growth: increase public capital spending on infrastructure with clear project-selection criteria and private co-financing to raise growth without unsustainable recurrent costs. Strengthen structural reforms (labour, competition, trade facilitation) to boost private-sector investment and job creation. Government spending: Shift composition toward capital and pro-growth social investments while capping non-essential recurrent spending. Improve programme-based budgeting, linking allocations to measurable outcomes and publishing performance data. Addressing a large budget deficit: Combine targeted spending re-prioritisation with revenue measures (see tax revenues) to reduce the deficit gradually. Set a clear medium-term fiscal consolidation path with triggers for additional measures if revenues underperform. Stabilising SOE finances: Accelerate governance reforms: transparent boards, performance contracts, independent audits, and strict limits on recurring bailouts. Require credible turnaround or restructuring plans, with private-sector participation where feasible. Ring-fence essential service continuity while pursuing fiscal discipline. Energy and water investments: Prioritise investment in grid resilience, renewable generation, energy storage, and diversifying supply (including private PPAs). Fast-track municipal and bulk water infrastructure upgrades and NRW (non-revenue water) reduction programmes to protect service delivery. Tax revenues: Broaden the tax base by closing avoidance gaps and improving compliance (digitalisation, data-matching). Consider targeted, progressive revenue measures (e.g., environmental levies, modest base-broadening) rather than large rate hikes that harm growth. Protect low-income households via targeted credits/exemptions. Debt sustainability: Publish transparent medium-term debt and contingent-liability scenarios. Limit new borrowing for recurrent spending; prioritise concessional financing for capital projects with high economic returns. Implement stricter controls on guarantees and contingent liabilities. Municipal finances: Strengthen revenue collection and billing systems; support municipalities with technical assistance to reduce losses and corruption. Tie future grants/borrowing to governance and performance improvements; enable municipal revenue diversification (economic property rates, user charges with protections for the poor). All of the above: Adopt a fiscal rule or credible anchor (e.g., debt/GDP target) to restore market confidence, with flexibility for crises. Improve transparency: publish full fiscal risks, project-level spending, and independent fiscal council assessments. Other (social protection, skills, and jobs): Protect and enhance well-targeted social grants while linking complementary active labour-market policies and skills training to improve employability. Scale up youth-targeted incentives for private hiring paired with apprenticeships and digital skills.		
	2026-02-04 10:02:37	Last but not least, get rid of ALL corrupt officials in ALL departments of government	Trevor	
	2026-02-04 10:02:01	For a start, the government is top heavy, trim the excess, there is no need for any minister to have an assistant who has an assistant, who has yet another assistant, at least two assistants should be removed, that on its own give some relief, BEE yet another thorn, scrap that, allow all to find work and work, not just a few, where ever work is looking for staff across the board, if they have the knowledge needed for the job, they should get the work. solar power should be given out to contractors to install the system, not kept back SOE where possible create a environment of change, honest change, departments who do not meet their targets they had assured the population they would (a lot of hot air) should be replaced, starting at the top working down, think of the population for a change, the cost of living is through the roof, the poorer people are facing daily a food shortage not from lack of work only, the basic cost of everything is excessive, help the farmers, all of them, they feed the population, stop the race divide, we are all South Africans regardless of language, colour or culture, there is so many ways to rebuild, it takes honesty first of all, less pocket lining, by those who have learnt to line with finise, budget according to income, leave the pie in the sky ideas out, be realistic, cut excess in all departments, I could go on, but will cut my own verbal excess now and allow the finance minister a moment to ponder on what is important and what is not needed.	jeanne	retired
	2026-02-04 10:01:32		Bronwyn	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:00:16		sherylden e	retired
	2026-02-04 09:59:32	It's simple, really. South Africa's governance failures are not "rocket science" to fix. All that needs to be done is root out corruption, cut state spending (expenses < income), appoint qualified people, and incentivise state organs (national and local/municipal) to stand on their own feet without Treasury bail-outs. Doing this will loosen up billions of rands to deploy into areas where it's necessary to invest, which in turn will create jobs, increase tax revenues, and thus equalise the state's income and balance sheet.	John	
	2026-02-04 09:58:47	Start with the Government, cut at least 50% of ministers and staff. Then start on rebuilding infrastructure. The first priority should be water. I live in a town, where the water gets pumped for an hour in the morning and an hour at night. Not always at the same time. And sometimes not at all. One Government aid, at the lowest tier's salary for one month, would probably fix this problem. Imagine how many towns with similar problems can be helped over the course of a year if 50% of the ministers and staff were let go!	Lizel	
	2026-02-04 09:58:30		Kobie	retired
	2026-02-04 09:57:21	All the above listed issues are quite concerning but let me take on some low hanging fruit. Government spending, Tax revenue and Debt sustainability. Our government is a bloated, non-merit based mess and to combat the issue of spending, instead of trying to be more efficient by drastically reducing cabinet and its sundries, they want to increase tax for all. This is utter nonsense and must never be allowed. With our debt sky rocketing the first thing that needs to be fixed is spending, reduce cabinet spending and its security detail and ridiculous amenities.	Luvuyo	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:56:44	Government needs to clean house of all corruption and fire those who are using their positions to steal / defraud the country's tax income. Officials or other people involved and proven corrupt should pay the penalties imposed by Law. Salary increases should be based on positive results achieved and not just because its expected. Neither should the increases be more than what the market is based on. We need an organization with a proven track record to have the authority to halt all non-essential municipal and government spending. Trim the waste!	Elizabeth	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:56:19	STOP BEE and support the Businessmen and women who are so ready to contribute greatly to our Economy but are hindered by all the race-based laws. Reduce the number of Government officials and so cut Government spending by a great amount. Become honest , serious and transparent about the consequences of corruption and the efforts to stop corruption . Be humble enough to learn from President Javier Milei , if be any means you are serious to turn the Economy of SA around.	Elna	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:56:13	The government is out of hand. The ministers are getting fat salaries, body guards and fancy motor cars. Flying overseas, hotel accommodation paid by us!!!! Someone has to look at what is going on. In the meantime the majority of South Africans don't have homes, running water, electricity, schools. Yes I am fortunate to have the above, but we had no water for 2 days in Johannesburg. Yesterday no electricity for 10 hours. Potholes, running water running down the streets because the pipes have not been repaired properly. Basically a mess!!! Money going in the wrong direction.	Helena	retired
	2026-02-04 09:56:13	No salary increases for government & ministerial employees until the economy is turned around. Genuine weeding out of corruption with jail time and monies stolen paid to SARS No more BEE. We need to turn this economy around with suitably qualified people at the helm of businesses and government posts. Allow Starlink's proposal and system to be accepted. It will help education in rural areas with access to the internet for research purposes	Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-04 09:55:09	1. Cut the members of parliamunt by at least 50 % 2, Sell off all State owned enterprises , a governmunt has never successfully run any business 3, Stop all these commissions of enquiries all they do is make certain people very rich and nothing is done about the ones who are guilty 4, Replace the national prosecuting authority with members who are competent and not political apointees. 5, It is time to see those who are guilty of theft of taxpayers money wearing orange overalls for a long time 6, Get rid of bbbbeeee and all race based laws and encourage foreign investment from the proper sources 7, Replace the ANC with a competent government	Barry	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:55:08	Root out all corruption and incompetence. Don't put them on leave; put them in jail. Return all stolen funds to fiscus. Reduce size of government. There are too many ministries. Reduce all government salaries and expenses by at least 10%. Government employees don't need – - deputies - free cars - free travel - free security - free medical aid - free housing - free insurance - free schooling - free electricity - free water Outlaw all cadre deployment. All managers of municipalities that don't achieve clean audits should be fired and replaced immediately with competent and honest staff (that will be a major problem for the ANC). Stop wasting money on international legal cases. Cut out grants for people who are too lazy to work. If they get jobs they pay income tax instead of receiving grants.	Graham	retired
	2026-02-04 09:54:43		Noluthand o	retired
	2026-02-04 09:53:45		Paul	self-employed

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	2026-02-04 09:53:43	Last but not least, get rid of ALL corrupt officials in ALL departments of government	Isabel	retired
	2026-02-04 09:53:18	How do we tell this government that they are well known for their blatant dishonesty , their jobs for pals without experience, their inability to plan anything ahead My only advice to them is to vote themselves out and give back the money that they have gained by ill-gotten means . Let them look through dust bins for food like some of the people who voted for them	Gail	retired
	2026-02-04 09:52:22	0. Cut government spend in general. 1. Cut the number of employees in the highest tiers of government (cut the number of ministers, deputy ministers, HOD's, etc) - Other countries like Germany and Japan have much smaller cabinets than South Africa which manage larger economies than South Africa's economy. 2. Cut the salaries of these employees (cut the salaries of ministers, deputies etc). 3. Stop wasteful government expenditure: 3.1 Stop Blue light brigades, security expenses, travel expenses, parties, etc, 3.2 Stop the renaming of city, towns, roads when there are poor people without houses who would much rather have that money for housing, 3.3 Stop political preferential spending which makes a few politically connected elites very wealthy when there are many poverty stricken people desperately in need of financial help. 3. Stop cadre deployment which is expensive. 4. Have accountability for governmental, provincial and municipal failures - not just name and shame and then nothing further happens. People need to be held accountable and punished. Root out and punish corruption, theft and mismanagement. 5. Put sufficient budget aside for fixing, upgrading and maintaning road, water and electrical infrastructure. 6. State owned enterprises in need of financial help should be privatised instead of financially bailed out by the government, as government bail outs are very expensive. 7. Lessen personal income and corporate tax - this is already over the edge and has severe knock on effects like business closures, skilled emigration and less spend in the economy which negatively impacts local small businesses. And it all leads to the government getting less tax in. 8. Tax those people and industries who are not paying tax - this is a lot of revenue SARS is missing out on (push for a more cashless society like the country Sweden, as this will combat tax evasion in South Africa). 9. Increase the budget for safety and the combatting of violent crime, because the crime in South Africa deters foreign investment and leads to skilled emigration and over all less tax revenue for the government. 10. Make it easier to invest in South Africa which would lead to more tax revenue (remove political preferential barriers in the way of investment).	Eloise	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:49:42	SOE's should be privatized as much as possible. Competition is the best way to increase productivity and stabilize prices. Get rid of BEE (=corruption). Make sure that appointments in local government are made on merit, not political. This will ensure better management and control over available funding.	Gert	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:49:40	Please fix the roads - Potholes are everywhere!!! Please put infrastructure in place to generate more base load capacity for electricity grid to be supported more!!!	Adele	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:49:03	South Africa has so many urgent issues that need attention, making it hard to select just one concern. Economy: if government wants foreign investment, they need to reconsider some of the onerous BEE requirements, which in the end seem to benefit just a select few. If it's a choice between foreign companies not investing because of BEE and having them invest and create jobs for locals, then the latter seems like a much better option. Government spending: I learnt just this week that East London has been renamed. How many millions of Rands have been spent on this issue so far, let along what must still be spent?! For what gain? In the meantime, have you been to East London and seen the dilapidation? Money needs to be spent on fixing infrastructure first, renaming can happen later. Budget Deficit: reducing wasteful expenditure needs to be the priority (see above). The small percentage of South African tax payers financing the country can't continue to be abused. Energy and Water Investment: we need to repair and maintain existing infrastructure rather than investing in renewable energy, much of which could and be provided by the private sector anyway.	Scott	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:46:48	All departments should be run by Professionals. The issue of corruption must be addressed as a matter of urgency. Less red tape and more assistance in the establishment of small businesses. Encouragement of large businesses rather than demoralizing them whether retail or farming. Successful business is the future of the country. Crime must be addressed urgently as this affects our tourism industry and all people of South Africa.	Anna	retired
	2026-02-04 09:46:28	It is unusual for consultation to take place at the minister's level. When it should be at the local government level were it is not happening.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-04 09:46:21		Noel	
	2026-02-04 09:45:06	Stop corruption and inflated tenders. Stop unrealistic high salaries to government employees. Employ the right people, with proven qualifications, to do jobs. Colour and connections should not factor into any appointments.	Margaret	
	2026-02-04 09:43:12	Privatise state-owned entities and activities to the extent possible. Only keep those in-house which can be performed more efficiently (be honest when evaluating). Do not privatise to anyone - use the cheapest who has a good track record of delivering on time, quality and cost!	karel	
	2026-02-04 09:42:43	Prevent the spending of money on court cases like the international court and prosecute politicians and their cronies that are found corrupt based on reports submitted to the president. Stop corruption and stop paying for unrealistic tenders. Cut travelling, funded by taxpayers, that does not provide a positive return in the interest of South Africa.	Philip	
	2026-02-04 09:41:54	Get rid of BEE	Cobus	
	2026-02-04 09:41:20	Firstly , put a stop to the corruption which is rife in the govt. Stop awarding huge contracts to friends and family that don't do what they are contracted to do - billions wasted and needs for hospitals etc are unmet. Follow Singapores example- scrap BEE and institute a policy of meritocracy, pragmatism and honesty!	Traey	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:41:17		Alicia	
	2026-02-04 09:41:09	The government must reduce spending by reducing the government salary bill and stop wasteful spending like protecting politicians. We are protecting politicians but forget about magistrates and judices who lives are in real danger every day. We are paying for services that we are not receiving anyway. Stop the influx of immigrants. Privatize SOEs. Combat crime and corruption to stimulate investment. Expand the tax paying community. There is way too many people not paying tax, including illegal immigrantes. Employ competent people. But the government knows all this but choose to ignore it.	Riaan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:39:56	Efficiency , competency , diligence , integrity and drop BEE Will solve all the problems !	Andre	
	2026-02-04 09:39:26		Martin	

	2026-02-04 09:38:59	Rising debt-service costs, persistent deficits, and failing infrastructure are crowding out growth and placing increasing pressure on households. A credible budget must restore fiscal discipline while protecting core services and laying the groundwork for long-term economic expansion. This requires clear priorities: fixing institutions that drain public funds, spending less on inefficiency and more on maintenance and delivery, and easing the burden on taxpayers who already carry the system. A budget shaped by practical, citizen-driven input can shift focus from short-term fixes to sustainable reform and accountability. Enforce strict performance targets and timelines for SOE turnarounds. Cut bailouts to non-strategic SOEs that consistently fail to reform. Ring-fence infrastructure maintenance budgets, especially for water systems. Reduce duplicated functions across national and provincial departments. Professionalise municipal finance with compulsory skills and audits. Cap real growth in public-sector wage bills until debt stabilises. Broaden the tax base through growth, not higher household tax rates. 1. Cut grants to underage pregnancy - they should be in school - give them contraceptives rather. This will lower birth rate and govt dependency. Give up on the notion that children are wealth!; 2. No more bailouts to SOE's; 3. Moratorium on civil salaries for 4 years - no further increases - especially for unproductive government employees who fail to deliver; 5. Cut extravagant car allowances; 6. Educate our youth and for pity's sake pay our govt teachers and nurses a better salary - teachers are preparing the next generation and nurses take care of our sick. Professionals such as Chartered Accountants, Cost Consultants and Quantity Surveyors must lead budgets in South Africa. We cannot have people who ask for budgets from public servants. They should know people's needs by conducting research and decide on the funding models suitable for our economy. If the Minister is at this point still asking questions about budget, then we are in deeper trouble because it seems there's no planning.	Susan	
	2026-02-04 09:38:16	Employ the acknowledged Captains of Economics and Industry (those that generate money and not just spend it) and not political connected incompetent people	Christo	retired
	2026-02-04 09:38:03	Corruption needs to end. Taxi industry needs to be financially better regulated. Municipalities at local levels need to be held to account for mismanagement and misappropriation.	Jeff	retired
	2026-02-04 09:37:54	All SOE's should be run by professionals, not by cadre deployment. We are a democratic state, not a communist state. Decentralized, informed decisions on ground level instead of centralized instruction. More free market, less bureaucracy, much less red tape and less payouts from Government.	Martin	retired
	2026-02-04 09:36:55	1. How to Stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Tip 1: Eskom should complete its unbundling into Generation, Transmission, and Distribution, with a fully independent Transmission System Operator to ensure grid access is transparent and free from political interference. Tip 2: Fast-track private generation and municipal PPAs by removing grid-connection bottlenecks. Prioritise investments that expand grid capacity, not bailouts that don't address operational constraints. Tip 3: Transnet needs open access to key freight rail corridors so private operators can help restore reliability and volumes. Revenue from concessions should be ring-fenced for rail maintenance. Tip 4: Accelerate port terminal partnerships with global operators to improve efficiency and turnaround times. Procurement reforms and transparent tender publication should be mandatory across all SOEs. 2. Where to Cut Government Spending Tip 1: Cut non-essential expenditure such as luxury vehicles, excessive VIP protection, and international travel that does not produce measurable economic returns. Tip 2: Consolidate or close non-strategic SOEs that have no path to sustainability. Government should only retain entities with a clear national purpose, competent leadership, and viable revenue models. Tip 3: Control the public-sector wage bill by linking increases to economic growth, not CPI. Redirect hiring toward frontline service roles like teachers, nurses, technicians, and engineers. Tip 4: Introduce a compulsory national e-procurement system to reduce corruption, inflated pricing, and duplicated supplier spending across departments. 3. How to Fix Municipal Finance Failures Tip 1: Enforce strict consequence management: municipalities with repeat audit failures should have portions of their grants withheld until turnaround plans are implemented. Officials implicated in misconduct must be barred from future municipal appointments. Tip 2: Professionalise local government by requiring competency certification for CFOs, supply chain managers, and engineers. Cadre deployment should not override technical capability. Tip 3: Improve revenue collection by rolling out smart water and electricity meters nationwide. Municipalities should partner with specialised firms to recover historic debt. Tip 4: Enable shared procurement services for smaller municipalities to reduce inflated prices and improve bargaining power. 4. What to Do About the Tax Burden on Households Tip 1: Do not increase broad-based taxes like VAT or PIT during low growth. Raising taxes in a stagnant economy risks shrinking the tax base further. Tip 2: Broaden the base by improving tax compliance through digitisation, simpler filing, and visible action against corruption — which directly builds public trust and tax morale. Tip 3: Expand targeted tax incentives such as credits for rooftop solar, energy-efficiency upgrades, and water-saving infrastructure. These lower household costs while supporting national resilience. Tip 4: Prioritise reforms that grow the economy — logistics recovery, green energy investment, mining permitting, and tourism facilitation. Economic growth is the most sustainable way to reduce the tax burden over time.	Lise	
	2026-02-04 09:35:54	Scrap BEE, which every economist worldwide say is a poor mechanism for growth, and only enriches a few while enabling corruption.	Richard	retired
	2026-02-04 09:35:54	The Budget like in any type of business needs proper leadership. Ie to look how to grow the economy. what it looks like government solutions are only band aids to try and stave off the inevitable collapse of all sectors of the economy. Government must minimise their role and allow the public to create the wealth needed to avoid this. It will eventuate greater prosperity for all even reducing tax for all.	Ben	retired
	2026-02-04 09:34:53		Duncan	retired
	2026-02-04 09:31:07	Good day Minister. It is a fact carved in stone that governments and especially your government has no idea how to generate wealth. So my suggestion to you is to cut tax rates , abolish CGT and Section 7C and leave the money in the hands of the people who know how to generate wealth. They know how to make the cake bigger and if you can comprehend that a bigger cake will lead to more tax revenues you will then have more money to spend. It is very simple. Get out of the way and leave it to the entrepreneurs .	pieter	
	2026-02-04 09:30:40	Tighten controls on irregular expenditure and strengthen procurement rules to reduce fraud, corruption, and inflated contracts. Shift from inputs to outcomes: tie budgets to measurable results (e.g., learner outcomes, hospital waiting times, electricity-loss reduction) and cut programmes that consistently underperform.	Liezel	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:28:48	There are two immediate things that can be implemented to fix the situation: 1. Scrap BEE in it's entirety. 2. As Singapore did - implement a programme of M.P.H. MERITOCRACY - PRAGMATISM - HONESTY.	Richard	retired
	2026-02-04 09:28:26	There is so much to comment on across all spheres and departments of government. What do stand out is to redress education with hiring teachers that are competent and motivated (it also applies to nurses in hospitals). Forget BA degrees - rather focus on teaching quality trades to make job applicants employable so that they can become independent from state grants, and build their own futures. Scrap BEE, as it only leads to poor workmanship and over pricing (due to being a preferred provider with little incentive to deliver one's best). Get rid of incompetent deployed cadres in all spheres of government, and appoint civil servants based on skills and components. And get rid of the sickening corruption.	Xander	retired
	2026-02-04 09:27:36	Daily the news reports corruption, theft and money wasted by national government, provincial government and municipalities. No one is ever held accountable nor is there ever consequences for responsible officials or culprits. The waste and corruption and theft just escalates year on year.	Jacob	retired
	2026-02-04 09:25:37	Stop using the budget like your personal bank account. In very simple terms, when you spend way more than you earn (in this case get given) you will end up poorer after each year it is as simple as that. Cut the overinflated cabinet, cut corruption, cut wasteful spending, stop using tax payers money to buy votes in the form of grants, privatise SOE and actually let the country grow to it's full benefit. 30 years of mismanagement and running SA into the ground - sis!	Angus	
	2026-02-04 09:25:19	It's embarrassing, what a joke this whole government has become and they just don't care. I have no words. God help us!	Christine	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 09:24:31	Cut back the number of ministers and reduce their salaries. Appoint capable people to run our municipalities and stop cadre deployment Exempt further basic foods from vat to help the poor (Stop corruption by arresting those constantly stealing funds and channeling state funds into their own pockets. Start at the top and root out those corrupt officials in charge in city councils and other government depts, who threaten their subordinates if they do not do as they are ordered even when these subordinates know its wrong). I know this last comment is not the finance minister's duty but if corruption is tackled decisively it will have a huge positive affect on our country's finances	Elzabe	retired
	2026-02-04 09:23:58		Charmaine	
	2026-02-04 09:23:33	Zero tollerance of corruption and wastefull expediture. Corrupt and incompetant people should be fired with immediate effect. Law breakers should go to jail. Reduce the civil servant population by 10% per year untill the numbers are sustainable. Root out incompetance.	Mike	
	2026-02-04 09:23:30	I do not think that they really have the ability to complete all of the proposed plans.	Johannes	retired
	2026-02-04 09:23:10	Just put competent people in place who are not connected to any political party.	Dirk	retired

	2026-02-04 09:22:43	South Africa’s 2026 Budget comes at a moment where hard trade-offs can no longer be avoided. Rising debt-service costs, persistent deficits, and failing infrastructure are crowding out growth and placing increasing pressure on households. A credible budget must restore fiscal discipline while protecting core services and laying the groundwork for long-term economic expansion. This requires clear priorities: fixing institutions that drain public funds, spending less on inefficiency and more on maintenance and delivery, and easing the burden on taxpayers who already carry the system. A budget shaped by practical, citizen-driven input can shift focus from short-term fixes to sustainable reform and accountability. Enforce strict performance targets and timelines for SOE turnarounds. Cut bailouts to non-strategic SOEs that consistently fail to reform. Ring-fence infrastructure maintenance budgets, especially for water systems. Reduce duplicated functions across national and provincial departments. Professionalise municipal finance with compulsory skills and audits. Cap real growth in public-sector wage bills until debt stabilises. Broaden the tax base through growth, not higher household tax rates. Prioritise spending that directly supports jobs, energy security, and logistics.	JAN	retired
	2026-02-04 09:22:36	Look Mr Minister; spending money on international court cases that you don't have, and should not spend, rescuing people from Jordan with money you don't have, and should not spend, allowing people like Lamola and others to annoy the USA and others which causes destruction of relations as well as loss of jobs and investment, LOOK Mr Minister at how much authority you don't have and stop wasting your and our time. The ANC have to go. We need people in government who can stop the bleeding and particularly the extreme debt level and interest repayments. Right now you and your team are in LALALAND. Stay there but VACATE. Put someone like Rob Hersov into place.	Jem	
	2026-02-04 09:22:26	Cutting down the size of parliament, cutting salaries and some benefits, make ministers responsible for their overspending. Fight corruption big time and jail offenders. Audit municipal spending. Need to invest in maintenance. Cut debt. Basically everything is wrong and the government purse has been a free for all. Needs to stop. Invest in proper education so that we have a literate workforce. Cut social expenses where possible.	Andrea	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:18:21		Andre	
	2026-02-04 09:18:06	More funds need to be invested in education. Scrap BEE laws and instead allocate a % of business income to education. Corruption is a huge problem, but mismanagement wastes so much money and we need to educate our government employees so that they are competent to do the jobs that they have been given. It is also pointless forcing businesses to employ BEE candidates when those candidates have not received a proper education and deliver sub-standard performance. Infrastructure is also a huge concern - we cannot expect largescale investment without proper infrastructure. We need to adopt zero tolerance on crime and corruption.	Tracey	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:18:01	Government should seriously cut back on the quantity of civil servants, deputy ministers & departments that are not necessary. Many of these people do not deliver output but draw huge salaries. They should start cultivating more effective and quality driven output which can be done with fewer unnecessary employees/government officials. Focus on ending corruption and not keep paying officials/employees that are under investigation for fraud. Stop wasting money on changing street names and town names - this is truly useless to the citizens in the country - rather work on growing the economy and creating jobs for the people of SA. Stop making it difficult for businesses with endless red tape and irrelevant monitoring, this only hurts the economy and all the citizens. Stop trying to control businesses, & the free market & the citizens.	Chant	retired
	2026-02-04 09:17:15	Spend money that will put all corrupt officials behind bars for minimum 10 years no parole. The moment that properly starts to happen the budget will be doing it's job of betterment of all south Africans, where at the moment us normal citizens are getting poorer and poorer.	Dion	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:17:08	Just resign and appoint someone who KNOWS HOW to manage a country like RSA	eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:18:18	The minister must invest in job creation, stabilize SOE's to absorb more people and deliver services, request government departments to procure from local suppliers and reduce tenders and by employing more people for core functions. Stop budget cuts from key department's such as, police, health, basic education, higher education, social development, trade & industry, Local government, human settlements. And also support municipalities to deliver basic services to our people. And lastly reduce benefits from political office bearers. And support manufacturing companies to produce goods for consumption and for exports.	Nkosinathi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:18:07	If the Government was not so corrupt, we would be in a much better place to work within a budget.	Renee	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:18:05	The bigger question is where to save, not where to spend more. Cutting SOE’s bailouts, linking government officials to performance based incentives (meaning lower salaries and if targets are met like clean audits etc then there’s performance bonuses). And if the current employees don’t like the reduction in pay, it’s not a problem, we have 30%+ other unemployed people that will work for less, they are replaceable. Stop stupid ego driven policies like VIP protection, name changes of roads and cities, that money if used properly can build new streets and towns and the ANC can name it after whoever they like. Government wastage and corruption is the biggest issues, plug the leaks and there wil be more money to lower debt capital = lower interest payments = more money to spend on infrastructure, lower tax burdens on citizens etc.	Chris	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:17:19	There is nothing wrong with regulations such as BBBEE and Employment Equity. The implementation needs to be monitored closely as redress has a long way to go. No increased salaries for politicians. Enough is enough with overspending when small political parties have increased the fiscus spend. The Guptas need to be repatriated and ALL those who are involved in corruption should face the law. Why is it taking this long for the state to prepare cases for the Transnet related cases? Let them face the law asap. Too many commissions - few convictions. Encourage Grade 10, 11 and matric learners to enrol for TVET learning pathways. Let us learn from countries such as Germany where these have been successfully implemented. Not every learner is meant for university education. Please adapt learning to the 4IR concerns where skills matter more than qualifications - strike a balance between skills and qualifications. Increase the matric pass rate because the language of the Minister & her DG is similar in so far as the matric pass % is concerned, but society understands the pass rate differently - a contradiction in terms. What is the matric pass rate? Is it 40% or what? Please specify and STOP playing with words.	Motleke	retired
	2026-02-04 12:16:47		Dawn	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:15:58		Fred	retired
	2026-02-04 12:14:16		Ann	retired
	2026-02-04 12:13:44		Victor	retired
	2026-02-04 12:13:36		Bongani	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:13:04	Whilst running government institutions may have some level of complexity, getting it right is actually very simple. 1. Protect the capital that you have to spend by preventing wide scale fraud and corruption. The enormous amounts of money that are stolen from the fiscus could be used to upgrade and improve services and infrastructure 2. Appoint skilled and experienced individuals to run SOE's, municipalities and other government departments. Make them accountable for delivery on agreed critical projects 3. Ensure that there are rigorous audit processes in place to keep those responsible honest. 4. SARS must "follow the money". The largest capital spend is through government contracts which are easy to audit and reconcile with the correct revenue collection.	Craig	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:12:17		Lynne	retired
	2026-02-04 12:11:31		Don	retired
	2026-02-04 12:10:50		Rudolph	
	2026-02-04 12:09:04		Lynne	
	2026-02-04 12:09:01	Regrettably ANC has bankrupted the country with Corruption & Incompetence & racial laws. Need to rectify above. Had high hopes for NGU but didn’t work out.	Maureen	retired
	2026-02-04 12:07:44	Our government to be held responsible for not doing what they have to parliament and president wasting allot of money and their salaries to much if taken in consideration what they do for the people of this country we need a parliament and government with integrity and knowledge, if that happen we can have less members in our parliament and government	Susara Maria	retired
	2026-02-04 12:07:31	No increase for the Government workers create JOBS and Maintenance	Lidwina	retired
	2026-02-04 12:04:00		Joy	retired
	2026-02-04 12:03:21	To highlight just one aspect would not address the issues hampering our economy and freeing our citizens from achieving a higher standard of living. The Government structure and number of ministers needs to be addressed as this the the top level where competency is lacking and the incorrect example is bowling set, one that incompetence, lack of accountability and corruption is acceptable and goes unchecked. This rolls down to Provincial and municipal level which in turn results in poor service delivery, underfunded and inadequate education, health, policing and security, and infrastructure maintenance and development (roads, water/sewage, power, etc). Further, the energy and water sector restructuring needs to be prioritised, and while compliance and oversight are fundamental, the citizens cannot accept the punitive measures promoted by the energy sector, particularly related to household energy production (being taxed on solar installations is ridiculous, the public cannot be punished for the state’s and Eskom’s failure to produce energy). After more than 30 years of democratic government, the education sector is a mess with the majority or our learners who do matriculate being unprepared for higher education, eg 30% pass rate); this is a Constitutional failure of the government that negatively affects our youth. Get your act together, though this will most likely not happen!	Colin	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:02:57	1. get rid of cabinet ministers to set an austerity example- they are an unnecessary expense 2. start appointing more merit rather than cadre to reduce wasted costs and improve services- a double win 3. reduce government debt 4. join municipal and national elections to the same day to save billions (have to bring forward the national elections to late 2026 to do this)	Fred	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:01:38	Get poor people to work for their R370 albeit they can help clean up parks or drainpipes. They can clean up the squatter camps. They are living in filth. Stop giving government free holidays and bonusses. We are all in this together. Please look at infrastructure, it is falling apart. And stop writing off debt.	Danny	retired
	2026-02-04 11:59:41		Mary	retired

	2026-02-04 11:57:54	Increase economy. Save by abolishing BBBEE and tender corruption Privatization of SOEs Take bureaucratic pitfalls out of entrepreneurs ways. Have a more pragmatic approach to West Beware Pariah states Encourage tourism	Mike	
	2026-02-04 11:57:19	1. The Economy & the Fiscus Growth first. Remove policy uncertainty, fix logistics and energy bottlenecks, and make it easier for small businesses to operate. A growing economy fixes the fiscus faster than higher taxes. 2. Government Spending Priorities Shift spending from administration to delivery. Fewer consultants, fewer vanity projects, more frontline services and infrastructure maintenance. 3. Addressing the Large Budget Deficit Cut waste before raising revenue. Enforce fiscal discipline across departments and stop rolling over bailouts without reform. 4. Stabilising SOE Finances End political interference, appoint competent boards, and introduce private-sector partnerships where appropriate. No more unconditional bailouts. 5. Energy and Water Investments Prioritise maintenance, grid stability, and water infrastructure. Fast-track private generation and fix municipal water losses before building new projects. 6. Tax Policies & Revenues Stop squeezing the same taxpayers. Broaden the tax base through growth and better compliance, not higher rates. 7. Debt Sustainability (Service Costs) Reduce borrowing by restoring credibility. Lower debt-service costs through spending control and economic growth, not austerity on the poor. 8. Municipal Finances Professionalise local government. Enforce audits, link funding to performance, and intervene early where municipalities repeatedly fail. Start by fixing governance, not raising taxes. Cut waste, professionalise SOEs and municipalities, and stop rewarding failure. Households can't keep paying for government inefficiency.	Kulile	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:56:00	Corruption still rules. Anyone found guilty should be locked up and have their assets seized & sold. Many municipalities don't function properly and waste money - very few are held accountable. Look at all the "cash" traders and collect the correct taxes. How do the "china towns" and taxi's (there will be many more) operate? Most only take cash. Do they pay tax? If they do, I bet it's no where near what it should be. SARS could be collecting a lot more money to help the economy!!	Janet	retired
	2026-02-04 11:53:50	Allow the private sector to do more for the country. Stop only wanting government to get a cut of whatever product (including vaccines!) is put out there to the public. Put the people first. By doing so, everything will fall into place. Do away with BEE. We all know it does not work and impacts the poorest the most. Stop government waste and stop corruption.	Taryn	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:53:48		Patty	retired
	2026-02-04 11:52:08	Government spending, fraud and corruption, to many ministers and deouties.	Ernest	retired
	2026-02-04 11:52:03	it could come handy if we can reach a stage where the overtimes we work is exempted from taxes, because as we stand what companies are paying us is very low and becomes a huge burden into the households. they also must change the tax brackets as this will ease some burden	hlaiseka dliwayo	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:51:21	Where to start! Reduce all the perks ministers receive, and abuse. If they have to pay for all the perks from their salaries the will soon reduce their spending. Start with a small thing, scrap the free bottles of water we see in front of ministers and all the people in government departments. This will also reduce plastic waste. SOE's, tell them one bailout not continual bailouts. if they can't run the business at a profit it must be sold. It is taxpayers money which should be used for what it is intended NOT bailouts. Private businesses do not get bailouts. They go bankrupt!	Janette	retired
	2026-02-04 11:48:13		Rita	retired
	2026-02-04 11:41:47		Almarie	retired
	2026-02-04 11:41:05	Do away with BBBEE and all other racial laws. *Any law that is against the people will also be against the economy* Laws are just being implemented at a rapid pace regardless of whether it's serving a good purpose for the people, and spending millions of money such as changing the names of cities which doesn't benefit or deliver any critical and sustainable services to the people. SARS also is given too much power and putting fear into ordinary law abiding citizens. Many more businesses will close as it's costing more money just to run the business to keep it going than it's making actual money, and now with AI the businesses can't afford to upgrade or buy new equipment. Do away with AI in any business operation, except for hospitals, military and police where AI is needed and will be effective for both government and citizens. This government does not understand that AI takes away people's ability to think for themselves and to create real solutions in a real and harsh world with real people living in it. Even uneducated people need jobs to survive. AI takes the jobs from real people and when there are no more jobs left, people can't pay tax. Is SARS going to charge AI for tax since AI is doing the work that real people are supposed to be doing? Who are they going to tax then? Do away with tax laws that want to own people and watch their everyday essential expenses. SARS overplaying their role instead of going after the taxi industry. Do a survey of how much money the taxis make on a daily basis, tax them according to what they make in a month. It's that simple just like any business has to account for what they earn each month, why can't the taxis do the same. Each taxi must be registered with SARS in the owner's name and not the association name, and SARS must deal with each taxi as they deal with businesses because it is the individual taxi that makes money for themselves on a daily basis. As soon as a taxi is registered, it must be registered with SARS at the same time just like a business does. Government must spend more money on the military, education, health, the elderly and poor people, not forgetting the agricultural sector.	Daley	retired
	2026-02-04 11:40:02		Danielle	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:35:41	Remove all forms of taxes from the elderly up to certain ceiling of income. Above that income, tax kicks in because the person has the financial resource to pay or is being misused by somebody as a tax bypass. Reduce social grants by prevent our neighbours like Lesotho accessing free schooling, hospital care and SASSA grants by crossing our borders by jumping the fence at V Gates. Execute illigal immigrants in SA guilty of capital crimes, or sabbatarge of infrastructure, or the economy like Zama Zama activities or ATM robberies. Create penal colonies where a financial output is generated to pay taxes, secure release and payment for board and lodging while in prison. Consider a tax system where all monetry transactions are only taxed 1% of the value of a transaction into or out of the account. PAYE and other income tax withdrawn. Only tax the money when spent. Stop VAT being liable beween gove departments payments. The gov agencies budget will get a 15% immediate boost. Ban from government work and execute all govermment officals found guilty of mass fraud and corruption involving the deaths of innocent citizens because of their actions.	Mark	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:31:24		DANIEL	retired
	2026-02-04 11:30:41	MP and government personal have bloated salaries,remove all Bee and race laws to free up trade and investment.	Mychel	
	2026-02-04 11:21:41		Ernie	
	2026-02-04 11:20:50		Theuns	retired
	2026-02-04 11:20:07		Somaya	retired
	2026-02-04 11:17:47	How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Fire the thieves Where to cut government spending: Pay them all less and let them pay rates and taxes like everyone else How to fix municipal finance failures: Fire those that sits on their behind whole day What to do about the tax burden on households: Create jobs so everyone can pay tax and give tenders to people who actually work and know what to do.	Koos	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:15:47	Public health sector needs improvement - but electricity water and roads are also important. Individual tax should not increase - but rather tenders be replaced with permanent staff - and headcount in government reduced. Jobs need to be created to sustain the economy and boost tax collection. Business needs less red tape and compliance demands to flourish.	Sandra	retired
	2026-02-04 11:13:35	°Reduce number of government employees, incl ministers, deputy ministers. °Reduce (or remove) fringe benefits of ALL government employees. °Get rid of wasteful spending. °Remove BEE. °GET RID OF ALL CORRUPTION.	Sonja	retired
	2026-02-04 11:13:09	* Cancel all BEE requirements & race-based quotas (this has been proven to be ineffective over the last 20years). * Cancel all unrealistic national projects that have no comprehensive structure to support them or a viable financing scheme, such as the NHI. * Revoke all SASSA and similar grants that were intended for short-term COVID support, as the fiscus cannot support this. Pensioners and Disabled people are the only ones who need this support. Replace government position requirements to be merit-based rather than loyalty/party-based (cadre deployments). * Eliminate corruption throughout the entire government, including policing and the judicial system, essentially. Public trust is at an all-time low, enforcement is only as strong as the conviction and too often crimes go unpunished or are committed by those in power with little to no recourse. * Life imprisonment for government officials who are convicted of corruption (hence the judicial overhaul). * Minimum qualification standards enforcement for positions that handle governmental duties. As municipalities have repeatedly failed their competency/compliance standards. * Increase education standards back to 50% being a pass mark, as lowering it simply stupefies the populace, lowering pretty much every production index. * Build more primary and secondary schools, ensuring qualified teachers are employed. Properly train or dismiss incompetent teachers. * Cancel anything to do with land expropriation; basic property rights must exist to promote investment.	Eugene	
	2026-02-04 11:12:21	Get rid of BEE, and the ANC which should help with getting rid of corruption.	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-04 11:11:16	1. the economy is on life support because of all the connected, incompetent people running things. Every connected person should be removed to make way for non-ANC, non-connected people who just might actually WANT to work! 2. Reduce the cabinet by half, and cut the ridiculous salaries of all civil workers - note, they are not civil servants as they neither serve the country nor do they provide a service. As per 1 above, all connect people being paid by the state should be paid off with a month's salary and new people who are qualified (and not as connected people and members of the ANC) should be employed to actually work. REDUCE ALL GOVERNMENT salaries, so that it is not attractive to professional parasites. 3. See above 4. Until the ANC stops obsessing over how much they can steal and how they can control the money in perpetuity there can be no stabilization of the utilities. They should be sold off to private non-connected companies to run as going concerns or be closed. 5. simple: STOP STEALING THE MONEY 6. The ANC is already taxing people into poverty, reclaim the money from the many government employees who have stolen it through tenders and other nefarious means, and REDUCE ALL GOVERNMENT salaries, so that it is not attractive to professional parasites. 7. stop spending money on military parades and honouring idiots and CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT SALARIES. 8. Everything above applies to municipalities.	Catherine	business owner

	2026-02-04 11:11:08	Government needs to stop wasting money. Sort out the problems of unemployment and poverty in our own country instead of wasting millions taking other countries to the international court. Sort out the high tariffs being charged by the US just to name a couple of things. We also don't need to pay MPs such high salaries and we don't need so many of them either.	Lynette	
	2026-02-04 11:08:51	Economy and growth. the big fear is that we are stuck in low-growth, the budget just becomes an exercise in shifting debt around,. The fiscus is under serious strain. Debt-servicing costs are swallowing a bigger chink of revenue every year, leaving less for essentials like health care, education and infrastructure. Corruption: This is a silent tax everyone pays. People are tired of hearing "we will act", we wnt to see arrests, prosecutions and money recovered.	wahab	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:07:58		Kyle	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:07:52	1. Get rid of BBBEE entirely . This will promote civil sector investment leading to job creation and ultimately increase the tax collection base. 2. Government financial wastage could be reduced if the Min of Fin could initiate measure to implement the following : (This taxpayer also have a dream) A. Get rid of the majority of deputy ministers and their staffing to reduce government expenditure. B. Stop all SOE bailouts and introduce public/private sector partnerships allowing for private sector control to make them profitable. C. Get rid of all the dead wood in all levels of government (from presidential level downwards) and ensure future government appointees are merit based. D. Ensure prosecution for all instances of corruption, at whatever level and recover all "stolen" funds. E. Ensure any suspended government employee at all levels of governance only receive full pay for 3 months, 50% pay for the next 3 months and Zero payment when suspensions last longer than 6 months. F. Ensure any government employee found guilty of any form of corruption is automatically dismissed and forfeits all government pension rights. G. Ensure all government contract allocations are awarded to proven companies and contract penalties are strictly enforced. H. Do not fund "I have a dream" impractical type of projects, irrespective of who the "dreamer" is. I. Encourage Jails to become more self-sufficient in order to reduce correctional services funding. J. Overhaul the "justice" system in order to reduce trial times/postponements.	Ian	retired
	2026-02-04 11:07:12		Pieter	retired
	2026-02-04 11:05:30		Sharon	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:05:16	Stop corruption and state spending on incompetent people who sit around doing nothing and yet being paid. Reduce tax for the elderly who are battling to make a living. Stop wasteful spending of taxpayer money.	Anthon	retired
	2026-02-04 11:03:05	Start by removing the ANC disaster!	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:01:36	They do not take note of our tips this is to coverup what they are doing. Your tip from me is all the above cut your spending and luxury lifestyles and also start paying taxes like most of the citizens do. Young and old!!	Frieda	retired
	2026-02-04 11:00:44		Gideon	retired
	2026-02-04 11:00:25	Firstly, get rid of the BEE nonsense. The only people benefitting from this are the top corrupted government officials. It does not work. Stop flogging that dead horse. This is a Marxist agenda, and benefits nobody. One should get a job based on merit, and this will open doors for competition and probably bring excellence back to the workplace. If I owned a business, I would not just hand over whatever percentage the government wants me to give, to whomever. I want people with integrity working for me. Get rid of the bulging government officials and their jobs for pals, because they do not work for their pay, anyway. Cut salaries and perks of government officials. Cut the blue lights out. Why do these officials need 5 security blue lights, and motorcycle cops? It's to announce how important they are, but the citizens don't care. We want the money they use to be used for services. IE: infrastructure, electricity, water, medical services. A working country would be great. Stop stealing the land. You are flogging a dead horse, yet again. If we took 5% and moved it to a department that really needed the cash, I would say ESKOM. NOTHING works without electricity. This would keep pumps running to bring water to the towns from pumping stations. Businesses would be able to push out their goods and the economy might pick up a bit. Stop penalising solar panel users, the government created the gap here. In any case, this helps to stop energy coming off of the grid. You should be paying an incentive for this. The government should both cut expenditure and find new ways to grow the economy without adding taxes to the already burdened citizens. Stop with your lavish parties that cost the tax payers millions. Stop with the ICJ, it's costing the taxpayer. Stop with the unwarranted increases in pay salaries that the government pays itself. Put this money to good use, like fixing our roads. The government must stop with the SOE bailouts. Billions of Rands has gone into "rescuing" these entities. Not ONE is working. So this means that the money is not going to rescue the entities, but into someone's pocket. Privatise these entities. Build new renewable energy projects. The infrastructure is so old now, and has NOT been maintained in 30 years. Stop patching up. Stop using contractors who bill outrageously for their "services" Give the man in the street, the poorest of the poor, a break on the VAT on essential items. I have a feeling that this government is out of touch with the man in the street. This is shameful. Stop corruption in this country, and it will help with the debt. Put honest councillors who genuinely care about the people that they serve into these positions. Stop with the power play. Do an honest day's work. I have been back to the Roodepoort Municipality FIVE times since August to sort something out. Those staff are not interested in helping the people. And you know what? Their attitude starts from the TOP. If there is no integrity at the top, there won't be integrity and taking pride in their work ,as office workers. If the TOP does not care for the department to act in integrity and excellence, neither will the workers under them. However, I went to the Waterfall Office Park to renew my Drivers Licence and the service there was EXCELLENT. What incredible staff, amazingly efficient and friendly. They are courteous and respectful of everyone. It must be that at the TOP is a person of integrity and takes pride in running the department. Our Government does not care for the people of South Africa. They care about the ANC cadres, and it shows.	Judith	retired
	2026-02-04 11:00:21		engela	retired
	2026-02-04 11:00:16		Charles	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 10:59:42	Suggestions for the Minister of Finance to cut/save with respect to the budget speech: Freeze or scrap non-essential posts in the Public Sector; Promote early retirement in non-essential roles in Public Sector and do not fill those positions again; Remove/get rid of all Ghost Employees in Public Sector; Stop financial bailing out of SOEs - privatize unsuccessful SOEs; Reduce travel-, accommodation-, and catering expenditures in Public Sector; Phase out low priority or under performing programs; Cut Governmental expenditure by reducing ministerial (Deputy Ministers) and other positions; Allow relief for tax payers with respect to income tax bracket creep and rebates.	David	retired
	2026-02-04 10:57:06		Christiaan	business owner
	2026-02-04 10:55:47		Elza	
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	2026-02-04 10:55:15	The government (and, in particular, the ANC component thereof) really needs to step away. This is a time for the experts and the technocrats to take control and steer the country in a new direction. To continue to pursue the same governance and financial missteps is just pure madness. lose the ideology and replace it with sound economic practice.	Jacki	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:54:23		Ian	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:53:44	Cut spending on government ministers - institute things like KPI's on which bonuses are contingent. reduce the number of ministers. appoint only those who are competent not who are cadres. privatise SOE's and allow for competition. Stop throwing money at a sinking ship thinking that will make it better. Stop taking out loans which we can't afford to pay back. cut spending on cabinet staff and use that money to reduce debt.	Cindy	
	2026-02-04 10:53:21	Everything should be sorted out by the Government and it should not be left to the citizens of the country to pay for the Govt mistakes. The Govt must pay for there mistakes. THEY DONT PAY FOR OUR AC'SCOUNTS SO WHY MUST WE PAY FOR THERE'S. Majority of people don't have work. The Govt does nothing for the disabled people(like me)nor if we can't find jobs. Not for the lack of trying. The Govt only think of themselves and not the citizens. Elderly are also the forgotten, they don't care. I think it is time the Govt. woke up and not just thought of themselves. Enough is enough.	Carol	unemployed individual

	2026-02-04 10:52:43		coenraad	retired
	2026-02-04 10:52:00	There are way to many people that does not pay tax and that includes the very rich especially. That should be taken care of. Also, there are way too many illegal immigrants and all of them use water and electricity without paying. Municipalities are bankrupt because a huge number of people don't pay there accounts. YOU ARE KILLING THE MIDDLE-CLASS FINANCIALLY!	G	
	2026-02-04 10:51:37	Most important..Fix and maintenance the collapsing ancient water system..pipes,drains,pumps etc.and plan and provide new dams etc. start by getting rid of the corrupt officials and employing competent people	Di	retired
	2026-02-04 10:51:10	Firstly cut back the Over Inflated Cabinet. We have the largest in the world .Why? Do away with BEE & restrictive labour laws SME's will flourish & tax income will too. Stop corruption by holding people accountable send them to Jail. Privatise the SOE's & allow well trained people to run them, without corruption they too will flourish. Audit the Grant system & remove the ghosts. you'll save a fortune, All major tenders must be audited & signed off by the Minister responsible for that particular enterprise. Cut back on the bloated civil service. Cit back parliamentarian FreeBees & Flights.	Stuart	retired
	2026-02-04 10:50:16	- Rescind all BEE requirements & race based quotas (this has been proven to be ineffective over the last 20years) - Rescind all unrealistic national projects that have no comprehensive structure to support it or viable financing scheme, such as the NHI - Dissolve all underperforming SEOs during a transition to an open, free and fair market - Revoke all SASSA and similar grants that were intended for short-term covid support as the fiscus cannot support this - Reduce government overhead by reducing workforce of unqualified employees (across all levels) - Replace government position requirements to be merit based rather than loyalty/party based (cadre deployments) - Systemic purge of corruption through entire government, policing, judicial...everything essentially. Public trust is at an all time low, enforcement is only as strong as the conviction and too often crimes go unpunished or are committed by those in power with little to no recourse. This has destroyed the social contract with government which elicits higher crime rates as it becomes common knowledge that it will most likely go unprosecuted. - Life imprisonment for government officials who are convicted corruption (hence the judicial overhaul). - Higher transparency for all government departments - Minimum qualification standards enforcement for positions that handle governmental duties. As municipalities have repeatedly failed their competency/compliance standards - PROSECUTE ZUMA - Reduce consumer burden by shifting responsibility for SEO failures to the SEO rather than the consumer (ESKOM) - Increase education standards back to 50% being a pass mark, as lowering it simply stupefies the populace lowering pretty much every production index. Hence why unemployment is so high as they lack basic education standards - Distribute the fiscus more fairly as WC province seems to be funding almost every other province and get's little back on the national level - Revoke anything to do with land expropriation, basic property rights must exist to promote investment - Get rid of Mantashe as his vestment in the fossil industry is a direct conflict of interest and he has repeatedly stalled progression towards alternatives - Privatize Transnet, it has failed and has directly contributed to the collapse of industry if not more than Eskom ... +100 more items that could be listed	Sean	
	2026-02-04 10:49:57	1. Stop stealing our tax money. 2. Reduce the size of cabinet by at least 50%. 3. Get rid of the VIP protection. Give that budget to SAPS. 4. Get rid of BEE, which provides the legal framework for corruption. 5. Stop stealing our tax money. 6. Reduce the size of the public service by 50%. 7. Reduce the power of the unions. 8. Scrap the minimum wage which created a jobs bloodbath. 9. Stop stealing our tax money.	Michael	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:49:29	Cut cost and salary's of government officials and reduce the parliament. People that is responsible for stealing taxpayers money must be arrested and must be charged and dismissed.	Louis	retired
	2026-02-04 10:49:28	Cut cost and salary's of government officials and reduce the parliament. People that is responsible for stealing taxpayers money must be arrested and must be charged and dismissed.	Louis	retired
	2026-02-04 10:48:10	Dear Minister, Please, can we: 1. Empower the private sector to create jobs, as this will expand the tax base (using taxes to create government jobs is economic cannibalism). 2. Spend less than or equal to what we earn as a nation (basic budget principles). 3.1 Increase the current tax base - one way to do this is to increase VAT so that all contribute (think of those many taxis who operate on a cash basis - you think they pay tax?) and decrease PAYE proportionately to the VAT, so the few who are currently carrying the country can get a breather. 3.2 Stop taking loans from everyone (IMF, World Bank, Brics, etc.) as these all come with strings attached, rather reduce the bloated cabinet and legislature and use that money for infrastructure. 4. Stop cadre deployment and party politics, and for once, put the country first concerning SOEs. No bailouts, handouts, zero tolerance for corruption, punish mediocrity and reward meritocracy. 5.1 Stop listening to Europe and the rest of the world (and taking their "bribe" money), and keep our coal-fired plants running and build new ones, using off-the-shelf models (unlike the custom Medupi etc.) and the latest technology to emit clean air and use the ash for road building etc.(think Singapore). 5.2 Make solar installation as easy and cheap as possible, as well as a requirement for EVERY new house (including RDP) or building of any type. 5.3 Water is a ticking time-bomb with treatment plants either broken or in disrepair, and insufficient new ones being built. This should be a #1 priority in our nation, as one cannot exist without water (a few days at most). 5.4 Solar-powered desalination plants should be erected at coastal cities requiring more water. 6. See points 1 and 3.1 for suggestions on tax revenues. 7. Drastically reduce our national debt, as it is using current money to fund past purchases long forgotten/used up, adding to the list of future problems that will be unfunded. 8. Place all maladministered municipalities under administration, BUT not with cadres or incompetent/corrupt government officials - enough of that already! Dock every government official's pay and pension for misappropriated funds - let them pay instead of every law-abiding citizen! We have had enough and can do better! South Africa has so much potential, but there is a group that only considers its own interests, and not that of our whole nation. Yours sincerely, Shaun	Shaun	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 10:46:00	If they can just rule out corruption and stop stealing. Do not erich themselves, but be servants to the people who elected them.	Theunis	
	2026-02-04 10:45:06	If you are serious about saving money. I mean serious. All you need to do is publicly arrest all the fraudsters stealing the money and the budget will soon be large enough. You might want to arrest yourself too as I am quite confident you are one off them. But we will at least be happy to see some accountability.	Alfred	
	2026-02-04 10:44:47	I agree with all the comments, but I think most South Africans know how corrupt every governmental department is. Funds get allocated but don't get used efficiently, effectively or honestly. There's tax on everything but not much to show for it besides failed infrastructure, poorly run municipalities, holes in the roads, non-working railways, and the list goes on. But the government then wants to add more tax to pay for the shortfalls. There are bloated, greedy cabinets who often lack integrity. Not every government official is like this, but there are way too many that are. It's all good and well to address the increasing debt, inflation, tax, and everything that's meant to run well in a country, but if the people running those things are dishonest, then no amount of debt repayments is going to work. Fix the root, and the fruit will improve.	Niqui	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:42:12	We should start focusing on basic requirements. Stop borring more money for daily operations. Start by making sure that each rand given is pro-actively working for SA. If we just waste money like before and keep on getting bail outs we as a country keeps on paying for someone's mistakes. They should start by taking accountability and run self sufficiently. Stop increasing tax on income, alcohol, fuel, sugar etc. We want consumers to use more than less. More selling means we get in more money from tax. If tax needs to be increased we can increase tax to 16% then all SA pay levies and just not working class. We like to create an eviroment where it's more lucritive to earn an income than to sit and home. Municipalities are responsible to generate their own income. Every one pays for basic servive's. Make sure they get money from those individuals that don't pay. Study bursaries must be granted for individuals who do really good at Matric. Those who barely made it, will just waste tax payers money. Eskom is making so much money out of us, that it's cheaper to borrow money and live of the grid. Very good example that over pricing a product due to mis management will be costing income for Eskom. Electricity relieve for SA as steel manufacturing industry is also crimpling due to high baseline cost. Schools etc should start by selling something to earn money for books etc. So that we have more money to spend elsewhere. Health department should start by getting in some income from income bases salary. Those who can pay don't. Those cost us as country money. Even if it's a portion. SADF should be used to assist police daily in high crime areas to combat crime. We pay them a salary to sit and just do nothing. Police is not enough and need SADF assistance.	Matthys	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:42:08	The ANC government is full of corruption and mismanagement. BEE is a joke, racist and should be abolished for the good of all South Africans and the benefit of the country.	Grahame	
	2026-02-04 10:42:02		Donna	
	2026-02-04 10:41:27		Gerald	retired
	2026-02-04 10:41:25	Reduce the cabinet and get rid of all deputy ministers, appoint capable people in all SOE's get rid of all caders in municipalities and replace them with qualified people. Get rid of the required 30% BEE law that foreign companies must give to black business, this will open up the economy and create thousands of jobs!!	Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 10:41:00	Get rid of all deputy ministers from cabinet/parliament and from all levels of government. Privatise all parastatals 100%. Decrease all government ministers and government workers salaries. They, ie government workers must not be given bonuses/incentives automatically as these must be earned. All government officials and workers including ministers,city managers, mayors and executives must be appraised on a six monthly basis. Our country must stop borrowing money as this is very expensive to service.	Derek	retired
	2026-02-04 10:38:52	1. Fire every ANC cabinet minister. Including Cyril Ramaphosa and any DA ministers 2. Fire every unneccessary worker at eskom and other state enterprises. Those are not employment agencies 3. Cut the red tape and get out of the way of the private sector 4. End BEE in all it"s forms. Its nothing but a get-rich-quick scheme for cadres and the connected few 5. Take heed of the Zondo commission et al. and jail EVERYBODY that has had a hand in state capture / looting and corruption 6. Fire the police minister et al. and appint competent, homest leadership. Then we can start dealung with crime, which is also a drain on the fiscus 7. Jail everybody at Dirco for treason, including Cyril and the head of the military 8. Pay back what you have stolen Do this as a start and **maybe** we will have a chance	Jo	
	2026-02-04 10:38:25	Encourage foreign investment by getting rid of BEE and Land Expropriation with no compensation. Halve government spending on salaries, starting with getting rid of all the Deputy Ministers and SOE's should be privatised. Education in schools must be improved, if you have a good education you can be employed anywhere in the world. The interest we pay on our debt is ridiculous, stop borrowing money, it is unfair for the next generation to have to pay for the present governments over spending, especially when we have nothing to show for it!	Lynn	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:37:49	Our government is top heavy they don't need deputy ministers etc. Get rid of all the corrupt members who sit and do nothing but still expect handouts. Get competent people with integrity to do the work. We don't need committees to find out where they can improve or find out where the money is going etc. (It's a waste of time and money) They know and we also where it is all going .	Yvette	retired
	2026-02-04 10:37:33		Inger	
	2026-02-04 10:35:09		Andre	retired

	2026-02-04 10:34:15		Joan	
	2026-02-04 10:32:34	If you ask me, the fact that he has to open comment up to the public speaks volumes. Is this admitting anc failure across all spheres? 1. Reduce the government size, not all of those ministries are needed. 2. Open up ALL SOE's to public participation, NOT political appointments. 3. Immediately demote or even fire dead weight across all spheres of government and municipalities. 4. STOP government employees, including ministers of getting tenders. 5. Yes, there is such a thing as 'preventative maintenance' for electricity, water and sanitation etc. DO IT. This is just a start.....	Tim	retired
	2026-02-04 10:32:29	As long as we have a corrupt government nothing will change. It is about time that a strong person stands up to clean up the government. We need good people with courage who look after the country.	Gustav	retired
	2026-02-04 10:32:27		Maganathan	retired
	2026-02-04 10:29:29	The Government is like a big fat caterpillar eating everything in its way. Huge luxury parties, extravagant salary increases, spending money on the most unimportant stuff and let the citizens pay for all of Africa. This IS a disaster!!!!!	Margie	retired
	2026-02-04 14:54:51	Dear Minister Godongwana,	Mpho	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:54:19	The government must admit that they are unable to run anything successfully, and step down.	Jill	
	2026-02-04 14:52:41		Odette	
	2026-02-04 14:51:58		Elza	
	2026-02-04 14:51:57		Elza	
	2026-02-04 14:48:39		Trevor	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 14:40:43	The definition of insanity—"doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results"— Albert Einstein. Everything in the world is evolving and developing - IT, vehicles, information, retail, education, health and so the list goes on and on. No sphere of our lives is untouched by all the changes. From a human aspect, the key to change is adaptability and flexibility. In any business, state owned or not, entreneurship MUST be practised at all levels. It takes courage, commitment; curiosity, resilience, accountability - these are but a few of the characteristics of success people. The world runs on what humans decide and do - the key to change in any sphere of business or life, is to change the human being's behaviour. We all have the potential to develop and succeed. All that has to happen is, the challenge has to be accepted on how to tackle the problems of SA without any hand outs from the public. Please take pride in what you do and serve the citizens of our country with the respect that they deserve. You can do it!	Shirley	retired
	2026-02-04 14:39:08	1. The economy and fiscus. To increase the growth rate, rasist laws such as expropriation without compensation, the Bela act , bbbee and nhi should be withdrawn as it drives investors away from South Africa as an investment hub. 2. Government spending. Reduce the number of ministers and deputy ministers. Redirect funds from social grants, bloated cabinet minister salaries and expenditure. Stop VIP protection (blue light brigades). Rather redirect savings from the above to maintain and improve infrastructure such as water availability, roads, railways, etc. 3. Large budget deficit. Reduce the number of cabinet ministers to reduce government spending. Stop financial support to struggling SOE's. Rather share with the Private sector who perform more efficient business principles. 4. Stabilising SOE finances. Stop bailing out inefficiently managed SOE's such as ESCOM and Transnet. These entities should find private sector enterpreneurs to help them staying afloat. 5. Energy and Water funding. Funds should be prioritised for maintenance and upgrading of water, energy and sanitation systems. 6. Tax policies and revenue. With a shrinking tax base and high borrowing interest rate, consider adjusting tax brackets for inflation. A reduction in personal income tax, reducing VAT on more items and consider incentives to help industry to increase employment, etc. to reduce tax burden on households and broaden the tax base. 7. Debt sustainability With government debt spiraling out of control, it is important to improve conditions supporting international investments and reduce state lending. 8. Municipal finances Implement strict controls to reduce inefficient management and enforcing strict consequences for poor performance.	Lourens	retired
	2026-02-04 14:38:06		Kenneth	retired
	2026-02-04 14:37:07	Firstly, cut government salaries and perks. They are paid far too much and they are incompetent.	Lisa	
	2026-02-04 14:36:17	How can you give ministers and deputy ministers increases, when the coutnry is not performing financially? South Africa is not in a financial posisiton to give increases. The Business of South Africa needs to be reassessed, as if it was any other business desperate changes need to be implemented. Perhaps a few retrenchments should be in order if it can open up funds for infrastructure, paying of debt and to ensure that we can actually grow the economy, but far too long, it was seen as a fountain that will never run dry. If the rest of South Africa can tighten the belt, I think the Ministers and President should do the same.	Marise	self-employed
	2026-02-04 14:34:50	government employees must provide for the their own medical aid, car finance, pension/RA, insurance, etc .... just as the tax paying public has to provide for themselves .... once retired from office, they cant keep getting tax payers monies for retirement.	paul	
	2026-02-04 14:33:32	Government spending has to be cut. Why do politicians and government officials get huge salaries while the rest of the country suffers? Corruption needs to be rooted out. Not talked about in endless meetings fueled by thousands of rands worth of kfc. If a person cannot do their job they should be replaced by someone who can. And stop penalising the only people keeping the economy afloat: private businesses and tax payers. Municipalities are the worst. No service delivery and corrupt, but they still want us to pay. For what? Why do I have to pay the municipality for refuse removal AND a private company because the municipality does not remove my refuse? If you keep squeezing us hard enough, you'll drive us all into abject poverty. All meaning the middle class. The wealthy will simply leave the country. Then who will pay for your bonuses and luxuries? The tooth fairy?	Baileigh	self-employed
	2026-02-04 14:30:12		Chiantelle	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 14:29:38	Dear Minister, Thank you for the opportunity to submit public input ahead of the upcoming National Budget Speech. I appreciate the National Treasury's call for citizen engagement at a time when South Africa's fiscal position requires difficult but necessary decisions. I would like to submit the following budget priorities for consideration: 1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom and Transnet) Further bailouts should be strictly conditional on measurable operational reform, transparent procurement, and professionalised boards free from political interference. Where possible, private-sector participation should be expanded to reduce the long-term burden on the fiscus. 2. Cutting Government Spending Expenditure reviews should focus on reducing waste, duplication, and non-core activities rather than frontline services. Cost containment at senior management and political office levels would signal fiscal discipline and rebuild public trust. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures Stronger consequence management is urgently needed. Municipalities that repeatedly fail audits should face direct intervention, including conditional grant controls, technical administration support, and enforcement of personal accountability for financial misconduct. 4. Reducing the Tax Burden on Households With households under severe pressure, fiscal consolidation should prioritise expenditure efficiency over further tax increases. Any relief—such as bracket creep adjustments or targeted VAT relief on essential goods—would help protect working and low-income South Africans. South Africans want a budget that restores credibility, prioritises infrastructure and service delivery, and places the country on a sustainable fiscal path. I trust that public input such as this will meaningfully inform the final budget framework. Thank you for considering my submission. Yours sincerely, Ayanda Ntuli	Ayanda	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:29:09	I would suggest relooking the salaries and cutting the salaries of all the people from municipalities, government and parlement. Then to do lifestyle audits on all staff and checking their bank statements which SARS can do. Then do performance reviews on all staff and see if they know what they are doing and if they are knowledgeable. Do skills audits on all staff across the board. I would also reduce the amount of people doing tasks at all the municipalities that goes on lunch for the whole afternoon after loadshedding that usually lasts 3 hours. Checks to be done on how many hours these staff members actually work on any given day and if it validates paying them a full months salary for only half a days work or even less. This needs to be done before VAT is increased. Sugar tax to be taken away and rather look at all the steriods being pumped into all our food and meats. Tax the steriod producers making us obese. No more money to be supplied to State Owned Enterprises as it is not being used correctly and they need to look for investment elsewhere or become private companies before they get a bail out. More need to be done to create an economy to assist everyone in this country to be employed meaning everyone that can get funding by the state to create employment could apply and it is not race related. Start taxing the taxi's that earn too much and doesn't pay tax. It must be a law. This will ensure that those already paying is less burdened.	Bernadine C.	employed individual

	2026-02-04 14:28:42	1. The single policy change that would most effectively encourage businesses to invest and create jobs in South Africa is the abolishment of BEE in all it's forms. 2. None of the budget should be reallocated to any government department, instead the government needs to undertake austerity measures in terms of cutting the number of cabnet members, removing VIP protection in favour of relying on the SAPS like the rest of us. If any allocation is be made it should go to paying pensions. 3. The government is not a business and finding methods to generate revenue is not within it's remit - the government serves to provide the conditions for the private sector to thrive - and is failing at this through it's employment policies that marginalise minorities, over-regulation and over-taxation and inability to curb corruption within it's own ranks. The government should stay in it's lane and start building back the infrastructure it destroyed. 4. The government should discontinue providing financial bailouts to struggling SOEs and allow them to compete in an open market. 5. Building new renewable energy projects is out of the question. These projects are the fastest way to sink the economy for good. Fix the existing infrastructure and stop chasing pseudo-science. 6. Personal Income Tax should be reduced across the board , reducing tax will stimulate spending even though it may be mostly on the basic essentials, abolish VAT completely on essential items and bring in corporate tax incentives for hiring that are not tied to race-based hiring quotas. 7. The only way to avoid the 'debt trap' is not to spend money you don't have, even a child knows this, so nut up and cut the wages of government staff all the way down to the minimal wage, you have no money to spend so do the right thing and 'go without' like the rest of the citizens have to. 8. The National Budget should not support municipalities at all. Municipalities collect rates and have means to support their activies, if they fail, let them fail and face consequences for their failure.	J	
	2026-02-04 14:26:35	Cut down on Government spending, surely they do not need increased salary packages (they're already living in the lap of luxury, while citizens suffer).... Do away with BBBEEE it's the downfall of the country	Veronica	retired
	2026-02-04 14:26:26	Dear Ayanda The Minister of Finance has officially opened the floor for "Budget Tips" ahead of the National Budget Speech. This is your direct line to the National Treasury. Right now, South Africa's finances are at a crossroads. To put things in perspective: Debt Repayment: Our government is projected to spend R434.9 billion this year just on interest. That is more than we spend on our entire Health system. The Deficit: They are still spending roughly R370 billion more than we provide in tax revenue. Infrastructure: While energy is stabilising, our water infrastructure requires a R1 trillion investment over the next few years. The Minister wants your "tips" on: How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. Where to cut government spending. How to fix municipal finance failures. What to do about the tax burden on households. Ayanda , I believe a budget shouldn't just be something that "happens" to us—it should be shaped by us. I have simplified the Minister's key categories underneath the form on the participation platform so you can provide informed, impactful comments in less than three minutes. Don't let the 2026 budget be decided in a vacuum. Your tip could be the one that shifts the priority. Ayanda, click here to have your say now! Thank you for being democratically engaged, active and responsible. Rob Hutchinson Founder, Dear South Africa Please note that we no longer run debit orders and will NEVER phone you to ask for a donation or membership. Beware of scammers. Share a coffee with me from Xylo Coffee Roasters Join Rob at Xylo Coffee Roasters	Ayanda	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:24:47		ayanda	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:22:14		Stephen	
	2026-02-04 14:21:56		Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:21:02	The simplest and most effective way to get the economy going is to scrap BBEEE. Completely and permanently.	Graham	retired
	2026-02-04 14:17:35	Even if I give the best ever advice and solutions on how to make our economy work. It would only be good advise if you use it.	Deon	retired
	2026-02-04 14:15:02	The country needs money to pay back the debt which could be spent on other vital infrastructure and economic stimuli. Money can only come from supporting serious anti-corruption investigation (at municipal level and up) and swift prosecution, halting illegal money from cigarettes and drugs, taxing heavily any gambling related activity (local and international), while stimulating the economy so that business' can thrive and employ more humans. Ensure that if tax money is supporting SOE's that competent qualified people are employed to do the job and be accountable for what they do. Privatise non-essential SOE's like SAA and railways. Expand the tax base to foreigners who own property in South Africa.	Phillipa	business owner
	2026-02-04 14:11:55	I find it ludicrous, if not insulting, that such questions are even being asked. Tips? FHS. OK. 1. do something about the rampant corruption and facilitators such as the Procurement Act; 2. do something to encourage investment, which BBBEE whatever actively discourages; 3. Privatise SOE's and do something about the over-employment of institutions such as Eskom (e.g. encourage investment - Sigh - so people can get jobs); reduce or at least stop increasing salaries of government employees (especially above inflation rates). Include politicians in this, they are way over-funded and could live quite comfortably without ripping everyone else off; 4. do something about the people discouraging mining investments and Starlink; 5. stop touting ridiculously impossible ideas such as NHI - which SA already has and has had for decades preceding ANC rule; and 6. apply the novel idea of employing people qualified to do the job at hand (i.e., on merit) instead of cadre buddies. While about it, clean up SAPS and ensure the Judiciary works the way it is meant to. There's nothing here the government doesn't already know. It's hardly rocket science. Political will? Ability to think out of the box? Adaptation to a changing world? Takes constructive intelligence. Alternatively, continue to die a slow and lingering death - while "genociding" your own people.	Peta	
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	2026-02-04 14:07:51		John	retired
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	2026-02-04 14:03:02	1. Fixing Eskom & Transnet We can’t keep paying for failure. * Stop unconditional bailouts. Any money given must come with **clear targets and consequences**. * Let private operators help run ports, rail lines, and power generation **without selling state assets**. * Publish simple public scorecards so citizens can see if SOEs are improving or not. **Bottom line:** If an SOE can’t deliver basics, it shouldn’t get blank cheques from taxpayers. 2. Where Government Should Cut Spending Households are tightening belts. Government should too. * Freeze hiring of managers and administrators, not nurses, teachers, or police. * Cut spending on consultants where skills already exist inside government. * End programmes that don’t work instead of funding them year after year. **Bottom line:** Less waste at the top, not fewer services on the ground. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance People don’t refuse to pay because they don’t care — they refuse because services fail. * Fix billing systems before increasing rates and tariffs. * Hold municipal managers personally accountable for financial mismanagement. * Put failing municipalities under temporary administration **faster**, before collapse. **Bottom line:** Pay us fairly, bill us correctly, and deliver services — then people will pay. 4. The Tax Burden on Households Working people are already stretched. * Adjust tax brackets fully for inflation so salaries don’t lose value every year. * Stop increasing personal income tax — grow the economy instead. * Focus tax increases on luxury consumption, pollution, and unhealthy products. **Bottom line:** Don’t fix government problems by squeezing households harder. 5. The Big Picture * Interest costs are crowding out healthcare, education, and infrastructure. * Borrowing should fund **growth**, not daily expenses. * Be honest with citizens about what government is stopping — not just what it’s adding. **Bottom line:** The budget must restore trust, not just balance spreadsheets.	Mark	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:00:50		Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 13:56:06	One of the biggest problems facing South Africa is the Public Procurement Act. Tenders are widely seen as a legitimate means of defrauding the government. Since all politicians and their family members make use of this funnel (to funnel money out of the government into private hands), the political will to address this issue is nil. But let us have a look. I will now comment to the rest of the points focusing solely on the above. 1. The economy and the fiscus: There is no quick fix. Make the hard decisions (such as fixing the public procurement system) and stick with what would benefit the economy. Maintain the Rule of Law. There is one law for all, if you deviate from this, then there is anarchy. 2. Government spending Should the procurement process be independent and based on competency, the government would not need to overspend on on the same issues time and again, since the work will be done the first time. 3. Addressing a large budget defecit Prioritizing measurable outcomes and prohibiting the same criminals, sorry, politicians, sorry tendepreneurs to steal money and receiving nothing or so little of what was actually planned for the money, this deficit would decrease year on year. Being more financially disciplined with an eye on outcomes and not only on this amount is going in, but nothing is coming out, would also be favorable to South Africa's fiscal position. 4. Stabilizing SOE finances Fix procurement. 5. Energy and water investments Fix procurement. 6. Tax revenues Focus on individuals and companies that get these tenders and ensure they pay taxes. 7. Debt sustainability It will improve, and when stronger financial discipline is proven, more favorable conditions can be negotiated. 8. Municipal finances If Municipalities are able to use competent suppliers that do not grossly overcharge and get work done correctly, they will also not be afraid to spend money on what they need to and have money for what they need. Another major issue is the illegal Nepotism applied by the ANC elite who not only appoint family and friends to senior positions they are totally unqualified/incompetent/ corrupt to hold - this allows major corruption to be rampant; and it permits financial raping of the fiscus/taxes of RSA. All of the above is against the World Class Constitution of RSA!!!!!	Leslie	business owner
	2026-02-04 13:55:47	Fruitless and unauthorized expenditure goes unabated .AG's Office does not have proper control of State funds utilized by various State Entities. Regular cash flow meetings are simply nonexistent in various State Departments resulting in poor control of State Funds. There is also serious abuse of State assets, particularly motor vehicles.	Mike	retired
	2026-02-04 13:52:53	Firstly: The political climate in SA is anti-white so does not attract foreign investment - change your raciest laws. Second: Gov spending is too high. Root out corruption and cut back on the bloated civil service. Third: Bail outs to entities like Eskom should NOT be for the taxpayer. Municipalities “in financial distress” Rates and taxes are paid by the homeowners therefore any loss of revenue needs to be looked into, and again, corruption weeded out and addressed.	Margaret	retired
	2026-02-04 13:50:39		B	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 13:50:00	Get rid of corrupt government officials. Reduce Eskom's workforce. Force Eskom to stop hiking electricity prices. Don't give SOE's any more bailouts. Get rid of Deputy Ministers posts.	Ken	retired
	2026-02-04 13:46:10	The Government should stop their racist radical transformation policies and encourage investment to create employment instead of their persistence in destroying our beautiful country	David	retired

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	2026-02-04 13:45:54	If Municipalities are able to use competent suppliers that do not grossly overcharge and get work done correctly, they will also not be afraid to spend money on what they need to and have money for what they need.	WIlna	
	2026-02-04 13:43:50		Joyce	
	2026-02-04 13:43:31	Stop corruption. Appoint business people to run SOE's. Stop creating a welfare situation, do away with all the useless grants. This is just vote solicitation. There is no Financial oversight by Treasury, they are useless. No consequences for those who mismanage/abuse taxpayers hard earned money. If all the billions wasted on corruption, theft, wasteful expenditure etc. is used for paying the debt we would better off.	Barry	retired
	2026-02-04 13:40:25		Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 13:40:18	Reduce the number of people in government. Reduce the large salaries and bonuses. What are they being rewarded for - NOT doing their job?! Water -fix the treatment plants, fix leaking water mains (at least switch off the water ASAP to prevent water loss), build new dams where needed. Education - a pass mark of 30% is not a pass in ANY language! Encourage teacher training and build new schools, so we can get back to 30 pupils in a class instead of 50!	Lionel	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:39:02		Anna	retired
	2026-02-04 13:38:22	State expenditure , the ongoing fight against corruption and growing the economy should be prioritised since these rob the fiscus from tax and funds to repay debt, focus on water, public health, education and unemployment which in turn affects tax income - a death spiral while corruption and unbridled state expenditure is ongoing.	Kate	retired
	2026-02-04 13:36:49	Cut the amount of ministers and cut the massive salaries that we as tax payers cannot afort to pay out of taxes. It's a bloody shame how the gov. spend money on small things.	Gert	
	2026-02-04 13:36:33		Marilyn	retired
	2026-02-04 13:34:44		Ronel	retired
	2026-02-04 13:32:59		Brigitte	
	2026-02-04 13:31:52		Zama	employed individual
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	2026-02-04 13:29:45		Ester	retired
	2026-02-04 13:25:25	Reduce the number of people in government. Reduce the large salaries and bonuses. What are they being rewarded for - NOT doing their job?! Water -fix the treatment plants, fix leaking water mains (at least switch off the water ASAP to prevent water loss), build new dams where needed. Education - a pass mark of 30% is not a pass in ANY language! Encourage teacher training and build new schools, so we can get back to 30 pupils in a class instead of 50!	Wendy	retired
	2026-02-04 13:25:14		Vasinthie	
	2026-02-04 13:23:44		Andre	retired
	2026-02-04 13:23:33	- Stabalise SOE by privatising them - To cut Government Spending reduce the cabinet by 75% - Fix Municipal failures by divorcing them politics and the Gov.t should employ qualified civil servants not incompetant friends and relatives. - stop double taxing the residents for petrol and other such things	Peter	self-employed

		Submission to the Minister of Finance: Budget Tips for Fiscal Stabilisation and Governance Reform South Africa's fiscal position requires decisive structural reform rather than short-term adjustments. With debt servicing costs exceeding R434.9 billion annually and a persistent deficit, the focus must shift toward governance reform, expenditure efficiency, revenue enforcement, and growth-led stabilisation. Below are proposed measures for consideration. 1. Stabilisation and Reform of State-Owned Entities Entities such as Eskom and Transnet must operate as commercially sustainable institutions rather than recurring fiscal liabilities. Recommendations: Appoint fully professional, skills-based boards with performance contracts. Introduce strict operational and financial restructuring milestones before any further fiscal support. Expand private sector participation in freight rail operations and electricity generation through regulated partnerships. Ring-fence new borrowing and prohibit unconditional bailouts. Link executive compensation strictly to operational and financial performance targets. SOEs should be subject to commercial discipline, transparency, and measurable delivery outcomes. 2. Expenditure Rationalisation Fiscal consolidation should prioritise efficiency rather than reductions in essential social services. Proposed Measures: Freeze non-critical hiring across national and provincial departments. Reduce spending on consultants where internal capacity exists. Eliminate duplication across public entities and consolidate overlapping agencies. Conduct a national audit to eliminate ghost employees. Cap executive management layers in departments. The objective is not austerity, but improved spending discipline and value for money. 3. Municipal Finance Reform and Infrastructure Protection Municipal collapse is largely a governance and financial management issue. Recommendations: Earlier and structured intervention by National Treasury in distressed municipalities. Tie conditional grants to strict delivery milestones and expenditure reporting. Mandatory financial management accreditation for municipal CFOs and accounting officers. Automatic consequence management for repeated audit disclaimers. Centralised procurement support for smaller municipalities to reduce inefficiencies and corruption. Given the estimated R1 trillion required for water infrastructure upgrades, a nationally coordinated blended-finance model should be developed, as municipalities alone cannot absorb this burden. 4. Revenue Stabilisation Without Increasing Household Tax Burden South Africa's middle-income earners already carry a disproportionate tax burden. Recommendations: Broaden the tax base through stronger enforcement by South African Revenue Service. Incentivise small business growth to expand the taxpayer base. Formalise segments of the informal economy. Prioritise reduction of wasteful expenditure before considering increases in VAT or personal income tax. Consider targeted sin taxes rather than broad-based income tax hikes. Economic growth and compliance expansion are more sustainable than repeated tax increases. 5. Mandatory SARS Compliance for All State-Owned Entities All SOEs and their subsidiaries must be fully compliant with SARS requirements before receiving any fiscal transfers, guarantees, or bailout funding. Proposed Enforcement Mechanism: Valid tax clearance certificates as a precondition for fiscal support. Confirmation that PAYE, VAT, and corporate income tax submissions are up to date. Quarterly compliance reporting to National Treasury. Automatic penalties for accounting authorities in cases of non-compliance. Government credibility requires that public entities meet the same standards imposed on citizens and businesses. 6. National Revenue Intelligence and Integrated Company Tracking System A digital revenue oversight platform should be developed to integrate: Banking transaction reporting above defined thresholds. Company registration records from the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission. Identity verification through the Department of Home Affairs. National Treasury tender databases. SARS tax submissions and filing records. Purpose: Trace registered companies receiving income through the formal banking system. Flag entities generating income without submitting tax returns. Detect multiple entities linked to the same beneficial owners. Automatically block non-compliant entities from participating in public procurement. 7. Tender System Reform Public procurement should be fully integrated with tax and identity verification systems. No company should be awarded a public tender without: Verified beneficial ownership disclosure. Confirmed SARS compliance. Cross-verification of directors and shareholders with Home Affairs identity records. Real-time linkage between tender awards and tax compliance status.		

	2026-02-04 13:18:10	We cannot afford the exorbitant size cabinet and non-performance municipality with +/- 7 million taxpayers. They need to work for their salaries as citizens do. We cannot carry people doing nothing and getting paid exorbitant salaries. No services, no maintenance of any areas anymore. Most of the time the grass is so tall you cannot see oncoming traffic. Roads are falling apart and safety of citizens are non existing. Traffic and street lights are non-existing, roads full of potholes and citicens cannot trust any traffic officer or policeman. We as citizens are responsible for our own safety and even the officials are enemies. Jobs need to be created as there is no money left to provide a future for our children. Corruption is in every government department. You are expected to pay bribes where services should be provided. Without bribes you will not be assisted. We are overtaxed to death!!!!	Tersia	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 13:16:40	1) Get rid of BBBEE 2) Prosecute corrupt officials 3) Fire non- performing state personnel 4) Reduce the size of government 5) Appoint persons based on actual competency, not potential competency or cadre deployment.	Lemmer	retired
	2026-02-04 13:16:38	1) Get rid of BBBEE 2) Prosecute corrupt officials 3) Fire non- performing state personnel 4) Reduce the size of government 5) Appoint persons based on actual competency, not potential competency or cadre deployment.	Lemmer	retired
	2026-02-04 13:15:39		Clive	retired
	2026-02-04 13:13:03	The grants for children must stop. Pay the grand to schools so that the money can really look after the children. Do not give grands if children is not in school and must be drug free and not pregnant if you are a teen. Privatise municipalities. Stop spending money on things that must uplift communities. Spent the money on schools and training facilities for the youth so that they can learn through skills.	Elfrieda	
	2026-02-04 13:10:48	Focus on pillar departments like health,education and home affairs! Some departments are unnecessary!	Norma	
	2026-02-04 13:09:40	No increases for public sector, root out corruption, less people in parlement, remove BEE appointments. Everything is wrong, but start to fix the economy.	Hennie	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:05:41		Marita	
	2026-02-04 13:03:29	Streamline our bloated government, root out corruption and jail corrupt officials. Name & shame corrupt officials.	Janine	retired
	2026-02-04 13:01:22	I can barely make ends meet... Government MUST cut the number of ministers & deputy ministers This will go towards alleviating some of the burden on the fiscus Too much frivolous and wasteful expenditure as highlighted by the auditor general in many government institutions and SOE's lifestyle audits should be conduct for every state employee cadre and ministers A concerted effort must be made to stop corruption with arrests, prosecutions and convictions resulting in prison sentences Conduct lifestyle audits for ALL state employees and ministers	Alan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:00:12	I am surprised the minister is looking for solutions every where when it is glaring in front of everyone’s eyes. Daily there are reports of unauthorised expenditure running in millions all over the country by municipalities and various state organs. Furthermore the rule must be set on ithe % of of revenue collected for salary/wages .If earnings are in excess of this figure then cut salaries or retrenchment.State employees cannot be allowed to use funds for their benefit at the expense. of infrastructure. Productivity of state must be seriously looked at	Slim	retired
	2026-02-04 13:00:02	Start of prosecuting ALL involved in corruption. Stop all the senseless, costly "no teeth" Commissions of Enquiries. Do away with all the personal bodyguard thugs and Blue Light brigades. Reduce the Cabinet by at least 60% Let Constituents elect representatives, etc., and not have ANC appointed, unqualified , Cadres. Priavatise SOE's To sum up, cut costs! Then you will have sufficient funding to drastically reduce our debt!	Kan	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:56:02		ELIZABETH A	retired
	2026-02-04 12:54:32		Amarin	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:53:59		Melissa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:52:33	Cut ministerial positions, streamline government services, cut wasteful expenditure, and then we'll tell you what to do with our money.	Nicky	retired
	2026-02-04 12:51:52	South Africa is undeniably facing a fundamental collapse of overall government functionality, rational direct and out of control corruption in the most senior echelons of those running the country. Whilst all of the highlighted areas of the economy and government activity are of grave concern, the corrective measures for each will require a separate, in-depth discussion. However, any "corrective actions", such as tax reduction or better debt management, are addressing symptoms of a greater issue, not the root cause of the issue (s). The only way this country can get to see any proper GDP growth, economic reforms, no corruption, effective policing etc. (the list is endless) is through a meaningful change of government. IAs long as the current governement is in power none of the critical economic issues cosidered by the good minister can be effectively addressed. The problem being that any additional tax revenues or other revenue sources are simply targets for the corrupt government thieves. For short term business and individual growth: taxes should be lowered, not increased. Leave VAT where it is, if not reducing it by 1 %. Reduce import taxes on any item not competing directly with domestic products. Reduce the fuel levy - the price of fuel should be maximum 50% of where it is today. Elimiate government spending to only those projects that have opposition approval Micro manage municipal spending to control theft and mismanagement. Do not give any further bail-outs to failing SOEs - let them burn and prosecute the individual responsible for the failure. Then recover the billions in stolen funds... The list goes on and on.	Lionel	
	2026-02-04 12:51:44	The obvious is to reduce the cabinet. Unfortunately, even the opposition parties will not be in favor as it is their bread and butter. Spread the net for tax recovery. Minority of the population contribute to the majority of revenue. Tax evasion in this country needs to be addressed. We are a Socialist/communist country. We spend too much on social grants. People need jobs to create revenue not hand-outs. Remove water boards. Return their functions back to the Municipalities.	Noel	retired
	2026-02-04 12:50:21		Elmarie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:49:41	We have an absolutely beautiful country. Sadly our government is totally mismanaging funds. There is a lack of accountability and worse is the bribery and corruption. We have managed with the increased income recieved to completely destroy our infrastructure and our services. Nothing works. As a member of various NGO we have taken the responsibility of government in doing improvements for our country. We need people of integrity and those who genuinely care about the welfare of our country. We pay our taxes but what do we get in return. We still have to pay school fees, we still take out medical aid, we forced to stay in secure environments and worse still we pay for services which are non existent. Simple basic human rights of water and electricity.	Hafsa	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:44:16		Nicolette	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:43:37		Raul	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:42:31		Christopher	retired
	2026-02-04 12:40:57		Jacob	business owner

		Subject: Strengthening fiscal sustainability, SOE performance, municipal finance and household tax resilience 1. Context and Fiscal Imperative South Africa's fiscal position remains constrained by persistently low economic growth, high debt-service costs and structural weaknesses in public institutions. The May 2025 Budget Overview confirms that debt-service costs will consume approximately 22 per cent of every rand of revenue in 2025/26, crowding out expenditure on core public services and infrastructure May-2025-Budget-Overview . While the fiscal strategy is stabilising debt in the near term, the deficit remains elevated and economic growth is forecast at only 1.4 per cent in 2025, underscoring the urgency of reforms that improve spending efficiency and unlock growth rather than relying on additional taxation May-2025-Budget-Overview . 2. Stabilising State-Owned Enterprises It is recommended that government shift decisively from fiscal support to operational and governance reform in major SOEs. Any further fiscal assistance to SOEs should be strictly conditional on measurable restructuring milestones, including operational efficiency, balance-sheet repair and private-sector participation, particularly in electricity transmission and freight logistics. The Budget Overview emphasises infrastructure-led growth and structural reform; this should include accelerated implementation of blended finance and concession models for rail, ports, energy and water, reducing reliance on sovereign guarantees May-2025-Budget-Overview . A consolidated and publicly reported SOE fiscal risk framework should be introduced, given the material risk SOEs pose to debt sustainability at a time when government debt stabilises near 77.4 per cent of GDP May-2025-Budget-Overview . 3. Expenditure Rationalisation and Spending Cuts Fiscal consolidation should focus on inefficiency rather than frontline service reductions. Treasury's spending reviews have already identified approximately R37.5 billion in potential savings from poorly performing or inefficient programmes; these findings should be implemented decisively in the 2026 MTEF cycle May-2025-Budget-Overview . Programmes that no longer achieve policy objectives should be closed or consolidated, particularly within employment initiatives and administrative functions where duplication has been identified. Further priority should be given to: early retirement initiatives to moderate the public-sector wage bill elimination of payroll irregularities and ghost workers through data-driven audits procurement, ICT and infrastructure management reforms These measures align with Treasury's stated objective of improving spending quality while protecting the social wage, which accounts for 61 per cent of non-interest expenditure May-2025-Budget-Overview . 4. Addressing Municipal Finance Failures Municipal financial distress remains a material risk to service delivery and infrastructure outcomes. Conditional grants should increasingly be linked to demonstrated project execution capacity, rather than automatic allocation increases. Treasury's ongoing reforms to infrastructure planning and procurement should be complemented by a central technical support capability to assist municipalities lacking engineering and project management expertise May-2025-Budget-Overview . Capital transfers should be contingent on credible maintenance and asset-management plans, particularly in the water sector, where infrastructure investment needs are substantial. Greater emphasis should be placed on sustainable cost recovery, supported by targeted indigent policies, to reduce long-term dependence on national transfers. 5. Household Tax Burden and Revenue Strategy Given weak growth and constrained household incomes, broad-based tax increases should be avoided where possible. The withdrawal of VAT rate increases reflects the sensitivity of households to further tax pressure; this principle should guide future revenue decisions in a low-growth environment May-2025-Budget-Overview . Revenue sustainability should instead be pursued through: continued investment in SARS capacity and compliance initiatives broadening the tax base via higher growth rather than higher rates accelerating reforms in electricity, logistics and water to reduce cost pressures on households Reducing debt-service costs over time is critical, as these costs directly limit government's ability to fund services that alleviate household living costs May-2025-Budget-Overview . 6. Concluding Remarks The May 2025 Budget Overview correctly identifies infrastructure execution, spending efficiency and structural reform as the central levers for restoring fiscal space. The success of the fiscal strategy will depend less on additional revenue measures and more on the credibility of reforms that improve growth, SOE performance and the quality of public expenditure. Implementing the recommendations outlined above would strengthen fiscal sustainability, protect households and improve the long-term resilience of South Africa's public finances.		
	2026-02-04 12:40:14		Ursula	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:39:15		Heleen	
	2026-02-04 12:38:36		Nicol	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:34:55	-prioritise economic growth -stop corruption in government -send all foreiners back home, and empower our own people -strengthen municipal finances -stop BEE because only a few at the top end in parliament get to benefit and there families -run the government like a private company that needs to make money - SARS must collect as much money as possible from no paying citizens in the country as well as paying citizens	pan	business owner

	2026-02-04 12:33:00	Government is far too bloated, SOE's also far too bloated. Cut back on employees and inflated salaries for incompetence and corruption. Get rid of all the Blue Light criminals as billions are spent on these thugs. Get rid of ANC incompetent municipal councilors who are misapproptiating funds. All the ANC want to do is tax citizens more and more. How are the ANC members being monitored for tax? Stop bailing out SOE's. Monitor how tenders are being issued. Get rid of BEEEE which is extortion and encourage corruption as unskilled contractors who are mostly families of ANC cadres get tenders and inflate them to line their pockets. Hundreds of tenders issued and yet work has not been completed in years. See this on the news every day.	Charles	retired
	2026-02-04 12:31:24	What can I say about a crooked, criminal, thieving, corrupt and unable government.	Tom	retired
	2026-02-04 12:30:19	Civil servants earn more than the private sector and more than comparable countries economically. Municipalities are bleeding, we have a bloated cabinet. BEE is an elephant in the room.Steep moral decadence in our nation.	Matete	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 12:30:02		Doug	retired
	2026-02-04 12:29:09	Government is far too bloated, SOE's also far too bloated. Cut back on employees and inflated salaries for incompetence and corruption. Get rid of all the Blue Light criminals as billions are spent on these thugs. Get rid of ANC incompetent municipal councilors who are misapproptiating funds. All the ANC want to do is tax citizens more and more. How are the ANC members being monitored for tax? Stop bailing out SOE's. Monitor how tenders are being issued. Get rid of BEEEE which is extortion and encourage corruption as unskilled contractors who are mostly families of ANC cadres get tenders and inflate them to line their pockets. Hundreds of tenders issued and yet work has not been completed in years. See this on the news every day.	Pat	retired
	2026-02-04 12:27:23	Honourable Minister of Finance, I respectfully submit this budget suggestion in response to the call for public participation ahead of the National Budget Speech. This submission is offered with humility, civic responsibility, and deep concern for the long-term sustainability of South Africa's public finances and the lived realities of its people. A national budget is not merely a fiscal instrument. It is a constitutional and moral document that reveals national priorities and determines whether the values of dignity, equality, and social justice are realised in practice. At a time when debt-service costs exceed spending on essential services, and households are under severe strain, decisive and principled choices are required. 1. Fiscal Discipline and Expenditure Reform South Africa's fiscal challenge is not only the size of the deficit, but the quality and effectiveness of expenditure. Meaningful consolidation should therefore prioritise: • Reducing non-core and wasteful expenditure, including excessive executive benefits, duplication of departments, and prolonged reliance on consultants where internal capacity should exist. • Implementing binding expenditure reviews with measurable outcomes and public reporting. • Redirecting savings towards high-impact priorities such as water infrastructure maintenance, primary healthcare, and municipal service delivery. True discipline begins with leadership. When sacrifice starts at the top, public trust is restored. 2. Stabilisation of State-Owned Enterprises The continued fiscal drain caused by SOEs cannot be resolved through bailouts alone. Sustainable stabilisation requires: • Independent, merit-based boards insulated from political interference. • Conditional financial support linked strictly to performance, maintenance, and turnaround milestones. • Strategic private-sector participation where efficiency, skills transfer, and capital mobilisation are demonstrable. Accountability must replace impunity. Without consequence management, public funds will continue to leak from already fragile systems. 3. Municipal Finance and Local Government Reform Municipal financial collapse represents one of the most serious threats to social stability and economic recovery. I respectfully propose: • Early-intervention mechanisms triggered by adverse audit outcomes and cash-flow indicators. • Ring-fencing of revenue for basic services to prevent diversion of funds. • Professionalisation of municipal finance through compulsory qualifications, performance contracts, and protection from political interference. Where water does not flow and refuse is not collected, dignity is eroded and hope disappears. Fixing local government is foundational to national renewal. 4. Household Tax Burden and Revenue Integrity Households are exhausted. Further tax pressure on low- and middle-income earners risks undermining compliance, consumption, and growth. Instead: • Protect households from additional personal income tax increases. • Focus revenue efforts on recovering losses from corruption, maladministration, and inefficiency. • Prioritise growth-enhancing reforms that broaden the tax base rather than increasing rates on compliant citizens. Justice recovered is revenue regained. Closing Reflection Our Constitution affirms that everyone has inherent dignity and the right to a life of basic security. Faith teaches that leadership is stewardship, and that a nation is established by justice. Fiscal responsibility guided by conscience is not weakness — it is wisdom. May this Budget be guided not only by forecasts and ratios, but by constitutional duty, moral courage, and compassion for the people it serves. If discipline is matched with justice, and accountability with humanity, South Africa can still rise with credibility and hope. Respectfully submitted,	mathanzima joseph	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:27:01	Reduce the number of state officials, local government and municipal officials. Stop all Corruption, stop wasteful expenditure. Discharge all employees and officials found to be In competent and hold all officials responsible for their budget and productivity as is the case in the private sector. Input in place, Key Performance indexes for all government institutions like Eskom, Transnet, SAA and Municipalities. Privates Eskom, Transnet, SAA and other non-performing institutions. Stop all the grants and employ people Only allow Tax payers the Vote, BEE has only made a few people extremely rich . Tshwane has a wasteful expenditure of Billions, but what action is taken against the responsible persons. NOTHING it is the same every year	John	retired
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	2026-02-04 12:27:00	Reduce the number of state officials, local government and municipal officials. Stop all Corruption, stop wasteful expenditure. Discharge all employees and officials found to be In competent and hold all officials responsible for their budget and productivity as is the case in the private sector. Input in place, Key Performance indexes for all government institutions like Eskom, Transnet, SAA and Municipalities. Privates Eskom, Transnet, SAA and other non-performing institutions. Stop all the grants and employ people Only allow Tax payers the Vote, BEE has only made a few people extremely rich . Tshwane has a wasteful expenditure of Billions, but what action is taken against the responsible persons. NOTHING it is the same every year	John	retired
	2026-02-04 12:26:20	1. Stop corruption. You cannot 2. Stop wasteful spending. You cannot 3. Stop cadre deployment. You cannot 4. Stop ridiculous salaries in government esp. politicians. You will not 5. Stop paying contractors upfront. You cannot 6. Stop BBBEEE. You will not 7. Stop municipal mismanagement. You will not 8. And so the list can go on. Point is you cannot or will not, This country will fall on its face.	Piet	retired
	2026-02-04 12:24:08	DO BUDGETS IN AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING AND CONTROLLED MANNER - SHOTGUN APPROACHES ARE DETRIMENTAL TO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMICAL HEALTH & WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY. 1. STIMULATE INVESTMENT FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN BODIES. 2. APPLY TRADE TARIFFS IN A MANNER WHICH DOES NOT HARM AND ERODE OUR OWN INDUSTRY - WHY ENCOURAGE CHEAP PRODUCT IMPORTS WHERE WE HAVE THE SKILLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO MANUFACTURE AND EXPORT - SO MUCH FISCAL FUNDING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION - KEY EXAMPLES ARE AUTOMOTIVE, STEEL, CONSTRUCTION/EARTH MOVING AND AGRICULTURE. 3. PUT QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN KEY POSITIONS WHERE THEY ARE ULTIMATELY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR AND THEIR DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:23:33	Here's a tip: GET RID OF ALL UNNECESSARY PARLIMENT MEMBERS AND STOP GIVING YOURSELVES EXORBITANT INCREASES FOR DOING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. Another Tip: Those lavish parties that get organized, spend that money to benefit the people of this country. It is our money you are using after all.	Stephany	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:23:00	1. Get rid of ministers involved in corruption, reduce the number of ministers and deputies and reduce their salaries to a reasonable amount. Instead employ more police and use that money to increase their salaries. 2. Millions of Rands are spent on name changes which doesn't add any value but costs the country and taxpayers 3. Blacklist suppliers nationally - One corrupt contract = locked out across the country 4. Privatise SOE's and use external companies for repairs using expertise instead employees of affirmative action 5. Utilize the SANDF to assist the police to bring back discipline to the country and fight crime 6. Get rid of BBBEE 7. SARS also is given too much power and putting fear into ordinary law-abiding citizens while the corrupt elite and wealthy pay little or no tax	Andrea	retired
	2026-02-04 12:22:40	The biggest concern is the inflated wage bill of Parliamentarians, various government departments, officials and civil servants, AND it goes hand in hand with rampant corruption. Get rid of corrupt officials, of a stupid tender system, scale down of unnecessary civil servants. That's could be a start. Job creation is a essential..... for the ever increasing number of unemployed school leavers and graduates....!!! It will reduce our crime rate. Our country is in a helluva mess and we, South Africans are disheartened and getting sick , resulting in a heavy drain on the Dept of Health. As you, the reader, can see, it's a vicious cycle!	Wessel	retired
	2026-02-04 12:21:31		Elizabeth	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:21:27	Govt should not take an increase..All old and good for nothing ministers should be fired. All those implicated in corruption should be fired..from top to down..All of them..Allow white and Afrikaners to run the country...less corruption	Shirley	retired
	2026-02-04 12:20:50	Only employ intelligent, educated competent persons, then the country will reach its potential! Numbers do not count, only persons with a genuine I Q of over !30 points! Unfortunately, the majority of persons IQ is very low, check it out! Regards, RJRR.	Richard	retired
	2026-02-04 12:20:40		Skye	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:20:27	Perhaps a full year where the ministers and municipal hierarchy do not have an increase in salary. More accountability for mismanaged funds and tighter control of those authorising payments to help curb corruption.	Lynne	retired
	2026-02-04 12:20:25	The corruption is so rife that we need a complete change of government. Any money supplied to this government will be stolen,it's predictable and pathetic!!	WALTER	retired
	2026-02-05 12:02:18	You can not tax yourself into wealth. You will soon run out of other peoples money to sustain the rampant criminality that is RSA. There are limits to what the tax base can handle and contribute. While corruption and crime are synonymous with and entrenched in this criminal regime you can not win the game. All one sees is wasteful unauthorized fruitless expenditure at every turn with absolutely no consequences to perpetrators. As long as no work ethic prevails and as long as contributors to the economy are excluded and discriminated against, this country will fail. Remember that nothing the "Government" does creates any wealth. It drains and consumes wealth on all levels it dabbles in !!! At best it can only be an enabler of the private sector that does create wealth. This "Government" is not an enabler on any level. It is destructive on all levels based on its all consuming misaligned agenda.	Roland	
	2026-02-05 12:00:33		Ryno	business owner

	2026-02-05 12:00:25		Merle	retired
	2026-02-05 12:00:25	Change company, trust, and personal income tax to a flat 15% Change donation and inheritance tax to a flat 15%, for amounts above R3m Change any other tax to a flat 15% Increase VAT to 30% immediately but reduce it by 1 % per year over the next 15 years as the changes draw investment into the country. Levy VAT on all current non-VAT products except rent, any property levies and healthcare Tax everyone and every business at a flat 15% for income above R1m Especially tax the taxi industry via their associations at a flat rate per vehicle of R10000 per month or R350 per day (operating fee). Introduce import duties on everything of at least 50% to 100% to force domestic investment by international businesses. Implement 100% tax rebates for foreign investment companies for a period of 3 years from establishment, thereafter 15% Implement the above and SA will become prosperous and employment will skyrocket. Also only allow people owning property directly or indirectly via structures to the value of at least R1000000 to vote in national elections. Also only allow property owners to vote in municipal elections. Also deport all illegal immigrants and block them from any state subsidised services. Cut national and local government employees with 30% over a period of 3 years. 10% per year. Implement a service satisfaction monitoring system online for every public servant including police. Require every public servant to display their employment number on their chest while in employment. If service satisfaction % drops below 80% for any person they should be terminated immediately. Pension fund of any public servant should be forfeited if found guilty of theft or corruption.	e	retired
	2026-02-05 12:00:19		Andreas	business owner
	2026-02-05 11:59:47	Government employees are being paid massive salaries for doing nothing, increase on increase on increase, tender fraud and taxi business on the side. Al while there is zero left in the 'money pot' to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure. We are sick of the untouchables and the fat asses eating over priced steak with the family in tow at the west cliff hotel, Beverly Hills in Umhlanga and The Oyster Box and many more. Wasting our taxes. Enough enough enough … FIRE and accountability!!!	Tersia	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:59:10		Mike	retired
	2026-02-05 11:58:50	Reduce the number of government ministers. And dramatically reduce their salaries to be more in line with their work output. Where there is NO WORK output then get rid of them.	Eileen	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:57:23		Irene	
	2026-02-05 11:55:23		Naresh	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:53:56		Christopher	retired
	2026-02-05 11:53:48	1. Stabilise SOE's by eliminating corruption and back handers. Insist on accountability. 2. Reduce the size of the civil service and reduce the salaries of top officials. 3. Hire competent people in municipal administration and fire non performing, corrupt employees. 4. Enlarge the tax base by finding ways of including the informal sector. ie taxi industry. Stop the black market trade in cigarettes and alcohol. 5. Relieve the tax burden of households by reducing the cost of electricity, provide affordable public transport and improve policing to reduce the cost of security. Give all pensioners rebates where possible.	Kay	
	2026-02-05 11:53:01	IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FUNDS YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK SPENDING. Cut the government employees and mostly the costly privileges and the over the top allowances . The same for municipalities, employ competent and qualified employees at market related salaries. Get rid of all the excess staff. Keep a better watch over the finances and see that the funds and monthly fees collected get utilised for the purpose intended.	ANTOINETTE	business owner
	2026-02-05 11:52:22	The number of government ministers needs to be reduced. Instead of pay increases, ministers need to take a large pay cut. The ministers over 65 with their antiquated ideas must retire and make space for younger more educated people to be in office. Crime syndicates to be rooted out, people found guilty to actually be sentenced to appropriate jail time and ther assets returned to the state.	Patricia	retired
	2026-02-05 11:52:06	1. The government budget should be developed each year by a board of members that are not wholly made up of government officials. It should include members of top financial institutions such as banks and credit institutions who are instrumental in planning the budget. These private sector board members should have a veto power on the board and must be instrumental in the planning of the budget. The idea is to bring checks and balances to the budget. 2. As with the budget the private sector must be included in government spending and must have the power of veto in all spending decisions. While this can be a compilated solution it will work if we decentralize control and return it to the provinces, and local municipalities. To govern the spending there should also be a permanent independent auditor that reviews all spending above certain amounts (to be determined). This auditing body must be independent and must change every fiscal year with the new auditor auditing both the spending for the year as well as the auditors from the previous year. Checks and balances. 3. To begin reducing the large deficit, the board from point 1. must work out methods for this to take place that curb and reduce government spending, and find ways to tax the vast majority of the people in the country who do not pay tax. 4. The only way to stabilize state owned entities is to privatize them. Take them out of the control of the government. To ensure the private companies are running the systems ethically, there must be an independent body in place that monitors them. 5. Energy & water investments as with the budget in point 1. need to be overseen by a board that has private sector stake holders who are in turn watchdogged by an independent body. We can no longer trust our or any government to look out for the people's interests. 6. Tax the vast majority of the people of South Africa who do not pay taxes. Also as mentioned in point 3. the taxes must not be left in the control of the government soley, it should include private stake holders to watch dog the process and provide valuable specialist insight to solve problems. 7. Again as with the budget, debt sustainability requires professionals who understand the complexity's of international and national finance who are not part of the government who in turn contribute to solutions and alert the media and public of any inconsistencies. 8. All money gathering, spending etc. should start at a municipal level. All money matter decisions should include members from the private sector who are not part of the government but who work hand in hand with the government offering viable good solutions and keeping an eye out for corruption etc. real time. None of the above solutions work without a viable uncorrupted police force who augment the watch dog process, enforcing the laws of the land and preventing corruption, theft at a state level, province level and municipal level. Finding inconsistencies requires following up with real consequences to any irregularities discovered.	Rob	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:50:26		Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:49:37	The major aspect is to review Work Rate linked to Finance, Delivery to get to or World Class Is the specialist expertise in place in government or the use of other specialists from the Private Sector. Is this not the real cause of non delivery and mismanagement. Together making sure all facilities, including finance, in place to produce the required output. Coupled with the type of Government Communication which has limited focused reporting progress, other issues and delivery. Some report backs are at a very high level, not referencing to Staff Performance, Budget / Project Cost and Benefit / impact to the public. One hears of various problems without action or resolution. Government needs a Dashboard that reports in far more detail to make monitoring and open communication effective. Who are the real performers and who needs help or upgrading or re-engineering or close down.	Christopher	retired
	2026-02-05 11:49:01		Maria	retired
	2026-02-05 11:47:59	Strip down the entire Government, look at every corrupt corner, STOP wasting our money on your own housing/cars/luxury or travel expenses. Stop lining the pockets of your own inner crime organisations and cadre's I have worked my whole life and have watched everything fall to pieces all while paying high taxes/vat etc and how do we get repayed? By living in constant energy/Eskom failures and we have to foot the bill. By now again possibly having water restrictions again, All while not even feeling safe enough to leave my house. GUT out every single useless employee and replace them with Honest, working individuals. How about investing in better decisions all around?	N	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:47:12	The Government must Enforce Payment from its Non Paying Citizens and Municipalities. Stop Unsolicited Spending. Cut down on Perks/Benefits for Ministers and Government Officials. Fire All Incompetent Ministers and Government Officials asap. Fire and Jail All Ministers and Officials Involved in Corruption. Use the Allocated Budget/Funds for Upgrades of Infrastructure ie Roads , Water , Rail , Electricity , Dams , Ports etc	Dhanpal	retired
	2026-02-05 11:47:00		Saleem	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:46:50	Instead of asking how to allocate our budget, I think that government needs to first and foremost tackle the corruption within their ranks so harshly that it terrifies anyone else even thinking of acting without integrity. I personally believe that the corruption and theft in all levels of government is the main reason for South Africa having been brought to its knees financially and for the failure of proper maintenance to our infrastructure. Secondly, severely downsize cabinet and reduce salaries. Next, do away with B-BBEE policies so that the most competent and qualified persons can be hired, regardless of race, colour, religion etc. Once the CAUSE of our fiscal and failing infrastructure issues has been remedied, we can then spend our taxpayers' monies on remedying all of our failing infrastructure, creating employment etc. With the assurance that our money will actually be used for the intended purposes instead of being stolen and/or used to line government officials, public workers and Tentripaneur's pockets	Kenneth	
	2026-02-05 11:45:36	Why should we pay more on electricity when the corrupt people and contract inside Escom isnt sorted out. Inside municipalities is even worse. Electricity is stolen all over but the paying customers get targeted and pay even more. The black communeties steal the electicity and we pay for them. Our roads and water system is falling apart in Witbank. Street ligbts isnt working. Town looks like you driving in Zim. We pay for services I expect to get services	Johan	
	2026-02-05 11:44:29	Government to drastically decrease the salaries of the ministers and to stop their bonuses until their departments start performing exceptionally well. Bring in competent people and remove the incompetent ones. Cut on government employees. Give the underperforming companies like Escom and Randwater to successful private companies. Instead of punishing people for using solar encourage them to feed back into the grid. Stop excessive spending on low quality repairs of infrastructure. Instead of sending 10 people who don't care about their job use 2 who do and know what they are doing and do a repair that will last decades not just few days. Keep every employee accountable for everything they have not done 100%.	Viktoria	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:43:00		Moeksie	self-employed

	2026-02-05 11:42:30	1. Our economy is never going to grow with current policies. Scrap BBEEE, EWC and NHI immediately to encourage foreign investment, particularly for failing infrastructure. Invest in better education facilities while overhauling the curriculum with proper pass grades. Introduce meaningful apprenticeships and learnerships to create opportunity for non graduate school leavers. 2. Remove all the deputy ministers and reduce government minister portfolios to no more than 15, apply the same trim to the provincial legislature as well. Privatize all SOE's with immediate affect. If point 1 suggestions are implemented, target an end date to blanket SASSA grants. 3. Implement points 1 and 2 above and there will be no need for a budget deficit, in fact we may have a surplus to further improve the economy. 4. As per point 2 above, government does not have the skill, capacity or moral compass to run competent and efficient state services. Privatize it all and hold the controlling companies accountable. 5. Way, way overdue, again private and foreign investment is urgently required. Implement point 1 above and appoint competent project managers to ensure projects are completed timeously and to budget, else pay penalty clauses, as per the real world. 6. SARS is pretty effective, task them with managing failed municipalities and national debt collecting and we might have a budget surplus. Bring back the Scorpions and track down all the thieves in government and their accomplices. Public trials with harsh jail sentences and confiscation of their assets. 7. Government simply has to bring corrupt employees and officials to justice and meet out appropriate jail sentences and confiscation of their spoils. Zero tolerance! Implement points 1 and 2 above to reduce spending and have increased revenue to start reducing this countries massive debt. 8. End ANC party faithful cadre deployment and employ competent managers and leaders across all municipalities. Any financial irregularities to be instantly investigated and all instances of impropriety must result in instant dismissal, removal of pension privileges and criminal charges where appropriate.	David	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:41:39	Instead of asking how to allocate our budget, I think that government needs to first and foremost tackle the corruption within their ranks so harshly that it terrifies anyone else even thinking of acting without integrity. I personally believe that the corruption and theft in all levels of government is the main reason for South Africa having been brought to its knees financially and for the failure of proper maintenance to our infrastructure. Secondly, severely downsize cabinet and reduce salaries. Next, do away with B-BBEE policies so that the most competent and qualified persons can be hired, regardless of race, colour, religion etc. Once the CAUSE of our fiscal and failing infrastructure issues has been remedied, we can then spend our taxpayers' monies on remedying all of our failing infrastructure, creating employment etc. with the assurance that our money will actually be used for the intended remedies instead of being stolen and/or used to line government fat cat pockets.	Sharon	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:41:30		Siphiwe	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:37:29		Benjamin	retired
	2026-02-05 11:37:07	1. Stabilising Eskom and Transnet 1.1. Eskom 1.1.1. Ring-fence maintenance and grid investment budgets so they cannot be diverted to bailouts or bonuses. 1.1.2. Accelerate private sector participation in transmission infrastructure, including pension fund co-investment. 1.1.3. Complete Eskom’s legal separation into Generation, Transmission and Distribution with transparent, audited accounts. 1.1.4. End open-ended bailouts and replace them with performance-based support tied to measurable operational targets. 1.5. Prioritise criminal prosecution and asset recovery in corruption cases. 1.2. Transnet 1.2.1. Concession key freight rail corridors to private operators under long-term leases. 1.2..2. Separate infrastructure ownership from rail and port operations to allow competition. 1.2.3. Introduce performance-based executive contracts linked to cargo volumes, turnaround times and revenue growth. 2. Cutting Wasteful Government Spending 2.1. Freeze senior management headcount across national and provincial departments. 2.2. Cap consultant and advisory spend and rebuild internal technical capacity. 2.3. Close or merge underperforming and duplicate public entities. 2.4. Restrict luxury travel, vehicle, and accommodation benefits for public officials. 2.5. Link all performance bonuses to clean audit outcomes and service delivery results. 3. Fixing Municipal Finances 3.1. Ring-fence water, electricity and rates revenue to prevent diversion into salaries. 3.2. Standardise financial management systems across all municipalities. 3.3. Trigger automatic national intervention when audit failures occur for two consecutive years. 3.4. Allow professional collection agencies to recover long-outstanding municipal debt. 3.5. Enforce consequence management: no bonuses or salary increases for officials in failing municipalities. 4. Reducing the Household Tax Burden 4.1. Avoid further personal income tax increases and instead broaden the tax base by formalising the informal economy. 4.2. Increase tax-free thresholds for low and middle-income earners to offset rising living costs. 4.3. Simplify small business tax compliance to encourage entrepreneurship. 4.4. Provide targeted household tax incentives for solar, water-saving, and energy-efficient systems. 4.5 Shift fiscal focus from bailouts to growth-enabling investment. 5. A Structural Reform Proposal Establish a National Infrastructure Investment Corporation that: 5.1. Co-invests with private capital and development finance institutions 5.2. Issues infrastructure bonds 5.3. Funds water, energy transmission, rail and port upgrades 5.4. Operates independently of political cycles under Treasury oversight This would unlock private capital and reduce the need for further state borrowing. Closing - South Africa cannot tax its way out of this crisis ! - We need disciplined spending, professional governance, strong consequence management, and a clear focus on economic growth. - Every rand spent on interest is a rand lost to service delivery and infrastructure. - The budget must reward performance, punish waste, and restore confidence.	Stefan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:33:53	If RSA does five things simultaneously, the budget stabilises: 1) Stop treating SOEs as bottomless pits, hold it's leadership Accountable 2) Control the wage bill and admin waste and hold officials Accountable 3) Fix municipalities and hold Public Officers Accountable 4) Protect households so the tax base survives 5) Reduce the size of Goverment This isn’t austerity — it’s reallocation and discipline.	Basson	
	2026-02-05 11:33:14	The econmy cannot stabalise unless BBEEE stops. We have people out there who can fix the economy, who are highly trained but do not get the chance to use their expertise. Stop punishing people with fees and taxes and red tape who want to make a difference. Nobody in their right mind will invest in South Africa when you insist on 30% to the state. Get rid of the race laws! People should have equal rights. There is no democracy. It is a joke and this joke will cost South Africa dearly. Invest in infrastructure. Hospitals and schools. That is what we pay taxes for. There should not be tax on food and medicines. It should be a basic right. It is criminal. People are starving to fill the state coffers. At least decrease VAT to help the most vulnerable. Tighten the screws on Eskom. Bring back the trains. Thank you, for this opportunity.	Marianna	retired
	2026-02-05 11:26:03	Get rid of extra staff. The left hand doesn’t know what the right hand is doing. Responsible people need to be appointed who know what they’re supposed to achieve and knuckle down.	Carina	retired
	2026-02-05 11:23:19		Sherissa-Lee	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:23:08	clear out all the extra dead wood in all the government facilities and use the finances to better use such as education and health. But too many people in high positions just earn too much and the perks they receive are disgusting, they add very little and achieve nothing of importance in their job portfolio's.	Dina	retired
	2026-02-05 11:22:45		Theo	business owner
	2026-02-05 11:21:32	1. Stop corruption. Clamp down on small stealing and then move higher and higher. There is so much money being stolen by everyone in government and municipalities but if you start small, fire and put in jail then the message will start penetrating. 2. Keep salary increases in government to a minimum and fire those who don't qualify for their jobs. High for competence, not family and friends. 3. Put independant qualified managers in charge of municipalities finances and keep them responsible for keeping to their budgets. They must ensure a clean audit in order to be paid and kept on.	Cathy	
	2026-02-05 11:20:45	stop employing cadres & party followers & employ peopl who no how to run the SOEs like a profitable business	lindsay	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:20:42	I think cost to the country need to be looked at in a serious manner. Right from the Cyril down to Municipal spending. Get rid of dead wood. Ensure people are doing their jobs according to their portfolio. Fix Municipalities around the country to ensure that upliftment happens. If you aren't doing their job letters of warning and put the people on PIP. Upgrade our hospitals so that when NHI happens their are working. Let's be proactive and not reactive. Let's get our country working how it should be working. Sadly we are so sick and tired of moaning - nothing happens so you say what the hell why bother to be involved. Think of the children that are having to live with this.	Debbie	retired

		How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Fix governance first •Appoint independent, skills-based boards, not political deployees. •Enforce lifestyle audits and automatic suspension for procurement breaches. •Criminal prosecutions for corruption, not internal disciplinary recycling. Unbundle and introduce competition Eskom •Complete separation into Generation, Transmission, Distribution. •Allow more private power producers onto the grid. •Sell or concession failing coal plants to private operators. Transnet •Concession ports and rail corridors to private logistics firms. •Open rail access to third-party freight operators. •Benchmark port pricing and turnaround times against global standards. Finance •Move legacy debt to a state holding vehicle, with strict reform conditions. •End bailouts unless performance milestones are met. Where to cut government spending Public sector wage bill •Freeze headcount growth. •Limit above-inflation increases. •Shift staff from admin to frontline services. •Stop repeated bailouts to failing SOEs. •Replace with conditional restructuring or liquidation. Procurement leakage. Ban emergency procurement except for disaster Fix municipal finance failures Enforce consequences •Place chronically failing municipalities under mandatory administration. •Remove accounting officers who fail audits. •Make political office incompatible with municipal financial management roles. Fix revenue collection •Install smart meters and prepaid systems. •Enforce payment from government departments and large users. •Ring-fence service revenue (electricity/water) from political spending. Professionalise municipalities •Nationally standardised competency exams for CFOs and managers. •Competitive salaries tied to performance outcomes. •Shared services for small municipalities (billing, IT, engineering). •Link grants to service delivery outcomes, not just population size. •Withdraw grants where funds are persistently misused. What to do about the tax burden on households •Focus on economic growth, investment, and job creation. •Reduce barriers to SMEs and formal employment. •Broaden VAT base, expanding zero-rating for essentials. •Reduce personal income tax rates •Lower administered prices (electricity, fuel levies, port fees). •SARS enforcement targeting illicit trade. •Simplify tax for small businesses.		
	2026-02-05 11:19:42		Yvonne	retired
	2026-02-05 11:19:31	Get a housewive to show you how to live within your means. Cut the fat and pursue criminal charges against the fraudsters.	Beverley	retired
	2026-02-05 11:19:29	I don't envy the Minister of Finance; where do you even start with an economy in the state ours is in? A good place would be the size of government. For a government with this many ministers, deputies, managers and employees it is staggeringly inefficient. A small example is renewing your drivers licence. I lived in the Middle East and renewing my drivers licence there was as simple as logging into the government app, paying through the same app, 5 minutes and done. I didn't even need a physical licence card, just showing a police officer the app would do, but if I did want a card I could go to one of a number of police stations in the city where they have these small card printers like the banks use. The police officer would type in my ID number and 30 seconds later the machine would spit out a new card, complete with holographic anti-tamper mechanism and I'd be out the door. This is just one small example of how government service can be turned around. The same mechanisms can be applied to health insurance, motor vehicle registration, voting, passports and IDs, the list goes on. There is no one magic bullet that will fix this economy. It's death by a thousand cuts, and some of the cuts are harder to heal than others. We simply have two many people to be sustained by current practice, all while those at the top are siphoning off billions due to corruption. Good luck, Mr. Minister.	Richard	retired
	2026-02-05 11:18:12		Karen	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:17:12		Louis	retired
	2026-02-05 11:16:35		Tina	
	2026-02-05 11:16:23	With the load shedding now under control and Eskom posting decent results on the last FY, I think there needs to be big focus on Municipal spending and service delivery, as well as getting Transnet & Prassa sorted out. The leadership have to address the unemployment issue, and have a plan for job creation which would spark the economy. I also feel the upper middle class are way over-taxed which is putting strain on many families. Water infrastructure spend is crucial and is needed in SA. A huge spend I know, but without sustainable water supply, we are doomed.	Dylan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:16:03		Patricia	retired
	2026-02-05 11:15:10	This government is made up of far too many incompetent people who all need high salaries, subsidized housing, huge motor vehicles, blue light brigades, deputies, outsourced workers and who achieve very little in the form of proper governance. We have a failed state. This budget must be aimed at vastly reduced public servant numbers, the hiring of able people to do the public servant work correctly without having to outsource anything, and, then the budget will take care of itself and will not need any more changes affecting an already over taxed minority in the population.	David	retired
	2026-02-05 11:13:30		Sonnie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:11:42		Mike	retired
	2026-02-05 11:10:07		Ronnie	retired
	2026-02-05 11:10:04		Ronnie	retired
	2026-02-05 11:08:34	This is all a distraction, a big joke... if he knew what he was doing - which he should, because he seems learned enough on the subject of finance - he would not be asking us what to do! This is the same as all the 'commissions of inquiries' the ANC love to hold... all a waste of time and money. He has 'lost his way' in the forest of big salaries and putting on a show. He has been bought out by the ANC. Why must we tell him what to do? If we do that, then we don't need politicians. Very simple. Definitely time to vote this lot OUT.	Jean	
	2026-02-05 11:08:27	They can get rid of the some public servant jobs that serves no purpose but they still get paid. Consolidate some ministers positions and if they are not performing fire them accordingly. If they are found to have embezzled money they need to be fired and put on suspension and still get paid. Curb the Ministers from flying with their family and friends on the Government time. They need to be flying with their advisor only and anyone else like wife, children can fly at their own expense not the taxpayers.	Sharna	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 11:07:48	FIX SOUTH AFRICA. 1. Privatise ALL POWER STATIONS AND SOE's 2. Replace ALL municipal staff with capable staff 3. Scrap BEE 4. Scrap labour laws, employers are wasting time with irresponsible employees etc etc 5. All contracts given to responsible and capable contractors 6. Create employment by starting to CLEAN ALL AREAS AND RIVERS 7. Stop blaming the past for ALL YOUR FAILURES AND INEFFICIENCIES 8. Encourage employers (business people) to employ people and not look for ways to automate. 9. Give legit employers tax incentives to employ 10. Give companies tax incentives to build. 11. STOP CORRUPTION!!!!!! our country only suffers from this scourge!! 12. Government must create safe stable environment for investment.	Gerardus	retired
	2026-02-05 11:05:14	South Africa has had 30 years of wastefull spending and its time for this to stop. Funds are allocated but not used as they were intended. or misappropriated by the powers that be. We have numerous crises on hand and still good money is thrown to bad investments. Water and electricity being just a few to mention. There are countless others. Government ministers are paid far to much and do far to little to warrant their salaries. Its time for accountability on their part. BEE has not and does not work. Redress the wrongs that has brought as this point in time where most if not all SOE 's are on the brink of collapse.	Ian	retired
	2026-02-05 11:04:49	Privatise SOEs and get rid of incompetent staff Cut the oversize cabinet and get rid of deputy ministers Address municipal failures by looking at competence of mayors and municipal managers. The taxi industry must be overhauled and made tax compliant.	Hermias	retired
	2026-02-05 10:59:08	It is rather difficult to choose anything in particular, especially when so much seems to be wrong and need to be addressed.	Basil	retired
	2026-02-05 10:58:35	Success lies in a policy to budget items that can be covered by available CASH ONLY basis. Nobody can pull the rug under your feet. Then there will always be funds for the unexpected events eg nature disasters. Stop the corruption, fraud etc on all levels.	Petroh	retired

	2026-02-05 10:57:09	The Deficit: Aggressively drive economic growth by removing all beaurocratic impediments. Put the economy in the hands of people who can generate growth and those who are willing to invest in South Africa for the benefit of South Africans. I am not aware of another country with the potential we have waiting in the wings. Infrastructure: Add more capacity to driving Government Driven Infrastructure development across all levels of Government. - Protect the water quality off the coast of KZN - toxins in the ocean are killing the economy in KZN. The Minister wants your "tips" on: How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet - Economic growth will help stabilise Eskom and other SOE's. Growth will be facilitated by a healthy Transnet - so prioritise Transnet and fix it quickly with Private participation. This must be the priority. Where to cut government spending - that is easy - no rocket science needed here, it just requires will! Every time we protect one job in government, many others loose jobs. The only alternative is to drive productivity - that is not as easy! How to fix municipal finance failures - training, training, training with monitoring and real accountability with consequences for non-compliance. Its how the rest of us have to perform. What to do about the tax burden on households - drive growth followed by tax reductions.	Roy	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:56:55	Employ suitable qualified persons for the position AND suitable, and ethical, persons to the managerial role - NOT CADRES AND FRIENDS !!! Hold all those employed positively accountable and liable for negligence DON'T JUST MOVE THEM TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT Those employed should be profession focused and not Party or politically focused IF all the above are not possible then privatise the division/segment Our current government/municipalities are arrogant, selfish, greedy, lazy, homophobic and unethical and are NOT for (but against) the people of our country who deserve better BUT NONE OF THE ABOVE POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS WILL HAPPEN AS THERE ARE TOO MANY SELF INVESTED INTERESTS	Kevin	retired
	2026-02-05 10:53:43	The cabinet is too large.	Peter	retired
	2026-02-05 10:53:07		Jean	retired
	2026-02-05 10:49:08	Privatise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet - less problems and expenses. Where to cut government spending - Less ministers/ municipal workers (when cleaning gutters - 1 work, 2 supervise and 10 stand and watch - ridiculous!!! All under the name ' job creating' - more like money stealing!!! How to fix municipal finance failures: Hold EVERYONE accountable - STOP electricity fraud/ theft. Again - minimize amount of employees that work in the streets.	Eric	retired
	2026-02-05 10:43:52	Maak die kabinet kleiner. Stop groot salarisse vir kabinetslede. Meer geld vir onderwys en opleiding om kinders te bemagtig om entreprneurs te word en nie van die staat afhanklik word nie maw meer praktiese vakke.	Wena	retired
	2026-02-05 10:42:49		Kobus	retired
	2026-02-05 10:40:23		Duncan	retired
	2026-02-05 10:40:13	1. Remove red tape and black empowerment policy for business owners which restricts growth. If 30 years of this type of governance hasnt changed the country's economy it is time to try something new. 2. Reduce number of government positions/ public servants by 50% and monitor productivity. If they dont produce then replace them. We have all had to step up it is now time for them to do the same. 3. Without doubt, reduce expenditure on the ùnnecessary and apply the funds to areas that will stimulate growth in the economy 4. stop the bail outs but will we find private business that will partner without sucking the SOE dry for their own profit.? 5. We cannot exist without water so prioritise maintenance on water systems using most cost effective and sustainable energy resources. 6. Corporate tax incentives for hiring to reduce unemployment and increase the pool of personal tax payers. 7. All loans by government should be transparent..what are the loans funding ? Is the loan necessary? Are the loans repayable or are we selling our country out? Accountability to show where the funds are applied . 8. Failed municipalities are due to mismanagement, corruption and unskilled staff. We return far too much of the budget to national government due to incompetence. Standards should be applied to each post filled...if the person doesnt qualify with skills and experience then they dont get the job. If they dont perform they must be replaced.	Susan	retired
	2026-02-05 10:36:56	How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet - Privatise them - less problems and expenses. Where to cut government spending - Less ministers/ municipal workers (when cleaning gutters - 1 work, 2 supervise and 10 stand and watch - ridiculous!!! All under the name ' job creating' - more like money stealing!!! How to fix municipal finance failures: Hold EVERYONE accountable - STOP electricity fraud/ theft. Again - minimize amount of employees that work in the streets. What to do about the tax burden on households: A household earning R20000 a month can just survive as living costs are so expensive. Tax people 10% across the board - regardless of age, occupation, nationality, race or religion. WE ARE SUPPOSE TO BE 1 NATION - so let the whole nation pull together.	Mari	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:32:37	We need leaders with integrity at all levels, from the position of State President right through all government departments to the very lowest office. Leaders who are there to serve the citizens of SA, and not themselves. Leaders who will look forward and not backward. Leaders with a proper sustainable vision and mission. Leaders who will not be bribed or be corrupt. Leaders who can mentor and train suitable people, preferably yonger than them in a positive, uniform manner. Leaders who stand together for the common good of all SA citizens and not for their own agenda and gain, in every sense. Strong leaders. Those who will look for positive sustainable solutions, not excuses or the blaming of others or the past. Leaders who will speak up for what i right and denounce all that is wrong. Leaders that do not follow old out dated and failing ideologies. True leaders who lead by example in every sense. Leaders who are not afraid to acknowledge their mistakes and who will set proper, sustainable corrections in place. Leaders that will act now. Not procrastinate. LEADERS, not followers.	Kevin	retired
	2026-02-05 10:31:59	We ALL have to live within our means. So must the government! where Government (including SOE's) and municipalities fail. These utilities must be opened to privatisation. And not the BEE sort.	Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 10:31:49	Reduce the cabinet and salaries. Encourage trade schools and improve education. Do proper checks on people applying for grants. Allow retailers to get rid of thieving and incompetent staff. Crime is out of hand. Car guards are becoming dangerous and threaten people. The list is endless .	Pip	
	2026-02-05 10:29:26	Dear minister,get rid of the incompetent corrupt goverment and cadres,and replace them with people who are their postions through merit and have brains. Not the gormless morons who staff govt offices everywhere.	fiona	self-employed
	2026-02-05 10:28:44		David	
	2026-02-05 10:27:40	Please STOP giving Free services to Illegal Foreigners in SA, public schools and public health is for poor SA Citizens. The country CANNOT be expected to shoulder 53 Countries on such a small number of Tax Payers!!!!!The Government is destroying this country!!! Making it unsustainable. A hungry nation is destructive to all who live in it! Food has become a luxury in SA, how will that benefit anyone? The government need to STOP ignoring the Rural Areas! Build Skills Tvet colleges in the Eastern Cape Deep Rural, Encourage (give incentives to local and small business to hire) these young people from their own areas. Can the government STOP having their own people!!!	Azana	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:27:06	Corruption, overinflated cabinet and wreckless spending is a problem. Crime rotting from the very top down to the man on the street. SESPOOL!	Devon	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:22:26	Reduce Cabinet Privatise SOE's etc	Sharon	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:18:34	Do what President of Argentina , Javier Milei did. He reduced his cabinet and stopped government interfering with the free market system. He advocates for a more limited government, focused solely on justice and security, Milei's philosophical underpinnings rest on the concepts of non-aggression and self-ownership, emphasizing respect for life, liberty and property, in accord with free-market principles . This current government is over inflated with incompetent people that is a burden on the fiscus and the tax payers. This government has destroyed what once was a fully functioning Republic.	André	retired
	2026-02-05 10:14:55	Like any household, look where you can save. Govt can save millions just by cutting salaries starting with the ministers and then for all of those in official positions that spend without authority, travel when they want to, stay in very expensive hotels, entertain like there is no shortage, municipalities drawing lavish salaries and cut back on services, no accountability. All Gov. departments, ministers etc. to make public their expenditures, tenders to be rigidly controlled and to ensure that there are no rewards or kickbacks for comrades. The list goes on. Perhaps Gov. should stop encouraging more chi;dren which just increases Sassa and other grants. Salaries/wages for public officials should have a scale which must be closely controlled. There's more and Gov knows it	Henry	
	2026-02-05 10:11:58	I'm disappointed on suggestions I have sent before non of it government implemented so it is useless to say your opinion in this government of capitalist.	Moses	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 10:11:12	It is simple 1. Do your job 2. Stop stealing Consequences (capital crime) for stealing from the country. Education Education Education	Bengine	

	2026-02-05 10:09:13	1. Economy and fiscus - two policy changes - scrap BEE, scrap expropriation without compensation. This will create stability and opportunity for ALL. Money from all corners of the world is "white money", so we are blocking investment by forcing people to give away ownership for free. Police the borders and deport illegal immigrants. 2. Spending priorities - spend more and the pillars of society - health, security, education and infrastructure. Spend less on "keeping voters" - less social grants, or at least audit the system and remove corruption from it. Keeping people as slaves to R350 is sick. 3. Budget deficit - remove unnecessary bloat in government such as deputy ministers, and some portfolios can really go they do nothing. Ministers are for oversight - everyone else below them should be a professional appointed to do the work, no politicians allowed. 4. SOEs - privatise those that cannot stop losing money, easy. Goverment does not have to own anything, they must be the client of those providing services, and if they are not providing acceptable services, they can be fired. 5. Energy and Water - Water is NR1. Infrastructure upgrades must be done and tender processes must be public - all stakeholders in a company providing tenders must be public (and so for all tenders across government). Stop all coal development, maintain what we've got, limit renewal projects to the necessary, START enabling private customers to contribute to the grid. 6. Tax - incentives for hiring should in all companies, from micro to macro enterprises. Adjust tax brackets with inflation. Re-assess the inflation "basket" of goods - it is a lie. Real inflation is much higher than CPI. 7. Debt - Government should go into Debt review. No more loans, pay what you owe. Sell unused assets to cover the bill. Recover stolen monies (there are billions here alone) and use that for paying debt. 8. Municipalities - cities do not need mayors. Remove all politicians from municipal management. Each person employed by a municipality must have a function, and council matters must have a separate budget, publicly reviewed. All tender processes must be public with all stakeholders visible to the public. Tender payments made in stages upon proof of delivery, no up front payments to "purchase equipment". Tender providers must have the equipment, be in the business of delivering the service already. Clear KPI's for each position and bi-annual performance reviews, with disciplinary action for non performers.	Ivena	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:05:20	I demand to know what value these clowns in govt are actually adding for the amount of money that they are continuing to plunder from our taxes... they get paid these enormous salaries and added benefits for what... how do they justify those outrageous salaries and now expect us, as the taxpayers to give them ideas and do their work for them... they are all a bunch of useless, corrupt, thieving, entitled, racist, ignorant, clowns that just rape and plunder the economy for the sake of doing it... but the anc policy says to put a black person no matter if they are useless and can do the job or not, but put a black person... NOT who is the ideal or best person to do the job that they are being paid to do... viva bee and affirmative action policies, now fuck off	Lanthis	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:04:30	How to fix SOEs and non functioning government offices? Get rid of ANC cadres that are currently running them and replace them with competent people. How to get more tax? Collect tax from taxi owners. Get the economy going by removing obstacles like BEE, EWC and fix the foreign policies. Remove socialism from the agenda and move to an open economy. This will create jobs. Jobs = more people paying tax How to lower government spending? Reduce government and SOEs staff numbers, increase competence and STOP CORRUPTION In summary, remove the ANC from power. Vote them out	S	retired
	2026-02-05 10:03:28		Anthony	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:01:15		Magrietha	retired
	2026-02-05 10:00:36		peta	retired
	2026-02-05 10:00:26		Candice	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:57:16	the man in the street, is not the type of person to give valuble comment to this subject, accountants that are trained to deal with this subject. all the aspects are valid and important, how to prioritize then and balance them is the problem. our goverment personel is too big and there spending needs to be controlled	Andrea Protti	retired
	2026-02-05 09:55:47	We need to get digital and stop talking about 4thIR. The system fails because too much paperwork gets lost. Also this will allow us to catch undocumented people. Access to health care and education should be for citizens first. We also need to know how our municupalities are spending the budget.	Sharon	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:55:13		Shirley	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:55:08		M A	retired
	2026-02-05 09:53:15	Get rid of the aliens from other countries as they are sucking us dry in water and other utensils. There will not be any other room for an increase in the VAT, as the departments are spending way too much money. This behaviour needs to stop right now.	Eric	retired
	2026-02-05 09:52:56	The budget must focus on creating a climate conducive to economic growth which will broaden the tax base .	Jan	
	2026-02-05 09:52:41	Accountability, accountability, accountability. It took South Africans more than two hundred years to form an effective and robust economy. It took the ANC 40 years to completely destroy South Africa, despite inheriting it largely unscathed. Go back to basics, do the sums, spend what you have without going into a deficit. Get rid of cadre employment. Hold all government and municipal officials personally responsible, from the top down. If the President does not perform - fire him. The same must apply down the chain of command right down to the lowest employee. Once you apply logical thinking instead of political thinking, you will see how quickly South Africa recovers.	Jan	retired
	2026-02-05 09:51:33	1. Privatize SOE's such as Eskom and Transnet and others 2. Reduce unnecessary government employee complement and excessive bonuses and proper auditing in order to find and reduce corruption and theft 3. Place greater pressure on Municipalities to pay their bills and ensure employment of competent staff and proper auditing in order to find and reduce corruption and theft 4. When the above is implemented the Tax on households will automatically be reduced as less government money is wasted and misappropriated	Herman	retired
	2026-02-05 09:50:09	Firstly there are to many members in parlaiment a smaller cabinet will save millions. BBEE must go so businesses can actually make a living. Eskom, Telkom, Transport must be given to private investors to run. Municipal workers need to adhere to utmost honesty and integrity and act on immediatly on any wrong doing. Not suspended with pay. Vat should be lowered so all citizens can buy food and neccesities. Health budget should be much more so the state hospitals can supply quality service .	Hettie	retired
	2026-02-05 09:49:57		Hugo	
	2026-02-05 09:48:29	Dear Mr Minister. 1. Allow subscriptions to Armed Response companies to be tax deductible, as they are doing the job that the SAPS cannot do and for which we pay through our taxes. 2. Adjust the PAYE tax brackets to make provision for CPI, as you have been stealing from us cash strapped taxpayers for the past number of years. I know this does not matter to you on your exorbitant salary, but us pensioners do not earn your salary - we are increasingly battling to cope financially. 3. Tax the taxi industry! The Netherlands tax prostitutes, so there must be a way to tax the taxi industry. Lifestyle audits of the taxi owners will help as some are extremely wealthy but are not tax registered. Introduce General Sales Tax (GST) on the purchase of taxis whether new or used. Introduce GST on the sale of tyres for taxis. 4. Stop corruption! the Western Cape has shown what can be done with taxpayers' money when it is not being stolen. I see in Canada and Australia what can be achieved by government when the money is not being stolen. Government is there to serve the public - not to enrich themselves as has been happening for decades now. 5. Hold public officials accountable. There are ministers who were paid bribes by Bossasa, yet Agrissi is in prison for paying the bribes but not the government officials who received the bribes. This will help to stop corruption. 6. Scale down the Public Service at all levels and the employee complement at Eskom. You only need 2 people to dig a hole, not 7 people of whom only 2 are digging the hole and 5 are watching. Government and municipal officials are abusing official vehicles daily. VIP protectors are using the blue lights vehicles for personal use, municipal officials use official vehicles for shopping with their entire families - even on Christmas day! 7. Make running and owning a business easier. This includes doing away with BEE as prices tend to get inflated and incompetent entities get contracts that they cannot fulfill - at the taxpayers' expense (I was a government official myself and have witnessed this myself). This will create businesses across the socio-economic spectrum which will broaden the tax base, to everyone's advantage. Take care!	Stephanus	retired
	2026-02-05 09:43:36		Colin	retired
	2026-02-05 09:43:11		william	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:39:09		Louise	retired
	2026-02-05 09:36:58	We are heading into a whole if we continue using debt to fund government in effieciency. I would suggest that the salaries of the senior officials of all dysfunctional municipalities , and state departments and their respective ministers be withheld until visible and marked improvements are made	Dinesh	retired
	2026-02-05 09:36:40		Bruce	retired
	2026-02-05 09:35:26		Jorina	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:34:30	I am not lost for words. Why should I have to review what others have to say? Government should reduce the staff portfolio in Parliment and not consider any increases for Members of Parliment this year. Government should go back to the drawing board of how to up-skill and train artisans so that we do not have so many tenders out to cut the grass, trim the trees, backlog in fixing potholes, tenders for mechanical work on the transport system. They should create their own Works and Services Sector in each municipality and in that way, Government will be creating employment and not Businesses. Also, all SOES should submit budgets before the main budget is announced. Stop illegal imports, or most imports and reignite being Proudly South African - bring back our Garment Workers. Ensure that we do not have a skills drain by keeping the Motor Industry functioning. The list is endless	Bridget	retired
	2026-02-05 09:32:44	I am very concerned about the fact that while some glimmers of hope are coming through, there is still a massive amount of corruption at a government level and although individuals are known, there is still no recourse or accountability. Our ministerial portfolios are bloated and too many salaries paid to individuals who do nothing. These teams should be slashed down drastically and money from those salary savings should be directed to critical projects like upgrading government schools, hospitals, roads etc etc There seem to be no real stable or viable projects to address the massive unemployment issues in the country; and those of us that are employed are increasingly burdened by heavy tax bills to support the country, yet there are no perks for us. Due to Eskom's rampant mismanagement and the instability of the power grid, we needed to invest in solar and alternative energy solutions. Again, instead of being "rewarded" for lessening the burden, we are now being penalised for this. There is a lack of trust in the government as a whole - I am not confident that they will invest the money into projects that actually serve us and our communities. The money will be "redirected" and there will be no accountability or follow up. Whatever initiative is suggested, government will find ways to roadblock them and that money will never be spent in the way it needs to be	Julia	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:32:18	The budget should look where to save money and to invest in important issues that will make the economy grow. To stop corruption and wrong doing on spending and giving advantage on BEE companies which are not efficiently run. Help the private sector to do more work for the government	Hugo	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:31:34		JOY	retired
	2026-02-05 09:30:35	Far too many ministers in government , privatise Eskom and Transnet. Cut back on the bloated salaries, investigate corruption.	Marlene	employed individual

	2026-02-05 09:27:39	The budget cannot sort out any of our issues if incompetence is condoned and is the norm is all SOE's and the majority of our municipalities. I would suggest that salaries of officials is misfunctioning SOE's and municipalities be withheld as part of the budget.	Dinesh	retired
	2026-02-05 09:27:33		C	
	2026-02-05 09:25:29		May	retired
	2026-02-05 09:23:35		Cedric Gregory	retired
	2026-02-05 09:22:51		Russel	retired
	2026-02-05 09:19:02	Start with the logical basic problems. You cannot put the country's tax money in a broken system. It all goes to waste every year. Fix the system first by getting rid of the people aiding and abetting corruption and criminal activities in the system. Appointments must only be by merit, vetting and not skin colour. Scrap AA, BEE, BBBEE, Transformation, these are being used as mechanisms to enable corruption and theft of our tax money. SOEs like Eskom & Transnet must be privatized. The cabinet must be substantially reduced and salaries cut to reduce government spending.	Eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:18:40		Charles	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 09:18:25	Privatise the SOE's. Set performance based pay & increases for ALL gov & munc employees Get rid of the deadwood, send them to repair potholes	Phillip	retired
	2026-02-05 09:16:02	Government cannot create jobs, nor run an effective administration. Let municipalities fail, and hand management thereof over to the private sector.	Frank	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:14:54		Alan	retired
	2026-02-05 09:08:52	Cut down on the bloated government and get rid of the corrupted officials that are still in government and municipalities.	Christa	retired
	2026-02-05 09:07:45	There are to many Ministers just sitting to get paid get rid of them. They must stop giving themselves big increases. They create jobs that will create more revenue that will take the strain of the few tax payers that is left. Job creation will also decrease crime rate in SA. Get rid of the illegal immigrants who puts strain on hospitals, roads welfare schools etc	Willem	retired
	2026-02-05 09:07:33	Cost of living is getting out of hand, taxes are not going where they are supposed to, people with decent salaries shouldn't be struggling as much as they are, I don't know how people in lower income brackets are surviving cause things are getting so expensive especially considering we have to pay for private everything cause public anything is sub par. The only solution really is having people in charge that know what they doing, and until then we South Africans will just suffer the consequences of these fat cats' bad decisions. They spend way too much time and money on laws and things that have nothing to do with the average South African. Maybe they should get back to basics and focus on stabilizing our economy and making sure things are affordable and stop programs and laws that hinder progress and economic growth.	Diaan	
	2026-02-05 09:05:21	Stimulate spending by amending the tax brackets and increase VAT.	Antony	retired
	2026-02-05 09:05:16	I heard a suggestion on the news to tax lotto and gambling heavier to overcome increasing VAT. I agree with this and think it could assist in the dire budget situation. Government spending is also too high - one of the first places to cut is travel and entertainment expenses. We often hear of extreme spends on year end and other functions - these are first things that should be cut.	Ronel	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:02:50	SOEs like Eskom & Transnet must be privatised. The cabinet must be substantially reduced and salaries cut to reduce government spending. The water is a national treasure and its use should also be privatised Municipalities should be privatised to ensure that financial failures do not occur. Tax relief should be extended to tax payers in arrears to reduce the tax burden on households.	KENNETH ARTHUR	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:01:48	I am a loss for words, in business we say the company (in this case the government) is bankrupt! They have plundered and destroyed this country and should not be allowed to continue making a mess. They need to be held accountable and every single person responsible for the mess should pay the millions back with interest. I am not against paying my taxes, I am against someone stealing the money ment to make South Africans lives better and not line the poskets of the elite.	sandra	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:57:20	How can we trust any of the ANC Comrades - is this another of their schemes that will not materialise?	FRIEDA	retired
	2026-02-05 08:57:01		Andre	
	2026-02-05 08:56:52	Stop all corruption and fruitless spending by holding the culprits accountable. Prison sentence for those responsible. Privatize all SOE 's. Emediately cut government spending by making the national, provincial and local government departments smaller.	Dirk	retired
	2026-02-05 08:55:37	Nobody - no individual, company, NGO or government - can thrive by spending more than they earn or collect. To even start balancing earning/collection and spending, forget about collecting, STOP spending, cut personnel numbers (probably the biggest number?!), drive productivity of spending, make every cent count - not for the parliamentarians, but for the populace!	Andreas	retired
	2026-02-05 08:54:56	Get the ANC cadre’s to pay back the stolen billions and better honest open management of finances and the country will be ok	Charles	retired
	2026-02-05 08:54:34	Agree with Warren & others. Goverment needs to shrink bloated cabinate, and Municipalities need to shrink bloated departments. Outsource basic municipal services and put tender out to public review. Full disclosure of owners of companies who win tenders. Make ut illegal for any politician, amd or municipal employee to be involved with companies that het awarded tenders If they want tenders, they must resign from their official positions and then they are free to tender. Outsourcing will stimulate our economy and improve service delivery as contractor can be held liable or have their contracts terminated.	Keith	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:53:55	Clean up corruption and plunder at all levels of resource . Hold people accountable with efficiency targets and rewards. In the long term, invest in education. An educated population is respectful, responsible, and proud of its work. Savings will follow with these measures. Have the political courage to restructure the institutions	Gaelle	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:52:55	Keep your hands off our money and spend it on what it is intended for.	Marius	
	2026-02-05 08:52:09	South Africa’s fiscal crisis is driven by corrupt state governance and the continued expectation that government can operate complex commercial enterprises without mismanagement and political interference. Eskom, Transnet, and other commercial SOEs should be partially or fully privatised, with bailouts replaced by hard budget constraints and clear exit timelines. Municipal financial failure should be addressed through outsourcing and long-term concessions in water, electricity distribution, and billing, backed by strict performance contracts and transparent oversight. Households cannot absorb further tax increases. Fiscal relief will come from growth driven by private investment in energy, logistics, and infrastructure. A smaller, more focused state, where fewer resources flow through politically controlled channels, would materially reduce corruption risk while stabilising debt and restoring public confidence. 1. Cut the bloated public service and government. We do not need so many ministers in government who don't produce anything. 2. Clamp down hard on corrupt politicians and start taking some of the money back (if that is still possible). 3. Employ people on merit for SOE's. For too long cadre deployment has resulted in incompetence and corruption. 4. Get rid of BBBEE. It's a piggy bank for connected politicians who contribute nothing to the broader welfare of citizens. 5. SARS to audit Government Ministers who do not pay their dues	HELEN	
	2026-02-05 08:50:59	I agree with Brendan and Christine	Juliet	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:50:18		Jerry	
	2026-02-05 08:48:48	My top concern for the 2026 Budget is all of the above—they are interconnected challenges. To stabilize SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Accelerate unbundling and restructuring (as underway), while expanding private sector participation in generation, transmission, and freight rail/port operations. This has already reduced loadshedding and improved logistics—allocate targeted support tied to performance milestones, not open-ended bailouts, to minimize fiscal risk. Where to cut government spending: Prioritize efficiency by reducing non-essential administrative costs, duplicative programs, and wasteful expenditure (e.g., excessive consultancy fees and irregular spending flagged by the Auditor-General). Redirect savings to growth-enabling investments like infrastructure maintenance. Freeze or limit above-inflation increases in the public wage bill where possible, while protecting frontline services. To fix municipal finance failures: Enforce stricter compliance with the MFMA, including withholding equitable share transfers from defaulting municipalities (as National Treasury has begun with those owing Eskom/water boards). Promote revenue enhancement through better billing/collection, ring-fencing funds for services, and conditional grants tied to governance improvements. Support capacity-building and anti-corruption measures to address root causes like weak internal controls. On the tax burden on households: Avoid broad increases that hit the middle class hardest; instead, broaden the base by improving compliance (SARS digitalization), closing loopholes, and considering targeted relief for low/middle-income earners to boost consumption and growth. These steps can narrow the deficit, stabilize debt, and free resources for water/energy infrastructure (addressing the R1 trillion need) while supporting vulnerable groups. Growth through reforms must be the priority.	Bronwynn	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:48:23	There seems to be a misunderstanding in Government between the countries income ability versus its expense ability. The sad part is that the results achieved with the expenses are not delivering the required yields. This boils down to the application, employment, allocation and utilization of capital and manpower. We seem to over estimate our abilities and under estimate the human sophistication required. Example : Onderstepoort and the Foot & Mouth debacle at the moment. The road maintenance situation Water supply and reticulation etc etc Privatise and reduce government involvement.	Dirk	retired
	2026-02-05 08:48:14		Sakhiwo Cyprian	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 08:45:06		John	retired
	2026-02-05 08:44:13		Richard	retired
	2026-02-05 08:44:05	stop the plundering and corruption	Claire	
	2026-02-05 08:41:59		Jan Christo	retired
	2026-02-05 08:41:47	South Africa’s fiscal crisis is driven by corrupt state governance and the continued expectation that government can operate complex commercial enterprises without mismanagement and political interference. Eskom, Transnet, and other commercial SOEs should be partially or fully privatised, with bailouts replaced by hard budget constraints and clear exit timelines. Municipal financial failure should be addressed through outsourcing and long-term concessions in water, electricity distribution, and billing, backed by strict performance contracts and transparent oversight. Households cannot absorb further tax increases. Fiscal relief will come from growth driven by private investment in energy, logistics, and infrastructure. A smaller, more focused state, where fewer resources flow through politically controlled channels, would materially reduce corruption risk while stabilising debt and restoring public confidence.	Brendon	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 08:40:24	1. Cut the bloated public service and government. We do not need so many ministers in government who don't produce anything. 2. Clamp down hard on corrupt politicians and start taking some of the money back (if that is still possible). 3. Employ people on merit for SOE's. For too long cadre deployment has resulted in incompetence and corruption. 4. Get rid of BBBEE. It's a piggy bank for connected politicians who contribute nothing to the broader welfare of citizens.	Christine	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:40:17		Lida	
	2026-02-05 08:37:49		Ansie	self-employed

	2026-02-05 08:37:48		Albertus	retired
	2026-02-05 08:37:43	BUDGET TIP SUBMISSION — 2026 NATIONAL BUDGET Honourable Minister Godongwana, I write as a South African citizen and taxpayer who recognises the enormity of the fiscal challenge before you: R434.9 billion in annual debt servicing — more than our entire health budget — a deficit of approximately R370 billion, and critical infrastructure backlogs that will cost over R1 trillion to address in water alone. These numbers did not arise in a vacuum. The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture (Zondo Commission) documented in forensic detail how governance failures, corrupted procurement, and politically motivated appointments across SOEs and government institutions drained hundreds of billions from the fiscus. National Treasury itself confirmed that by 2025/26, SOE bailouts had cost taxpayers upwards of R520 billion — funds that were directly diverted from frontline services including health, education, and provincial allocations. My budget tip is this: South Africa does not have a revenue problem. It has a governance, competence, and accountability problem. Until that is addressed, no amount of additional taxation or fiscal restructuring will stabilise our finances. I respectfully offer the following observations across the areas identified by Treasury: 1. STABILISING SOEs: IMPLEMENT THE ZONDO COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS The Zondo Commission recommended the establishment of an independent body — headed by a retired judge and including representatives from Nedlac, the auditing and legal professions — to oversee the appointment of SOE board members and senior executives through transparent, merit-based processes. This recommendation has not been meaningfully implemented. The National State Enterprises Bill falls short of the Commission's standards for independent oversight. Eskom has received R496 billion in bailouts since 2008/09 yet has still not disposed of non-core assets such as its Housing Company. Transnet recorded a net loss of R7.3 billion in 2023/24, with rail freight volumes collapsing from 226.3 million tonnes in 2017/18 to 151.7 million tonnes in 2023/24. Its debt servicing costs alone have reached R14.3 billion annually. The path forward is not more bailouts or guarantees. It is: — Full implementation of the Zondo Commission's governance recommendations, particularly merit-based appointments free from political deployment — Accelerated private sector partnerships with genuine operational autonomy, not window-dressing — Mandatory disposal of non-core SOE assets as a precondition for any further fiscal support — Criminal and civil prosecution of those identified by the Commission, and recovery of stolen funds 2. WHERE TO CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING Before asking taxpayers to shoulder further burden, government must demonstrate it has exhausted internal efficiencies: — The public sector wage bill consumes approximately 35% of consolidated expenditure. A skills audit across all national and provincial departments — as recommended by the Zondo Commission — would identify where posts are filled by individuals who lack the requisite qualifications. This is not a call to reduce employment, but to ensure that every rand spent on salaries delivers commensurate capability. — Irregular expenditure across government consistently runs into tens of billions annually. Consequence management — not just audit findings — must become standard practice. — The proliferation of government entities, advisory bodies, and commissions with overlapping mandates represents a structural inefficiency. A rationalisation exercise with clear criteria would yield meaningful savings. — The practice of politically motivated appointments — acknowledged by the former Minister of CoGTA as contributing to the dysfunction of approximately one-third of South Africa's 257 municipalities — must be confronted. Research consistently shows that roughly half of municipal managers lack the necessary skills for their positions. This is a direct cost to the fiscus through wasteful expenditure, failed infrastructure projects, and the cascading service delivery failures that follow. 3. FIXING MUNICIPAL FINANCE FAILURES Municipal debt to Eskom alone has surged from R74.4 billion in March 2024 to R94.8 billion by December 2024 — a R20 billion deterioration in nine months. This is not a technical accounting problem; it reflects a systemic collapse of financial management at local government level. The solution requires: — Compulsory minimum financial qualifications for municipal CFOs and managers, rigorously enforced — Intervention mechanisms under Section 139 of the Constitution that are triggered earlier and executed decisively, not used as political bargaining tools — Ring-fencing of municipal revenue collected for bulk services (electricity, water) so that it reaches the utilities that provide those services — Independent forensic audits of the most indebted municipalities, with personal liability for officials responsible for financial mismanagement 4. THE TAX BURDEN ON HOUSEHOLDS South African households and businesses are already overtaxed relative to the services they receive. Citizens pay for private security because policing is inadequate. They pay for private healthcare because public hospitals are under-resourced. They pay for private education because public schools underperform. They pay for generators and solar installations because Eskom was looted. They pay for water storage because municipal infrastructure is failing. This amounts to a shadow tax that does not appear in any budget review but is felt by every household. Before any increase in VAT, income tax, or new levies is considered, Treasury must acknowledge that the social contract between the state and the taxpayer is under severe strain. The most effective tax relief available is not a rate adjustment — it is competent governance that delivers value for the taxes already collected. CONCLUSION The Zondo Commission provided South Africa with a comprehensive diagnosis of how we arrived at this fiscal crisis. The prescriptions are on record. What is lacking is implementation — and the political will to prioritise competence over patronage across every level of government. I urge the Minister to use the 2026 Budget not merely as a fiscal balancing exercise, but as a statement of intent: that the era of funding institutional failure with taxpayer money is over, and that appointment to public office — from SOE boards to municipal managers — will henceforth be determined by qualification and merit. That single shift would do more for South Africa's fiscal position than any tax measure this Budget could introduce.	Ockert	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:37:24	Accelerate structural reforms aggressively: Fast-track Operation Vulindlela Phase 2 priorities — fix ports, rail, and logistics bottlenecks to boost exports and private investment. This could unlock 1-2% extra GDP growth quickly without massive new spending. Prioritize infrastructure spending on high-return projects: Redirect funds heavily to energy (sustain stable supply), water, and transport fixes rather than broad consumption. Public-private partnerships should be expanded to stretch limited budget resources and attract foreign capital. Cut wasteful expenditure and improve value for money: Implement strict procurement reforms (e.g., eliminate BEE premiums where they inflate costs) to save R100-150 billion annually. Use savings to fund tax relief for low/middle-income earners and small businesses, easing cost-of-living pressures. Stabilize and reform SOEs decisively: Limit bailouts to essentials only; enforce performance-based turnarounds or partial privatization for non-core entities. This reduces fiscal drag and frees up funds for social support and job-creating investments. Support job creation through targeted incentives: Introduce tax breaks or wage subsidies for SMEs and sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism. Focus youth/skills programs on in-demand areas (digital, green energy) to tackle structural unemployment. Maintain fiscal discipline with no major tax hikes: Avoid broad increases (especially VAT) that hit the poor hardest. Instead, close loopholes, improve collection efficiency, and broaden the base gradually while protecting social grants and basic services. Invest in human capital basics: Boost basic education and vocational training quality (not just quantity) to build a skilled workforce that attracts investment and reduces long-term welfare dependency.	Olivia	
	2026-02-05 08:36:54	GET RID OF FRAUD, ABUSE AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE URGENTLY! Cut the number of ministers, their salaries and benefits, Public Servants are there to SERVE the public, not live in the lap of luxury on the public purse without any obligation to perform well. Get rid of the SEO's, government cannot even run a bath and even less so the SEO's, you've ruined it! Give it to the private sector AS A MATTER OF URGENCY! Start TAXING the TAXI INDUSTRY - easy revenue right there! STOP the grants, we can't afford to give free money to everyone - people must work. Get rid of BEEE#$%! so businesses can thrive and employ people.	Carla	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:36:45	Govt can save millions by getting rid of all the deputy ministers. Get rid of BBBEE and employ people that know what they are doing. Proof of this is the total collapse of all SOE's. Ongoing water problems.	BERNHARDT	retired
	2026-02-05 08:36:06	First and foremost we need to spend money on fixing our disgraceful roads - then fix the shocking water situation by maintaining and servicing the underground pipes on a regular basis in a vast selection or provinces then we need to reduce the electricity charges and perhaps this could be subsidised by Government if they would stop wasting money on unneccessary luxuries - reduce food prices , - stop corruption - we need to enforce law and order on our roads so spending money to get the metro police out there is a necessity - we also need to spend money on law enforcement to stop crime in South Africa - and the stealing of copper pipes - and i could go on and on - but these are a few of serious issues that need to be addressed with immediate effect	Debby	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:34:23	Save money by : 1. Limiting child allowances to just two children. Our population growth is larger than our growth in GDP 2. Freeze the increase in salaries of members of parliament and cabinet ministers. They are overpaid. 3. Limit the student bursaries to successful students and a those who have successfully applied for registration at tertiary institutions for meaningful courses. 4. Do not pay over allowances to municipalities who under perform.	Eben	self-employed
	2026-02-05 08:31:11		George	retired
	2026-02-05 08:31:09	1. Most important is to stop all the theft by the mafia like gangs. With all the money that's being stolen the government will always play a catch-up game, and will never be able to develop the country. Stealing is like poisoning the well you also drink from. 2. Reduce the number of members of parlement 490 and their over inflated salaries. Parliament of Tanzania (Bunge) consists of roughly 393 to 403. 3. Stop borrowing so much money. 4. Get rid of all the bbee's. It's destroying the economy, and the country. 5. Make it easier for all people to start small businesses. When I was young, street vendors were everywhere. They were a very important tool for households to generate an income, and grew the economy. 6. Stop targeting minorities. Keep everyone save. 7. It's impossible to draw up a decent budget if there is not enough money to allocate.	Jesica	retired

	2026-02-05 08:30:23		Zanele	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:29:57	Dear Mr. Godongwana, I am praying for wisdom and clarity of mind for you and courage to do the right thing. I know you're just one man and there is much evil in the government and you can't solve all of it but let's live within our budget, let's fan into flame our production and manufacturing - we need repaired, replaced and maintained infrastructure to give our entrepreneurs and business people cheap electricity and clean water. So business can flourish and not heavily taxed. The heavy taxes are needed because no one wants to do the hard thing, the right thing - we live in our budget. Don't increase tax, as South Africans we are struggling to just eat and school our children. Reach out to the best minds, be humble and ask for help. We will keep praying for you. That you would know Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the Love of the Father for you so that you could see with His eyes.	laura	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:28:06	Cut out all Deputy Deputy ministers, reduce number of under performing cabinet ministers and their staff and star to spend monies as they should be. For example , when more than 80% of the Air Force budget goes to salaries, surely there must be a correction of this as no business can operate like this.	Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 08:27:54		Neil	self-employed
	2026-02-05 08:27:34	Firstly the government should stop stealing the money. Secondly they should kill BBBEE as this is destroying the economy and leads to the first point of stealing. Thirdly they should cut grants to people who don't want to work - the welfare state is crippling the economy. Fourthly, build power plants to provide power for the economy to grow and fix the water problems. Lastly, stop giving money to municipalities that steal the money	Karl	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:24:32	Economy and fiscus and job creation will be a positive to all of the others as this will increase revenue and reduce load on the government. I am glad this is not my budget to make work with that amount of debt. Who are we loaning from. This is ridiculous. Unlawful spending should be punished harshly. We need to move on and be better. Truth is an important concept, one that too many people in high positions do not adhere to.	Anina	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:23:25		Leon	
	2026-02-05 08:23:05		johann	retired
	2026-02-05 08:20:36		Paula	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:20:25		Happy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 08:18:38		Denise	retired
	2026-02-05 08:18:17		Juanita	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 08:17:36	Once the government recognises that it works for the people, not the other way around, corruption and nepotism would decline, and conditions would improve across all departments.	Mon	
	2026-02-05 08:15:16	Ons beweeg al nader aan ’n kommunistiese staat. Hul wil aanhou totdat ons álmal in ’n ry staan vir kos. Dan beheer hul die mensdom met gemak. Parlement is hopeloos te groot. En almal wil salaris kry, en almal wil eet. Die armes word net armer, en al hoe meer mense is afhanklik van toelaes. Beperk die eerder die aantal kinders waarvoor toelaes betaal word. Minister sal baie spaar!	Gerda	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:14:36	SOE's = Private/Public Partnerships. Stop stealing. Government Spending = scrap the BBBEE premiums, reduce the cabinet and ministerial benefits. Freeze all members salaries and benefits for 5 years. Stop stealing and wasting. If you don't scrap the NHI bill then put it on hold for 10 years. Tax revenues = stop wasting time and money on non-productive partnerships e.g. Iran, Russia, China. Implement and use the DA's alternative to BBBEE . Scrap the unrealistic employment equity regulations. Thus attracting foreign investment from productive partners. Energy and water = prioritise infrastructure spend from the savings in BBBEE premiums above. Kick "net zero" out. Focus on small nuclear. Municipal Finances = Introduce legislation which sets out a number of KPA's and timeframes which if not achieved trigger an election.	Brian	retired
	2026-02-05 08:08:11	The problem starts with the BEE policy that cost the country 25% more if no corruption takes place, in reality it cost the country much more but not only in what they spend, but also in what they get for the money. If they adopt a free market policy, they will get a better product for less money, but the question of corruption can only be rooted out if officials go to jail if they are found guilty of misconduct. The government must instead of appointing a delegation to investigate fraud rather establish a court the only do financial misconduct cases where TAXPAYERS money is involved, it will be cheaper and we will see quicker results.	Isak	business owner

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	2026-02-05 08:07:06		MARINA	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:05:56		Agnes	
	2026-02-05 08:04:52	1. Government spending - To much is spent on commissions and enquiries. Set up a investigating task force and set goals. Arrests should be made within 1 year. If not, they are replaced 2. Tax - Governemt should reduce tax on everyone. Top wealthy and middle class. Yes, the government will struggle a bit more in short term. But if you put more money in peoples pockets, they spend more. If they spend more, the businesses can afford to increase pay to their employees. Those employees pay more in tax and they can start spending more on other businesses. And so it goes on. The more people get, the more they spend. More spent = additional tax and a growing economy. 3. Service delivery - Privatize and incentivise	Alex	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:02:22	Privatize SOE, privatize local policing, municipalities - everything the ANC has broken over the last +30 years. Move more tax burden on to companies. Up to date tax payers should get 100000 votes each at election time considering they are carrying the load .	Ian	employed individual

	2026-02-05 07:59:23	Make govt officials accountable and responsible for non performance. Only employ qualified people on merit . No salary increases or bonuses . Route out bribery & corruption promptly Actively improve preventative maintenance of the infrastructure.	Keith	
	2026-02-05 07:58:08	1 Privatise all SOE's 2 Cut all salary expenses to maximum of 20% of budget 3 Municipalities to cut salary expenses to below 20% and no contractors to do the work of employees. 4 Stop tax money from being stolen.	Manie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:57:36	To address most of the questions we need decent economic growth. There are a number of limiting factors that hinder this. 1. A belief that Government can engineer growth is outdated and needs a radical rethink 2. Flexibile employment practices need to be actively persued and the notion that companies cannot use labor brokers and other 'casual' type workers is again outdated. Most western economies allow a flux of work - increasing the number of workers when work demands it and allowing for workers to choose how they work - maybe 2 days at this place and 2 half days at another place allowing them to take care of the multiple needs they have 3 Government deployment of 'loyal' party members needs to stop immediately within government departments AND municipalities. IT is a demonstrated recipe for corruption and nepotism and allows for stagnation of the status quo. Employ adequately qualified personnel for the jobs required - regardless of party affiliation (an independant civil service) and utilise technology more efficiently	Lisa	
	2026-02-05 07:56:49		Deon	retired
	2026-02-05 07:56:46	Cut salaries of public servants Cut the number of public servants to world norms Get rid of BBBE now! Employ suitably qualified people in the public servants and ministerial positions. Remove the recognized criminals from all government positions.	Derick	retired
	2026-02-05 07:55:50	Government must stop playing games with the future of South Africans. Stop with pushing unnecessary and pointless policies like changing towns / city's names. Focus on unemployment, job creation, lifting people out of poverty so NO ONE lives in townships. It is 2026 for crying out loud. Education must be focused on. The entire current cabinet must be reshuffled and decreased in size. Stop cadre deployment and get a strong police force asap! Cut red tape for businesses and BEE must end so that foreign investment can help build and shape the future. The ANC must retire if they cannot do this because they have committed a crime against humanity here in South Africa.	Arran	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:55:27	Stop government spending (wasteful expenditure) on self (stop stealing it) and spend it on 1) Competent government workers and management (appoint and develop them non-racionally) 2) Energy and water investments (no more SEO's under incompetence) - which will also help to drive: 3) The economy and fiscus	Johann	business owner
	2026-02-05 07:54:32		Faye	retired
	2026-02-05 07:54:21		Joan	retired
	2026-02-05 07:54:19		David	retired
	2026-02-05 07:54:05	Cut salaries of public servants Cut the number of public servants to world norms Get rid of BBBE now! Employ suitably qualified people in the public servants and ministerial positions. Remove the recognized criminals from all government positions.	Henri	retired
	2026-02-05 07:52:47	We simply need a new government! One that will arrest all corrupt ministers and place competent people in their positions whole do not steal, but rather manage the countries money according to the oath they took when taking up their position.	Gareth	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 07:52:07		Julian	retired
	2026-02-05 07:49:34		Shaz	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:49:26		André	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:48:19	Stop corruption No salary increases Cut all perks Do Financial audits on all government officials	Hans	retired
	2026-02-05 07:47:25		SAMUEL	business owner
	2026-02-05 07:45:14	Salaries and bonusses of parlement and provincial government and municipalities are to great. Suspended employees must be done within a month not years. Government are over employing incompetent people wasting our tax money, has no clue on maintenance besides maintaining their bank accounts. Health, education, transport (not taxis or trucks which only gets hijacked) trains and buses should be considered. If the top brass is not doing the below cannot applying.	D	

1. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet
The core problem

Not “lack of money” — it’s:

Political interference
Broken governance
No consequences for failure
Monopolies with no competitive pressure

What actually works

A. Ring-fence operations from politics

Boards appointed via an independent SOE appointments panel (like the UK model), not ministers.
Fixed-term contracts with performance-based removal, not cadre deployment.

B. Separate monopoly from competition

Eskom:

Keep grid + system operator state-owned (natural monopoly).
Generation fully open to private + municipal + industrial producers.

Transnet:

Keep rail infrastructure public.
Open freight operations to licensed private operators (access fees fund maintenance).

C. Kill bailouts, replace with conditional support

Any state support must come with:
Asset sales (non-core property, ports, surplus land)
Workforce optimisation (natural attrition + early retirement, not mass layoffs)
Published turnaround milestones
D. Criminal accountability
Dedicated SOE commercial crimes court
Fast-track asset seizure for procurement fraud
(Singapore-style deterrence — corruption ends when it becomes personally expensive)

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2. Where to cut government spending (without hurting the poor)

A. Stop spending on administration growth

Freeze:
Senior management posts
Consultants (unless skills-transfer is enforced)
Parallel departments doing overlapping work
South Africa has too many managers, not too many nurses/teachers.

B. Kill failing programmes instead of funding them forever

Every programme must answer annually:
“If this didn’t exist, would we create it today?”
If not → shut it down.

C. Reform the public wage bill (not slash)

Link increases to inflation minus productivity gap
Introduce regional pay weighting (cost-of-living adjusted)
Cap pension liabilities for new entrants (existing contracts honoured)

D. Procurement reform = biggest saving

Centralise big-ticket procurement (IT, vehicles, medical supplies)
Publish price benchmarking dashboards
(Sunlight kills price inflation fast)

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3. How to fix municipal finance failures

A. Remove financial control from failed councils

If a municipality:
Can’t pass an unfunded budget
Can’t collect >70% of billed revenue
Can’t produce clean audits for 3 years
Automatic provincial financial administration
No debate, no politics.

B. Professionalise municipal finance

CFOs, engineers, and planners must be:
Professionally registered
Personally liable for gross negligence
No political appointments in finance or technical roles.

C. Utilities first, everything else second

Ring-fence:
Electricity
Water
Refuse
Revenue from these cannot be diverted to salaries or pet projects.

D. Allow municipal mergers and service outsourcing

Small, non-viable municipalities should merge.
Let private operators run water/waste services under tight performance contracts
(State regulates, doesn’t have to operate.)

4. What to do about the tax burden on households

South Africans are over-taxed for the value they receive — especially the middle class.

A. Shift from income tax to consumption (carefully)

Gradually reduce:
Personal income tax brackets
Expand:
VAT base with stronger zero-rating for basics
This spreads the burden, including informal economy participation.

B. Tax relief for working households
Increase medical aid tax credits
Increase retirement contribution deductions
Fuel levy stabilisation mechanism (oil-price smoothing)

C. Broaden the tax base instead of raising rates

Crack down on:
Illicit tobacco/alcohol
Fuel smuggling
Grey imports
This alone could fund several percentage points of tax relief.

D. Reward compliance

Faster refunds
Reduced audits for compliant taxpayers

	2026-02-05 07:33:40	It should be non negotiable to clamp down on fraud/misspent money by government officials etc that is costing taxpayers billions of Rands. Close down the illegal cigarette market (losing us billions in tax), get tax from the taxi industry = increase the tax base, etc. Do all this as opposed to just killing the honest tax payers!	Athol	retired
	2026-02-05 07:33:07	Establish a National Economic Stabilization Task Force with cross-sector representation to oversee SOE reform, municipal finance recovery, and fiscal reprioritization. This body should publish quarterly progress reports to build transparency and investor confidence.	Reginald	business owner
	2026-02-05 07:30:31	Why must hard working south africans pay for the incompetence of our government. 1)The politicians, the government officials with their huge salaries should be investigated. 2) Why must we pay for the incompetence of the eskom debacle 3) Put officials in place in government who can take this country to a better and blessed country.	Desiree	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:30:19	To answer them one by one: 1. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. The ANC have had over 30 years to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that they have no clue how to properly manage these enterprises and have run them into the ground. Privatise them immediately! 2. Where to cut government spending. Cut the public wage bill. Fire every single civil servant that is/has been involved with the inappropriate use of state funds AND reclaim those funds from their personal assets. Do this immediately to send a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Fire those proven to be negligent, lazy and incompetent in their positions. Reward those who have served diligently and honorably in their positions and ONLY these persons. 3. How to fix municipal finance failures. All municipalities that cannot pass a financial audit should immediately be placed under administration - non negotiable! 4. What to do about the tax burden on households. Immediately address tax bracket creep to provide long overdue relief for an overburdened tax base. Start implementing real fiscal discipline now or face a tax revolt!	Richard	retired
	2026-02-05 07:30:13		Marianne	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:30:06		Fiona	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:26:30		Arno	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:26:30		Arno	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:23:09	In a nutshell, USE the systems that are already in place, punish offenders who don't, create accountability, stop stealing!	barry	retired
	2026-02-05 07:21:04	tell the fool to resign. when they took over governance of this country there was no foreign debt. this country was one of the few that paid NATO on time. i bet we owe the money to China. they are always quick to lend a struggling country money so in the end they can demand favours while holding the proverbial "sword of Damocles" over their heads. just one example if his staff signs off on a broom that cost over R70000 and when they pay hundreds of thousands of rands to repair a machine, when they could replace it with a new for less than half the price. these and more were reported in news and other blogs, and what not even bothered to explain or investigate. the attitude of we are in charge and who are you to question. get an astute businessperson in there with some hotshot bookkeepers and hi-tech financiers not politicians with idiot ideas and long fingers.	martin	retired
	2026-02-05 07:11:31		hans	retired
	2026-02-05 07:10:54		Joy	
	2026-02-05 07:10:36		Younus	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:06:59	Government officials should not get large increases but should be renumerated buy performance and the dead weight should be put out to pasture and parliament members should not get rich of their duty to the people of this country they volunteered to go onto public service. Stop waisting tax income on things that don't bring value to the citizens of this country, a ministers overpriced vehicle does nothing for the poor and unemployed people neither does lavish parties at tax payers expense.	Thomas	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:06:42	Stop the corruption and stealing, decrease the size of government, stop hammering the small tax base (which is only getting smaller), get EWC out of your head. BEE in all it's forms should stop. Get your geopolitical house in order. Should we even carry on with more?	Tom	
	2026-02-05 07:06:37		Kerryn	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:01:22	Cabinet is too large, too many perks for a job not done properly. Wastage of money on so called commissions & no one is prosecuted. Water infrastructure needs urgent attention. Government institutions need helpful staff not crooked officials looking for a bribe to do what they are being paid for.	Marilyn	retired
	2026-02-05 07:00:46	The government needs to understand that it cannot spend money it doesnt have. You have R100? Put 20% away for emergency and the remaining R80 gets allocated. That's it as simple as that.	Wendy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 06:59:00	The government (scum) should first stop the stealing, then we can talk about spending money correctly.	Hendrik	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:57:39	They should employ competent, and qualified engineers. State-owned companies should perform maintenance, and new projects in the same way it was done before 1994. Outsourcing should be stopped, and BBBEE must be banned. Competent employees should conduct the work themselves. Outsourcing is a total waste of money. Senior officials in Government, and State-owned entities must be held accountable, in their private capacity for failures.	Deon	retired
	2026-02-05 06:56:44	Get rid of BBBEE and open up the market to all races a d stop corruption.	Lodewickus	retired
	2026-02-05 06:55:40		Danie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:54:34		Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:53:15		Neels	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:52:32		Suzette	retired
	2026-02-05 06:52:14		Carl	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:51:44	No South African tax money should be spent on illegal foreign nationals, I believe a half of our money is spent on no-tax paying 27 million illegal foreigners and that strains our finances.	Papa William	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:51:19		Anne	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:49:17	1. The Government payroll must first be cut by letting go two thirds of those employed. 2. Those remaining must have their salaries cut in half. 3. The Zondo commission findings must be used and those found corrupt jailed and the money recovered, with interest. 4. The SASSA payments must be audited to remove the hundreds of thousand defrauding us monthly. 5. Taxis and Churches are to be brought into the Tax collection arena. 6. Only registered Taxpayers can vote - even if they pay no tax if they are below threshold, they must be fully identified as the anc demands we the legitimate taxpayers are.	David	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:48:51	Most important is to reduce the size of the Government payroll, by having a reduced staff and getting good value from those retained. Employees should PROVE their worthiness to be employed. Any staff member suspended pending investigation should receive no salary at all until proven fit to stay in office. Thorough, constant monitoring of staff performance and allocation of private contracts need to be done: too much graft taking place. Reduce dependence on fossil fuels and advance clean energy, which should create a lot of work opportunities. So many of the population are living in polluted environments. Make demands on municipalities to monitor and repair aging infrastructure - fire those who can't do the job. Ensure that those guilty of grand theft (like the Guptas and corrupt officials are indentified early, and that we have cometant and determined legal staff doing the job professionally. Lift restrictions on employment requirements for companies. Far too much State control.	Donald	retired
	2026-02-05 06:45:59		Malcom	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:45:52	Stop tenders, remove corrupt leaders in government institutions and municipalities so that the country to go back to its status before 1994 elections, before democracy and deport all illegal foreigners as the crime rate increases because of them.	Nomsa	retired
	2026-02-05 06:44:06	Get rid off BEE and raceial policy and people will invest in SA	Pav	
	2026-02-05 06:42:36		Gerry	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:41:47		Josh	retired
	2026-02-05 06:40:12		Eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:36:22		clarke	retired
	2026-02-05 06:35:39		ismail	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:35:22	South Africa's SOE's are been operated by people who have no idea about an economy. They are only worried about growing Policy and not the local economy They don’t understand that SOE money need to be spent on local manufacturing interest and not just on individual business who import all manufactured goods thus not keeping the money in our local economy The SOE staff also have no idea about productivity and overcharging services which causes investors to close up shop thus creating Job losses which results in losses for tax revenue from the company closing and the staff being cut of employment	Wikus	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 06:34:28	Manufacturing goods in SA and stop buying from over countries. Cut the bloated cabinet down and remove unnecessary deputies. Employ technocrats as heads of functional departments, freeze government salaries for the top tiers, invest in infrastructure - roads, water especially, invest in education and security, health. Decrease spending so we can lower debt. Privatize transnet - especially rail and harbours - not to caders or BEE compliant companies - this is really important. Clean out eskom management and address government and municipal corruption. It drains this country.	D	retired
	2026-02-05 06:33:03	I believe there should be real consequences for those in leadership who are corrupt. Until there are consequences for those who abuse our people by by theft and corruption, nothing will change. The justice system must be cleaned up, competent, trained people must be chosen on merit, not color or cadre connections. Allow competent people to lead, and maybe we can begin to right the ship. This ongoing saga of investigations that lead to nothing must stop.	Linda	retired
	2026-02-05 06:27:33		Michelle	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 06:24:15		Dana	retired

	2026-02-05 06:21:21		Rassie	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:18:09	So much is wrong, I don't know where to start. Obviously, pay that interest first, and then take 10 percent of the remainder to pay off the capital debt. Water infrastructure must be repaired. Water is life itself. The tax burden must also be alleviated. Tax payers are leaving the country because the tax is so high. The rich always spend their money, and that often means they employ those who have less. If the rich don't have the cash to spend, they won't create jobs. "For lack of a people a ruler is ruined."	Joy	retired
	2026-02-05 06:12:53		Dubrandt	retired
	2026-02-05 06:10:54	Mr. Minister, the recent increase in government salaries is a starting point. Taxpayers are paying government officials, municipal managers and other state employees to much money for the results that we are receiving - cut government spending by reducing salaries (R4million for a joburg official is insane) and cutting car allowances and travel allowances. - Municipal salaries should be cut and a performance based salary and budget structure introduced. It should be run like a business and people that don't want to work or perform or those that loot, should be fired. - Government's largest spend cannot be on salaries, the taxpayers are paying to receive a service not to fund lifestyles. Table an entire budget overhaul and cut the size of government. With regards to Energy and water investments. We need investments into desalination plants for each major coastal town. This will secure the livelihoods and businesses in those towns and cities and open up freshwater in the dams for other sectors. We also require investments into the water reticulation infrastructure in Gauteng along with investments into WWTW. Stabilising State-Owned entity finances - Sir, our state owned entities made money when they were run well. There is a place for them and this could reduce taxes if they operated correctly. But any further bailouts should be scrapped. The entities should be overhauled and started from scratch. Don't spend anymore money on a lost cause. The people should re-apply for their positions and the company should restart, if possible. If it is not possible then the entities should go into a public-private partnership. Addressing a large budget deficit - The easiest way to do this is to cut government spending by cutting these massive salaries and overspending on trips for politicians and family members. Cut government spending on large gatherings and expensive catering and events. The taxpayers money is being used to fund the lifestyles of all public service employees without seeing any benefits to the money spent. Scrap policies that don't work and create a business and investment friendly environment. Prioritise South African companies and companies that have footprints here, not imports. We will reduce the deficit if we grow the economy and restart our local factories and industry.	Zander	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:10:36		Melody	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:07:51	Cut down on expenditures in terms of high salaries and stop lending money to cover gaps, if we do not have, then you should not lend to spend	Annestien	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:05:12		Jolanda	retired
	2026-02-05 05:57:17	Economic growth should be supported through policy certainty, infrastructure investment, and improved confidence, while maintaining fiscal discipline. Government spending must be more efficient and outcomes-based, as poor service delivery remains a critical concern across many sectors despite high levels of expenditure. This points to structural inefficiencies within an overloaded and financially burdensome public service. Addressing the large budget deficit and ensuring debt sustainability require credible fiscal consolidation, improved expenditure control, and more effective revenue administration rather than relying primarily on higher taxes. A reduction in the size and cost of the public service, including targeted retrenchments where appropriate, should be considered as part of a broader reform programme aimed at improving productivity and service delivery. Stabilising state-owned enterprises must focus on competent governance, commercial discipline, and reduced dependence on fiscal support. Energy, water, and municipal infrastructure investment remains essential, but must be accompanied by capable management structures, accountability, and skills-based appointments. The 2026 Budget should prioritise competent leadership, efficient delivery, and sustainable public finances to restore trust and support long-term economic stability.	Jacques	employed individual
	2026-02-05 05:56:21	Cut the number of Parliament officials.	Anton	employed individual
	2026-02-05 05:53:18		Joe	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 05:51:56		Hugo	self-employed
	2026-02-05 05:48:50	Dear Minister, you may not use any more tax payers money for the longstanding corrupt activities of your government. There can be no further stealing, corruption and misappropriation of funds by incompetent officials any longer. This country needs to be rebuilt with OUR hard earned money NOW.! Create jobs NOW! Get rid of BBBEE NOW! Stop increasing debt to enable more stealing and misappropriation!!!	Beverley	
	2026-02-05 05:45:50	Four things That require ATTENTION: - 1. Getting rid of BB-EEE 2. Rationalizing labour law so that CORRUPT OFFICIALS that steal from the fiscus can be dealt with immediately and not be indefinitely retained on salary. 3. Providing more of the budget to the judiciary, who are understaffed, underpaid and over taxed. 4. Make government spending openly available to public for auditing and scrutiny.	EWAN	employed individual
	2026-02-05 05:45:28		Johan	
	2026-02-05 05:45:04		Shatadi	employed individual
	2026-02-05 05:38:46	Aboli transfer duty to encourage home ownership and support the property industry	Gordon	
	2026-02-05 05:28:05	All aspects of our financial circumstances scream for attention. A lot of our money is wasted through corruption which continues unabated. Money that can help address some of the problems is wasted on many commissions whose recommendations are thrown in the paper bins. I don't think the minister really needs the people's opinion or advice.	Sonto	retired
	2026-02-05 05:17:45	Remove the deadwood (corrupt and/or incompetent) from the bloated government / municipalities, etc. Keep salaries and perks of the remaining competent persons to reasonable levels (within inflation). So easy to achieve if it were not for the many family members and friends involved.	Les	
	2026-02-05 05:14:56	I have one simple request. Allow public auditing of the country's finances so we can curb this runaway corruption together.	Jakobus	business owner
	2026-02-05 05:10:35	THREE THINGS THAT DEMAND ATTENTION: - 1. GET RID OF BB-EEE 2. RATIONALIZE LABOUR LAW SO THAT CORRUPT OFFICIAL THAT STEAL FROM THE FISCUS CAN BE DEALT WITH IMMEDIATELY AND NOT BE RETAINED ON SALARY FOR EVER AND A DAY. 3. PROVIDE MORE OF THE BUDGET TO THE JUDICIARY WHO ARE UNDER-STAFFED, UNDE-PAID AND OVER-TAXED.	SPENCER	business owner
	2026-02-05 05:08:44		Dawid	
	2026-02-05 05:01:09	To have transparency when it comes to Government spending, no more corruption and money being wasted on personal items ,which the taxpayers shouldn't be funding.	DON	employed individual
	2026-02-05 04:54:52	To have transparency when it comes to Government spending, no more corruption and money being wasted on personal items ,which the taxpayers shouldn't be funding.	Sandra	retired
	2026-02-05 04:54:31		Elize	employed individual
	2026-02-05 04:51:27		Larry	retired
	2026-02-05 04:51:02	Definitely cut Government spending on unnecessary items ,people should buy there own cars .Should not be funded by the tax payers.	Jonathan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 04:47:26		Terry	retired
	2026-02-05 04:46:26	To cut the salary's that members of Political Parties get paid and use that money to pay off debt .	Debbie	employed individual
	2026-02-05 04:42:29		Steven	retired
	2026-02-05 04:18:49		Ian	
	2026-02-05 04:05:56		Desiry	self-employed
	2026-02-05 04:01:25		willem	retired
	2026-02-05 03:53:38		Jo	business owner
	2026-02-05 03:52:58	Start by placing a moratorium on spending related to travel, refreshments, accomodation, exhorbitant security upgrades to the private residences of MPs and government workers. We in the private sector pay for our own security. Stop paying for VIP protection. If you are not involved in crime and looting there will not be a target on your back. Enable competent persons to perform lifestyle audits and implement real consequences for those who fail. Our countty is greylisted because ruthless politicians are committing money laundering and terrorist financing activities. Some politicians are willing to even sell out their own family to provide soldiers for terrorist activities. Give budget to SIU and NPA and SARS to investigate and recover looting. Fire unproductive staff in government and SOEs. Limit salary increases to 2%	Hanli	employed individual
	2026-02-05 03:48:04		Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-05 03:46:02		Nad	retired
	2026-02-05 03:25:49		Brett	employed individual
	2026-02-05 03:25:41	Do some cost management and stop handing out free-bees. Create jobs that will enable the youth to support themself. Get rid of incompitant and extra staff on the payroll for example ESCOM that is a major burden to the public and economy. Rather start looking at pensioners as far as municipal rates and taxes are concerned as lifetime savings are gone and houses sold for them to stay alive while ministers and ministers without portfolio receives salaries they don't deserve. Pensioners above 70 should not pay property taxes as their contributions throughout their lifetime should qualify them for such a benefit. Also stop annual bonusses and performance bonusses as it has become a major joke for all these SOE's under performing paying out billions to keep the family and gravy train running. A good suggestion is to review the salaries of the government and SOE's and cut it by at least 50% as the state in which they dumped SA does not even qualify them for the other 50%.	Gerhardus Johannes	retired
	2026-02-05 03:25:39	Do some cost management and stop handing out free-bees. Create jobs that will enable the youth to support themself. Get rid of incompitant and extra staff on the payroll for example ESCOM that is a major burden to the public and economy. Rather start looking at pensioners as far as municipal rates and taxes are concerned as lifetime savings are gone and houses sold for them to stay alive while ministers and ministers without portfolio receives salaries they don't deserve. Pensioners above 70 should not pay property taxes as their contributions throughout their lifetime should qualify them for such a benefit. Also stop annual bonusses and performance bonusses as it has become a major joke for all these SOE's under performing paying out billions to keep the family and gravy train running. A good suggestion is to review the salaries of the government and SOE's and cut it by at least 50% as the state in which they dumped SA does not even qualify them for the other 50%.	Gerhardus Johannes	retired

	2026-02-05 03:05:24	Is Mr Enoch Godongwana really interested in saving South Africa or trying to lull the south africans into a coma with this survey? Does Mr Enoch Godongwana have accountability and integrity to be a good steward of the finances steering the South African people's future? Or just a puppet on a string? Mr Enoch Godongwana treat the budget with responsibility as if it's your company at stake.STOP wasteful expenditure. Govt officials wasteful travel, entertainment, pay own water, electricity, rates, fuel, security like all the SA people have to. Remove ministers not performing. No work, no pay. STOP expenditure exceeding revenue. SELL State owned enterprises, and SETTLE DEBT. SOE's do not offer infrastructure or economic stability. You want different results in your budget do something different If NOT, you don't really care about anyone's opinion in the survey, or the South African's future. Then Continue RUINING South Africa. It will be noted in the history books, for future generations to remember your name.	Lynn	employed individual
	2026-02-05 02:38:24	An urgent remake of government. The future of every child (black and white) is at stake. Looting of funds, corruption, bring an end to the lifestyles of the so called fatcat leaders. Law and order is non existent on every level. The ANC is a spent force!	Brian	retired
	2026-02-05 02:28:38		Beth	employed individual
	2026-02-05 02:28:37		Beth	employed individual
	2026-02-05 02:00:24	Leave VAT, stop wasteful spending, stop corruption, stop buying German vehicles for fat cats in your government, how about bicycles instead, ministers to start paying their own water, electricity, rates, petrol and security like the rest of us. Start serving and not be served. When will we start recouping assets for corruption from the person who signed off the efts for projects were millions were paid and nothing delivered. Telkom Towers? Sarah Baartman Centre? Indwe Stadium? Sebokeng DLTC? Nancefield primary school? Tsolo sports field? The list can go on and on. Maybe be transparent on what happens when the hawks or SIU ceases assets? Where are those Maumela assets now? Fix these things minister, before you knock on the 10% of South Africans door who actually pay tax to support the other 90%.	Tanya	self-employed
	2026-02-05 00:54:39		Patricia	retired
	2026-02-05 00:39:49	Budget tip: Corruption by government officials, from most junior to most VIP, in my opinion, is treason. Fund those who fight corruption adequately so that they can uproot it faster and more effectively. Most important departmental priorities: Health Education Housing Least important: Defence force	Irene	retired
	2026-02-05 00:29:47	1. Our cabinet is top heavy, keep onlythe compitent & streamline for effective governance. Major funds will become available when those salaries are cut. In fact be ruthless with the corrupt & incompetent politicians sucking the life out of our economy. 2. I agree with a previous comment regarding the Taxi industry, they are a major player in the country & should be taxed as such. 3. Our jails are filled to the brim, due to obvious high crime, but can be put to better use as labour, manufacturing, production, etc. Double practical outcome: skills are learnt & integration become a possibility when time is served & Jails can start to cover own costs - less financial bearing on government support. 4. SAPS salaries, especially for the lower ranks & detectives (the ones that puts their lives in danger every day) needs serious revision. If they get decent salaries, the corruption will not seem so enticing. (Their training also needs serious revision & much more rigorous selection processes), maybe the Fin. Minister can put a word in? As corruption is exceedingly high & has a ripple effect on our economy, our government should put emphasis on Re-aligning, re-shugfling & stabilizing the SAPS. They do not have enough resources to protect & serve, & the resources they have is often mismanaged as well, therefor also the ease of being corrupt. Put back the honour into Policing & reward them for the dangerous work they have, and that will also have a ripple effect in every fascet of the country! 5. I believe many municipalities are sitting with ghost employees, as well as employees not trained for, nor capable for the positions they are in. A proper audit of each, can expose & then streamline their budgets to be used for the towns & communities they service, salaries are often one of your biggest budget items. 6.BEEE is not economically sustainable, it should be laid to rest/abolished.	Tessa Louise	
	2026-02-05 00:07:50	Paying taxes is to better everyone's life, not supporting greed, corruption and fraud. That is what is the DRIVING FORCE behind the SOE's needing help and always failing to be contributing to the economy. Surely, these entities are runned by ill- minded, ill- willed and weak individuals. These thieves has forgotten they own legacy will perish by thy own BLIND GREED.	Kaamielah	
	2026-02-05 00:00:29	Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions. Why do SOE's constantly fail, are they just completely incompetent or pure gluttony....	Zeitoen	unemployed individual
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	2026-02-04 23:43:34	I think government waste money doing unnecessary stuff eg street name changes. Spend on life saving stuff like water, electricity, roads, actual things that are needed to live. Buy cheaper vehicles for government use, keep using these vehicles for 15 years minimum. Employ less staff. Employ staff that work hard and willing to put in extra effort. Fire employees that do not work perfectly and are not hardworking. Cut down on salaries especially for highly paid staff. All government officials are to make use of only government hospitals. Less people to accompany on overseas trips. Think three times before spending our money. More than three people to authorise any spending of money. All pensioners must be exempted from paying any taxes or vat, pensioners have paid enough taxes over the years. No vat should be charged on any medical events. Get taxis and trucks off the roads.	Maria	
	2026-02-04 23:35:52		Daniel	employed individual
	2026-02-04 23:30:42		Tertia	
	2026-02-04 23:28:09		Yolanda	self-employed
	2026-02-04 23:27:45		Pierre	retired
	2026-02-04 23:27:30		Anne	retired
	2026-02-04 23:17:18		Lydia	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 23:13:41		Felix	
	2026-02-04 23:13:06	1st... get a new govt or we dead in the sater	George T.	
	2026-02-04 23:10:26		Felix	
	2026-02-04 23:04:42		Rachel	employed individual
	2026-02-04 23:03:38	The first things that should happen and will save billions are the corruption of the ANC and their cadres as well as the abolishment of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) and ALL 145 of the Race Laws which only benefit and enrich CERTAIN BLACK PEOPLE. Privatise ALL these SOEs to South African OWNED companies and NONE to ANY foreigner company or that of ANY foreigners. Once this happens the SOEs will be managed by COMPETENT people who are QUALIFIED in these fields and will start to CONTRIBUTE to the economy instead of DEPLEATING funds. Reduce the staff of the National, Provincial as well as local government and the cabinet by 60-70%, get rid of ALL INCOMPETENT people on the gravy-train and ONLY keep the competent and qualified people to actually manage the tasks and the country. Drastically reduce the salaries of these people so that it will be in line with “NORMAL” levels of renumeration as in the public sector. The saving on these Exorbitant Salaries that are paid to cabinet members and everybody involved in the government on ALL levels, WHO just sit around and do absolutely nothing of worth are totally unacceptable and way above any norm. Then lasty, keep every single member of government as the cabinet accountable for their actions and responsibilities. Employ QUALIFIED people in the municipalities that KNOW what are required to operate an effective municipality, Ensure that the allocated funds are in actual fact USED to improve and maintain the actual infrastructure and deliver ON TIME the standard of service that are required and needed. STOP the corruption and stealing of money and stop spending money on the personal luxuries and overseas trips. Then lastly, also keep these appointees accountable for their responsibilities. Use the VAT that are acquired from all the tax that we pay and then ACTUALLY pay off the debt. The TAXI industry DOES NOT PAY OR CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING towards TAX, they are a MAJOR part of the economy in South Africa and NEED to pay tax the SAME as any other industry or company or private citizen in this country, they are NOT ABOVE anybody else and needs to be treated as such.	Hettie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 22:45:58	Electricity should be ZERO RATED VAT! It's a basic human right , like foodstuffs with zero rated VAT It would make electricity more affordable	Sheila	employed individual
	2026-02-04 22:36:06		Astrid	retired
	2026-02-04 22:33:46		VINESH BADUL	retired
	2026-02-04 22:22:55		Izak	retired
	2026-02-04 22:18:24		H	retired
	2026-02-04 22:18:06		Gilda	employed individual
	2026-02-04 22:17:42		Chris	retired
	2026-02-04 22:17:42		Chris	retired
	2026-02-04 22:16:00	PLEASE MINISTER I BEG OF YOU PROTECT OUR MONEY FROM CORRUPTION AND WATESFUL EXPENDITURE.	Randolph	self-employed
	2026-02-04 22:16:00	PLEASE MINISTER I BEG OF YOU PROTECT OUR MONEY FROM CORRUPTION AND WATESFUL EXPENDITURE.	Randolph	self-employed
	2026-02-04 22:11:12		Antoinette	retired
	2026-02-04 22:10:04		Misty	employed individual
	2026-02-04 22:08:23	Government change is the only solution!	Colin	

	2026-02-04 22:08:02	First: find out where the money has been spent! It's no good doing anything before you find the 'cracks and holes' in the bucket! Fix the holes first and you already halfway to solving the problem. The government has to stop spending the taxpayers money on frivolous, unnecessary expenses! Realising that the taxpayers money is for the betterment of South Africa and its people, not to pay huge salaries to politicians who have done nothing to benefit the country. Fix the cracks and holes FIRST!	Shirley	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 22:05:39	Start by doing lifestyle audits and qualification investigations on all government workers, from the very top all the way to the bottom... including cabinet ministers! Stop making it so difficult for business owners to create jobs... more people working, more tax collected!!! ??	Anne	retired
	2026-02-04 21:51:57		Maryanne	retired
	2026-02-04 21:50:12	Start with lifestyle audits and qualifications audits on ALL government and municipal employees. FIRE NON PERFORMERS. JAIL CORRUPT OFFICIALS. Relax laws on business so the private sector can create jobs. The above will lower spending, create more tax to pay the debt, and give pride and dignity to citizens!	Maryke	self-employed
	2026-02-04 21:49:51	If this child supports grant can be closed and reopen the firms like the empty firms in Benoni and dunswarts, all those women how are getting grant hired in those firms and get better wages this will be better. The government will then get revenue from those firms. IT NOT FAIR TO THE TAX PAYERS	Nokozola	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 21:49:22		Grrda	
	2026-02-04 21:48:49		Adrian	self-employed
	2026-02-04 21:48:15		Michael	
	2026-02-04 21:47:05		Paul	self-employed
	2026-02-04 21:43:23	1) Enforcing stricter consequences for financial mismanagement in municipalities on services delivery. 2) Cut VIP security, and cut bloated cabinets). 3) Building new renewable energy projects and do not repairing existing municipal water and sanitation systems, it is money down the drain. 4) Reduction in Personal Income Tax, a VAT holiday on more essential items.	Errol	retired
	2026-02-04 21:31:18	Budget Tips for the 2026 National Budget 1. Stabilising State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) - Professional Governance: Appoint boards and executives based on merit, qualifications, and proven track records rather than political connections. Independent oversight committees should monitor performance. - Debt Restructuring: Eskom and Transnet should undergo structured debt relief programs tied to strict operational reforms, ensuring they don't continue to drain the fiscus. - Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs): Encourage private sector investment in energy generation, rail, and ports. This reduces the burden on government while improving efficiency. - Transparency: Publish quarterly performance and financial reports for SOEs to restore public trust and accountability. 2. Cutting Government Spending - Reduce Wasteful Expenditure: Audit all government departments to identify unnecessary travel, luxury vehicles, inflated tenders, and duplicated functions. - Streamline Ministries: Consolidate overlapping departments and agencies to cut administrative costs. - Digital Transformation: Invest in e-governance systems to reduce paperwork, corruption opportunities, and staffing redundancies. - Cap Salaries: Introduce salary caps for senior officials and limit bonuses in the public sector until the deficit is reduced. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures - Capacity Building: Train municipal finance officers in modern accounting and auditing practices. - Conditional Grants: Link municipal funding to performance indicators such as service delivery, clean audits, and infrastructure maintenance. - Community Oversight: Establish local citizen committees to monitor municipal budgets and spending. - Zero Tolerance for Corruption: Enforce strict penalties for mismanagement and corruption at municipal level, including lifetime bans from public office. 4. Addressing the Tax Burden on Households - Broaden the Tax Base: Focus on improving compliance among high-net-worth individuals and corporations rather than overburdening middle-class households. - Simplify Tax Processes: Reduce administrative complexity for small businesses and households to encourage compliance. - Relief Measures: Introduce targeted tax credits for households investing in renewable energy, education, and healthcare. - VAT Stability: Avoid increasing VAT, as it disproportionately affects lower-income households. Instead, expand excise taxes on luxury goods and environmentally harmful products. 5. Infrastructure Investment - Water Security: Prioritise the R1 trillion water infrastructure investment by phasing projects regionally and leveraging PPPs. - Maintenance First: Allocate funds to maintain existing infrastructure before building new projects. - Green Infrastructure: Invest in renewable energy, water recycling, and sustainable transport to future-proof the economy. 6. Debt and Deficit Management - Fiscal Discipline: Commit to reducing the deficit by at least 1% annually through spending cuts and improved revenue collection. - Interest Burden: Negotiate better repayment terms with creditors and explore refinancing options to reduce the R434.9 billion interest bill. - Economic Growth: Stimulate growth through investment in SMEs, tourism, agriculture, and technology to expand the tax base. --- Closing Statement South Africa's budget must balance fiscal responsibility with social justice. Stabilising SOEs, cutting waste, fixing municipal finances, and easing the tax burden will create space for infrastructure investment and growth. Every rand saved from corruption and inefficiency should be redirected to health, education, and job creation.	Miehleketo Witness	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 21:31:16		Louise	retired
	2026-02-04 21:24:19	Privatize SEO Open up the economy for growth by removing silly kabour laws (read about laws affecting employers of domestic workers,. Concluse best not to have a permanent DW) Employ on merit . Abandon BEE preferential procurement. Free markets economy. Disincentive people from seeking grants. People must work for money. Etc.	Ian	self-employed
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	2026-02-04 21:21:11	Unless we do Not get another reliable Goverment nothing we say or suggest will make any impact. The Goverment should stop waisitng Tax Payers hard earned money. There wild partties, taking their families on luxury overseas trips and cut there vehicle and bonusses. Let them show how they work and care for the people. Eskom must be dismantle along with all the other SEOS that failed since 1994. 1. Governments are supposed to create a climate for growth so that the overall economy and its people benefit. Milking the wealthy is not supporting this goal. Investing in education and technology infrastructure is part of the solution. China did it, but we seem to be blowing funds in unproductive avenues to secure votes. Votes are garnered when people are content. 2. Why do we have 400 parliamentarians when 150 would suffice , have more ministries than most countries and have 9 provinces with premiers + their entourage when 5 or 6 would be more manageable? It's a bloated administration that does not befit a trifling country of 60m people. 3. Spending money on the wrong items for political gain and borrowing or issuing bonds to fund item 2 above and attempting to get involved in international causes and issues way above our fighting weight. 4. That's easy - strengthen oversight and have the resolve to pursue grafters with the full extent of the laws of the land. 5. Essential for economic growth, and must take precedence over wishful thinking, bullshit rhetoric, renaming initiatives, expensive international flights, indabas to decide on the menu for the next indaba, etc. Focus on the priorities, not the political rhetoric. Deliver results, not more talk. 6. The current small tax base is unsustainable. Quite rightly we should blame the Apartheid regime for the current situation, but if we don't get item 1, 2 , 3 & 4 right we will end up as a basket case as a nation. The tax revenues are being applied to sustain a voting mass and not an economy intent on growth. and prosperity. 7. Last time I looked we were in debt up to our eyeballs and begging for more. The balance sheet does not look good, because the Finance department is not looking after the P&L. Items 1, 2 & 3 are the mainly the culprits. 8. Rampant mismanagement due to graft across the board. Government does not seem to understand the concept of oversight, nor the word 'maintenance'.	Heather	business owner
	2026-02-04 21:20:21		Irene	employed individual
	2026-02-04 21:16:01		Rob	retired
	2026-02-04 21:15:47	Unless we do Not get another reliable Goverment nothing we say or suggest will make any impact. The Goverment should stop waisitng Tax Payers hard earned money. There wild partties, taking their families on luxury overseas trips and cut there vehicle and bonusses. Let them show how they work and care for the people. Eskom must be dismantle along with all the other SEOS that failed since 1994.	Estie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 21:10:07	1. Governments are supposed to create a climate for growth so that the overall economy and its people benefit. Milking the wealthy is not supporting this goal. Investing in education and technology infrastructure is part of the solution. China did it, but we seem to be blowing funds in unproductive avenues to secure votes. Votes are garnered when people are content. 2. Why do we have 400 parliamentarians when 150 would suffice , have more ministries than most countries and have 9 provinces with premiers + their entourage when 5 or 6 would be more manageable? It's a bloated administration that does not befit a trifling country of 60m people. 3. Spending money on the wrong items for political gain and borrowing or issuing bonds to fund item 2 above and attempting to get involved in international causes and issues way above our fighting weight. 4. That's easy - strengthen oversight and have the resolve to pursue grafters with the full extent of the laws of the land. 5. Essential for economic growth, and must take precedence over wishful thinking, bullshit rhetoric, renaming initiatives, expensive international flights, indabas to decide on the menu for the next indaba, etc. Focus on the priorities, not the political rhetoric. Deliver results, not more talk. 6. The current small tax base is unsustainable. Quite rightly we should blame the Apartheid regime for the current situation, but if we don't get item 1, 2 , 3 & 4 right we will end up as a basket case as a nation. The tax revenues are being applied to sustain a voting mass and not an economy intent on growth. and prosperity. 7. Last time I looked we were in debt up to our eyeballs and begging for more. The balance sheet does not look good, because the Finance department is not looking after the P&L. Items 1, 2 & 3 are the mainly the culprits. 8. Rampant mismanagement due to graft across the board. Government does not seem to understand the concept of oversight, nor the word 'maintenance'.	Bruckner	
	2026-02-04 21:05:52		Tania	
	2026-02-04 20:59:30		George	employed individual

	2026-02-04 20:47:42	Instead of Increasing minsters wages, they should cut there wages and put that money towards repairing of our economy. Wastage of money on unnecessary things.	Joanne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 20:46:57	Privatise soe's	Mike	retired
	2026-02-04 20:46:03		Lynda	retired
	2026-02-04 20:43:11		Hannes	retired
	2026-02-04 20:41:48		Schalk	retired
	2026-02-04 20:39:58	The minister of finance should ALSO get involved in pushing for the conviction of officials guilty of tender fraud, money laundering, involvement in criminal activities etc. Too much money is lost to the criminals by the above and plenty other means. He must have the power, being in charge of the most efficient state department: SARS.	Tymen	business owner
	2026-02-04 20:35:16		Maralyn	retired
	2026-02-04 20:35:01	The Economy and Fiscus South Africa’s core problem is weak economic growth driven by policy failure, not insufficient state intervention. Sustainable fiscal repair depends on private-sector-led growth, regulatory certainty, secure property rights (guarantee property rights - explicit protection against expropriation without compensation), and labour-market reform. Without faster growth, redistribution through the fiscus becomes mathematically impossible. Government Spending We need strict expenditure restraint, focusing spending on essential services and economic enablers rather than expanding welfare or inefficient programmes. Waste, duplication, and politically motivated spending should be cut. Spending growth must remain below inflation and GDP growth. We need to eliminate duplicated departments, agencies, and public entities. Cut non-essential consultant spending. Audit and shut down persistently failing programmes Addressing a Large Budget Deficit Deficit reduction should be achieved through spending cuts, not tax increases. I'd urge binding expenditure ceilings, measurable fiscal targets, and a rapid move toward a primary surplus. Delaying consolidation risks a debt spiral and higher borrowing costs. Stabilising SOE Finances Oppose further bailouts. SOEs should be partially or fully privatised, or opened to competitive private participation. Persistent state support distorts markets, crowds out productive spending, and rewards failure rather than efficiency. Energy and Water Investments Infrastructure failures should be addressed by crowding in private capital, not expanding state borrowing. We need deregulation, independent power producers, private water provision, and concession models. Allow municipalities to procure directly from private providers. Shift state role to regulator, not builder or operator Tax Revenues South Africa is already over-taxed relative to growth performance. Don't raise VAT, income, or corporate taxes. Revenue should be improved through growth, efficiency, and inflation-only bracket adjustments, not fiscal drag or new taxes that deter investment. Debt Sustainability Public debt is on an unsustainable trajectory. We need explicit debt anchors, enforceable fiscal rules, and spending discipline. Rising debt-service costs threaten core services and investor confidence; growth-friendly reform is essential to stabilisation. Municipal Finances Municipal collapse reflects chronic mismanagement and lack of accountability. We need to reject further bailouts and call for professionalised administration, strict financial controls, consequences for maladministration, and private-sector participation in service delivery. Place failing municipalities under strict financial administration	Nick	
	2026-02-04 20:34:16		Butana	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:33:51		G	
	2026-02-04 20:33:36		Thomas	retired
	2026-02-04 20:30:08	Step 1) This ANC corruption/theft/wastage of taxpayers' money has to be stopped. Step 2) Arrest and prosecute all the ANC top dogs responsible for 1 above. Step 3) Throw out this useless/incapable/expensive ANC "government" Step 4) Get the economy functioning again. Forget about a budget concocted by the ANC. All they are interested in is raising existing taxes and finding new taxes to fill their greedy pockets.	Peter-Laurie	retired
	2026-02-04 20:29:07		Mahendra	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 20:26:56		Sally	retired
	2026-02-04 20:16:37	I still aaked the question why must we have a minister with a depty minister. Do something about corruption. Why must municipal managers be paid such high salaries and nothing is done to provide sevices. The president and ministers did get a salary increase for which money is available while the normal citizen is struggling. Then why all the security to look after the president , ministers even in the municipalities. It seems eveybody is scared and the normal citizen must pay for it's own security and the tax payer pay for the above mentioned. I think millions can be saved in this regard.	Eric	
	2026-02-04 20:14:48		Callie	
	2026-02-04 20:14:14	ANC cadres should not be allowed to run a portfolio	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-04 20:13:58	Eskom and Transnet are already failed companies. Why further invest and waist taxpayers money. Rather invest in transnet pensioners monthly pension. Subcontract Eskom, Transnet, SAL, Telkom and Post offices into the private sector. Cut government spending by limit oversea trips, ANC festivals, unnecessary official funerals (do they not have funeral policies and investments), security at old (old age) ministers houses. Rather use the money to service squatter camps with water, electricity and lightning. Bring in young people to rule the Goverment - they have new ideas ? and do not run in tunnel vision. Fix municipal finance failures to punish them on waisting and misuse goverment money. Held the mayor and his/her delegates responsible for misuse of money. Charge them according the Financial Act. See how streets are looking, see infrastructure falling apart. Regarding the tax burden on households by relief of taxes on food, water and electricity bills. Why must single parents (divorced) pay extra taxes in goverment. Just for once let one of the ministers gave up one month of salary and take the SASSA pay and try to survive. In Nederland a single parent get R7000 per child limited to 3 children per household. Yes there are many who misuse the money so rather may the money in vouchers to pick up food / clothing parcels. Why must government officials every 3 years fight for increases. Goverment says there are no money to give increases but goverment kept on appointing new recruitment. Minister of administration gave goverment officials the opportunity to retired on early pension 55-59 without penalty but the SAPS made the own rules to increase the age of 55 to 57 with a certain criteria that if you do not have a certain years or are certain times in a rank you cannot retire. Was this process not the main reason to get rid of the old people and bring in younger people. But personally I think the SAPS did not budget to pay out people on 55 with none penalty money. Then the ranking criteria is a total mess up. Local people apply for post promotions but people from outside provinces are appointed. Some Warrant officers are 36 years in the SAPS with 28 years in one rank paying more than the captain in salary notch but are still not appointed or promoted. The warrants do all the work for officers above but are stuck in ranking. Bring in a new method for WO because we also want to retire properly with a good pension. Close the boarders, immigrants Somalians and Bangladesh (good bussiness men/women but slowly killing our community with rotten products) ext and Nigerians (drug dealers) killing our children and youth the new leaders of the nation.	Marina	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:13:57		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 20:05:51		Nelia	
	2026-02-04 19:58:51	Curtail corruption, it is a cancer on the budget.	Jacques	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:56:34	The biggest thing that needs to happen in Govt. is to not over pay for good and services, wasting money. Service providers must be evaluated on pricing and quality. No more R10,000 for brooms type nonsense. Those that allow this inflated practice, should be fired from their jobs. This will ensure our tax money goes further, less will be needed and more can be delivered.	Chris	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:52:12		Deidre	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:51:03		Lydia	
	2026-02-04 19:50:56		Ronell	retired
	2026-02-04 19:50:56		Ronell	retired
	2026-02-04 19:49:59		Martin	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:46:42		Lou	retired

	2026-02-04 19:45:05	1)FOCUS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH. 2)DO NOT SUPPORT CORRUPTION BY INCREASING MONEY ALLOCATIONS TO CORRUPT ENTITIES. MATCH EXPENDITURE SAVINGS/ CORRUPTION CUTTING AT A RATIO OF TWO RAND FOR EVERY RAND SAVED. FORCE THEM TO CUT COSTS 3) DO COMPETANCY TESTS ON ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYESS AND DISMISS ALL THOSE WHO FAIL. SUPPORT COST INCREASES BY NMAKING COST SAVINGS 4) MAKE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES CONDITIONAL ON THE REMOVAL OF FAILED OFFICIALS/THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT - OTHERWISE WASTE AND CORRUPTION WILL JUST GET WORSE 5) HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD BE GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL TAX REDUCTIONS - THE WEALTHY WILL THEN HAVE FUNDS/BE ABLE TO EMPLOY MORE TAXPAYING STAFF AND SPENDING WILL STIMULATE THE ECONOMY. 6) MUNICIPALITIES/DEPARTMENTS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE SHOULD RECEIVE NO INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEARS ACTUAL/BUDGETTED EXPENDITURE - WHICHEVER IS THE LOWEST 7) EXAMINE ALL EXPENDITURES THROUGH THELENS OF USING THE MONEY TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY 8) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SUPPORTED BY THE CHILD GRANT ETC TO TWO.	OWEN	business owner
	2026-02-04 19:43:17		Willem	retired
	2026-02-04 19:40:46	Very simple. Stop stealing our money.	Brian	retired
	2026-02-04 19:36:42		Andrew	retired
	2026-02-04 19:34:14		Xavin	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:32:46		Marita	retired
	2026-02-04 19:28:55	*Submission to the Minister: Prioritizing South Africans and Renewing Government Services* *Key Issues:* 1. *Healthcare Strain*: Illegal immigrants using public healthcare without contributing; implement verification and payment first ??. 2. *Prioritization*: South Africans sidelined, foreigners prioritized. 3. *Municipal Failures*: Lack of accountability, squatter camps breaching services ?. 4. *Tender System Flaws*: Enriching few, excluding locals ?. 5. *Hiring Practices*: Non-SA citizens hired, neglecting locals ??. 6. *Tax Burden*: South Africans over-taxed, resources stretched thin ?. 7. *Service Delivery*: Poor access to basic services. 8. *Prison System Flaws*: Excessive spending on prisoners vs. vulnerable groups ?. *Renewal Needs:* 1. *SAPS*: Efficient, corruption-free policing ?. 2. *Energy Sector*: Reliable energy supply ?. 3. *Water Sector*: Access to clean water, efficient management ?. 4. *Healthcare*: Quality services prioritizing citizens ?. 5. *Government Leadership*: Qualified leaders; term limits, age caps; prioritize SA citizens ?. 6. *Infrastructure Development*: Govt construction entity; build schools, hospitals ?. *Call to Action:* - Prioritize South Africans in resource allocation ??. - Ensure tax revenue benefits citizens first ?. - Renew government entities; root out corruption ?. - *No commissions, jail time for corrupt officials* ?. - Reallocate prison budget to support vulnerable groups. - *We are not slaves for criminals (born in SA or not)* ?.	Naledi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:26:17		Debra	retired
	2026-02-04 19:23:14	Reduce staff compliment by at least 60% in all levels of government, including SOE's municipalities and parliament. Ensure that no incompetent and unqualified persons remain in service. Ensure that all exorbitant salaries and benefits are reduced to market related levels. Improve education and health care. Prosecute law breaking offenders. Deport all illegal immigrants and stop the associated allowances. Support and optimize a healthy economy and reduce government interference in business. Improve service delivery through competent staff and reliable systems. Apply accountability and consequence management at all levels of government.	Wim	retired
	2026-02-04 19:18:34	Reduce the number of staff in parliament. Reduce the number of provincial staff and eventually the number of provinces. The country cannot afford this overhead we need to start living within the means of the country. 9 provincial parliaments is total overkill.	Clive	
	2026-02-04 19:17:26		Kevi	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:15:54	There are so many things that needs to be addressed; 1. Personal income tax should be revisited, we are working to pay tax than looking after ourselves with the little peanutes we work hard for. 2. I have realise most of the time every government official will tell us about creating jobs but they can't tell how, so allocated funds to rebuild industries, farms and factories that we were once contributing to our economy. 3. Monitoring, i think our government like to give out funds to municipalities and the SOEs without a proper monitoring of how the money is used and no one can account for such, so government must strengthen their monitoring and accountability on funds so that the money is used for what is budgeted for only.	Thomas	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:12:40	Start by reducing the amount of ministers and the over inflated government salaries in all government departments. Also reduce the amounts spent on security for these ministers! Would love to know how much that alone would save!!! Then we have fraud - this would be enough to solve most of our financial problems!! Enforce major consequences for municipal mismanagement!!	Cheryl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:10:46		Denis	retired
	2026-02-04 19:10:41	HA HA HA godongwana laas jaar selfde(kamtige benodig advies van inwoners van Suid Afrika) JOU MEESTERS HET KLAAR BESLUIT EN JOU REEDS INGELIG JY KAN NIE DIE OPDRAG IGNOREER NIE STAAK NOU HIERDIE POLITIEKE PARTYJIE ONS WEET WAT VIR ONS WAG IN 2026 DIE G N U (WILDEBEES) REGERING BLAF MAAR NET SAAM	KOOS DOORS	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 19:05:20		Erika	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 19:03:48		Terry	
	2026-02-04 18:56:26		Marlice	self-employed
	2026-02-04 18:54:55		Linda	
	2026-02-04 18:54:22		Lerato	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:51:42	Start by reducing spending on inflated government salaries and d then reduce the excessive spending on security for said government officials. Please go ahead and calculate that saving alone!!!	Jody-lee	self-employed
	2026-02-04 18:50:37		Linda	
	2026-02-04 18:49:51		Asher	
	2026-02-04 18:48:38		John	
	2026-02-04 18:48:31		Thabo	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:48:06	Government should reduce the cabinet ministers for one. It will save the country a few pennies.. They should stop allowing cross province immigration. The Western Cape has so many people moving here from Eastern Cape and it creates more informal settlements which creates its own problems. Each province should manage the areas effectively not pass it down. They should invest in infrastructure. They are building houses but not accommodating for the roads, transport, railways, etc. The traffic has gone from worse to unbearable.	Garret	
	2026-02-04 18:47:46	Stop corruption then we will have money for all the above and salary increases for all ministers	Andre	retired
	2026-02-04 18:46:36		Fritz	retired
	2026-02-04 18:44:52	Cut the size of government ministers- and reverse 2026 increases. They should take salary cuts. Reduce blue light brigade. Reduce the spend on luxury vehicles, travel etc. and get rid of corrupt, inept cadres . Vetted Merit based appointments only. Stop ludicrous military parades costing millions Keep water & lights on to keep businesses going.	Beverly	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:42:46	On all the above items mentioned, ensure that qualified persons mostly retirees being involve to oversee and assist with any action plans.	GG	retired
	2026-02-04 18:42:45	On all the above items mentioned, ensure that qualified persons mostly retirees being involve to oversee and assist with any action plans.	GG	retired
	2026-02-04 18:39:17	Reduce government. Reduce Ministers salaries and perks. Hire competency in Municipalities and not for nepotism or BEE incompetent people to meet criteria. Employ qualified personnel who can do their job.	Atraija	business owner
	2026-02-04 18:38:03	Stem saam met wat Dries gese het .Stel bevoegde toesighouers aan sodat dienste verbeter en reg en volgens disepline gedoen word	Philip	
	2026-02-04 18:35:31	No more corruption. Jail the people mentioned in the Zondo Commission as being guilty of Corruption and State Capture. Privatise all SOEs, including Municipalities. The President may not be part of a Political Party. Bring back National Conscription with a minimum of 6 months. Bring back Artisan ships to ensure people are well-qualified. Reduce the size of the Government and increase the number of heads allocated for SAPS & Metro. Force all electricity users to go to the "Pay as you go" system with strict control. Stop making new laws; instead, enforce the current ones. Harsher sentences for lawbreakers with strict controls. Get rid of Non-South African citizens. Non-citizens receive no services. Stop politicians from making stupid decisions and alienating essential allies, such as the USA / EU. Scrap BBBEE, as only a few get benefits. Instead, create work opportunities and incentivise the Private Sector to create work and Wealth. Keep scarce resources and use these resources to do on-the-job training through Artisan programs.	Mike	business owner
	2026-02-04 18:31:12	Government should be made smaller, employees in govermental positions/companies decreased, unions less involved and private sector be involved in assisting government with professional and well trained staff. Use retired experts for project management. NO cadre deployment, the most qualified person for any job. Salaries for all public employees are way too high, especially in SOE's and SOE's that can't function as a company to be shutdown. All above will reduce cost and insufficiency .	Jo	retired

	2026-02-04 18:26:50	Fraud, cadre, families, and all the protected lawbreakers that sit in senior positions do nothing for RSA citizens and still receive huge salaries. Get rid of the buddy-buddy system, and there will be trillions available to repair old structures. DO NOT REPEAT THE SAME PROMISES TO CITIZENS AS YOU HAVE DONE FOR 32 YEARS WITHOUT DELIVERING ON THOSE PROMISES	ian	retired
	2026-02-04 18:25:42	How did it all come to this? What differance will our input, suggestions or advice make?	Petro	retired
	2026-02-04 18:21:34		Philippa	
	2026-02-04 18:20:04	I think a good investment in the water future of SA would be to start building a water network like the electricity network. We must relay water from the wetter reagons on the east to the dryer parts on the west. By building a water network, we can create bigger areas of agriculture that are currently not usable due to droughts. Use the lay of the land to create gravity feed systems that don't require electricity.	Francois	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:20:04		Petrus	Non-profit
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	2026-02-04 18:17:27	No, not lost for words. Just SO tired of these wannabe politicians that have no clue how to run a country. also so tired of the continuous blatant theft of monies earmarked for projects. Regarding Eskom, it is a big black hole, run by incompetents communists that STEAL most of the money. We should not be hammered yearly with their damn increases. Billions were spent on nuclear plants; we were told this would solve the problems - THEY DID NOT. Part of the ANC communist Manifesto reads that they will tax us into submission. Time to wake the hell up and end this.	john	retired
	2026-02-04 18:14:22	cut government structure with 50% less ministers and people to have affective action time. employ skilled people Remove BEE requirement as all government project funding when to mafia structures and pockets and not been re invested in SA business Remove politic structures from municipal elections and introduce community-based elections, out of the people and for the people. lower payments for representatives, (Councilors) with 50 % and repayment of expenditures in his duties. Held municipalities accountable for sewer, environment pollution in person that represent. lower personal taxes and invest in upcoming business by loans at lower interest	jan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 17:59:15		Len	self-employed
	2026-02-04 17:59:14		Len	self-employed
	2026-02-04 17:57:34		Bruce	retired
	2026-02-04 17:55:27	1.Susidies aan plaaslike owerhede: Geen verhoging vir komende boekjaar nie. 2.Susidies aan plaaslike owerhede: Betaal 75% van die subsidie direk aan Eskom vir elektrisiteit en slegs 25% aan die PLO. 3.Transnet: Bou in SA diesel/elektriese kragopwekkers op wiele en koppel dit aan elektriese lokomotiewe vir aandrywing. So word diefstal van koper verminder en meer treine is beskikbaar. Onderdele vir die kragopwekkers is reeds op die mark beskikbaar. 4.Salarisse vir amptenare en parlement en plaaslike owerhede: Geen verhoging vir diegene met 'n salaris bo R1 miljoen. Vir salarisse onder R1 milj. 'n maksimum verhoging van minder as die inflasiekoers. 5.PLO: Verpligte opleiding van alle personeel in plaaslike owerheid administrasie en die instel van standaard prosedures van werk vir al die PLO. 6.Maatskaplike pensioene/toelae: Maksimum verhoging = inflasiekoers. 7.Natuurrampe soos onlangse oorstromings: Huur werkloses om handewerk te doen teen R100 vir 9 uur dag (= R2000 per maand) Geen oortyd. 8.Staat en plaaslike owerhede: Verpligte verbetering van toesig oor finansies, veral uitgawes. Verbied uitgawes waarvoor nie begroot is nie. Verbeter interne oudit om veral onnodige uitgawes en korrupsie te bekamp. Swak diensleweraar moet onmiddelik afgedank word.	Dries	retired
	2026-02-04 17:54:14		Charl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:44:18	Reduce staff compliment by at least 60% in all levels of government, including municipalities and parliament. Ensure that no incompetent and unqualified persons remain in service. Ensure that all exorbitant salaries and benefits are reduced to market related levels. Improve education and health care. Prosecute law breaking offenders. Deport all illegal immigrants and stop the associated allowances. Support and optimize a healthy economy and reduce government interference in business. Improve service delivery through competent staff and reliable systems. Apply consequence management at all levels of government.	Wim	retired
	2026-02-04 17:38:43	South Africa’s National Budget must strike a careful balance between fiscal consolidation and inclusive growth. Government spending priorities should be sharply focused on high-impact areas such as basic education, healthcare, infrastructure maintenance, energy, water security, and local government capacity. Wasteful expenditure, duplication across departments, and persistent underspending on capital projects must be decisively addressed. Reducing the budget deficit requires both expenditure discipline and growth-enhancing reforms. Stabilising State-Owned Entity (SOE) finances is critical and should be achieved through conditional support linked to governance reform, professionalised boards, transparent procurement, and clear performance targets as opposed to repeated bailouts. Where appropriate, private sector participation should be expanded to reduce fiscal risk. Energy and water investments are non-negotiable. Reliable electricity and water security are foundational to economic growth, job creation, and investor confidence. Priority should be given to grid expansion, renewable energy integration, municipal water infrastructure upgrades, and reducing losses through maintenance and skills development. Tax policy should aim to broaden the tax base rather than overburdening compliant taxpayers. Supporting small businesses, improving SARS enforcement against illicit trade, and reducing regulatory barriers will help grow revenue sustainably. Municipal finances require urgent reform. Recent widespread power outages across the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM), driven by infrastructure vandalism and chronic underinvestment in maintenance, highlight the direct economic and social costs of weak financial management at local government level. Strengthening revenue collection, ring-fencing maintenance budgets, improving asset management, and enforcing accountability are essential to restoring service delivery and local economic activity. Debt sustainability must remain a core objective. Rising debt-service costs crowd out social and economic spending; therefore, fiscal prudence and credible medium-term consolidation are essential. A credible, reform-driven budget will restore confidence and place South Africa on a more inclusive and sustainable growth path. #TipsForMinFin #Budget2026	Lutho	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:35:20		Wolfe	
	2026-02-04 17:33:11	Reduce cabinet. Cut number of deputy ministers. Keep all government workers accountable for their responsibilities. Privatise SOEs to South African companies and not to foreigners. Make sure municipalities spend money on infrastructure and maintenance, not on overseas trips. Stop illegal trading and use the VAT so acquired to pay of debt.	Johanna	retired
	2026-02-04 17:32:41	Corruption and mismanagement are growing daily with no punishment or consequences. Government and municipal employees do not have the required skills to do their jobs. Get rid of BBEEE and other racial laws so that the economy can thrive again. Broaden the tax base to reduce the pressure on the 2 million people paying 80% of the income tax and thereby stop chasing away the tax base who are forced to emigrate	Colin	retired
	2026-02-04 17:32:20		Linda	retired
	2026-02-04 17:31:50	When will taxpayers start getting value for their money?	Carla	
	2026-02-04 17:31:47	Government needs to decide if parliament is a TALK SHOW or a place where plans are made, approved, implemented and MONITORED to enforce proper management to get the desired outcomes. The ANC government has consistently allowed corruption to go on unchallenged for many years and what is done now is a drop in the bucket of what is required. For the Finance minister to make any headway : 1) STOP THE CORRUPTION ! 2) REPLACE ALL INCOMPETENT MINISTERS WITH COMPETENT ONES ! 3) REPLACE ALL INCOMPETENT STAFF IN LOCAL, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH COMPETENT ONES. 4) DROP THE ELECTRICITY PRICES BY AT LEAST 90% SO THAT BUSINESSES CLOSING DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ELECTRICITY COST WILL RECONSIDER, SO THAT BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CLOSED MAY REOPEN. GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE BUSINESS CAN THRIVE WHICH IN TURN WILL ENSURE HIGHER INCOME FOR GOVERNMENT. MAKE THE POST OFFICE WORK AGAIN, MAKE THE RAILWAYS WORK AGAIN NATIONALLY.	Arno	retired
	2026-02-04 17:26:32	Dear Minister Godongwana, There cannot be a single view on our country's finances and the upcoming budget. Hence, 'all of the above'. Notwithstanding the recent, miniscule upturn in our economy, the fact remains that the country at large remains unproductive and the fiscus is subsidised by a significant and fast decreasing taxpayer base - both individuals and companies. Solution - ease tax burdens of the productive part of society, who can create jobs and therefore more taxpayers. The single, largest expense is government spending, from overinflated public servant salaries (who are not productive) to servicing exorbitant debt. Reduce incentives for the unproductive elements who just eat into the fiscus - bloated local, provincial and national governments, social grants to working age individuals. The only way to stabilise SOE finances is to cut the fat (same as the preceding point) and manage SOEs as truly private, profitable companies. Cut the red tape. The same goes investment into energy and water infrastructure.	Johan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:25:23	Reduce costs first 1. Privatize SOEs 2. Reduce number of ministers and unnecessary portfolios and unnecessary commitees more money. Dialogues that do nothing. 3. Complete full public servant lifecycle audits(everyone) and make sure no individuals in public office have private businesses and no friends/family have access to public tenders 4. Stop unnecessary overseas visits , all public servants must fly economy class Then once the costs are down figure out where you can add value to your citizens.	Tanya	self-employed

		This is a major factor facing government. Especially because SA has a huge deficit cost it billions in interest. Top priority is to cut back on unnecessary cabinet positions such as: 1. Agriculture: Cabinet position with qualified and appropriate functional DG . 2. Basic Education: Cabinet Position with qualified DG. 3. Communications and Digital Technologies: Should be combined with Electricity & Energy - with well qualified and experienced Directors General should be tasked with this department function reporting to the cabinet regularly. 4. Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: This should be a provincial function with a DG reporting to the relevant provincial governments. 5. Correctional Services: Cabinet position with a DG. 6. Defence and Military Veterans: Should be RENAMED Defence and Military AFFAIRS. Veterans have no function deserving a Cabinet post. ONLY Defence and Military Affairs deserve a Cabinet post with a DG with a military background.. 7. Electricty and Energy: This should be combined with Science, Technology and Innovation with a Minister and a DG with specialized 8. Employment & Labour :This should be a provincial function with a DG reporting to the relevant provincial governments. 9. Finance: Cabinet position with a DG that is appropriately suited to this position and has proven background in financial management. 10. Forestry, Fisheries and Environment - This should be a provincial function with a Lower-Level DG reporting to the relevant provincial government. 11.Health: Cabinet position with a minister and a DG that are appropriately suited to this position and have proven background in health management matters. 12.. Higher Education: Cabinet position with a Minister and DG that is appropriately suited to this position and has proven background in broad educational management matters. 13. Home Affairs: Cabinet position with a minister and DG that is appropriately suited to this position. 14. Human settlements: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 15. International Relations and Cooperation: Cabinet position with a minister who has served in Foreign diplomatic position for at least 5 years supported by a DG with similar diplomatic background. 16. Justice and Constitutional Development: Cabinet position with a minister who has served in the Judiciary or in Legal practice at least 5 years supported by a DG with similar legal background. 17. Land Reform and Rural Development: This should be combined with Agriculture with a DG (Agriculture) and a Lower-Level DG to assist the minister. 18. Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: Provincial function with a Lower-Level DG. 19. Police & Public Services and Administration: These functions should be combined with a cabinet minister directing the whole department and 2 DGs responsible for each, Police and Public Services. 20. Public Works & Infrastructure: This should be combined with Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation with a cabinet minister directing the whole department with 1 DG (Public Works) responsible to the minister and a Lower-Level DG reporting to the Provincial government and to the DG where necessary. 21. Science, Technology and Innovation: This should be 22. Small Business Development: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 23. Social Development: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 24. Sport, Arts and Culture: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 25. Tourism: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 26. Trade, Industry and Competition: Cabinet position with a DG reporting to cabinet. 27. Transport: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 28. Water and Sanitation: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet. 29. Women, Youth and Disabled Persons: Provincial function with a DG reporting to cabinet.		
	2026-02-04 17:24:56		Bruce	retired
	2026-02-04 17:24:38	I am concerned that Government cannot control spending. We have a bloated government; salaries that are too high; too much debt; money not allocated to where it is needed - i.e. visible policing and Defence; crumbling infratructure; corrupt and inefficient municipalities; and many of the other things that have been mentioned.	Sigi	retired
	2026-02-04 17:23:15	If you adress the human resource capital that are incompetent, negligent and under performing, you will probably get better results to spend tax money sufficiently.	Andre	
	2026-02-04 17:22:06		don	retired
	2026-02-04 17:19:29	The state owned companies and institutions have too much bosses. The less bosses, the more the revenue. The State are bloated on top level.	Amanda	
	2026-02-04 17:14:08	Why does nobody seem concerned about us pensioners. We cannot live on the R2300.00 they give us that do not have 2 pensions. For R1000.00 we only get about 400 units. The price of basic foodstuff has gone through the roof. That R100.00 they give us each year split over 2 payments is ridiculous.	Phyllis	retired
	2026-02-04 17:12:50	Income taxes are too high and deter hardworking people. Consider targeted cuts. Focus relief on specific groups (e.g., low- and middle-income earners) to boost disposable income and reduce inequality. Consequently, increase lower tier government employee salaries.	Rench	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:06:08		Paul Brian	retired
	2026-02-04 17:01:31		Ahmed	retired
	2026-02-04 17:00:22	For starters cut salaries by 50% especially Eskom ! They don't deserve it, they steal enough !	Manie	
	2026-02-04 16:58:53	Deputy ministers should where practical be removed and there would be immediate and large savings In addition competent people need to be in place in each portfolio Far too many are cadre deployments drawing big salaries and contributing little.	Ruth	retired
	2026-02-04 16:54:22	Return the power to the able hands of the citizens of South Africa. Bring a new election free from rigged ballots and behind door deals between parties that only fill their pockets and collapse this once beautiful country. We all see the lies, it's everywhere. The government does nothing except get richer off tax payer money and that already is against any and all constitutions. Let the country choose who they want to vote for, not select from the corrupt options made available. South Africans will fix this country, politics does nothing.	Mike	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:53:28	Scrap BEEEEEEE	Gavin	retired
	2026-02-04 16:49:15	How about we start by getting competent people with accountability that care about South African citizens and the economy, starting by removing the finance minister, all other useless ministers and the president, then things will change for the better in our country. saying what should be on the budget is useless because they already have what to budget anyway, not what we want but where they can score funds for personal gain and their families. What was achieved with last year's budget?	Lorraine	
	2026-02-04 16:48:20	All points are of grave concern from a very large debt which the country will not be able to service to overspending with a lack of income coming in. Too many promises and projects. Budget needs very careful reviewing.	Anne	
	2026-02-04 16:47:20		Steph	retired
	2026-02-04 16:46:13		Roy	retired
	2026-02-04 16:42:54	Stopping the bleeding first. To address SA's debt, I'd suggest the Minister focus on immediate fiscal discipline. 1) Cut unnecessary spending: Review and reduce non-essential budget items, for example, luxury government expenditures, inefficient subsidies. 2) Boost revenue collection: Crack down on tax evasion, improve tax compliance, and broaden the tax base. 3) Prioritize growth drivers: Protect/increase spending on infrastructure, education, and healthcare to stimulate economic growth. Stopping the bleeding means tackling corruption and mismanagement too – transparency in budgeting and swift action on graft would help restore	Anthea	
	2026-02-04 16:41:15	Privatisation was not listed as an option here. But people, for goodness sake, lets get the SOEs privatised so that our money for once can be best utilised and away from corrupt hands.	Alan	retired
	2026-02-04 16:39:08	Hi grow our GDP (2)stop government spending (3) use compent people for job people who know what to do how to keep our water clean an use clean electricity so we save time an money there is enough wealth in SAfor everyone to live well if the money is used wisely	Ronell	retired
	2026-02-04 16:34:37	The Zondo commission identified over a 1000 people who have become very wealthy from dealings illegally with State assets Those people should be prosecuted and the Asset repossessed and liquated . There are State enterprises which are a huge drain on the economy because they operate at a deficit, they should be privatized .If the above would implemented the interest repayment on Debt would be less	Sam	retired
	2026-02-04 16:34:36	The Zondo commission identified over a 1000 people who have become very wealthy from dealings illegally with State assets Those people should be prosecuted and the Asset repossessed and liquated . There are State enterprises which are a huge drain on the economy because they operate at a deficit, they should be privatized .If the above would implemented the interest repayment on Debt would be less	Sam	retired
	2026-02-04 16:34:35	Invest in real growth in the economy - we need to reduce unemployment Reduce SOE expenses by partnering with private enterprise Reduce the parliamentary ministers and deputy ministers and streamline the portfolios Get rid of BEE and find a better alternative Stop suspending staff on full pay and continuing to pay them for months /years Stop the unnecessary costs of the numerous commissions - let the justice system play its part Recoup costs from those convicted of corruption and theft Streamline the Public sector wage bill and bring their salaries in line with private enterprise Stop granting above inflation increases	Noel	retired
	2026-02-04 16:30:51		John	retired
	2026-02-04 16:30:14		Alison	
	2026-02-04 16:29:48	Removal of investment restrictions ie BEE. The country desparately needs investment and until all racist restrictions are removed this country is doomed.	Andy	retired
	2026-02-04 16:27:03	Please appoint competence. Remember taxpayers' money is to ensure that every South African is provided with a safe environment, clean water and basic services. The rest you can leave to the private sector to provide in a free-market economy where supply and demand will determine a fair price. Secure our borders and prevent the rest of Africa from invading our country taking it over from within and depleting the services which are suppose to be for South Africans. In South Africa the taxpayers is a minority – it is illogical to expect the money to be able to serve the whole of Africa. Not only is it illogical it is proven – you can see the poverty and despair in our citizens life's. You can say redistribution as many times as you like - however it does not change reality – and the reality is the money is running out – incompetence, looting, toxic empathy – all of these things cost money and if those whom is suppose to pay leave or their pockets run dry or they decide to revolt against the injustice – this economy does not grow – the money run out. Please do not do to South Africa as communism, socialism and Marxism did to the rest of Africa.	Wilma	employed individual
	2026-02-04 16:25:09		Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 16:24:32		Benjamin	retired
	2026-02-04 16:22:16		Benjamin	retired
	2026-02-04 16:21:35	The whole revenue service is a shambles. Those in charge have little or no idea of what they are doing and the whole of the Government service is grossly overpaid. Corruption is rife in all sectors, right to the top of the controlling and ruling sections. Politian's should earn what the average worker earns and let them learn what is happening in the real world. Let them pay for their travel and transport like normal people, let them be subjected to the tribulations that the majority of the population bears.	Hans	retired
	2026-02-04 16:21:18	1. Vote ANC out COMPLETELY ! 2. SCRAP ALL BBB-EE "laws" 3. Award sosial grants only to people that can PROVE that they cannot find work. 4. NO sosial grants to mothers with babies. Working people should not support baby factories for grants. 5. DO lifestyle audits on politicians AND their families !!	Siegfried	retired

	2026-02-04 16:21:16	Start at the TOP Neem Adjunk - ministers uit die sisteem Stop oorsese reise vir elke Jan Rap en sy maat ! - jy kan meer leer by jou onder geskiktes en gelykes in RSA as eerste wereld lande ! Stel staatsamptenare aan wat die werk ken en raak ontslae van suurstofstelers !! Stel mense aan wat n begroting kan beraam en daarvolgens werk om nie te oor spandeer nie !!	Johan	
	2026-02-04 16:20:41		E	retired
	2026-02-04 16:20:18		E	retired
	2026-02-04 16:20:11		E	retired
	2026-02-04 16:19:22		Claudia	retired
	2026-02-04 16:15:50		Etienne	retired
	2026-02-04 16:13:17		Andrew	retired
	2026-02-04 16:12:34		N	
	2026-02-04 16:12:20	Stop government fraud and corruption. Cut government staff by half—we need less than half to the job. Stop crony appointments—appoint people on merit. And end BEEE. That's all you have to do for our country to thrive. It's that simple.	Grant	business owner
	2026-02-04 16:11:21		Allen	retired
	2026-02-04 16:11:11		frikkie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 16:10:39		FK	
	2026-02-04 16:10:28		Thabiso	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:09:00	There are far too many people employed in government departments and a lot of them are not even properly qualified to be in those positions. Also, this government spends money on Boards of enquiries where there's a simple correct or incorrect answer or ruling/judgement. Really!!!	Owen	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 16:07:31		Elmarie	
	2026-02-04 16:05:41	Please adres the ridiculous government salaries. Creating government positions is not job creation. It adds to the tax burden. Cut the amount of civil servants. Get rid of bad policies like bee. Appointment should be merit-based. Stop corruption and tender fraud.	Hill	business owner
	2026-02-04 16:03:06	Thank you for inviting public input ahead of the National Budget Speech. South Africa's fiscal position requires difficult but honest choices, and I appreciate the opportunity to contribute practical suggestions from the perspective of a working South African taxpayer. Our country is at a financial crossroads. With debt-service costs now exceeding expenditure on health, persistent deficits, and urgent infrastructure needs—particularly in water and logistics—it is clear that stabilisation will require competence, discipline, and a renewed focus on growth. Below are my responses: 1. Stabilising State-Owned Enterprises (Eskom and Transnet) The stabilisation of SOEs must begin with competence and accountability at leadership level. Appointments to executive and board positions should be based on proven operational and financial expertise relevant to the entity, supported by fit-and-proper requirements similar to those used in the financial sector. Fixed-term performance contracts with measurable operational KPIs should be enforced, with real consequences for non-delivery. SOEs must be protected from political interference and cadre deployment through enforceable governance frameworks. Where appropriate, structured private-sector participation should be used to improve efficiency and reliability, while retaining public oversight. Successful utilities around the world were restored by engineers, accountants, and experienced operators—not political appointees. 2. Areas to Cut Government Spending Fiscal consolidation should prioritise reducing waste at the top rather than cutting frontline services. Cabinet and Deputy Minister positions should be capped by legislation to align with international norms. Duplication of mandates across departments must be eliminated. Non-essential hiring should be frozen while capacity is rebuilt in critical functions. Long-term consultant contracts should be audited to determine whether they substitute for skills that should exist within the state. A leaner, more capable government would reduce costs while improving service delivery. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures Municipal collapse is one of the greatest threats to economic recovery. Failing municipalities should be placed under automatic financial administration based on objective criteria, rather than political discretion. Experienced financial professionals must be appointed to senior municipal finance roles, with private-sector support where capacity is absent. Centralised billing and revenue-collection systems should be expanded to reduce leakage. Officials who approve unlawful or unfunded budgets must face personal and criminal accountability. Municipal finance failure is not a technical mystery—it is a governance failure that has been allowed to persist. 4. Addressing the Tax Burden on Households South African households—particularly the middle class—are under severe strain. No further increases to personal income tax or VAT should be considered until economic growth exceeds population growth. Tax brackets must be adjusted annually for inflation to prevent bracket creep. Small businesses and side-hustles should be encouraged through thresholds and simplified compliance, not penalised as survival strategies. Greater emphasis should be placed on broadening the tax base through growth rather than further squeezing compliant taxpayers. Working South Africans are taxed through PAYE, VAT, fuel levies, and multiple indirect charges. This cumulative burden is eroding disposable income and pushing households into financial precarity. Additional Considerations Economic growth must be the central objective of fiscal policy. Without growth, all redistribution debates become unsustainable. Infrastructure investment—particularly in water, ports, and logistics—should be accelerated through public-private partnerships. Social support must be paired with education, skills development, and employment pathways to prevent long-term dependency. Senior government officials should experience the same fiscal discipline expected of citizens, including a review of perks, allowances, and cost-to-state benefits. South Africa does not suffer from a lack of ideas or resources. It suffers from insufficient accountability, skills misalignment, and a growth-constraining policy environment. Citizens are willing to contribute, but only if they see competence, fairness, and progress. I trust these inputs will be considered in the spirit in which they are offered: constructive, concerned, and committed to a more sustainable future for our country.	Sharon	employed individual
	2026-02-04 16:01:41		Rudi	retired
	2026-02-04 15:57:33		Louis	retired
	2026-02-04 15:57:24	Balance all portfolios, but allocate resources to get back stolen funds from Government and Private criminals. Priority should be to reduce debt	Francois	
	2026-02-04 15:53:35	The problem in a nutshell is corruption and incompetence, change this and that changes everything. Its not rocket science to run an economy efficiently, if one followed simple standard business practices and principles one would have their answer, asking the question is the problem within the problem	Jason	

	2026-02-04 15:52:58	All of the above matter - except point 11 - because they are all linked. For the economy to grow and jobs to be created, businesses need clear rules, less red tape and reliable basics like electricity and water. Government spending should focus less on administration and vp protection and road bullies and more on fixing and maintaining infrastructure, developing practical skills and supporting growth. Repeated bailouts of struggling state-owned entities without real change really doesn't build confidence - it places more pressure on taxpayer. We need stronger accountability and private-sector involvement. Rather than increasing taxes in a slow economy, government should focus on spending more efficiently and growing the tax base by helping more people and businesses succeed. At the same time, easing the pressure on middle-income earners caused by fiscal drag would help sustain long-term tax revenue. Finally, municipalities need both support and consequences, as functional local government is essential for service delivery, investment and public trust.	Dominique	business owner
	2026-02-04 15:52:02		KAREN	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:49:49	The taxpayer feels like the government is utellising the money wrong. They try to help out SOEs like more than anyone would and it stays the same. We are struggling to make ends meat and still the burden falls on us. They must spent less money on little stuff and fix what is a human right. Tax on the consumer is also a burden to all it gets expensive. We must also look to grow the economy and stop borrowing money that we cant pay or pay back to slow. Look at us the people who are struggling with everything that is not up to standard and then everything we buy is taxed we cant even buy essential stuff it gets expensive	Elmarie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 15:48:23		Thato	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 15:46:43	priority when it comes to repairs. Illegal foreigners must be deported immediately to allow, South Africans job opportunities. There is opportunities for skilled professionals and workers/ training and transfer of skilled retired professionals.	Felicity	retired
	2026-02-04 15:45:08	Regarding SOEs, any SOE that is unable to operate within its budget should be closed and the service taken up by private enterprise. it makes no sense for an SOE to be operated inefficiently. For minimising government spending, two things can be implemented immediately. These are a lifestyle audit with immediate corrective action against defaulters; and removal of BEE as a prerequisite for the award of government tenders. As regards municipal financial performance, the allocation of state funds to municipalities should rebased on specific budgeted activities with a reporting feedback to ensure correct utilisation. To reduce the burden of income tax on households, the concept of income tax should be scrapped. It should be replaced with a consumption tax which would be applied at differing rates according to the necessity of the goods or services purchased. Any growth achieved through capital gain or interest should not attract any tax. These radical measures deserve serious consideration and a concise programme for their implementation. Until the country's economy is relieved of the unnecessary, unworkable and illogical burden of state interference and control, growth at a meaningful level will never occur. Socialism cannot work.	Rob	retired
	2026-02-04 15:44:06		Nicola	self-employed

		1) Fiscal and Debt Overview Current Position: Gross interest expenditure for FY2026: R434.9 billion, exceeding the Health budget (approximating R432 billion). Budget deficit: R370 billion, implying a fiscal deficit of ~5–6% of GDP, above the 3% target in the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999. Sovereign debt is rising; debt-service-to-revenue ratio approaching unsustainable levels (>20%). Legislative Implication: PFMA Section 3 requires Treasury to enforce prudent fiscal management, including avoiding excessive borrowing for consumption. The Fiscal Responsibility Framework requires medium-term expenditure planning to stabilise debt/GDP ratio. Policy Implications / Actions: Introduce binding expenditure ceilings for non-core functions, including discretionary transfers and non-essential personnel costs. Consider medium-term debt restructuring, using long-dated instruments to reduce refinancing risk. Restrict further bailouts to SOEs that meet turnaround plans, with Cabinet-approved KPIs. 2) State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Current Issues: Eskom: Debt >R400 billion, chronic load-shedding, cost-reflective tariffs politically constrained. Transnet: Poor operational efficiency, port congestion, freight revenue losses. SAA and other SOEs: Operational losses, contingent liabilities, repeated bailouts. Legislative Context: Companies Act 2008 (Sections 66–77) allows Treasury oversight over financial performance of state-owned companies. PFMA Schedules 2 & 3: All SOEs must submit annual corporate plans, including cash flow forecasts and capital expenditure plans. Shareholder compacts: Cabinet-approved, legally binding under Treasury regulations. Policy Actions: Board reform and executive accountability: Appointment of boards based on expertise; KPI-linked remuneration. Operational separation of legacy debt from capex financing: Implement ring-fencing accounting treatment. Privatisation / PPPs / Concessions: Non-core assets to reduce contingent liabilities and improve efficiency (airports, ports, generation). Transparency: Quarterly reporting to Parliament and Treasury; enforce PFMA compliance audits. 3) Government Spending and Wage Bill Current Issues: Public-sector wage bill ~R900 billion, unsustainable growth. Poor targeting of social grants, duplication across provinces and municipalities. Non-compliance with PFMA Sections 38–42, regarding duties of accounting officers. Policy Actions: Implement spending reviews, as recommended by National Treasury expenditure review framework, to eliminate duplication. Freeze non-essential hiring; limit cadre deployment to prevent politically motivated appointments undermining efficiency. Align wage growth with inflation and productivity; review performance bonuses. Reallocate savings to critical infrastructure: energy, water, transport. 4) Municipal Finance Reform Current Issues: 60% municipalities in financial distress; frequent Section 139 interventions ineffective. Poor revenue collection; non-payment culture entrenched. Infrastructure backlog, especially water and sanitation. Legislative Context: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) 2003: Mandates sound financial management and reporting; Section 71 and 72 requires monthly and annual reports. Intervention Framework (Section 139 Constitution): National government can intervene in non-performing municipalities. Policy Actions: Enforce Section 54 & 56 MFMA: Hold accounting officers and councillors accountable. Revenue enhancement: Smart metering, digital billing, automated payment systems. Ring-fencing operational revenue for service delivery only. Conditional grants and bailouts to municipalities based on credible turnaround plans with measurable KPIs. Integrate public-private partnerships for water infrastructure projects. 5) Tax Policy and Household Relief Current Issues: High marginal tax rates (up to 45%), slow wage growth. Indirect taxes (VAT, fuel levy) regressive, increasing cost of living. High non-compliance in the informal sector; tax base narrow. Policy Actions: Introduce targeted relief for low- and middle-income households: rebates, tax credits. Simplify compliance for SMEs and informal businesses. Expand broad-based tax base through better enforcement and incentives. Use fiscal multipliers: incentivise investments that create jobs and expand VAT and income tax revenue. 6) Broad-Based Economic and Social Issues BEE & Transformation: Current BEE policies can increase cost inefficiencies and misallocation if not aligned with economic growth. Recommend outcome-focused BEE scorecards emphasizing skills development, enterprise development, and actual employment creation. Cadre Deployment: Placement of politically connected individuals undermines SOE efficiency and fiscal stability. Enforce merit-based appointment policies consistent with Public Service Act and PFMA to ensure capability in critical SOE roles.		

	2026-02-04 15:43:21	Government spending must be cut down all members must pay for their own expenses savings from their must be used for maintenance of infrastructure Job creation must be a priority Police force must be upgraded and resources must be provided for better policing Electricity and water must be prioritized and the infrastructure must be maintained at all times to boost the economy continuously maintaining of these facilities can attract investment School buses should be provided for Safe transport of children Skills facilities must be encouraged for Those not excelling academically Labor laws need to be reviewed Bee must go all people should be chosen on merit bases depending on the job especially in government departments Police need to be educated on mental health issues which are growing by the day due to many factors affecting people today Mental health and government hospitals need upgrades More docs are needed in government hospitals to speed up care issues No tenders should be given to people associated with members of parliament All Mp and ministers must do their jobs seriously and councillors as well	Hajra	retired
	2026-02-04 15:41:42	ANC need to held accountable for all of the above they are criminals and should never be allowed to control money issues ever the High Court needs to investigate	Lynn	
	2026-02-04 15:40:38	1. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Accelerate and fully commit to unbundling Eskom (generation, transmission via NTCSA, and distribution) to enable private sector participation, competition in generation, and a wholesale electricity market—building on recent progress where load-shedding has ended for extended periods and generation capacity has improved. For Transnet, prioritize public-private partnerships (PPPs) for rail and ports to boost efficiency, increase freight volumes, and reduce bottlenecks—while introducing third-party access and operational fixes to stabilize finances without endless bailouts. Strengthen governance with professional boards, performance-linked incentives, and strict oversight to curb corruption and wasteful spending; tie any future government support to measurable milestones (e.g., debt reduction targets). 2. Where to cut government spending Target inefficient or poorly performing programmes identified in spending reviews—redirect savings (potentially tens of billions of rands) from underperforming areas to frontline services like health, education, and infrastructure. Reduce wasteful expenditure through stricter procurement rules, eliminating BEE premiums where they inflate costs (as suggested by groups like the IRR), and enforcing value-for-money principles to save R100–150 billion annually. Trim non-essential administrative overheads, freeze or limit executive perks in the public sector, and reprioritize away from areas with low impact—while protecting social grants and avoiding deep cuts to critical services. 3. How to fix municipal finance failures Enforce stricter compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), including mandatory financial recovery plans for distressed municipalities, withholding equitable share funds from those with persistent mismanagement or unpaid debts (e.g., to Eskom/water boards). Improve revenue collection through better billing systems, cost-reflective tariffs, and tackling non-payment culture—while providing targeted debt relief tied to reforms like installing prepaid meters and cutting illegal connections. Strengthen oversight with regular audits, internal controls, ethics training, and fraud prevention; empower provinces and National Treasury to intervene earlier in failing municipalities to prevent collapse. 4. What to do about the tax burden on households Avoid broad increases like further VAT hikes (which hit lower-income households hardest) and instead focus on broadening the tax base through better compliance, closing loopholes, and efficiency gains from SARS. Provide targeted relief by fully adjusting income tax brackets, rebates, and medical tax credits for inflation to counter bracket creep; expand zero-rated items on essential foods and consider above-inflation social grant increases where fiscally possible. Explore progressive measures like a wealth tax debate only if paired with direct household relief (e.g., reducing reliance on regressive taxes), while prioritizing economic growth reforms to increase jobs and incomes over time—reducing the relative burden naturally. These suggestions aim for a balanced budget that promotes growth, stabilizes debt (which is showing signs of stabilizing around 2025/26), and eases pressure on ordinary South Africans. Feel free to tweak them in your own words for the platform—they're designed to be quick to submit (under 3 minutes) while being informed and constructive.	Josiah	business owner
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	2026-02-04 15:37:17	The economy must be a priority when it comes to repairs. Illegal foreigners must be deported immediately to allow for local workforce to climb in & take responsibility for their lives & families, taking strain off the government funds. Government spending is far too high, esp when it comes to exponential civil servant salaries. A stop to borrowing money to steal must be implemented and a tighter control system must be implemented as in the Western Cape. No corruption. Budgets must be focused & prioritized towards basic services like electricity & water, cut out corruption. Tax revenues must be well positioned & directed when spending. Municipality managers & staff must be fired when not carrying out their duties as a civil servant with high integrity & again cut out corruption. Basically, we need a new government as this one has shown that are not competent in doing what needs to be done for the best interest of SA. They have 30 odd years & all they have shown is that they know how to steal.	Niall	business owner
	2026-02-04 15:36:58	If you found doing corruption in government. You should be fired and the money must get paid back	Cedric	
	2026-02-04 15:35:31	Its easy fire all the cadres and seize their assets to recuperate all the stolen loot. ANC must be liable for the mess its has made... liquidate them and their criminal network. Ban them and anyone associated with them from any dealings with government. Then appoint good financial savy people with the correct qualifications as we do in private sector. Accountability is an absolute essential.	Jonathan	
	2026-02-04 15:35:23	Reduce the number of people in parliament. Remove positions like mayors, they have no value and are only a money pit. Stop holding enquiries with huge panels,, just change people with criminal charges. Dismiss people when they get charged with a crime immediately. If they are found not guilty you can reinstate them. Involve private companies to see to infrastructure and get rid of dead wood. Stop BEE and open the economy to foreign investors.	Johann	retired
	2026-02-04 15:34:42		Sharon	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 15:32:12	Cut government staff there is tooo many, we will save so much	MONICA	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 15:28:12		Gerda	retired
	2026-02-04 15:27:42	SA SHOULD CUT THE HUGE SALARIES OF ALL GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOBS PROPERLY. IF THESE LAZY WORKERS ARE NOT AT THEIR DESKS WHEN THEY SHOULD BE, FIRE THEM IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THEY ARE DRAINING TAXPAYERS MONEY....TIME FOR EXCUSES IS OVER !! ALSO, CUT ALL GRANTS , ESPECIALLY BABY GRANTS, TO IRRESPONSIBLE WOMAN WHO ARE HAVING UNWANTED BABIES JUST TO GET THE GRANT. THIS COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD UNWANTED CHILDREN WHO BECOME A FINANCIAL BURDEN TO THE STATE. ALSO, STOP ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS POURING INTO THIS COUNTRY.....THE SA TAXPAYER CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO LOOK AFTER THESE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. LASTLY, PRIVATIZE, PRIVATIZE, PRIVATIZE...THAT WAY PRODUCTIVITY IS A GUARANTEE & WILL TAKE A LOT OF PRESSURE OFF THE COUNTRIES FISCAL.....ITS TIME TO START THINKING SERIOUSLY !!	Brian	self-employed
	2026-02-04 15:26:31		Devi	retired
	2026-02-04 15:23:27	Reduce the Public Sector wage bill - reduce staff who are not performing . salaries are disproportionate to the private sector. Stop granting higher than inflation increases Grow the economy - listen to the economic experts and not the communists. SOE's need to partner with Private Enterprise - stop throwing good money after bad Reduce the number of parliamentary ministers and deputy ministers and streamline the portfolios Take immediate decisions on dismissing staff and charging them and not suspending them on full pay. Stop appointing costly commissions to handle all the corruption.	Heather	retired

	2026-02-04 15:23:02	Hon. Minister Godongwana The state of finances in our country is perhaps the greatest concern amongst citizens, as finances affect every aspect of every citizen's life. Fiscal responsibility is the most important, and logically easiest way to improve the state of the country's finances and in turn our standard of living. Kindly consider the following: 1. Restructure the ministerial staff by removing deputy ministers. Our cabinet is bloated, and disproportionate to our population and does not require such a top-heavy staffing solution. Redirect this money to key infrastructure projects, in particular Transnet and Eskom. 2. Reward hard work, fiscal responsibility and honesty rather than party membership. 3. Hold officials at all levels to account. They are responsible for the budgeted funds, how they are spent, and the maintenance of local, provincial and national infrastructure. Officials who cannot or will not meet targets and be responsible for budgeted funds should be removed, not redeployed. 4. Focus on improving Transnet ports and railways - these facilities are crucial for our exports in face of competition from neighbouring countries. Transport of minerals in particular must be through efficient rail links as road transport negates any possible profit. 5. Draw in advice from successful private enterprises. Businesspersons who have a track record of excellent profit margins can offer so much more than political rhetoric in the practical world.	Graham	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:22:34		Gail	
	2026-02-04 15:17:02	The President should begin by drastically reducing the size of the cabinet. There are simply too many ministers riding the bandwagon, each demanding housing, luxury vehicles, air travel, police protection, free medical care, and other costly privileges. These benefits place an enormous and unnecessary burden on the public purse. Deputy ministers, in particular, should be cut to the bare minimum. The current arrangement suggests that every minister requires a deputy to perform their duties, which is neither efficient nor justifiable. These positions inflate government expenditure without delivering proportional value. The costs are exorbitant and can be reduced significantly through decisive reform. Furthermore, all government employees found to have stolen public funds must be compelled to repay the money in full without delay. Once restitution has been made, imprisonment should follow. Public office is a position of trust, and corruption must carry swift, certain, and serious consequences.	Dave	retired
	2026-02-04 15:16:06	1. The Economy and Fiscus Lock in macro stability while clearing the path for private investment. Further the 146 race based laws, BEE, Bela Act and NHI drives away investors. This also drives people to immigrate to other countries with better opportunities which in turn reduces your tax payer base even further. 30 years has been enough! 2. Government Spending Stop the over inflated expenditure of the ministers and over the top parties. R450 million on personal travel, hotels and meals is a disgrace and money which could have been spend on fixing the failing infrastructure, provide housing, build new schools etc. R1.4 billion spent by the ANC on parties while the poorest of the poor suffer. Money which could have been spent more wisely. Reduce the number of ministers. We do not need so many ministers and depity ministers etc. 5% increase for government salaries! That is more than the inflation rate. How is this increase justified. The government is definitely not performing to a standard which justifies this type of increase. So stop this type of increases. 3. Large Budget Deficit Stop wasteful expenditure, like constant bailouts on failing SOE's, travel expense, blue light brigades - no need for each minister to have this type of protection. It is costing us a fortune and not even to mention the recklessness of their driving. 4. Stabelising SOE Finances Stop the bailouts and involve the Private Sector to get these SOE's up to standard and performing efficiently. Root out the corruption within the SOE's. 5. Energy and water funding The country's infra structure is failing due to little to no maintenance. The ANC government inherited a fully well maintained infrastructure. They did not keep up with any of the maintenance which now, 30 years later are failing leaving the citizens without water or electricity for days. In Nelson Mandela Bay the Mayor shockingly blames the citizens for the water crises, where in fact leaking and broken pipes are the main cause of the water crises. Fix the infrastructure and get rid of corrupt goverment officials not performing their duties to which they were appointed to. 6. Tax policies and revenue The tax base is shrinking due to various reasons as some already stated. Households are under severe pressure where the current tax base are overburdened with tax. Bracket creep adjustments or targeted VAT relief of essential goods would help protect working and low-income South Africans. If the spending is prioritised efficiently, the tax base does not need to be overburdened to carry the majority of the country. Only 19% of the countries population forms the tax base. 7. Debt sustainability Improve conditions supporting international investment, which will only happen if there is an improvement on concerns mentioned in point 1 above. Reduce state lending. 8. Municipal Finances Implement strickter controls to manage the inefficient management and stricker consequences for non-performance. Failing municipalities needs an urgent reform.	Annelize	
	2026-02-04 15:15:01	Stop corruption of government officials squandering tax money. More super taxes for government officials earning more than the threshold for normal citizens. Tax the millions eligal Zama zamas who owns property in South Africa and or take our gold, copper, diamonds, etc. money back to their homelands. Stop supplying free electricity to the SADC Enforce and ensure that eligal power connections in townships and cities are disconnected Prevent losses of millions of liters of drinking water due poor infrusture damages not repaired. Take the number playe information of the millions of SUV's on our roads and do a lifestyle audit, you will be surprised to find they are not having money in the bank but live way above the average person, wonder why? And so the list goes on.	Ben	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:13:18	It’s ridiculous SA has so many ministers and deputy ministers all sucking the country dry with their benefits. Houses flights electricity cars all free to them and the massive cost of protecting them with their blue light brigades and security details. All lowly local municipalitiy majors etc also qualify for this excess. Then they are kept on full salary if suspended . The cost is exorbitant.	Mariam	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:12:58		Drusilla	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:11:06		David	business owner
	2026-02-04 15:10:15	i find it insulting that we are even asked these questions when the country is in the chaos that the government caused - they are ytring to imply we are a democracy WE ARE A FAILED STATE	SHEENA	
	2026-02-04 15:08:38		Herklaas	retired
	2026-02-04 15:07:51		Adri	retired
	2026-02-04 15:06:23	It is time that all those who stole money from Govenment Institutions ie Eskom and Transnet, be imprisioned dand made to refund the money. Stop bailing out these institutions. Stop paying government offical and politicians high above inflation salaries and increases. Place non-functioning municapities under Business Rescue and get rid of the staff, from the Mayors down who are not performing. Government cannot keep on expecting the public to be their cash-cows as so many people are already struggling to survive under the high cost of living, Eskom charges, Municipal charges. Governemnt must also stop forming committies that take their time to produce any results and cost us the taxpayers, millions.	Lynn	retired
	2026-02-04 15:04:53	Salaries to high for ministers and deputy ministers, municipality workers cut salaries and jobs its ridiculous what they are urning.	Roeleen	
	2026-02-04 15:04:38	Fixing Eskom & Transnet State Owned Enterprises should be treated like private companies. They should not be bailed out with taxpayers money. CEO's and directors should be treated like any other CEO and be held liable for what happens in the company. A private company is not allowed to function if they are bankrupt and public companies should be treated the same. In the the case of Electricity multiple companies sgould be allowed to provide energy so that they can compete with each other and give the consumer a choice of who they want to use. Where Government Should Cut Spending All State Owned Enterpises as well as Municipalities and National Government (Parliament) have too many employees. These workforces should be cut and only employ people that can perform just as private companies do. Hire people that are required not those that are only there to earn a salary without being productive. Cut spending on consultants where skills already exist inside government. Fixing Municipal Finance People don’t refuse to pay because they don’t care — they refuse because services fail. Fix billing systems before increasing rates and tariffs. Hold Mayors and Municipal Managers personally accountable for financial mismanagement. Get rid of bloated workforces, there is no need for a deputy mayor or any other deputy. Tax Burdon Households Working people are already stretched. Adjust tax brackets fully for inflation so salaries don’t lose value every year. Stop increasing personal income tax — grow the economy instead.	Trevor	retired
	2026-02-04 15:02:13	I believe the positions of deputy ministers must be limited to only a few ministries. Ministers and their families,and government employees should be restricted to use public medical facilities only.No private facilities. Review of productivity across all ministries, government departments on all three levels and SOE's.If there is not sufficient productivity disciplinary steps should be taken. Service delivery at local government level is a huge problem.Existing staff should be reviewed and if there is not competency in terms of academic qualifications, skills and experience they should be removed from their current positions.	Johan	retired

	2026-02-06 14:24:21	Get rid of old, corrupt and inept government ministers and bloated overpaid officials at every level of government. Only employ people with proven management and administrative skills. Cut government ministers pay in half and only pay bonuses out of proven savings that they have achieved in their portfolios. Blacklist any suppliers that have been found to be corrupt at any stage of the supply chain. Stop borrowing!!! Get SA industry working and contributing to the national debt - get rid of policies that are not economically friendly and which chase investors away. Get non-violent prisoners to earn their daily bread by doing hard labour for municipalities such as filling potholes, maintenance of pavements, mowing lawns etc etc Stop penalising people who have paid tax all their lives - stop taxing pensioners on their hard-earned savings. Allow only SA legal citizens to make decisions for the nation and ensure that legal residents get the benefits first.	Adrienne	retired
	2026-02-06 14:23:08	There needs to be an investigation into all Government departments to root out all theft and corruption, then fire all those responsible. Expensive vanity projects should be stopped like renaming roads and towns, expensive military celebrations etc. BEE is stopping investment into RSA from most countries around the world which is preventing job creation so therefore less corporate and individual tax. Also 50 000 tax payers left RSA last year. The ANC's Foreign affairs are blatantly communist and anti-western so that is causing low levels of investment. How stupid and short sighted.	Michael	self-employed
	2026-02-06 14:22:11	1) Privatize Eskom. The private sector would run Eskom far more efficiently and cost effectively. 2) Remove NERSA they help Eskom inflate electricity prices and show little to no concern for taxpayers. 3) Cut unnecessary positions is all SOEs. 4) Sign up a French nuclear contractor to run the Koeberg power station. 5) Create a tender court made up of private sector experts that have complete oversight for tenders for all SOEs. 6) Remove under performing government and SOE employees. 7) Introduce computerized performance reviews for all government employees with a three strike rule specifically for poor performance. 8) Force banks to report on all suspect transactions paid to and from government employees for amounts greater than R20k. 9) Annual lifestyle audits for all government and SOE employees. 10) Privatize water and service delivery in areas where local government have consistently failed. 11) Hold those accountable who have consistently evaded prosecution.	Mike	
	2026-02-06 14:20:53		Lois	retired
	2026-02-06 14:17:46	The parliamentarianns should become 2 thirds of the present lot.	Len	retired
	2026-02-06 14:17:33		Anna	retired
	2026-02-06 14:05:51		Margaret	retired
	2026-02-06 14:05:40		Franklin	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:05:38		Franklin	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:05:31		Bruce	self-employed
	2026-02-06 14:05:27		Celinkosi	business owner
	2026-02-06 14:01:02	1. Streamline government structures to eliminate unnecessary posts and improve cost efficiency. 2. Simplify administrative processes and reform burdensome regulations to stimulate economic growth, job creation, and foreign investment. 3. Ensure that all government positions are filled based on skills, qualifications, and experience to improve service delivery. 4. Strengthen procurement oversight to prevent corruption, favoritism, and the rise of “tenderpreneurs.” 5. Enforce clear consequences for misconduct and non-performance within government institutions. 6. Regularly perform lifestyle audits to detect unexplained wealth and reinforce ethical conduct in the public sector. 7. Focus investment on restoring and maintaining critical infrastructure—especially water systems and electricity—to support economic stability and growth.	Lientjie	
	2026-02-06 13:59:23		Fred	
	2026-02-06 13:59:15	Cut government spending and Parliament . Where is all the financial aid given to South Africa for Covid .. state capture perpetrators should be jailed and monies recovered .. children are dying of malnutrition but the current regime spends indiscriminately.. Pot holes need to be repaired ..most cities need a clean up .. water is a problem, what about electricity, traffic lights s are seldom working.. I can go on and on as the list is endless ?	Faith	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 13:46:37	Cut deputy ministers (government is bloated) Cut all the red tape like BBBEE and get the economy going so that there are more jobs and more investment from overseas Merit based appointments Get rid of tenderprenures Accountability Lifestyle audits for government officials Concentrate on repairing infrastructure especially water and electricity Close the borders so illegal immegrants don’t burden the health and state resources Sort out the crime	Ian	retired
	2026-02-06 13:46:30	If the Government would stop stealing, get criminals into court, get the foreigners out and stop the stupid BEE and get efficient persons to do the jobs, instead of 5 unqualified, lazy workers to do 1 persons work. That might help a lot	elmari	business owner
	2026-02-06 13:44:18		Andrew	retired
	2026-02-06 13:38:01	Ek voel dat die regering in alle opsigte geld verkeerd spandeer.	Sophie	retired
	2026-02-06 13:37:50		Petrus	
	2026-02-06 13:37:18	1) Remove the money spent on VIP protection for the politicians. This way all citizens are equal. 2. Use this money to establish an effiecient corruption squashing ability - with a combination of private sector and public sector staff. Whistle blowers protected and share in the spils - as currently being considered. 3) Cut budgets on non infrastructure spend at municipalities. Politicians do not get paid unless the residents vote for it with 66% majority. 4) Pay per use. Where mines and manufacturing ruin roads etc, they need to pay to have it maintained - in advance 5) Extended public works programme. Lots of people are getting money without jobs. Since we are paying for them they may just as well do something useful - clean towns and cities, fix holes in roads, maintenance etc. 6) Reduce spending on social schemens - channel it to education. Supplement education with "on the job education" People can attend school / college / university while working in industry established for internships - a pay as you go model. as long as you pass you have a job - where you work for free in return for education / housing / food while you ar ebeing educated. The focus need to be on science / math - the areas that drive modern economies and will grow the market and create jobs. 7) Drop BEE and all the fraud associated with it. Replace it with a means test and sign off by the AG or an agency of the AG for delivery. 8) Review of labour laws and the justice system. Prosecuion and action should be faster. 9) A review going back to 1994 - focussing on where money was stolen via BEE and similar mechanisms. Concrete action to confiscate all assets acquired as such. Starting with all current and past politicians (and their extended families). Once this is done, every organisation that has ever done business with the government since 1994. Money recovered this way goes back to the state. I am sure this will wipe out the entire deficit.	Pierre	business owner
	2026-02-06 13:34:18		Joe	retired
	2026-02-06 13:32:53		Hugo	Non-profit
	2026-02-06 13:29:46		Lori	self-employed
	2026-02-06 13:20:56	Please take away red tape so that investment can come to S.A. Take away expropriation so that overseas companies will want to invest here, then you can give people work and you will get more tax payers. Take away BEE and rather create a system to support young entrepreneurs. Invest more in infrastructure and put people in jail for corruption.	Bonita	
	2026-02-06 13:15:25	South Africans are taxed without actually seeing their tax Rands at work. Government is not transparent in how they use the money they receive and are not held accountable for being stewards of the resources they have. Lack of efficient and effective use of resources. The ANC has not been able to get their 67% majority to change the constitution into a Socialist state, so they try to make SA ungovernable and try to force it by using the budget.	Mark	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:13:58	The answer is so obvious how can it not be seen for the past 20 years now? Debt repayment: If R500 billion is available to fund BEEE, why has money been borrowed at excessive interest rates?? The deficit: When millions are being spent on ANC meetings, stadium celebrations, overseas travel, exorbitant salary increases for a totally overpopulated cabinet this is to be expected. Infrastructure: To waste billions over a period of 30 years on uncontrolled expenditure, allow hundreds of municipalities to have free rein on allocated funds with no consequences for any manager is an absolute formula for disaster. TIPS: 1. If SOE's could not be stabilised over the past 20 - 30 years, what hope is there of this happening short term now??? 2. Scrap the idiotic idea of 500 billion allocation to BEEE which has been nothing but pie in the sky since inception.....just look at Tembisa Hospital as a perfect example!!!!! Cancel political motivated increases to members of parliament who in most cases are redundant in their numbers. Stop lavish celebrations and unnecessary overseas travel, especially first class pamper and plush in 5-star hotels?? 3. Municipal expenses can be fixed by taking away the magic gold chain that is being fought for tooth and nail in dozens of council meetings while service delivery is totally non-existent, sewerage runs down streets, potholes grow by the day, parks and pavement are waist high in weeds and growth. NOBODY is held accountable!!! 4. Tax burden must be redistributed using all the wasted and unnecessary expenditure which when curbed and controlled properly will more than make good any shortfall here. Do not try the fast one and easy out of trying to increase VAT again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Jaco	self-employed
	2026-02-06 13:12:43		Inez	
	2026-02-06 13:05:01	Gluttony! Stop living large and keeping up with the Jones's and actually put the money where it needs to go rather than spending it on lavish things. What 1 government official wastes a year is 1% of what I need to live and eat well for a year. No. Just no.	Bianca	self-employed
	2026-02-06 13:04:04	Dear Minister, RSA is not the first country to face this problem. The solution is a concerted effort and change by ALL government with collective participation by the general population. A study of the rebirth of Japan, Germany, Singapore and Poland to name a few would be instructive. RSA problem in essence is high debt, excess population/ unemployment, uncompetitive workforce, inefficient/wasteful expenditure. Some suggestions: 1) Government/SOE must only employ persons that are competent in the area/subject in which they are appointed. The BEEE must the totally reformulated so that wasteful inefficient expenditure is eliminated. 2) Government grants need to be reformulated so that they only reward or incentivise outcomes that contribute to the overall wellbeing of RSA rather than the individual. RSA population too big and growing faster that GDP is undesirable. RSA population under skilled is undesirable. 3) non-productive expenditure by organisations should NOT be tax deductable. For example Advertising and marketing costs in reality produce NOTHING. Word of mouth and social media networks do that job on any good product that is well priced for NOTHING. 4) Exports while desirable should not compromise local demand, availability or consumption. 5) Imports while necessary should not displace value add of locally raw materials. (Why does RSA import low grade steel, and cement that can easily be produced locally - it is a long hard road from producing these to that of quantum computers or nuclear power stations). 6) SOE's should be providing basic groundswell for local industry as well as providing niches for "moonshot" skills. 7) Any Budget shortfall must be justfied with pluasible realistic economic investment case that shows long term "budget" return for RSA.	Neil	retired
	2026-02-06 13:03:49	Cut the cabinet amount of people , stop overseas exchanges / trips that are not relevant to South Africa [which is most of them] , stop perks , In fact a dedicated official should be paid a minimum wage at the level of middle class tax payer, no blue lights / security needed , like an normal tax payer	MAd	retired
	2026-02-06 12:56:20		Stacey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 12:53:12	Get rid of all the deputy ministers (ministers should be qualified and capable of doing the job, that's what they were employed to do). Get rid of all the unimportant portfolios (ministers could easily be halved). Get rid of all the unnecessary perks that ministers get and bring their salaries back to be in line with equally developed countries.	Alan	retired

	2026-02-06 12:50:39		Angus	
	2026-02-06 12:46:48	1. Government should stop enriching themselves. 2. Stop overspending. 3. Use the budget for what it was intended. 4. Privatise SOE's seeing that government can't be trusted to run it without corruption and stealing. 6. Stop getting this country in more debt by means of loans for enriching yourselves. The last and most importantly is STOP STEALING OUR MONEY FOR YOURSELVES!	Larissa	
	2026-02-06 12:41:30		Jacqueline	retired
	2026-02-06 12:39:42	Fixed guidelines on how many vehicles and VIP guards a minister and president and parliamentary and mayors ans speakers and MPs and LPS and premiers may have. Reduce by 50% and allocate money saved to increase monthly SASSA amounts by R100 for each category. This will economically uplift the voters and pump money into economic growth. Reduce the amounts to Kings and Queens by 50%. Their subordinates can pay for their upkeep. They are Autocratic and does not add value for the country as a whole. SAA benefits to Mps etc to reduce by 60% . NO wifes/ family may travel with President and Mps and ministers on ANY state visit. Limit number of attendees to international trading shows to 2 per department and municipality. STOP SUGAR TAX.	Theuns	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 12:39:04		Jai	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 12:37:29		Miranda	retired
	2026-02-06 12:35:07	The question 'what should the govt spend money on?' should rather say: 'what should the govt NOT spend money on?' Our terrifying debt is not the result of spending on S.A.'s infrastructure, education, labour stimulation, water and sanitation, etc. etc. ; it is the result of well over 30 YEARS of ANC disastrous economic policies, racial labour laws, theft, corruption, ANC-State monopoly and bloated cabinets. For one: privatise energy generation, support a free-market economy, reduce ANC-State monopoly, curb ministers' perks and free housing, have a non-political party President of South Africa, STOP incompetent Cadre employment - hey, the list goes on and on. And THIS pathetic exercise here is not going to make any difference, since this ANC Regime has NEVER listened to common-sense , non-party political recommendations and advice - another reason we're now with our back against the wall. And NOW they want citizens' input ? ? Only to blame those same people when, five years from now, things completely collapse: "Well, YOU said we should . . . " 20 years too late.	Arjan	
	2026-02-06 12:31:40		Sue	
	2026-02-06 12:28:13	Stop corruption and wasteful tax spending on areas that do not require it. Keep officials accountable for their budgets and spending. Curb the waste on resources.	Rudie	
	2026-02-06 12:26:10		Duane	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:23:37	Government spending can be cut, firstly the government service is not job creation, currently overloaded with too many people, huge salaries and less output to serving the community. Parlement position can be cut down, no need for dep ministers in various departments, downsize of the parlement, less people sleeping and more working and attending to their portfolios. Involvement of the private sector in all SOE's to stabilize the unnecessary spending and start showing profit. Appointment of qualified people in all municipalities and stop participating in the back a buddy system, jobs for incompetent friends and family and useless spending, start providing for the community who pays taxes and municipal bills on a daily/monthly cycle Clamp down on corruption, freezing of all assets, pension fund and suspension without pay on all involved in corruption to repay to the state that as illegally acquired.	Herman	retired
	2026-02-06 12:21:08		Izelda	employed individual
	2026-02-06 12:20:51	The Government should stay within the budget. No excuses. Eskom should streamline its workforce. Industry is top heavy. Small scale enterprises must have the necessary skills to do business. Municipalities should prioritize worthy causes to spend their money on i.e updating of water resources, maintaining roads, maintaining collecting of outstanding debts, i.e. electricity. Municipalities should streamline their workforce, eliminating all employees without the necessary skills to do their jobs. Take vat off more groceries that are the staple food for poor people. Heavy fines or sentences for people who were caught for theft and corruption.	Elize	
	2026-02-06 12:13:10		Khalid	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:10:34		Gert	retired
	2026-02-06 12:08:28	So easy = stability on the current and a force down on spending (there is no money) ...this alone will create success. It's a process but government needs to show the actual deeds.	Sias	business owner
	2026-02-06 12:07:44	Reduce the size of the government.	Allen	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:06:34	The major problem is spending is out of control, paying more than normal market price for anything under the guise of benefiting the masses is BS. Start firing those that approve excess spending. Get rid of all of those employees suspended for months and years(without disciplinary hearings) due to misconduct/wrongdoing, there should be a special team to clear of the backlog of these matters. Reduce lifetime benefits such as free flights and other benefits for any government official, reduce VIP protection expenditure, that all citizens have to pay for. They can pay like everyone else. for these benefits. 1976 students died for better education, the new government has failed the memory and sacrifice of those that died for better education. Put more people into trades, builders, electricians plumbers, mechanic's once qualified there is always work for them. En sure Escom starts performing and not wasting money on yet again overpaying for services and equipment. Hold province's and city official to account due to lack of service delivery by restricting their wasteful expenditure, to many protest due to lack of delivery. The military is no better for wasting money. All personal should use own transport to work and the pool vehicles for work purposes, not for going to work and back on citizens tax money	Willem	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:06:11	We have way too many ministers and deputies. Scale that down. Stop bailing out the SOE's. It's a huge chunk of tax payer money going down the drain. These should be run like a private company, so sell it to the private sector and they will be run properly and start showing profits. The public is taxed enough. Stop simply adding more taxes - rumour has it Vat will be increased again. Start actively dealing with corruption. Stop "ignoring" the issues like transferring ministers from one department to the next. That will not solve any problems. Also stop transferring the same ministers from department to department. They just mess as far as they go and nothing gets fixed. Look at our education department, department of defence. There's is just no accountability. Appoint people who know what they are doing. Stop borrowing money. We can't keep getting in further debt. It's our children and their children that will have to bear the brunt!	Thea	
	2026-02-06 12:05:45	STOP STEALING OUR MONEY. STOP THE WASTEFULL EXPENDITURE. JAIL THOSE WHO STEAL OR WASTE OUR MONEY. If provinces are underperforming that should NOT be allowed the full portion due to them. Give them a fraction of what they are due - LOOK AT THE ESTERN CAPE. The balance can be used else ware. STOP BORROWING MONEY who the hell is suppose to pay back this hugh debt where we can't see what is being done with the money.	Shaun	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 12:00:33		Lutchmana	retired
	2026-02-06 11:58:41	Put competent people in jobs affecting the economy and not cadres. Stop expecting the citizens of this Country, and most of all the meagre tax payers, to pay for all the gross misspending and corruption by Government and Municipalities and hold the culprits to account. Do it now.	James	retired
	2026-02-06 11:53:12		Louise	retired
	2026-02-06 11:48:11	Geen verhoging vir die regering nie! Die brandstof ten hier in Plattekloofweg, Bothasig , val uitmekaar. Het al fotos op facebook gesit. Vir die koerante op facebook se kommentaar geplaas, maar geen reaksie ontvang nie. Raak ontslae van die " homeless" wat oral plak. Langs die weermag, spoorwee gronde op sypaadjies. Munisipaliteite moet die ekstra fooie van ons inwoners se rekening verwyder! R96.96 om agter die plakkes en homeless mense skoon te maak. R 339.00 net om pre pay krag box het en dan word jy gedwing om een in te sit! Kamma vir onderhoud op die pre pay krag box in die jare wat ek een het was dit nog nooit nodig vir enige onderhoud nie. Hul kan maar hul salarisse verminder. Ek is 'n staatspensioenaris en die verhoging verlede jaar was 'n hele R 500.00 terwyl die regering hul hande daarop is. Ek kan nie meer krag bekostig nie en die munisipaliteit wil ook nie afslag gee op grondbelasting nie, ek verdien net 'n paar rand meer as die toelaatbare bedrag. Ons pensioenaris verdien ten minste R 10 000 verhoging	Barinda	retired
	2026-02-06 11:46:51	First of all plug the holes in the budget that are leaking faster than revenue can be collected - Fight corruption and illegal tenders like our lives depend on it - Because it does !!!! Stop wasting money = Fiscal Prudence Ensure every cent of spending is examined closely with a view to enhancing the value of South Africa -Reject all wasted & nonsense spending . Spend on relevant infrastructure upgrades - look to the future for creating a business friendly environment, make it easier for business to operate - delete cumbersome models and replace with efficient ones , create a safe place its Citizens and for tourists to visit and bring their foreign currencies . Support police & the justice system making sure we just don't appoint a commission and do nothing about the report - That is then just wasting money . Then spend wisely work on the deficit & promote growth .	Mike	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:39:46		Rita	
	2026-02-06 11:36:01		ANNETTE	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:34:52		Elsie	retired
	2026-02-06 11:31:16	REDUCE corruption by arresting MPs, gov employees specially ministers and their staff found stealing Fire ministers & their staff that are useless, incompetent and corrupt.	Tony	retired
	2026-02-06 11:26:33	With the current decline of the US Dollar SA should be focusing on repaying debt.	Sarah	
	2026-02-06 11:26:22	The high levels of crime, fraud and a lack of accountability are serious concerns. Perhaps not a direct budget issue, but criticaal needs action. In addition the poor levels of competency is also a major issue. Perhaps the bugets of the state depts should make specific provision for competency improvement actions. The total lack of accountability is not specifically a budget issue, but needs desparate sction. Infrasture needs funding and action, including water reserves. The "petty spend" such as on lavish functions, parties of people going overseas, blue brigades, top official housing etc. sould be cut or minimised.	Carl	
	2026-02-06 11:21:03	It is now rumoured there will be no bracket creep allowance for inflation - if I remember correctly, if this does indeed happen, this will be the fifth financial year no allowance has been made for inflation. Amazing, the parliamentarians vote huge increase for themselves. The public are the one's paying the tax & the government is the leach/parasite living off our hard earned money which we pay huge taxes on.	Paul	

	2026-02-06 11:18:25	There is way too much frivolous spending on road name changes, minister salary increase, extravagant traveling and security when there are more pressing problems like children who don't have food. Only those who are registered for tax and who's tax in up to date should be allowed to vote. People who pay tax care about where their money is going 2026-02-06 11:04:36 +02:00 Nico All of the above 1. Stop stealing. 2. Implement Zondo Commission & Madlanga Commission findings. 3. Get the private sector involved 2026-02-06 11:03:29 +02:00 Paul Other Rod All of the above Start with removing all unnecessary expenditures on parties, celebrations, monetary rewards, gifts - total ban on that. That is eating into funds intended for development in almost all sectors of government. Remove duputy cabinet minister posts. Reduce personal perks for all cabinet ministers. Use the money saved to pay government debt in highest interest areas. Do not crush taxpayers with higher taxes. Cut waste in every department. Better management will increase productivity (as in Sars' case). Look at dept of agriculture, very poor productivity by majority of workers. Look at the change in Home Affairs. It must be done in every department. The Taxpayer wants value for their hard-earned money Prisoners gave their right to vote up, when they turned criminals Prisioniers met lae vlak oordtredings moet aangewend word om slaggate reg te maak en enige ander take soos om leefareas in stand te hou, soos om gras te sny, ens, ens!!	Jan	retired
	2026-02-06 11:18:16		Darryl	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:14:12	There are billions of rands owed to the people of South Africa, in the form of theft. The term theft here covers ALL avenues from which monies have been taken in whichever form the theft has taken place. This is from Govt right through to all the intermediate percentages paid over in the process of the thieving of these monies. Hue and outcry in the media about how this will be addressed and yet the perpetrators remain in their cushy positions within the various departments, levels, etc., etc., or are put on suspended leave with full pay (which is not different to remaining in the position they were (aare) in). Tax upon tax upon tax is levied against the taxpayer to fund shortfalls that should not exist (and would not if monies were respected as taxpayers money and utilised accordingly). Has thought been given to where this will end up? This system of further theft has a shelf life! Health care has been stripped of what the taxpayer paid to have stocked installed or supplied and then on the table is an avenue for further stripping at the taxpayers expense. Here too, there is a shelf life. Hospitals and Clinics - people are not treated as people, are not treated with respect, empathy or kindness. Staffed by persons who have better things to do with their day than help someone who is not well or injured or dealing with mental health issues, the fallout of gender based violence - the list goes on. Infrastructure is in ruins as a result of lack of maintenance. When, where and how????? to be resolved Education and schools - 30% pass rate!!!!!. What preparation do our children have to face the world post grade 12? Child welfare, welfare for our aged, animal welfare - huge lack here - when, where, how to be resolved????? This all requires funding which there would be if it had not been redirected from the place it will do good. Answers are outstanding, solutions are tabled and disregarded. Publish the amount of money owed back to the countries tax payers - we can then table how much to which section of our society it is to do the work it is meant to do.	J	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:13:09		Eben	retired
	2026-02-06 11:11:42		Simone Danielle	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:10:32	Stop wasting taxpayer funds on lavish government parties/ accommodation/ vehicles...etc!	Derick	
	2026-02-06 11:04:36	1. Stop stealing. 2. Implement Zondo Commission & Madlanga Commission findings. 3. Get the private sector involved	Nico	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:03:28	Start with removing all unnecessary expenditures on parties, celebrations, monetary rewards, gifts - total ban on that. That is eating into funds intended for development in almost all sectors of government. Remove duputy cabinet minister posts. Reduce personal perks for all cabinet ministers. Use the money saved to pay government debt in highest interest areas. Do not crush taxpayers with higher taxes. Cut waste in every department. Better management will increase productivity (as in Sars' case). Look at dept of agriculture, very poor productivity by majority of workers. Look at the change in Home Affairs. It must be done in every department. The Taxpayer wants value for their hard-earned money	Rod	retired
	2026-02-06 10:59:37		Chantal	
	2026-02-06 10:57:48	Most governments run budget deficits. The USA runs trillions of dollars of deficit spend, as they have the luxury of the USD as the global reserve currency and therefore perpetual demand for their fiat currency. South Africa on the other hand does not have that luxury and to make matters worse it has a very large unemployment rate and a tragically high school dropout rate on top of which public education that is of a very poor standard. Which boils down to a built in state dependency, which is the root cause of Treasuries budget overruns (deficit spending). On top of this unfortunately those in government do not adhere to sound basic economics; which is to allow market forces to decide which enterprise survive and which are allowed to fail. The state hangs onto SOE's and vast government employment schemes (central and local) that are run inefficiently and add to the inflationary pressures in the economy – essentially consumers pay more for private goods and services due to the endless queue of government officials adding costs to running private businesses in way of inflated taxes, levies and utility fees. Government benefit schemes such as SASSA and others require massive numbers of officials employed to gather information, monitor fraud and administrator benefits – which economist Arthur Okun described the shortfall between describe the trade-off between economic equality (equity) and economic efficiency. Very little of the expenditure on social grants actually benefits the poor; as a result the poorest of the poor never exist the poverty trap they find themselves in, rather the small sum they actually receive works to make them long-term dependant on state help, rather than freeing them to become economically independent. Which is the reason I propose that Treasury consider the following: 1) The SA population is currently estimated at 63.1 million people. 2) Youth unemployment rate (ages 15–34) in South Africa reached 46.1% in the first and second quarters of 2025. 3) According to the Statistics South Africa report for the third quarter of 2025, the official unemployment rate in South Africa was 31.9%. 4) These souls are doomed to lifelong poverty if they are not helped; but the help must be of sufficient means to effectively make a difference. 5) The solution I propose is to cut all social grants (SASSA) spend immediately; 6) To wind up all SOE that are a burden to the state by either selling of the enterprise to private entities or simply shutting these down; 7) as is currently the policy in Argentina under Javier Gerardo Milei; follow free market principals and cut state expenditure in all areas that are not promoting or fostering economic growth; 8) to be even handed; the state provide each citizen no matter how wealthy or poor with an investment trust account managed by the The Public Investment Corporation (PIC); 9) that the state invest R2 million rand into each of these citizen investment trust accounts; 10) citizens that are obviously wealthy have these benefits taxed back and others that are obviously poor retain their investment tax free; 11) these citizen investment funds are invested into growth stocks both locally and internationally as well as a portion in interest bearing fixed deposit accounts; 12) the funds are ring-treed in the case of children for their future education and health needs; 13) no citizen can draw down their investment but are paid a bi-monthly benefit based on the performance of the investment and interest received; 14) once citizens reach retirement age, they are entitled to one special draw down which they can spend as they wish tax free; 15) once citizens reach 80 years they are entitled to special health related draw downs that must be reinvested in a private or state health care policy that guarantees them a safe landing into their final years; 16) the initial cost of the investment can be underpinned by gold extraction – therefore backed by gold reserves held by Treasury. I believe this scheme would be far cheaper to run and far more equitable and efficient. The cost to the taxpayers would be negligible compared to the current welfare benefit schemes and associated cost. No person in SA should need to live in poverty or not have sufficient money to uplift themselves.	Michael	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 10:57:40	Start with removing all unnecessary expenditures on parties, celebrations, monetary rewards, gifts - total ban on that. That is eating into funds intended for development in almost all sectors of government. Remove duputy cabinet minister posts. Reduce personal perks for all cabinet ministers. Use the money saved to pay government debt in highest interest areas. Do not crush taxpayers with higher taxes. Cut waste in every department. Better management will increase productivity (as in Sars' case). Look at dept of agriculture, very poor productivity by majority of workers. Look at the change in Home Affairs. It must be done in every department. The Taxpayer wants value for their hard-earned money	Sally	business owner
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	2026-02-06 10:56:04		Xolisa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 10:55:56		Valerie	retired
	2026-02-06 10:54:47	The whole government is incapable of ruling and should resign. There is no use in giving the "finance minister" tips when he is involved with a party of thieves constantly stealing taxpayers money. His "comrades" will continue to steal the money he's planning to get from taxpayers	Chantal	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:50:42		Justin	
	2026-02-06 10:49:56	- Eskom to focus on non-paying Municipalites, Govt needs to provide teeth to force Municipalities to comply. SARS to take-over / monitor Municipalities Payment processes .Stop focus (punishing) on "Paying"customers , with Solar. Increase number of IPP and link to grid with right for consumers to select supplier. (low income households need competition to help reduce energy cost.) - Need for an overview control of Govt spending. Follow-up of Govt Depts & Municipalites spending and projects. Stricter punishment of corrupt officials. - Privatise section of rail transportation of goods (to compete against Trucking) - Stop bail outs to non -performing SOE,s . Non performing SOE,s to be given deadline to be profitable or privatise/ terminate. (SAPO, SABC,Denel, etc) - The VAT level for small businesses needs to be raised. - Tax brackets at lower income sections to be raised to assist lower income groups.	David	retired
	2026-02-06 10:49:21		Colin	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:45:26		Marie	retired
	2026-02-06 10:45:13		Phillip	retired

		1. State-Owned Enterprises: Stop Rewarding Failure Eskom and Transnet Reform: Look, we need an immediate freeze on all bonuses at SOEs until they actually achieve profitability without bailouts. It's honestly unconscionable that executives receive millions while we as taxpayers fund their losses. Performance linked compensation only... base salaries capped at public service levels. Bonuses should only come when commercial targets are met without state support. We need independent oversight boards with private sector expertise and veto power over executive pay. Transparent quarterly reporting on operational efficiency, staff to output ratios, and procurement practices is essential. There must be consequences for corruption. Fast track prosecutions for tender fraud. Asset forfeiture to recover stolen funds. This isn't optional anymore. Eskom specifically: We need to accelerate independent power producer integration to reduce dependency on Eskom's bloated structure. Ring fence the debt; legacy Eskom debt should not burden the new restructured entity. Consider selling non core assets to reduce the debt burden. 2. Government Spending Cuts: Trim the Fat, Not the Muscle High priority cuts: Reduce the cabinet size. We cannot afford 30+ ministers and their deputies with full benefits and staff complements. Eliminate wasteful spending... government vehicles for personal use, first class travel, excessive catering at events. Consolidate departments; there's too much duplication across national, provincial, and municipal levels. Freeze public sector headcount, excluding teachers, nurses, police, and implement natural attrition. Cut "nice to have" programmes and focus only on constitutional mandates and essential services. What NOT to cut: Infrastructure maintenance... preventative maintenance saves billions later. Education and healthcare frontline services. Crime prevention and law enforcement. These are non negotiable. 3. Municipal Finance: Accountability Now Immediate actions: Section 139 interventions for all municipalities with clean audit failures for 3+ consecutive years. Direct payment systems where major industries and businesses pay water and electricity directly to Eskom and Water Boards, bypassing corrupt municipalities. Cut grant funding to non performing municipalities. Redirect funds to functional metros or provincial administration. Debt write offs only with conditions; municipalities must demonstrate reform, implement cost recovery, and pursue non payers. Prosecute municipal officials who approve irregular expenditure. Make them personally liable. This is the only way things will change. 4. Tax Burden: Fair Share, Not Unfair Squeeze Current problem: The tax base is shrinking while the burden on compliant taxpayers increases. This is unsustainable. Solutions: Broaden the tax base instead of increasing rates. Focus on VAT compliance, informal sector registration. No new taxes on the middle class... they're already overtaxed and under serviced. Tax incentives for job creation, meaningful credits for companies that employ and train South Africans. Simplify tax compliance for small businesses to encourage formalization. Fight tax evasion aggressively. The wealthy hiding income cost us more than raising rates on the compliant ever will. 5. Debt Management: Stop Digging We must: Freeze new borrowing except for revenue generating infrastructure. Renegotiate terms on existing debt where possible. Asset sales; sell non strategic state assets like buildings, land, entities that can be private. GDP growth focus... a growing economy makes debt sustainable; austerity alone won't save us. 6. Infrastructure Investment: Smart Prioritization Water crisis: Partner with private sector on build operate transfer models. Focus on maintenance of existing infrastructure before building new. Cost recovery is essential; water must be paid for. Subsidize the indigent, but commercial and middle class users must pay realistic tariffs. 7. Governance: Lawfulness as Non Negotiable The foundation for everything else: Consequence management. Discipline and prosecute corruption at all levels. Procurement reform with open tender processes, independent oversight, blacklist corrupt companies. Protect whistle blowers and reward those who expose wrongdoing. Skills based appointments... end cadre deployment. Competence over loyalty, always. My Three Minute Summary to Treasury: Stop rewarding failure. No bonuses at loss making SOEs. Cut the cabinet. Intervene in failing municipalities. No new taxes on compliant taxpayers. Broaden the base instead. Prosecute tax evaders. Invest smart, not big. Fix what we have before building new. Partner with private sector where it makes sense. Governance matters. Without consequences for corruption and incompetence, no budget will work. None. This isn't radical... it's basic financial management. If a household or business ran like this, it would collapse. Our country deserves better. We deserve better.		
	2026-02-06 10:36:50		David	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:35:37	Get the right people for the job, stop corruption and stop punishing the ones that are paying and draining us for our hard work. We are all just trying to survive.	Erica	retired
	2026-02-06 10:32:08		Anne	
	2026-02-06 10:30:47	firstly , HOW DO YOU , MINISTER , SPEND MORE THAN THE COUNTRY PROVIDES IN TAX REVENUE ??? my tip for you is , stop spending OUR money on crap like lavish anc parties....less holidays..corruption and backhands for BEE tenders!!!! also , maybe use your GOD GIVEN BRAIN , spend on infrastrucure , education , if possible fixing the roads..if the anc can manage that without pissing out the budget given.	pieter	
	2026-02-06 10:29:32		Anne	
	2026-02-06 10:22:43	social grants , the government is subsidising overpopulation	stephan	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:20:14		Chantal	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:20:12		Chantal	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:20:06	The overall cost of governance is in the region of 70% and if you include expenditure of SOEs it is above 90%. Our government is completely unaffordable. It should be brought down to less than 40%. Cost of governance is so high because all SOEs operate at loss at gob smacking losses, the public service including the three levels of governance employ far too many public servants and elected officials, there is far too much corruption but insufficient oversight of government spending. The inclusion of trade unions in COSAU as part of the ANC coalition is a perfect example of clashing interests, COSATU on the one side act as government officials in the interest of government, but on the other side as COSATU trade union members that pressure government for exorbitant salary increases a clash of interests COSATU always win for their members. And then we come to the insidious taxes that are levied by the unproductive overpopulated section on the small productive section of the population for the so-called reasons of restoration and equity promotion, but actually only a very small proportion of the well-connected black elite. The ANC is the worst government we have ever had and they are unreformable, therefor it is impossible to comment on only the few concerns that you listed.	Jack	retired
	2026-02-06 10:19:17		Kevin	retired
	2026-02-06 10:17:39		Cliff	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:17:35	If South Africa and it's leadership can't take care of responsibilities. We need to re-look at every area. First we have to many incompetent people employed in positions they don't fulfill. What happened to being a public official was a position you did out of loyalty to the people you served. We have more depth than income, during to a simple fact that ut is the soul responsibility of the minority to support the majority. Leadership has become a position of gain. Not a position of service. If we are in such dept, let's start by cutting the biggest cash draw on the budget. Unnecessary people in positions and the leadership salaries. It is obvious they are not doing their jobs effectively. Cut government costs, reduce expenditures by restoring municipal independence. Then consider equity. Because there is no way forward until it gets back to where it was.	Stephen	self-employed
	2026-02-06 10:15:20	I'm concerned about the rapid rise in debt to GDP ratio. I'd like to see the economy grow. As such, please investigate and remove any ideological / political influences so that money speaks to money. Make tax streams more transparent - I'd like to see where the money I sent to the tax pot is eaten. Speaking of which, introduce standard tax breaks to citizens that invest to provide their own services, specifically private security, water, and electricity. And by this I mean an annual benefit, not the once-off allowance as we saw with the solar installations. This will alleviate the burden on the tax pot for public service provision and hence justified. Reduce the overheads in ALL municipalities to 28% immediately. This is supported by public - private investment balance as mentioned above. Regularly review government projects and actively persuade project completion by halving the salaries of ministers accountable for those late projects until they are delivered. Speaking of which, an interested and diligent minister focused on his duty to serve do not need VIP security since the people will love him. He has nothing to fear. At the moment it looks like VIP security is just a private army to further criminal interests ...	Hennie	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:14:29	All are important so be fiscally prudent.	M	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:09:30	1. Do away with income tax and raise VAT (25 to 30%). 2. Curb government spending and salaries. It's an honourable position, not a get rich quick scheme. 3. Investigate and stop tender fraud.	Rafiq	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:09:28	Besides the huge corruption issue that permeates every level of government, there is also the issue of too many people doing very little of value (how about firing those? - instant savings), down-size government, introduce better systems.	Vedprakash	retired
	2026-02-06 10:08:26	Government should be out of the business of trying to run trains and other large infrastructure projects as the ANC have proven they are corrupt and cannot manage a whorehouse let alone buy trains from China (of course) that actually fit. Government spending is out of control and is bloated and completely inefficient.	Tracey	retired
	2026-02-06 10:08:14		kenneth	retired
	2026-02-06 10:07:05	It would be interesting to know the amount lost to corruption versus the deficit. If serious action was taken to prosecute the thieves we may well come closer to balancing the budget. A tender process that favours the most cost effective quotes rather than inflated BEE companies. Infrastructure repairs (water, roads and rail) and prosecuting local officials who take advantage of their own failures to repair these services to enrich themselves. (ie. Selling water to residents rather than repairing the infrastructure). As long as the government is subject to a mafia like mentality I do not see any meaningful success in the financial success of this beautiful country.	Ian	
	2026-02-06 10:05:57		Elaine	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 10:05:42	Select ONLY qualified members of society with a PROVEN track record in the various areas of governance required. Dismiss ALL incompetent, non-performing, delinquent members in cabinet, provincial governments & municipalities who are part of the "gravy train", or those whose "turn it is to eat". Get rid of BEE, because it is not, has never, & will never work for all (disadvantaged) people. The blacks / those who constantly live in the past need to realize it does not work. It is impossible. There is only now & the future. The whites left in SA are here to stay, love their country, & have no desire to be "masters" of this country. The only desire is to see all living in peace & harmony & working towards the same goals. Stop looting resources.	Tony	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:05:25	we need new Leaders with honesty, integrity, intelligence, diligence and good intentions to serve the citizens of this country. The pilfering has got to stop, all resources are a shambles.....	Jenny	retired
	2026-02-06 10:04:51		Nick	retired
	2026-02-06 10:02:06	Stop following the WHO and WEF - their mission and vision is not those of the people of South Africa.	MJ	

	2026-02-06 10:01:43	Say No to fraud .. anyone suspected of fraud should be put on NO PAY Leave, until proven otherwise, never to be reemployed by the Government. STOP THEFT !!!! Introduce maintenance into ALL Departments vocabulary. Instill GOOD WORK ETHIC. Reduce staff. Managers/Ministers to be accountable for staff performance. Say NO to 10 people doing the work of 1 person.	dee	
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	2026-02-06 09:57:01		Frik	
	2026-02-06 09:56:32		Bev	retired
	2026-02-06 09:54:39	The government needs to get educated, experienced and dedicated individuals to control our finances.	Ramana	retired
	2026-02-06 09:53:53		Linette	retired
	2026-02-06 09:51:12		Amanda	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:49:16		Louis	retired
	2026-02-06 09:43:48	I'm optimistic that cANCer will continue to steal and loot everything they can for their own comrades while the rest of South Africa crumbles. They have a proven track record of 30+ years of communist ideals. Do we think this is ever going to change in this country, or get worse now that our biggest trade partner is communist too? We are not going to address any financial problems in this country as long as the people in power don't actually care about the people who put them in power. As someone who has worked for a local municipality, they are stealing "legally", however unethically. Through tender systems, through performance management systems that benefit the HODs and MM only. This will never change; the system is rigged, and the criminals write the laws that are supposed to hold them accountable for their actions.	Ashley	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:37:13	Words are not my strongest point. All I want to say is that our government should STOP focusing on themselves. They must start to focus on the whole SA & how to fix this country. People with the right knowledge/skills should do the work & not because of their skin color. Get rit of BEE!!! it's clearly not working	Corne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 09:34:37	Start by reducing the incompetent, corrupt and over inflated c'anc'erous government elite club. Get competent, qualified and experienced people for the job and not cadres or family members. That goes for government too. Scrap all race-based laws and get this country moving forward. Secure Western foreign investment as this is the biggest market. Align yourself and policies with the civilized world and not communists or extremists. Pre 1994 we were a developing 1st world country, but now under the anc's communist charter, where every SOE have been plundered into bankruptcy, we have become useless 3rd world country. Privatize all SOE's and that include ESKOM. (your cash cow) Our military has become a joke. Overhaul all Municipalities as they are dysfunctional. We are overtaxed on everything from salaries, what you buy, pensions, inheritance, etc. Pensioners SASSA grants must increase to a minimum of R15000/month tax free. Taxi industry must be strictly regulated and Taxed. School governing bodies must have the last say and not incompetent cadres or ministers. Uneducated people with zero experience in a specific field are appointed by a corrupt government, because of their cadre association. The anc has turned a once beautiful and functional country into their own banana republic where monkeys are running loose. OUT WITH THE anc! NOW!!!!!	Marius	retired
	2026-02-06 09:34:26	We've been cutting in places like education, with many teachers losing their jobs and classes in government schools getting bigger. Nelson Mandela believed education was the key to solving our struggles. Government officials and workers are getting paid way more than private sector equivalents. If we are in such serious debt we shouldn't be paying them so much. Uncollected tax might also be a big issue and quick way to solve debt issues - we can look at bolstering SARS services and debt collection, although in recent years it really has improved a lot. We must cut spending on purposeless issues like renaming cities and main roads - these are nice-to-haves, while places like Du Noon are burning down and drowning in their own filth. There are rumours of a huge wall being built by the N2 in Cape Town - ridiculous. Putting our poor in a prison will not solve the issue!! I get the feeling our government spends money on flashy things that make no real difference just so they look like they're looking after the interests of the people. Instead of an annual state of the nation address (which is also more like a wasteful gala), the government should address us every quarter so we can keep tighter tabs on what's happening. Perhaps a newsletter with different departments you can subscribe to, to see what projects/initiatives they're working on and how the budget is being spent and who wins the tenders.	Sharne	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:33:08	I'd like to see a national budget that provides for the citizens. Where infrastructure are prioritized. I'd also love to see some action to prevent and curb tender fraud and corruption. A total review of the fuel price structure would be nice as well. SASSA beneficiaries should receive a larger monthly payout. Child grants concept must be reviewed and maybe scrapped. Fraud and corruption around SASSA needs also to be addressed.	H J	
	2026-02-06 09:31:49	Trying to fix state owned entities is like flogging a dead horse! Sort out electricity and water! I am tired of paying for governments' incompetencies and battling to make ends meet while THEY live in luxury for doing nothing!!!	Stacey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:28:19		Marian	retired
	2026-02-06 09:28:17		Marian	retired
	2026-02-06 09:26:40	Clearly SA is going down a rabbit hole which is unsustainable after years of maladministration, corruption and incompetence by the previous ANC Government. Now it needs fixing and quickly! The following needs to happen in order to pull our country out of the current cesspit that we find ourselves. This has to happen in the following numerical order : 1-Repair all the key national infrastructure, without it you have No Economy. 2-Broaden the Tax Base, stop trying to squeeze the few that do pay their taxes, it's not sustainable. 3-You need a separate Non State department to manage the countries finances, to make sure that the money goes to the right area's without getting stolen along the way. 4-Cancel BEEEEEEEE it doesn't work and is inefficient, rather create job's. A man who's hungry and without work is a dangerous man. A man with a job and a full stomach has meaning in his life and is content. 5-Create Job's at Speed, make it easier for entrepreneurs to star up and easier for private companies to employ and fire! Which will mean less has to be paid out in grants and this money could be spent uplifting the country. 6-People must start paying for their services and stop expecting a Free Ride. 7-Hire Compitent People in Government and not Cronies!	Lance	business owner
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	2026-02-06 09:24:16	Employ on merit only	Penny	
	2026-02-06 09:21:46		Elaine	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:21:33		Marguerite	retired
	2026-02-06 09:21:14		Brenda	retired
	2026-02-06 09:19:35		Sarel	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:17:04	GOVERNMENT IS TOO BIG, DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES. SO MANY PEOPLE RIDING ON THE GRAVY TRAIN. ITS SHOCKING. STOP WASTING MONEY ON BEE! EMPLOY QUALIFIED PEOPLE. STOP CRONYISM, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION. MAKE GOVERNMENT SMALLER!	Eunice	retired
	2026-02-06 09:16:13	Get the thieves behind bars please	André	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:12:25		Ashleigh-Anne	Non-profit
	2026-02-06 09:12:18		Caramia	business owner
	2026-02-06 09:11:38		John	business owner
	2026-02-06 09:11:24	Government needs to clamp down on corruption. This will save the country millions. Most of the tax payers money is wasted on employing people that can not do the job or people that do as little as possible. Government spending - on this issue, we do not need parties, etc for anyone until the other things are working. Also the people that are corrupt should be eliminated from the government sector, not reshuffled to another department, they should loose everything. Corruption is the biggest spend in government, so once we minimize this then there will be more money for the important things.	Desire	employed individual

	2026-02-06 09:10:34		Catherine	retired
	2026-02-06 09:08:40		Dudley	
	2026-02-06 09:08:25	Municipal is a BIG problem. Our municipality is incompetent.	Craig Mark	retired
	2026-02-06 09:07:36	The government needs to get out of the way of business and drop their Socialist/Communist agenda if they want to stand any chance of getting this country back on track. All growth destroying laws need to be ditched including the racist agenda disguised as redress or transformation.	Patrick	self-employed
	2026-02-06 09:07:31	PRIVATISE SOEs REDUCE STAFF - GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES CUT DOWN ON LEAVE TO MATCH THE PRIVATE SECTOR INCREASE SPEED ON LIFESTYLE AUDITS AND CONCLUSIONS	DILIP	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:06:58		ivan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:02:55	The cost saving must start from the top - goverment must be cut down significantly, and ministers must make do with less admin staff. We have an enormous government, especially for a 3rd world country. Stop cadre deployment, and put qualified people in the correct positions. Investigate grift and waste PROPERLY, and make sure prosecutions are the result.	Jason	
	2026-02-06 09:02:10		Denise	retired
	2026-02-06 08:58:40	!. Start by employing qualified people in all sectors of government. People with criminal records should NOT be employed. So STOP paying salaries to unqualified people. If they cannot do the work, they should not get the salary. STOP with the contracting everything out. The people who are employed in government and the municipalities should be able to DO the work. If you employ qualified people there should be NO need for contractors. 2. Stop with all the commissions of enquiry. This is a total waste of time and money. You have a police force and NPA to do that work. This will also work if you start with people who are qualified and give them the infra structure to do their job. 3. If there are allegations of misconduct, fraud or theft against a government employee they should be suspended without pay, immediately. (There you will be able to save a lot of money) Only when the case against them is completed in court and they are not guilty then you can give them back pay. That should speed up the process. The fact that a person can be suspended for years due to serious misconduct allegations and then sit at home and get full pay is absolutely nonsense. 4. Make it easy for the private sector to employ people. This is suppose to be a free world. Let people negotiate their own wages. I promise you if you let that happen the economy will grow. This will help you to phase the SASSA grants out for people who can work but are unwilling to do that. Also stop with this grants for people who are to lazy to work and just get babies. If you cannot provide for a child you should not have children. This brings us to education. 5. Change the school system. Keep politics out of Schools. Start by educating our children to become functional adults . Teach them skills they can actually use to create their own employment when they leave school.	Tanja	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:58:28	Cut down on all the fat-cat sleeping useless members of parliament, trim it down to the basics, and save millions! Up the SASSA amount, it is appalling!	Nikki	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:55:35		Peet	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:52:29		Willem	
	2026-02-06 08:49:45	All government entities (national, provincial and local municipalities) are way too much "top heavy". There are too many officials in high positions, that earn astronomical salaries! Then there are too little money left for salaries and equipment for a handful of people that is actually needed for service delivery. This make citizens negative and even the private sector is unwilling to contribute towards the government. Then it becomes a negative cycle of decline, as it is currently the reality. Our government should seriously do an audit of all posts and positions (National, provincial and local) and scale down drastically on all unnecessary posts - especially senior posts. However, this is a drastic step and I have serious doubt if government will even consider that.	Abraham	
	2026-02-06 08:45:36	Tie the performance of a province to those politician's salaries. If the province performs poorly, then those salaries get docked. If it does well, then they can get a bonus. But only if. In fact, roll this out across government. And make EVERYONE, including the president, pay tax to SARS. Give SARS more teeth to go after the corruption and tax dodgers in government. It's time to force these people to feel what it's like when tax money is wasted because it's their money too. Infrastructure should be top priority. Then hospitals, schools, and police. Politicians should get the leftover crumbs. Unfortunately the only way to really save money is to stamp out the corruption. But it's so entrenched in our society, it will take a massive effort to get rid of it.	Alison	business owner
	2026-02-06 08:44:16	Members of the government live extravagant, exorbitant lives while South Africa has a high unemployment rate, the taxpayers and citizens are either just about making it financially or begging on the streets. Services are abysmal surprisingly in the major metropolitan areas... Cut their salaries to fix these problems, they'll still be able to survive I'm sure.	Zuraydah	
	2026-02-06 08:43:08		Jurgen	retired
	2026-02-06 08:42:31		Davren	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:42:16		Mariana	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:41:59	Curb cabinet en top management of department's excessive luxury perks, excessive high salary raises and continued expansion. Lessen the number of grants - spending on fraudulant registrations. Stop " bailing" out failing entities year after year without any improvement in functioning / service delivery. Allow competion with private companies - it will generate income in taxes and improve service delivery. Stop loans to "fix" overexpenditure. Stop BEE, it increases procurement costs by at least 100% with very poor quality products and services. The taxi industry and businesses in all cities, towns and townships must be registered tax payers. Taxi industry to pay actual petrol prices to reduces all levies on petrol prices. There are Acts that addresses municipal and government over expenditure and failures - impliment it. Whistle blowers like Babita Deokaran are killed in planned hits, but the corruption identified is not vigorously investigated with no prosecutions and no returns of stolen government funds due to corruption. There is a corruption Act - implement it. No one is above the law.	Susan	
	2026-02-06 08:41:59		Hildemarie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:37:10		Kerry	
	2026-02-06 08:37:06		Karin	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:35:35	If they don't get the corruption under control none of this will happen.	Mark	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:34:54	Cut the number of civil servants by 50% at all levels of seniority, this includes everyone from the lowest level up to ministerial level. Those who are left must re-apply for their jobs and an independent body to assess their CV's and suitability for the role being applied for.	Fran	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:32:40		Joao	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:31:02		SALLY	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:30:45	BEE needs to be scrapped! this will generate foreign investment which will go a long way to solving many issues. Do not raise the VAT rate, this will kill economic growth. Government spending is outrageous and needs to be brought under control in a disciplined way. ministers overpaid and too many benefits. Drop the transfer duty on property sales, this will boost this sector and encourage foreign investment. Stop all entertainment expenditure by municipalities, it is not necessary and get a qualified CA in charge of each municipality. This person must be remunerated according to results achieved. all efforts must be directed towards cutting the tax rates on individuals. The high tax rate is chasing professional people out of SA. Increase tax on imported cars, particularly the luxury ones. Imported perfumes and luxury goods are not needed so must be taxed at a very high rate. Put limitations on government grants, stop funding a person who has endless kids to get grants. In fact, limit the grant to 2 kids, anymore and there is no benefit.	Bernadette	retired
	2026-02-06 08:25:49		Werner	
	2026-02-06 08:24:23	CUT GOVERNMENT SALARIES, REDUCE GOVERNMENT STAFF, GET THEM TO ACTUALLY WORK FOR THEIR SALARIES!	MICHELLE	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:24:19		Danie	retired
	2026-02-06 08:24:16	Focus on the most important and critical issues : safety and security, building more schools, get rid of corruption(fix public hospitals and root out corruption there) abolish all the laws that make it difficult for small business to create jobs, get rid of BEE. All other laws aimed at minority groups should also be abolished. Economic growth will thus follow and the fiscus will have more money.	P	
	2026-02-06 08:22:45		Nolene	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:22:17		Tina	retired
	2026-02-06 08:20:12		Gary	retired
	2026-02-06 08:19:18	Blue light brigades with government officials riding in Black Mercedes cars, each worth more than my house must be stopped. Easy, sell those, stop paying officials so much. Seriously, we wonder how we can save money, but ministers are paid like CEOs of very successful companies, and are chartered around in 1st class flights and very expensive cars. That's a clear and easy win. Sell those cars. Pay ministers less salary. Spend less on their travel. That's probably a couple of million, if not reaching into billions a year suddenly available for important things, like fixing our electricity, water, roads and infrastructures. Create more jobs for those who are needing it.	Lorretta	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:16:53		Jacoba	retired
	2026-02-06 08:15:49	Salaries expenditures are way to high - decrease ministers and deputy ministers! Municipality salary scales must be scaled down drastically - they must form part of the middle class of the town - not the top notch!	Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:15:45		Connie	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:15:10	People in government spend money like water, with no concern for where it comes from. There is a lot of wasteful spending on people who sit in offices playing solitaire on their computers, while the work is not done. Try getting accounts fixed - the problem will go on for years till you manage to get someone senior to do the job for you. There are too many people employed on the basis of race, who can't do the job, so don't. South Africa is no sick and tired of the inefficiency of the powers that govern our country, especially the finances. That's where it hurts most.	Ethel Isobel	
	2026-02-06 08:14:45		Johan	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:12:14	How about not giving government ministers huge increases while the rest of us suffer with no increases, or losing our jobs?	Erin	
	2026-02-06 08:11:44		Robert	retired

	2026-02-06 08:10:59		Martha	retired
	2026-02-06 08:10:53		Francois	business owner
	2026-02-06 08:10:46	It is a continuous attack on tax-payers. The working class of South Africa is being forced to fund government mismanagement. And they so cleverly put it into law so that we have no choice. Stop stealing our hard-earned money and start using what you have properly.	Nerice	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:09:04	I have a real problem with the excessive spending by government officials on security details and travelling expense, luxury hotels etc. i am also exceedingly angry that Gift of the Givers are self-appointed advisors to DIRCO, we do not need Muslims dictating to us their agenda on ambassadorial posts, they were never consulted and were never elected.	Milan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:07:39	Make it mire accessible and affordable to own a house,let our tax monthly payments go down,I'm asking financially smart advisers to avail themselves to companies to educate the masses of financial health supported by government and we need 'basics' to come down guyz. We're paying too much that's why we can't save.	Adwin	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:02:26	All of the above	Gene	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:59:08	Reduce ministers' salaries, perks and number. Cancel all government credit cards. Abolish all racial laws such us BEE etc. Let the market grow on its own. Fire all unnecessary staff and ministers. Stop ANC cadre employment. Appoint skilled personal regardless of colour. Only allow capable and skilled people to serve at municipal level. Only allow a livable Old Age and Disable SASSA. Change foreign policy to suit average South Africans needs, not ANC outdated communist belief. Deport all illegal people that do not pay tax and contribute.	Theodora	retired
	2026-02-06 07:58:40	Why are the Sassa pensions not looked at. Billions are stole and vanish every month . Why can they not give Sassa people a decent living grant. It is all these friends and families that are employed that pick the fruit. As long as the ANC is in control the minister of finance can stand on his head. Nothing will happen. It is the same as spending all those millions for a army day. How stupid can you get	Vernon	retired
	2026-02-06 07:54:51	REMOVE the ANC entire from the land, COMPANIES & GOVERNMENT. Because ALL of the ANC and Presisent steals the lands richest and money. From now DO NIT GIVE the president one cent for salary. Use thst money to fix what needs fixing. Reduce ALL Government officials salary to match WORKING people's salary and ALL their perks: dry cleaning, petrol, housing, entertainment allowances removed. Take care of the widows income and take care of orphans then our land will be healed, God's order . Double the pensioners payments & fix the old age homes for many to get housing, it's a disgrace To Government that the aged has to struggle.	Debbie	
	2026-02-06 07:54:00		John	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:48:02	My belief is that the most important change needs to be the end of the tender process. Government is overspending on supplies and jobs and this, despite everything Gvt tells us is not creating work. I feel that the councils should employ people to fix roads, maintain parks and sidewalks, fix electricity, keep the water and sewer systems in order (and please God separate) and in general do what councils are expected to do. The culture of abusing the state coffers has to end. The people are tired. And more employed people mean more tax revenue. Also, tax the wealthy appropriately.	Samantha	business owner
	2026-02-06 07:45:14		Wilhelmina Catherina	
	2026-02-06 07:45:06		Lynette	retired
	2026-02-06 07:45:04		Tracey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:44:27		Clive	business owner
	2026-02-06 07:44:04	#Om kommissies aan te stel, kos geld! As die aan bevelings gevolg word en aanspreeklikes vervolg word, kan hierdie uitgawes geregverdig word, maar dit gebeur nie. Korruptes kom skotvry weg. #staatsinstansies moet deur KUNDIGE persone bestuur word. # kaderontplooiing moet stop #staatsalarisse is buitensporig hoog en moet hersien word. # In wanfunksionele munisipaliteite, moet amptenare aanspreeklik gehou word - hulle ontvang steeds hulle buitensporige salarisse alhoewel die munisipaliteit wanfunksioneel is. KORRUPSIE IS DIE WORTEL VAN DIE KWAAD.	Jeanne	retired
	2026-02-06 07:44:00		Janette	retired
	2026-02-06 07:42:06		Leon	retired
	2026-02-06 07:41:21		Pieter	retired
	2026-02-06 07:41:12		Alida	
	2026-02-06 07:37:32	Vote anc comrats out	Kenneth	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:35:19		Kelly	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:34:17		c	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:31:22		Sue-Anne	
	2026-02-06 07:28:31		André	
	2026-02-06 07:27:52		Craig	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:25:50	Get rid of the ANC and our problems are solved!!	Yvonne	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:24:10	Reduce government empoyees, start employing QUALIFIED personnel. Life-style audits for EVERY employee that is being paid from our tax money! Especially the executive branch of government. This would maybe help to reduce the unbelievable squandering of funds we tax payers have to cough up!	Bianca	retired
	2026-02-06 07:23:03	It is simple : Privatize the energy and transport even the water infrastructure. End BBBEE, revitalize the mining industry. Start a closed loop economy with new recycling technology used in the USA and Europe. Eliminate income Tax on wages use VAT and other service taxes only. Bring back CC to make starting a company easier.	Ivan	
	2026-02-06 07:20:36	1. Reduce the number of generals in the army to 2. 2. Half the cabinets' salaries. 3. Reduce personal tax dramatically, so we, the people, can create work. The government just create more SASSA unemployed people. 4. Cut all the red tape to start businesses and reduce their taxes dramatically. You'll get the tax back from VAT. 5. Stop BEE immediately. 6. Put fraudulent cabinet members in jail and confiscate all their property. 7. Stop expropriation without compensation to attract foreign investors. 8. Get a great businessman to get our mineral mines up and running again, like before 1994.	Marthinus	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:18:03	Start with reducing the number of ministers, do away with VIP protection, reduce the number of ambassadors, privatize Escom, the railways, the harbors, get rid of BEE, and stop stealing. And stop trying to pick a fight with America, you can't win.	Niel	retired
	2026-02-06 07:17:07		Jo-Ann	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:16:16		Katey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:14:00	Stop spending on an over gorged, ineffective, lazy workforce called government employees. Lots of money being wasted! Stop corruption and stealing of income and privatise SOEs.	Antoinette	
	2026-02-06 07:06:47	Very simple tip, don't spend what you don't have	Martha	retired
	2026-02-06 07:06:06	Dear Mr Minister of Finance - Reduce cabinet size - Cut off unnecessary perks for MPs - Employ skilled professionals to our Metros, and local municipalities - in-source some services that to reduce relying on tenders even for non-essential services - Cut off travelling expenses for ministers, some meetings can be attended virtually, no need for coslty up/down air travels between Tshwane (Union Building) and Cape Town (Parliament) - Stabilise Eskom, and incentivise Independent Power Producers to ensure stable energy supply and security - Fix water infrastructure, that is, more money should be allocated to public works, and we need to leverage the skills of our own civil engineers and technicians, so. employ those across all metros to fix our water infrastructure. - Lastly, allocate money for the employment of medical doctors particularly in the public sector.	HOPE	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:05:18		Joseph	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:05:17		Joseph	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:03:46	City and street name changes should be put to vote by the public and not a government decision. People should be employed on skills merrit and not on colour especially in our public sectors (hospitals and Eskom). Education should be revised as we cannot have matriculants that are unemployable due to a lack of proper education. Police force should be scrutenice, we need less crime and more tourist and no more extortion of businesses by cartels. We need training for our black farmers. Fixing Eskom is not just infrastructure problems, it is also a managerial problem. We want our railway system fixed and less trucks on our roads.	Johanna	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:03:15	1. Cut the government and related staff expenses by 60%., staff numbers and cut ALL government salaries salaries by at least 50% 2. Increase VAT to 20% so that every citizen contributes according to his own spending. 3. NO freebies for government employees, purchase their own properties, vehicles, staff support, security and all non-essential expenses. 4. Do away with private security, if an individual wants security, let them pay for it, NOT the with the tax of citizens. 5. Support the economy by removing stumbling blocks such as BEE ans all other political motivated stumbling blocks..	Otto	retired
	2026-02-06 07:02:34		Ian	retired
	2026-02-06 06:56:34		Riaan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 06:53:45		K	

	2026-02-06 06:49:56	Put people in control that know how to manage the money and that will keep maintenance ongoing. Also stop the fraud that is going on. Everything in our country is falling apart. The only thing you can leave behind is your legacy. Everybody is following money (greed). I always say you cannot take your money to heaven because the streets are made of gold, you cannot take it to hell, it will burn ? up.	Eureka	retired
	2026-02-06 06:49:39	kry bevoegde mense om die werk te doen want mense wat dink hulle is slim is donners onnosel	Leon	retired
	2026-02-06 06:47:56	As a taxpayer, I believe government spending must prioritise the basics that affect every South African. We urgently need investment in reliable water and electricity infrastructure, as well as meaningful upgrades to our struggling education and healthcare systems. Cutting unnecessary spending and redirecting funds to these essential services would make a real difference to our country's future.	Nisha	retired
	2026-02-06 06:47:27		Christopher	retired
	2026-02-06 06:45:22		Steven	
	2026-02-06 06:45:21		Steven	
	2026-02-06 06:42:37		Benjamin	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:34:52	The levels of School Education and Health Care in Goverment hospitals in South Africa must be improved. More qualified teachers and medical staff must be employed.	Mandy	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:34:19	Beef up the judiciary with honest professionals and recoup the billions stolen by cadre politicians - hold all the politically protected thieves accountable for the billions they have stolen (as proved by verifiable evidence) and take our money back! Accountability is the only solution to the rampant corruption infused within our government.	Jerome	retired
	2026-02-06 06:22:44		Hannie	retired
	2026-02-06 06:20:17	I just can't believe this government. I cannot even get a job because they have destroyed this economy and I haven't been without a job since I was 18!!! I haven't claimed UIF in all my years of working and the last amount I received from the UIF was R440 … How does a person pay bills with that?! Now they want to take money from people who are barely managing to make it every month, who are losing jobs rapidly due to companies closing down. This government needs to catch a wake up seriously and start working for its people and not for their own back pockets!!!	Hayley	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 06:16:48	The expenditures of this country are way out of proportion. To cut costs the process should start at the top. Cut the number of fat cats sitting in the National assembly by 75%. The taxpayer is funding salaries and benefits to high officials who are constantly non-performing. Exorbitant lifestyles and extremely expensive "events" are the order of the day. Commissions of enquiry that cost millions and achieve nothing in reality drain fiscal funds. Blatant theft and corruption by known individuals need not even be mentioned. Economic enterprises are bled and forced to comply with unsustainable effects of draconic laws cripple the financial abilities of the taxpayers. These are facts and common knowledge.	Nico	
	2026-02-06 06:14:41		Dumisani Collen	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:12:31		Franco	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:08:48	1. Focus on growing the economy. We have run out of money long ago and the tax base is shrinking. Govt keeps doing things to alienate large economies and drive away private sector investment. 2. Develop, repair and maintain infrastructure. Rails, roads, water, electricity. 3. Decrease waste to prioritise debt payments. Let's start getting rid of debt. 4. Prioritise service delivery at local govt level. This starts with cleaning up their budgets, and prioritising debt payments and anything else to get clean audits (including dismissing corrupt or incompetent leadership) These things aren't hard but they require political will and strong leadership.	Alistair	
	2026-02-06 06:05:57		Chrissie	retired
	2026-02-06 05:59:21		Deon	retired
	2026-02-06 05:52:38		Sue	self-employed
	2026-02-06 05:47:07		Cyprian Siqelo	employed individual
	2026-02-06 05:29:44		Peter	retired
	2026-02-06 05:29:09		Coenraad	self-employed
	2026-02-06 05:25:11	First of all, government employees who have been on suspension for more than 3 months should be terminated, this is an unnecessary and very wasteful expense. A per dium should be approved and signed off when government employees need to travel to put an end to wasteful expenditure as well as the size of the group travelling, after all, it is not a paid holiday. Government officials extravagant expenditure is downright theft!	Selome	employed individual
	2026-02-06 05:10:46		Yussuf	self-employed
	2026-02-06 05:08:12		Franco	retired
	2026-02-06 04:37:14	How to fix SOE's and all departments: 1. If department misuse more than 10% of their budget per financial year, then all key positions that approved spending must be fired without severance packages. 2. When a department misappropriation if more than 5% of their budget per financial year, then key positions must must get 50% salary decrease and 5% per financial year after that. And if one resigns, then do so without severance package. 3. If service provider don't deliver services or delivers less than standard service, then tender board members must foot the bill to deliver the required service as per SOP from their own pockets within 3 years. All their properties to be attached on the day of tender appointment to mitigate their tender negligence.	Rodney	employed individual
	2026-02-06 04:30:41		Fernanda	retired
	2026-02-06 03:39:37		Marie	retired
	2026-02-06 03:13:45		Kobus	retired
	2026-02-06 01:51:37	Firstly reduce government salaries, reduce the amount of government employees, lay charges and punish the thieves of taxpayers money, do not outsource, rather employ ppl to do those jobs like they did in the old days but keep salaries low,	Jennifer	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 00:26:32	Quite frankly, until the ANC are kicked out, I have zero confidence that they are doing the right thing. They are not. Talking billions is bad enough, but when you start talking trillions that is an entirely different matter. All of this situation was caused by the ANC because of their corrupt, greed and incompetence.	Brian	retired
	2026-02-06 00:24:05	Quite frankly, until the ANC and there comrsdes are kicked out, I have zero confidence that they are doing the right thing. Their primary concern is to line there pockets to the max	Robin	retired
	2026-02-06 00:19:58		Phadiel	employed individual
	2026-02-06 00:17:43	Quite frankly, until the ANC are kicked out, I have zero confidence that they are doing the right thing. They are not. Talking billions is bad enough, but when you start talking trillions that is an entirely different matter. All of this situation was caused by the ANC because of their corrupt, greed and incompetence.	Jacqueline	retired

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	2026-02-05 23:36:23		Cherie	retired
	2026-02-05 23:36:21		Cherie	retired
	2026-02-05 23:27:45	ACTIVELY IMPLEMENT plans to identify, remove and punish corrupt systems and individuals, that caused and is causing the whole, terrible situation	Tony	
	2026-02-05 22:52:20		Enock	employed individual

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	2026-02-05 22:39:49	Quite frankly, until the ANC are kicked out, I have zero confidence that they are doing the right thing. They are not. Talking billions is bad enough, but when you start talking trillions that is an entirely different matter. All of this situation was caused by the ANC because of their corrupt, greed and incompetence.	Jeff	employed individual
	2026-02-05 22:34:52		Me	retired
	2026-02-05 22:19:54	There is no excuse for this matter to be treated without absolute care. Properly proficient people need to be employed to manage our country's finances. So many South African families are experiencing a financial crisis and with careful steering and decisive, disciplined action SA may have a brighter financial future for many families. It is a crime against humanity for civil servants to treat their responsibilities flippantly, causing our cost of living to sky rocket.	Charmaine	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 22:19:24		Ebrahim	retired
	2026-02-05 22:17:21	The goverment must cut ont the govermental expenses and appoint competent people in msnagerial positions not ANC useless idiots.Corruption is a big expense to our tax payers.The non contributors must be sorted out	Dave	retired
	2026-02-05 22:17:20	The goverment must cut ont the govermental expenses and appoint competent people in msnagerial positions not ANC useless idiots.Corruption is a big expense to our tax payers.The non contributors must be sorted out	Dave	retired
	2026-02-05 22:13:54	Appoint people in each sector who knows how to manage money and understands how to optimally run the sector. People with integrity. Keep hands out of the cookie jar and stop nepotism.	A	self-employed
	2026-02-05 22:08:49		Hennie	retired
	2026-02-05 22:02:48	1. Appoint business or people in each sector who knows how to manage money or other matters. People with integrity !! Take their advice. 2. Learn from countries that prosper. 3. Listen to good, well meant advice, it is given to help. 4. Manage money matters strictly. 5. Get rid of those who waste tax payers money. 6. Do not allow criminals to manage any projects at all. 7. Put your whole heart and weight where your promises are. Really care for everyone in our beautiful country. 8. Keep trying. 9. Be strict. 10. Be open to learn from experts. 11. Do not make it impossible or difficult for people that is trying to help themselves (to overcome power failures and water shortages) by putting up solar panels etc. Rather encourage them!! Do not threaten to tax them! They are taking part of the burden from the government's shoulders.	Betsie	retired
	2026-02-05 21:57:42	Put me in charge	Heinrich	
	2026-02-05 21:51:16		Meriam	
	2026-02-05 21:48:28	Sucks to be the ANC. Everything they are doing is going like the Titanic	Lance	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 21:46:24		Maurice	employed individual
	2026-02-05 21:41:43		LINDA	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 21:40:12		Nicolina	retired
	2026-02-05 21:37:17		Nicolina	retired
	2026-02-05 21:26:28	Get rid of half of government employees, as well as all the puffed up ministerial posts. No minister, cllr or president deserves a 7 figure salary, they are all living way above their means, you included. Cut the cabinet to a more acceptable size. Get rid of all the nonsense taxes on pensioners, we're already scraping the bottom of the barrel. Stop all this child grants as well as the R350.00 grants. ESKOM is another overstaffed institution with staff earning, way more than they are worth Start jailing the thieves that has been stealing our tax money. Do lifestyle audits on a regular basis	Penelope	retired

	2026-02-05 21:25:22	I really believe that the government's payroll is way to high, the normal 75% of the budget that is supposed to be used as money to upgrade and maintain services etc, has turned into 25% and the 25% that was supposed to be for salaries of government employees has turned into 75%. No wonder our country is failing, and the interest that has to be paid on the debt is proof that something radical has to happen. Cut the number of ministers , deputy ministers and the rest of the unnecessary personnel and get our finances in order. This is not the only problem, our SOE's is really failing SA because of cadre deployment etc. If you have a look at the other big economies in the world, they have a third of the personnel running much larger countries, why does SA insist on doing things the wrong way round??	Nalda	retired
	2026-02-05 21:25:11		Claerwyn	retired
	2026-02-05 21:22:02		Desiree	retired
	2026-02-05 21:21:01	1 Economy and the fiscus - I agree that financial growth is the most important requirement to reduce unemployment and increase the tax base. Unpopular as it is with the government, BEE either needs to go or needs to be redesigned from the bottom up. Empowerment is about giving people jobs and the means to earn an income, and the current BEE model constrains this. First grow the economy, then distribute. If this means BEE must be put on hold for at least 5 years, then do it. Aim for equal opportunities, and then employ the best person for the job - period. The second aspect of economic growth that is urgently needed is a schooling system that delivers job-ready matriculants. Our school system is a disgrace. The people of South Africa, all races, are more intelligent than the school system illustrates. Not more years, definitely not earlier schooling, but honest back-to-basics schooling that makes sure whatever is taught is understood. Stabilising SOEs - Cadre deployment is not affordable in state entities. Employ people who can do the job, irrespective of political affiliation. If the CEO of an SOE cannot perform, replace him without a golden handshake. Manage an SOE like a public company - a board directors with a proven business success history, not connected to any Cadre system but as independent as possible, and let the CEO report to a board. Allow the board to fire him if he does not do his job. Municipal debt - Get rid of all municipal managers and executive mayors who do not provide clean audits, do not run the municipal within budget and who do not pay Eskom (and other) debts. Cut municipal manager and executive mayor salaries to the point where only people who really want to make a success are employed. Link salaries to a metric associated with how well the municipality is run, and let the inhabitants of the municipality have a say on this metric. Only reward performance, not political affiliation. Remember, municipal mismanagement filters through to water and electricity infrastructures. If most of the municipalities are well-run, a lot of the infrastructure challenges will be reduced or even eliminated. I believe South Africa has the skills in all its peoples - the challenge is to apply the correct skills, not the politically correct skills. As a general note - the government does not have any money at all. They spend the taxpayer's money. This mindset must be brought back to government. It is not their money, it is ours. Any money spent must be tested against the test of whether it is in the interest of the taxpayer.	Wynand	retired
	2026-02-05 21:20:37		Lilian	retired
	2026-02-05 21:19:16		Arno	
	2026-02-05 21:15:30		Scott	business owner
	2026-02-05 21:11:04		Paula	retired
	2026-02-05 21:08:54		Beverley	retired
	2026-02-05 21:08:54		Beverley	retired
	2026-02-05 21:08:37		Khulekani	employed individual
	2026-02-05 21:07:01		Pamela	retired
	2026-02-05 21:03:29		Noel	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 21:02:52		Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-05 21:00:13		Hanli	
	2026-02-05 20:59:03	I think the education department needs huge review. Why are our South African children not getting a space in our local schools. But foreigners , who mostly don't pay school fees are. We own homes, we pay rates and taxes. Huge tax on our salaries yet our children cannot attend our local schools. The problem of foreigners needs to be investigated, and the money tha goes into their free schooling, housing, electricity ect	Robyn	self-employed
	2026-02-05 20:58:49	South Africa's budget is drowning in debt interest (R435bn > health spend) and deficits (R370bn+). To turn the tide: Stabilise SOEs like Eskom/Transnet with independent boards, strict anti-corruption audits, and phased private partnerships—end bailouts. Cut wasteful spending: slash executive perks, consultant contracts, and duplicate programs; redirect to frontline services. Fix municipalities: enforce conditional grants, improve billing/collection via digital tools, and hold officials accountable for mismanagement. Ease household tax burden: adjust brackets for inflation + bracket creep relief for middle-class earners to boost spending and growth. Prioritise growth over endless borrowing—your budget can rebuild trust and jobs.	KATE	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:58:26	Where to start ..... 1. Eradicate corruption at root level - as a start charge anyone stealing more than R1mil with treason - because that's what they are doing to SA. Establish systems and process for REAL accountability at ALL levels, down to local municipal governance. 2. Dissolve all BEE practices so the private sector can thrive and drive the economy - this will uplift ALL in SA. This will have a notable effect on reducing unemployment. 3. EWC must be dismantled as a matter of urgency - a modern economy and society is underpinned by secure property rights - it will be impossible to build or sustain an vibrant economy without this basic right - consider as a minimum foreign and domestic investment confidence. Citizens do not want land!! - They want opportunities to work, build business, own poverty without fear etc. 4. Stop all ANC or any other cadre deployment - let competence and capability be the minimum benchmark. 5. Criminality - society undermined by thugs and thieves can never thrive. It does not only sow fear and hopelessness but removes all credibility as a modern country. Start the cleanup within SAPS (Fund and train them well) , investigate all MP's and provisional public servants' financial affairs - full transparency at all time if you want to serve in public governance. 6. Privatisation (includes ALL SOE) - a state is always far less competent than the private sector. However a caveat: ensure measures are in place to protect the vulnerable in society. These are just a few to start with - get just these right and we will be on the right track.	Rob	
	2026-02-05 20:57:46		Desiree	retired
	2026-02-05 20:57:14		Johan	
	2026-02-05 20:56:41	It's time the ANC led government took us citizens seriously. The writing is on the wall, read it and take note.	Rob	retired
	2026-02-05 20:56:39	When our Government and municipalities realise that they cannot spend money which they don't have. Once we have people in positions of authority who will put the running of the country first before they waste money on expensive overseas travel, conferences, enriching themselves, etc we will have a well run country. And that there must be serious consequences when money is wasted, we can look forward to a country who is an example to other countries. The name changes of streets, cities, etc is just a huge unnecessary expense. Rather use that money to fix the water and sewerage infrastructures, roads, traffic lights!!!!!!	Rita	
	2026-02-05 20:55:06		Lee-Anne	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:53:44	Stop your BBEE IT DOES NOT WORK. Start emplooy the person with THE best abilities to do the job and you will see the difference very soon.	Lieb	retired
	2026-02-05 20:49:50		Bernard	retired
	2026-02-05 20:49:16		Beverley	
	2026-02-05 20:45:42		Juliana	retired
	2026-02-05 20:35:21	We have laboured under financial mismanagement for nigh on 30 years. We stagger from one disaster to another because of greed and corruption. The two items noticeably missing from the list - and important enough to NOT fall under other headings - are health and education. Cry the beloved country!	Janet	
	2026-02-05 20:30:39	Cut ALL government employees salaries to a maximum of 1.2million rand a year, gross & NO benefits.	Anthony	
	2026-02-05 20:30:17	To give it short and sweet...ANC must fall...they must go. No matter solutions the people of this country comes up with...it will be rejected. We are where we are cause of the hopeless bunch of fuck ups running the country. Years of apartheid and our economy boomed. So no matter how much tax they collect it will be used to line there pockets that are full of holes. They just don't give a shit. Solution 1...get rid of the ANC... Solution 2...cut the bloated cabinet in half...too many people getting paid millions for doing nothing. Solution 3....put the white man in charge.....I'm sick of contributing tax just for these assholes to steal.	Wayne	

		South Africa’s Fiscal Recovery Roadmap: Ruthless Revenue Boost, Spending Discipline, and Anti-Corruption Drive This single report outlines practical, high-impact steps SARS (and government) can take to collect more revenue, cut wasteful spending, recover stolen funds, and restore economic confidence. The goal: shrink the deficit, reduce borrowing (lowering interest rates for primary home bonds), protect retirees’ tax relief, and invest in growth — all without broad tax hikes on honest citizens. South Africa faces huge fiscal strain: expenditure ~R2.59 trillion, deficit ~4.6% of GDP, debt-service costs eating 16-18% of revenue. Corruption has worsened this — state capture and related looting cost hundreds of billions, eroding trust and growth. 1. Ruthlessly Recover Funds Lost to Corruption (Zondo and Madlanga Commissions) The Zondo Commission (State Capture inquiry) exposed massive looting, with tainted spending estimated at R57 billion (direct contracts, mainly Eskom/Transnet), but broader state capture costs far higher — estimates range from R500 billion to R1.5 trillion (or more) in total economic damage since the Zuma era, including lost GDP growth (~4% annually at peak). Some reports peg overall corruption losses since democracy at R700 billion+. Progress: As of mid-2025, nearly R11 billion in stolen funds recovered (SIU ~R2.9bn, Asset Forfeiture Unit ~R8bn), with major settlements like ABB (R2.55bn), McKinsey (R1.12bn), SAP (R1.16bn). Assets under restraint/preservation: ~R10.6 billion, and civil claims filed ~R64 billion. SARS collected extra from related probes (~R4.8bn unpaid taxes earlier). The Madlanga Commission (2025 inquiry into criminality, political interference, and corruption in the criminal justice system) highlights ongoing issues like syndicates infiltrating police/prosecutors/judiciary, with costs in the hundreds of millions (commission itself ~R147 million so far) but pointing to deeper systemic rot. Need to act ruthlessly: Accelerate recovery aggressively — target international assets, enablers (lawyers/banks), and freeze more. Recover even R50–100 billion+ more in coming years (from ongoing cases/restraints) by prioritizing prosecutions and civil forfeitures. Ruthless punishment of transgressors: No more delays — fast-track trials for the 51 individuals/27 entities already charged from Zondo, plus Madlanga referrals (e.g., fraud, murder, perjury). Impose heavy sentences, lifetime bans from public office, asset seizures, and professional disbarments (as seen with some accountants/lawyers). This sends a clear message: corruption ends careers and freedom. How this bonds the nation and reignites confidence: Visible recoveries and jail time rebuild trust in government — citizens see justice, not endless inquiries. It restores faith that taxes fund services (not pockets), attracts investment (lower risk premium), stabilizes bonds (cheaper borrowing for home loans), and unites South Africans around accountability. Slow progress fuels cynicism; swift action shows government serves the people, boosting morale and economic optimism. 2. Core Revenue Boosts from Informal/Illicit Sectors SARS maximizes collections smartly: • Minibus taxis (R90–100bn turnover, minimal tax): Digital apps/payments + presumptive tax → R20–25bn+ extra/year. • Illicit cigarettes (60–75% market, lost R27–40bn/year): Raids, track-and-trace → R15–20bn recoverable. • Informal spaza shops (R150–200bn+ market): Simple registration + presumptive/digital tax → R10–30bn+/year. • Informal alcohol/shebeens/illicit booze (illicit ~R25bn+ sales, lost tax R16.5–26bn): Enforcement + registration → R8–13bn+/year. Total from these: R50–100bn+ yearly potential. 3. Cut Wasteful Spending — No More SOE Bailouts + Enforced Privatisation SOEs drained R500–521 billion+ in bailouts since 2009 (recent annual ~R100bn+). Eskom alone hundreds of billions. Non-negotiable: Immediate cutoff of bailouts (government already shifting to conditional guarantees ~R534bn total). Enforce privatisation/PPP for non-strategic parts within 3 years (e.g., Transnet ports/rail, Eskom generation, SAA/others). Saves R50–100bn+ annually, cuts debt pressure. Conclusive Summary Combining these: SARS informal/illicit wins (R50–100bn+/year), corruption recoveries (R50–100bn+ potential acceleration), SOE bailout cuts/privatisation (R50–100bn+/year savings) — total massive fiscal space to close deficit gaps, cap debt (~76–77% GDP), lower bond yields (relief for home bond holders via cheaper rates), safeguard retiree exemptions, and fund growth. A flat tax rate (or simple presumptive/turnover-based flat system) for informal sectors is essential: easy to comply with, low admin, fair, encourages registration, reduces evasion, and brings hidden cash in without crushing small businesses. Ruthless anti-corruption action — rapid recoupment + severe punishment — is the glue: it bonds the nation by proving no one is above the law, reignites confidence in institutions, and turns outrage into hope. This isn’t optional — it’s the path to fiscal health, economic revival, and a fairer South Africa. Political will and relentless execution are key.	2026-02-05 20:30:09	Beulah J	retired
		(Copied from Evelyn - as this is a reflection of my view as well) levels. 3. Borrowing leads to more corruption to enriching themselves and families and associates. 4. Stop paying salaries after retrenchment. Including these massive pension payouts . 5. Staff at all these institutions should be paying for there rates as taxes like every our individual. . 6. Sars should be checking these individuals accounts and not focus on the true and honest individuals. Like to mention more but unfortunately corruption levels have become out of hand and borrowing more will not solve this. Start at the grass roots and get rid of these individuals by deal with corruption like a death penalty. 2026-02-05 20:16:50 +02:00 Evelyn All of the above Reduce ministers' salaries, perks and number. Cancel all government credit cards. Abolish all racial laws such us BEE etc. Let the market grow on its own. Fire all unnecessary staff and ministers. Stop ANC cadre employment. Appoint skilled personal regardless of color. Privatize all SOE's . Only allow capable and skilled people to serve at municipal level. Only allow Old Age and Disable SASSA. Change foreign policy to suit average South Africans needs, not ANC outdated communist belief. Deport all illegal people that do not pay tax and contribute to South Africa's finances.	2026-02-05 20:27:08	Liza	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:21:39	I don't agree with any of the above	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-05 20:19:09	Cadre deployment and rampant theft and looting must be stopped.	Rodney	retired
	2026-02-05 20:17:58	1. Stop borrowing money. 2 . Accountability at all levels. 3. Borrowing leads to more corruption to enriching themselves and families and associates. 4. Stop paying salaries after retrenchment. Including these massive pension payouts . 5. Staff at all these institutions should be paying for there rates as taxes like every our individual. . 6. Sars should be checking these individuals accounts and not focus on the true and honest individuals. Like to mention more but unfortunately corruption levels have become out of hand and borrowing more will not solve this. Start at the grass roots and get rid of these individuals by deal with corruption like a death penalty.	Diana	retired
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	2026-02-05 20:14:52	The government and all their cadres must stop stealing taxpayers money.Stop corruption and employ policeman who protect and serve the citizens of South Africa, get rid of the criminals pretending to be policeman. As soon as the government stops criminality, then we can start by removing the b e e farce and cut the massive tax burden we have to carry. With the above mentioned things addressed, the biggest problem is resolved. When there are funds available, after the stealing has stopped, all the infrastructure can be repaired, which in turn will lead to job creation and a safe country for all to live in.	Koos	retired
	2026-02-05 20:10:07	The ANC need to be dissolved. They are incompetent and have bled the nation dry. Asking for tips shows the level desperation he has as he doesn’t know how to fix the mess the ANC has created	Donovan	business owner
	2026-02-05 20:05:41		Derick	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:05:33		Carle	retired
	2026-02-05 20:05:32	It's all very simply. Just stop government corruption and theft.	Helen	retired
	2026-02-05 20:03:45	Reduce ministers' salaries, perks and number. Abolish all racial laws such us BEE etc. Let the market grow on its own. Stop ANC cadre employment. Appoint skilled personal regardless of colour. Privatise all SOE's . Only allow capable and skilled people to serve at municipal level. Change foreign policy to suit average South Africans needs, not ANC outdated communist belief.	Christopher	retired
	2026-02-05 20:03:24		Raymond	retired
	2026-02-05 19:52:15	Reduce the number of parlimentary staff. Stop paying such hi salaries. All parlimentary staff should pay there water and electricity bills like all other South African citizens	Jackie	retired
	2026-02-05 19:51:15		Gail	retired
	2026-02-05 19:50:27	Get rid all these parliamentary candidates By half and drop the 100k increase in salary. Half the delegates salary , problem solved	Frankie	
	2026-02-05 19:39:14	Tip: Replace current advisors to the minister of finance and minister of trade and industry responsible for the South African economy, with advisors that have minds with fresh vision and a mind set to grow the nation economically	Sylvia	retired
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	2026-02-05 19:36:33	It starts with the change of governance. For the the people not for the political party. Let's start there. So the next time our leaders go to the WhiteHouse or No 10.Downing Street or back to Devos, think about what is in the best interest of South African people . Because if we don't start with the economic decisions and use common sense nothing ease in the list can improve. We have had enough of a circus parliament. The question , is who is left for us to vote for???? There is the challenge! Everyone else has let us down.	Jayne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 19:35:03		Hugh	retired
	2026-02-05 19:30:15		Peter	employed individual
	2026-02-05 19:28:35	Here is the point: how do we address anything that is mentioned if we don't first of all deal with the government corruption and fraud? It is pointless. We, the taxpayer, keep on paying ridiculous amounts of our income in the form of tax to a group of legal thieves. It's imply isn't possible to address these issues to a group who could care less. How about taking the tax issue paid to thieves to the ICJ? This is reality - and I refuse to couch it in nice and neat political diatribe in order to make it acceptable. I am beyond sick of the insanity of the ANC and their ilk.	Rob	retired
	2026-02-05 19:22:46	The government should stop wasting our money. Get rid of corruption, fire who does not perform, scrap this BEE crap and give everybody the same oppurtunty. Create value added for money as well investigated by IRR and every person could benefit. ANC stop looking out for your pockets only	Theresa	
	2026-02-05 19:21:27		Nick	self-employed
	2026-02-05 19:14:43	First cut the salaries of all the CEO and eskom works because they are over paid and get to much bonuses and 13th checks , Cut all the ministers salaries and stop they over sea travel and if they have to go over sea they are only allowed to book economy class and only stay in 3 to 4 stat hotel. All other soe Ceo's salaries must be cut and have only a maximum of 4.5 mil a year with a 1% salary increase and ministers salaries also maximum of 3.5mil a year and only will get a increase as the people of south africa will find fit if the minister has done his job right and the same with police generals salaries and down to captains salaries also eskom tariffs will be decided by the public and now more by NARSA.	Terry	self-employed
	2026-02-05 19:07:05	He needs to fix what the government has done let him open firms for people to work foreigners are owning Joburg buildings with sewing and fellow South Africans are using back rooms build proper schools enough for South African remove the buckets systems from rural areas allow people to have boreholes renovate hospitals employe everyone who is unemployed who is looking for a job sort out the mass of municipalities where they must stop this tenders everywhere there dirt may they improve the job application from these EWPS people need to earn a salary not this thing of playing with families they need to employ permanent jobs government must stop giving their families only and forget with the world. I hope they will implement jobs not contract of 3 or 6	Queen	
	2026-02-05 18:49:33		Mary	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:46:34		Beverly	retired
	2026-02-05 18:42:06	Just stop all the thieving and we would have so much more money to spend on all the things that need to be done. Privatise the SOEs and get people who don't steal to rung them!	Marius	business owner
	2026-02-05 18:41:59		Shaun	
	2026-02-05 18:41:54		Esaiah	self-employed
	2026-02-05 18:38:14		Dalene	
	2026-02-05 18:30:52	Put enough money into the NPA so that the National Prosecutor Office can operate efficiently and effectively. Employ qualified forensic accountants and go after all the stolen money by cANCer and their BEE tenderpreneurs , Guptas etc Get our Billions of stolen tax payers money back !	Seamus	self-employed
	2026-02-05 18:28:58	There should be more accountability by ministers and those working in their departments. Corruption still seems to be one of the biggest problems. The private sector drives the economy and businesses should always get a fair deal, so they can employ more people. Check that electricity is not being taken illegally .	Teresa	retired
	2026-02-05 18:28:03	I propose the following two-track approach, prioritising revenue stability and investor certainty: 1. Strategic Nationalisation Where the State Has Clear Capacity Nationalise or expand state equity stakes selectively in high-value, low-volume minerals (e.g. platinum group metals, manganese, chrome), rather than across the entire mining sector. Operate these assets through a professionally managed, ring-fenced sovereign mining company with: Independent governance Transparent reporting Clear dividend targets paid directly into the National Revenue Fund This creates long-term, non-tax revenue to reduce borrowing and fund infrastructure, without relying solely on higher household taxes. 2. Enforce Market-Value Extraction for Private Mining Where nationalisation is not pursued: Require minerals to be sold at verifiable international market prices, limiting transfer pricing and under-invoicing. Introduce sliding-scale royalties linked to global commodity prices, so the state benefits more during boom cycles. Ring-fence a portion of mineral revenues specifically for: Debt reduction Water and logistics infrastructure Rehabilitation of mining-affected communities Why This Matters for the Budget Reduces pressure to raise VAT or personal income tax. Converts finite natural capital into permanent fiscal capacity. Aligns with global norms where resource-rich countries use mineral rents to fund development rather than consumption. South Africa does not lack resources; it lacks sufficient public capture of their value. The 2026 Budget is an opportunity to shift from taxing households harder to making our mineral wealth work harder for the public good.	Siya	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:27:28		Helen	retired
	2026-02-05 18:26:41	1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom, Transnet and others) As an ordinary South African, I simply want SOEs to work the way they're supposed to. Reliable electricity, stable transport and efficient services affect every part of our daily lives. I believe stabilising these entities starts with strengthening leadership, improving maintenance, and bringing in the right technical skills. If partnerships with the private sector can help improve performance, then those opportunities should be used. What matters most to me is that these organisations deliver consistently and sustainably. 2. Cutting Government Spending I think the country can save money by focusing on reducing wasteful and irregular spending. We see every year how much money is lost through poor controls. If government spending was tighter and more disciplined, we wouldn't have to cut essential services. I also feel that duplication across departments and unnecessary administrative costs should be reviewed so more resources go directly to communities. 3. Municipal Finance Failures Many of us experience the impact of poorly managed municipalities — from water issues to broken infrastructure. For me, the solutions lie in better financial skills, stronger accountability, and making sure maintenance is not ignored until things collapse. Municipalities need systems that help them collect revenue effectively and manage it responsibly. When municipalities function well, daily life improves for everyone. 4. Tax Burden on Households Most households are under real financial pressure. Any decisions on tax should consider the rising cost of living and the reality that many families are struggling. I believe better use of the money already collected, more transparency, and a stronger focus on economic growth would help ease the pressure without placing extra burdens on taxpayers.	Virginia	student
	2026-02-05 18:14:10		Dina	retired
	2026-02-05 18:09:04		Colleen	retired
	2026-02-05 18:04:22		Andrew	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:04:03		Mary	retired
	2026-02-05 18:01:30		Doug	retired
	2026-02-05 17:59:42	Who actually holds all the financial heads responsible? Who takes legal action against them. Our president doesnt so how can we fix this.	Terence	self-employed
	2026-02-05 17:58:46		Daniël G	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:56:31		Ben	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:48:21		Walter	retired
	2026-02-05 17:45:34	And most of all get rid of the tenderperperners. And claw back the stolen money	Nicola	
	2026-02-05 17:45:10		Mike	retired

	2026-02-05 17:44:45	* ANC GOVERNMENT STOP STEALING TAX PAYERS MONEY!!!!! * Get the known MP looters out of office and into orange overalls for long jail sentences. NO EXCEPTIONS. EVEN IF YOU ARE THE PRESIDENT. * Any suspended MP or holder of government post or municipal office and SOE's BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF MEMBERS who are put on suspension MUST be suspended either without pay or a time limit must be put on the suspension of 3 months maximum, if the party is found guilty, they must refund full suspension pay. NO 4 YEARS PLUS SUSPENSION PAY. THIS STOPS NOW! * Any MP that has criminal links and/or former criminal convictions to be fired with IMMEDIATE EFFECT and never permitted to run for any office whether municipal nor government. * All financial decisions to be taken by government over a certain monetary amount must be put to a full parliamentary scrutiny & vote. * All government & municipal & SOE tender offers must be open books to ascertain which company or individual/s are worthy and able and proficient and experienced in the tender matter concerned. Any award to a company or individual that has zero experience relating to each tender must be immediately denied and their offer rejected with immediate effect and penalised. Any party that has previously flouted tender rules & regulations will not be permitted to submit further tenders and will be disqualified. * All government and municipal and SOE personnel must have a revised body guard count. A drastic cut back of the amount of body guards supplied to each individual must be undertaken with immediate effect. The same applies to the amount of Blue light brigade vehicles - this needs drastic cuts. * No multi governmental homes for MP's at tax payers expense. You can rent. * All MP's salary increases percentage/s must be approved by a national vote and cannot exceed the current inflation rate. * All government deputy ministers to be scrapped with immediate effect, with the exception of the Deputy President. * All government budgets for dining and expenses need revising. (You dont need to eat at every meeting). * All free flights (national & international) for family members of government officials to cease with immediate effect, with the exception of the spouse of President and the deputy president. * I suggest a reduction in all MP's current salaries because they are clearly NOT currently earning them. I suggest that ALL MP's attend parliament at least 75% of each calendar year whilst in office. * I suggest that all streets and towns cease being renamed as this is costing the tax payer an unecessary fortune. * Any MP, or government or municipal office holder who FAILS TO PERFORM in their elected duty (i.e., Public Protector) must be immediately removed from office. All office holders must undergo specific target ratings in order to maintain their office. * Zero big pay days for retiring office holders, especially when they are disgraced or fired.	Wendy	retired
	2026-02-05 17:43:37	1)There is so much to fix it's impossible to isolate only one area, but bloated government departments, employment of incompetent cadres, and corruption seem to be major drains that can no longer be supported. 2)BEE is killing the overall healthy economy. 3)Corruption, a major, that needs to be eradicated, with earnest attention 4) Over bloated Government 5) Proper infrastructure budgeting revival - The list goes on and on - The minister/s are definitely, and should not act stupid. We/they all know what the real problems are, and he/they are totally aware of all of them. He is just patronizing us. Can somebody with guts and or authority tell him please.	Rene	business owner
	2026-02-05 17:43:35	1)There is so much to fix it's impossible to isolate only one area, but bloated government departments, employment of incompetent cadres, and corruption seem to be major drains that can no longer be supported. 2)BEE is killing the overall healthy economy. 3)Corruption, a major, that needs to be eradicated, with earnest attention 4) Over bloated Government 5) Proper infrastructure budgeting revival - The list goes on and on - The minister/s are definitely, and should not act stupid. We/they all know what the real problems are, and he/they are totally aware of all of them. He is just patronizing us. Can somebody with guts and or authority tell him please.	Rene	business owner
	2026-02-05 17:42:18	Infrastruture are a main concern.	Karen	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:38:53		Sheila	retired
	2026-02-05 17:35:22		Elizabeth	
	2026-02-05 17:33:19	Stop stealing the money and start fixing the country. Privatise Eskom and parastatles. Remove Ranaposa and hus henchman and start using educated youth to run this coutry.	Vincent	
	2026-02-05 17:32:06		John	
	2026-02-05 17:29:29	Privatise	Henry	business owner
	2026-02-05 17:23:30	Our government is abusing the Taxes currently being paid in every segment of our country from the SOE's to our Municipalities and Service Deliveries to all communities. Additional Taxes on Fuel and Emissions as well as on fresh produce should be stopped altogether. The average middle class citizen who is currently being taxed to death should be given Tax respite and the extremely wealthy taxed more heavily.	Antoinette	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:22:40		David	retired
	2026-02-05 17:21:20	1.Reduce Government 2. Scrap Cadre Deployment 3. Scrap BBBEE 4. Privatise all SOEs 5. No increases for Cabinet. 6. Reduce number of Municipalities . 7. Stop unnecessary flights abroad its more of holiday for them there is no evedinces to show of their trips . 8 . Stop all this commissions . Nothing happen to implicated persons.	Betsie	
	2026-02-05 17:20:46	It is imperative to get the ANC cartels out of government. Cronyism is destroying our country. Ministers have no concept of preventive maintenence and allow infrastructure to deteriorate to the point that isn't possible to repair.	Jacqueline	retired
	2026-02-05 17:17:03	Stop die uitvloei van geld na privaat bankrekenigs in ander lande.	Hendrik	retired
	2026-02-05 17:16:52		Koos	retired
	2026-02-05 17:15:32	This is a government with no clue how to manage a macro economy. Assigning cadres who have no idea what they are doing and then hiring consultants to do what they are supposed to be doing, and often are just as bad, is an absolute waste of money. Get appropriately qualified people for the job and not mates of officials. Moratorium on name changes. Squandering money and forcing business to waste money with senseless name changes. I am sure if this were spent on social services it would be appreciated. Get rid of BEE. It is a law ensuring corruption thrives.	Temmy	retired
	2026-02-05 17:15:20	There is so much to fix it's impossible to isolate only one area, but bloated government departments, employment of incompetent cadres, and corruption seem to be major drains that can no longer be supported.	Judy	self-employed
	2026-02-05 17:14:47	The factors that dominate or cause financial issues is corruption and incompetency such as BEE. If this rooted out especially in Government and Municipalities the finances will automatically improve. Government spending on national and local level must be cut by reducing the number of ministers and deputy ministers, and reducing their exorbitant salaries and cut down on on expensive official functions. Then also, the SOE's will improve. Local government the same, but concentrate on services. Stop wasting energy and money on useless portfolios such as Women Affairs and renaming towns and streets, and rather repair roads and bridges, etc.	Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 17:08:37		Charl	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 17:08:26		Antoinette	retired
	2026-02-05 17:08:18	Pay off debt, debt is the biggest killer. Paying off debt means having money for the other issues in the country that need attention. Better managing budgets so that there is no over spending. Governement must act like a running business!	Gavin	business owner
	2026-02-05 17:05:51		janice	self-employed
	2026-02-05 17:03:08		Enèth	retired
	2026-02-05 17:02:10	Areas to be considered: 1.Bloated Government 2. Scrap Cadre Deployment 3. Scrap BBBEE 4. Privatise all SOEs 5. No increases for Government employees/MPs etc 6. Reduce number of Municipalities to include al those with financial irregularities	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-05 17:01:48	Every single thing related to finance and responsible governance in South Africa is broken. 1. Stop all forms for BEE. It is a graft for cadres and an enormous financial burden on tax payers and the economy. 2. Shrink the government. We have one of the largest, if not the largest, number of government employees per capita. We also have THOUSANDS of millionaires in government. 3. Deregulate, deregulate, deregulate. Leave the free market to do what it does best; grow the economy. Oh, you wanted to know what to spend the budget on: THERE IS NO MONEY. YOU BORROW EVERY YEAR BECAUSE YOU ARE SPENDING MORE THAN COMES IN FROM TAXES. I can't tell you what to spend us tax payers money on because EVERYTHING THE ANC IS INVOLVED WITH IS BANKRUPT, CORRUPT AND BROKEN!!! I can only tell you what NOT to spend money on. Some suggestions: * The hundred billion Rand BEE hidden tax * Increases for government employees and politicians * Salaries of MORE government employees (SHRINK THE GOVERNMENT!)	André	employed individual

	2026-02-05 16:59:34	VOORLEGGING AAN DIE MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: BEGROTING 2026 Indiener: ’n Suid-Afrikaanse burger wat ’n gemengde ekonomie voorstaan en bekommerd is oor die huidige beleidsrigting se impak op groei, werkskepping en fiskale stabiliteit. 1. Die Ekonomie en die Fiscus Suid-Afrika se ekonomie groei te stadig om werkloosheid, armoede en ongelykheid te verminder. Die grootste struikelblokke is: • Beleids-onsekerheid • Oormatige regulasiedruk op klein ondernemings • Staatsverval in kritieke sektore (energie, water, vervoer) • ’n Staatsdiens wat nie doeltreffend funksioneer nie Voorstel: Beweeg na ’n werklike gemengde ekonomie waar die staat sy kernfunksies herstel en die privaatsektor die ruimte kry om te groei. Die staat moet nie die ekonomie bestuur nie — hy moet dit moontlik maak. 2. Regeringsbesteding Regeringsbesteding is tans te hoog, te ondoeltreffend en te gefokus op salarisse eerder as dienslewering. • Meer as 35% van staatsbesteding gaan aan salarisse • Minder as 15% gaan aan infrastruktuur • Uitkontraktering aan onbevoegde kontrakteurs verhoog koste en verlaag kwaliteit Voorstel: • Verminder die staatsdiens se grootte deur natuurlike afvloeiing en digitalisering • Herlei besteding na infrastruktuur, nie salarisse nie • Skrap onproduktiewe programme en duplisering tussen departemente • Stop kaderontplooiing en stel meriete-gebaseerde aanstellings in 3. Die Groot Begrotingstekort Die tekort word gedryf deur: • Stadige ekonomiese groei • ’n Ooruitgebreide staatsdiens • Eskom en Transnet se finansiële probleme • Lae belastinginkomste Voorstel: • Sny nie-noodsaaklike besteding • Herstel staatsvermoë om korrupsie en vermorsing te verminder • Versnel privatisering of gedeeltelike privatisering van sekere SOE-funksies • Skep ’n stabiele beleidsomgewing om beleggings te lok 4. Stabilisering van SOE-finansies SOE’s is ’n groot fiskale risiko. Eskom, Transnet, Denel en Prasa is nie volhoubaar nie. Voorstel: • Laat die privaatsektor toe om in transmissie, spoorvervoer en hawens te belê • Stel onafhanklike, professionele rade aan • Verwyder politieke inmenging • Verkoop nie-kernbates • Maak finansiële state volledig deursigtig Internasionale voorbeelde (Duitsland, Suid-Korea) wys dat gemengde modelle beter werk as staatseienaarskap alleen. 5. Energie- en Waterbeleggings Suid-Afrika se infrastruktuur is in ’n krisis: • Beurtkrag kos die ekonomie tot 2% BBP per jaar • Water-infrastruktuur verval vinnig • Munisipaliteite verloor tot 40% van water deur lekkasies Voorstel: • Prioritiseer transmissie-infrastruktuur en laat privaat onafhanklike kragprodusente toe • Skep ’n nasionale water-herstelprogram gefokus op lekkasies, rioolstelsels en damveiligheid • Laat privaatsektor-deelname toe in waterbestuur en suiwering • Stel tegniese kundigheid bo politieke aanstellings 6. Belastinginkomste Belastingverhogings is nie volhoubaar nie — die belastingbasis is te klein en te oorbelas. Voorstel: • Verbeter nakoming deur digitalisering en eenvoudiger belastingstrukture • Verbeter ekonomiese groei deur regulasies te verminder • Brei die belastingbasis uit deur werkskepping, nie deur tariewe te verhoog nie • Sny belastingvrystellings wat net elite bevoordeel 7. Skuldvolhoubaarheid Suid-Afrika se skuldlas is gevaarlik hoog. Rentebetalings is nou groter as onderwysbesteding. Voorstel: • Stel ’n fiskale reël in wat skuld tot BBP stabiliseer • Verminder die begrotingstekort deur besteding te herprioritiseer • Verkoop nie-kern staatsbates om skuld te verlaag • Herstel SOE’s om toekomstige reddingsboeie te voorkom 8. Munisipale Finansies Baie munisipaliteite is funksioneel bankrot. Dit ondermyn die hele ekonomie. Voorstel: • Stel ’n nasionale munisipale reddingsplan op • Ontbind wanfunksionele rade en stel administrateurs aan • Verplig professionele kwalifikasies vir finansiële en tegniese poste • Laat privaatsektor-deelname toe in water, vullisverwydering en elektrisiteitsbestuur • Stop politieke aanstellings en korrupte tenderprosesse Slotboodskap ’n Ekonomie floreer wanneer: • Die staat sy kernfunksies goed uitvoer • Die privaatsektor die ruimte kry om te groei • Beleide voorspelbaar en nie-politiek gemotiveerd is nie • Korrupsie aktief beveg word • Infrastruktuur betroubaar funksioneer Suid-Afrika het die potensiaal om ’n sterk, dinamiese gemengde ekonomie te wees — maar dit vereis ’n kleiner, meer doeltreffende staat en ’n sterker, vryer privaatsektor.	DA	business owner
	2026-02-05 16:59:25		Willem	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 16:59:25	My greatest concern is the widespread corruption in the national and local government. Government spending could be cut by reducing the number of ministers and deputy ministers, and reducing their exhorbitant salaries and cut down on on expensive official functions. Stop renaming towns and streets, and rather REPAIR roads and bridges..	Helena	retired
	2026-02-05 16:59:18		Alex	

		Budget 2026 – Public Submission 1. The Economy and the Fiscus South Africa needs a genuinely mixed economy where the state focuses on core functions and the private sector drives growth. Excessive regulation and policy uncertainty are suppressing investment and job creation. A stable, predictable policy environment is essential for economic recovery. 2. Government Spending Public spending is too heavily weighted toward salaries rather than service delivery or infrastructure. Reduce the size of the public sector through natural attrition and digitalisation, eliminate duplicated programmes, and enforce merit-based appointments to improve efficiency. 3. Addressing the Budget Deficit The deficit is driven by slow growth, an oversized public sector, and failing SOEs. Reduce non-essential expenditure, strengthen anti-corruption systems, and create conditions for private sector led growth. Consider partial privatisation of non-core state functions. 4. Stabilising SOE Finances SOEs pose major fiscal risks. Introduce professional, independent boards, remove political interference, publish transparent financials, and allow private investment in energy transmission, rail, and ports. Sell non-core assets to reduce the burden on the fiscus. 5. Energy and Water Investments Load shedding and water losses are crippling the economy. Prioritise grid expansion, enable independent power producers, and launch a national water infrastructure repair programme. Technical competence—not political deployment—must guide appointments. 6. Tax Revenues The tax base is too small and overburdened. Do not raise tax rates. Instead, broaden the base through economic growth, simplify compliance, and modernise SARS systems. Remove tax incentives that benefit only politically connected elites. 7. Debt Sustainability Debt service costs are crowding out essential spending. Introduce a fiscal rule to stabilise debt to GDP, reduce the deficit through spending reform, and avoid future SOE bailouts by enforcing strict financial discipline. 8. Municipal Finances Many municipalities are functionally insolvent. Implement a national municipal recovery plan, enforce professional qualifications for financial and technical roles, and allow private sector participation in water, waste, and electricity management. Replace dysfunctional councils with administrators where necessary. Closing Statement		
	2026-02-05 16:51:33	South Africa can achieve inclusive growth if the state focuses on infrastructure, rule of law, and competent governance, while allowing the private sector the freedom to create jobs and expand the economy. A disciplined, efficient state paired with a dynamic private sector is the only sustainable path forward.	E	self-employed
	2026-02-05 16:51:02	If the focus is on finance, then we are all missing the point. The finances are a disaster because of mismanagement that started with Cader Deployment under the grossly misguided belief that it was done for BBBEE reasons. Incompetent people were "deployed" to pillage SOEs as part of a thinly disguised "Redistribution of Wealth" campaign. The only solution is to employ people on merit (competence) before the management of SOEs, municipalities, utilities, provinces and the national government are allowed to control and spend money provided by the Treasury!	Bruce	retired
	2026-02-05 16:51:02	The major concern is to change the trajectory of our economy and create an investor friendly climate that will attract local and international investors to invest with confidence and long-term planning security in South Africa. The very rigid labour laws and the one-sided and proven ineffective BEE strategy are major hurdles to achieve this.	Ralf	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:44:45		Johann	retired
	2026-02-05 16:42:33	The ANC government has eroded the RSA economy over a period of 25 years due to THREE very bad choices: 1. Cader deployment, which caused inefficiency, mismanagement (and self-enrichment) of tax funds and gross service deficiencyies; 2. BBBEE - in stead of the best man fro the job, it is now the black man for the job, trained, capable, meritorious or not; 3. Putting the party first before the country and its citizens, leading to all kinds of failures - nepotism, blackmail practices, paying with tax money for NO service delivered, etc. etc... The answer is simple but of course unacceptable to ANC thinking: 1. STOP cadre deployment; 2. STOP BBEEE; 3. REPLACE all the inefficient, incapable and corrupt officals everywhere with CAPABLE people, REGARDLESS of skin colour. But I know I'm wasting my time....	Leen	retired
	2026-02-05 16:42:22		Mariska	
	2026-02-05 16:42:10		Greg	
	2026-02-05 16:41:33		Mariska	
	2026-02-05 16:41:32		Mariska	
	2026-02-05 16:39:55	Politicians and government employees are not elected or appointed because of their superior business skills. That is why they are typically not from the business fraternity, We need to take only a few steps to make SA excel: 1. Get rid of corruption, everywhere. 2. Involve the private sector in ALL government enterprises. If outright privatisation is not palatable for government, go for public private partnerships. That is what toll roads are..... how would we have been able to move around in SA without it? 3. Government must get out of the way of the private sector, rather facilitate their well-being and ability to do business and create work, pay taxes, etc. 4. Shrink the ridiculously large cabinet and many government departments. We are the laughingstock of the world with our bloated public sector.	Dries	business owner
	2026-02-05 16:39:39		Clem	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:32:35	It's simple - privatization- for both Eskom and Transnet. Cut cabinet down to the bone. Stop spending on 'celebrations'...if you must celebrate, do it simply. Oh - please stop with the bottled water - use jugs and glasses.	Jane	retired
	2026-02-05 16:31:55		Konstant	
	2026-02-05 16:31:49		Viv	retired
	2026-02-05 16:30:24		Ann	
	2026-02-05 16:27:59	Firstly, privatise/sell all state entities. No more bonusses for state owned entities until they actually show a profit. Set a retirement age for politicians, normal people have this set at 60 - 65, why are we paying salaries for people that should have been retired already. No more in person meetings between provinces, that is what zoom is for, you can maybe do 1 in person every year. Sell all politician properties belonging to the State, and make politician pay for it themselves, take the money and settle debt. No more overseas travel unless you pay for it out of your own pocket., they earn enough.	Sonel	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:25:08		Jacomien	retired
	2026-02-05 16:21:40		Ellana	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:21:04		Susan	retired
	2026-02-05 16:18:12		Pat	retired
	2026-02-05 16:15:00		Celine	business owner
	2026-02-05 16:11:04	Tans ondergaan ons pragtige land n totale ineenstorting en daagliks lees ons van hoe wanbestuur en korrupsie begrotings uitput. Paaie verval, dorpe ondergaan transformasie van goeie bestuur na geen bestuur met groot verval in dienste. Hou die wat deelname het in korrupsie verantwoordelik vir hulle dade, stel meganismes in plek om begrotings behoorlik te bestuur. Klem op waterbronne en die beplanning vir nuwe damme, skenk aandag aan provinsiale paaie en voorkom dat sindikate ontwikkeling van staat besture departmente oorneem. Wetgewing wat bepaalde bevolkings groepe bevoordeel moet hersien word sodat deelname in die ekonomie in n bree spektrum gedeel en geniet kan word.	Hendri	retired
	2026-02-05 16:08:56		Hetty	retired
	2026-02-05 16:08:10		basil	retired
	2026-02-05 16:05:32	Smaller cabinet, cut in government officials salaries Cut in bonuses to underperforming SOE's Cut redtape and things that hinder job creation	Lynnette	
	2026-02-05 16:05:20		Tienie	retired
	2026-02-05 16:04:38	1. Freeze, Senior Management and Board Salaries of all SOE's, Provincial Governments, Municipalities and All Parliaments. Also put a moratorium on all Incentive Bonuses. This to be with Immediate effect from 1 March 2026. This freeze and Moratorium will only be lifted once all infrastructure has been repaired and all SOE's are running productively and not in the red. 2. Reduce all provincial cabinets to a maximum of 4 people. - Finance - Law and Order - Transport - President Get rid of the rest of the money eating useless hundreds 3. Cut the National Cabinet to 7 - get rid of the other snouts out of the trough. Including deputies. - President - Finance - Foreign Affairs and immigration - Local Affairs and education - Transport and Infrastructure - Law and Order -Defence -Agriculture and forestry 4. Ban all Blue light conveys. If they think they are such important non-contributors, they can be choppered to their destinations by a heli-shuttle. 5. Cut PAYE by 66% across all bands. Raise VAT by 1 point. 6. Freeze ESKOM prices and remove the fuel levy from the Fiscus. 7. Make the State report to the people who voted for them wrt wealth declarations and open book expenditure. With the above, especially removing the useless grwqoths out of the Govermental Headcount, there will be suffiuciant funds for them to play Parliamant, Parliament as politicians are just that, is fical waste and useless actions.	Gerhard	employed individual

	2026-02-05 16:02:19		TONY	
		First - less Government Ministers What about going back to 4 provinces and 4 persons that is in charge of their area. With a small team that delegate under them.....That was successful under the previous regime..... Our Cabinet one of the biggest in the world and definitely most useless! Second - Immediate action on population growth and teenage pregnancies. What about paying a Mother R1500 for the first child If there's a second child nothing.....so still getting R1500 If there's a 3rd child she will be liable for a deduction of R500 for the child payment....so only getting R1000 And a 4th she will only get R500 Third - What about giving seeds and compost as remuneration for pensioners....lets start growing food in the townships! Fourth - Let the 4 biggest parties ALL run municipalities EQUALLY All the municipalities are useless and corrupt All our towns are falling apart Voting does not work.....because people in jail and a Dr has the same right and not the same IQ We need people with brains to vote who is in charge..... not people that's influenced by T shirts and free bread....AND THAT'S TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO NEED FREE BREAD EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR If our municipality are less corrupt the whole community would be uplifted!! Last - Sell Eskom and Railway - Privatize. A business person will run it and make a success Our Government are not a business They have never earned and really worked for their own income..... If you can not live within your means you can not successful run a company This is also the reason so many black farmers are not succeeding. I bought a farm..... had to work hard.... improve and spend and buy cows and seeds and implements. Nobody is funding me and buying me nice stuff!! The black upcoming farmers are so SPOILED... always waiting for the government to bail them out. Never learning to stand on their own feet!! The quicker the government stop pouring money into the pit the quicker they will learn to work and budget and that's the only way to succeed Please spend my Tax money on roads and water infrastructure. Please spend my money on law enforcement. Bring down crime and rape and murder and theft. Tax deduction for security.....because the government was suppose to keep me safe and he cant..... I do pay tax and get nothing in return.....at least give us deduction on things we have to pay additional because government are not stepping up		
	2026-02-05 15:58:13	Rethink the minimum wage..... you are killing farm owners and that's the backbone of every country!	Nicolene	business owner
	2026-02-05 15:56:46		Felicity	retired
	2026-02-05 15:51:23		Nigel	retired
	2026-02-05 15:49:24	In no particular order Privatise SOE's. Kerb wasteful government spending Repercussions for undelivered tenders Better evaluation of conflicts of interest before awarding tenders Scrap BBBEE and EE laws, expropriation without compensation and reduce crime rate to stimulate foreign investment Focus on paying debt, not just interest Low performing municipalities must be held accountable Scrap social grants in favour of feeding schemes EDUCATION!!!!! Economy can't grow without competent people in the job market. 30% Does not represent competency. If we had 60 million working people in S.A. paying taxes, there would be a budget surplus. Strengthen anti-corruption measures, not only legislation but enforcement thereof Economic diversification, S.A. has much more to offer than raw ore	Martin	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:48:18		George	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:47:52	Stop unnecessary expenditure, close down non-essential departments (such as SEDA) and reduce the workforce. Focus on reducing debt.	Jean	
	2026-02-05 15:42:26		Renaud	

		Eliminating Hidden Costs in “Free” Public Healthcare Medication Access South Africa Issue Although public healthcare is free at point of care, many patients — especially pensioners and indigent people — incur significant indirect costs due to pharmacy operating hours and poor workflow integration. A common outcome: Patients are seen late in the day Pharmacies close before prescriptions are dispensed Patients must return another day solely to collect medication This results in multiple transport trips, lost income, physical strain, and reduced dignity — contradicting the intent of free healthcare. Key Insight The poor already pay — not to the state, but through: Transport costs exceeding R100 per episode Lost productive time Poor medication adherence and avoidable complications This is a system design failure, not primarily a budget constraint. Proposal (Budget-Neutral) Mandatory Same-Day Dispensing Patients seen before a defined cut-off time must receive medication the same day Exceptions monitored and audited Split Pharmacy Operations Daytime: clinical and new prescriptions Extended hours: pre-packed chronic medication using staggered shifts Optional Convenience Access After-hours or fast-track collection Flat, optional fee (e.g. R50–R100 per script) Automatically waived for pensioners, disability grant recipients, and registered indigent households Rationale for Treasury Reduces repeat visits and transport burden Improves adherence and reduces hospital admissions Uses existing staff more efficiently Preserves constitutional access to free healthcare Converts hidden patient costs into system efficiency Recommendation Implement a 6-month national pilot across selected districts, measuring: Repeat visit rates Medication default rates Patient transport complaints Staff overtime vs throughput Conclusion		
	2026-02-05 15:37:31	Healthcare that is free but requires multiple visits is not truly free. This proposal restores efficiency, dignity, and fiscal sense without increasing the health budget.	Larry	retired
	2026-02-05 15:35:02		Angela	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:33:41	How can someone that doesn't know how to manage his own household even think he can attempt to manage a country's financial future. Your not skilled for this position. Get out .	Me	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 15:26:56	Stabilizing SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Wind down direct bailouts as planned Enforce reforms under Operation Vulindlela, including unbundling Eskom and opening Transnet's rail and ports to private operators Partial privatization or asset sales in non-core areas could generate revenue and improve management Reduce political interference Tie executive pay to performance metrics like reduced load-shedding or increased freight volumes Where to Cut Government Spending Reduce the cabinet size by at least 50% and eliminate unnecessary deputy positions Freeze salaries for top-tier officials and cut perks like security details, redirecting funds to infrastructure Prioritize frontline services (education, health) while trimming economic affairs spending Mandate comprehensive expenditure reviews under the Presidency to root out duplication and corruption Fixing Municipal Finance Failures Require distressed municipalities to develop FRPs addressing causes like poor governance, with cost-saving and revenue-raising measures. Enforce provincial interventions under Section 139 of the Constitution if FRPs fail, including debt relief and restructuring. Strengthen internal controls, ethics, and fraud prevention to enhance viability, as audit outcomes show. Managing the Tax Burden on Households Adjust tax brackets and rebates for inflation to avoid bracket creep, which disproportionately hits lower- and middle-income households Expand deductions for retirement contributions (up to 27.5% of income, capped at R350,000) and medical expenses to lower taxable income	Lize	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:26:01	Please grow the tax base: 7.7% of SA cannot carry 60 million people's burden. Never cut on education, water & sanitation, please. Grow stronger The Hawks, bring back The Scorpions and ROOT OUT corruption in government & SAPS & Metros. Enlarge the reach of lifestyle audits, find where the luxury cars are hidden!	Agnes	retired
	2026-02-05 15:25:29	If I had a business, I would employ according to what I can afford to pay, not employ all my mates and spend according to my income, not make unnecessary debt	Andre	retired
	2026-02-05 15:25:10	I would suggest the following to reduce the budget. 1 Get rid of the deputy ministers 2 Privatise Eskom 3 Reduce the top heavy government employees.	tim	retired
	2026-02-05 15:23:51		Tersia	retired
	2026-02-05 15:23:49	The best tip - stop rampant looting of state coffers. Crack down on crime and criminals. Use taxes for what they are meant to be used, not flashy cars and non-essential nonsense. And for pete's sake, stop with all these damn commissions. They're a waste of tax payer money and nothing ever gets done about their findings. If someone is stealing, misappropriating, illegally awarding tenders etc. etc. throw them in jail. Make it easier for businesses to operate in South Africa. The government is here to govern, not create jobs, cut the fat and allow the private sector to flourish so everyone can flourish.	Octavia	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:20:59	Reduce lending in order to reduce the huge interest being paid. Reduce Government spending by reducing number of Ministers & Deputy positions.. People must be held accountable for approved budget & spend. Stricter control over payments of tenders with retention to ensure quality of work is guaranteed. Focus on proper maintenance plans to align to budgets to avoid major unplanned repairs & costs. Increase budget for the police & justice departments to ensure all crime & fraud is dealt with effectively & efficiently.	Marie	

	2026-02-05 15:15:30	Competent people in charge, Zero tolerance for corrupt administrators in government and municipalities Infrastructure and maintenance on water resources country wide. resurrect the railroad system, a return to railway transport to stop the congestion on national highways caused by road motor cartage	Patricia	
	2026-02-05 15:13:45	Competent people in charge, Zero tolerance for corrupt administrators in government and municipalities Infrastructure and maintenance on water resources country wide. resurrect the railroad system, a return to railway transport to stop the congestion on national highways caused by road motor cartage Repairs to national highways rationalised e g Pmb to Dbn and Dbn northbound, chaotic, causing motorists extreme driving fatigue and anxiety. The contractors open too much road repair work at once instead of doing it mindfully in stages.	Ray	retired
	2026-02-05 15:13:19	We need to reduce our borrowings in order to reduce the huge interest being paid. Secondly, we need to reduce Government spending by reducing number of Ministers & Deputy positions. For a economy of our size, the current structure is too large especially in light of the our GDP. People must be held accountable for approved budget & spend. Stricter control over payments of tenders with retention to ensure quality of work is guaranteed. To encourage citizens to save by giving them tax incentives & tax reduction. The more one saves, the less they will depend on the state pensions. Special emphasis for pensioners & retirees who save with after tax funds. To focus on proper maintenance plans to align to budgets to avoid major unplanned repairs & costs. Tax table rates to be revised down in view of the small number of citizens that are in formal employment & VAT to be increased to get a wider net for all, including the informal sector. To increase budget for the police & justice departments to ensure all crime & fraud is dealt with effectively & efficiently. There are so many ways to make meaningful changes for SA. The people responsible need a willingness to bring about change that can lead to improvement all round.	Paul Ashley	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 15:11:12		Susan	
	2026-02-05 15:10:05		Vivian	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:09:16	Fire Ramaphosa and Minister of Finance. Stop fraud and wasteful spending. Only pay POLICE, Health and Education. Fire deputy minister and blue light brigades. Fit every asshole sitting at home and does nothing.	Carl	business owner
	2026-02-05 15:08:55		Hilda	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 15:06:04	Government should consider helping the farmers who are the main source of food in the country. They are battling foot and mouth disease and John Steenhuizen hasn't helped them in any way. They urgently require the vaccine to prevent the spread of this disease. Also they shouldn't be charged for water it is a disgrace to say the least. Cut instead of increasing Government officials salaries and do away with all their perks	Ruth	retired
	2026-02-05 15:03:37	ncrease the tax base, why is only a small portion of our population taxed, really not fair. Halve the cabinet we do not need to have all of the ministers, do away with deputy minister all together. Cut the annual bonus by 3 quarters and use the money to pay off debt which in turn will pay off the debt eventually instead of just paying off the interest. Employ competent people based on skills, experience and ability to perform the scope of the work.	Le Roux	
	2026-02-05 15:03:36	ncrease the tax base, why is only a small portion of our population taxed, really not fair. Halve the cabinet we do not need to have all of the ministers, do away with deputy minister all together. Cut the annual bonus by 3 quarters and use the money to pay off debt which in turn will pay off the debt eventually instead of just paying off the interest. Employ competent people based on skills, experience and ability to perform the scope of the work.	Le Roux	
	2026-02-05 14:58:23		Pabalelo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 14:58:15	Increase the tax base, why is only a small portion of our population taxed, really not fair. Halve the cabinet we do not need to have all of the ministers, do away with deputy minister all together. Cut the annual bonus by 3 quarters and use the money to pay off debt which in turn will pay off the debt eventually instead of just paying off the interest. Employ competent people based on skills, experience and ability to perform the scope of the work.	Nikki	
	2026-02-05 14:54:46	If SA was run like a company it would be bankrupt within a very short period of time. half the people in charge (municipalities/government officials) do not even have the slightest grasp of what they are supposed to be doing. The other half seems to be employed to fleece government and tax payers through corruption and wastage. Corruption can only be tackled on a zero tolerance basis: anyone guilty of corruption forfeits pensions and assets to the fiscus. Government pensions should not be guaranteed but should be market-related: that way ministers can actually monitor the damage they are doing. Prioritise spending: police, education and health services: outsource the managements of funds to capable people and have capable ministers Infrastructure spending: use the looted funds from corruption as basis: where are all the millions stolen? they can't all have disappeared: they are tied up in assets, cars etc: that money should be used. Be capable and be proud. If the government of Singapore would be in charge here with our resources we would be the richest country in the world. if that is true (it is!), then you know where the problem is. Capable honest people in management, zero tolerance for crime and corruption.	heiko	business owner
	2026-02-05 14:51:33	1. No deputy minister, condense ministries so only 10 ministers. Consequence for failure. 2. No spending without verified by private anti corruption watch. Clearly the government cant control itself. 3. No more extras to government. 4. Privatise ALL or close SOE. Clearly cANCer cant adminster anything. Too corrupt to save. 5. Privatised energy and water will be able to run things. 6. Give the auditor general teeth and apply consequence like jail to all corruption. Tax is not the problem and with privatised the tax base will increase. 7. cut corruption and claw back. 8. Accountable municipal workers. No more nepotism/comrades find a word that fits.	angie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 14:50:30		Christa	self-employed
	2026-02-05 14:36:12	One of the major concerns is the 'lost' money from tax where the tax base is already so low. The government needs to hold people to account more and impose more serious punishments for the financial crimes committed. The government should also consider privatising some of the SOE's and have private stakeholders buy some of the debt back and then run part of that program (Eskom comes to mind particularly). The government also needs to create more jobs to increase the tax base and focus on creating skilled and artisan jobs - there is a huge need for this.	Ricardo	
	2026-02-05 14:35:16		Tracy	retired
	2026-02-05 14:34:19		Laura	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:33:54	This famous quote comes from: Charles Dickens' David Copperfield, spoken by the character Mr. Micawber, highlighting that living within your means is the key to financial happiness. The full quote is: "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen-[pounds] nineteen [shillings] and six [pence], result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery". Reduce the bloated government wage bill by cutting the number of government employees by half. Reduce the number of Ministers and deputy ministers by half Reduce the number of government departments by 80% as done by President Mille in Argentina Cut down on money lost by stamping out corruption. A far tougher stand must be taken on ALL those involved in corruption of any sort. The cost of corruption is included in every department's expenses thereby increasing costs and underachieving outcome. Cutting out corruption would immediately reduce departments' costs and increase efficiency. Corrupt officials must get jail time. Do away with B-BBBEE , no more cadre deployment employ the best and most efficient people for the job regardless of colour or political affiliation which will improve production. Do away with the SETA's they are just a hive of corruption and serve no purpose, companies should not have a to pay a % of their wage bill into these corrupt organizations. Stop illegal immigration and people taking advantage of social grants who do not qualify for them. Review the social grant system Cancel the proposed NHI which is unaffordable and will be corrupt and put that money into the water system upgrade that is needed Use hard line debt collection methods to make defaulting Municipalities pay what they owe to Government . Do away with the Road Accident Fund, corrupt to its core. No personal tax increases for private citizens, no VAT increase, do away with the fuel levy. Take note of the first comment above and government must start living within its means!	Peter	retired
	2026-02-05 14:33:54		Basil	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 14:31:17	Every government department employee/director, etc that approves money spent, must be held accountable for every sent spent. They should be help personally responsible to pay back every sent that is not accounted for or that was spent without approval. And it must be paid in the same fiscal year as when it was spent or when it became not accounted for. If every sent is paid back, ie be it a BIC pen for R20 or a building for R2 000000, this country will have enough money to pay salaries, fix and maintain infrastructure, and start saving money. If this strategy is maintain without fail, corruption should dissappear overnight. And STOP lending and accepting monetary gifts! This is my country too, and I want to see it prosper again, so that our economy can grow, so that companies can employ, so that people can get their dignity back and start providing for themselves and their families again.	Catherine	employed individual

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	2026-02-05 14:28:38	I believe the Minister of Finance is sincerely trying to balance the books by: - refusing repeated subsidies to "sinking ship" SOEs - trying to prevent the implementation of ruinous ideas like the NHI - walking a tightrope between party loyalty and reining in the cadres who think it their right to pay themselves enormous wages and in addition help themselves to money entrusted to them for the benefit of citizens, e.g. maintenance of infrastructure - allocating what money there is fairly I also believe he will read the suggestions made by South Africans who have excellent advice to offer BUT I don't think he will be allowed to implement anything the ANC cadres see as a bar to the cash cow. The only way to get the country back on a sound financial footing, in my opinion, is to have, in every tier of government : - people who understand finance, managing the money, and, - scrupulous auditing We have such people, starting with the incumbent Minister of Finance	Rosemary	retired
	2026-02-05 14:28:37	I believe the Minister of Finance is sincerely trying to balance the books by: - refusing repeated subsidies to "sinking ship" SOEs - trying to prevent the implementation of ruinous ideas like the NHI - walking a tightrope between party loyalty and reining in the cadres who think it their right to pay themselves enormous wages and in addition help themselves to money entrusted to them for the benefit of citizens, e.g. maintenance of infrastructure - allocating what money there is fairly I also believe he will read the suggestions made by South Africans who have excellent advice to offer BUT I don't think he will be allowed to implement anything the ANC cadres see as a bar to the cash cow. The only way to get the country back on a sound financial footing, in my opinion, is to have, in every tier of government : - people who understand finance, managing the money, and, - scrupulous auditing We have such people, starting with the incumbent Minister of Finance	Rosemary	retired
	2026-02-05 14:28:24		Rentia	retired
	2026-02-05 14:27:48	Reduce public services to 50%, reduce top level salaries to 50%, end all projects that go always over budget.! Than you can lower income tax and VAT.	Heike	
	2026-02-05 14:27:44	STOP THE CORRUPTION	Anton	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:23:43	About time that we di something about government spending surely it cannot go on like this Build proper houses for the people they have been waiting long enough for empty promises Educate the people about the importance of water, it is your responsibility	Erika	self-employed
	2026-02-05 14:22:56	The infrastructure in Nelson Mandela Bay (Port Elizabeth) is shocking due to "municipal mismanagment, corruption and lack of accountability". All municipal officials should be fined a high PENALTY in Rands or go to prison - if found guilty of corruption and/or gross incompetence. Large parts of the city recently endured FIVE DAYS OF NO ELECTRICITY AND NO WATER FOR THREE DAYS. How does a business survive this? Our electrical and water infrastructure is inadequately maintained. Each annual budget should be spent on maintaining adequate, safe Water Supply, Electricity and Roads maintained, with no potholes. "If a budget is unspent or misspent, a formal inquiry must be held ; by a body external to the municipality. Hold corrupt and incompetent officials - at all levels - accountable. This is the ONLY way WE SHALL HAVE A COUNTRY AND CITY THAT FUNCTIONS. At present my city is crumbling in decay; due to neglected infrastructure and wasteful, corrupt expenditure. Hold leaders to account! The state of our city and nation saddens me.	Samantha	self-employed
	2026-02-05 14:22:13	Our country is in dire need of GOOD LEADERSHIP. As much as I can say 'cut corruption' or 'tax-breaks for home-owners', the ultimate issue is that no clear action is taken against government officials who transgress or corrupt municipal managers or active jail-time for convicted skelms, or more teachers, or better skills development or equal opportunities based on merit. Active job-creation, from people keeping our cities clean right up to more policing to skilled people to assist in maintaining as well as building infrastructure, we need it all. Without leadership and positive, equitable change, no fiscal policy(s) on its own will make a significant contribution. In fact, it will more like only plunge the country further into the proverbial abyss it is heading into. The country is still losing skilled people at an alarming rate - people we need, lost due to inaction, or changes only benefiting connected people. EVERYONE in South Africa needs good leadership now. It starts with an all-encompassing, pragmatic plan that includes balanced funding and opportunities to all individuals.	Gert	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:22:08	the SOE , should all be partially denationalised at less up to 50 % going to the SA public with no foreign ownership allowed beyond 25 % - political parties must stop promising the masses what the country cannot feasibly deliver and start curtailing what has been given in the way of social grants in general - housing / rdp units must start being rented to owners not given away - say 30 year one owner and then they own , till then owned by the municipality and maintained. this way miss use will be better controlled - appointment of contractors should be better controlled with funds only being paid out after approved completion by a 3rd party - not by a state unit. the municipalities must use the prepaid system more effectively and control the free social grants better , these are abused excessively so a nominal monthly fee should be charged by these units for the service and maintenance carried out by municipalities to each house hold no exceptions .. rather than increasing the paye for funds , increase the bottom starting tier for taxes and use the vat aspect to increase the tax - but more control on this tax is needed by shortening the list of those that can off set their input / output amounts. and less government posts at these excessively well remunerated positions with no vacationing clause whilst they are being investigated for fraud.. and so the list could go on ...	carl	business owner
	2026-02-05 14:19:06	MAYBE I AM FROM THE OLD SCHOOL. ITS EASY TO SET BUDGETS BUT ONE MUST KNOW WHERE THE FUND ARE COMING FROM TO COVER THE BUDGETED FIGURES. OTHERWISE A BUDGET MEANS NOTHING. BUDGETS BECOME A PROMISE OF THINGS TO COME AND NEVER TRANSPIRES AS THERE ARE NO FUNDS.	PATRICIA	retired
	2026-02-05 14:18:51		Whitney	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:14:34	We need our economy to grow much faster To get investment we should get investors to believe in the potential of business in South Africa The political actions by our government and leaders must create confidence and stability Get rid of all the BEE controls and restrictions on private business	F rancios	business owner
	2026-02-05 14:12:37		Jacques	
	2026-02-05 14:08:04	We are all despondent about the state of our beloved country. Everything has gone from bad to worse and wrack and ruin. We need a complete rethink in our government to start serving the citizens instead of stealing from the citizens. WE NEED A TOTAL TURN AROUND IN EVERY SPHERE	ANCHE	retired
	2026-02-05 14:07:48	1. Government should increase the old age pension grant to R5000 pm and pay us on the 1st of every month, like before Covid. We are struggling and cannot meet our basic needs with the high cost of living and trying to survive on this meagre pension grant. 2. Reduce Child grants to 1 child per person. 3.Fine officials for all irregular spending. 4. Audit all government workers and politicians. 5. Reduce all politicians perks and dont grant them another salary increase. 6. Invest more money in policing, education, SANDF, infrastructure, rail, and cut unnecessary red tape to grow the economy.	Claudette	retired
	2026-02-05 14:06:23	and the government must stabilise the economy for it to create jobs as many social illnesses are as a result of unemployment	Mnyazwa Sibusiso	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:04:55	We are all despondent about the state of our beloved country. Everything has gone from bad to worse and wrack and ruin. We need a complete rethink in our government to start serving the citizens instead of stealing from the citizens. WE NEED A TOTAL TURN AROUND IN EVERY SPHERE	Linda	retired
	2026-02-05 14:02:53		Derek	
	2026-02-05 14:02:15		William	
	2026-02-05 14:00:54	Cut non essential ministers Cut Ministers perks - make them pay income tax on their earnings Cut government spending Prosecute those who steal govt funds - don’t reward them with paid holidays! Basic wages keep increasing- make domestic workers’ salaries deductible from income tax - this could also curb unemployment Maintain, maintain, maintain!	Maureen	retired
	2026-02-05 13:59:10	As a breadwinner, a property owner, a vehicle owner and driver, I face taxation at every turn I take. I live in the Msunduzi Municipality, which currently victimises most of its tax-paying residents without service delivery. It pains me to think that I pay taxes due and see no return in value. The current political climate shows members of government accumulating wealth at the expense of taxpayers, and these politicians make decisions for me that I would never agree to. It is sad to see that you, as the finance minister, have agreed on how money should be spent, but by the end of the year, most of the allocations you have made have been stolen by internal members with no consequence. I don't mind paying taxes, provided I know that my money is used for the purpose intended. Currently, school fees, lack of health care, no basic services, threats of increased taxes, and fuel levies, to name a few, have caused me as an individual to look at avenues to safeguard myself from extortion and maybe cosider emigration. would you rather have a taxpayer or have tax payers leave , this would result in you basing you reportbased on income from non- taxpaying households. We all know that based on statistics less than 50% of voters carry the cost SA, money that you have decided to allocate with no one held responsible for expenditure. As an example. You set money aside for police and security from tax collected, however beside me paying tax I still pay for a private security company to secure my home, not to mention an army and Navy that do not exist because they sometimes cannot afford fuel. The Nationalist Party built and maintained, our new government for the past 30 years has looted and killed our beloved SA and unfortunatly Mr Enoch Godongwana, by association and lack of accountabilty you are part of that equation. I will agree with your budget wholeheartedly if you can renew my confidence in this country. Money is spent on government debt but we produce nothing, industries are closing for the reason that there is no benefit to stay in SA.	Theron	self-employed
	2026-02-05 13:56:32		Marinda	retired
	2026-02-05 13:51:30	With any budget you have to spend a little less than what you earn. At worst never spend more than you earn. This is basic common sense. Arithmetic 101	Elizabeth	retired

	2026-02-05 13:50:06	Reduce government spending across the board. Every level is bloated - start with reducing the number of ministers in government, the parliamentarians, their perks, then municipalities with excessive, unqualified people, then the SOE's - all too many people who do nothing. Spend the money on infrastructure but with companies that are legitimate and competent. Stop the waste!!!	Ian	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:50:06	Reduce government spending across the board. Every level is bloated - start with reducing the number of ministers in government, the parliamentarians, their perks, then municipalities with excessive, unqualified people, then the SOE's - all too many people who do nothing. Spend the money on infrastructure but with companies that are legitimate and competent. Stop the waste!!!	Ian	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:48:22	For starters yes, our country like probably every other has debt. Sadly it seems to have gone out of control in the last few years. Start with cutting unnecessary positions created just to fill space or help out a family member, while making no real difference. Remove those who look after those who should be able to look after themselves... Then, look at the Salaries. Some are really questionable. Further take a look at those in management, with a high income but limited experience. Then, why should some Municipal leaders have their own 'bodyguards'? Yes they probably do because there is no service delivery and they fear for their lives. No work no pay or in this case not giving the service they were employed to do should be no work no job. What happened 'for the people'. Fix infrastructure, fix our water problem, fix electricity issues. Above all DO something about crime that costs our country instead of a slap on the wrist! Educate the next generation.	Christel And Trevor	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:47:55	Firstly the amount of people in the cabinet should be cut drastically, no other country in the world has as many members in the cabinet. Same goes for people working in the municipalities, cut their numbers and make them more efficient. Managers in municipalities need to have the correct qualifications for the job, so should all ministers. People caught stealing or approving fraudulent projects should be dismissed on the spot without pay, not have them sitting at home earning a salary whilst waiting for a court hearing. If monies given to municipalities is not spent due to ill management then management should be fired and replaced with people who can organise projects.	RUTH	retired
	2026-02-05 13:42:51		Cathy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 13:42:25		Johan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:41:52		Cathy	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:38:20	To my mind all departments should be run as a profit making business by staying within the set budget and regular audits. Stricter disciplinary actions to be implemented against non performers. Review structures and move into a less top heavy type of organization . Reconsider the way how grants are controlled , to ensure no overspending. An in-depth investigation into certain tax deductibles	Marthin	retired
	2026-02-05 13:36:28		Leon	retired
	2026-02-05 13:31:14		Dustin	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:31:05		Cassian	
	2026-02-05 13:28:18		Antony Hector	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:26:37	In my opinion, a balanced budget is achieved by balancing expenses to income. As one of the largest expenses at the moment is interest paid (R435 billion) on the country's debt, top priority should be given to reducing this as quickly as possible. Rather than cutting important expenses, the best way to do this is to increase income. There are a number of low hanging fruit that need to be grasped immediately. Firstly increased income: • Clamping down on illicit tobacco sales. It is estimated that the fiscus is currently losing R27 billion per year. • Taxing the taxi industry. At present this industry pays next to nothing in direct tax, but with an estimated R100 billion revenue, it should be paying some tax, say R15 billion. These two sources would immediately help reduce the national debt and the interest paid on it. Next reduce expenses: • Cut down on money lost by stamping out corruption. A far tougher stand must be taken on ALL those involved in corruption of any sort. The cost of corruption is included in every department's expenses thereby increasing costs and underachieving outcome. Cutting out corruption would immediately reduce departments' costs and increase efficiency. • Further increased efficiency and reduced costs can be achieved by having competent managers who are given responsibility AND accountability for the work they manage. • Phase out B-BBEEE to enable the best qualified people to be hired. This will also increase efficiency and reduce costs. • Reduce the number of Ministers and Deputy Ministers. • The blue light brigades are totally unnecessary for anyone other than the President, and even his/hers needs to be scaled down. This saving must be reflected in the budget of the appropriate department's costs Having undertaken all the above, ground-up budgets need to be developed. These MUST reflect the savings achieved. The sum of all these department budgets MUST NOT exceed the budgeted income.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-05 13:26:33	Look urgently at Government spending !!	Mariana	retired
	2026-02-05 13:25:52	1 - Cut government spending - reduce the number of ministers and especially deputy ministers 2 - Appoint leadership who are capable and qualified for the position that they are appointed for and ensure they do their jobs 3 - Penalise government leaders financially for non-compliance, non-delivery, runaway expenses, not doing their jobs and wasting money (Don't pay them if they don't do the work, and take back their money when they waste) 4 - Get rid of aspects hindering economic growth like EE, BEE and especially BBB-EE. Focus on free market economy 5 - Scrap ALL ideas about NHI. Not going to happen 6 - Stop throwing money away by bailing out SOE's 7 - Privatize SOE's - clearly the government is incapable of running these 8 - Prohibit government employees and their direct family members from participating in government tenders aka tender-preneurship and appoint capable and qualified suppliers 9 - Stop paying municipal employees that do not work 10 - Refocus the grants, and rather train the people to become part of the economy, to have less people receiving grants	Tiaan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:25:36	We need to replace all of the current ministers and deputies with competent and honest leaders	Brian	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:24:55	1. Fiscal Discipline & Structural Reform: • Downsize the Executive: Drastically reduce the number of Ministers and Deputy Ministers. Streamline departments to eliminate "bloat" and bureaucratic overlap. • Merit-Based Leadership: Ensure all appointments are based on proven capability and qualification rather than political deployment. • Privatize SOEs: End the "money pit" cycle of bailouts. Privatize electricity (focusing on green energy competition) and outsource road maintenance and hospital management to the private sector to ensure efficiency and accountability. 2. Social Grant Reform: • From Welfare to Empowerment: Transition grants (Child, Veteran, SRD) from passive relief to conditional, program-based support. Grants should be linked to mandatory skills development, adult education (Matriculation), and entrepreneurship training. • Exit Strategies: Implement regular reviews and job placement initiatives to ensure grants are a temporary stepping stone, not a long-term dependency. 3. Economic Growth & Tax Relief: • Deregulate the Market: Remove restrictive economic policies like BEE and B-BBEE that hinder growth. Focus on a free-market economy and competence-led outsourcing. • Protect Taxpayers: Stop the over-taxation of the shrinking productive minority. Fiscal stability should come from spending cuts, not higher tax burdens. • Abolish NHI: Scrap NHI plans and focus on rooting out corruption in existing government hospitals to bring them up to standard. 4. Anti-Corruption & Oversight: • Procurement Overhaul: Implement monthly external audits and a total ban on government employees (and their families) participating in state tenders. • Accountability: Ensure the return of stolen state funds—"Pay back the money." 5. Pragmatic Foreign Policy: • Prioritize trade relations (especially with the USA) over involvement in external political conflicts that do not serve South Africa's economic interests.	Ailsa	
	2026-02-05 13:24:24		Sthandiwe	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 13:24:21		Sthandiwe	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 13:23:28		Cynthia	retired
	2026-02-05 13:23:10	Get the education system fixed and invest in the youth who are the next generation and stop letting party ideology screw it up for everyone, water and energy security should be a priority as the economy cannot work without them. That means fixing all the broken water infrastructure and electric infrastructure. In my view the money should be spent on privatizing energy and water - government has proven it is incapable of managing this infrastructure properly. Further to this, this government needs to start dismantling it's race-based policies and it's combative/anti-small business policies. It needs to unlock the economy, not choke it to death like it is currently doing. Small business needs more support - this obsession over race and redistribution policies has done nothing but harm the economy, keep the poor poor and erode the middle-class. You cannot legislate redistribution in a way that makes the have's into have nots also - you need to figure out how to get the have nots moving upwards, not bringing everyone else downwards.	Derek	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:20:33		Sue	employed individual
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	2026-02-05 13:19:20		Faiza	retired
	2026-02-05 13:17:53	Productivity needs to be focused on. This will reduce the burden of people depending on grants. Cut government spending at all levels. Develop the trade industry as a fundament for productivity. Corruption is still the problem and still tolerated.	Gerhard	retired
	2026-02-05 13:16:26	I suggest that the taxi industry get taxed. It is a multi million rand industry and should not be exempt while others are made to fit the bill. Also less government ministers from provincial to national. VIP protection cut backs. This is a huge waste of tax payer money. Disciplinery action against officials who underperformed or are responsible for irregular expenditures.	Stuart	
	2026-02-05 13:15:25		Dylan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:12:41	Please get quailified people in positions that actually know what they are doing specially at municipal level. The amount of people i come across daily who dont know their job is scary	johan	retired
	2026-02-05 13:05:48		Kobus	
	2026-02-05 13:04:25		Yunus	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 13:04:00		Sandra	

	2026-02-05 13:03:40	Cut government spending by decreasing the number of ministers, deputy ministers etc. Departments are bloated and need to be reduced and streamlined. Stop corruption at the highest levels. Stop taxing paying citizens to death. There are so few holding up so many.	Kimayne	
	2026-02-05 13:02:53	I am afraid that we are creating a social grant nation. The minority of battling tax payers cannot afford supporting a majority. The child grants, veteran grants and "COVID grants" should be focused on empowering single mother families and unemployed people by providing free adult education for those who have not matriculated to empower them to find employment or become financially able. These grants should not be available long term but should be programme based in skills development, job placements, adult education for matriculation, small business/ entrepreneurship training and guided small business funding. Government should play an active role in creating employment by providing opportunities for people who have completed these programmes on an outsource basis such as cleaning services, security services, admin positions, etc. These grants should be conditional till completion of the training programmes . Grant re-applications for further funding should be reviewed consistently and regularly. There is a dire need for practical skills training and entrepreneurship training with business guidance. The government procurement system needs a major overhaul with proper procurement principles being adhered to and oversight on a monthly basis (external audits) on procurement is critical to stamp out corruption. Schools are overcrowded and under funded - introduce staggering classes (different class / school times) so that no student is left behind. Road maintenance and projects of infrastructure should be outsourced to private companies as should hospital management, and RAF. Get rid of BEE in outsourcing and focus on competence instead. Get rid of Eskom which is an endless money pit. Privatize electricity and focus on green energy. Allow private companies to enter services instead of a government monopoly on failure in service delivery. Scrap the NHI and focus on getting government hospitals up to par rooting out corruption. My list is endless but the gist of it is spending money effectively to foster efficient systems with long term goals and accountability.	Hina	
	2026-02-05 12:57:04	1 Cut government spending - reduce number of ministers and especially deputy ministers 2 Appoint leadership who are capable and qualified for the position that they are appointed for and ensure they do their jobs 3 Get rid of aspects hindering economic growth like EE, BEE and especially BBB-EE. Focus on free market economy 4 Stop picking a fight with the USA over stuff that doesn't concern us 5 Scrap ALL ideas about NHI. Not going to happen 6 Privatize SOE's - clearly the government is incapable of running these 7 Prohibit government employees and their direct family members from participating in government tenders aka tender-preneurship and appoint capable and qualified suppliers 8 PAY BACK THE MONEY - JACOB ZUMA! 9 STOP ABUSING US TAX PAYERS !!!!!!!	Liesl	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:54:44		Kevin	retired
	2026-02-05 12:53:19	South Africa’s public finances are under significant strain, and the invitation to submit Budget Tips is welcomed. Households and businesses continue to contribute under difficult conditions, but there is a growing expectation that public resources be managed with greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability. The following suggestions are offered in a constructive spirit, with a focus on restoring fiscal sustainability, strengthening service delivery, and protecting households from further financial pressure. Stabilising State-Owned Enterprises State-owned entities such as Eskom and Transnet remain central to economic recovery, yet continued financial support without sufficient reform places ongoing pressure on the fiscus. Future state support should be clearly linked to measurable reform outcomes, including improved governance, operational efficiency, and private-sector participation. Separating infrastructure ownership from operations may introduce competition while safeguarding strategic assets. Expanded use of long-term concessions and partnerships could reduce fiscal risk and improve performance. Board and executive appointments based on skills, experience, and performance would strengthen institutional credibility. Making Government Spending More Efficient Audit outcomes over successive years continue to highlight material levels of irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure, driven by weak financial controls, non-compliance with supply-chain regulations, and inadequate consequence management. These recurring findings represent a direct loss of public resources and undermine confidence in fiscal stewardship. At the same time, ongoing expenditure on non-essential items, excessive travel and accommodation, vehicle costs, and executive benefits raises concerns about value for money in a period of acute fiscal constraint. Strengthening internal controls, compliance monitoring, and financial oversight should be prioritised across all spheres of government. Consistent and visible consequence management for accounting officers and officials responsible for financial misconduct is essential. Repeat audit findings should trigger mandatory remedial action, rather than recurring qualifications. Greater transparency around corrective measures, recoveries, and disciplinary outcomes would support public trust and reinforce fiscal discipline. Strengthening Municipal Finances Municipal financial distress continues to affect service delivery, infrastructure maintenance, and local economic activity. Conditional funding linked to clear financial and service-delivery outcomes could improve accountability. Where local capacity is limited, shared or centralised billing and revenue systems may help stabilise municipal finances. Earlier intervention in financially distressed municipalities could prevent deeper, more costly failures. Exploring consolidation of smaller or non-viable municipalities may improve long-term sustainability. Easing Pressure on Households Households are experiencing sustained pressure from rising living costs and limited income growth. Avoiding further increases in personal income tax and VAT would provide much-needed relief. Broadening the tax base through economic growth and simplified compliance, particularly for small businesses, could improve revenue without higher rates. Clearer communication and transparency around how public funds are spent would help rebuild taxpayer confidence and willingness to comply. South Africa’s fiscal challenges are serious but manageable. Steady reform, credible accountability, and a firm commitment to efficient use of public resources can help stabilise the public finances while supporting growth and social stability.	Carol	business owner
	2026-02-05 12:52:44		Anne	retired
	2026-02-05 12:50:53		Theo	retired
	2026-02-05 12:50:10	All government agencies are in complete chaos! Start by cutting the number of government employees. You'll save a lot of money. People have to be held accountable for their responsibilities and actions. Basic human rights, e.g. water, electricity, and sanitation, have to be a priority. Focus on job creation by removing all the unnecessary race laws. If more people work, South Africa can become 'healthy' and prosperous again.	Ilse	
	2026-02-05 12:47:56		Christopher	
	2026-02-05 12:46:23		JANET	
	2026-02-05 12:45:40	Get rid of deadwood.There is way to many government employees.Start with the ministers in parliament.Way to many ministers. Get rid of BBBEE. You are destroying South Africa with it.	Riaan	business owner
	2026-02-05 12:45:20		Astrid	retired
	2026-02-05 12:45:13		June	retired
	2026-02-05 12:42:33	I have just one comment - stop BEE, it adds no value andvis the root cause of all mentioned problems including SOE, Municipalities, tax burden and govt spending. Do not ask for my support otherwise.	Albertus	self-employed
	2026-02-05 12:42:32	I have just one comment - stop BEE, it adds no value andvis the root cause of all mentioned problems including SOE, Municipalities, tax burden and govt spending. Do not ask for my support otherwise.	Albertus	self-employed
	2026-02-05 12:39:59		Maria	retired
	2026-02-05 12:39:58		Maria	retired
	2026-02-05 12:39:15		Mary-Ann	retired
	2026-02-05 12:39:04	The government is very over staffed, and most employees are unskilled, incompetent, corrupt and lazy and they need to GO. Stop the BEE racist nonsense and employ skilled, competent people irrespective of their skin colour. Stop the corruption and theft so that our hard-earned tax you collect can be allocated to fix broken and old infrastructure. Stop borrowing and printing money which will curb inflation and bring down the interest payments. Corrupt politicians need to be held accountable and do jail time for their crimes.	Terry	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 12:37:43		Rupert	business owner
	2026-02-05 12:37:39	Firstly, the minister must get the president to reduce his bloated cabinet that has so called ministers that do nothing this became obvious by admissions in the various commissions taking place. Reduce the salaries of mayors and their mayoral appointees, why must a mayor earn in excess of R1.2 million because pre-94 mayors earned a stipend for their time spent in chambers. you cannot employ staff to maintain roads, parks etcetera and hand out tendres for others to undertake these projects, these duplications is wasting billions of rands we taxpayers must fund and they can't understand why there's no investment because we are being taxed to death.	Basil	
	2026-02-05 12:36:41		Samantha	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:35:37		Jasper	retired

	2026-02-05 12:33:01	Enoch can go to hell	Rainier	
	2026-02-05 12:31:49	Immediately stop all funds towards NHI - it is the biggest farce of the ANC. Public hospitals are in a disastrous state of mismanagement, irrational and irresponsible spending and huge corruption (NB Tembisa) so rather impose financial discipline on them and definitely limit the Minister for Health's ambitions. Government is top heavy - far too many Minister, Deputy Ministers and Directors General with huge, unjustifiably remuneration and excessive pension benefits. Stop subsidizing ESKOM and other wasteful SOE's who are reckless with taxpayers' money. Fund serious top level efforts to recover monies due to ESKOM and RandWater and other water suppliers from the defaulting Municipalities - all from your own Party the ANC. Bear in mind that only very, very, small portion of society is bearing a huge tax burden and that under the ANC, reckless borrowing has put the country into a serious foreign debt crisis. You, Minister, have certainly made efforts to manage the problems, but much more needs to be done to force financial discipline on Government.	John	retired
	2026-02-05 12:31:07	The bloated staffing of government departments including parliament needs to be trimmed drastically to reduce costs.	Suren	retired
	2026-02-05 12:29:59		Wilna	
	2026-02-05 12:29:13		Lynette	retired
	2026-02-05 12:28:16	The minister needs to reduce the budget deficit. With about 40% of the population on some type of grant is unsustainable My suggestion is to only pay a child grant to the first born child. We are paying for people who is unreasonable by having unprotected sex. Why not enforce birth control. It will help young girls having to give birth as they are still children themselves. Rape is rife in SA because there's no consequences.	Freda	retired
	2026-02-05 12:27:04	The bloated and costly civil service - that's a start! ~ Focus on efficient and effective service delivery ~ Eliminate corruption - What is the use of enquiries - nothing is ever done - the guilty still tender & get awarded. A huge wastage of resources and finances. ~ SOE another huge drain!	Wendy	business owner
	2026-02-05 12:26:39	Nothing happens automatically, there are people involved in just about everything. If you have people in power who just look after their own interests and do not have the will, education or skills and do not care about South Africa and its people, then "all of the above" are applicable. Any "tips" are obvious...	Johannes	retired
	2026-02-05 12:25:25		K	self-employed
	2026-02-05 12:18:12	Government needs to focus on cost effective and efficient service delivery and eliminate endemic corruption and wastage of finances and resources, and a bloated and costly civil service, including SOE. These drain the fiscus and fail to deliver basic services, let alone world class city services.	MICHAEL	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:18:00		Rita	
	2026-02-05 12:15:11		Tisha	
	2026-02-05 12:13:46	The government needs to stop spending the tax payers money on themselves and using it wisley to prioritize most important problems in our country and have better control over municiple finances. We pay our rates and tax's every month and not seeing our town being fixed - pot holes , broken or no traffic lights , litter and rubbish. The airport is beautiful but once left the building the landscape is an eye sore. Also cut down on government employees (if they even exsist ?) who are not doing anything to help the scary deficit . Get rid of unnecessary expenses's from the income statement and make sure the annual financial statements are audited without any corruption by a reparable auditing company	linda	retired
	2026-02-05 12:09:15	Putting a stop to looting of state coffers by politicians, rank corruption by politicians, sabotage of infrastructure to generate income from unnecessary ancillary services, and putting a stop to funding of designated terror organisations like the IRGC and Hamas will certainly go a long way to improving the budget.	Rob	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:08:38		Kevin	
	2026-02-05 12:06:21		Danelle	
	2026-02-12 09:33:17	Social grants should be reduced except for pensions. The COVID grants should be removed. The income generated should go to partially to old age pensions of South African citizens and the balance into feeding schemes and raising the standard of school education. Feed scholars and teach them to teach themselves the necessary life skills in reasonable size classes. Dislodge the hold of SAOU and SADTU that keep the teachers legally out of class (We have disadvantaged our children by not prioritizing education and handed the jobs to foreigners because we have let our children down. Reduce the size of parliament and ministers to a third of current levels. Cut provinces to a maximum of 5. Do away with district municipalities. They are an overburden and work against local municipalities. Have financial officers with at least a CIMA recognised qualification.	Tertius	
	2026-02-12 09:10:24		Lynette	employed individual
	2026-02-12 06:59:00	I'm confused of what to suggest because the government doesn't make an effort to use cost effectively even the least available funds , for instance the general auditor of the country audits the country's municipalities and for several times the auditor brings the audit report to parliament in the presence of the president but no steps are taken to put right the way municipalities use our taxes.	Mfuneko	employed individual
	2026-02-12 06:58:59	I'm confused of what to suggest because the government doesn't make an effort to use cost effectively even the least available funds , for instance the general auditor of the country audits the country's municipalities and for several times the auditor brings the audit report to parliament in the presence of the president but no steps are taken to put right the way municipalities use our taxes.	Mfuneko	employed individual
	2026-02-11 23:38:53		Tayla	
	2026-02-11 20:00:10		Caryl	retired
	2026-02-11 18:59:10		Lynette	retired
	2026-02-11 18:55:56		Magdalena	retired
	2026-02-11 18:24:16	The main culprit is the Presidency which continues to appoint More Cabinet Ministers, Deputies and Deputies of Deputies. The minister as an appointee himself may be unable to advise a president about reducing these, main centres of criminal syndicates. How do you say to your criminal handlers that there is not enough money! when and where there are poor willing to comply with the law of the jungle-democracy with the characteristics of criminal bosses are served by presidents and the rest. > No budget for water syndicates but government must fix infrastructure, > Do away with all extra allowances for government employees, only basic salaries, > S.O.Es must be operated by a transparent neutral body not linked to control of a political institution - be it ruling party or otherwise, > No Peacekeeping but build the capacity of our State organs > No support to and for government institutions that fail to provide services, > Establish mechanisms to end the Zama-Zama syndicates, as well as all similarly placed criminal syndicates who have become a parallel government,	Sandi	retired
	2026-02-11 18:12:40		Christopher	employed individual
	2026-02-11 17:21:23		Basil	
	2026-02-11 17:20:22		Dawn	
	2026-02-11 17:19:19		Nicholas	
	2026-02-11 16:10:35	**1. Municipal Accountability** * Tenders only to proven, experienced companies. * Publish all contracts and costs online. * No payment without verified delivery. * Prioritise maintenance over new projects. **2. Fix SOEs (Eskom & Transnet)** * Independent audit of staffing and skills. * Cut excess positions and perks. * Enforce performance reviews. * Protect maintenance budgets. **3. Cut Government Waste** * Freeze non-essential branding and renaming. * Audit bloated departments. * Align salaries with market standards. **4. Equal Tax & Benefits Reform** * Public officials must follow the same tax rules as citizens. * End residential and lifestyle perks. * Replace allowances with approved expense claims only. * Benefits strictly work-related and justified. **5. Public Service Accountability** * Citizen reporting mechanism for non-performance. * Clear service delivery targets. * Consequences for corruption and absenteeism. * Strengthen police oversight. **6. Sustainable Social Support** * Elderly and disability grants ONLY. * Reassess eligibility regularly. * Link some support to work or skills programmes. **7. Grow Jobs** * Tax relief for job-creating businesses. * Invest in local industry and mining. * Reduce policy uncertainty. **8. Strengthen Public Healthcare** * Upgrade hospitals and clinics. * Train local medical professionals. * Ensure financial safeguards before major reform expansion.	Kitty	employed individual

	2026-02-11 16:03:11	1. The Economy and Fiscus Strategy: Shift from consumption-led to investment-led growth. While the IMF expects 1.4% growth in 2026, this is constrained by a lack of infrastructure investment. Action: I would implement a "Growth-First" regulatory cull, removing restrictive regulations that hinder small business entry. We must leverage the 3% inflation target to lower borrowing costs, stimulating private sector capital formation which has remained stagnant since 2018. 2. Government Spending Strategy: Aggressive "Zero-Based Budgeting" to eliminate waste. Action: I would enforce a freeze on non-essential public sector hiring and conduct a full audit of redundant government posts. The public sector wage bill remains unsustainable; I would link future increases strictly to measurable productivity outcomes. 3. Addressing a Large Budget Deficit Strategy: Achieve a primary surplus to halt borrowing for interest payments. The deficit for 2025/26 is estimated at -R327 billion. Action: I would target a primary surplus of at least 1.1% of GDP in the 2026 fiscal year. This requires a "haircut" on non-core departmental budgets to ensure we are no longer borrowing R1.2 billion per day. 4. Stabilising SOE Finances Strategy: Hard-budget constraints and private sector participation. Action: I would uphold the "no more bailouts" policy. For Transnet, I would accelerate the long-term concession agreements (like Durban Container Terminal Pier 2) to unlock private investment in port capacity. For Eskom, I would penalise the failure to sell non-core assets, as seen in the R4 billion aid cut for failing to sell the Eskom Finance Co. 5. Energy and Water Investments Strategy: Rapidly diversify the energy mix and secure water supply through PPPs. Action: I would operationalise the Infrastructure Finance and Implementation Support Agency by March 2026 to "crowd-in" private capital. Key projects like the R24 billion Umkhomazi Water Project must be fast-tracked through a "water-infrastructure deal" with private investors. 6. Tax Revenues Strategy: Broaden the base rather than raising rates. Action: I would reject a VAT increase to 17%, which would stifle consumption. Instead, I would focus on SARS modernisation to close the revenue gap through real-time VAT reporting and e-invoicing. I would also introduce targeted tax incentives for renewable energy and digital industries to foster new taxable sectors. 7. Debt Sustainability Strategy: Cap debt at 75%–78% of GDP to prevent a sovereign rating downgrade. Action: Debt-service costs now consume 22 cents of every rand of revenue. I would implement a legislated debt ceiling to restore investor confidence and lower the "risk premium" South Africa pays on its bonds. 8. Municipal Finances Strategy: Professionalise municipal management and enforce consequence management. Action: I would expand the debt-relief programme but strictly enforce conditions; currently, 47 municipalities continue to default even after receiving relief. I would deploy accredited indirect delivery partners like the DBSA to take over infrastructure functions in failing municipalities.	Kobus	employed individual
	2026-02-11 15:47:51		Angela	employed individual
	2026-02-11 15:30:47		Marita	
	2026-02-11 15:05:37		David	retired
	2026-02-11 14:40:55	Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions. the government should stop providing financial bailouts to struggling SOE's these entities should find private-sector partners to stay afloat.	Linda	
	2026-02-11 14:06:41	Replace all tax laws and regulations for small enterprises with employees with less than 50 people with one single and fully automated registration interface with CIPC and the National treasury supplier data base and for taxable income less than R 10 mil a single flat rate annual tax of R 500 no PAYE and SDL levy and no other returns except one annual SARS tax return that automatically updates CIPC records and national treasury supplier data base records.	HW	unemployed individual
	2026-02-11 13:09:35	1. Remove the 30% charge for foreign investors as well as for local investors. This is ridiculous that one must give 30% to the Government for your hard-earned work. 2. Take 20% of revenue from all Government entertainment budgets and allocate them to water and sanitation infrastructure. 3. Government must focus more on cutting expenses. Billions can be saved there. Minister Groenewald's initiatives in Correctional Services is a great example of how money can be saved. 4. NO MORE BAILOUTS FOR STATE OWNED ENTITIES!! Arrest the wrongdoers and reclaim money from them, even if they have to sell personal belongings (which they in any case probably acquired from stolen money). They must find foreign investors or private sector partners to stay afloat. 5. Repair existing municipal water and sanitation systems especially do away with water tankers and use that money for new infrastructure. Provide full water quotas to farmers that have restricted water quotas. 6. Reduction in personal income tax will ensure that money will be reclaimed through businesses by means of civilians buying food, clothes, medicines, etc.. Implement Corporate Tax Incentives for hiring staff. Provide a VAT holiday on more essential items. 7. NO allowance to incur more debt!! Make plans to reclaim money. 8. Enforce stricter consequences for financial mismanagement for municipalities. Obtain information from volunteers to assist with proper financial management.	Rita	retired
	2026-02-11 12:56:15		Sharlene	
	2026-02-11 12:29:20	South Africa is not a mature, fully industrialised economy. Prolonged austerity in a structurally unequal and capacity-constrained environment risks weakening the state further, rather than stabilising it. Budget consolidation must be balanced with strategic investment in state capability and institutional strength. State Capacity and Compensation Chronic underpayment and instability within key public sector roles contribute to corruption risk and talent flight. Competitive, performance-linked compensation for critical government positions—combined with strict accountability—would reduce incentives for bribery and improve institutional continuity. Tender System Reform Procurement remains a primary leakage point. All entities receiving public tenders should be subject to mandatory biannual audits. Additionally, municipalities should face tighter limitations on the categories and size of tenders they are authorised to issue without provincial or national oversight. Rebuilding Internal Capability Excessive outsourcing has hollowed out state expertise. The budget should prioritise rebuilding in-house technical, financial, engineering, and project management capacity to reduce dependency on external contractors and improve execution discipline. Fiscal responsibility is necessary. However, responsibility must not translate into institutional shrinkage in a developing economy that still requires strong state coordination. Strengthening internal capacity, tightening procurement oversight, and professionalising the public service will do more to stabilise public finances than austerity alone.	Tshego	business owner
	2026-02-11 11:52:08	The Government spending is far too high in relation to tax being collected. Lots of money is being wasted at Municipalities , Eskom , and others state run enterprises . Members of parliament and civil servants [bloated , too many employees] are paid too much . The RSA's debt should be drastically reduced.	CJ	retired
	2026-02-11 11:46:31		jimmy	employed individual
	2026-02-11 11:21:07		Aison	
	2026-02-11 10:56:50	Constant verification of personnel in the public service to eliminate corrupt expenditure on ghost posts, decrease size of parliamentary political posts Educate and regulate underperforming municipalities with regular audits and supervision and qualified management Recover financial losses due to corruption from responsible personnel and management	Pamela	self-employed
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	2026-02-11 10:22:26	Only Good can come from appointments based on reputational merit!	David	retired
	2026-02-11 09:59:55		Gladys	retired
	2026-02-11 09:06:18		Annatjie	
	2026-02-11 08:44:50		Ansie	self-employed
	2026-02-11 08:24:45	1.) The government is providing too many social grants. There are only a few real deserving cases, like disability and old people. 2.) SOEs are still bleeding money through corruption and overpriced tenders. Private partners would help to bring about accountability. 3.) Free education is unsustainable. A nominal fee should be placed on all learners to cover the costs of running the schools and staff salaries. 4.) All hospitals and clinics in urban centre's should charge for their services. 5.) Municipal officials who abuse funds should be arrested and go to jail	Samuel	business owner
	2026-02-11 08:09:26	Our Government must educate and regulate our underperforming municipalities with regular audits and supervision and qualified management, Entities like Eskom and Transnet ect. should invite private investment and not have continued bailouts, And the Sars should work on ways to collect revenues from the 80,,%, of small businesses in the Townships who don't pay tax .	Frank	retired
	2026-02-11 07:58:52	Government should spend more time, money & effort to prosecute the national thieves & corruptors And curb government spending to regards of spending millions for state of the nation speech venues as well as the number of ministers and deputy ministers. South Africa spends a massive chunk of its budget on child support grants. On a more precise level this grant should be reviewed. For years we have heard about the high unemployment rate yet nothing substantive has come forth from our leaders. But what no one has highlighted is the ever increasing baby boom that is funded by taxpayers. Over the years this increasing number of offspring has contributed to unemployment and the inadequacy of facilities such as hospitals, schools, housing etc. It is time to stop the child benefit and curtail existing child benefit payments to one child per family. Solutions can be put in place to solve the huge problems that exist because our population has outstripped our resources. Have the courage to address the burgeoning social welfare trap that has cost this country dearly over many years.	Nicolette	
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	2026-02-11 07:44:23	Perhaps the government should spend more time, money & effort to prosecute the national thieves & corruptors	Sherina	retired
	2026-02-11 04:20:54	Firstly, South Africa spends a massive chunk of its budget on child support grants. On a more precise level this grant should be reviewed as some Mothers/Granny's are collecting for more then 8 children. This grant should be scrutinised and allocated to recipients in a more cost effective manner. Example, If a mother/granny is a beneficiary to just one child they collect R1000. Should there be a second, third, fourth , or more children by the same beneficiary it should only increase by another R150 per child. Do the maths (instead of a R580 per child we now increased by R420 per child which the beneficiary will be just too happy. Looking at it the profitable way, how many beneficiaries are recipients for more the one child...? Instead of now paying a grant of R1160 for two children ne grant will be R1150 saving R10. If three children instead of paying R1740 new grant amount will be R1300 saving R440. And it will continue to save the budget in billions of rands.	Naagraj Rabindranath	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 23:01:18		David	employed individual
	2026-02-10 22:57:47		Essop	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 22:40:38	Our country needs correct handling of taxes. Whatever revenue is being generated would be enough, if it comes into the right hands and is used to benefit the country and not just individuals.	Asmaa	
	2026-02-10 19:37:33		Keith	retired
	2026-02-10 18:12:17	The bottom line issue with South Africa is "corruption*. Gravy wagons, nepotism, BEE... all of which only profits upper echelons and sends good tax payers overseas, leaving the country poorer and poorer till it'll resemble the rest of Africa. Without fixing corruption you can ask for tips till the cows come home, but eventually the government will be governing over nothing because all will be destroyed and there'll be no money left to ask tips on how to manage. We are already half way there.	Gracie	self-employed
	2026-02-10 17:33:58		Germaine	retired
	2026-02-10 16:50:24		Rene	employed individual
	2026-02-10 15:44:30	Government needs to reduce spending. Reduce Parliament members salary and perks.Too many perks. Why should they be given houses?When the masses are living in shacks. Why should they be given cars ? Why should they be given cell phones and so much of free airtime and data.Why should they be given free flights?They get paid a hefty salary and many of them are not doing their jobs properly. There should be accountability, punishment, fines and dismissal for theft and fraud.When the masses are using taxies. Why should they get free water and electricity and generators and petrol? While the masses have endless problems with lack of water and electricity outages. Concentrate on reducing corruption and theft in the government. Halve the number of staff everywhere. Especially Eskom and SAA. Concentrate on serving the people Instead of how we can bleed them dry.The masses are living in abject poverty.	Nafisa	
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	2026-02-10 15:36:50	Sir, if meaningful public dialogue is the intent, then please afford the public a sensible time period in which to make meaningful comment to each of the areas identified. Going forward, a variety of participants (individual or task teams), with the relevant expertise and credibility, need to be engaged with government in the various areas identified to (i) improve skills and competencies in the financial sector (ii) identify key and strategic goals and realistic budgets (iii) ensure accountability and responsibility specifically with regard to fiscal and monetary policy (vi) redress imbalances in current fiscal policies (i.e. set priorities which meet the needs to the country). Participants should be selected from all groups within the population, including tax payers, employers, consumers etc. and specifically require a clear understanding of macro finance, fiscal policy and strategic planning	MT	business owner
	2026-02-10 15:23:35		Jane	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 15:08:18	Privatise state enterprises Reduce number of government officials Reduce government salaries and perks Get rid of the VIP blue light protection brigade Scrap BEE	Gerhard	
	2026-02-10 14:54:07		Petro	retired
	2026-02-10 14:54:03	Dear National Treasury, I submit this contribution ahead of the 2026 National Budget as a citizen concerned that South Africa's fiscal debate continues to focus too heavily on revenue extraction, while not effectively dealing with the blatant scourge of institutionalized corruption, as a result insufficient progress is made on growth and efficiency. (The total lack of accountability and gross mismanagement will always lead to corrupt unacceptable and aggravated abuse of the fiscus.) Unchecked public spending will always have a negative effect on any associated expected outcomes. South Africa's core fiscal problem is not a lack of taxation effort, but the prolonged failure of parliament to deal with runaway blatant corruption in all spheres of government, the focus should thereafter be to convert all available public resources into economic growth, reliable services, and a much need focus on creating employment. The 2026 Budget must confront to this reality directly. 1. Tax increases are not a substitute for growth or reform: With economic growth persistently weak and household incomes under pressure, further broad-based tax increases would be economically damaging and socially unjustifiable. The Budget should explicitly prioritise growth-enhancing reforms —reducing regulatory restrictions on growth of and a much-needed simplification for SMEs, including incentives for employment creation, productive investment, to improve logistics and export performance — rather than relying on a narrowing tax base and the associated burdening of the same through higher rates. 2. Revenue shortfalls must be addressed through enforcement, not burden-shifting: There is clear evidence that significant revenue is lost annually through corruption related tax evasion, avoidance, and administrative inefficiencies. Asking compliant taxpayers to contribute more while corruption related leakage persists undermines trust in the tax system. (Associated recoveries should be driven via related investigations, prosecutions of all guilty parties, with arrests coupled to non-negotiable local and global asset forfeitures, with the same recovered revenues being redirected and returned to the fiscus to alleviate the heavy burden forced down on the current and narrowing tax base.) 3. Expenditure discipline must be real, measurable, and enforced: Repeated commitments to expenditure reviews and efficiency gains have delivered limited visible results. The 2026 Budget should make audited expenditure reviews binding, with clear reallocations away from low-impact and wasteful expenditures. Procurement reform, transparent reporting, with mandatory and credible consequence management to counter financial misconduct and optional reforms are non-negotiable— they are prerequisites for fiscal legitimacy. 4. Reprioritize spending toward infrastructure and services that enable job creation and growth: Chronic underperformance in energy, transport, water, and municipal infrastructure continues to impose direct costs on households and businesses. Budget allocations must decisively favour job creation, controlled maintenance, project delivery, and infrastructure that raises productivity, rather than administrative expansion or poorly performing entities. Failure to do so will continue to suppress job creation, growth and worsen the fiscal outlook. 5. Fiscal credibility affects citizens, not only markets: Rising debt-service costs are already crowding out social and economic spending. A credible, transparent path to debt stabilization— anchored by enforceable controls and set expenditure ceilings — is essential. Fiscal indiscipline ultimately reduces the state's ability to protect the economy or vulnerable households and basic service delivery expectations. 6. Protect the vulnerable but acknowledge the limits of the fiscus: Essential services should be rolled out and protected in real terms. At the same time, policies such as bracket creep must be addressed to prevent silent tax increases on working households. (Social protection cannot be sustainably expanded in the absence of growth this includes the spend on Social Grants.) The 2026 Budget is a test of whether fiscal policy will continue to manage decline, or whether it will decisively shift toward growth, accountability, and delivery. Credibility will be judged not by intentions, but by enforceable actions, choices and measurable outcomes.	Martin	self-employed
	2026-02-10 14:51:15		Petro	retired
	2026-02-10 14:26:01	It is actually easy, stop paying Governemtn officials massive salaries that no one in the real world with normal jobs or with small businessess will ever see. They are only there to be clowns in parlement for a too high salary and they are not there to actually serve the public, if they were, then you would not see the clown acts in Parlement. As soon as you have reduced the enormous salaries to something that is normal and sustainable and in line with what we all assume to be normal salaries and/or reduced the massive amount of Parlement officials that sit around and piss out tax payers hard earned money, then you can use the surplus funds to start and reduce the countries debt, we dont even know where it is coming from as I have not seen anything maintained or serviced (except for salary increased) or added to the infrastructure in the last +-35 years that are significant. All service delivery went to shit, public hospitals are a mess, public transport is basically non-existent. Stop bailing out SOC's, I guess the salaries over there are also inflated and too much for the SOC's to sustain themselves. Stop opening new SOC's and have the residents of the country run such projects successfully, oh wait, that won't happen as there are too much red tape and no we need to keep it in Government hands so that we can loot some more..... Rund the damn Government as a business, stop pissing out money and overpaying for everything, cut back on expenses like normal business people do in the real world. When you start saving and spend wisely all of a suddon there will be cash-flow or funds available. Cut taxes as it is too high and the revenue to Goverment will increase, gaurenteed. Let me explain. We are taxed so hard that about 60% and maybe more of our income are going towards taxes, we have nothing left to spend. If, lets say, 25% of our income go towards direct taxes, then 26%-75% of our income will be spent on items that will generate indirect taxes. Oh and this BS that Eskom and Municipalities must increase rates to cover old debt, this make zero sense. A company do not increase fees/rates to make money to cover outstanding debts, you recover those debts by recovering those unpaid debts, not punish the paying citizens because of the defaulting ones. How is that ever good for business?	Wilfred	self-employed
	2026-02-10 14:16:23	SOE's - privatise Eskom and Transnet. Government incapable of running economy especially vital institutions. Cost cutting - Excessive bloated government salaries. - Personal Protection/Blue light brigades for officials. If you weren't corrupt you wouldn't need them. Failing Municipalities - Get rid of all the corrupt unqualified cadres. Stop the BBEEE bullsh*t. It does not help the economy. Tax Burden - cut the stealth taxes. Households are being taxed on after-tax money on almost everything!	Michael	retired
	2026-02-10 13:11:34	I cannot give input on many of these points, but one way to save wastage of tax payer money in the H.E. sector is to fund only those students who have a realistic chance of succeeding. Given the low standards of education at school level, many students just don't have the educational background or results which would indicate an ability to succeed at university level. Raise entrance requirements and then insist that universities, instead of accepting applicants on a first-come, first-served basis, take only the most able students to make up the numbers they can accommodate for each course. The opposite is unbelievably frequently the case. This will free up money, some of which can be used to improve the quality and standards in school education. Government can also save huge amounts of money by doing away with the BEE premiums involved in their current procurement practices. This is common sense. Finally, to improve efficiency and productivity levels right across the economy (and in municipalities) appoint staff on merit. Some real consequence management, sackings and jailings would also help municipal employees at all levels learn to do their jobs efficiently and honestly.	Dawn	retired

	2026-02-10 12:15:14	Please add the following to all that you have listed. The number one issue with the Gov budget is to much spending on officials, directors, managers, politicians, consultants, etc. The budget for human resources must be reduced by at least 25 - 40 %. The following is also very important. The budget must be focused on maintenance of all services for at least three years. We cannot build new dreams and empires if existing is not maintained or ill and substandard kept in order. The third is that officials must start doing their work and that consultants must be the exception. A committee comprising of citizens nominated by the public must be formed to oversee tenders and all spendings above R50 million. A full-time job but they will save a hundred times what is spend annually. There are still so much to say, let's keep it to this.	Lampies	self-employed
	2026-02-10 11:58:58	If corruption stops and competent people are appointed in government, who can actually do their jobs, South Africa's finances will not be in trouble. Fire all the freeloaders, put the thieves in government positions in jail and stop wasting money flying in planes and staying in expensive hotels, drinking and eating, when the conferences attended, have no positive effect.	Petro	self-employed
	2026-02-10 11:46:10	Tips: Stop stealing! Stop BEE! Appoint competent people. In short - Tsek ANC	Lize	self-employed
	2026-02-10 11:45:57	MUNICIPALITES investigation: The minister should address all municipalities for maladministration, fraud, injustice, and waste of rate payers money as all the services have not improved, but deteriorating and getting worse every day. The roads in most provinces of South Africa HAS FALLEN APART and lie in ruins. Why are we paying for rates when all these necessities HAVE FALLEN apart??? Traffic signals are not working ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. AND A LOT MORE CAN BE DONE BUT IS NOT DONE!!!	Desiree	retired
	2026-02-10 11:41:23	) Cut out the BEE requirement as it is leaking money straight into rich black business owners, encouraging corruption, inhibiting economic growth and preventing foreign investments)e.g. Starlink, which would greatly benefit the whole population). At the same time audit the rich back owners & publicly call them out, as well as take action to prosecute the offenders. This may not be budget topic, but it affects the economy hugely - so it is actually to do with the budget! 2) Privatize the SEO's . 3) Stop flooding our markets with cheap Chinese crap. Caused by signing huge trading deals with China, as recent as last week. Rather encourage local skills and bring bag the 'rag' trade to Cape Town. It used to flourish and provide good jobs. 4) Immigration laws to be tightened and applied to anyone wanting to immigrate to SA - including neighbouring coutry's citizens. Stop illegal immigrants ! 5) Give policing powers and funding to each City , so that each City can improve policing themselves.	Karin	retired
	2026-02-10 11:26:13	Debt, reckless government spending, and corruption must be stopped. Remove excess staff from government. Ministers must pay for their own expenses. Privileges are abused, and no one is brought to account. Accountability for all areas of a minister's responsibility is essential and should be available for scrutiny by the public. No freebies given to family members. such as free cars, drivers, security, home rent, and staff. These expenses must be met by the responsible house owner and head of family, no matter who they are. One car for one person only. and limited security, the Blue Light Brigades are a waste of taxpayers' money. All monies spent must be accounted for in detail and available for scrutiny by forensic investigators and the public. More money must be spent on health departments. Hospitals and clinics must be fixed up and maintained with enough money budgeted to make them first-class and keep them in top-class working order. Teacher training and nursing colleges must be reinstalled, and the students given first-world training. Clinics should be open on a 24-hour basis with trained nurses who are able to contact a doctor and ambulance when necessary. These clinics must be located within walking distance of the local population so that elderly people can access them without difficulty. There are far too few clinics available for the number of people needing urgent medical help or renewal of prescription medicines. People wait for hours in unacceptable conditions, often waiting for 6 or more hours to collect essential, life-saving medicines because the staff is overworked and not enough of them are there to see to the needs of patients in a professional and adequate manner. Nothing in government works smoothly because of inadequate training, supervision, and careless attitudes. Ethical principles are not taught to trainees and patients are often treated in unacceptably rude ways. Government spending is astronomical. There must be a cut in ministers' and parliamentary members' salaries. They are all paid by us, the taxpayers, and yet are allocated huge increases in salaries for sitting in Parliament doing nothing except screaming and behaving in disrespectful, unprofessional manners. There should be decorum in parliament, of which we see very little. Disrespectful members of parliament ought to be expelled from the room immediately and not given the opportunity to argue and scream at others in a disorderly manner. Makes our government a laughingstock to the rest of the civilized world. Pensions paid to the elderly are minimal and below what any household can live on. Grandmothers/gogos are often looking after their grandchildren while their children are desperately seeking work or, worse, living on the streets as beggars or criminals. Municipal finances are mostly in a total mess with no level of accountability by those in charge. Decrease the size of the cabinets. For example, local municipalities should be reduced with members elected by the people living in each zone so that that person will be responsible to a section of the municipality who can kick them out if they do not perform their duties. Education is a vital part of all societies. People want their children to be educated in the way that the particular family desires and must have the right to demand an education for their children that goes with the worldview and desire for the welfare of their children. No person has the right to overrule the worldview of a family and make children fit in with some nebulous demand of a disinterested, distant education minister and department. Freedom to choose what is right for a child is a God-given right, not something a government can demand. The Department of Justice must be totally objective in dealing with criminals. White-collar crime, buying of tenders, or giving tenders to friends and family must be stopped, and severe penalties must be given to those who are involved on both sides. Commissions of Enquiry that cost the taxpayer enormous amounts of money serve no purpose, as nothing ever comes from them. Criminals are named but are still walking the streets or playing golf somewhere. Others are given a slap on the wrist and are then free to carry on their nefarious activities. Monitoring of high levels of government employees, for example, MP's, CEO's, CFOs, and DGs and DDGs, and their lifestyles to see if they match their earnings is essential., Also, the validation of qualifications to hold such posts is essential. Severe disciplinary action must be taken against those found guilty of state fund misuse and abuse, laundering of money, colluding with criminals, and so on. These criminals must not be allowed to sit at home getting their salaries while doing nothing. They can be given a small amount of money to buy essential items such as food and to pay rent or bonds. They must also be sent to criminal court as they have committed crimes. Proper monitoring of the use of state money and resources must be done by an objective, outside person or company that has no personal interest or knowledge of any person involved in government. Taxi owners should also register as small business owners and pay tax the same as all business owners. It's a multi-million rand industry that does not pay tax but gets rebates and fuel to operate.	samuel	business owner
	2026-02-10 11:06:52	1. Safety 1st: Stricken & fair Police, Justice & Defence 2. Education in my own culture environmentally choices 3. Health	Awie	self-employed
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	2026-02-10 10:53:10		Colleen	retired
	2026-02-10 10:51:12	Reduce amount of useless government officials, stop the luxury spending by government officials. Prosecute corrupt officials. Tax the Taxi Industry! Employ qualified people irrespective of race so that the municipalities/SOE's can actually do what they are supposed to do and what the people pay for.	Diane	self-employed
	2026-02-10 10:42:01	Debt and reckless government spending and corruption must be stopped. Remove excess staff from government. Ministers must pay for their own expenses . Privileges are abused and no one is brought to account. Accountability for all areas of a minister's responsibility is essential and should be available for scrutiny by the public. No freebies given to family members. such as free cars, drivers, security, home rent, and staff. These expenses must be met by the responsible house owner and head of family no matter who they are. One car for one person only. and limited security, The Blue Light Brigades are a waste of taxpayers money. All monies spent must be accounted for in detail and available for scrutiny by forensic investigators and the public. More money must be spent on health departments. Hospitals and clinics must be fixed up and maintained with enough money budgeted to make them first class and keep them in top class working order. 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These criminals must not be allowed to sit at home getting their salaries while doing nothing, They can be given a small amount of money to buy essential items such as food and to pay rent or bonds. They must also be sent to criminal court as they have committed crimes . Properly monitoring of the use of State money and resources must be done by an objective, outside person or company that has no personal interest or knowledge of any person involved in government.	Irene	retired

	2026-02-10 10:39:56	1. SOEs must be run at a profit. 2. All corrupt officials must be fired. 3. There should be only two type of social grants, old age and disability. 4. Nothing is free, all services provided must be paid for by the recipient. 5. All undocumented immigrants must be deported. 6. Those occupying state buildings illegally must be removed and charged. 7. How are illegal cigarettes entering the country? Why no action is taken? 8. Why does the taxi industry not pay business tax?	Basdeo	
	2026-02-10 10:32:29	Stop the theft, fraud, scams, cadre deployment, etc. Properly assess the taxi industry for tax without fear (use the army to sort out the protection "hit men"). Likewise, the illicit cigarette industry. Employ competent people in the SOE's and strategic appointments. Count the money and you're halfway there. Stop making annual "Promises" and "Projections" which the nation knows are simply "pie-in-the-sky".	Les	retired
	2026-02-10 10:27:11	We need new governance. The current lot have spent the last 30 years stealing and conniving to steal more! I vote TAX REVOLT!	Stephanie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 10:25:41		Helen	retired
	2026-02-10 09:56:40		Lorraine	retired
	2026-02-10 09:56:27	the only way to address the financial position that South Africa finds itself in is painfully obvious. Just look at the news. The country is run by incompetent, unqualified and crooked people. Change that and you will change SA	richard	retired
	2026-02-10 09:43:32	Stop the theft, government awards, tender frauds and tax the taxi industry. Employ competent people in the SOE's and strategic appointments. Count the money and you're halfway there. Hopefully the rest will fall into place!	Bryan	retired
	2026-02-10 09:33:30	stop corruption on tender matters and bring to book culprits and state seizure of assets on those found guilty stop government officials spending on luxury items and these huge functions and indaba's staged by government reduce the cabinet positions and personal in state run organizations just to say we have met the job creation Municipalities need a huge shake up and accountability and stop wasted spending hospitals and clinics eish the wasted spending and corruption needs addressing and so we can carry on	Sharon Ann	retired
	2026-02-10 09:30:24		Otto	retired
	2026-02-10 09:22:07		Alan	retired
	2026-02-10 09:12:29		Charl	
	2026-02-10 08:27:47	Debt , reckless goverment spending and corruption will bring SA down!!	Eduan	retired
	2026-02-10 08:06:02	Remove excess staff , ministers must pay for own expenses themselves. no more privileges that are abused all the time, and get away with it. Like extra cars for family, drivers, security, home rent,staff etc. One car for one person only. So much waistage there. Money must be only paid out if needed. More money be spent on health departments, Teachers training Nurses training, clinics some elderly people wait 6 hour to collect meds, because of no staff etc.Nothing in Governments work smoothly.	Leigh	self-employed
	2026-02-10 07:28:36	1. Decrease in Government cabinets eg. National and local only then reduce national ministers by binding the portfolios eg Education one minister not higher and basic, Social development only not woman, child and disabled etc. This is where the country wastes exorbitant amounts of money, also reduce these many DR'S and DOG'S Who manipulate finances on all sectors. 2. Justice to play a role in dealing with the country's thieves, chances on tenders white collar criminals not to have so many commissions of enquiry that utilize our money with no arrests and recovery. 3. Monitoring of high levels of Government employees eg. MP's, CEO's, CFO, DG, DDG, lifestyles if they match their earnings, Also validation of their qualifications to hold such posts. 4. Disciplinary action to be taken for those found guilty of state fund misuse and abuse, laundering, colluding with criminals 5. Properly monitoring of use of State money and resources.	Nonhlanhla	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 07:27:54	1 get rid of that bloated parliament 2 stop using your criminal buddies in positions they shouldn't be 3 stop being so lazy and useless 4 if you don't know how to spend/allocate taxes properly give it back to the tax payers 5 try doing something constructive for the populace 6 try doing something yourselves for a change	Werner	employed individual
	2026-02-10 07:20:30	1. Freeze salaries and bonuses for all SOE employees, all ministers and their excessive staff, politicians and the like, until further notice. None of the SOEs are profitable and our country is in a disgraceful state, so there is no justification for continuous increases and bonuses. 2. Do away with Deputy Ministers as there are already Director-Generals who do the work. 3. Reduce the size of Cabinet, Committees, and government employees to half. 4. Shut down useless SOEs like the Post Office as they are already bankrupt. 5. Stop wasteful expenditure like name changes of places/rivers, etc.; exorbitant travel expenses like business class flights/5-star accommodation and huge entourages; and hiring of venues for unnecessary meetings where Zoom or Google Meet would suffice. 6. Stop funding political parties with taxpayer money. All parties should do their own fundraising to cover their expenses. 7. Stop suspending government employees on full pay for years on end. Disciplinary action needs to happen promptly. 8. Stop giving tenders to incompetent people who have no work history in the field and run off with the money. 9. All informal businesses and taxis must be registered for tax - there are billions of Rands there. 10. Government must stop taking loans from banks and other countries. The interest on this debt amounts to billions each month. Expenses cannot exceed income!!! Government must reduce expenses!!! 11. Stop paying the Covid SRD grant of R370. Our country is not a charity and taxpayers are suffering. 12. Cease benefits for all migrants and illegal foreigners in our country. Deport them as we have enough problems that need to be sorted out, starting with unemployment. 13. Stop paying grants for illegitimate children - pay for 1 child, and any more children after that is not the governments problem. 14. Government cannot create jobs, so please cut the red tape and get out of the way so that the private sector can create jobs and enable the economy to grow.	Anthea	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 22:30:30	Education, Healthcare, review taxes on retirees	Raghnee	retired
	2026-02-09 21:01:13	The government should focus on what is truly crucial to improve the country's economic situation. Don't waste time and money on pet projects, wasteful legislation, supporting state owned enterprises (privatise the lot) and incompetent ministers, government officials and municipalities.	Marita	
	2026-02-09 21:00:59		Rehana	retired
	2026-02-09 20:52:01		Maria	retired
	2026-02-09 20:50:55	It's time government took a bold stand and started collecting tax for taxi operators, illegal cigarettes, municipality that don't pay Eskom. It's time the tax base was increased, government to stop making excuses for those that vote for it. Stop borrowing money to pay to have babies, follow countries like China 1 baby families. Stop wasting money on name changes. Cut back on the number of minister s and Deputy ministers that add nothing positive.	Allan	
	2026-02-09 20:40:55	I think first of all they should half our cabinet by half and save alot of money.	Tumelo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 19:21:18		Peter	
	2026-02-09 19:01:39	Why does Eskom pay bonuses if they are always 'broke'? Need more productivity from all government departments, and less salary expenditure. Government is wasteful, start projects that do not get completed. We do not need to change names of places or give eThekwini a new logo when the roads and water infrastructure need so much work and money spent on them. Unemployment is a huge problem but government creates barriers to investment in South Africa. Corruption is not being addressed.	Jan	employed individual
	2026-02-09 18:59:18	nina masela kumele nihambe	Justin	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 18:59:17	nina masela kumele nihambe	Justin	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 18:54:52		Ben	self-employed
	2026-02-09 18:27:37	1. How to stabilise SOEs, like Eskom and Transnet. • Privatise the SOEs 2. Where to cut government spending. • Cut down on the amount of ministers by combining portfolios for example Department of Education (Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education) • Thereby saving cost on salaries and benefits and limit the cost and type on allocated cars. • Aggressively getting rid of fraud and mismanagement. • Place competent people in the right places thereby reducing government spending and getting rid of wasteful, unnecessary expenditure • No subcontracting and thereby letting government employee doing nothing. 2. How to fix municipal finance failures. • Each employee, from the municipal manager up to the cleaner, to sign a detailed job description and each employee is to be evaluated on a six-monthly basis by an independent team and if no improvement is found, these employee are to be dismissed and not re-employed. 3. What to do about the tax burden on households. • Why is SARS again targeting the already overburdened 2.4% taxpayers in the country which only drives them and their businesses out of the country. • Start focusing on those not paying their fair share of taxes.	Hartmut	retired

	2026-02-09 18:06:31		Leonieke	retired
	2026-02-09 18:06:04	1. Get rid of non-performing SOE's! 2. Reduce the number of government employees. 3. Reduce the number of ministers and consolidate portfolios.	Christo	retired
	2026-02-09 17:54:11	1. It's NO brainer! Reduce the number of Ministers; they are a liability and are all 'Riders'. 2. Privatise SOES! They are all ANC managed and thanks to the them, they are all bankrupt and insolvent. 3. NEED I SAY MORE?	Ingi	retired
	2026-02-09 17:49:05	First and foremost : implement good governance in both state and provincial and Municpal departments …the ANC has totally lost control across the country when it comes to Good Governance ….Focus must be placed that only competent persons are appointed to official positions, let's stop worrying about who that person is, just get the best people possible ! Like this we will 1: Stop the fiscal waste 2: stop corruption. Implement just these two policies and local & global leaders will have more faith in our country. Secondly: support local sme to grow their businesses , provide support not taxable hurdles for these entities to grow. Currently we, business leaders have to survive in a country that is best described as a system of" Punitive Capitalism" support businesses don't punish them with more taxation, so that we can grow their pool of earners , this will bring bettter tax revenue and will decrease state support for the unemployed. The government cannot grow employment unlesss it supports this countries businesses to grow. make the SA market more appealing to both Europe and the Middle East. Show transparency in all global transactions , Build confidence for people to see a future in this country, for people to feel good about investing their capital here instead of sending it "off-shore" Those few points alone will go a very long way to putting us on the path to success ….Let us work as South Africans and not the divided nation we are now. There is much to be proud of, let's build and repair those things we are Not Proud of , don't sing your praises ,,,, embrace and display the failures you have made and let's fix these together. This is a very large subject , and these are just broad strokes , but simple enough to understand.	Franciska	retired
	2026-02-09 17:47:39		Karen	self-employed
	2026-02-09 17:26:08		Jesse	retired
	2026-02-09 16:38:55	1. Privatise SOEs. They're draining and fiscus and not delivering the services. 2. Cut the bloated government and municipal payroll. 3. Stop prioritising and allocating funds to all any any BEE policies and projects. 4. Ensure only legitimate citizens are receiving social grants and restructure the social grant system so that it doesn't incentivise people to stay home and live off the State - and by extension the tax payers of the country. 5. Reduce Private Income Tax and corporate tax to incentivise productivity and entrepreneurship to grow the economy. 6. Impose stricter consequences on municipalities who misuse or don't use the funds allocated to provide the necessary services. 7. Crack down on fraud and abuse - and any criminality within government. This is one of the biggest drains on our country.	Beverley	self-employed
	2026-02-09 16:25:31		Julia	retired
	2026-02-09 16:15:14	Economy and fiscus: the single biggest thing halting our economy is BEE. The economy HAS to grow for us to get out of this mess. Minister, this budget is a prime example of why BEE has to go. No amount of cuts or reallocations will be enough if our economy does not grow and unemployment does not drastically decrease. Decrease unemployment and there won't be enough white people for all the jobs anyway, meaning we won't even need transformation laws. Government spending and budget deficit: halt ridiculous expenditures like the SANDF's R272 million Armed Forces Day celebration. How can we have such a massive budget deficit and allow reckless behaviour like this? The same goes for excess salaries, blue light brigades etc. You have to show the few taxpayers that you have that their money is being stewarded properly. At the moment, we feel the opposite. Municipal finances: there has to be stricter consequences for mismanagement. Bailouts just exacerbate the problem. Those mismanaging have to be removed and replaced by people who can do the job.	Janneke	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 15:16:50	To start with, sort out the Treasury. A democracy is by-the-people, of-the-people, for -the-people. Instead of telling us what we will get give us what we should be getting ie give us education, policing, health, and defend us from outsiders. Don't spend public money on outsiders (remember Gaza handout). Govt. spending is dead easy. we have to stop deficit budgets. Spend on locals what is required (see above). But spend LESS money than what you have got. Spend only on the activities that will benefit the people (those above) rayher than fund ANC ideologies.. With lots of calls, you have to priorities them. Just put the people first. The SOEs are a good target. With over 700 of them there must be hundreds that are consuming funds. Evaluate them all and keep only those that are sustainble (profitable). close down the rest. Municipal finances are a mess. However, start with yourself and make sure municipal charges are settled. Make sure that service charges from suppliers are settled by them too.	John	retired
	2026-02-09 15:06:19		Arthur	retired
	2026-02-09 15:02:35	As the annual budget has to be discussed and then accepted for approval by parliament, there is no real point in making any suggestions. Any suggestion that is out of anc alignment won't even be heard. This is just another meaningless tick box exercise, a total waste of time!!	Bruce	retired
	2026-02-09 15:01:01	Appoint competant people in administrations and SOE'S. Do away with BBBE. Reduce ministerial staff and enforce responsibilities Minimise ministerial perks and expenditure. Minimise red tape and taxes on small businesses.	Pieter	business owner
	2026-02-09 14:41:24	The entire BBBEE and tender process has to be reviewed immediately, and tenders should only be awarded based on skills, capability, price and track record. If we just address this then at all three tries of Government substantial savings will be made which can be ploughed back into water infrastructure etc. Full lifestyle audits should be done on all politicians, public servants and those companies/individuals that were awarded tenders. Tenders awarded need to be evaluated and checked for compliance and if completed to the required standards. Companies/individuals should be blacklisted on a central database that is available for scrutiny by anyone. Tax brackets need to be adjusted for inflation purposes and rebates need to be increased especially for the pensioners. Government must create jobs and partnerships with the private sector (no BBBEE) on infrastructure is the only way we can get the company out of this deep hole.	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-09 14:35:30	Focusing on the wrong things again.	Dominic	business owner
	2026-02-09 14:25:27	Dear Minister Godongwana,	RAeesah	employed individual
	2026-02-09 14:14:14	Dear Minister Godongwana,	Jason	employed individual
	2026-02-09 13:56:40	The government must reduce the number deputy ministers and recover the millions stolen by sheer incompetence.	Derek	retired
	2026-02-09 13:49:19	The government should focus on creating a financial environment that will encourage investors, not scare them off. To achieve this, BEE should be scrapped – in all shapes and forms – to stimulate business development, overseas investment and economic growth. Governmental expenditure should be cut back on heavily (curbing those big salaries, VIP treatment and extravagant travel and trips, VIP security, bloated cabinets and more). Government should prioritise focusing on finding new ways to grow revenue rather than simply to raise taxes. Again, ceasing all forms of BEE and protecting property rights by abolishing EWC will attract investors from around the globe, instead of relying so much on a small and shrinking taxpayers base to cover expenditure. Government should lower the cost of living for all South Africans to interrupt the cycle of South Africans spending and lending that surpasses their earning. Bailouts should be carefully reconsidered and audited. If all of the bailouts for failing state entities had actually been received by them and been utilised properly (instead of being stolen or used fraudulently) these entities would not be in the mess they are in. Past and future bailouts therefore are a burden to tax payers and of no value to failing entities or their end customers, as these funds always disappear into corrupt hands. Maintenance backlogs in water, power and other forms of infrastructure are now causing widespread collapse and should no longer be managed by the state, cadre deployment and their corrupt contract procurement processes. Personal Income Tax hits lower and middle income earners the hardest and instead, the wealthy, super wealthy and elites should contribute more. Lower and middle income earners should receive cutbacks on income tax and subsidies on life essentials to help us survive growing economic hardship. The government should look better after the dwindling taxpayer base because without us, South Africa is finished. Again, if the economy is stimulated well, by abolishing all discriminatory practices, race-based laws and if property rights are protected and personal safety promoted, all South Africans will benefit from a fast growing economy and higher earnings (without government having to raise VAT or depend so heavily on personal income tax). If municipalities were actually well run – instead of municipal funds being stolen or fraudulently spent – the standard of living of all South Africans will be uplifted. Because a large part of the budget comes from the earnings of tax paying South Africans, they should have far greater say about how this money is allocated. Corruption needs to be stamped out, transparency needs to be upheld and there should be far greater accountability towards tax payers and all South African citizens when it comes to spending of budget funds. If the government cared equally for all South African citizens, the country as a whole would be in far better shape. The plight of all South Africans should be placed ahead of political and socialist ideologies so the country can repair, prosper and become a noteworthy, valuable global player, which will stand to benefit everyone in this country.	Mada	
	2026-02-09 13:27:26	Reduce the number of parliamentary seats and reduce government spending that incurs more debt. Channel funds to stop crime, and corruption. If crime was reduced all the funds presently going to private security would be better allocated to creating more work and a healthier economy. Secure our borders- no tolerance for undocumented foreigners entering and living in our country, using up our resources	Fehrzaana	employed individual
	2026-02-09 13:27:04		Maryke	employed individual
	2026-02-09 13:26:34	First and foremost : implement good governance in both state and provincial and Municpal departments …the ANC has totally lost control across the country when it comes to Good Governance ….Focus must be placed that only competent persons are appointed to official positions, let's stop worrying about who that person is, just get the best people possible ! Like this we will 1: Stop the fiscal waste 2: stop corruption. Implement just these two policies and local & global leaders will have more faith in our country. Secondly: support local sme to grow their businesses , provide support not taxable hurdles for these entities to grow. Currently we, business leaders have to survive in a country that is best described as a system of" Punitive Capitalism" support businesses don't punish them with more taxation, so that we can grow their pool of earners , this will bring bettter tax revenue and will decrease state support for the unemployed. The government cannot grow employment unlesss it supports this countries businesses to grow. make the SA market more appealing to both Europe and the Middle East. Show transparency in all global transactions , Build confidence for people to see a future in this country, for people to feel good about investing their capital here instead of sending it "off-shore" Those few points alone will go a very long way to putting us on the path to success ….Let us work as South Africans and not the divided nation we are now. There is much to be proud of, let's build and repair those things we are Not Proud of , don't sing your praises ,,,, embrace and display the failures you have made and let's fix these together. This is a very large subject , and these are just broad strokes , but simple enough to understand.	Ralf	employed individual
	2026-02-09 13:23:37	Reduce the number of parliamentary seats and reduce government spending that incurs more debt. Channel funds to stop crime, and corruption. If crime was reduced all the funds presently going to private security would be better allocated to creating more work and a healthier economy. Secure our borders- no tolerance for undocumented foreigners entering and living in our country, using up our resources	Mae	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 13:14:01	Impose a 300% tax on property (purchase price, rates and taxes) for foreigners to make homes more accessible to South Africans.	Vanessa	
	2026-02-09 13:13:02	Reduce the number of parliamentary seats and reduce government spending that incurs more debt. But most importantly channel funds to stop crime, and corruption. If crime was reduced all the funds presently going to private security would be better allocated to creating more work and a healthier economy.	Lachlan	self-employed
	2026-02-09 13:09:49		DEBORAH	retired
	2026-02-09 13:03:42		John	retired
	2026-02-09 13:03:28	Cut the number of employees from ministers, deputies down to the bottom level. Employ competent qualified persons, no cadres, buddies or BBBEE, get the right person in for the position and make them accountable. This applies to municipalities, SOE's and any other institution operated by Government. It's time to come right and stop the rot.	Alan	retired

	2026-02-09 12:51:29	BEE in all forms and guises needs to be scrapped to stimulate economic growth. Cut Government expenditure firstly by reducing the number of ministers and deputy ministers. Reduce the salaries of remaining ministers and curb excessive perks. Reduce VIP protection and Travel. If all in the country are to benefit our bloated government needs to lead the way in fiscal reform.	Lynette	employed individual
	2026-02-09 12:50:48	Competent people with the proper education, knowledge and experience Need to be appointed to address all above. The race is not important. But people with the same goal of servicing South Africa and ALL its people. With integrity and accountability. People who care, with high values and self respect that will reflect in their actions, work ethic.	Anna	retired
	2026-02-09 12:46:37	Government should stop borrowing money. Proudly South African products should get more attention to empower more South Africans. BEE should be scraped to give fair advantage to all. Government spending should drastically be brought down. Government should stop helping other countries when they aren't in the position to help their own people that is starving. It is like having 2 ships, with lifeboats for only one ship and letting both ships people get into lifeboats. No one will survive	Anita Magdalena	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 12:44:58	Government are meant to govern, not run a business. Govt. bring in no tax income, they only spend tax income. Only when business are given a free reign without the BBEEE ball and chain restraint, can South Africa employ more people and grow the economy. Business do this at extreme risk. Govt. carries no risk when running the parastatals because they see the population as their income. We are a Democratic country, yet the ANC are pushing laws through to make them popular. Why is it that all the sciences, Accountants, Doctors and all professional services have to be held accountable to high standards, yet most politicians have no skills, qualification or expertise in their political field. Business fire incompetent staff. Government move incompetent staff to a another department which is a big reason for S.A. poor economy.	Colin	business owner
	2026-02-09 12:34:30	BEE should be dropped – in all it's shapes and guises – to stimulate business development, overseas investment and economic growth. Governmental expenditure should be cut back to the bone (curbing those big salaries, VIP treatment and extravagant travel costs, VIP security, bloated cabinets and more). Government should definitely focus on finding new ways of growing revenue rather than simply raising taxes. Again, ceasing all forms of BEE and protecting property rights by abolishing EWC will attract investors from around the globe, instead of relying so much on a small and shrinking taxpayers base to cover expenditure. Government should lower the cost of living for all South Africans to interrupt the cycle of South Africans spending and lending more than earning. Bailouts should be reconsidered as they serve no purpose. If all of the bailouts for failing state entities had actually been received by them and been utilised properly, instead of being stolen or used fraudulently, these entities would not be in the mess they are in. Past and future bailouts therefore are a burden to tax payers and of no value to failing entities or their end consumers, as these funds always go the same way – into corrupt hands. Maintenance backlogs in water, power and other forms of infrastructure are now causing widespread collapse and should no longer be managed by the state, cadre deployment and corrupt government officials. Personal Income Tax hits lower and middle income earners the hardest and instead, the wealthy, super wealthy and elites should contribute more. Lower and middle income earners should receive cutbacks on income tax to improve their chance to survive their growing economic hardship. If the little remaining tax base is depleted, South Africa is finished. Again, if the economy is stimulated well, by abolishing all discriminatory practices, race-based laws and if property rights are protected and personal safety promoted, all South Africans will benefit from a fast growing economy and higher earnings (without government having to raise VAT or depend so heavily on personal income tax). If municipalities were actually well run – instead of municipal funds being stolen or fraudulently squandered – the standard of living of all South Africans will be uplifted. Because a large part of the budget comes from the earnings of tax paying South Africans, they should have far greater say about how this money is spent. Corruption needs to be stamped out, transparency needs to be upheld and there should be far greater accountability towards tax payers and all South African citizens when it comes to spending of budget funds. If the government cared equally for all South Africans and had all of our backs, the country as a whole would be in far better shape. The plight of all South Africans should be placed ahead of socialist and political ideologies so the country can repair, prosper and move forward as a country of global importance.	Marne	
	2026-02-09 12:04:05	While all of these topics raise concern, expenditure wastage through misappropriation of funds and corruption is stealing money away from very important areas best example failing infrastructure and maintenance of said infrastructure.	Lollo	retired
	2026-02-09 11:47:40	While all of these topics are a concern, in broad strokes, expenditure wastage through misappropriation of funds, tender fraud and corruption is stealing money away from areas like our burgeoning infrastructure requirements, policing and health budgets and many others. If the theft by ANC cadres is staunched, or at least drastically reduced through tougher specialist policing policies and greater funding of the intelligence sectors and overall capability, there will be a lot more money in the fiscus to grow the economy via cheaper electricity and other incentives to the private sector, who will then be motivated to reindustrialize our nation.	Nick	self-employed
	2026-02-09 11:43:27		Raen	retired
	2026-02-09 11:42:34	Stop wasting and stealing tax money. Cut the number of government employees, including ministers. Employ experts in leading roles. Stop BEE. Support entrepreneurs.	Diethelm	
	2026-02-09 11:38:31	Make service delivery non-negotiable, with real consequences. That means: set clear, public targets for basics people actually feel every day—electricity uptime, water access, functioning clinics and schools—and then reward officials who deliver and remove those who don't, regardless of political connections. South Africa doesn't lack good policies or money on paper; it struggles with execution and accountability. When civil servants know promotions depend on results (not loyalty), corruption drops, trust rises, and competence starts to compound.	Sonja	employed individual
	2026-02-09 11:37:21	1) Economy - Remove BEE and allow entrepreneurs to freely create businesses, irrespective of colour. You are hamstringing people and investment that can make a difference to the unemployment crisis. 2) Reduce the number of children allowed per family woman thereby reducing the number of grants required. 3) Lowering the education pass rates does not solve a problem, all it does is create a false perspective, from a distance. We need our children to not learn that it is OK to have a free ride, they need to work hard to get somewhere in life. 4) Privatize the SOE's. Clearly the government is not able to run them, they only use them to syphon and loot the funds. They also employ idiots that don't understand how to perform in their roles which cost the tax payers in the end. 5) Energy - Instead of trying to find another way to punish the tax payers by wanting to charge them for harnessing alternative energies, reward them and allow them to sell back to the SOE. 6) Water - Every municipality needs to start removing the old infrastructure and replacing it. This needs to be done by fully qualified companies, not cronies. 7) Tax - tax payers should be rewarded for not being in debt to the state and for investing in the country like owning a house. People in this category should receive a rebate or refund. 8) Revenues - Taking back our industry instead of selling out to the countries like China and India is what we need. Mine harvest our own materials, and process them here. Don't sell raw materials cheaply and buy them back at huge expense. Make "Made in SA" a great. We need to remove those in government that are selling off our country to those that put cash in their own pockets and depriving our citizens of quality products or foods. 8) Municipal Finances - These are only an issue because we have incompetent people trying to run the municipalities, well I guess that is the entire government too. In both government and municipal, people should only be hired if they have an actual education or tertiary skill in that sector. All government and municipal workers finances should be continuously open and continuously investigated for irregularities. For disciplinary actions, there shouldn't be a case for suspended with pay, it should be no pay until proven innocent. All salaries paid should go through a multi facet, continuous, KYC check and this should be done with the banks. This will rid the system of fictitious persons. This country needs to have proper repercussions for ones actions. There are so many cases going on for people in government and private that have committed fraud andor are not paying their taxes or municipal bills, yet they continue unabated because we do not have a system that punishes. If you are wondering how we can fix roads and infrastructure, prisoners are a burden on society and are not learning anything, they need to be put to work in labor camps and "chain gangs". They need to take part in fixing the society that they have harmed, and they need to learn a proper lesson and reason for wanting to be released back. All those fat cats that are stealing our hard earned taxes and not paying their taxes, put them to work. Remove the hardened criminal from our society permanently to make space for the ones that need to put in. Prisoners shouldn't have rights that out weigh the society that they harmed. They need to earn the right to come back after learning what it takes to do things the right way. Make non government auditors audit every municipality and every section of the government and make high penalties for transgressors.	Miriam	retired
	2026-02-09 11:35:18	Firstly start by reducing the size of parliament and reduce the perks, the spin off from this will be less expenditure on body guards. Debit repayments have to be reduced so start to reduce the size of the countries debit and stop any further financing of the budget through borrowing. Scrap the road accident fund and place the third party insurance requirements in the hands of the insurance industry. minimum requirement for road users will be third party liability. removing this levy from the cost of fuel will stimulate the economy. Privatize parts of SOE's or have them entre into partnerships with the private sector for funding no more bale outs Municipalities must be run by competent people with degrees in business management and finance. Managers and CFO's must be held accountable for any miss management or abuse of funds. Strict control over municipal funds to ensure it is used in the right areas and for the right projects to benefit of all.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-09 11:31:57	1. Get rid of all those in Parlement just serve as fillers and making up numbers squandering tax payers money. 2. Drop the salaries of the remainder with 75%. If the pensioner can survive with R2000, they also can survive with it. 3. Educate the youngsters as in the old days. Let them undergo proper training by proper experienced and Sertified Educators followed by strict trade tests, with a pass mark NOT less than 100% as in the prior 1994's. Many well trained and well experienced retired educaters are still around, who would not mind educating the youngster. However one problem have arised. Skin color. 4. Stop finding ways and implimenting bills in addition looting and milking the tax payer's cow. This cow has dried up long ago.	Dave	retired
	2026-02-09 11:21:01	stop stealing our money. Stop wasting our money. Get rid of half this government and drop the ridiculous salaries to those who have no idea what they are doing. How about putting competent people into the top jobs. ?	Shirley	retired
	2026-02-09 11:20:14	My issue is waste and corruption , we need asset forfeiture and jail for the corrupt as we are losing billions to corruption. No one corrupt should serve in any government post. We need scrapping of bbeee its destroying investment and job creation which has a direct impact on reduced tax revenue. We need reduced tax rates , tax rates are getting out of hand. We need reduced electricity fees and ongoing maintenance of water and electricity and other service supplies. We need foreigners not be prioritized ahead of south africans, We need no benefits to government employees and reduced pay. we need to pay off debt and not incur any further debt . We need to have power stations that take rubbish and turn it into electricity,	Joan	retired

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	2026-02-09 11:17:28		Corne	employed individual
	2026-02-09 11:15:45	South Africa’s finances are at a crossroads, and the choices we make now will determine whether we stabilize or spiral further. 1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom, Transnet): Accountability must be non-negotiable. Leadership positions should be tied to KPIs, not political appointments. Eskom and Transnet need professional boards with performance contracts, transparent reporting, and consequences for failure. Without measurable delivery, bailouts are wasted. 2. Cutting Government Spending: Budget cuts should start at the top. Ministers and councilors are receiving R100,000 increases simply for holding office—no KPIs, no performance, no accountability. This is unjustifiable when ordinary citizens are asked to tighten their belts. Leadership must lead by example, and inflated salaries should be the first line item reduced. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures: Municipalities must adopt zero-based budgeting and independent audits. Funds should be ring-fenced for essential services (water, sanitation, refuse removal) and managers held personally liable for mismanagement. Communities cannot continue to suffer because of unchecked incompetence. 4. Tax Burden on Households: Households are already overtaxed while receiving little in return. Relief should come from cutting wasteful expenditure at the top, not squeezing families further. A fair system means government earns trust by demonstrating efficiency before demanding more from citizens.	Jaco	
	2026-02-09 11:12:05	Do salary cuts of all government employees!! Paying exorbitant salaries for shit service is redicoulous! If they want to strike fire them and replace them with competent qualified employees!! In future salary escallations should be linked to inflation.	Roward	employed individual
	2026-02-09 11:07:30	Stop waisting our money!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop stealing our money!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Monica	retired
	2026-02-09 10:44:41	1 - the government is too 'top' heavy. Decrease this. 2 - stop all the Commissions; we have a legal system that tries offenders and should mete out the correct discipline, eg - incarceration or fines. I still believe we should bring back corporal punishment and dare I say - the Death Penalty, especially to those who abuse people that cannot defend themselves, ie babies, children and the elderly . Bring back an anti-corrupt law and order. 3 - stop employing contractors and have properly trained employees (of all colours), with the right credentials, to undertake the overall repairing to the infrastructure. 4 - Stop BRICS and allow South Africa to have free trade, especially with Israel.	Penny	retired
	2026-02-09 10:28:29		Linda	employed individual
	2026-02-09 10:12:25	Dear Sir/Madam, A national budget should not be something that simply happens to citizens. It must be deliberately shaped by the people it affects. Public participation should meaningfully influence priorities, not merely be a procedural exercise. My recommendations are as follows: 1. State-Owned Enterprises (Eskom and Transnet) • End repeated bailouts without consequences. • Appoint boards and executives strictly on competence and experience, not political affiliation. • Enforce accountability for mismanagement, corruption, and operational failure. • Focus on operational efficiency and maintenance before expansion. 2. Government expenditure • Immediately reduce non-essential spending, including excessive use of consultants, luxury travel, and duplicated senior management posts. • Redirect funds toward frontline services, particularly health, education, and infrastructure maintenance. • Implement stricter controls on irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure. 3. Municipal finance failures • Enforce consequence management for persistent financial mismanagement at municipal level. • Link grants and financial support directly to measurable service delivery outcomes. • Strengthen financial management capacity and intervene earlier in failing municipalities. 4. Tax burden on households • Do not increase personal income taxes further, as households are already under significant pressure. • Prioritise improving tax compliance and reducing leakage rather than increasing rates. • Support economic growth and job creation to sustainably broaden the tax base. 5. Public participation and transparency • Ensure that public submissions are transparently considered and reflected in final budget decisions. • Clearly communicate how citizen input has influenced priorities. • Strengthen trust by demonstrating accountability and responsiveness to public concerns. South Africa’s fiscal challenges require decisive leadership, disciplined spending, and genuine accountability. Without these, confidence in public finance will continue to erode. Kind regards, Dr K. Ntalaja	Kapuku	employed individual
	2026-02-09 10:05:32		Annemarie	employed individual
	2026-02-09 10:04:32		Annemarie	employed individual
	2026-02-09 09:54:19		Janet	self-employed
	2026-02-09 09:51:42	Reduce government spending by reducing the number of ministers. This will have a direct benefit to the economy. Privatize the SOC's that it can be run properly. Reduce tax rates which will put more money into the economy. Municipalities should not be run by political parties but by capable people elected by the people in the area	Andre	retired
	2026-02-09 09:48:24		David	retired
	2026-02-09 09:47:15		Adele	employed individual
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	2026-02-09 09:31:39		Danie	
	2026-02-09 09:22:40		Rufina	employed individual
	2026-02-09 09:20:43	Cutting fraud and corruption from those in power would be a start!	Jennifer	
	2026-02-09 09:18:06		Wayne	employed individual
	2026-02-09 09:13:18		Can	retired
	2026-02-09 09:09:58	The government needs to reduce its head count by about 80% and reduce wasteful spending by government employees from the top down to the "tea girl"	Tremayne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 09:09:57	The government needs to reduce its head count by about 80% and reduce wasteful spending by government employees from the top down to the "tea girl"	Tremayne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 09:00:41		Lori	
	2026-02-09 08:54:38	Government spending: It has been reported numerous times before that government employs far too many people. And those who are employed are not skilled for their jobs, leading to double spending as a lot of work is then outsourced to private, skilled professionals, all the while still paying the non-performing employees. Not to mention all the wastage with government contracts / tenders where huge amounts of money is paid but the work is not completed. Get the basics right. Stop subsidising ministers' housing/ electricity/water/medical costs - they already earn outrages salaries, yet the tax payer must still fork out additional money for their every expense. Not on. Tax revenues: Target the sectors not currently taxed correctly, like the informal shops and the taxi industry that causes havoc and lots of expenses through their reckless behaviour, yet walk away with all their profit in hand, while the law abiding tax payer must carry their burden too.	Marieta	employed individual
	2026-02-09 08:44:33		Johannes	self-employed
	2026-02-09 08:43:29	I have only one request, from a hard-working taxpayer to our Minister of Finances that will solve 99% of our problems. PLEASE STOP STEALING OUR TAXMONEY COULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY THAT TO YOUR CORRUPT COMMIE ANC COMRADES.	Martin	business owner

	2026-02-09 08:39:35	the reason i say this is they can give idiots (Ministers)a pay increase, but who must pay them the tax payer	Peter	employed individual
	2026-02-09 08:19:28		Debbie	retired
	2026-02-09 08:18:52	Every aspect of a sustainable budget and meeting population demands boils down to how much is available to spend and keeping within these limits. More accountability and stricter budget adherence is necessary and it starts with the people appointed in charge. Hold key roles accountable for unauthorised spending - not by suspending them and providing a salary for 5+ years without any consequences... Set a deadline to finalise staff suspensions. Stop suffocating the economy with over regulating every aspect - make admin less to encourage economic participation. But more regulatory steps are needed for the informal business sector to include those taxes in the budget.	Karin	
	2026-02-09 08:10:45		Peter	
	2026-02-09 07:59:59	I think it is time that the people in control take resposibility for their bad decissions, stop stealing and rolling our money. If someone is caught for fraude that everything they owe should be sold to cover the losses. BBBEE must stop.	Cornel	
	2026-02-09 07:58:37		Louise	business owner
	2026-02-09 07:46:26	Personally I think this Corrupt ANC Regime, cadre, connections and families should be taken to court for all the tax payers money that was stolen from the tax payers. If all the trillions they have stolen can get back where it belongs the budget should not be a major issue. Kieswetter is on a witch hunt to get more tax money into the coffins, maybe he should turn his attention to get the stolen money back.	Kobus	retired
	2026-02-09 07:31:55		Dirk	self-employed
	2026-02-09 07:29:24	I think the most important task for the 2026 budget is to reduce debt to acceptable levels. The only way to achieve this is by getting rid of unproductive jobs in the civil service. If the jobs do not add value it must not be there. The loss of jobs will easily be made up with a better economy that will create more jobs in the private sector. Get rid of incompetent Ministers and staff and reduce the number of people/ministers in the cabinet.	Hennnie	
	2026-02-09 07:28:26	I have no speficic suggestions, except this. You cant fix something by slashing at the leaves or branches - you have to get down to the roots! Government should strive for corruption-free, efficient service. Platitudes are not helpful. They need to be the examples of integrity, hard work and innovation, then drill down and expect the same from state employees.	Dorothy	retired
	2026-02-09 07:08:58		Frans	retired
	2026-02-09 06:45:46		Andrew	business owner
	2026-02-09 06:14:07		Agnes	retired
	2026-02-09 06:13:04		Nellian	retired
	2026-02-09 05:32:09		Zainul	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 22:48:33	I totally agree with some of the observations noted. To add on or perhaps duplicate, spend the tax payers monies on initiatives that will grow our economy, create sustainable jobs. Remove civil servants who is not productive, do not perform or comply with what is expected of them. Employ the most sincere, suitably qualified or experienced individuals who is able to deliver.	Donovan	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 22:37:21	First there has to be mindset change - not all expenditure can be centrally controlled, nor can government be all thinkgs to all people. For government, salaries of government employees have to drop as well s the number of government employees. Social grants cannot be increased - as a country we are too poor to afford this luxury. Fix the procurement system so that market prices are paid for goods and services and not inflated prices for goods and services. Invest in infrustructure - roads, water distribution. Municipalities Set fixed salaries for municipal employees, particularly for small towns. They can only pay what they can afford. By and large, salaries most drop. Fix computer systems that money cannot disappear - i.e. stolen.	Philip	employed individual
	2026-02-08 22:20:45		Andre	retired
	2026-02-08 22:18:05		Francois	
	2026-02-08 22:15:12	South Africa needs to stop spending money we don't have, and get rid of public servants who don't add value. Focus on critical infrastructure, stop corruption, stop waste, employ competent people (and only competent people) in state departments - and only where necessary. Create pro-business and investment policies. Stop trying to squeeze blood out of tax payers, & get your own house in order. It's not rocket science.	Jon	self-employed
	2026-02-08 22:08:37	The great weakness of Democracy is the Party in office will do what is popular rather than do what right . This short term view invariably hurts the country then subsequently the party who indulged in buying votes at the countries expense. Great leaders are able to make tough decisions and do what is right for the country even at the cost of personal position and popularity. RSA needs to shed a lot of unassay beurocratic top heavy and totally unnecessary and counter productive government staff and function. Our Government needs to focus on Governments basic functions, Law and Order , Basic Health, Education and above all GROWTHE ECONOMY. keep the rest to a minimum and radically reduce the head count. Fewer competent Depts. and staff will be more efficient Government needs to radically cut expenditure especial on an over staffed- overpaid-unproductive Civil Service wanting to overregulate affairs of state. Findings of irregular wasteful expenditure by the Auditor General should have consequences.. Failure to take corrective action should result in dismissals not only of the officials but the relevant management. up to and including the DG.s of Miniseries. Treasury needs to cut funds to improperly managed depts. and where necessary take over the pay role Cadre Deployment is destroying our civil service and economy Dysfunctional and delinquent municipalities need to be replaced by Professional Management free from political interference. Municipalities need a debt ceiling . Once exceeded Central Government takes over municipal financial control. They pay the Eskom bill before any salaries and bonuses Electricity and Water theft needs to be decisively dealt with in a way that is not manipulated by party politics	Rob	retired
	2026-02-08 21:53:46		Corinna	self-employed
	2026-02-08 21:28:17		G	
	2026-02-08 21:20:15	These bloody idiots don't have a clue what should be done and that's how we ended up here in the first place, that and their greed and corruption. It's funny, nobody taught them that, they already knew that. Here's an idea; Step 1) cut their salaries by two thirds or even 3 quarters Step 2) cancel all the body guards. Step 3) cancel all the government ministers freebies. That should take care of a lot of government waste but not all. A good place to start. Replace every minister that isn't qualified with someone who is. Do the same at Escom and every State owned enterprise. Do the same at the SAPS and the SANDF. That's a good start.	Cecil	retired
	2026-02-08 21:18:11	We are been taxed on every thing we battle to make it thru to manny corrupted officials & management cost us deerly this need to stop we all try to make a living	Chris	retired
	2026-02-08 21:13:13		Frederick	employed individual
	2026-02-08 20:58:29		Lizette	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 20:05:46	1. Boost economy by creating jobs for everyone, make it easier for entrepreneurs to start businesses 2. Do lifestyle audits on all government employees, (cut down on ghost employees), cut down on security for government officials. 3. Creating new jobs will increase the tax paying pool 4. Employ people who actually know how to run a business, SOE's is businesses after all, clean up the procurement processes and get rid of unethical Service Providers	Steve	
	2026-02-08 19:34:09		Rethabile	employed individual
	2026-02-08 18:31:55	The Minister must cut state expenditure, by: Reducing social grants Replacing Municipal council with properly educated councilors Hold back finances for SOE's and Government departments that fail audits. Reducing the number of ministries that we have and streamline them. Enforce the Kings commission governance rules.	Scott	
	2026-02-08 17:59:57		Yvette	
	2026-02-08 17:12:09	Corruption and theft from the very people who promised this would end. Making it almost impossible for investment from overseas by our BBE policies. Incompetent, untrained with no accountability for the jobs, medical aid, and pension we the taxpayer provide through our taxes to the civil servants. To hell with BBE policies lets get overseas investment, competent people in jobs and start by building an economy that can actually grow so that all may benefit and not just a few at the top of the heap who help relatives and friends. The economy has been raped by the inadequate "leaders" and borrowing more money will not relieve the situation. Enough, look inward and admit to failure and get advice from people who are economists with tried and tested backgrounds and experience. Then the economy has a chance to move forward.	Carol	retired
	2026-02-08 17:12:08	Corruption and theft from the very people who promised this would end. Making it almost impossible for investment from overseas by our BBE policies. Incompetent, untrained with no accountability for the jobs, medical aid, and pension we the taxpayer provide through our taxes to the civil servants. To hell with BBE policies lets get overseas investment, competent people in jobs and start by building an economy that can actually grow so that all may benefit and not just a few at the top of the heap who help relatives and friends. The economy has been raped by the inadequate "leaders" and borrowing more money will not relieve the situation. Enough, look inward and admit to failure and get advice from people who are economists with tried and tested backgrounds and experience. Then the economy has a chance to move forward.	Carol	retired
	2026-02-08 17:08:33		Junai	employed individual
	2026-02-08 17:08:33		Junai	employed individual
	2026-02-08 17:06:05		ALISON	employed individual
	2026-02-08 17:03:00	Drastically reduce the number of people in Government. Remove deputies in as many ministerial positions as possible - at least half of them appear to be unnecessary. Massively reduce the perks and allowances for ALL ministers. Scrap BBEEE and instead give the job to the competent person, NOT along racial lines.	Maureen	retired

	2026-02-08 16:52:01	Do lifestyle audits on all government employees There must be price list for all items purchased from government e.g toilet paper. When tender are submitted, only prices on the list will be allowed. Stop overpaying for items Municipalities to stopped supplying electricity. If you do not pay, you do not get a service.	Carien	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 16:51:54		Bryan	employed individual
	2026-02-08 16:10:48	Cut your coat according to your cloth. You cannot spend money which you have not earned. Communism is the road to poverty; Their mantra of "To each according to his needs and from each according his ability" is the road to disaster. You cannot give away which is not yours. Our current taxation system borders on theft: Robbing from those who earn and dishing out to political leaders and their followers. Why do we not learn from the Great Leaders of China? First you must control the rate of population growth: One girl one child - final! Secondly you must teach and train technical skills. Then you allow entrepreneurs to build factories and thereby create jobs for the now skilled labor force. Politicians should be servants to the people, not parasites.	Cornelis	retired
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	2026-02-08 15:40:00	1) Stop all payments (full salaries and benefits) for ALL SUSPENDED government officials. 2) Cut down on the billions spent on SECURITY for government officials and mayors. 3) Travels and holidays should be paid by government officials not taxpayers. 4) Audit ALL SOE'S, especially Eskom. Stop corruption. Those guilty of plundering should repay what was stolen. 5) Government departments don't need DEPUTIES for every portfolio. One person per portfolio should be sufficient.	Shirley	retired
	2026-02-08 15:34:27	Cap parliamentary salaries, and department sizes. Civil servants should serve the people, not become rich off our tax monies	Katherine	
	2026-02-08 14:58:50		Clifford	retired
	2026-02-08 14:38:37		Babongile	self-employed
	2026-02-08 14:20:00	The Economy & The Fiscus To encourage investment requires both an ideological and a policy shift - to continue paying lip service to communism, which has failed to improve the lives of ordinary people in every country in which it was adopted and has largely resulted in dictatorships or a small ruling elite, is senseless, illogical and counter-productive. So the adoption of a free market economy, based on western practices, and the scrapping of BEE, which has totally failed to bring down the shameful levels of unemployment (and has benefitted only a connected few), and the repeal of the Expropriation without Compensation Act will remove significant barriers to international investment. Government Spending Priorities All government departments have too many managers, and a top-heavy structure, and there are too many ministers and deputy ministers. Run government along sound corporate principles; using generally accepted ratios of managers to staff, general managers to managers, and so on. Cut out 90% of the VIP protection spend, and downsize the vehicles allowed for various management levels. Use the savings made to increase spending on QUALITY education - i.e. making sure children leave school at least able to read and write in their home language and English and with a working grasp of the sciences. Have defined standards for passing examinations, and stick to them (30% is NOT acceptable!). Addressing the Budget Deficit Go back to basics - do not spend more than you earn. As increasing revenue through taxes is a shoot yourself in the foot move (the tax base is already too small, squeeze any more out of the few that are paying tax and they will find ways to avoid it or they will leave SA. The only area where government could derive significant additional tax revenue is the taxi industry - but then I don't think anyone in government has the cahones to take on that mafia. As above, trim government and reduce the top heaviness of all departments. Do the same with all SOEs, and the armed forces, as they too are ridiculously top heavy. Stabilising SOE Finances As the ANC have proven, over 30 years, that they cannot properly run any SOE, privatise all of them. No more bailouts, no more delinquent directors, no more graft and corruption, no more waste and inefficiency. Energy & Water Investments Water is the priority now that the energy sector is out of its critical phase. Access to clean water and adequate sanitation is enshrined in our constitution, and yet more municipalities are delinquent on these issues than are compliant with the requirements. It is a national disgrace that the infrastructure inherited from the National Party has been almost totally neglected, and everyone in the current government should hang their heads in shame that they have so comprehensively betrayed their own people. How Johannesburg can claim to be "a world-class African city" when 46% of the treated water that enters Joburg Water's network is non-revenue? Any investment needs to be matched with a comprehensive review of competence and performance at all levels, otherwise you'd be wasting as much money as they currently waste water. Tax Policies & Revenues As noted in the budget deficit section, there is a limited tax base and you can only squeeze it so far before it dries up. The objective should be to reduce personal tax and spread the pain more equitably, possibly by increasing VAT (with a zero rate on more basic foodstuffs, to aid the poor). Another option is to look at the taxi industry, which has a multi-billion rand turnover. They claim that they do pay tax, but do the amounts going to SARS tie up with the turnover figures? I doubt it. Another option is to look at a transaction tax (an idea mooted two decades ago), so a 1% deduction on your salary and 1% every time you swipe your card or do an EFT. As this might prompt a switch to cash, impose a higher rate on cash withdrawals. The 1% figure is only a suggestion, it would need calculations on how much revenue such a system would generate, but it should be possible to keep the figure low and yet maintain SARS's collection rate. Debt Sustainability It seems to me that SA is already on a downward spiral in terms of debt, and the solution does not lie in borrowing more money. With immediate effect, negotiate reduced payments on lower interest loans and divert any savings to higher interest borrowings to pay these off as soon as possible. Once that is done, divert the money to the next highest, and so on. Reduce wastage and losses due to theft and corruption, and aggressively pursue forfeiture actions against anyone convicted of such crimes. Municipal Finances The parlous state of more than 50% of SA's municipalities is a direct result of the ANC's cadre deployment policy, where party loyalty is far more important than competence. Many of the country's mayors and city managers should not be in charge of a spaza shop, let alone a municipality, and it is too easy to spend money when it's not your own. Appointment should be on merit, and if an incumbent does not perform, they should be redeployed to a position more suited to their competence level. Failing municipalities should have their executives removed immediately, and replaced by people who can actually do the job. The urgency of this should be proportional to the level of debt. No bail outs and no conditional grants until they can achieve a clean audit. Assemble a team of highly qualified personnel to be parachuted in to the worst areas, they can then train local talent to take over when they leave. Strict monitoring to be implemented and accountability to be enforced.	Mike	retired
	2026-02-08 14:16:58	Government spending priorities	Raewyn	retired
	2026-02-08 14:15:47	It’s none of the governments business. A Corrupt governement will find ways to steel more from us, with this knowledge.	Lena	retired
	2026-02-08 13:56:37		George	retired

		Remove all race-based legislation. Stop programs that give grants to beneficiaries who want to start businesses. Invest public funds only in PPPs that share risk and increase employment. Simply business, tax, and employee registration. Reward start-ups and businesses that demonstrate sound financial management, job creation, honest tax contributions and independent function, through tax incentives. Change labour legislation to place responsibility on employees to manage their own lives and finances. Revise social funding legislation and apply strict verifiable criteria for beneficiaries of indigent support, with penalties for fraudulent aplications. Stop deficit budgetting and expand the tax base to include all income earning residents and businesses. Set a threshold for income earning activity to be classified as "informal" and strict trading regulations with bank verified records for all formal income earning activity and employment. Ensure that all legislation on tax revenues, especially property taxes, is applied consistently and diligently across all territories, regardless of whether or not they are under trusts and tribal authorities. Amend legislation to enable rapid legal ownership and title transfer to residents on tribal lands, thus securing tenure, stimulating economic growth and bringing fair application of the law across the land. Amend the constitution to guarantee ownership of land and expropriation with compensation. Implement a work study in all government departments and SOE's to establish factual time spent by all employees on their assigned jobs. Use the data to reduce the number of posts and payment levels to reflect actual performance in the various posts. Undertake a similar study in the private sector and align benefit levels with the private sector. Remove water and energy services from municipalities that default on payment and that are not competent to manage these services. Establish PPPs with limited profit margins to carry out the services. Provide indigent support for qualifying beneficiaries through direct payment to these PPPs. Impose heavy sanctions like personal liability and dismissal, on elected officials and government officials, who participate and enable economic decline, financial losses, poor maintenance of public infrastructure in municipal jurisdictions. Modernize and clean up the population register to reflect all people in the country at all times. Make it compulsory for a "home address" to be included in the register, and updated on an annual basis with personal tax compliance procedures, or within 30 days of an address change. This does away with the voters roll and provides accurate data for governance, security and services purposes. Amend public governance structures to minimize the number of public representatives to what is economically and operationally necessary to carry out oversight, policy, law making and accountability, efficiently. Current numbers are absurd and detract from good governance practice. Only have proportional representation in all spheres, with minimum standards and competency testing prior to candidacy in elections. Institute formal job descriptions with full time work commitments, and industry equivalent salaries. Remove short to medium term employment contracts with performance bonusses for Section 56/57 officials in municipalities. institute performance assessment systems across all grades of work in both the political and operational domains of government.		
	2026-02-08 13:56:26		Edwin	employed individual
	2026-02-08 13:53:30		Denise	retired
	2026-02-08 13:28:52		Hydre	employed individual
	2026-02-08 12:48:54	Get rid of BEE and some labour laws , Save south africa factorys and assist for more to create jobs ,get rid of all unnessesary ministers and adjunk ministers ,stop contracts to all let munusipalitys create thier own work force to minimise coruption as in the past ,get the railway back on track as in the past it has jobs for scooled and unscooled people , then get escom on the right track aswell as rwb and munisipalities services ,stop the tax payers from paying for all and others mistakes	piet	retired
	2026-02-08 12:33:27	Get out of the way of entrepreneurs and let bussiness thrive by scrapping out dated employment laws that only benefit the political connected elite. Privatize ESKOM to provide a cheap and stable electricity supply to attract labor intensive foreign industry.	Vincent	employed individual
	2026-02-08 12:28:53	The ANC, EFF government ideology of communist, Marxist principles have been proven to only destroy South Africa. Its BBBEE, BEE practises have entrenched a mindset of entitlement, have enriched a very few elite cadres, yet destroys an economy.	Herman	unemployed individual
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	2026-02-08 12:11:42	I believe in the public putting forward their ideas is absolutely essential & correct. Public participation in the drawing up of the nation's budget is a first in RSA and a courageous move by the Minister. Stop the corruption, stop overpaying government employees, they earn far too much for what they do. Give them normal salaries like every other job and take away all the free perks. Very disappointed in how the current Government is run. After so many years in Government SA is in total decay & very much worse off for ALL people living here except..... (you know who). Very sad. No wonder investors don't want to put their monies here. SA needs a new government completely without corruption and with normal salaries paid to fewer civil servants. A new Government without inflated numbers of people it employs, and who are properly educated & vetted for the job.	Adrian	retired
	2026-02-08 12:07:43		Ronald	retired
	2026-02-08 11:41:06	The public to be putting forward their ideas , should be advised by people who have degrees and know what is important for a country to be run correctly. Stop the corruption, stop overpaying government employees, they earn far too much for the work they are putting out there, and have too many assistants who can't perform Give them normal salaries, less perks like every other normal working citizen Stop RDP housing Stop allowing illegal, irregular migrants Make room for actual tourism to flourish by getting rid of volatile crime issues Most importantly stop corruption Stop crime that is crippling our businesses and our country The list goes on.....	Sharon	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 11:35:03		Heidi	retired
	2026-02-08 11:31:11		Ockert	retired
	2026-02-08 11:18:58	I don't particularly care for the public to be putting forward their ideas it should be advised by people who have degrees and know what is important for a country to be run correctly. Stop the corruption, stop overpaying government employees, they earn far too much for the work they are putting out there. Give them normal salaries like every other job and take away all the free perks. They must get these at their own costs. Very disappointed in how the current government is run after so many years SA is in total decay. Very sad. No wonder investors don't want to put their monies here. SA needs a new government completely without corruption and normal salaries.	Lynn	retired
	2026-02-08 11:01:21	To keep the Government employees paid(over paid) they have borrowed billions. There have too few taxpayers in SA. Majority live off of grants. People want degrees here but there are no artisans. The people dont want to dirty their hands anymore. Put the bit of money ito running this country and not into the pockets. All the laws about land being taken away & Bee laws keep investors away from country. Spending money on other countries problems instead of fixing this country. Untrained staff everywhere. Training people so esential for workforce.	Bridgid	retired
	2026-02-08 10:34:53	Get corruption under control. Stop building and giving Rdp housing for free, everyone should pay something towards housing like all of us has to. Cut on perks and underserved high salaries. Your qualification and experience must be checked and salaries given according to that. Cut on unnecessary overseas trips and big parties or year end functions. It's not a necessity.	Nicholene	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 10:19:14	Managing corruption is the biggest concern. Once this is under control other aspects will fall into place.	Richard	self-employed
	2026-02-08 10:14:24		Louis	retired
	2026-02-08 10:11:30	Get rid of debt and cut fat salaries of government members and actually do some work instead of posturing and obviscating all the time	Gillian	business owner
	2026-02-08 09:38:41		Dawn	retired
	2026-02-08 09:11:45		Minakshi	
	2026-02-08 09:06:31	Reduce bloated general and brigadier staff members in SANDF.	Ben	retired
	2026-02-08 08:55:10		Christina	retired
	2026-02-08 08:46:01	It is a well known fact that our ministers and co are get paid way too much. Cut their spending, no unnecessary trips to countries they have no business visiting, cut their salaries - hell, dismiss the people accused of criminal activity and those sitting on fat salaries and not actually doing their jobs. Reduce the size of cabinet/parliament. The ministers should also start paying their own maintenance/travel costs. People accused of fraud etc should be held accountable.	Genevieve	employed individual
	2026-02-08 08:35:34	If legitimate firms tender and the best quotation selected, not based on nepotism, BBEEE or fraud, then there will be more than enough to steward every service government is in charge of. Stop stealing and start serving the people who pay their taxes. It really is not complicated. Pay our teachers, nurses and doctors more. Provide them with the tools of their trade and start putting the needs of citizens above personal enrichment.	Abby	
	2026-02-08 08:31:40	1. Critically cut on government expenses; travel & subsistence, living out allowances, meals and food etc. 2. Start holding the so-called leaders accountable and dismiss them ... R370m for military day !!! Visit to Iran !!! Really ... 3. Across government spheres remove those who are in any shape or form been involved with, seems to be involved, and those proven to be involved, with fraud and corruption. 4. Government employees - remove at least 30% of government workers. We are the biggest and most ineffective and laziest government on the continent. Bring integrity and hard-working employees back and expenditure will correct itself. 5. Taxi industry - Tax this industry and you will make up budget deficit very quickly. 6. Municipalities are supposed to be self-sufficient. Stop the political play and appoint people who can manage these entities like non-government businesses, whilst delivering the services the citizens pay for and need. 7. There is no room for "Charity starts at home" scenarios anymore ... if you cannot do the job properly then you shouldn’t be appointed in the job in the 1st place.	Wickus	
	2026-02-08 07:27:51		Sipho	employed individual
	2026-02-08 06:48:47	1. Critically cut on goverment entertainment expenses, living out allowances, meals and food 2. Across government spheres remove those who are in and shape or forms been involved with, seems to be involved and those proven to be involved with fraud and corruption 3. Reform in government employees - remove at least 30% of government workers. We are the biggest and most ineffective and laziest government on the continent. Bring integrity and hard working employees back and expenditure will correct itself. 4. Taxi industry - Tax the industry and you will make up budget deficit very quickly	Martin	self-employed
	2026-02-08 01:53:01		Brett	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 23:57:17	Cutout high number of cabinet ministers especial old ones No need for Dept Minister because more work load is placed on shoulders of DG's Spend more on in Rural Areas infrastructure such as Roads, water and electricity.	Themba	employed individual

	2026-02-07 23:31:31		Agnes	retired
	2026-02-07 22:27:49	Reduce the budget for Commissions of inquiry. Where corruption, bribery, embezzlement, fraud etc. is perpetrated - arrest the people, detain them and take them to court. Make an end to endless litigation of accused affluent people, by limiting appeal cases to one per court case. Allow an amnesty period for fraudsters, embezzlers and the like to come forward and pay their illegal moneys received. Introduce goal oriented management and zero base budgeting by capable people - if necessary with private sector involvement/assistance. Reduce red tape by streamlining or abolishing laws that is contra productive in order to allow the economy to grow and contribute tax to the state. Rationalise the number of ministers, secretaries. and employees and the number of provinces - and provide incentives to the surplus employees to be trained in lucrative pockets in the mining, manufacturing and agricultural industries (refer the national development plan) or study at a college or university and/or start small businesses especially in the above industries. Abolish the blue light luxury patrol cars for as many officials as possible. Investigate the application and outcomes of medical scheme fees tax credits.	Hermann	retired
	2026-02-07 20:49:37	Cut Government spending - reducing the numbers for Parliament members. Stop corruption and family receiving tenders which are not fulfilled .	Eileen	retired
	2026-02-07 20:33:35	The Minister should not put pressure on the civil servants by increasing interest rates because they are already heavily financially burden. Style audit and recovering misused funds from those who steal from the government should be the priority to bring more money into the country's bank account. Foreigners whether employed or owning business should be taxed. Ehailing business should be granted working permits and their services be renewed yearly to increase government's income. Monitor closely the students financial aid system if the deserving students get funded or not. Feeding scheme needs some monitoring, enough food should be supplied to schools even towards the last days of the term.	Zodwa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 20:15:13		Sharon	retired
	2026-02-07 20:15:01		Retha	business owner
	2026-02-07 19:41:04	Cut on government spending "travelling: use online meeting platforms; president's official visits: reduce to four per financial year"; SASSA grants: review teenage pregnancy and costs associated with, except for old age, the rest must contribute by tidying up the streets and unclogging drainage systems; Munipalities' finances: rather 100% free water and electricity, let those receiving grants contribute by paying a flat rate of R30.00 per the beneficiary, this levy must be deducted from Treasury and distributed to relevant municipalities. Automate water and electricity Meter Reading and ensure the tool is 100% available; SOEs: involve private sector to assist in the running and maintenance of these entities; Tax revenue: increase tax base, private sector should be supported with much friendlier policies that stimulate appetite to invest in the country; Debt: reduce unnecessary borrowing that will not have any returns rather focus on projects that will bring in returns and ensure that the current debt is curtailed.	Bernard	
	2026-02-07 19:40:23		Karlien	employed individual
	2026-02-07 19:34:55	Why must ministers get such a big salary? Pensioners are living under the breadline while government are spending millions on changing names of towns, streets exc. It doesn't only have an impact on SA but the whole world. All maps and street maps must change. That is stupid.	Leni	retired
	2026-02-07 18:49:19		Mary	retired
	2026-02-07 18:03:30		michael	
	2026-02-07 17:35:39		ernest	retired
	2026-02-07 17:23:21	Amazing that the Finance Minister now has to ask the public how to do his job. Cut wasteful government spending right down to municipal levels. Do something about corruption within all levels of government.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-07 17:03:25		André	
	2026-02-07 16:22:38	ACTIVELY IMPLEMENT plans to identify, remove and punish corrupt systems and individuals, that caused and is causing the whole, terrible situation First, reduce government salaries, reduce the number of government employees, file charges and punish the thieves of taxpayer money, don't outsource, instead hire merit-based people to do that job like they did in the old days, but keep salaries livable. Looking to the medium and long term, surely the wisest use of funds (among other more liberal pathways) would be to provide radio and TV-mediated education on the rationale seeking the Living God. To provide divine intimacy to urgently reduce drug use, crime, corruption and disrespect for human life. Perhaps even provide biblical norms and prayer time to seek the Living God for this. Impossible to set it all out here , but where the public tends to point fingers at ministers, we too must take responsibility at an individual level, take (our own) destiny into our own hands, look more pragmatically at the already critical here and now and down the timeline. Raise our defined understanding of Biblical life standard (demographic density understanding for resources/abuse of substances, etc). While working on projected failure of agricultural produce driven by goverment mismanagment - what land we have already under pressure, nature and livestock suffering, current classroom sizes, lack of infrastructure, suboptimal provision of medicine including foot and mouth vaccinis, unemployment - everything. Fewer people in government, fewer problems, easier to steward, and a greater ratio of resources per capita, improved quality of life. Don't shy away from the simplicity. BUT, we need relevant education, assistance, and motivation to change mindset. We didn't reject the convenient introduction of corrution graduly, so it follows we owe it to our own freewill and higher level cognition to exercise duty as Man in exchange for human privilege, and compensate for this by limiting the sinfull rate - all of us together.	Fanie	
	2026-02-07 16:20:42	xxx	Donna	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 16:04:45	Cut the cabinet salaries down by half or more. Cut the excess government jobs and increase functional and effective people like the people in the courts and do two sessions a day to ensure quick legal action. Make legal cases against any government employee and especially any cabinet position where the items the money had to be spent on, can't be shown as being spent effectively with good control. Pull all BEE legislation and allow free market activities and protect property ownership and ensure all departments where any kind of licencing has to happen, works effectively, quickly and fairly. Stop all celebrations, parties, blue light security and ensure any travel is actually needed, for the person who actually needs to go only, and buy tickets that are cost effective. In fact just start by making sure any government employee works for the good of the country, works effective and efficiently, and that anyone that commits the slightest whim of corruption is immediately without any pay or compensation and faces the law quickly and effectively. Stop the numerous layers of taxation. Pay off the money loaned and build the country up.	Manda	
	2026-02-07 15:50:27	The way Johannesburg Municipality is managing the city has resulted in our home being over valued x 100% in terms of municipal rates (for which we get nothing in return). In fact, the insured replacement value of the property is 3 x the City's valuation. This personal situation sums up the piss poor management of South Africa dut to 30 years of ANC cadre deployment. Please God, this will end this year.	David	employed individual
	2026-02-07 15:49:02		Dolly	self-employed
	2026-02-07 15:47:40		Abraham	retired
	2026-02-07 15:40:33		Lebogang	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 15:35:29	Competence, competence, competence, We can't say it enough times. Placing buddies with no skills, except for their corruption credentials, hasn't worked and the country will not last much longer unless changes happen. We have one of the biggest, if not the biggest parliament's in the world and they just can't get it right. Cut the number by an order of magnitude and employ people with the correct skills to take the country forward. In our city there are many pothole across the whole road that are 25cm deep. All of a sudden the BEE's are out fixing potholes, but as happens every time, one rainstorm and the holes are back and the money is wasted. People who are genuinely competent and have a will to see things change will shake up the system, get rid of the dead wood, of which there is plenty and focus on rooting out corruption and getting the job done as it should have been done 20 years ago.	Kathy	retired
	2026-02-07 15:06:26	The Minister's Handbook needs a radical review - the perks are way more than the country can afford and need to be drastically reduced. The number of ministries and number of ministers/deputy ministers needs to be reduced. Salaries and perks in the SOEs are much higher than industry counterparts, with a lack of accountability. With most municipalities being dysfunctional, it is imperative that the right people with the right skills be appointed. Accountability must be added to the KPIs. Wasteful and unaccounted for expenditure is excessive - stamp this out and the fiscus will have more funds at its disposal.	Andrew	retired
	2026-02-07 14:52:37	WHEN and IF decisive action ever takes place on theft and corruption then things will change. Outing must be public, all must go to jail for a long time, but before that, they must ALL pay the money back plus interest. I am sure that I am living in a fantasy world stating the above.	Allan	retired
	2026-02-07 14:49:13	1) Lower corporate taxes, privatise SOEs, and freeze increases in poverty grants to guarantee improved economic growth and more income available to budget deficit. 2) Freeze increases in government spending on salaries and expenses and reduce bloated government departments to guarantee more money available to reduce debt. 3) Privatise financial management of SOEs to guarantee properly governed and stabilised finances. 4) Stop planting plants and trees next to public roads and rather pave or tar the areas to halt the increasing water wastage on 'beautifying' projects which is an ever-increasing problem in our water shortage country. 5) Do compulsory lifestyle audits on government employees and everybody earning more than R1m per month to guarantee improved tax revenues. 6) Do not sustain or increase debt, reduce it. 7) Privatise financial management of municipals to guarantee improved finances. 8) Jail guilty parties including cadres for fraud (refer Zondo report and daily fraud cases in the news).	Dietrich	
	2026-02-07 14:32:24		Mari	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 14:08:56	Reduce government spending and deal with corruption. Use money retrieved from corruption to support public services.	Tobeka	employed individual
	2026-02-07 14:07:49	I'm concerned about expenditure on a police service that is institutionally corrupt and fails to serve the citizens that pay police salaries, and in particular the Intelligence cluster. Regarding infrastructure generally - in particular road maintenance and water provision maintenance has been slipping for over 30 years on an annual basis. There needs to be the right checks and balances that budgeted amounts are spent - in other words used for what they are intended and not go into the pockets of the corrupt. Appointments to senior parastatal posts should be on the basis of expertise and the ability to cast a vision and do the required job. We never could afford cadre employment - even less now. South Africa's corruption Index rating is 41 - below Cuba, Hungary and Tanzania - not something we should be proud of. We were once up around 54.	Paul	business owner

	2026-02-07 13:45:19	We need infrastructure. Cut Parliament costs. Stop looting of Government depts. Stop corruption.	Sharon	employed individual
	2026-02-07 13:41:18		Gaetano	retired
	2026-02-07 13:25:28	Reduce the inflated Cabinet. Recall and replace the disgraceful and corrupt Police Force . Get competent people to tackle this widespread corruption that is ruining our beautiful country. Tackle the municipalities that is not performing due to theft and maladministration, we need strong urgent intervention. The rot and incompetence in The City of Joburg must be sorted, hopefully the voters will wise enough and vote for Helen Zille as Joburg Mayor, this is irrespective of what party they belong to. This is going to a hard job to take on because of the mess that Dada Morera and the rest has created, don't get me started on the emeterius and bungling revenue staff.	Paul	self-employed
	2026-02-07 13:11:42		Adele	employed individual
	2026-02-07 12:52:49		Lizette	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 12:41:11	To bridge the budget gap, the government should focus more on cutting current expenditure or finding new ways to grow revenue without raising taxes?	Duncan	retired
	2026-02-07 12:27:21	I believe how you spend your money have nothing to do with the viskus. Are we now the kgb here that you can do nothing without anyone permission. No way. They must rather look at these corruption and misuse of funds. This is the real issue	jacques	employed individual
	2026-02-07 12:05:10		Rajeshkumar	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 11:51:11	We need to cut Goverment spending on itself. Cut down the cabinet by half its members, put in place checks and balances, performance reviews and lifestyle audits from the top down. review the social grant system, does not help that 20milion people are reciving grants and the tax base is so low.	craig	self-employed
	2026-02-07 11:31:03		Gretha	
	2026-02-07 11:26:15		SALLY	retired
	2026-02-07 11:10:42	Deputy Ministers must go. Inflation linked increases for all public servants.	Clint	
	2026-02-07 10:59:15	We have a management problem not a money problem. We are spending more than what we bring in. Cut back on wasteful spending. And we don't need such a big cabinet of people who aren't actually qualified for the positions they are in. Clamp down properly on corruption and there will be plenty to work with. Stop relying on the working class to keep everyone afloat, it's unrealistic.	P	employed individual
	2026-02-07 10:51:38		Kerry	retired
	2026-02-07 10:44:16	South Africa doesn’t have a revenue problem first – it has a governance and execution problem. Fix those, and the fiscal numbers start improving on their own. 1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom, Transnet) ● Shift from bailouts to hard conditional reform. → No more open-ended guarantees. Any state support must be conditional on measurable operational targets (availability, turnaround times, cost recovery). → Miss targets → automatic leadership review. ● Professionalise governance → Appoint boards via an independent, skills-based panel, not political deployment!!! → Separate shareholder (state), board, and executive roles clearly – this is still blurry. ● Unbundle where monopoly is the problem → Eskom: generation, transmission, distribution separation must be real, not cosmetic. → Transnet: open rail and ports to regulated private access while retaining state ownership of strategic assets. ● Let competition do the fixing → Allow private generators, freight operators, and port services to compete under strict regulation. → The state remains referee, not player. ● Ring-fence corruption risk → Centralised procurement for SOEs with real-time public disclosure. → Lifestyle audits for executives and senior procurement officials. 2. Where to Cut Government Spending (without hurting the poor) ● Freeze the wage bill at the top → Protect frontline workers (nurses, teachers, police). → Freeze or reduce management layers, consultants, and duplicated admin roles. ● Kill zombie programmes → End programmes that: 1) Have no measurable outcomes, 2) Exist only to absorb budgets year after year → If it doesn’t reduce poverty, grow skills, or build infrastructure – cut it. ● End bailouts that don’t reform → SOEs that fail to meet turnaround conditions lose funding. → Redirect those funds to infrastructure with economic multipliers. ● Reduce leakage, not services → Treasury estimates billions lost annually to irregular expenditure. → One year of serious enforcement beats five years of austerity. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures (THIS IS THE SILENT NATIONAL CRISIS) ● Differentiate municipalities → Treat metros, secondary cities, and rural municipalities differently. → One-size-fits-all has failed. ● Partial recentralisation where needed → For collapsed municipalities: 1) National or provincial control over billing, revenue collection, and procurement, 2) Local councils retain political oversight, not financial control ● Fix revenue first → Accurate billing systems → Enforce payment for services (including from government departments) → Ring-fence water and electricity revenue so it cannot be looted ● Skills over politics → Minimum competency requirements for CFOs and municipal managers. → No exceptions. ● Merge where survival is impossible → Some municipalities are financially non-viable. Consolidation is unavoidable. 4. The Tax Burden on Households ● Stop squeezing the same taxpayers → The middle class is already stretched. Higher PIT will backfire. ● Broaden the base instead → Reduce barriers for small businesses to formalise: 1) Simplified tax regimes, 2) Fewer compliance hurdles → Growth brings revenue faster than tax hikes. ● Shift from income to consumption – carefully → Moderate VAT base broadening with targeted rebates for the poor. → Transparency is crucial: people accept taxes when they see value. ● Restore trust → Tax morale matters. → People pay tax when: 1) Services work, 2) Corruption is punished, 3) Money is visibly spent on infrastructure 5. The Big Picture (What Actually Changes the Trajectory) ● Debt stabilisation comes from growth, not just cuts. ● Growth comes from: 1) Reliable energy and water, 2) Functional logistics, 3) Capable local government, 4) Policy certainty	Ilsette	self-employed
	2026-02-07 10:42:17		Frances	retired
	2026-02-07 10:42:17		Frances	retired
	2026-02-07 10:41:44	Get rid of BEE and cadre employment, and cut salaries and perks to government ministers , provincial officials and employees of state owned enterprises.. Ensure that the best qualified candidates get the positions of authority especially where they are in control of finances. This will help to curb the disastrous wasteful or ill advised spending that is currently taking place in many areas of South Africa, as well as within the government.	Louise	retired

		Honourable Chair and fellow South Africans South Africa does not lack plans — we lack disciplined execution. I offer four practical priorities that can stabilise our economy while protecting households. First, stabilise State-Owned Enterprises like Eskom and Transnet. We must enforce professional, depoliticised boards selected for technical competence and ethical track records. Procurement must be centralised, transparent, and subject to real-time audit. Separate generation, transmission, and logistics operations where it improves accountability and allows competitive private participation without surrendering strategic control. Maintenance must be ring-fenced and funded first — breakdowns cost more than prevention. Performance contracts with measurable targets and consequences must apply from executive level down. Second, cut government spending where it does not deliver services. We should freeze growth in non-essential administrative posts, reduce duplication across national and provincial departments, and limit luxury travel, vehicles, and consultant dependence where internal skills exist. Every programme should pass a “public value test”: if it does not measurably improve safety, infrastructure, education, or health outcomes, it must be scaled back or stopped. Savings should be redirected to maintenance of infrastructure and frontline services rather than new bureaucratic layers. We got rid of ghost workers, no get rid of workers that ghost their work. Third, fix municipal finance failures. Municipalities need enforced minimum financial management standards, with mandatory professional qualifications for CFOs and supply-chain managers. Ring-fence revenue collected for electricity and water so it cannot be diverted. Introduce automated financial reporting linked to National Treasury systems to detect irregular spending early. Where municipalities repeatedly fail, temporary provincial or national administration must be decisive, skills-focused, and time-bound, with mentorship to restore local capacity instead of permanent dependency. Fourth, reduce the tax burden on households while growing the base. Rather than raising rates, we must expand compliance through modern digital tax systems and targeted enforcement against large-scale evasion and illicit trade. Support small business growth by simplifying compliance and reducing regulatory costs — more working businesses mean more taxpayers without increasing rates. Prioritise energy reliability and logistics efficiency to lower the hidden “tax” of load shedding and transport delays that households ultimately pay for through higher prices. In closing, South Africans do not expect miracles — they expect competence, accountability, and honest prioritisation. If we stabilise infrastructure, discipline spending, enforce financial governance, and grow the tax base instead of squeezing it, we can restore confidence and rebuild momentum. The solutions are known; the responsibility now is to implement them with courage and consistency.		
	2026-02-07 10:23:12	Thank you.	Joshua	employed individual
	2026-02-07 10:13:39		Petronella	retired
	2026-02-07 10:13:01	Privatise all SOE'S to stabilise To curb government spending stop the tender fraud and stealing. To stabilise Municipal finances employ competent people.	Dianne	retired
	2026-02-07 10:09:57	EVERYTHING HAS GONE CRAZY - WE NO LONGER TO LIVE NOR DIE, CRIME INFRUCTURE POT HOLES LACK OF HONESTY DISTRUCTION ON BUILDING DRUGS GBV TOTALLY OVER POPULATED FOOD WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD - WATER / ELECTRICITY WHICH WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORDI WISH I COULD GO ON AND ON, KILLING ONE ELSE WILL NOT END ALL WE NEED TO LIVE IN HARMONY THE PROBLEMS - CORRUPTION HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH - SORRY THIS MAY NOT MAKE SENCE BUT I AM TOTALLY FED UP WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING	yvonne	retired
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	2026-02-07 10:07:02	I should not be paying for this thieving, rubbish, incompetent, idiotic, banana republic run country. Blacks cannot run anything. They only know how to steal and f##k up... Put all the thieving politicians in robben island.... where they belong... This country was a better and more beautiful place uner apartheid rule... Now, it's just a black apartheid ruled country.... reverse racism.... black racist behavior against whites, Indians and colored. Tell President Donald Trump to forget trying to take over Canada.... come and take over this banana republic and make SA great again.	Prashant	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 09:57:56	Address corruption by actually prosecuting those responsible. We already know who many of them are but we don't see them in prison. Reduce the size of parliament, especially the cabinet. Most MPs spend their time asleep or on their phones, apart from the dedicated few who are doing their utmost in the face of ridiculous and unfounded criticism and threats to their safety. Dismiss those that are not doing their jobs and reduce all their salaries which are an insult to hard working tax payers. Get rid of BEE and other racist legislation that is preventing economic growth. Hold municipalities and metros accountable for wasteful expenditure and failure to spend on infrastructure maintenance and development. They insult the hard working ratepayers. The ANC and DIRCO must stop supporting regimes that oppress and kill their own people and make wise foreign policy decisions that do not end up punishing the citizens of South Africa economically for some misguided ideology or to line the pockets of the ANC. Stop borrowing to fund the elite lifestyles of the connected few and listen to the many wise and knowledgeable economists who remain loyal to South Africa in spite of the corrupt and bankrupt ANC ignoring them. We have the skills and resources. Stop them being wasted and stolen. None of this is rocket science. The ANC appears to lack the will to implement what is staring them in the face. Wake up!	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-07 09:44:58	Corruption is destroying our country, illegal foreigners are put a huge financial and safety threat in our country, drugs and alcohol consumption to our young people is a burden to the system, lack of good governance is a result of all this, leaders are not for people but for them selves, corruption corruption corruption oh God help us.	Lucia	employed individual
	2026-02-07 09:37:38		Komane Michael	retired
	2026-02-07 09:37:38		Komane Michael	retired
	2026-02-07 09:16:42		Francois	employed individual
	2026-02-07 09:15:14		David	retired
	2026-02-07 09:14:32	Stop corruption on all govt levels. Impose govt audit lifestyles. Reduce govt employment . Freeze govt salaries. Vigorously check out wasteful and unlawful expenditure. Imprison any person authorizing illegal tenders. Recover stolen money. Empower SAP and NPA instead of more commissions. Deal with electrical, construction and water mafia. Reduce the national debt. Get more bang for money spent on poor education.	Iqubal	retired
	2026-02-07 08:55:09	I agree with another concerned citizen as follows: 1. Cut down on the size of the government - we don't need assistants, if the people who are supposed to do the work, actually do the work. Get the most capable people to do the work. 2. Get our debt levels down to reasonable amounts - it is criminal to see how much interest we pay daily. Think how the lives of the poor could be changed. 3. Put our country first - stop using the race card and apartheid as an excuse for all the ills we face. The ANC has had 30 years to change things. 4. Treat everyone with respect and honour those who pay their taxes religiously	Janet	retired
	2026-02-07 08:43:58	1. Cut down on the size of the government - we don't need assistants, if the people who are supposed to do the work, actually do the work. No more social butterflies! 2. Get our debt levels down to reasonable amounts - it is criminal to see how much interest we pay daily. Think how the lives of the poor could be changed. 3. Put our country first - stop using the race card and apartheid as an excuse for all the ills we face. The ANC has had 30 years to change things. 4. Treat everyone with respect and honour those who pay their taxes religiously.	MAUREEN	retired
	2026-02-07 08:38:23	The government is caught up in idealism. To me what is required is a recognition of the need for a meritocracy in appointments with a view to growing the economy , a pragmatic approach to the absolute need for growth, so creating jobs, and honesty in all things. Meritocracy should be race, tribe family, gender and political affiliation free. Within the pragmatic approach lies the need to plot out a future and to train people in the skills that are appropriate and needed to achieve that future. This questions the approach that everyone needs a university degree in whatever they choose.	Tony	retired
	2026-02-07 08:36:19		Denis	retired
	2026-02-07 08:26:05	The ANC government is fixated with BBBEE (Corruption for a select few), and that is the reason that the economy keeps stalling. Now they have created a R100billion BBBEE Development Fund to AGAIN legitimise these corrupt and fraudulent activities! Oh my Lord, what did we do to deserve these thieves who are stealing the lifeblood of our nation!	Johan	business owner
	2026-02-07 08:25:21		Yvonne	retired
	2026-02-07 08:21:19	The first objective would be to curtail all corruption and theft, that would ensure a great start and stop the bleeding. All deputy ministers and ancillary staff should be removed and also cut down on the number of body guards, blue light vehicles etc.	Clive	retired
	2026-02-07 08:18:28	South Africa cannot borrow its way out of structural problems while spending more. The 2026 Budget should prioritise discipline, growth-enabling investment, and accountability. 1. Stabilising SOEs Limit further bailouts and shift to conditional funding tied to operational reforms, private-sector partnerships, and asset sales. Eskom and Transnet must focus on core mandates while competition and private capital are expanded to reduce fiscal risk. 2. Cutting government spending Freeze real growth in the public-sector wage bill, reduce duplication across departments, and eliminate poorly performing programmes. Savings must be redirected toward infrastructure rather than consumption. 3. Fixing municipal finance Ring-fence infrastructure grants, enforce consequence management for financial mismanagement, and professionalise municipal administrations. Where necessary, place failing municipalities under mandatory financial administration. 4. Tax burden on households Avoid further broad-based tax increases. Instead, broaden the tax base through growth, improve compliance, and shift spending toward investments—particularly water and energy—that lower household costs over time. 5. Work at reducing crime and ensuring the safety of the country's citizens. Fiscal sustainability requires hard trade-offs now to avoid deeper crises later.	Debbie	employed individual

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	2026-02-07 08:01:33		Carol	retired
	2026-02-07 07:53:07	1. Weed out all corrupt government officials and convict them/ 2. All government officials must be placed on merit and suitably qualified. 3. Create employment. Starting with country's infra structure. 4. Reduce the number of Ministers, no need for deputies. 5. Those employed by Government must be suitably qualified for the task at hand, these include contractors for whatever task is done. 6. Nothing is for free. This culture of wanting things for free has to stop. Government cannot fulfill its responsibilities when the least pay for things and the majority expect things for free.	Siva	retired
	2026-02-07 07:44:31	1. They can start by removing the 'dead wood' from ALL Government run institutions. The ANC being handed the well established running State owned businesses, on a silver plate, most of them, if not all, have suffered a drastic decline in service delivery, and in most instances have collapsed completely, without funding to upkeep the very basis standards required. They need to examine why - its actually simple to answer and anybody with some understanding would be able to add 2 + 2. 2. A priority of the Government should be to abolish BEE , which is plainly, and simply put, Apartheid in reverse! There are very competent people with managerial experience sitting at home or resorting to start up a business to support the family.	Geoffrey	self-employed
	2026-02-07 07:39:01		Louisanus	
	2026-02-07 07:37:33	Also stop employing more than is necessary low budget people as security to each walk another 5 meters alongside public in municipalities, just to lessen " unemployment":- Clear waste of time and taxes	Hester	retired
	2026-02-07 07:35:31	get back money stolen	neill	retired
	2026-02-07 07:33:05		Trudie	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:19:18		Desiré	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:17:10	Please stop all tenders its the main root to corruption, why not empoly the best pay the best and employ our youth to learn from the best buy the equipment the resources and bulid again if we dont we will keep getting robbed buy our own people, when will we learn take a good look around there is no one in power including ANC, DA, EFF that will make a chage in SA, we need someone that will lead for the people and not his pockets its sad to see this beautiful country F up. Eskom and all government enterprises must be closed down as it is run by thieves crooks, the amount of money ANC has stole they should take full responsibility on making sure the budget is reached even to the fact of taking all there wealth away they should work for free with no pay for mismanagement. All a bunch of thieves.	Idris	employed individual
	2026-02-07 06:59:28		Jacobus Mostert	retired
	2026-02-07 06:54:15		Robin	retired
	2026-02-07 06:49:58		Bernerine	
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	2026-02-07 06:39:50	1. On SOEs (Eskom & Transnet) Accelerate the unbundling of Eskom to allow more private-sector competition in electricity generation. This will reduce the burden on the taxpayer to bail out SOEs and lower costs for businesses through market competition. 2. On Government Spending Reduce the size of the national executive (Cabinet) and eliminate 'ghost workers' through a digitized, biometric public service payroll. Redirect the savings from the public sector wage bill toward frontline services like healthcare and policing. 3. On Municipal Finance Failures Implement strict consequences for unauthorized expenditure at the local level. National Treasury should withhold grants from municipalities that fail to maintain basic water and road infrastructure, and instead appoint independent, qualified administrators to manage those specific budgets. 4. On the Tax Burden Avoid any increases in Personal Income Tax or VAT, as households are already struggling with high living costs. Instead, focus on broadening the tax base by formalizing the informal economy and improving tax collection efficiency from high-net-worth individuals.	Thapelo Eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-07 06:35:03		Nazlie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 06:25:43	Upping the tax will not work. Spending more on arms will not work. The corruption element will eliminate anything made that way. You must insist on a return on the gold standard so you can evaluate your true net worth. Investing in fiat is unstable. stability If corrected, the worth of your money will be more fair and giving as originally intended. A better accountant won't work.	Luna	
	2026-02-07 06:12:38	Remove BEE Restructure the Tender system in a way that the public can see who got the tenders, who does the work, was it completed satisfactorily and correctly and who got paid. Redefine tender fraud as a crime against the country with severe jailtime for the convicted and a confiscation of their proceeds, even f they try and hide this by transferring the proceeds to others. Over 60% of non-interest spending goes toward the “Social Wage” (Education, Health, Social Grants). However, the public often highlights “wasteful expenditure” (VIP security, bloated cabinets). We are spending more than we earn, filling the gap with loans. The deficit is roughly 4.6% of GDP. Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions. Personal Income Tax is the largest revenue source. “Fiscal drag” (not adjusting tax brackets for inflation) often hits the middle class hardest.	Tish	retired
	2026-02-07 06:11:28		Cyril	retired
	2026-02-07 06:01:38		Kobus	retired
	2026-02-07 05:57:51		Mashudu	employed individual
	2026-02-07 05:50:54	I strongly oppose the current fiscal narrative and direction being pushed ahead of the 2026 Budget. The letter highlights R434.9 billion in debt interest payments (exceeding health spending) and a ~R370 billion deficit as crises requiring drastic action. Yet these figures stem from years of mismanagement, corruption, cadre deployment, and bloated bureaucracy—not from insufficient revenue or "under-taxation" of households. Rather than accepting endless austerity or tax hikes on citizens, the focus must be radical structural reform: - Stabilise SOEs (Eskom, Transnet): Privatise non-strategic assets and operations. End state monopolies, allow meaningful private-sector competition and investment. Stop bailouts—condition any support on full governance overhaul and management accountability. - Cut government spending: Slash the massive wage bill in national and provincial spheres (freeze non-critical hirings, reduce executive perks and unnecessary departments). Cut wasteful expenditure on advertising, travel, consultants, and poorly performing programmes. Downsize the public service where duplication exists. Redirect savings to frontline services like health, education, and visible policing. - Fix municipal finance failures: Enforce consequences for corruption and incompetence. Withhold equitable share transfers to municipalities that fail basic financial controls or service delivery audits. Promote public-private partnerships for water and infrastructure, rather than pouring more public money into failing entities. - Tax burden on households: Households are already over-taxed relative to service delivery received. Reject any further increases in personal income tax, VAT, or fuel levies. Instead, broaden the tax base by improving compliance among high-income evaders and businesses, while providing real relief to middle- and working-class families through bracket adjustments and targeted rebates. South Africans need growth, not more extraction. Prioritise economic freedom, private investment, and accountability over perpetuating a failing state model. The budget must serve citizens, not sustain a broken system.	John	
	2026-02-07 05:49:45	Reduce the number of ministers, and remove the incompetent ones .	Clair-Donna	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 05:48:41		Thembiso	retired
	2026-02-07 05:48:29	Members of Parliament are paid too much & there are too many of them. Municipalities are not run by people who are proficient in their positions of employment. Money is not spent but stolen by many in positions of power.	Elizabeth	retired
	2026-02-07 05:44:40		Jannie	retired
	2026-02-07 05:41:37	Reduce the number of ministers, and remove the incompetent ones and the ones that are implicated in corruption	Marie'	retired
	2026-02-07 05:34:15		Stanley	retired
	2026-02-07 04:42:54		Grisselda	retired

	2026-02-07 04:23:10		Samuel	retired
	2026-02-07 03:29:47		Siphephelo	employed individual
	2026-02-07 02:24:59		Leon	retired
	2026-02-07 02:17:37		Johan	retired
	2026-02-07 01:40:37		Lungelo	self-employed
	2026-02-07 01:07:54		Psychic lucifer	retired
	2026-02-07 01:07:51		Psychic lucifer	retired
	2026-02-07 00:01:40	Reduce ministers in cabinet. Stop bailing out SOE'S. If it's not working privatize it. Reduce government spending. Stabilize the economy & create jobs. Stop with the covid grants.	Hester	retired
	2026-02-06 23:36:13		Riley	employed individual
	2026-02-06 23:06:44		Debra	self-employed
	2026-02-06 22:47:52	The downfall of the economy - BEE, resulting in employing underqualified persons is a great contribution. ANC employing cadres, incompetent persons, failing to address corruption in just about every sector. . No control over tender allocations. Limit the salaries, travelling & all expenses of the top officials. People in medical professions, police and teachers need to earn more - politicians should be taxed more and pay taxes on all the benefits they get. Lifestyle audits on municipal managers . Stop funding tribal chiefs. Sort out the ports, and adjust imports on essentials. China imports very little from South Africa but we rely on them - quality is important. Penalties for sub standard goods supplied	thelma	retired
	2026-02-06 22:45:44		Charles	
	2026-02-06 22:39:28	I think the only way to fix the SOE's is to privatize them and let the private sector fix them as government is just drowning them and tax payers that have to pay for the bailouts. Cut spending on ministers salaries and bonuses and make their salaries, raises and bonuses performance based so if their departments perform badly they take the knock, and if they do well, the people do well and the ministers get their bonuses. There will always be budget debt with corruption, mismanagement and overspending. Performance based bonuses would help. But it also does not help that less than 10% of the nation must support 90% of it. I think more people need to start chipping in, like the taxi association that makes more money that some huge corporations and pay no tax. I think k they need to start, even if it's lower tax brackets	George	employed individual
	2026-02-06 22:26:06	Not once had the governments made anything comes right or improve anything dramatically, but often caused bad to worse continually.	Lourette	
	2026-02-06 22:14:05		Michael	
	2026-02-06 22:07:19		Donald	employed individual
	2026-02-06 22:01:10		Karin Louise	self-employed
	2026-02-06 21:59:32		Peter	
	2026-02-06 21:42:43		paul	retired
	2026-02-06 21:40:41	Die logiese oplossing is baie eenvoudig: Geen bloulig body guards vir niemand nie en veral nie vir hulle families nie. Geen toelaes vir vrouens van die Regering nie. Hulle kan hulle eie huiswerk verrig soos almal van ons. Geen wilde parties vir enige ding wat hulle wil vier wat ons miljarde voor betaal nie. Geen oorsese vakansies of dokters nie. Almal van Cyril af onder toe moet ophou geld laat verdwyn en hulle salarisse en voordele moet drasties gesny word. Hulle moet 'n slag voel hoe dit voel om by n winkel te staan en kyk om vleis of kos te koop en dan om te draai daarsonder nie omdat dit te duur is. Daar is geen maar geen pryskontroles in die winkels nie en dis hoekom ons almal ten duurste moet betaal. die winkels sit net pryse op. Al die moorde wat so gepleeg word en die taxis wat met moord wegkom sal niks mee gebeur nie want raai wie is hoof van BEDRYWIGHEDES. Julle hoef nie ver te soek nie want dis hoekom niemand ooit gevang word nie. Hoe vang jy jouself as jy agter alles sit net om geld te maak. Die wat in julle pad kom word net eenvoudig uitgehaal. Gerieflik ne. Dan nog een ding wat my dwars in die krop steek. CR praat nie namens SA as hy Israel in die grond in vee en Russe en Palistyne vereer nie. EK staan agter Israel. Gaan lees julle Bybel. Daar kan al klaar nie meer gelees word in skole deur leerders nie, nou word dagga nog verder beskikbaar gestel.Hoe vrot gaan die kinders se breine dan wees. Wat van ons wat nie rook nie se reg op gesonde lug. Wanneer julle wakker word, dink asb daaraan.	Corrie	retired
	2026-02-06 21:20:30		Rebaone Welhemina	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:19:43	Government can save massive amounts of our tax contributions by cutting back on spending. There are far too many ministers and deputy ministers. Their salaries are costing far too much, along with their security details and all their benefits. If government cuts back on this spending they should use the money saved to boost the services they aren't providing. Fix up hospitals, schools and the water infrastructure. Lots of money being wasted with leaking water pipes, they should be fixed so that we don't need to buy water from Lesotho at 3 times the cost. We need to get rid of corrupt law enforcement officials and revamp our police service using some of that money. Close our borders, then crime will be less.	Wendy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 21:16:08	Get the country working. Increase the Vat thresh hold to R2000000,00 get rid of all red tape requirements. the admin becomes too much for small business	bruce	
	2026-02-06 21:10:37		Zakaria	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:09:34	Cut out outside contractors. Employ SA citizens again in municipalities to get unemployment rates down. Too much money are spent on SASSA grants for people who are young enough to work. Fix roads, water and sanitation . Cut parlement members salaries. They earn money in jobs they are not qualified to do. Push more money into fixing the Education system. Government hospitals are atrocious because people work there just for money there's no passion. Lastly stop employing family of family in government. Corruption is eating us. Face the truth and fix the top management then everything down the chain of command will start working. Honesty, integrity and pride is needed. A country was handed over with everything that worked, stop blaming apartheid for all the stealing, corruption and dysfunctional systems you have now. Do the right thing and all will be well. All together, unity brings success. Stop living in the past.	Ruette	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:05:09		Mpho	

		[06/02, 20:44] .: *SOE Reforms:* 1. *Eskom:* - *Independent regulator:* Establish NER (National Energy Regulator) with teeth to oversee pricing and operations. - *Unbundling:* Split into separate generation, transmission, and distribution companies. - *Debt restructuring:* Government guarantees for a portion of debt, in exchange for operational reforms. 2. *Transnet:* - *Performance contracts:* Tie management's pay to KPIs (e.g., on-time delivery, reduced corruption). - *Infrastructure fund:* Launch a dedicated fund for upgrades, leveraging private investment. *Government Spending Cuts:* 1. *Zero-based budgeting:* - Justify every expense, prioritising healthcare, education, and infrastructure. - Cut unnecessary travel, events, and lavish spending. 2. *Procurement reforms:* - Centralise procurement, increase transparency, and use tech to track spending. *Municipal Finance Fixes:* 1. *Debt relief:* - Write off debt for households earning <R3,500/month, with payment plans. - Offer zero-interest payment plans for others. 2. *Capacity building:* - Partner with private sector or NGOs for financial management support. *Tax Burden Relief:* 1. *Targeted support:* - Increase social grants or cash transfers for low-income households. - Temporary tax reduction for low-income earners. 2. *Broadening tax base:* - Increase tax compliance, especially from high-income individuals and corporations. *Utility Bill Reset:* 1. *One-time reset:* - Write off historical debt for low-income households (<R3,500/month). - Implement prepaid meters to improve revenue collection. 2. *Affordable tariffs:* - Introduce tiered pricing, with cheap rates for basic services. [06/02, 20:45] .: *Implementation Details:* 1. *SOE Reforms:* - *Eskom:* Establish a transition team to oversee unbundling and debt restructuring. - *Transnet:* Launch a tender process for infrastructure upgrades. 2. *Government Spending Cuts:* - *Zero-based budgeting:* Train finance teams to implement and monitor. - *Procurement reforms:* Roll out e-procurement systems. 3. *Municipal Finance Fixes:* - *Debt relief:* Launch a public awareness campaign. - *Capacity building:* Partner with organisations like SALGA for training. 4. *Tax Burden Relief:* - *Targeted support:* Update tax systems and inform taxpayers. - *Broadening tax base:* Launch a compliance drive. *Potential Challenges:* 1. *Resistance to change:* From unions, management, or beneficiaries of status quo. 2. *Funding:* Securing resources for reforms and debt relief. 3. *Capacity constraints:* Finding skilled personnel to drive reforms. [06/02, 20:45] .: *Prioritisation:* 1. *Quick wins:* - Implement zero-based budgeting for government spending. - Launch e-procurement systems. - Introduce prepaid meters for utility bills. 2. *High-impact reforms:* - Eskom unbundling and debt restructuring. - Municipal debt relief and capacity building. 3. *Long-term fixes:* - Transnet infrastructure upgrades. - Broadening tax base and compliance drive. *Mitigation Strategies:* 1. *Resistance to change:* - Engage stakeholders early, communicate benefits. - Offer training and support for affected staff. 2. *Funding constraints:* - Explore international funding or grants. - Phase implementation to manage costs. 3. *Capacity constraints:* - Hire experts on short-term contracts. - Partner with private sector or NGOs for support.		
	2026-02-06 21:03:42		Sher	
	2026-02-06 20:52:13	The Government should use whatever funding it has and must fund small- scale and manageable projects every year until shortfalls are covered. This belief that trillion rands should be set aside to solve our water problems is irrational when we do not have the funds. Rather do bite-sizes each year and ensure they are delivered and that corruption from these projects are completely eradicated. The same applies to maintenance. This should be done consistently to protect our infrastructure and capital assets. Expenditure and implementation must be monitored to ensure delivery.	Ikhraam	retired
	2026-02-06 20:49:44		Anits	retired
	2026-02-06 20:35:29		Natie	business owner
	2026-02-06 20:33:58		Willem	retired
	2026-02-06 20:24:33	Spending of municipalities needs to be put under a microscope.	Karina	self-employed
	2026-02-06 20:21:16		Vinessa	Non-profit
	2026-02-06 20:11:00		HILTON	retired
	2026-02-06 20:09:40		Moses	
	2026-02-06 20:09:39		Moses	
	2026-02-06 20:03:05		Catherina Johanna	retired
	2026-02-06 20:01:35	1. the economy and fiscus - Focus on Job Creation and Entrepreneurial engagement for economic growth 2. government spending - Integrity required 3. addressing a large budget deficit - use economists and Audit firms to build a workable plan 5. energy and water investments - Upkeep of Essential services is a Must 6. tax revenues - Reduce personal taxes; Organisational taxes should encourage investment by local and foreign businesses in our country 7. debt sustainability - use economists and Audit firms to build a workable plan 8. municipal finances - Accountability and Integrity required	Mon	
	2026-02-06 19:48:28		Owen	employed individual

		Below are targeted, actionable recommendations aligned to the Minister's request. 1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom & Transnet) a. Shift SOEs to performance-based, independent boards Appoint smaller, skills-based boards with fixed-term KPIs tied to service delivery, financial turnaround, and corruption-free procurement. b. Ring-fence revenue streams Protect essential operational revenue (e.g., electricity tariffs, port fees) from being diverted to unrelated costs; allocate it directly to maintenance, upgrades, and debt reduction. c. Expand carefully structured private-sector participation Allow private investors and operators into rail corridors, port terminals, and generation/ transmission expansion—under transparent concession models that retain state ownership but improve efficiency. d. Fast-track procurement reform Digital procurement, shorter contracting cycles, and strict blacklisting of corrupt suppliers will reduce waste and speed up infrastructure recovery. 2. Cutting Government Spending (Without Harming Core Services) a. Freeze non-essential hiring for 24 months Protect teachers, nurses, police—pause administrative hires and duplicated advisory positions. b. Slash wasteful expenditure • Eliminate VIP protection for non-executive politicians • Cap travel, accommodation, and catering budgets • Mandate digital meetings for all non-critical travel • Reduce consultant duplication across departments c. Consolidate overlapping entities Merge agencies with similar mandates (e.g., small business support bodies, SETAs with poor performance). d. Introduce outcome-based budgeting Shift from funding departments based on historical allocations to funding based on measurable results. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures a. Enforce competency requirements Municipal CFOs and supply-chain managers must meet minimum qualifications and be professionally accredited. b. Centralise revenue collection where necessary Allow National Treasury to intervene in Category B municipalities with persistent collection failures by running billing and revenue systems centrally until stability is restored. c. Implement strict financial recovery plans Municipalities failing audits should have: • Mandatory financial recovery teams • Conditional grants tied to compliance • Real-time expenditure tracking dashboards d. Protect infrastructure budgets Ring-fence water, sanitation, and basic services budgets from being used for salaries and political programs. 4. Reducing the Tax Burden on Households a. Support wage growth by restoring economic confidence A stable electricity supply, reliable logistics, and safer communities will unlock private-sector expansion and employment—raising the tax base without raising tax rates. b. Provide targeted relief • Adjust VAT-free basic food basket • Maintain inflation-linked PIT bracket relief • Expand renewable-energy tax credits for households and small businesses c. Simplify compliance for small businesses Lower admin burdens and create a unified small-business tax portal, encouraging growth and formalisation. d. Demonstrate visible spending discipline When government reduces waste, public trust improves—leading to better tax morale and higher voluntary compliance. Closing Note		
	2026-02-06 19:32:54	South Africa does not need new taxes—it needs credible governance, efficient spending, and functioning institutions. By stabilising SOEs, enforcing discipline in municipalities, and reducing wastage across government, the country can restore confidence, relieve households, and place the economy on a sustainable growth path.	Derek	
	2026-02-06 19:17:19		Anointed	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 19:03:50		Liezell	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 18:57:00		Delaine	retired
	2026-02-06 18:48:34		Sidney	retired
	2026-02-06 18:37:34		Hendry	retired
	2026-02-06 18:35:05		Wouter	self-employed
	2026-02-06 18:33:49		Nina	retired
	2026-02-06 18:32:15	Vote the ANC out of power and put a party that knows what to do- that is the DA.	Keith	employed individual
	2026-02-06 18:30:17	1. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. Hire competent qualified staff not clueless cadres and family members 2. Where to cut government spending. Stop wastage. BBEE tenders are manipulated to the point where it works out more expensive than if tenders were open to the public 3. How to fix municipal finance failures. See point one 4. What to do about the tax burden on households. Lower tax rates for salary bands up to R20 000pm	John	self-employed
	2026-02-06 18:23:27	Funding of all political parties take a lot of chunky in finance Parties to be demolished only Rules and Regulations of South Africa Nation appoint trust worthy leader We are tired of unfulfilled promises on top of that tired of Governmental corruption Over spending on bigger cars and spots lights and flight transport and top 5 hotels or Muritias or Spain outings with The Nation money is injustice and none liberty Also inconsiderate. Higher bills of municipalities are like paying rent or bins that is not completing. If I don't work and having 3 houses I am forced to pay even if mo income.even others have income why do we pay for ever. Municipal services is water pumping cannot be expensive is GOD PROVISION, LAND IS HOD PROVISION, The direct service is Sewerage, REFUSE,ELECTRICITY AND ROADS TO REMOVE HOLES ON THE ROADS. IT shouldn't be high charge of more than R550. We can't pay bond forever because of Municipal is over taxing. SARS TO CHARGE TAX TO THOSE GETTING PROFIT OF R250K AND ABOVE ALSO THE PERCENTAGES CHARGING TO BE LITERALLY DECREASED. This is to turn the South African Nation into slavery. The biggest salaries of Bank CEOS AND MINISTERS AND DIRECTORS TO DECREASE TO PAVE FUNDS FOR PRODUCTION FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES GOD HHAA BLESSED US not to export our own resources and after import the with Hugh charges this is not realistic for our sustainability in FINANCE. ALAO HEALTH FOOD NONE GMO ARE IMPORTANT TO DECREASE PATIENCE FEOM HOSPITAL. HOSPITAL TRAINING TO TURN TO PRODUCT PRODUCING TRAINING TO PROTECT OUR RAND VALUE 06 FEB 2026 FRID	Victorious	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 18:23:13		Emmanuel	retired
	2026-02-06 18:19:07	I am actually so fed up with the way South Africa is being managed. We can hardly survive from month to month, can't find jobs because of BEE requirements. Tax is infuriating. Save for your old day, your retirement so you can live comfortably. What a joke. Spent all those years saving, creating a little nest egg and it's all going to tax! I understand completely why people are leaving this country because it is being run into the ground.	Carien	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 18:10:14		Loraine	self-employed
	2026-02-06 18:09:12	We need to get rid of unscrupulous, fraudulent, unethical & money grabbing individuals concerned, and replace them with Leaders that have Principles, Morals & Ethics in place, which service our Citizens & our Country SA, as their first Priority!	Terry	retired
	2026-02-06 18:00:10		Charmaine	
	2026-02-06 17:45:33		Mary Ann	retired
	2026-02-06 17:40:44	To stabilise the economy and encourage financial investment they need to stop all corruption and make sure that all civil servants do an honest day's work & also that be fully qualified for the job they are doing. In private enterprise, you get fired if you don't work properly and honestly. They also need to take look at BEE policies. They are hindering private investment and job creation. Foreign companies, and are not going to risk large amounts of capital if they don't have control over risk they are taking to create jobs in SA. ?	Hester	retired
	2026-02-06 17:39:26	How about getting competent people in to get the job done. We need a South Africa DOGE too.	Michelle	employed individual

	2026-02-06 17:17:45	The most important would be to STO CORRUPTION, improve basic services infrastructure (electricity, water, sewage, refuse, roads), encourage investment in South Africa, remove BEE (race based business requirements) & remove all other restrictive barriers in doing business in South Africa. Encourage entrepreneurism! Invest in the police & defense force! Invest in education!!!	ROBERT	
	2026-02-06 17:16:33		Fred	retired
	2026-02-06 17:13:53	For the last 30years the Ministry of Finance has allowed Fraud and Corruption by their chosen leaders, now they request suggestions from the Public Creditors to miraculously remedy their Bankruptcy.	Paddy	retired
	2026-02-06 17:03:55		yvette	employed individual
	2026-02-06 16:57:35		Charl	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 16:50:08	Main comment: increase tax rebates - they CANNOT stay the same for 3 years in a row!!! Also, how do we have a such a large budget deficit when our ministers are earning such high salaries??!!	Kira	
	2026-02-06 16:44:28		Loraine	self-employed
	2026-02-06 16:41:54		Carmel	employed individual
	2026-02-06 16:40:09		Manda	retired
	2026-02-06 16:30:21		Carine	
	2026-02-06 16:08:33	We spend an excessive amount right now, and I'd wager this is in large part due to sweetheart tenders. If the government wants to save money, it can start by reviewing and, if need be, revoking the tenders that previous (and let's be honest, current) corrupt government employees gave to friends, family, and whoever waved the thickest stack of R200 notes at them. Further, there is a culture of profiteering in far too many places in the current economy: how much did the food price go up during COVID, and did they fall afterwards? (hint: no, they didn't) Basically, the government is leaking like a sieve, and there's no space for taxes on the lower and middle classes due to private profiteering. Lastly, tax the rich for heavens' sake. There'a a lot of ways to do that without them having a choice in the matter if some effort is put into it, and that will work even if they sit pretty in a tax haven.	Gerrit	
	2026-02-06 15:58:44	1.. Government spending: Monies need to be allocated wisely and it needs to checked. And not money wasted. If money is wasted, employees need to be held accountable. Corruption needs to be curbed. 2. Money for state-owned entities: make sure money does not get wasted and used to actually upgrade the facilities (e.g. ESKOM) 3. Money for municipalities - it needs to be made sure that the money is used by the municipalities for upgrades and maintenance (especially water, electricity and infrastructure). There needs to be supervision from national government and consequences if the money is abused/ not used. 4. Nationally, money needs to be invested to maintain and upgrade infrastructure in the country. In so many places everything is falling apart. And someone needs to make sure the money is actually used for the correct purpose.	Tanja	
	2026-02-06 15:57:23		Sally	
	2026-02-06 15:55:10	We need to stop spending over budget and and start spending on essential things. The government is making a mess of things but they give themselves an over inflation increase. I believe they need a decrease in salary and vise MP's should be scraped. Stop interfering in other countries politics and fix the mess that you are forcing so many people to live in. Start by concentrating on firing those at municipal level who are not doing their work and then work on the infrastructure. We need schools, hospitals and more law enforcement officers etc.	Owen	
	2026-02-06 15:49:38	I can only hope HE will take NOTE of all the problems , but I have little hope as the A N C With all its attitude towards White SOUTH AFRICANS they will does as they like and think of how the can make the poor suffer as long the THIVES CAN STEEL AND MURDER US .	Vincent	retired
	2026-02-06 15:37:59		Ludwe	self-employed
	2026-02-06 15:37:57		Ludwe	self-employed
	2026-02-06 15:37:55		kenwin	
	2026-02-06 15:37:21		Johan	retired
	2026-02-06 15:32:20		Willie	retired
	2026-02-06 15:22:32		Tiina	employed individual
	2026-02-06 15:22:15		Nickey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 15:22:14		Nickey	employed individual
	2026-02-06 15:15:36	The solution is simple, cut top ex3cutuve jobs, empliy people who can do the job, irrespective of their ethnicity and reduce executives remuneration in line with international standards.	Angelique	retired
	2026-02-06 15:13:18		Catherine	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 14:54:05	Start with the towns infrastructure and services, because where I live it has all gone to where ever, there is nothing. Fix the existing roads, buildings, water infrastructure and Eskom sites. Make sure the people can get their basic needs met first before doing anything else. After this you go on to other projects.	Sanet	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:51:13		mariska	retired
	2026-02-06 14:50:42		Margaret	
	2026-02-06 14:43:33	In	Johannes	retired
	2026-02-06 14:43:04	The Treasury OR Ministry of Finance should appoint and place a Chief Accounting Officer into every single National, Provincial and Municipal department in South Africa. In this way, Treasury / Finance can ensure that only competent people are put in charge of finances in every government office and is able to control the financial affairs of that department. If this is not possible, the Treasury must cut off all financial support immediately a department transgresses or is in breach of financial norms. It's high time that government departments, institutions and state owned entities are held accountable for their spending and revenue and that officials found to be at fault must be fired immediately, NOT put on suspension!	Nick	retired
	2026-02-06 14:40:08	Will this budget be GNU-approved? If this said GNU not came to fruitation, who will be responsible for making this budget happen.	Riaan	
	2026-02-06 14:38:32		Simone	retired
	2026-02-06 14:36:33	1. Stop all bbbeee nonsense, minimum pay and discriminating laws that cripple economic growth 2. Stop government spending on all blue light brigades. We are all exposed to the criminals in this country. Why should .gov elite be protected? 3. Stop government increases, they are already totally overpaid for the very poor service they deliver. 4. Stop cader deployment as that is the main source of corruption right through the government. 5. Stop employing people that does not have qualifications and knowledge to do the job. That includes in .gov jobs, munisipal jobs and government employed contractors. Just another source of corruption. 5. Stop spending money on SOE like escom, transnet and sabc and privatice them. Just another source of corruption. 6. Stop paying grants and create jobs. Grants just encourage laziness and population growth that needs even more grants. 7. By doing the above you would decrease government spending and the need for more tax on the already overtaxed public and private sector.	Antonie	
	2026-02-06 14:34:52	To be honest, this is like large corporate entities bringing in Consultants to strategize the way forward because management (politicians) are too incompetent to make the decisions themselves. Or a way to kick the ball down the road because they (the politicians) know what they have to do to fix things, but political interference, self gratification, communistic and left wing strategies restrict them from implementing them. A rotten apple will always get more rotten. We need to escalate the time for governmental elections, get rid of the current Politicians and hope the next lot can do a better job.	Simon	business owner
	2026-02-06 14:31:46	1. Reduce the size of the cabinet by appointing ministers who possess demonstrable expertise in their respective portfolios, thereby lessening the need for extensive supporting deputy ministers, personnel and committees. 2. Reduce the number of overseas trips to countries that are not relevant to South Africa's well-being. 3. Reduce the number and value of employment benefits, for example housing allowances, rates and taxes rebates, travel allowances, etc., for all senior members of parliament. Their salaries should be sufficient to cover their own daily expenses. 4. No salary increases for any senior members of parliament until South Africa's economy has stabilised. 5. Limit child support grants to mothers aged 18 years and over. The exception: if a mother is under 18 and can prove in court that her child was conceived as the result of rape, then government support for this child alone may be considered. 6. Provide a full child support grant only for the first child. Reduce the monthly child support grant by 50% for each subsequent child. The rationale is that if an individual cannot afford their first child, they should not consider having additional children. 7. Allow financially distressed state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to be privatised and acquired by individuals who possess the experience necessary to run profitable companies, without burdening law-abiding citizens through inflated rates and fees or utilising taxpayer money to provide financial assistance. A more streamlined budget will not be worthwhile unless: 1. all government employees, from municipal level upwards to the President himself, are held accountable for their performance; 2. individuals found guilty of fraud or any criminal activity are removed from their positions without severance payments or “golden handshakes”; 3. individuals removed from their positions due to such criminal activities should not be transferred to any other department or position; and 4. the same standards are applied to all government employees, from municipal level upwards, as are expected of law-abiding citizens. A healthy economy is built upon the honesty and integrity of each citizen, regardless of position.	M	
	2026-02-17 10:35:30	Pay back the stolen money by all government officials and agents. Cut their exorbitant salaries. Cut the ministers, it is ridiculous how many we have compared to 1st world countries. Imvest in education, healthcare, service delivery, infrastructure maintenance, the elderly, work creation.	Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-17 07:08:23	1. The government needs to cut their salaries for one and then repay all of the stolen trillions of rands as well as all of their cadres who have received contracts worth millions of rands and have disappeared with the lot without doing the work that they were paid to do. 2. Instead of having the Somalians and the Chinese open businesses in SA, assist our people in starting businesses to grow our economy. Money is pouring out of our country. 3. No politician should run the Municipalities get honest individuals who are well qualified to do the work and hold them accountable. 4. As with the municipalities the water and the electricity must be run by capable individuals who have the correct qualifications, and their qualifications MUST be checked to see if they are not falsified. 5 Pensioners should not be paying tax on their pensions. We have paid tax all of our working lives, and this is the only country in the world that tax, their pensioners. 6. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITITIANS TO PAY BACK THE MONEY THAT THEY ARE GAINING THROUGH CORRUPTION.....	BRENDA	

	2026-02-16 21:01:02	Start by getting all the misappropriated and STOLEN monies back that was lost through corruption. Tax payers should not be forced to pay that money all over again, while the corruot fat cats sit unprosecuted and enjoying the fruits of the struggling taxpayer's hard labor. It may or may not amount to the hundreds of billions needed, but it is most certainly a substantial and worthy amount to start with!	KL	retired
	2026-02-16 20:39:39	I have in the past provided comments how to improve the financial situation in this country and not one of my suggestions were implemented. I have also written letters to the State Presidents with some valuable ideas which they just ignored. I will not waste my precious time to go into detail again if it is just going to ignored again.	Frank	retired
	2026-02-16 20:37:24		Wendy	employed individual
	2026-02-16 19:39:02		Magdeline	self-employed
	2026-02-16 19:35:28		Anton	retired
	2026-02-16 18:42:24		Virginia	retired
	2026-02-16 15:48:17	How come the basic education and police budgets are used 75% to 80% for salaries??? No wonder there is no money for actual youth development (books, ablutions, classrooms) and real security (fuel, maintenance, ammo, training). Meanwhile, every year the defence budget is reduced, but far better figures than above, and the health budget appears on paper at least the only one where capex is around mid 30%...No further monies should be allocated to ANY department that does not bring it's employee bill inline with 50% mark!!! Furthermore, the only thing that will get South Africa working right now is the water infrastructure repairs and roads; electricity, railways and ports are secondary to these conditions so that tourism, business, industry, etc. can function across metro and rural locations. Nothing else matters! If you want to spend tax money, then make it is used properly, and visible! Sandton SAPS offices are so dilapidated that no one wants to work or visit, and the spend over last few years is not even used e.g. turnstiles! The Rea Vaya BRT is still not using the bridge built across the M1 at Wynberg years after it was completed!!! Vanity projects that deliver symbolism, instead of actual return on investments!!! To safeguard against blatant nefarious abuse of state coffers, treasury should take over the actual finance of programs, and not let Armscor, etc. ruin these programs. Good examples are the SANDF frigates (and submarines) that should be repaired with the OEM's (just like Eskom who had to turn to OEM's to get power plants working again). Airforce helicopters need to be flying, and supporting police, fire fighting, etc. The Army is buying a APC that has not even been tested for border patrol work, but BMA should be actually tasked as prime security, and they can reorder the existing Toyota Landcruisers (that the Army also had) from the Durban plant. No rocket science here to get the things into place, and not another paper exercise that delivers next to nothing for the communities!!!	Arno	employed individual
	2026-02-16 15:14:42	STOP HIGH TAXES ON SMALL CC. LESS THAN 6MIL. TURNOVER A YEAR CUT GOVERMENT SPENDING ON CARS/EATING ALONE TOO MANY PEOPLE IN GOVERMENT, DOING NOTHING STOP FEEDING BOTTOMLESS PITS	SONJA	self-employed
	2026-02-16 14:42:20	My first thought was how to SAVE money and how to make use of what we have, instead of trying to increase taxes on an ever-shrinking employed group of citizens. Not knowing all that much about National budgets , I decided to "google" “serious money misspent in 2025 in South African government” and these were the results - copied and pasted… (I had to shorten it, for space-saving) "Here are the specific, major areas of serious money mismanagement, wasteful expenditure, and financial strain identified in 2025: 1. Significant Public Sector "Ghost Workers" and Payroll Fraud Audit Findings: A 2025 National Treasury audit revealed that 60% of government budgets (approx. 1.2 million employees) go to personnel, with a significant number being "ghost workers"—fictitious employees, "no-shows," and fraudulent additions to the payroll. " (After digging a bit deeper - See full report here - https://pmg.org.za/committee-meeting/41634/) "Impact: This constitutes a major fiscal risk and a direct waste of funds intended for service delivery. 2. Rising Cost of Debt Servicing (Interest Payments) "22 Cents of Every Rand": Interest payments on national debt have become the fastest-growing area of spending, with the projected cost for 2025/2026 reaching R1.48 billion higher than earlier projections. Interest vs. Services: Approximately 22% of all government revenue (22 cents of every rand) is now consumed by paying interest on debt. 3. High-Value Wasteful and Irregular Expenditure Historical Accumulation: Between 2018 and 2024, at least R407-billion was irregularly spent, with significant, ongoing issues in 2025. Unused Software Licenses: The Department of Labour was cited for wasting R231 million on software licenses that were purchased but never used. Failed Housing Feasibility Studies: Gauteng Human Settlements wasted R520 million on feasibility studies for housing projects that were subsequently cancelled. SANDF Scandal: R813 million intended for South African National Defence Force (SANDF) troop allowances was reported missing, with allegations of it being a scandal. 4. Municipal and Entity Mismanagement Bankrupt Municipalities: Out of 257 municipalities, roughly 150 were considered bankrupt or insolvent in 2025, unable to pay creditors or service workers' pensions. Unpaid Debt: Municipalities owe a staggering R80 billion in debt, including R26 billion owed to Eskom. Unspent Grants: R3.8 billion in infrastructure grants went unspent, meaning communities were denied water, sanitation, and road upgrades. Johannesburg Crisis: The City of Joburg was put on terms by the National Treasury over R22-billion in irregular spending. 5. Unproductive Spending and Poor Procurement Water and Sanitation Losses: R3.68 billion was lost in the Department of Water and Sanitation due to project delays, standing-time costs, and overpricing. Magistrate Protection Order: R100,000 in public funds was wasted on a magistrate’s personal protection order, which the DA slammed as misuse of tax money. 6. The 2025 Budget "Wrangle" Delayed Budget: The 2025 Budget was delayed twice, an unprecedented event, largely due to disagreements over how to handle the R15.7 billion revenue shortfall, which included failed proposals to hike VAT. Fuel Levy Increase: The final budget, which passed, included a fuel levy increase, forcing taxpayers to pay an additional R3.5 billion in tax revenue. Social Grant Reductions: Spending on social grants was reduced by R6.6 billion over the medium term, impacting the poor while other areas of waste persisted. The overall sentiment from experts in 2025 was that taxpayers received only a tiny fraction of value (approximately 5 cents on the rand) for their taxes, with the annual loss to the economy from corruption, inefficiency, and waste estimated at roughly R200 billion." Shocking! My suggestion: Maybe the budget for 2026 should start by addressing the above issues first?!	Esther	unemployed individual
	2026-02-16 14:39:26	Stop unnecessary flights overseas. Travel economy class Drop BEE for job creation Fund students on merit and Gr12 qualification. Too many not pulling their weight and don't qualify.	James	retired
	2026-02-16 14:30:24	Curb the increases for MP's, their percs etc. They are working for their monthly salary like the man in the street. Bring child grant down to maximum 3 children. If you want quality life for your children, avoid quantity. Corruption continues as if it's a perk.	Miranda	unemployed individual
	2026-02-16 13:34:18	South Africans are facing an untenable cost-of-living crisis. While fiscal stabilization is necessary, it cannot come at the expense of households at a breaking point. My suggestions are: - Cost of Living Relief: Expand VAT zero-rated essential items to include more protein (e.g., poultry, canned beans) and basic hygiene products. This provides immediate relief to every kitchen table. - Ecological Infrastructure for Water Security: Instead of only funding "grey" infrastructure (dams/pipes), increase investment in restoring strategic water source areas. Clearing invasive alien plants and restoring wetlands is a cost-effective way to secure water yield while creating thousands of "green jobs" in rural communities. Nature is our first line of defense against drought. - SOE & Municipal Accountability: End unconditional bailouts for Eskom and Transnet; tie all funding to operational milestones. Implement a "zero-tolerance" policy for municipal financial failures to prevent the collapse of local services. - Smart Spending Cuts: Reduce the cost of the political administration (VIP protection, bloated deputy portfolios) to protect frontline health and education budgets. We need a budget that doesn't just manage debt, but allows ordinary citizens and our natural ecosystems to breathe again.	Dane	
	2026-02-16 13:31:31	he must tell us the plan of fixing the corruption from the government to the municipalities. the anc have made the municipalities bankrupt and ALL other state owned assets. poor people suffering while the fat cats swim in the money that they can't eat. they are careless idiots.	Dirk	
	2026-02-16 12:10:37		Renee	
	2026-02-16 11:40:10		Astrid	business owner
	2026-02-16 11:20:54		Patrizia	business owner
	2026-02-16 11:13:38		Essie	retired
	2026-02-16 10:48:08		Ben	employed individual
	2026-02-16 10:42:24	Everything is in shambles and all the government does is keep pilfering more funds.	Thomas	employed individual
	2026-02-16 10:42:23	Everything is in shambles and all the government does is keep pilfering more funds.	Thomas	employed individual
	2026-02-16 09:32:37	First of all the government must livewithin its means. Reduce the size of the bloated ineffective cabinet - Freeloaders must go. Stop borrowing like there is no tomorrow. This appears only to be propping up cadre BBEEE. Stabilise the COE's and reduce the high cost of electricity. introduce performance reveiws and fire the useless and those not delivering. Reduce taxation - out of hand again to prop up the corrupt i think , increase the tax net - reduce PAYE and increase VAT	Peter	retired
	2026-02-16 08:25:20		Sabine	
	2026-02-16 07:45:11		Felicity	retired
	2026-02-16 03:18:05	Stop stealing the tax payers money!!! Look for starter ways to build the economy, provide jobs and get rid of the debt. We NEED a righteous God fearing government!!! Or we will never get out of the mess that the ANC caused!!!	Nadia	employed individual
	2026-02-15 23:06:39	Some proposals span over several of the listed topics: For 1, 5 & 6) South Africa's mining and smelting industry has been decimated despite our very rich endowment in minerals. The primary reasons for this is a) the increase in electricity price; b) onerous regulatory requirements; and c) labour law provisions. One way to improve the situation is to implement a RING FENCED tax on raw mineral exports to be exclusively used to subsidize the electricity used in the production of beneficiated products (down to Smelter level - i.e. FeCr, FeMn etc) This will avoid an additional burden on the citizens who effectively have to subsidize electricity to keep the mining and smelting industry alive. Second, implement a RING FENCED fund for the carbon tax revenues which must be used exclusively for the funding of clean/renewable energy projects. Three, get tough on unions and government employees and cap increases at 3% (upper end of the inflation target). Do this for 5 years and things will improve dramatically. For topic 2 and 7) The same as the last point above, but in addition, a) shrink government; b) get rid of the ridiculous cost of protection services for government officials and their associated "blue light brigades". For 3, 4, 5 & 8) Privatize Privatize, Privatize! There is ample appetitie for private players to assist government (both national and local) and revamp public infrastucture if government will just get out of the way.	Jacques	
	2026-02-15 21:10:13		Johannes	employed individual

	2026-02-15 19:54:09	1. Executive and Legislative Accountability - Salary Freeze: Rescind and freeze salary increases for the President and Members of Parliament. Leadership must reflect the economic reality of the citizens they serve. - Privilege Reduction: Significantly reduce budgets for personal executive privileges. These perks create a disconnect between officials and the daily hardships experienced by the public. - Travel Austerity: Eliminate all international travel expenses that do not provide a direct, measurable advancement of South Africa’s economic growth. 2. Tax and Personnel Reform - No Tax Hikes: Do not increase VAT, Personal Income Tax, or Corporate Income Tax. The current tax base is already overextended. - Public Sector Efficiency: Eliminate "bloat" by removing incompetent staff. Retention should be based on a tireless commitment to restoring the economy, not bureaucratic tenure. 3. Infrastructure and Energy - Energy Liberalization: Continue dismantling the state monopoly on Eskom. Accelerate private sector participation to produce more affordable and reliable electricity. - Logistics Restoration: Mandate that Transnet repairs and restores the national rail network. Shifting freight from roads to rail is critical for road safety and logistical efficiency. 4. Essential Social Services - Education: Prioritize hiring competent educators and restoring rural school infrastructure. These schools must be capable of providing both quality education and nutritional support. - Healthcare: Public hospitals require urgent restoration. Professionalize the staff by offering competitive salaries while strictly removing those who fail to perform their duties. 5. Local Government Oversight - Municipal Audits: Conduct rigorous audits on Municipalities to address non-payment of service providers. Leadership must be held personally and legally accountable for the collapse of local infrastructure. Primarily addressing the neglected state of basic utilities & community infrastructure. Hand in hand with the incompetence and gross mismanagement in municipalities misusing funds & budgets. The next is security, education & healthcare. Savings and additional finance is possible by reeling in and capping burgeoning government salaries, headcount and reckless expenditure. Every taxpayer cent must be used expediently and with the improvement of universal living standards as its purpose.	Jurgen	
	2026-02-15 19:51:40	Government should critically analyse the need for each SOE in a modern state and economy. As many as possible should then be dissolved or functionally transferred to the private sector, so that more finances can be available for the must have SOE's. This was successfully done with Telkom, I think, and should also have been done long ago with SAA instead of rescuing it. In this regard the unbundling of Eskom needs to continue and large municipalities as well as the private sector encouraged to develop electricity generating plants.	Jurgen	
	2026-02-15 17:27:15		Jessica	retired
	2026-02-15 16:27:32	Bottom line, you cannot spend more than you earn, same as any individual or family unit. Borrowings should only be there to cater for big CAPEX projects, end of story. The bloat in headcount in both government and municipal departments is at staggering levels, which as can be seen from the deficit, is part of the problem. And the crazy thing is, even with a bloated headcount, service delivery is the worst it has ever been, stifling our economic activities and wasting millions of hours of lost productivity for the people in the country that actually pay tax. Regulations up the wazoo as add countless hours that could be spent on creating wealth and growing the economy. Additionally, as has been shown in commission after commission, especially the Zondo commission, the theft and corruption in government is also staggering. If we spent over a billion Rand on just the commission, with tons of evidence pointing at many top officials, and nothing has been done, well then, the money that is supposed to be going to actual activities, is being stolen, creating a hole even bigger. Now the government is happily, without our approval, borrowing money, stealing more than half of it, and putting this further burden on the tax payers and their kids and grandkids. Stop giving money to world bodies that serve absolutely no purpose to the people of South Africa, the WHO, UN, WEF, IMF, World Bank and many more. Why would you give money away when you have massive problems in our own back yard. Stop R300 - R400m farewell parties for generals, Stop the Blue light brigades, what makes you so important, I do see the top CEO's int he country being chaperoned by Blue Light brigades. They are supposed to represent us, well, none of us get personal security and blue light brigades that cost our companies a lot of money, so why do you get. ANC needs to be booted, cadre members arrested, and our economy will thrive.	Michael	business owner
	2026-02-15 16:08:43	End corruption and cadre deployment. Appoint efficient and qualified people and boards. Give Private sector a chance to run and fix railways, ports etc. Cut our large cabinet-it is too expensive	Nicoline	retired
	2026-02-15 13:35:14	1. Executive and Legislative Accountability - Salary Freeze: Rescind and freeze salary increases for the President and Members of Parliament. Leadership must reflect the economic reality of the citizens they serve. - Privilege Reduction: Significantly reduce budgets for personal executive privileges. These perks create a disconnect between officials and the daily hardships experienced by the public. - Travel Austerity: Eliminate all international travel expenses that do not provide a direct, measurable advancement of South Africa’s economic growth. 2. Tax and Personnel Reform - No Tax Hikes: Do not increase VAT, Personal Income Tax, or Corporate Income Tax. The current tax base is already overextended. - Public Sector Efficiency: Eliminate "bloat" by removing incompetent staff. Retention should be based on a tireless commitment to restoring the economy, not bureaucratic tenure. 3. Infrastructure and Energy - Energy Liberalization: Continue dismantling the state monopoly on Eskom. Accelerate private sector participation to produce more affordable and reliable electricity. - Logistics Restoration: Mandate that Transnet repairs and restores the national rail network. Shifting freight from roads to rail is critical for road safety and logistical efficiency. 4. Essential Social Services - Education: Prioritize hiring competent educators and restoring rural school infrastructure. These schools must be capable of providing both quality education and nutritional support. - Healthcare: Public hospitals require urgent restoration. Professionalize the staff by offering competitive salaries while strictly removing those who fail to perform their duties. 5. Local Government Oversight - Municipal Audits: Conduct rigorous audits on Municipalities to address non-payment of service providers. Leadership must be held personally and legally accountable for the collapse of local infrastructure. Primarily addressing the neglected state of basic utilities & community infrastructure. Hand in hand with the incompetence and gross mismanagement in municipalities misusing funds & budgets. The next is security, education & healthcare. Savings and additional finance is possible by reeling in and capping burgeoning government salaries, headcount and reckless expenditure. Every taxpayer cent must be used expediently and with the improvement of universal living standards as its purpose.	joan	retired
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	2026-02-14 14:15:59	Rooting out corruption is the biggest challenge, fraudulent unqualified office bearers,we need to employ efficient qualified people on merit not race who can deliver (not only BEEEE criteria as we should be totally democratic) and ascertain qualifications to be above board. We have had no water in some areas for who knows how long..... and it has fallen on deaf ears due to corrupt unqualified persons in our councils. Informal settlements are sprouting all over thereby decreasing our property values and increasing risks, we have poor service delivery everywhere the government is concerned but our ruling politicians are oblivious, they are too busy enriching themselves and their relatives.	Patrizia	business owner
	2026-02-14 14:15:57	Rooting out corruption is the biggest challenge, fraudulent unqualified office bearers,we need to employ efficient qualified people on merit not race who can deliver (not only BEEEE criteria as we should be totally democratic) and ascertain qualifications to be above board. We have had no water in some areas for who knows how long..... and it has fallen on deaf ears due to corrupt unqualified persons in our councils. Informal settlements are sprouting all over thereby decreasing our property values and increasing risks, we have poor service delivery everywhere the government is concerned but our ruling politicians are oblivious, they are too busy enriching themselves and their relatives.	Patrizia	business owner
	2026-02-14 13:04:53		Lilianne	retired
	2026-02-14 12:06:03		Sangeeta	retired
	2026-02-14 11:45:50	Rooting out corruption, fraudulent office bearers, employing efficient people who can deliver (not only BEEEE criteria as we should be totally democratic) and ascertain qualifications to be be above board. We have had no street lights for almost six years and it has fallen on deaf ears due to useless nepotism councillors. Informal settlements are sprouting all around us thereby decreasing our property values and increasing insurance risk, and poor service delivery.	Gopal	retired
	2026-02-14 11:18:10		Francois	employed individual
	2026-02-14 08:00:07	The government and municipalities need to trim their bloated fat and start producing ethically!	Andrew	

	2026-02-14 04:54:13		Pricilla	retired
	2026-02-14 04:54:10		Pricilla	retired
	2026-02-13 17:39:21	In civilised countries the government looks after the elderly, they don't mug them for more money. I've worked hard, paid taxes all my life, saved for my retirement and still I live in fear and dread because the government can just at will demand R5000 from me. I was OK with being mugged along the Liesbeek canal. I could fight off the mugger and live another day. And know in future to be more aware of potential attackers. There's nothing I can do about faceless, evil monsters in government. Mr Ramaphosa, if you want to take R5000 from an old lady, have the guts to appear at my door with a knife in your hand.	Anna	retired
	2026-02-13 16:07:58	Firstly remove all unqualified ministers, CEO's, mayors, city managers from their positions and replace them with qualified persons with experience in running those entities. 2) stop all unnecessary and fraudulent expenditure. Dismiss and prosecute people who cannot account for the money they are managing in the various departments. 3) investigate & prosecute anyone who is corrupt and has stolen tax payers money 4) ensure that everyone earning a salary, or running cash businesses earning above the threshold is contributing to the taxes. 5) allow more private sector companies access to provide for power and water infrastructure.	Mark	retired
	2026-02-13 14:49:15	Get rid of deputy ministers and some ministers who are not working for the good of our country. Freeze salaries for members of parliament. They don't deserve these high salaries because we don't see things changing radically. It seems to be all talk and no action. Take away the overseas privileges of 5 star hotels. 3 stars would be adequate. Also use economy flights as the general populace travels that way. The very expensive cars and "blue light" privileges are generally not warranted. People seeing the lavish lifestyles of these ministers really turns the stomach in view of the poverty of a large number of our citizens. Put more of the budget towards policing, infrastructure and education. All needed desperately.	Aletta	retired
	2026-02-13 14:36:47		Carlo	
	2026-02-13 14:09:18	South Africa should prioritise economic growth instead of increasing the tax burden on households. Stabilise SOEs through private sector partnerships, performance-based management and fully transparent procurement processes. Reduce wasteful government spending and limit wage bill growth while prioritising infrastructure investment in energy, water and logistics to support long-term economic growth. The tax burden on households and businesses is already high, so government should avoid further increases and instead broaden the tax base through job creation, support for small and medium enterprises, and economic expansion. Reducing regulatory and compliance costs for businesses will help stimulate growth and improve revenue collection sustainably. Municipal financial management must be strengthened through stricter national oversight of failing municipalities, minimum qualification requirements for financial managers, and ring-fencing infrastructure funds to ensure they are used for service delivery rather than administrative costs. Improved accountability and consequences for poor governance are essential to restore public trust and service delivery. Government must also strengthen anti-corruption enforcement, ensure full transparency in public procurement, and take decisive action against misuse of public funds. Reducing corruption and waste will improve fiscal sustainability, increase efficiency in public spending, and free up resources for essential services and infrastructure. Overall, budget priorities should focus on economic growth, infrastructure development, job creation, financial accountability and strong anti-corruption measures to improve revenue and reduce debt sustainably.	Righard	employed individual
	2026-02-13 14:03:04	Sell the SEO's. The government should not own businesses. They are an area that costs unnecessary money. Reduce the size of the cabinet and government departments—pension off anyone 55 and older. Cut costs. Destroy bureaucracy. Destroy corruption. Remove laws that hinder business. Make it easier to do business. Pay our debt off with natural resources. Stop borrowing Scrap all these taxes 1. Air Passenger Tax 2. Capital Gains Tax 3. Corporate Income Tax 4. Diamond Export Levy 5. Dividends Tax 6. Donations Tax 7. Estate Duty 8. Excise Duties and Levies 9. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund Levy 10. Mineral and Petroleum Resource Royalty 11. Pay As You Earn (PAYE) 12. Personal Income Tax 13. Provisional Tax 14. Securities Transfer Tax 15. Skills Development Levy 16. Transfer Duty 17. Turnover Tax 18. Unemployment Insurance Fund 19. Value-Added Tax (VAT) 20. Withholding Tax on Interest 21. Withholding Tax on Royalties Replace them with a bank tax. Take a percentage of all bank transactions. This will result in lower and more efficient collection costs. Transfer surplus staff to SAPS. Use technology. Sell off all the unused government properties. Why must the government own anything? Take control of how payments are authorized and processed.	Joshua	retired
	2026-02-13 13:40:33		Yolandi	
	2026-02-13 13:23:34		Sherman	unemployed individual
	2026-02-13 13:18:17		E	
	2026-02-13 12:44:03	To entrust government to the type of people who are running the country is a recipe for disaster. There is no hope for the country whilst they are governing.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-13 12:40:12	1) Debt costing taxpayers R1 billion plus daily. Reduce the debt, and the reduction in interest will reduce the need to raise taxes. 2) Reduce the cost of the cabinet. Especially the perks. Vehicle perks should not exceed R750 000. If cabinet ministers want a more luxurious vehicle, they must fund the difference out of their own huge salaries. 3) Spending R3.5 billion on VIP protection, including blue light brigades, is a travesty. Only the President and Vice-President should have these. 4) Allow incentives for businesses to employ and thereby reduce unemployment instead of tying them up with red tape. Taxing them 3% to fund black businesses will not help reduce unemployment, rather it will create more opputunities for corruption.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-13 12:37:41	Everything in Government is a concern. I want to see the GNU be voted out for the ACDP to become our Government of the Day. With Godly Government in place, no corruption and Spirit filled Leaders the Budget Allocation will be managed to effectively improve our economy.	Antoinette	
	2026-02-13 11:52:11		Mandisa	self-employed
	2026-02-13 11:43:56		Kelly	
	2026-02-13 11:15:41	Please stop corruption. Jail all those who steals and found guilty. hold ministers accountable	Reggie	employed individual
	2026-02-13 11:01:18		Charmaine	
	2026-02-13 09:59:36	1) No citizen who earns less than members of parliament may be taxed - until the country's finances are healthy again. Thus if they want to increase the tax base, they will have to lower the MP's income (basic and benefits and allowances) 2) Regular lifestyle audits of a) all MPs b) government employees that sign for money c) heads of department in all infrastructure services - electricity, water, roads, rail etc. 3) Cultivate an ethos of humility - condemn boasting about overseas holidays, designer clothes, etc.	Anna	retired
	2026-02-13 09:22:57		Maritia	retired
	2026-02-13 07:22:37	The May 2025 Budget Overview shows that R814.5 billion is spent on government salaries while only R117.4 billion goes to Old-Age Grants. Treasury itself admits to R312 billion in wasteful spending. I demand that the 'tens of billions' in savings identified by the Treasury be used to increase our pensions, rather than supporting a bloated civil service that is not living within its means. With inflation projected at 4.2% for 2026, a stagnant pension is effectively a "pay cut" for the elderly. Regarding Child-Support Grant: I suggest Stricter monitoring of how grants are utilized. Moving more funding from cash grants into direct services (like school feeding schemes or vouchers) to ensure the benefit reaches the child directly. Using some of the R37.5 billion in identified savings from other wasteful programs to better monitor the social grant system. The R12.6 billion allocated for grant administration must be used more effectively to ensure that disability grants only go to those truly unable to work. I demand that the 'tens of billions' in identified wasteful spending be used to better monitor the system, ensuring that people are not unfairly collecting grants while also earning high salaries. The May 2025 Budget Overview shows R814.5 billion spent on government salaries while admitting that public spending is inefficient. I demand that the R312 billion identified in wasteful spending be addressed by moving all government employees to a performance-based salary system. Officials should be paid according to their actual output and ability to deliver services without corruption. We must use the R12.6 billion oversight budget to ensure that tax money is no longer lost to 'duplication and waste'.	Sophia	retired
	2026-02-13 07:14:09		Diederik	

	2026-02-13 07:05:26	1)Reduce the number of members of Parliament .There are just too many of them .Their salaries also are highly inflated.Also members of Parliament must also pay ,like normal South African citizens do ,for basic services such as water, electricity,sewerage,refuse removal.Maybe then they will understand the frustration caused by municipal lack of these services. 2)Outsourced municipal workers need to be supervised constantly.Right now nobody follows up to see if the 'work ' that they're getting paid for is actually done.I have seen municipal workers sit in their vehicles outside reported water leaks.Supposidly they are there to fix the source of the leak.Upon returning to the site a few days after I find that nothing has been done at all:the leakage is still there.So they get paid whilst the job hasn't been done.Often also they will delay fixing the problem on a weekday .Rather they will want to do the work over weekends as their salaries will be more. 3)The Refuse Municipal workers also work very roughly with the refuse bins so that they get cracked or damaged in the process .In the end the refuse bin will need replacing.Overall affect is more costs incurred. 4)The lack of supervision in all municipal areas results that no constant maintenance is done on municipal infrastructure.So workers only will address a problem once something is totally broken down.Hence it then costs more to fix as the damage,after numerous years of just fixing without regular maintenance,is just too expensive.There is just no regular maintenance work done on any municipal infrastructure so repair is major and incredibly costly.The current mentality is why maintain things that aren't broken.Then once infrastructure gets broken the cost of repairs is major.There is just no proactive and regular maintenance done on any infrastructure and this is costing the government major to repair. 5)Then there's major residential developments happening also.Houses,townhouses and complexes are being built in vast numbers over a short period of time despite municipal infrastructure being upgraded to carry this extra demand now on current services.This results in the necessary municipal services like sewerage,water, electricity being heavily overloaded .Couple this with no regular maintenance whatsoever and soon infrastructure crashes resulting in major repair which is costly now. 5)There most be more accountability in local and provincial government.	Sharon	retired
	2026-02-13 05:41:30		Joolaykha	employed individual
	2026-02-13 04:16:31		Uolanda	employed individual
	2026-02-12 19:14:39	Government must cut civil and municipal workers salary. The country cannot afford it.	Wilhelm	retired
	2026-02-12 18:23:35		Chris	retired
	2026-02-12 17:52:26		Zaan	
	2026-02-12 17:38:02	Cut down on the bloated government and save millions!	Desiree	retired
	2026-02-12 16:56:01		Craog	
	2026-02-12 16:46:54		Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-12 16:23:44	You can CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING by immediately reducing the overhead that the Ministers (and particularly the DEPUTY Ministers - why do we need them?) account for. All the government employees who occupy desks (and chairs) and don't do their jobs are costing the fiscus a fortune. REDUCE THE HEADCOUNT IMMEDIATELY! To encourage REAL investment do away with BBBEE immediately and replace it with a system which encourages the nurturing of skills and provides momentum for growth in the wider population - you know as well as I do that all that BBBEE has done is enrich a tiny minority of cadres who have zero interest in growing (or even sustaining) their "businesses" - as long as there's BIG money in it for them and their families every one else can go to hell! If you are seriously looking for advice and ideas as to how to stabilize our SOEs the FIRST thing yo need to do is appoint Board Members with REAL (and relevant-to-the-business) skills - you can't expect politically-appointed cadres who are only there because they (or their families) have "struggle credentials" to do any kind of useful job! Appoint PROPERLY-QUALIFIED and motivated officers! Also, if you want to stop corruption IMMEDIATELY legislate that all amounts above, say, R10m, cannot be paid without National Treasury vetting the process. DO IT NOW.	Ian	business owner
	2026-02-12 15:24:43	Although all of the above can use drastic improvement, it is vital to youth and the future competence of this country that the 9 provinces should each have all the facilities provided for in the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Act 70 of 2008. Starting with (1) Sect 33 abilities, dedicated holding assessment centres, including separate facilities for adult men, adult women, and minors, (2) the DoHealth must provide one dedicated Detox 30-bed ward per 1 000 000 persons (bed turn-around is rapid, 1 day to 3 weeks maximum), (3) govt funded rehabilitation facilities for 300 adult men, 300 adult women, and 75 minors, (4) lifeskills training, (5) workskills training (6) work therapy rehabilitation, (7) safe, managed reintegration through 1/2 Way Houses and self-sustaining kibbutzim, which will also supply to the orher facilities. These facilities are for every Substance Use Disorder (SUD) sufferer that cannot afford private treatment (as articulated by minister Zulu). These facilities and this system firstly enables us to deal comprehensively (you may ask me for the FULL program details) with all street people (there are 4 primary categories of street people) as this is the core of the solution, not housing. Thereafter the facilities will exist, and are honed and experienced, for the follow-up program of intervening in the lives of addicts still at home who have also lost control of their lives through addiction. Rehab with or without consent is broadly speaking only effective as a function of time, not less than 2 years. That is just rehab, including detox. Skills and reintegration must be in-house for a further year and court-managed for a further 2 years, total open-file program time = 5 years. If addiction levels are drastically reduced by this system (which is already provided for in law), no staff or facilities will be wasted as Community Upliftment is the ultimate goal, and these facilities where no longer justified shall be repurposed for community uplift programs. The core facilities and staff must be govt provided, but the assessment and treatment competencies must be NGO staffed. NPOs can then no longer complain that their funding is withdrawn, as they will have per capita per hour reimbursement stipends, and all their target beneficiaries will be gathered to them in one place. Govt can no longer refuse funding on the pretext that NPOs are not spending the money on street people/addicts as govt will manage the facilities, and from both sides, the facilities will not be able to fail and close with just any excuse. The simple justification budget-wise for these law-prescribed facilities and services is that our metros are currently non functional through vagrancy, addiction and inner city decay issues hammering service delivery, business confidence, investment and tourism safety and desirability, and the public heath sector. The number of knock-on and related expenses and issues is well know, including drug-sale funding of gangsterism, various mafias, and faction - funding corruption sources. In even a simplified quick calculation it can easily be shown that not applying the prescribed solution is more than an order of magnitude greater than the annual costs to metros and national departments. There can be no talk of insufficient budget. Spending this money is well justified short term, and incredibly well justified long term. Task the LDACs and PSAFs of every municipality and province to survey the issue, and supply data towards costing for capitalising and running the sysytem in every province, with full budget submisdions within one year, in time for the 2027 budget allications. This is how to exorcise a terminal disease from our great nation, only globalist leanings would want to not address this in favour of our national health and greatness.	Alf	Non-profit
	2026-02-12 15:15:14	Get the funds from goverment, houses, cars and cut the luxury living expenses. They wasted the finances and all the above problems was caused by corruption. Let goverment take responsibillity.	Catharina	unemployed individual
	2026-02-12 14:52:58		Janet	
	2026-02-12 14:45:27	1. Executive and Legislative Accountability - Salary Freeze: Rescind and freeze salary increases for the President and Members of Parliament. Leadership must reflect the economic reality of the citizens they serve. - Privilege Reduction: Significantly reduce budgets for personal executive privileges. These perks create a disconnect between officials and the daily hardships experienced by the public. - Travel Austerity: Eliminate all international travel expenses that do not provide a direct, measurable advancement of South Africa’s economic growth. 2. Tax and Personnel Reform - No Tax Hikes: Do not increase VAT, Personal Income Tax, or Corporate Income Tax. The current tax base is already overextended. - Public Sector Efficiency: Eliminate "bloat" by removing incompetent staff. Retention should be based on a tireless commitment to restoring the economy, not bureaucratic tenure. 3. Infrastructure and Energy - Energy Liberalization: Continue dismantling the state monopoly on Eskom. Accelerate private sector participation to produce more affordable and reliable electricity. - Logistics Restoration: Mandate that Transnet repairs and restores the national rail network. Shifting freight from roads to rail is critical for road safety and logistical efficiency. 4. Essential Social Services - Education: Prioritize hiring competent educators and restoring rural school infrastructure. These schools must be capable of providing both quality education and nutritional support. - Healthcare: Public hospitals require urgent restoration. Professionalize the staff by offering competitive salaries while strictly removing those who fail to perform their duties. 5. Local Government Oversight - Municipal Audits: Conduct rigorous audits on Municipalities to address non-payment of service providers. Leadership must be held personally and legally accountable for the collapse of local infrastructure.	Dandre	employed individual
	2026-02-12 14:44:09	Primarily addressing the neglected state of basic utilities & community infrastructure. Hand in hand with the incompetence and gross mismanagement in municipalities misusing funds & budgets. The next is security, education & healthcare. Savings and additional finance is be possible by reeling in and capping burgeoning government salaries , headcount and reckless expenditure. Every tax payer cent must be used expediently and with the improvement of universal living standards as it's purpose.	Anil	retired
	2026-02-12 14:26:26	FIRE incompetent people, not suspension with pay.! cut government salaries as they do not deserve their pay. Privatise all government owned entities. stop BEE and get people with the right qualifications to do the job correctly first time round. stop paying workers to stand around or sleep during working hours while 1 person is doing his job.	Roslyne	retired
	2026-02-12 14:24:52	The anc government has a legio of existing concerns, that they are the cause off, including: continuous water security, failing and collapsing of health service provision, sewage systems, infrastucture collapse and/or improvements, electricity supply, farm and other murdres, corruption, GBV, child abuse and trafficing, food security, livestock security (eg.FMD) and the list goes on, and on, and on.... that they doggegdly and stupidtly dont attend to due to their incompetence and lack of insight and willpower on how to get/keep the country performing better for all the people of South Africa.I They keep on making the list of laws or bills that they cannot manage longer which will eventualy come back and show their incompetence even further. They should focus on fixing what they broke the past 30 odd years, but we pray that we will have a working government soon before they can even do that!	Rudie	retired
	2026-02-12 12:36:10	Increased salaries of government employees above inflation and changing of names of towns, as well as corruption that bleeds the budget,are my top concern. And economic growth is being severely hampered by BEE,it should be stopped or at least be downtoned.	Charlene	retired
	2026-02-12 12:05:29	Dear Minister How much had been spent and how much more will be spent on changing names. Can we afford that right now? NO NO NO Please wait with these huge spendings. It can still happen, just not now. There are other priorities e.g. schools and hospitals that needs URGENT ATTENTION. PLEASE think it over BEFORE money goes that way. Thank you in advance.	Elna	unemployed individual
	2026-02-12 11:29:47	Remove BEE premiums from all state and SOE procurement spending. The criteria needs to be entirely on a value for money basis. Allowing procurement spend to not be purely value for money is equating to tax payer money not being maximised. It is also causing all individuals costs (especially on energy and taxes) to be inflated which is dampening the economy and harming all.	Mathew	employed individual
	2026-02-12 11:29:12	I am "Gobsmacked" at the list of items for which the ???? Minister of Finance is seeking " TIPS." He more than anyone should know the Financial state of the Country and how to implement measures to curb spending. He should know the meaning of the word "NO" starting with the salary increases the President has announced - WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY and then produce a "ZERO based Budget" the taxpayers of South Africa are being abused.	Graham	retired

	2026-02-12 11:17:28	The government needs to take corruption seriously and actually take action to get of this in every govt dept, every SoE, ... Hold ministers and all government employees accountable for performance, just like any other employee in the private sector. Stop the huge salaries and bonuses for completely useless performances. Once this is dealt with there will be a lot more money to deal with the problems faced by South Africans on a daily basis. Implement methods to spread the tax burden across more people and industries - eg. Taxis that is a multi-billion Rand industry and no contribution to tax. The informal sector is billions in revenue with no contribution to tax.) Income tax with 2% of the population contributing 77% of the tax revenue is not sustainable. Find better ways to collect tax revenue and stop screwing the few people that are contributing.	Trevor	retired
	2026-02-12 11:16:15		Martin	employed individual
	2026-02-12 11:10:40	The word "budget" implies that there are actual funds to allocate; are we then to assume that foreign external sources are likely to sponsor / "invest" in certain needs, with the accompanying returns / favours? South African tax payers have lost faith in our government to manage any sector effectively, let alone improve / develop / renew / upgrade ANY entity they are responsible for. This is merely an annual rhetorical speech of meaningless promises. A panel of selected, highly successful individuals from the PRIVATE SECTOR should advise and oversee the implementation of our tax money, maybe then we will regain some trust.	Linda	retired
	2026-02-12 10:52:17	The government needs to take corruption seriously and actually take action to get of this in every govt dept, every SoE, ... Hold ministers and all government employees accountable for performance, just like any other employee in the private sector. Stop the huge salaries and bonuses for completely useless performances. Once this is dealt with there will be a lot more money to deal with the problems faced by South Africans on a daily basis. Implement methods to spread the tax burden across more people and industries - eg. Taxis that is a multi-billion Rand industry and no contribution to tax. The informal sector is billions in revenue with no contribution to tax.) Income tax with 2% of the population contributing 77% of the tax revenue is not sustainable. Find better ways to collect tax revenue and stop screwing the few people that are contributing.	Greig	
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	2026-02-04 08:15:26	I wouldn't mind paying a higher tax, for as long as the poor and vulnerable are taken care of.	Sechaba	
	2026-02-04 08:13:19	As we approach the upcoming national budget, I would like to encourage a strong focus on measures that can support sustainable economic growth and long-term fiscal health for South Africa. Our economy needs a clear, credible path that restores confidence, attracts investment, and creates opportunities for citizens across all sectors. A few areas deserve particular attention: Reducing Government Debt: A disciplined approach to managing and reducing public debt will help stabilise the fiscal outlook and free up resources for productive investment. A credible debt-reduction strategy can also strengthen investor confidence and lower borrowing costs over time. Prioritising Efficient Government Spending: Ensuring that public funds are used effectively and directed toward high-impact programmes is essential. Reducing wasteful expenditure and improving accountability can create fiscal space without compromising essential services. Infrastructure Development: Strategic investment in infrastructure—transport, energy, digital networks, and logistics—remains one of the most powerful levers for economic growth. Well-planned infrastructure projects can stimulate job creation, improve competitiveness, and support long-term productivity. Strengthening Education and Skills Development: A modern, competitive economy depends on a skilled workforce. Continued investment in education, vocational training, and innovation will help equip South Africans for emerging industries and support inclusive growth. Focusing on Long-Term Growth: Beyond short-term pressures, the budget should outline a clear vision for structural reforms that promote entrepreneurship, expand industrial capacity, and support small and medium-sized businesses. By prioritising these areas, the budget can help lay the foundation for a more resilient, dynamic, and inclusive economy. I hope these considerations will form part of the national conversation as we work toward a stronger economic future for South Africa.	Andre	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:07:58	addressing a large budget deficit	Walter	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:56:29	The national cabinet should be downsized to 8 ministers. Provinçes duplicates national departments. Eskom is 60% overstaffed. According to the World Bank. BEE a waste of R3 trillion - World Bank	Hein	
	2026-02-04 07:46:40	The MP and Cabinet salaries are too high, and out of touch with the reality of life in South Africa. The perks for MPs should be reduced and parliament should move to Pretoria so that there is no longer the cost of two capital cities.	Maryanne	retired
	2026-02-04 07:43:25		Harry	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 06:40:37		Eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:30:44	Bloated Government with too many unnecessary, unsuitable and overpaid cadre in high position getting overpaid salaries.	David	
	2026-02-04 05:59:42	In order to address most of our challenges we have to come up with a robust strategy to leverage technology. SITA was supposed to be that partner. Websites and technology platforms on a government and municipal level are atrocious. Instead of the money being spent on many commissions of enquiry, setup a task team to develop the technology strategy. This will bring about efficiency in state services (police, licencing, agriculture, employee performance, procurement, the list is endless) as well as root out corruption. Data drives change. Technology implementation drives growth.	Jacqueline	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:18:02	We should focus on increasing our production, helping our businesses grow, and building the infrastructure needed to support this growth. Currently, we import many items instead of making them here at home. If our country can earn and generate more income, we won't have to rely as much on borrowing, which is a positive step forward.	Anastasiya	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:02:39		Garth	retired
	2026-02-04 04:18:25		Sabelo	employed individual
	2026-02-03 23:10:13		Kholeka	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:13:43	The Department of Treasury's procurement is shaped by B-BBEE legislation aiming for economic transformation Excluding skills based on race lead to inefficiencies. Focus on skills-based selection and equal opportunities, involving unbundling contracts, capacity building, and blind bid evaluation to reduce bias.	E	
	2026-02-03 21:47:25	Scrap BBBEE and race quotas for good - this is the biggest thing that is preventing foreign investment and job creation. Slash the red tape and cancel the ideologically tainted EWC and race-based laws, otherwise there is no way foreigners will invest in SA	John	
	2026-02-03 21:27:27	Government should relax on regulations and any business licence approvals and labour law to open the private economy for private investments and job creation. Private business will create millions of new jobs, attract billions in local and foreign investment and result in a massive increase in corporate and personal income tax. The added benefit would be lower unenployment and therefore lower crime. This way it is possible for government to grow the economy without massive government expenditure increases.	Riaan	
	2026-02-03 20:30:13	BEE has killed our economy, it does not benefit the majority it only benefits a small elite minority of corrupt politicians and their cadres. Get rid of BEE.	Heidi	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 19:54:27	Tax the taxis, pay government officials, they work for the public, get fired if you don't perform! Stop screwing us over and stop stealing from us. Privatize electricity supplier and let people choose their own suppliers.	Michelle	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:14:00	Scrap BBBEE and other quota based systems. They simply have not worked to increase true wealth of still (and previously) disadvantaged people. Scraping this will bring in foreign investment, increased tax revenue and promote employment. Also, get rid of idle government employees and ministers and increase efficiencies. If the government was your company, would you except how inefficient and wasteful it is.	Simon	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:57:20	The government continues to follow sad and defunct economic system based beliefs that the economy can grow despite rampant reverse racism in the form of BBBEE, a non functioning judicial system, crime, massive and self-serving overregulation, the dumbing down of education and institutionalised corruption and wasted junkets on laughable military exercises with pariah nations, it remains that until these issues and attitudes are addressed and barriers to employment and growth are removed, the entire budget is a total waste of time and energy. You can't squeeze blood out of a stone.	John	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:51:48		Donavin	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:35:31	The minister should stop practices that enable corruption and theft within government. If the money can be used for actual service delivery there won't be a need for greater borrowing and debt levels.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:23:21	Money should be spend on: Water, electricity and road infrastructure Decresasing state debt Reduce government spending Uplifting the economy Actually all of the mentioned queries above. Get the required professional assistance to determione which aspect to tackel first in order to ultimately improve quality of life in SA.	Gerhard	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:18:26	The Minister seems to forget his # 1 Mandate = Serve the people. This Government, led by the Socialist Mandated Intellectually Corrupt ANC, have instilled a theory that the nation is there to serve them, which 100% incorrect. The Finance Minister needs to spend the money on the nation. Rebuild the nation, by creating a stronger economic environment. Stop feeding / funding the Bloated self-serving Government sector. The finance minister must "claw-back" the debt created by the corrupt gluttonous cadres to repay the debt they incurred for the country whilst filling their bank accounts and living a lavish lifestyle for they are not deserving. The debt was incurred by the Government "sloths", so claw back the funds to pay back the debt must come from the overpaid gluttonous sloths employed in a bloated public system. Put a halt on the Governments Salary increases that Ramaphosa so lavishly extends to the incompetent sloth officials who fail to contribute.	Helena	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:21:47		KH	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:47:45	Digital literacy needs to be improved. Data in South Africa is still incredibly expensive and our young people have to choose between a meal or internet to do homework or search for employment. Old laptops that are part of e-waste could be recycled just so that are usable for students.	Leah	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:38:04	Stop BEE.	Lourens	employed individual

	2026-02-04 12:12:40	The biggest concern is the inflated wage bill of Parliamentarians, various government departments, officials and civil servants, AND it goes hand in hand with rampant corruption. Get rid of corrupt officials, of a stupid tender system, scale down of unnecessary civil servants. That's could be a start. Job creation is a essential..... for the ever increasing number of unemployed school leavers and graduates....!!! It will reduce our crime rate. Our country is in a helluva mess and we, South Africans are disheartened and getting sick , resulting in a heavy drain on the Dept of Health. As you, the reader, can see, it's a vicious cycle!	Linda	retired
	2026-02-04 12:09:34	1. Cut government salary bill - both numbers of staff, and insanely high salaries. It is unaccpetable that heads of muncipal entities like City Power and Joburg Water are paid R4million annually, and the boss of PRASA gets R6million plus a year. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING????? 2. Create an economic environment in which entrepreneurs and private sector can create and MAINTAIN jobs. (hiring your whole family to do nothing in a govt office is NOT sustianable job creation) This means stable policy, reliable investment environement, COMPETENT policing and enforcement, proper education, proper healthcare, no insane policies like sezing land and giving tenders to cadres etc etc. Run a competent and roliable and efficient govenrment. SA used to be the powerhouse economy of Africa - now it is the luaghing stock!! 3. Cancel BEE - it impoverishes the poorest, enriches the fattest and most corrupt, and drives investment and educated citizens of all sorts from SA. 4. Cancel the nonsenses of NHI. A first world country can't do it - there is NO way SA with 40% unemployment can do it. This is a bogus vote-grabbing folly. And keeping voters ignorant by failing to educate them makes sure people vote for rubbish like this. Put money into state health care and employing medical students and graduates instead of having thm twiddle their thumbs while people die and govt promises NHI which can never happen and doctors run overseas. 5. IMPROVE education. Proper teaching. At least a 50% pass rate, Do you want a Dr or Lawyer or Politician who knows 30%???? No lower grade functional maths and life orientation - proper STEM and Language teaching. 6. Arrest corrupt politicians, state capture suckers, all the leeches driving lamborghinies, and every lying cheating fat cat homey who is raping our beautiful country and treating OUR own people like dirt, and put all their ill-gotten looted assets into charitable organisations lifting the poor up. 7. Many more deas but they all come down to - STOP OVERCONTROLLING THE WRONG THINGS (HATE BILLS ETC) AND FOCUS ON BUILDING A GREAT ECONOMY (FIRE CORRUPT POITICANS AND USELESS MUNCIAPL FATCATS)	FATIMA	
	2026-02-04 11:29:46	Growth is currently projected at 1.6% for 2026. Economists generally agree we need 5%+ to significantly slash unemployment. Do away with BBBEE, Land Expropriation without Compensation, inflated tender processes only benefitting the elite, huge salaries for state owned enterprise management and unproductive municipal workers, ineffective SANDF and other SOE's, every ESKOM user to pay equal for electricity services, encourage alternative power initiatives. Use the SANDF and the SA Railways to counteract unemployment. The most important is to utilize the SANDF as instrument to bring back discipline in this country. No politician should have / or be connected to other businesses - they must be public servants. Do away with DIRCO, they do not act on behalf of all South Africans, not making sound economical decisions and building sound international relations. Govern this country as a business with business principles, making sound business / economic decisions for long-term growth. Fight crime, bring back death penalty for capital crimes i.e. murder, rape, drug-trafficking, hijacking, kidnapping and human trafficking. Create workers camps, controlled by the SANDF for other crimes, i.e. detention barracks as in the past for soldiers overstepping their boundaries. Build a proud nation of all the ethnic groups in this country who respect each other, their cultures and their religions.	Philip	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:12:32		Robin	self-employed
	2026-02-04 11:07:04	Failing municipalities should be put under a prvate business rescue system. All income and expendirure shoild be open for public scruitiny. Yearly bidgets should be apprived by a community voting system. Staff and councillors should be held accountable for failures.	Leon	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:50:18	It is easy to fix SA's deficit, the lack of political leadership and ANC ideology is standing in the way. Create a private business positive environment, focus on economic growth: 1. Cut government spending, cut the cabinet with 50% 2. Re-design the new pregnancy grant system and payouts tightening fraud controls + linking grants to services (health, schooling) rather than just a cash payout. 3. Scrap all empowerment laws – rather focus on quality outcomes 4. Get all criminals out of government – focus on local government 5. Cut government spending, cut the government payroll with 30%, focus on productivity, target ghost workers, duplicated admin layers, and non-essential posts while protecting frontline technical roles. 6. Employ qualified experienced officials – in local, provincial and national government. The ANC gravy train is destroying South Africa. Without capable administration, no policy — left or right — actually works. Growth-first, competence-first state model. That can improve the deficit, but only if paired with: ✔ Reliable electricity and logistics ✔ Functional municipalities ✔ Investor policy certainty ✔ Education and skills pipeline ✔ Visible anti-corruption enforcement Cutting alone doesn't create growth — confidence + capacity + infrastructure do. Unfortunately, the above will never happen while the ANC governs!!!	Johan	
	2026-02-04 14:56:49	Scrapping of BEE requirements will free up the economy of a burden which will allow businesses to grow, the economy to grow and thereby create more employment. This will have by far the biggest direct positive impact on the larger population groups	Hendrik	retired
	2026-02-04 14:23:27		Shayista	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 14:18:57	My major concerns are the high levels of taxation, the insane amount of corrupt and wasteful expenditure by government, the unsustainable level of social spending with little to no return for it. I believe we are substantially over the optimum point on the "Laffer" curve, whereby taxation is drowning out personal spending and investment to the point that there really is minimal investment in South Africa. It's very likely that reducing the tax rates would actually result in greater revenue collections as more money would be flowing through the economy, not only resulting in economic growth, but also more optimum spending as the South African government is horribly inefficient in it's spending. The biggest policy change that the government could announce that would greatly increase economic growth is obviously the abandonment of the grossly abused BEE system. A system that instead directed the grossly wasteful expenditure on BEE contracts into support (tax incentives maybe) for businesses that are operating in key industries where South Africa has competitive advantages could get a much better ROI, and would undoubtedly result in a greater upliftment of poor people through job creation than the current BEE system which just entrenches corruption and terrible service delivery. On the social wage bill, government has created generations of "learned helpless" who don't even try to contribute to the economy. This is unsustainable. While social grants cant be done away with overnight, the system could be changed to require some level of community service in return for the government grants. This would have a twofold benefit for the country, 1 - people would actually be doing something for society in return for the social grants, 2 - people would learn skills from the community service, and realise that their time has value and be empowered to become economically contributors, with the corresponding increase in self esteem, and very likely resulting a reduction in many of the ills our society faces.	Martin	
	2026-02-04 14:12:58		Jennifer	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:03:12	Decomplexify the ability for the man in the street to participate in the economy, your municipal bureaucracy makes it impossibly cumbersome for entrepreneurship to thrive. Clamp down on tender fraud and political exploitation. Put a government in place that serve the interests and the upliftment of the nation rather than their own enrichment. Get rid of all quota and racial restrictions and appoint the most competent person for the job. Trim the bloated government to a third of its size and root out corruption with harsher penalties.	JAN	business owner
	2026-02-04 13:57:58	The government is spending to much money on tenders, when some of the functions could be done internal within the business units of government. The fruitless and wasteful expenditure also needs to be lowered. Accountability, putting people who are skilled to do the work. Reduce the number of ministers and deputy ministers. Capacitate the municipality, do a SWAT analysis on why they are failing to brings services to the people, make the municipality accountable to its constituency. Re-skill the people working for government	G	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:27:13	The tax base is dependent upon the economy and the tax base growing. This is of prime importance and must reach the youth as many are not able to move into the economy after studies are completed. Concentrate on growing the economy, BEE must take a back seat as overseas investment cannot be sustained with BEE requirements. We have lost many jobs due to this. There has to be a balance. Without the tax base growing there will be no growth in tax in future years to build and maintain infrastructure, improve health and education and ensure the country becomes the SA we are proud of. Tourism depends on the state of our country and this is a large part of our economy.	Christine	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:39:37	The first expense that needs to be eliminated is the cost to fiscus of BEE. Scrap BEE totally to make South Africa the number one destination for investment. Allow companies to employ people as an when required dictated by supply and demand, rather than permanent employees that are more difficult to get rid of than getting a divorce. Reduce the bloated Government employees, starting with deputy ministers, ministers including all SOE'S and municipal level. Allocate more funding to Professionalizing the SAP. This will send a positive signal to all investors that RSA is SERIOUS about getting rid of crime and corruption	Albert	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:29:01	Do away with BEE and give employment based on abilities, not cadre employment. This will increase the need for actual skills development, which will empower the majority of South Africa. Hold the people in charge accountable.	Ann	
	2026-02-05 08:46:23	Goverment needs to shrink bloated cabinate, and Municipalities need to shrink bloated departments. Outsource basic municipal services and put tender out to public review. Full disclosure of owners of companies who win tenders. Make ut illegal for any politician, amd or municipal employee to be involved with companies that het awarded tenders If they want tenders, they must resign from their official positions and then they are free to tender. Outsourcing will stimulate our economy and improve service delivery as contractor can be held liable or have their contracts terminated.	Warren	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 08:29:20	Interest rates: Interest rates are killing the middle class. Cap the maximum rate for unsecure loans and credit cards at 15%. Reduce the prime lending rate with 1% - the difference between prime and repo rate should not be more than 2%	Joline	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:46:44	Youth unemployment is dangerously high, due primarily to illegal immigrants taking up entry level positions. A stronger border policy would be a step to fixing this, but it is beyond the scope of the Finance Ministry. My second recommendation would be the consolidation of government portfolios and initiatives. Consolidating government would lower salary costs and reallocating funds from less efficient initiatives to more efficient initiatives can spur on growth.	Meikle	
	2026-02-05 06:42:02		Eugene	self-employed
	2026-02-05 05:49:38	Bad decisions for 30 years , what can we do?	Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-05 01:39:19		Khanya	retired

	2026-02-04 23:58:15	We are a resource-rich country, both in natural resources and in human resources. We export our natural resources and we neglect our human resources. We have had good relations with China for decades and yet we have not learned from China. We need to change our entire approach to our economic development. Our people need to become our strength and our natural resources the core of our industrialisation. BBBEE must be the empowerment of all the people, not the channelling of money.	Johannes	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:31:23		Motlogelwa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:49:58	Build confidence in South Africa by implementing the recommendations of the State Capture Commission and prosecuting those involved in State Capture.	Ashton	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:14:59	South Africa has collected over R1 trillion in tax revenue over the past few years. The government should: 1) Lessen the regulatory burden on the economy. Making it easier to start businesses, to hire, and to fire. 2) BBBEE should be done away with. The new empowerment fund should be stopped as well. It has an inflationary effect on the consumer. 3) exchange control should be done away with. 4) more controls placed upon foreign participation in the property market. 5) slash government spending and lower borrowing.	Farryl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:57:15		themba	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:22:00	Privatize SOE's, this will save you tons of money in the long run. Abolish BEE, it is the one of the major obstacles to investing. Nowhere on this planet is an investor asked to part with 30% of his money, nowhere!! Comrades, abolish your fantasy of Soviet style socialism, if not, emigrate to Cuba and North Korea the only two countries still pursuing this idiocy. If you do all of this the economy will boom, tax returns will rise exponentially. Pay down your debts and you will never look back.	klaus	retired
	2026-02-04 16:53:34		Kedibone	employed individual
	2026-02-04 16:50:56	SA needs a strategy that focuses on developing sectors in which the country has a competitive advantage. We do not have this possibility in manufacturing, agriculture or even mining anymore. The only thing we have that competitors don't is our location in Africa (the fastest growing market projected in the next several decades). In support of this we do have the 'skeletal' remains of port and rail infrastructure (and a fairly developed service sector). This needs to be rebuilt and SA positioned as a 'Singapore' of Africa, providing services and infrastructure to large exporters as we provide the gateway to sub-Saharan Africa for import and export in the region. It'll take a concerted plan spanning a decade, serious liberalization of import/export controls, a clamp down on corruption, particularly BEE tenderpreneurship, and large investment (probably with BRICS and other partners) but it is the only way SA could hope to reach 5% growth. The alternative is hobbling along at >1% until the country disintegrates under social pressure, and Nigeria or Kenya takes on that role instead.	Andrew	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:15:50	The SA economy is unable to flourish due to over-regulation, and socialist policies such as BEE and social grants to young and able persons , which deprives them of their self respect, dignity and initiative to become productive. Government further prevents investment by both locals and foreigners due to failure or lack of: security of tenure, tax incentives, privatizing bankrupt or incompetent public enterprises that stifles the movement of imports and exports, deregulation, an overpaid, corrupt and incompetent public service at all spheres. Reduce staff and salaries commencing at Parliament, deregulate, provide security of tenure and safety, get rid of outdated socialist policies, teach the youth technical skills, eliminate corruption and run a well controlled and well managed "Civil Service" that are customer orientated instead of being a law unto themselves.	Gerrit	
	2026-02-06 14:08:39	1. Privatise Eskom and Transnet. 2. Reduce size of cabinet and cut down on Blue Light Security. 3. No increase for Cabinet Ministers salaries. 4.Zero rating on additional basic foods.	Marilyn	retired
	2026-02-06 12:49:43	Lead from back to front	Jerry	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 12:30:46	You have to fundamentally change economic policy. Gear produced economic growth and improving standards of life, reducing unemployment from 30% to 20%. Reit has stagnated the economy for 20 years causing unemployment to grow beyond the final apartheid era rate to now over 33%. You need to drop BEE and treat all citizens as equal. Holding down 5% of the economically active population when you are desperate for economic growth is insanity and shows you are not truly serios about creating employment as urgently and as expansively as is possible. for as long as you refuse to unlock the full potential contributions of every citizen you will fail on growth. As long as you threaten private ownership investors will not risk investing. These are well known things. Take the ideological blinkers off we cannot afford to continue along 1940's ideology when the world experience has shown that it at best it leads to stagnating economies. China is a good example of how a change in strategy can boost an economy yet even that example is not followed. Private sector generates wealth. Government spends taxes. Grow the wealth grow the taxes and reduce the demands on those taxes. Everybody benefits.	Graham	
	2026-02-06 11:36:51	If you eradicate corruption and equity laws, and open up the economy again, with less Governmental control, you will find that the economy and fiscus automatically adjusts, balances out and starts growing. Give incentives for overseas people to invest in our country. Job creation is easy but due to equity laws a vast group of South Africans refuse to create jobs, in fact over 38 years have decrease their employees and are happy to earn less. You can only train and employ people if you have the will and strength behind you of all South Africans, who can in fact give training and education.	Lisl	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:20:37		nelson	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:00:33	Debt Repayment: Government is projected to spend R434.9 billion this year just on interest. That is more than we spend on our entire Health system. The Deficit: Yoiu are still spending roughly R370 billion more than we provide in tax revenue. You must cut spending and be more enterprising and bold. Infrastructure: While energy is stabilising, our water infrastructure requires a R1 trillion investment over the next few years.	Richard	
	2026-02-06 09:46:22	Budget creep is essential for every tax paying citizen as this allows greater tax home pay which will improve the economy	Jeremy	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:20:11	Increase the annual turn over for small businesses submitting VAT. At the moment if we turn over more than 1 million Rand we have endless admin to submit. Increasing that amount to 2 Million Rand (Before having to submit receipts will definitely make our lives easier and lighten our admin load)	Gary	business owner
	2026-02-06 08:11:56		Gary	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:46:02		Gabisile	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:41:57	Allocate more budget to the small, medium enterprises as they play a key role in economic growth. they also guarantee employment.	Kwazi	student
	2026-02-06 07:32:50	Stop laws which retard investment .food stamps instead of grants .increase vat on luxury goods. Remove vat from mor basic foodstuffs, do not increase personal tax. Cut down on excess work force , no large salary hikes. STOP CORRUPTION	Dennis	retired

		Small businesses can be a powerful antidote to over-reliance on the fiscus! Here's how they help: 1. Diversifying the tax base More small businesses means more taxpayers contributing to government revenue, making the fiscus less dependent on a few large companies or sectors. This creates a more stable, resilient tax base. 2. Creating jobs outside government Small businesses absorb labor that might otherwise seek public sector employment, reducing the burden on government to be the employer of last resort and decreasing dependency on state wages. 3. Building entrepreneurial culture A thriving small business sector fosters self-reliance, innovation, and problem-solving. People start looking for opportunities rather than handouts, which shifts the economic mindset away from dependency. 4. Stimulating economic activity Small businesses generate commerce, trade, and services at the grassroots level. This creates a multiplier effect—money circulates through the economy rather than just flowing through government channels. 5. Filling gaps in service delivery Where government services fall short, small businesses can step in to meet needs—whether it's local transport, food services, repairs, or other essentials. This improves quality of life without requiring more government spending. 6. Reducing unemployment and social costs Self-employment and small business creation reduce unemployment, which in turn reduces the fiscal burden of social grants, crime prevention, and other costs associated with joblessness. 7. Encouraging competition and efficiency A vibrant small business sector creates competitive markets that drive down prices, improve quality, and spur innovation—benefits that don't require government intervention. The key challenge is usually creating the right conditions—access to credit, reasonable regulations, infrastructure, and skills—for small businesses to actually thrive. Here's what the "right conditions" actually look like in practice: 1. Easy business registration and licensing Simple, fast registration (ideally online, completed in days not months) Minimal paperwork and bureaucratic hurdles Low or no upfront costs to formalize a business Clear, straightforward requirements without arbitrary rules 2. Access to affordable finance Microloans and small business credit without requiring impossible collateral Alternative lending models (peer-to-peer, community savings groups) Government-backed loan guarantees to reduce bank risk Grants or seed funding for startups in key sectors 3. Reasonable, transparent regulation Regulations that are necessary, proportionate, and clearly explained No bribes required to get permits, licenses, or inspections Predictable tax obligations that small businesses can actually afford Labor laws that protect workers but don't make hiring prohibitively risky or expensive 4. Basic infrastructure Reliable electricity and water Affordable internet connectivity Safe, accessible commercial spaces Functioning transport networks to move goods and reach customers 5. Property rights and contract enforcement Secure tenure so people can invest without fear of arbitrary eviction Courts that actually enforce contracts in reasonable timeframes Protection from expropriation or harassment by officials or criminals 6. Skills and business support Basic financial literacy and business management training Mentorship programs connecting new entrepreneurs with experienced ones Access to information about regulations, markets, and opportunities 7. Tackling corruption head-on This is the hardest one. It requires: Strong anti-corruption enforcement with real consequences Transparency in government processes (digital systems help here) Whistleblower protections Competitive tendering for government contracts Independent oversight bodies with teeth 8. Market access Government procurement that reserves portions for small businesses Removing barriers that favor large, connected companies Fair competition without monopolistic practices Export support for businesses ready to scale The tragic irony is that creating these conditions doesn't require massive government spending, it mostly requires getting out of the way and enforcing basic rules fairly. The biggest obstacles are usually vested interests (officials who profit from red tape and corruption) and political will. Countries that have succeeded, like Rwanda's business registration reforms or Estonia's digital government, show it's possible, but it requires genuine commitment from leadership.		
	2026-02-06 06:20:24		Allie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 05:51:15		Michael	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:22:40	Stop the bleeding to cronies. We see government projects with either no workers or workers who do no work. Yes, the workers should be fired but the problem is management. Where is the permanent on-site government inspector? If the private contractor fails to meet deadline, there must be penalties and finally removal. Sell off government SOEs. This government is not capable of running even one. Privatize ESKOM. Pass laws making Rooftop Solar affordable and force the power company to buy excess power at competitive rates. Just copy Oz. Australia decommissioned half its power plants, at no cost to government. Market Sunny South Africa abroad. Do you know that the USA fired China and NOT ONE factory has been relocated to South Africa? We speak English, are democratic, and have courts of law some of whom can be trusted! We have hard and smart workers, and an aging and neglected infrastructure that can be restored! 5% of the former China manufacturing would put SA to 100% employment. Lower petrol prices. We are the era of cheap oil again, but SA forces motorists to pay punishing prices.	Barry	retired
	2026-02-05 17:54:33		Desiré	retired
	2026-02-05 17:22:03	Employ the very best, based on meritocracy, only, to fix infrastructure with proper governance in-place to facilitate this process, and afford new entrants into the trades an opportunity to learn a skill from experienced, top class tradesman and engineers, to eventually enable more to obtain employment, meaning, and contribute to the fiscus.	P	self-employed

		South Africa’s Fiscal Crossroads One-Page Ministerial Brief Context South Africa’s public finances are under acute pressure. Debt-service costs now exceed health spending, the budget deficit remains structurally high, and infrastructure backlogs —especially water—pose direct risks to growth and social stability. Stabilisation requires decisive action focused on efficiency, accountability, and growth-enabling investment. --- 1. Stabilising State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Objective: Restore reliability while removing fiscal risk from the state balance sheet. Key Actions Complete Eskom unbundling: Fully independent transmission entity with its own board and borrowing capacity. Shift capital risk: Use concessions and private capital for new generation, rail operations, and logistics expansion. Open access: Allow private rail operators on Transnet lines via regulated access charges. Operational accountability: Performance-based contracts for executives; automatic removal for persistent underperformance. No bailouts without reform: Any state support must include equity, asset sales, or management replacement. Expected Impact: Reduced load-shedding risk, higher export volumes, lower long-term fiscal exposure. --- 2. Cutting Government Spending Principle: Cut consumption, protect investment. Immediate Measures Public-sector wage bill: Freeze headcount for 3–5 years; below-inflation increases only. Consultants: Eliminate repeat consulting for core functions; build in-house capacity. Bailouts: End unconditional transfers to failing entities. Programme review: Zero-based budgeting for departments with repeated audit failures. Protected Areas Infrastructure maintenance Early childhood development Primary healthcare Municipal engineering and financial skills		
	2026-02-05 16:17:50	Expected Impact: Slower debt growth	Peter	retired
	2026-02-05 15:21:20	1. Lease out rights to operate the SoE's to an extent it covers your spending on each SoE. You can even pair the smaller ones to make it viable. 2. Continue stabilizing ESKOm as it's key for all sectors of economy. 3. Focus on water infrastructure improvement where you will get more for your money like the economic hubs etc. This will also create jobs in the interim. 4. Delay implementation of NHI. 5. Reduce profit margins on tender awards meaning wider market prompting prior to tender advertisements to get better knowledge of prices involved. 6. Capacitate SARS and Commercial Crimes Investigative units to augment tax collection and to recover funds emanating from financial malfeasance. Focus on high value silk collar crimes instead of rats n mice recoveries. 7. Need industry ombudsman for each sector where small business can report gate keeping which limits their growth but benefits those already established. Example it's so difficult to access Amazon as a staff transport provider. Some call centre's require a new entrant transport provider to have multiple vehicles from the onset. Discussions are verbal and requirements are issued verbally.	Zukile	employed individual
	2026-02-11 11:37:19	SOUTH AFRICA IS MAKING THE GREATEST OF MISTAKES Dear Finance Minister and the Treasury Team, South Africa is making the greatest of mistakes, Here's your inflation level: CPI is 3.5% - most people's wage increases will be linked to this with Eskom +9% Rent (WC avg) +7% Rates (DA municipality) + 10% School fees +10% Medical aid +8% Insurance premiums +10% Meat prices +12% Cheaper imports are keeping inflation in the inflation basket down. But what South Africa needs is STREET MARKETS, we need to increase the number of street markets by 20x.... You just lay large strips of paving and you do the rest of the planning. That is how Hong Kong, whose residents earn R1m a year income started. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqh0zXSd4vc&t=4s South Africans are too reliant on supermarkets, we need to enhance simpler competition. Those street markets can easily be open on Saturdays and Sundays when other shops are closed and could give informal traders a chance to sell products cheaper. Those street markets have lower inflation rates than the supermarkets, because the small businesses and informal traders don't have to pay rent, they don't have to pay water, security, insurance, they sell a lot of products for tourists and second hand products and a large variety of small products.... but it encourages entrepreneurship, gives entrepreneurs exposure to customers if they can't afford the expensive rent of supermarkets. You can build these street market layouts near transit, neighborhoods, or public squares. Simply plan clear walking paths, shade, drainage, lighting, and emergency access. Next comes permits and rules. Create simple, low-cost licenses so small vendors can legally participate without heavy paperwork. Set health and safety standards (especially for food), waste disposal rules, and clear operating hours. Provide basic services. Things like trash collection, public toilets, security, and cleaning crews keep the space pleasant. Some cities also provide shared Point of Sale (POS) systems or Wi-Fi to modernize payments. Offer micro-loans, training (food safety, bookkeeping, marketing), and reserved spots for local farmers, artisans, or youth entrepreneurs. Many successful markets prioritize locals over large resellers to keep the character authentic. Make it lively. Programming matters: music, events, seasonal themes, and promotion through social media or tourism boards. A market should feel like a place to hang out, not just transact.	Wynand	
	2026-02-10 09:02:24		Martin	retired
	2026-02-09 10:41:56	The only way that the Government can "Fix" the economy and the growing gap between tax revenues and expenditure is to stimulate the economy. There have to be serious changes to policies like BEE and the Mining Charter which only serve to discourage international investment. We need a growing economy to increase both the corporate and individual tax contributions. Only one answer ..... STIMULATE THE ECONOMY and stop rampant theft of public funds.	Michael	

		Speed up grid expansion and maintenance The grid is currently a bottleneck for connecting new renewable and private generation projects. A dedicated, ring-fenced grid-investment program (with private sector participation) would unlock thousands of MW waiting to come online. Fully implement independent transmission system operator (TSO) reforms A transparent, independent transmission company encourages competition among generators. This reduces political risk for investors and accelerates private capital flow into the energy sector. Remove remaining barriers for private and municipal power generation Simplify licensing, approvals, and grid-connection processes. Empower metros to procure power directly from IPPs without lengthy national-level bottlenecks. Modernize Eskom's role Shift Eskom from being a sole generator to focusing on transmission, grid stability, and system operation. Let private generators carry more of the investment burden—reducing fiscal pressure. How this improves the fiscus Restored energy reliability leads to: Higher tax revenue (corporate, VAT, PAYE). Lower government bailouts for state-owned enterprises. Lower borrowing costs as investor confidence improves. The fiscus strengthens indirectly through higher growth rather than tax hikes.		
	2026-02-09 08:39:39		Dirk	employed individual
	2026-02-08 16:02:45	1. Appoint people with relevant qualifications and experience 2. Salary increments only for competitive ministers etc 3. Appoint right people with relevant qualifications 4. Reconsider property tax evaluations use correct formula.	Trysie	
	2026-02-08 09:32:24	Some money should be set aside to route out corruption, with lifestyle audits of politicians and government employees….recover the money, prosecute culprits and uphold accountability. Also employ the right people for the job. Also, scrap BEE policy to attract foreign investment	Deenesh	
	2026-02-07 20:03:54		Refilwe Jackson	employed individual
	2026-02-07 17:56:32		Richard	self-employed
	2026-02-07 11:14:11		Robin	business owner
	2026-02-07 08:42:22	I suggest the creation of a world-first NATIONAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE in the Finance ministry and new legislation on how government pays for ALL of its services . This should state that ALL state expenses above a certain threshold, including all tenders, in all spheres of government, MUST be approved by the NPM , using a web-based platform, like SARS EFILING, which can screen for tender fraud or unsuitable tenders. This will basically ELIMINATE corruption in the state sector and SAVE us TRILLIONS!!!!! We have the technology, we need Cabinet to URGENTLY establish this office within the FINANCE MINISTRY, overseen by SARS.	Ebrahim	self-employed
	2026-02-07 06:19:56	To grow the economy is the number one priority. This will address poverty. The government is should be ultra investment friendly to the world. If they want to be neutral be genuinely neutral. Give up on BEE - it is an old policy that degrades people and forces people to be classified which is wrong. Stop having a mentality of taking away rather than building together. Government are not good at running businesses - privatise. Grow infrastructure and the pie. Stop unwasteful expenditure and making ministers feel important - like blue light brigades. They are like all of us and work in a job with performance indicators. Stop cadres being offered jobs with the job going to someone who has the ability. Stop corruption and place controls in spending. Treat the tax payer friendly and don't alienate the rich by SARs always assuming that the rich don't pay their fair share - increase the tax base rather than alienating the 1 percent that do. Allow dual systems of NHI because if the government handles this they will make a mess up.,,,and direct all spending to building the economy to get to a gdp of 5 percent!	Robert	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:43:02	The economy is generally stagnant and there are no economic activities. Too much red tape for small businesses. Fiscus is overstretched due to fewer tax base and lack of economic activities.	Bongani	self-employed
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	2026-02-06 21:21:20	Govt should work with private financial institutions to provide funding for smaller businesses at reasonable rates so jobs can be created. Better service delivery will helps businesses run smoothly. Consistent water, electricity, etc. will assist. Incentives for businesses to go off grid to reduce the burden on supply instead penalizing those who use solar, etc.	Mary	unemployed individual
	2026-02-16 20:00:09	I feel that paying high taxes on property that you rent out, is discouraging us against owing property. I would like to see a change in how rental income is dealt with. For instance something like the first R100000 rental you receive is exempt from tax. I hope this will receive your favourable attention. Thank you Minister in advance.	Isaac	retired
	2026-02-16 20:00:09	I feel that paying high taxes on property that you rent out, is discouraging us against owing property. I would like to see a change in how rental income is dealt with. For instance something like the first R100000 rental you receive is exempt from tax. I hope this will receive your favourable attention. Thank you Minister in advance.	Isaac	retired
	2026-02-13 07:50:27		Tracy	retired
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	2026-02-04 08:14:33	The tax system is complex and designed to extricate as much of an individual or company's taxable earnings which will lead to a shrinking tax base as there are other opportunities in other tax jurisdictions in the world which are more favourable. I propose a flat income tax rate of 15% across the board for all companies and individuals. That includes the taxi industry and other informal sectors top to bottom. Any person earning an income of any amount should be taxed the same rate. The reality is this, a small percentage of the population that earns a taxable income are funding the rest of the population which is not sustainable. Every human in good health, has the capacity to be resourceful and contribute to their community and the country. There has to be a balance. By introducing a flat tax rate to all earning an income will then increase the tax revenue. Those who do not earn an income and are capable of providing a service or product should not be allowed to vote. We can't have nonproductive citizens dictating policies with their votes and making demands when they do not even contribute in any shape way or form to the economy. You pay tax, you earn the right to vote.	BRETT	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:07:23	In the good old days, the Revenue service, brought in concessions to encourage manufacturing plants to purchase plant and machinery plus they were given an initial allowance as well. These allowances were anyhow recouped if and when the plant was resold. In turn, manufacturing enterprises were encouraged. We were able to manufacture goods in our own contry. There were jobs available. The spin off brought in more revenue than the allowance they gave to Enterprises.	ALPHEEN	retired
	2026-02-04 07:54:22		BRETT	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:53:00	Ek dink die tegering kan meer doen vir die afgetreede publiek wat jare hulle belasting betaal het, dan nog moet betaal na aftrede moet nie enige belasting betaal nie.	Martinus	retired
	2026-02-04 07:45:43		Nomkhosi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:14:05	Prove the detractors wrong and show us that you can collect due taxes from the taxi and tobacco industries. Nowadays it is hard to hide tens of billions - smoke them out with one or two high visibility prosecutions and an amnesty.	Johan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:13:18	South Africa does not face an income problem; it faces a spending and accountability problem. State-owned entities continue to destroy value instead of generating it, while repeated adverse municipal audits result in no meaningful consequences or recovery of lost funds. Rather than addressing these structural failures, government increasingly relies on fiscal drag to close the gap, effectively raising taxes on a shrinking, compliant tax base. This approach punishes productivity and erodes trust. I urge National Treasury to prioritise expenditure reform, accountability, and the rationalisation or privatisation of failing SOEs, and to repair fiscal drag by restoring full inflation adjustments to personal income tax brackets.	Kobus	employed individual
	2026-02-04 03:45:45	The sad reality is that picking one from the list feels like we're playing whack-a-mole!! Corruption and lack of leadership is what's put us in a boat with so many holes that hope for recovery has died. Too few tax payers left to fleece so he needs to get creative by looking for tax revenue from the taxi industry as an example.	Carol	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:02:50	It is imperative to levy a tax on the betting companies. They are a drain on ordinary working people's pockets and should be taxed such that betting becomes a luxury that few people can afford. Continued sin taxes should be a prime source of revenue too.	Laurence	student
	2026-02-03 20:53:29		Puseletso	business owner

	2026-02-03 19:41:12	Sars and goverment's uforgivablable rot. What makes this rot unforgivable is how they treat the very people who pay their salaries. The South African government and SARS behave like masters, not servants. The taxpayer is no longer a citizen — just a wallet with a reference number. You're squeezed, audited, threatened, fined, and humiliated for minor errors, while the politically connected steal on an industrial scale and walk free. Miss a deadline? Penalties. Make an honest mistake? Interest. Ask for help? Silence. Question unfair treatment? Intimidation. All from institutions funded by your money. SARS has perfected cruelty downward and cowardice upward. Small businesses, professionals, and workers who actually keep the country afloat are treated like criminals, while real criminals are handled with kid gloves — if they're touched at all. That's not enforcement. That's bullying. Government officials speak about "service delivery" while delivering nothing but contempt. They live off salaries, benefits, cars, security, and pensions paid for by taxpayers they openly disrespect. They fail upwards, get reshuffled, redeployed, "investigated" — never fired, never jailed, never held personally responsible. This is the core betrayal: The people who produce value are punished. The people who destroy value are protected. A government that feeds off its citizens while treating them like enemies is not governing — it's parasitic. And SARS, in enforcing obedience without earning legitimacy, has become the sharp end of that betrayal. You cannot demand compliance without integrity. You cannot demand respect without accountability. And you certainly cannot demand sacrifice from people you openly exploit. They don't rule by consent anymore. They rule by fear, paperwork, and arrogance. And every day they forget one simple truth: Without taxpayers, they are nothing. A furious tax payer.	Kevin	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:34:43		Gilium	
	2026-02-03 19:10:17	Adjust for bracket creep. Most salary increases over the past few years have been eroded by falling into the higher bracket.	Mark	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:41:14		Boon	retired
	2026-02-04 08:32:16	Current tax payer base is low and taxes continue to increase this is not sustainable	Norman	
	2026-02-04 08:27:35	In a effort to increase south Africa's taxable income is not increasing tax laws, but rather to open up our economy for growth. By allowing the economy to grow the taxable income increases and the people of the land are financially better off because of it. road blocks like restrictive laws and policies, BBBEE and the threat of seizure of property, hinder investment and economic growth. sometimes it is better to get out of the way and allow the people the freedom to pursue what is possible and take what they can reach.	konradt	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:04:17		Lisa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:08:28	Encourage people to save by giving them more TAX Benefits for example. Increase Annual Tax Free Savings Contribution. Make loans easier to obtain by way of lower interest rates. Give Property owners better rebates and not penalise them when they invest in South Africa property.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:52:56	You should have less of our money... give more of it back...	Lukas	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:35:12	At best the 9-13 percent of the total population is contributing to Personal Income Tax (PIT). 20 percent of the individual taxpayers contribute 75 percent of the total PIT revenue. This is completely scewed contribution considering the waisful spend. The load require to be adjusted to be evenly spread throughout the entire population. Additionally, the individuals paying the tax typically enjoys the least benefit. PIT is the largest contributor of tax revenue at 35.5 percent. Further, tax-to-GDP ratio is over 27 percent thus about 10 percent of the GDP. A further suggestion would be that any tax payer paying 20 percent or more have the option to contribute to legitimate spend and if the individual disagree to the proposed spend the individual can withhold tax. The informal sector of non tax paying individuals account for 20 percent of total employment however the informal sector only contribute 5 percent to the GDP. This requires far greater management and tax recovery.	Japie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:07:21	Not lifting the VAT threshold is a lose-lose-lose situation for everyone. Small businesses try to stay under the thresholds as especially service businesses get absolutely no benefit from VAT registration. We cannot service people who desperately need health services, we cannot grow our own income and SARS loses out on a lot of additional taxable income as they are not allowing businesses to grow - more income earned, more tax to pay. You say you want to stimulate growth and create jobs but the R1m threshold is doing the opposite!!	Rene	business owner
	2026-02-04 13:07:20	Not lifting the VAT threshold is a lose-lose-lose situation for everyone. Small businesses try to stay under the thresholds as especially service businesses get absolutely no benefit from VAT registration. We cannot service people who desperately need health services, we cannot grow our own income and SARS loses out on a lot of additional taxable income as they are not allowing businesses to grow - more income earned, more tax to pay. You say you want to stimulate growth and create jobs but the R1m threshold is doing the opposite!!	Rene	business owner
	2026-02-05 11:05:47	With increased prices for commodities, use the additional tax from commodity companies to pay off loans. Unacceptable that we are spending so much on interest. Step up recovery of outstanding taxes and pay off loans. Start lifestyle audits on all government officials, from top to bottom. When government officials are employed, contracts must state that they will be held accountable, even if they resign, for gross negligence, corruption, etc - unacceptable that employees of government and SOE's can resign and evade criminal charges. Recover money and assets from criminals - use to pay off loans. Priotise the pursuit of corrupt officials - what is happening about ESKOM employees who colluded in the fraudulent issuing of prepaid electricity vouchers? So much money can be recovered - use to pay off loans - instead of taxing those of us who work and ready pay high tax rates. Too many people on the gravy train, while the poor still get a raw deal...	Lee Ann	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 09:10:35	Government needs to 350, if is still necessary to pay people and they buy drugs and alcohol. the second issues are widow's pension, why government took 50% of that money. they forgot when someone die, he/she leaves partner behind and children they need to survive. What sunrise us those people are suffering money is taken by state and gave to lazy people who does not want to work.	Rachel	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:56:17	All fraudulent monetary acts by politicians should be punishable to the extreme and money returned to the fiscus.	Alfreda	
	2026-02-05 07:24:51	Foreigners owning shops in South Africa should be paying taxes as any other shop in the country.	Shaun	Non-profit
	2026-02-05 07:14:34	The VAT threshold for small business has been 1 million rand since 2009. Is it not time to review that and up it?	Lynette	self-employed
	2026-02-05 05:19:20	The Donald Trump administration proved that one can dramatically improve tax income by reducing taxes which stimulates the economy thereby increasing taxable income. A larger and growing economy is a win for everyone including taxable income. Taking less let's you get more from a larger pot.	Raymond	self-employed
	2026-02-04 22:53:55	We are OVER taxed, in fact we are being taxed into poverty. Cut government spending to the bone, privatize what government can not afford and cut taxes massively. 10% flat rate max on income tax, sliding scale are massively unfair and blocks real financial growth. Stop taxing pension funds, stop capital gains tax, stop overtime tax, stop tax on benefits. All these taxes are killing financial growth for individuals thus the economy.	Andreas	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:02:46	Stop the increase of tax revenue by the sneaky trick of "Bracket creep"! Do not think we are stupid and do not realise what a disservice you are doing to all the honest, hardworking folk in this country trying to make ends meet. Inflation adjustments are well overdue for tax brackets, for the limit to report deceased estates and for capital gains tax inclusion rate to be decreased as was originally promised when that terrible tax was introduced. So why do you not increase the R40k exclusion for individuals to account for inflation? You have made a killing out of inflation doing the hard work for you and we are left with nothing to show for years of investment, trying to set aside something for old age, and not being a burden on the State by not collecting SASSA. Yet you refuse to increase the taX-FREE PORTION OF A RETIREMENT ANNUITY PAYOUT. You refuse to adjust tax brackets for inflation because you think we cannot do simple calculations - it is insulting and so devious!	Diane	
	2026-02-04 19:53:19	Dear Minister, the thereshold for registration for VAT has not been inceased with the annual inflation rate for over 10 years. due to the lack of this increase , small businesss is not far easier to reach this threshold, and this now placed undue pressure and costs to comply with these regulations. the annual turnover should be adjusted annually with the same value as inflation, after the lack of increases has been rectified.	Marius	business owner
	2026-02-04 17:41:41	Taxi industry needs to be taxed as any other industry. This sector is getting away as they are sleeping partners with those in power. Machines that kill toddlers, so no qualms in taxing them. They can afford road patrols and monitoring, body guards and high end vehicles and all they pay is VAT. Legalise Sex Work. .. the world's oldest profession. If legalized, it could be properly taxed and health standards imposed and monitored. Letvthe people get fun nd frolic out of it, and the government it's dues. ANC came into power in 1994. Two years later, in 1996, it legalized abortions. So legalizing prostitution should not pose any difficulties at all.	Charles	retired
	2026-02-04 17:10:26	Income taxes are too high and deter hardworking people. Consider targeted cuts. Focus relief on specific groups (e.g., low- and middle-income earners) to boost disposable income and reduce inequality. Consequently, increase lower tier government employee salaries.	Esrina	
	2026-02-04 16:06:34	Taxes on the middle class is getting too high.	Johan	
	2026-02-04 16:04:52	Due to the very high "unemployment figures" for this country, the economic tax base for the country is very limited and the government is already taxing this to a very high level. Add to this the "grandiose" proposed NHI and it will "break" what revenue can reasonably be obtained from this source. The Government needs to "get creative" with ways to increase employment and grow the tax base so that the economy can grow and the large public debt can be reduced and the money used for more productive expenditure, such as "fixing" the country's infrastructure, which has been allowed to deteriorate to the point where it must be replaced, rather than maintained, due to neglecting to do any maintenance , other than emergency repairs, for the last 30 years.	Malcolm	retired
	2026-02-06 10:32:53	tax the taxi industry a yearly fixed sum based on a yearly income should increase the finance to spend on more people and stop corruption	eric	retired
	2026-02-06 10:13:46	Set a minimum exit price for the sale of cigarettes to consumers. Set at the right price point it may achieve the objective of discouraging habits affecting health and encouraging those who are consumers to choose the better (legitimate) products and avoid the poorer quality (illegitimate) products. This will lessen the demand for illegal products and encourage spending on legitimate product - and increase the revenue generated from legitimate tobacco products.	Brad	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:32:52	Minister the retired employees are in deep financial constraints, they have been paying income tax all their lives. May please extend tax free potion when withdrawing pension funds from 550k to 750k that would be a huge relief.	Sihle	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:17:37	Pensioners should not be taxed as they have paid taxes throughout their working lives. They get taxed when they retire and they still pay taxes after they retire. Therefore they should be exempt from paying further taxes.	Anesh	retired
	2026-02-06 08:44:53	Dear Honourable Minister The price of coffee is increasing exponentially. Please can you exempt Ricoffy from being taxed, and also Umqombothi should be tax free	Allan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:52:32		Michael	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:39:04	Institute a road tax for all foreign vehicles entering South Africa at the border posts. We pay road tax entering neighboring countries let them pay also using our roads	Michael	retired
	2026-02-06 05:57:43		Les	retired
	2026-02-06 05:21:10	Do away with tax on retirement and cut executive spending by 80%	Trueman	employed individual

	2026-02-05 20:29:28	Addressing the tax burden on households Households continue to experience significant financial pressure due to rising fuel prices, vehicle purchase costs, insurance, servicing, and general cost-of-living increases. One specific area of concern is the SARS tax-free reimbursive travel rate, which has decreased from R4.84 to R4.76 per kilometre. This rate applies where employees are reimbursed for business travel using their own vehicles and receive no other travel allowance. The current rate does not realistically reflect the true cost of operating a vehicle, particularly when considering: • Fuel price volatility • Increased vehicle prices • Maintenance and servicing costs • Insurance and tyre replacement • Financing costs For many working households, reimbursed business travel is not a benefit but a necessity. When the tax-free rate is set below the actual cost of travel, employees are effectively subsidising business operations out of their own pockets, further increasing the tax burden on households. Recommendation: Review and adjust the SARS reimbursive travel rate to better align with real-world vehicle operating costs, or introduce a mechanism that allows for more frequent or fuel-price-linked adjustments. This would provide immediate and practical relief to households without materially eroding the tax base	Dineo	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:22:13	As a tax payer in SA, it is unfair for me to cough up so much and yet don't enjoy the services that I am supposed to get. every now and then, our house holds are without electricity and water...no warning, no explanation and when you log calls, the system does not even give you a reference number. The tax deducted from my salary is too much and yet every year, I am told that I owe SARS and to top it all, they have garnished me. can the same SARS do the same to the President and his cabinet....I am being taxed a lot and I do not see the reasons why.	Mahlodi	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:20:13	Widen the tax net - plenty of wealthy people not paying tax - ask for existing taxpayers to provide tipoffs of people they know that aren't paying income tax. Increase sin taxes. Clamp down on illegal cigarettes and alcohol. Tax vaping. Increase tax on lottery	Barbara	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:02:07	Provident fund contributions have been capped at R350k per year for ages. Time to increase that amount. Interest received have been capped at a very low amount. If you increase that South Africans might be more motivated to save, thus no be a liability to government in later years.	Ilse	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:19:13	We should be making the rich and large corporates pay much higher taxes.	PHILLIP	
	2026-02-05 17:05:17	It is time that they look at the retirees, ease on tax, we do no longer get increases, the pay is the same and everything is going up at a very high rate. Municipalities must lower the property taxes for over 70's.	Jan	
	2026-02-05 14:56:05	Government must review and revise tariffs in the textile industry. Tariffs are imposed in order to protect legacy textile manufacturers. No proper study has been done to see whether they do in fact manufacture what they say they do. It is also doubtful that they are worth protecting given the low value that they add compared to garment manufacturers. The so-called hybrid system where rebates are given to certain garment manufacturers has benefitted only the large retailers- and even this has failed in the face of the challenge of online retailers. It has wiped out small businesses who simply cannot buy the minimum quantities required by fabric exporters in China and elsewhere. It has also crippled designers who are now forced to pursue limited employment opportunities. It is a fact that retailers have struggled despite the favouritism. It is also a fact that legacy textile manufacturers have for too long hidden behind tariff walls at the expense of thousands of skilled seamstresses who must either find employment or stay at home - there being no fair access to cheap raw materials. Do proper independent studies to weigh the impact of tariffs on the the fiscus. I dare say that you will find the revenues from value added and increased employment from a thriving garment manufacturing industry revitalised by access to cheap raw materials will far outweigh protecting old textile manufacturers who benefit so few and pay so little for the privilege.	Nas	business owner
	2026-02-05 14:32:47	My biggest cry is on tax costs to workers, the government seems to be wanting more from already struggling working class. The rebate on tax has been tightened further to strangle finances of the workers.	Eddy	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:00:25	I am simply asking that pensioners over the age of 75 (in my case), be exempted from paying Provisional Tax. It just means extra stress and the expense of seeing a Tax Practicioner, to submit twice a year. I am quite sure that this will incur any significant loss to the SARS overall collection for the tax year. Thank you.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-11 21:11:40	2,5% of the population shouldn't pay 70% of taxes. This is probably the highest global imbalance and a leading cause of emigration. Employing domestic workers should be tax-deductible. This would lead to more workers being employed.	Sibylie	
	2026-02-09 10:16:18	More money for infrastructure. Infrastructure is like the blood veins in your body, if the veins are blocked or damaged you will become sick. If the infrastructure is dysfunctional the countries economy will stay as sick as it is. VAT -- It's a crime against humanity to charge VAT on food. What a disgrace that we must pay tax on food before starving children can eat. All basic food items must become VAT free.. Those few measly items that are already VAT free are an insult. Cut politicians outlandish perks. No salary increases for them.	Martin	retired
	2026-02-08 18:37:10	Pensioners need extra tax relief. COL is rising too quickly e. g. Rates, electricity, water, medical aid, petrol, monthly groceries etc. Please increase medical deductions for pensioners and the tax rebates.	Dave	retired
	2026-02-08 18:00:31	To address many of our concerns regarding our fiscus would be combination of factors. 1) Increase tax revenue by formuliszing small businesses. 2) Encourage investment by doing away with BBBEE. Applying a free market economy. Capitalist economy. 3) Prioritize spending by reducing Goverment salary bill. Reduce the size of the cabinet 4) Hold ministers and government officials accountable for corruption and imprison those who are found guilty.	Bonamy	employed individual
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	2026-02-08 11:18:35	Collect R45b fro PetroSA first.	Matthys	retired
	2026-02-07 10:41:41	For several years no adjustments for inflation were done to our Income tax, Rebates, Medical Aid credits. Pensioners suffer the most as their saving in depleted fast by paying higher taxes each year! The government spending is too high. A reduction of the number of ministers and parliamentarian is necessary!	Helga	retired
	2026-02-07 06:45:04	Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding the Excessive Tax Burden on South Africa's Middle Class Dear Minister, I am writing as a hardworking middle-class South African — one of the many salaried professionals who faithfully pay their taxes every month through PAYE — to express my growing frustration and disappointment with the heavy and increasing tax burden placed on people like me. While I understand the country's fiscal challenges and the need to fund essential services, the reality for the middle class feels deeply unfair. We are squeezed from all sides: Bracket creep (or "stealth tax increases") has not been adequately addressed through proper inflation adjustments to rebates and brackets. Reports show that middle-income earners (around R350 000–R700 000 per year) have lost tens of thousands of rands extra over recent years simply because nominal salary increases push us into higher brackets without real gains in purchasing power. Combined with rising VAT pressures, fuel levies, and other indirect taxes, our disposable income shrinks every year, making it harder to afford housing, education for our children, medical care, and basic living costs in an economy where wages rarely keep pace with inflation. Meanwhile, a very small portion of the population carries the bulk of personal income tax (recent figures suggest around 1.5–2.4% of taxpayers fund a massive share), yet the middle class — the engine of consumption and stability — is repeatedly targeted through these hidden mechanisms instead of tackling widespread corruption, wasteful expenditure, and poor service delivery that erode trust in how our taxes are used. We are not asking for special treatment; we simply want fairness. A tax system that continues to disproportionately burden the productive middle class while failing to curb inefficiencies and graft risks pushing more of us into financial distress or even emigration. This cannot be sustainable for South Africa's future. I respectfully urge you and the government to: Fully adjust tax brackets and rebates for inflation in the upcoming budget. Prioritise cutting waste and corruption before considering any further burden on taxpayers. Explore broader, fairer ways to widen the tax base rather than repeatedly squeezing those already compliant and stretched thin. The middle class wants to believe our contributions make a real difference to building a better country. Right now, that belief is fading. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I look forward to policies that restore balance and hope. Yours sincerely, Jacques	Jacques	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 02:16:32		Leon	retired
	2026-02-06 19:17:26	Adopt a austerity budget and give tax payers relief, there was no inflation adjustment last year, this is felt in the pocket of the tax payer. If this happens again this year expect more tax payers to pack their bags and go elsewhere.	Matthew	employed individual
	2026-02-06 18:06:55	INCREASE THE TAX THRESHOLD FOR VAT	MAC	
	2026-02-15 01:16:49	Please increase the VAT threshold. R1 million rand turnover is not difficult to achieve but it does not translate to a big profit. Salaries cannot be subtracted from the VAT and it makes it very difficult to stay afloat.	Jaco	business owner
	2026-02-14 11:38:31	Please reduce the tax brackets for lower income and middle class citizens. I suggest that the government imposes an exit tax for the ultra-rich to assist in the drain on our economy.	Vanessa	
	2026-02-13 12:27:50	I suggest we REDEFINE the concept of "sin taxes" and abandon the exclusive labeling of drinking and smoking as sinful pastimes, warranting punishing taxes. Of course, taken to excess, these things can become sinful, but let us look at some real sins that the vast majority of our people can objectively accept. I am talking about the sex trade! This industry is a blight on the moral fabric of our country and can only facilitate the moral collapse of our nation, especially as it concerns the family institution. We ned to discourage people from embracing the many pornographic offerings available and hit them where it hurts - in the pocket! A nation that loses its moral compass is fit for nothing. Why should a person who enjoys a drink be considered a "sinner" but someone splurging on "adult" entertainment of whatever kind - shops, videos, magazines, Clubs etc., is free to indulge their base disorderly passions? I propose hefty taxes on the entire gamut of "adult entertainment!" This term is a complete misnomer as it is impossible to prevent such content from being accessed by impressionable youth. There is a chain of shops called "Luvland" peddling all kinds of "accessories" and playing on the wayward desires and fantasies of our fallen nature. These shops are coining it and should be taxed on these ill-gotten proceeds. Such shops, Clubs, magazines, videos, etc., selling "sin" should be singled out and made to pay for the consequences of this trade. Such consequences include child abuse/trafficking, family disintegration, and generalized moral collaspe. Please, let's get our priorities right in this country and broaden our notion of "sin" and "sin taxes!"	Bernard	employed individual
	2026-02-13 09:22:51	1) Elected officials should have their salaries halved until the budget deficit is corrected 2) Elected officials must have their lifestyle audited. 3) heads of department in the civil service, who have signing powers over money - should have their lifestyle audited. 4) Anyone with signing powers in the infrastructure down to managerial level, should have their lifestyle audited 5) Retired people, who have saved all their lives to be able to live with some dignity and without worry, should not be taxed. - I am 71. I still have to do freelance work to survive - but the government takes 30% of that at source. My retirement annuity - (which was taxed already on the lump sum when it was paid out on retirement) I still get taxed on that each year when the subsistence is paid. It is so disheartening that I cannot advise young people to make provision for their old age. It will just be taken by MPs who live luxury lifestyles, that I could never afford my whole life.	Anna	retired
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	2026-02-04 08:14:24	I think focus on expenditure initially numbers 2 7 and 8. Clean up house first and much will fall into place. If you focus on everything nothing will get done	B	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:13:13	Stop Stealing our Tax	Theo	business owner

	2026-02-04 08:11:33	Stimulating the economy to reach the 3% growth target, especially through infrastructure investment, in order to create jobs.	F	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:09:39	Bad Management by the ANC. They should be charged as Delinquent Directors.	Colin	retired
		You said: Antwoord terug vir pieter..[02/03, 19:34] PieterDV: Hey Jakes. Ja, ek het gedink ek wil my "travel companion" orals afneem en dan aan die einde 'n collage maak. [02/03, 19:34] PieterDV: Ek vlieg die 8ste. Jy is spot on. Volgende week die tyd is ek al in Parys. [02/03, 19:35] PieterDV: Vandag is my laaste dag in Arequipa. Môre vertrek ek Lima toe. ChatGPT said: Hier's 'n warm, natuurlike antwoord wat mooi by jou vibe pas: "Hey my traveller ✈️ Ek love daai idee – jou travel companion wat saam oral gaan en dan 'n collage aan die einde ? Dis actually so jy. Ja né, die 8ste is om die draai! Volgende week Parys… wow ? Geniet Arequipa vandag tot die laaste oomblik en veilige reis Lima toe môre. Hou my op hoogte – ek reis bietjie saam in my kop ?" You said: Antwoord ...terug..Beplan om die 14de af te vlieg Kaap toe as alles mooi verloop. ChatGPT said: Jy kan só terugantwoord: "Dit klink goed ? Ek beplan om die 14de Kaap toe te vlieg as alles mooi verloop. Sal jou laat weet sodra alles gefinaliseer is." You said: Kort boodskap vif Bea. Sal nie Saterdag Oranjezict mark doen. Vriend gaan Vrydag in vir dubbele herniue operssie en gaan hierby ons aan huis wees vir die naweek. Ons kuif eerder na volgende week. ChatGPT said: Hier's 'n kort, vriendelike boodskap vir Bea: "Hi Bea ? Ek sal ongelukkig nie Saterdag die Oranjezicht-mark kan doen nie. 'n Vriend gaan Vrydag in vir 'n dubbele hernia-operasie en gaan die naweek by ons aan huis wees. Kom ons skuif dit eerder na volgende week. Dankie vir jou begrip ?" You said: Please reply .....The Minister of Finance has officially opened the floor for "Budget Tips" ahead of the National Budget Speech. This is your direct line to the National Treasury. Right now, South Africa's finances are at a crossroads. To put things in perspective: Debt Repayment: Our government is projected to spend R434.9 billion this year just on interest. That is more than we spend on our entire Health system. The Deficit: They are still spending roughly R370 billion more than we provide in tax revenue. Infrastructure: While energy is stabilising, our water infrastructure requires a R1 trillion investment over the next few years. The Minister wants your "tips" on: How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. Where to cut government spending. How to fix municipal finance failures. What to do about the tax burden on households. ChatGPT said: Here's a clear, practical reply you can use (firm but constructive): South Africa's fiscal crisis is no longer theoretical – it is structural. Any meaningful intervention must prioritise discipline, accountability, and growth. 1. Stabilising SOEs (Eskom & Transnet) Ring-fence core operations and aggressively dispose of non-core assets. Enforce professional, skills-based boards with fixed performance contracts. Open infrastructure access fully to private operators (energy, ports, rail) while the state retains strategic oversight. Competition will force efficiency. 2. Cutting Government Spending Freeze headcount growth across national and provincial departments for at least 3 years. Reduce cabinet size and consolidate overlapping departments and agencies. End bailouts for persistently failing entities without credible turnaround plans. 3. Fixing Municipal Finance Failures Place chronically failing municipalities under mandatory administration with independent financial controllers. Link national transfers strictly to service delivery outcomes and clean audits. Professionalise municipal management and criminally prosecute corruption and maladministration. 4. Reducing the Tax Burden on Households Do not raise personal income tax or VAT. The tax base is already over-stretched. Focus on economic growth, job creation, and compliance to broaden the tax base organically. Simplify tax structures and provide relief for middle-income households who carry the bulk of the burden. Ultimately, South Africa does not have a revenue problem – it has a spending efficiency and governance problem. Restoring trust through accountability is the fastest way to stabilise the fiscus and unlock growth. If you want it shorter, more activist, or more technical, say the word and I'll tailor it. You said: Yes please ChatGPT said: Got you ? Here's a short, punchy, activist-style version you can post or submit: South Africa's fiscal crisis is driven by weak governance, not a lack of revenue. SOEs: Open Eskom and Transnet fully to private participation, enforce professional boards, and stop unconditional bailouts. Competition and accountability are non-negotiable. Spending Cuts: Reduce cabinet size, freeze public-sector headcount growth, and eliminate duplicated departments and agencies. No more funding for failing entities without turnaround plans. Municipal Finances: Place failing municipalities under mandatory administration, appoint independent financial controllers, and prosecute corruption. Transfers must be linked to service delivery. Tax Burden: Do not raise VAT or personal income tax. Households are overtaxed. Grow the economy, improve compliance, and broaden the tax base instead. South Africa does not have a tax problem — it has a discipline and accountability problem.		
	2026-02-04 07:45:14		Jake	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:40:17	Government needs to take the plunge into a Universal Basic Income Grant. The cost will without doubt be offset, if not immediately than in the medium term, directly by recovery through SARS (above certain earnings) and VAT, and indirectly through reduced crime and other improved social and economic conditions. This Grant should be for EVERY South African citizen with a valid ID. and a bank account. This should minimize administrative costs to almost zero after the first setting up of a system.	Annemarie	
	2026-02-04 07:40:00	The unstated amount of money lost to corruption (e.g. Tembisa hospital) and how this could be stopped, to help the fiscus, or even better - recouped.	Marie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:17:10	Increase the productivity of the Govt sector. I.E. let them try do a days work instead of stealing the money.	lucas	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:56:10	My top concern is education. The education budget was cut last year, resulting in even fewer teachers in already overcrowded public schools. If we want our country to prosper, we need drastic measures to improve education. I know of a teacher with 100 children in her class. 3 children per table meant for 1. The cabinet seems blind to the plight of normal South Africans as they all use private schools and private healthcare. We need more learners taking STEM subjects and teachers equipped to teach STEM. Otherwise we will never succeed in the 4th industrial revolution.	Elizabeth	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:26:17	Corruption, theft and overspending. The ANC needs to stop stealing all the money. It's quite simple really.	Phillip	
	2026-02-04 06:10:40	You should have listened to Stephen Goodson advice while he was alive. Richard A Werner explains this is a complete Ponzi scheme. The best tip I can give is that you and your cadre of puppet criminals come clean and confess to the people of all the crimes you have committed. Oust your overlords and tell the truth. Give the people the tools to emancipate your Strawman slavery system, and remove the power from the private banking cartel. Expose the names of the Committee of 300 and the Black Nobility. Close the SARB and open a state bank. Remove all current politicians and instate qualified competent folks to provide services. The clock is ticking!	Alistair	business owner
	2026-02-04 05:17:45	CANCEL THAT R350 GRANT…CANCEL RELIEF GRANT CANCEL RELIEF GRANT CANCEL RELIEF GRANT	Lerato	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 22:51:25	The looting and destruction of everything that worked properly and efficiently can only be solved by getting rid of the ANC, EFF, MK and DA. Get people who are capable to run the previously most country in Africa.	Francois	retired
	2026-02-03 22:48:17	The country's economy isn't designed for such a large unskilled or low-skilled population. There's too much corruption and nepotism, kickbacks, and budget embezzlement. If all these factors aren't addressed, all talk of economic improvement will remain just that, unfortunately.	Oleg	retired
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	2026-02-03 21:58:32	Government /parliament too many people resulting heavy burden on taxpayers. We don't need all the deputies, assistant deputies, deputies assistants, overload of generals, securities. Parlementarians receives a huge income and must, as all law abiding citizens do, be responsible for all own expences. No salary increases whilst in service for selected term.	Sussan	retired
	2026-02-03 21:40:35		Mike	retired
	2026-02-03 21:38:05	Although our president is totally opposed to it, the time has come to abolish BBBEE, in order that candidates for jobs may be appointed according to their qualifications and experience and not by the colour of their skin. Apartheid was done away with 32 years ago...it is dead and buried and the time has come for South Africa to look at the future. The time has also come for our Government to act against those guilty of fraud and corruption. Unfortunately there are too many people in top Government positions who are benefiting from these activities.	Mike	retired
	2026-02-03 21:31:23		Carli	
	2026-02-03 21:25:38	I think that salaries drawn by politicians, higher echelons of governmental department and state owned entities are ludicrous. Reduce salaries so that they move from opulence to comfortable. It is not like they work harder in a day than the general population who actually generate their own incomes and from whom our government structures suck out taxes. Let our government be content with reasonable lifestyles. Let money be spent on things honestly without bribery, corruption and paying for overpriced services offered by those with the contacts rather than those with skills and integrity Then the need for borrowing and paying interest will start to become unnecessary. We will then become self sufficient as a country and be able to stand - all of us.	Bruce	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:19:43		Mike	retired
	2026-02-03 21:12:53	Every problem listed there can be solved by abolishing BEE. Simple.	S	
	2026-02-03 20:42:32	Dear Enoch, Proverbs 16:3: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans". Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...". Proverbs 10:4: "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth". 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...". Philippians 1:6: God will perform the good work He began in you.	Chantellé	
	2026-02-03 20:22:23	1 GET RID OF THE ENTIRE CORRUPT GOVT THAT ARE STEALING BILLIONS (THIS IS TREASON AND SHOULD BE PUNISHED AS SUCH) 2 Put an honest govt in place to turn this country around 3 Stop this govt from taking loans and stealing the funds from the loans 4 GET RID OF RUSSIA AND CHINA AND IRAN (loan payback time - no payback? then the countries advancing the loans will find other ways of obtaining payback ie take over the country China does not take prisoners and do not give money away for nothing. 5 GET BACK TOGETHER WITH THE USA	James	retired
	2026-02-03 20:15:48	Infrastructure.	Marcel	
	2026-02-03 19:41:12	Can the South African government appoint a department of government efficiency to find ways to cut down on unnecessary expenditure without reducing service delivery? If such a department finds ways to reduce waste spending, it could be a worthwhile expense. If such a department is contracted to be paid only in proportion to the value it adds, it would motivate the department to be efficient and cost effective.	Jeanne	
	2026-02-04 09:07:19	My concern is the ANC cadres stealing the money regardless of what the outcome of this poll or any other initiative is. They should recover the money from the individuals identified in all of the commissions, Zondo and everything else. We cannot keep pouring money into the coffers of the ANC at the expense of South Africa	Jim	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:01:22	Government corruption that destroy the SA infrastructure and fund the criminal cartels.	Dirk	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:52:33	Get rid of the crippling BBBEEE. It's only enriching the few, those who are 'connected', while inpoverishing the masses by stifling foreign investment. A case in point. A young, late 20's, highly rated, white male analyst was made redundant, bacause of the company's forced cost cutting exercise. Naturally he struggled to find work but eventually after approx six months, one of the big four banks wanted to hire him in their asset management division. The bank then rescinded the offer because if he was hired, they would have to hire seven new black staff to even up the quotas. That demonstrates the madness that is BEE.	Kinsey	retired
	2026-02-04 10:26:46	I believe that the most important area in which to increase spending lies with education for the first five years of a child's life. In particular this applies in the rural areas where teachers should be upgraded and encouraged to relocate and where more and better schools are required. This is where the future of our country lies and without improved young education the country will continue on it's stuttering way.	Glen	retired
	2026-02-04 10:22:55	Our country is unfortunately unsustainable. Nr1: a small group of taxpayers are holding SA's head above water, while the rest is simply non complying. Nr2: our gov is very bloated, and there is way to many millionaires in it. Nr3: SA gov is spending way too much in the wrong places. - Our roads are full of potholes, -our gov hospitals does not have the essentials to properly care for patients, -water is polluted and undrinkable, -water supply is in shambles, -our taxes pays for vip protection for gov officials, while we have to pay private security out of our own pocket, because saps is struggling to protect SA citizens. Nr4: corruption and stealing by greedy people is killing SA and it's citizens and with no real effort to combat it. Nr5: too much is spent on election campaining by gov. Nr6: SA gov loans way to much from outside sources, SA can be self sustaining, it's a quick fix, but in the long run it's killing SA slowly. Nr7: get the private sector involved, without too many rules and regulations.	Faan	retired
	2026-02-04 10:08:08	GET THE FREEDOM FRINT PLUS IN GOVERNANCE	JON	retired
	2026-02-04 10:06:16	1>>>>ENERGY AND WATER 2>>>>EDUCATION 3>>>>RAIL NETWORK 4>>>>CUTTING MINISTERS AND POLITICIANS PAY PACKAGES BY AT LEAST 30 %	Albert J E	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:59:35	My greatest concern is the Corruption within the ANC Government. We have all these corruption hearings costing Millions, but are there any disciplinary actions, is there anything been done to recover the Billions that were stolen by ANC Government and their Cadres. If we can really investigate and prosecute, freeze Assets, Bank Accounts and recover these funds that were acquired through corruption, we will be able to get rid of half our debt. Assign more budget towards Corruption, Investigation and Recovery and we will be in a better financial position. Secondly, audit high level positions within Government, do they have the experience and qualification to hold those positions. Also check if they are spending more than they earn and you will find where the corruption is. Appoint the right people in the correct positions and we will find ways to progress rather than steal. We are also spending a lot on repairs of Ageing Infrastructure, assign a bigger budget into replacing the ageing infrastructure rather than spending millions on repairing the same faults over and over.	Rishen	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:29:27	Stop corruption and stop paying for unrealistic tenders. this will save billions	kay	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:23:24	Professionals such as Chartered Accountants, Cost Consultants and Quantity Surveyors must lead budgets in South Africa. We cannot have people who ask for budgets from public servants. They should know people's needs by conducting research and decide on the funding models suitable for our economy. If the Minister is at this point still asking questions about budget, then we are in deeper trouble because it seems there's no planning.	Xoliwe	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:19:58	South Africa's Budget Challenge: The Investment Imperative South Africa's fiscal constraints cannot be resolved through austerity alone. The path to sustainable budget health requires a fundamental shift in approach—one that prioritizes productive investment and economic growth. Realigning Foreign Policy for Economic Benefit Our current foreign policy positioning has tangible economic consequences. By aligning ourselves with international pariahs rather than with established democracies and major trading partners, we've undermined investor confidence and limited access to capital markets. A pragmatic foreign policy—one that prioritizes South Africa's economic interests and strengthens relationships with investment partners—would improve our credit rating, reduce borrowing costs, and attract the foreign direct investment our economy desperately needs. Beyond Ideology to Pragmatism Ideological rigidity has produced policies that sound progressive but deliver poverty. We need evidence-based governance that asks not "does this align with our ideological commitments?" but "will this create jobs, grow the economy, and improve living standards?" Countries that have lifted their populations out of poverty—from South Korea to Botswana—did so through pragmatic, pro-growth policies, not through ideological purity. Investment-Led Growth: A Rising Tide The budget cannot be balanced through cuts alone when unemployment exceeds 30%. We need policies that attract private investment, both domestic and foreign—investment in infrastructure, manufacturing, energy, and technology. When businesses invest and expand, tax revenues grow naturally. When people have jobs, social spending pressures ease. This isn't trickle-down economics; it's basic fiscal arithmetic: a growing economy generates more revenue than a shrinking one. South Africa's budget crisis is ultimately a growth crisis. Fix the growth, and the budget follows.	Ron	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:31:49	Kill waste and corruption at source (SCM reform) 1) Centralise high-risk procurement - Treasury-controlled panels for big-ticket items (fuel, chemicals, infrastructure). 2) Publish everything -All bids, adjudications, deviations, and payments online in real time. 4) Blacklist suppliers nationally - One corrupt contract = locked out across the country. 5) Personal liability- Enforce Section 32 of the MFMA aggressively (officials must pay back losses)	Isabel	retired

	2026-02-04 11:31:45	Privatise all SOEs Cut salaries to realistic levels in line with tasks Stop and jail thieves in government employ If privatised, this issue will disappear Use monies received from selling SOEs Cut personal taxes so that workers have more money to spend, growing the economy Get rid of current debt and stop borrowing to be stolen Municipalities should only get funding if the previous year's results are positive / í do not know what happened' is bull Reduce taxes on petrol, charges to RAF so that people have more money in their pockets to spend and grow the economy. These taxes and charges just get stolen or abused and only serve a selected few. ce	John	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:18:56	South Africa is general is not moving forward. Listen to Experts like Dawie Roodt to guide you in right direction to better South Africa. Their is a lot of succesfull Businessman in SA that can give good advise to make SA better. Allow them to contribute their ideas. Dont make emotional or Bias decisions when it come to the future of SA. Its not about any personals issues but what is good for the country as a whole.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:00:35		Perumal	retired
	2026-02-04 14:47:25	Stop BBBEE and BEE . The Goverment can safe 30 % and stop giving Tender to ANC Kaders , then you can repay the Debt.... Why must the Public pay more Taxes while ANC Kaders Loot the Coffers....	Ben	self-employed
	2026-02-04 14:45:19	We need more accountability and transparency on how the funds are being spent. We still have a shortage of universities for our children. Schools are producing numerous learners with Bachelor passes but so few public universities to go to. Why is adding more public institutions of tertiary education not a priority in the budget	esther	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:42:32	Please consider adjusting tax brackets to reflect inflation. Also consider raising the VAT ceiling to above R 1 million, which is a lot less these days than when that line was created.	J	
	2026-02-04 13:46:35	Put an end to corruption!	Taryn	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:14:04	As long as BEE is applied in South Africa against white people, this government will not survive. Do not expect support for your very visible failures as a result of this government's racial laws where the 143 racial laws targeting the white people. When you rectify the above discriminatory laws, you will immediately recognize that when skilled people run the State and not comrades and criminals, this country will have a chance to survive. Otherwise, no chance at all.	Ockert	
	2026-02-04 12:35:36	The minister must make peace with the ANC to adopt capitalist economic structures. Problems, or rather challenges related to the budget, are the result of the socialist ideology of the ANC. I do not believe the minister have the gravity to change socialism in the ANC, hence the economy and livelihoods in SA will be a mess until the ANC is displaced. A return to apartheid may seem ridiculous at this time, but a derivation of apartheid is the only potentially successful structure for SA.	Dries	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:30:37	The state has been an irresponsible spender (and often just a blatant looter) of people's hard-earned money. The state needs to tax less, and let people make their own choices of where and how to spend their money. This in-turn will stimulate small and medium-sized businesses, the engine-room of job creation. The state needs to focus on security and infrastructure, let citizens do the rest. It is time to release the potential of South Africans.	Nicola	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:55:02	This is an exercise in futility unless the ANC elite and their co-conspirators are PREVENTED FROM STEALING THE MONEY. Theft of national resources, in any form, is a crime against the State. These miscreants should be charged for TREASON!	Graham	
	2026-02-05 11:47:10	Lower government salaries and the amount of people on government salaries. Fix electricity and water infrastructure!!! Get rid of corruption and incompetence in government and municipalities. Good education and training and Job Creation!!!	Gloria	retired
	2026-02-05 11:15:32	As long as corruption and looting are t1aking place at EVERY level of government, to be totally honest, there is no point in asking us ordinary folk how our money should be spent - we see billions flowing to tenderpreneurs, who don't, maybe can't deliver services. If this system of tenders was stopped and ALL Infrastructure and maintenance work came back under the control of department of public works with qualified engineers, contractors etc there would be a massive saving in expenditure...and proper service delivery	Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-05 11:06:23	Beef up the judiciary, employ more prosecutors, magistrates and judges and get cases through the court system quicker. Criminals are left too long on the streets recommitting offences till they sentenced. Crime is our biggest scourge in this country and citizens grow despondent when justice is not served promptly.	Gresham	self-employed
	2026-02-05 10:59:26	It is the hidden cost that is a big problem. The increases of ESCOM will eventually kill all the projects. To Compare the cost of ESCOM with that of the world is useless. The ESCOM cost must be compared with the aver. income of the South African employee. The minimum wages were recently increased. That will remove expediter of households and in many cases, employees wil lose their work and become dependant on the Government for grants. The above is only two of the hidden cost factures that will have an influencee on the expenditure of the government	Gert	
	2026-02-05 10:29:54	My appeal is directed with respect to income tax on seniors. As an 83 year old pensioner who has diligently paid his dues (as have many many others) the fixed income cannot sustain a living standard. Every price increase becomes more of a burden. Most especially Medical . What about creating brackets eg 65-70 less 10% 70-75 less 30% 75-80 less 50% 80+ Nil	Alistair	retired
	2026-02-05 09:48:30		Peter	retired
	2026-02-05 09:31:03	Education is my prime concern. SA has nowhere near the level of education that Scotland, for example, has. Wake up ANC.	Keith	retired
	2026-02-05 09:02:44	You cannot put our tax money in a broken system. It all goes to waste every year. Fix the system first by getting rid of the people aiding and abetting corruption and criminal activities in the system. Appointments only by merrit, vetting and not skin colour. Scrap AA, BEE, BBBEE, Transformation, correcting past injustices, these are all being used as defense mechanisms to enable corruption and theft of our tax money. There will be resistance because the criminals don't want to let go of this power given to them the past 31 years, The answer is in doing the right thing and not bowing down and defending the criminals in charge.	Karel	retired
	2026-02-05 08:51:10	1. Government must cut spending by making sure salaries are paid for people that actually work at the government. Lots of teachers and other civil servants not even working but they are getting salaries. Focus on that. 2. We are in a global crisis as the US$ is losing value, more of the budget must go to the Reserve Bank of South Africa to buy gold as this will strengthen the rand, and drive global gold and currency markets. This can also be used to pay off USD based debt in the near future as the value of gold compared to USD will increase.	Corne	
	2026-02-05 08:21:05	It will help to close the gaps where there are leakage from inflated pricing to the state to right out theft off paying for stuff that is not delivered.	hac	retired
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	2026-02-05 08:20:44	1. Create jobs for our children, My son completed his Civil Engineering Degree in 2023 to date his not working, this is bringing depression to our children especially the Graduates. 2.Our roads are disaster especially when it rained. 3. We had so much rain this year but we still suffering with water. 4. Scrap tenders as people are losing their lives rather take all projects back to Dept of Public Work. 5. Healthcare is falling apart	Poppy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 07:29:33	Commonsense checks on tendered items. Monthly competition open to the public to identify items with largest price discrepencies.	Karin	retired
	2026-02-05 07:21:08	It is about time thexFinance Ministers starts looking after pensioners as you keep asking us whilst we work to save which we do but when we retire and need to draw from say our Unit trusts you go and make us pay double taxation as we saved that money after tax and when we draw it you hit us with other tax namely capital gains tax. We need that money to supplement our pensions because of the costs of living especially electricity , food , Petrol etc etc . It is time that those over 75 should at least stop paying all tax but at least Capital Gains for all pensioners that earn less than R250000 pa.	Tony	retired
	2026-02-05 06:19:05	Doesn't matter how much money you throw at whichever of the above options..... it all comes down to accountability to be able to fix any and all of our problems in the country. Distributing the money is all good, do it as needed, BUT... make EVERYONE accountable for the money. Any money wasted, not accounted for, failed spending, reckless and careless spending... those people in EVERY LEVEL of government must account for the failures and wrongdoings. They must be brought to book, to show the rest of South Africa we're not lawless and that your actions will decide your future. Those actions that decide the individual's future applies to the country as well. The country's future is decided by the collective of individual futures.... Hold everyone accountable for doings and non-performance, lets see how it changes the outlook of the country. Accountability will bring about respect, for government, self and each other. A respectful society is a productive society. Let's rebuild this PARADISE we are BLESSED to live in.	Hendrik	self-employed
	2026-02-05 05:59:18	Sir, Please cancel the Road Accident Fund. It has become a way for people to make money. Road Accident staff must become a National 3rd party insurer. This will ensure every driver on SA road has 3rd party insurance that covers injury. This will also make drivers more responsible on the road. Drivers that fail to have 3rd party insurance must be jailed. Foreign nationals acquire SA drivers licenses to drive on SA road and register with the state insurer. Government has the opportunity to finally tax the taxi industry as each taxi will have to be registered via 3rd party insurance with drivers details. Thank You.	Naren	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 04:57:07		Patrick	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 02:00:32	Replace the ANC as they will just keep making a feeding trough out of the Budget.Also hoof out the vast majority of freeloaders i.e.ministers in the presidency they use to be called ministers without portfolios.Also start paying the members of Parliament for actually attending sittings and constructively participating. This will also be how they will be making their salaries.So no attendance no pay,No constructive participation no pay.Also when they sit and doze off like that they should get fined,10k should be a good starting point.That will be a nice top up for the budget.It will also start steering it in the right direction.	Gerhard	unemployed individual

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	2026-02-05 00:57:17	I will continue to maintain, that if govt., etc got back half the money that was stolen in whichever way they would not know what to do with all the finances. That includes every single government department , municipality,	Lorraine	retired
	2026-02-04 23:28:57	Stop to let GEPF money go to waste. Give pensioners a good increase not 2,9 % as in 2025. That is a clap in their faces, while you get a he'll of an increase. Shame on you	Avril	retired
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	2026-02-04 23:01:34	Double the amount you provide to prnsoners. We have paid enough tax during our working lives to warrant a liveable grant/pension.	Linda Joyce	retired
	2026-02-04 22:49:35	I don't know whether it is possible but if there is no money lost through theft and corruption there should be enough money to spend usefully and purposefully.	Faan	retired
	2026-02-04 22:21:02		Mari	employed individual
	2026-02-04 21:57:06	Land reform	Nathaniel	business owner
	2026-02-04 21:39:33	The Senior Citizens' Grant should be increased by at least 50%.	Barry	
	2026-02-04 21:32:01	Please slash spending on security on ministers and deputy ministers, please cut down on the size of parliament, please stop supporting Eskom. Please cut down to number of Generals in the police force and Army, Please retrwnch bloated muncipal workers, please stop tender system.	Lazarus	employed individual
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	2026-02-04 18:53:16	What an audacity to ask what he can do to alleviate the personal tax burden!! Point 1: adjust personal tax tables for fiscal drag (something he has FAILED to do for TWO PREVIOUS TAX YEARS CONSECUTIVELY!! In this way he has directly contributed to the very problem of increasing personal tax burdens which he now pretends to care about!! Point 2: increase allowable annual max of R 350 k to retirement funds to R 500 k. Point 3: increase annual and life-time limits to tax-free savings accounts to R 50,000 and R 1 million respectively. Point 4: increase the tax-free amount of R 550k upon retirement from retirement funds to R 1 million. Step 5: increase the annual CGT exclusion from R 40 k to R 75 k and lower the personal inclusion rate back to 25% (where it was before Gordhan started attacking voluntary savings). Point 6: increase estate duty abatement from current R 3,5 m to R 5 m. In short: incentivise people to build capital themselves.	Jurie	
	2026-02-04 18:11:09	Too many people in government (ministers and family) get very large salaries and do nothing they can cut on people there. Our water infrastructure needs urgent attention it should have happened 15 years ago. They can support the farmers all of them and YES white farmers. People who get this money every month R350 for doing nothing millions of them they need to stop that and create jobs so that they can work for their money	Erika	retired
	2026-02-04 17:10:58	I would like to request the Minister of finance to consider pensioners. They struggling to make ends meet. The grant they're getting it's insufficient. They are also being taxed when they go and buy groceries. They do also have needs and wants . They also need clothes, descent groceries, money for transport, money for electricity, rates and taxes. If it was possible, we would go and look for jobs in order to supplement on what we have. With regard electricity, water and rates and taxes, supposed to be flat rate for pensioners. Eskom, transnet, municipality should be under government, not tenders. People should be employed by government to have benefits. For the government to be blessed according to Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the Holy One is understanding" Leviticus 19:32 " You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD. The grant pensioners are getting is insufficient causing so much depression to pensioners. At least pensioners could get R5000.00 grant. I know this might be found ridiculous, this is reality. I trust and believe that your assistance in this regard will be highly appreciated.	Patrick	retired
	2026-02-04 16:40:09	These answers are not directly related to the budget allocation, but are critical for a 'fair and balanced' budget 1. Continuing to squeeze the SA taxpayer is of no value. HNWI's simply structure more and more, and in the end less tax is recovered 2. Enable tax payers to feel that the tax they pay are fair and reasonable, and are hopefully properly deployed 3. Avoid fiscal drag / bracket creep - taxpayers are already under extreme pressure 4. Make meaningful adjustments to the various 'limits' Donations limit has been R100k for almost ever Interest exemption - no adjustments in ages CGT - no base adjustments in ages Estate duty threshold - has been R3.5m for ages Pension / RA limit of R350k hasn't been adjusted since inception	D	
	2026-02-04 16:13:21	Stop BBBEE which will automatically create jobs.	Frank	retired
	2026-02-04 16:09:58	Increase the pensioners Sassa money to R7500. 00 so they can buy food for them selves	Allen	retired
	2026-02-04 16:02:12		Colven	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 15:55:34	I believe thay should do an overall audit of all government entities and focus on cost/spend vs income. All spending more then what they make should be reviewed regardless of individual(minister,eskom ceo,..) or department(water,...) or company(telkom,...). Start running the government like a business and all this shit will end quickly! Stop expecting the tax paying indviduals who are constantly cutting cost to stay afloat to foot the bill for mismanagment! Continue to deliver the services that are promised and being paid for with tax payers money!	Heike	
	2026-02-04 15:54:36	Knowing that our Elder people and the Disability people are the one suffering under the circumstances of the government, government are supposed to look after their Elderly people, knowing that those are the people who build up this country and it's insights and wisdom and knowledge to pave the way for today's generation but instead they been pushed aside,we look at the cost of living of today and the government don't look after them but if you look at other countries they've been taking care off, you don't see them to protest for help and been noticed, for the government here in South Africa you have to protests to have or been heard on the streets to get attention or been listening to your opinions, we suffer because we're don't get a fair hearing in government and society, that's why the younger generation doesn't care much because government don't care over the Elderly people and disabled people, living in the circumstances as long as we get your vote in the minusipal or national election, it's all who gets the most percentage than we are in the clear "gone with all the promises" government start to listen and hear to the plea of the Elderly and the Disabled people,,we don't die all at once there are still enough elderly and disabled people people alive,look and see their plea in this matter before considering the budget for 2026 , remember them and see how they live against the cost of living in today's government and society , you ask why you lost ANC look back to at what you said and promised us before,"WHAT HAPPENED " .????????go back to the drawing board again	Marshall	retired
	2026-02-04 15:52:20	If you fix corruption, there will be billions spare to spend.	Louise	
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	2026-02-06 14:15:16	If only our government had a conscience of being human, our country would be in a better condition. They're selfish corrupt people.	Romilla	retired
	2026-02-06 13:24:16	The budget must be taken away from the so-called government all together.	Anton	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:19:39	The Minister of Finance should seriously look into the proposal or option of Nationalisation of all RSA Mines and Natural Resources as Berkina Faso and the SAHEL REGION has done. This will lead to immediate decline in youth unemployment because State owned mines will create more permanent jobs with decent salaries and benefits. The other aspect of concern is tgat the Minister should seriously look into the matter of immediate reduction of All Government tenders for goods and services and rather work towards insourcing of goods and services to thus create more governmental employment opportunities.	Denver	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:04:42		Russell	retired
	2026-02-06 12:35:27	Corruption. Fix the holes in the bucket and the spending will need to be less. Form a D O G E in South Africa, and clean up the taking of money and start spending on our infrastructure. Change to SKILL BASED employment rather than BBBEE quota employment. Get the real guys in ,stop the brain drain (black and white) offer fair job employment - skill based	Gail	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:33:11		Sithembele	business owner
	2026-02-06 11:29:04		Masenyani	retired
	2026-02-06 11:29:03		Masenyani	retired
	2026-02-06 11:13:57	The sugar tax is a great idea but unless sugar-free items are cheaper than those made with sugar, it will fail. There is no motivation for consumers to buy sugar-free juices and drinks if they cost the same ex-factory/wholesale or from the shops.	Barbara	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:03:29	Aligning with BRICS, where South Africa allowed Iran into their fold, demonstrates Naledi Pandor's jihadi support to oppression. Why does she lead the institutions bearing the name of former President Nelson Mandela? All South Africans decisively voted in 1994 for one-man-one-vote democracy. Why are we now confronted with worse oppression? Instead, aligning with democracies where Adam Smith's harmony of interest economic model is celebrated, South Africa will transform all its finances and be offered help in doing so. Let's change direction and choose a path of growth with allies who truly care...	Paul	student
	2026-02-06 11:00:21	We live in a water scarce country. Water is the most important commodity, resource and right we have. Whilst there are real experts that can help us fix water issues, such as Israel, who live in a desert and have top class reliable first world water in good supply. Instead of alienating the good guys (by expelling ambassadors etc.) South Africa and its government should wake up, get off their high horse virtue signaling, and get the assistance that countries like Israel can offer, so that South Africans all over the country have clean and safe and abundant water supply (... not to mention Starlink internet!). Please stop sabotaging South African lives with stupid foreign policies that expose South Africa's dumb silence to catastrophes going on in our back yard, while posing for pictures with European lawyers who could not give a damn about us, but want our money gladly. Sincerely, Steve G	Steve G	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:50:43	Dear Minister Godongwana. Since 2022 you have allocated a huge amount of the budget to the departement of Forestries, Fisheries and Environment. You have, specifically, said that the special community projects must receive extra attention. Since 2022 the Working for Water project in my area, Khowa, Eastern Cape, have not received a single contract. After communicating multiple times with everyone, including Minister George, not a single positive answer were received. The contractors, the community and the farmers are fedup with this situation. Please attend to it. Regards. Eben Dowd.	Eben	retired
	2026-02-06 10:48:56	Not one of the above choices will work, if still being managed by the same incompetent and inexperienced bodies in government. So senseless highlighting concerning areas - the government is the greatest concern. How about Cyril letting us know what he is going to do about that, then we can start to focus on critical areas of concern. Else, we are playing a game of "If it (the great budget) is as usual a total f**k-up, then at least we (government) can have the excuse (as usual) of, but we asked you and we listened!! So, in short - cut the government by 50% and replace about 95% of remaining lot with competent, experienced, honest and trustworthy people. If not .. .. .. just carry on re-arranging the deckchairs on the Titanic !	Henry	retired

	2026-02-06 10:30:22	Date: 6 February 2026 DearSA, With all due respect and deference; Minister Godongwane, Treasury, SARS and Reserve Bank as vital institutions for a viable South Africa, it is crystal clear that Financial Discipline is not one of those abilities in the above cohort! Definition: Cohort! Noun! 1.a) A group of People with a shared characteristic - “(a cohort of civil servants patiently drafting legislation”) Verb 1.b) Divide people into groups of shared characteristic. (Again the definition applies - shared qualities or not as the case may BE!) The nett result is that all of above, with the possible exception of SARS are in breach of the fundamental fiduciary DUTY of a balanced Budget - Acceptable % of GDP to Debt Ratio etc etc, Fact is none of these fundamental, basic accounting / bookkeeping methods are applied or applicable apparently to Messrs Godongwane and other Cabinet Ministers, such as DTIC, Electricity (Eskom), Transport, Health and COGTA etc etc. In terms of the PFMA - MFMA the continued funding off Loss Making SOE’s, Metros and Municipalities is aiding and abetting Malfeasance / Corruption and frankly looting on an Industrial Scale! Take the following as ONE of many example/s of acquiescence, culpability and lack of accountability and thus rank impunity - regarding Financial Prudence and Fiduciary practices. The fact that ESKOM from Generating Powerhouse was allowed to collapse adds another 2 Minister/s - Mantashe and Ramakgopa! Minister Godongwane is or has been enjoined in the Disobotla Municipal Scandal one of three, Ramaphosa and Hlabisa the others. The problem that Min Godongwane has got and cannot control expenditure is plainly a Civil Service workforce that is inept, incompetent to supply “value for money” services to the South African Population - by some accounts 60 - 70% of annual budgets are for salaries and other remuneration privileges. Oversight, and decisive actions is non-existent by MinGodongwane and his fellow Cabinet Ministers - the unelected Administrative Class - Civil Servants do as they wish and get away with it! Nil consequence for waste, theft and unauthorised expenditure! In Zulu - the following applies to Min Godongwane, his ideological cohorts - ANC Tripartite Alliance! “Ondlebe kazizwa” In biblical terms - “None so deaf as those that will NOT hear” Government expenditure must br curtailed by at least 20% per annum over the next five years, I am sure that Min Godongwane is acutely aware that the SA Taxpayers base is shrinking rapidly, the number of over 55’s, and the present vital percentage they contribute. The financial abyss is fast approaching - the old addage of “a stich in time saves 9” is particularly apt in this present time in the Republic of South Africa.	anton	self-employed
	2026-02-06 10:24:12	The Government should put a cap on the interest rate the Banks are allowed charge for home loans (primary residence). >> Repo rate + 0.25% (maxi) We have a home loan through Nedbank for our home in Parklands, and the unnecessary high interest rate the banks are currently allowed to charge is scandalous high in my opinion. Housing is a necessity, not a luxury. Especially so, for single income households. >> Perhaps the Gov can consider, even setting a set intetest rate that pertains specifically to Home loans for Primary Residence, e.g. at 3%, no matter what the repo rate is.	Natalie-ann	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:21:12	Small business needs to be stimulated. Yet the VAT cutoff has been R1 000 000 since 2008. This results in a big administrative load on small businesses. With a reasonable inflation this should have been R3 000 000 by now. If Government is serious about the pathetic growth rate this should be addressed in the new budget.	Charl	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:04:35		Elsa	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:38:46	Eliminating corruption and ensuring competent, "according to plan", responsible, accountable financial management and spending at all levels of government. Far too much of the budget simply goes down the drain on "wasteful expenditure", rigged tenders and phantom projects that are not delivered.	Theo	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:33:01	Right now, it seems the government is not exactly focusing on what the people of South Africa need (not WANT, but NEED). * Basic infrastructure for such aspects as roads, water, electricity, sewage. Right now all of these are in crisis. * An urgent need in big centres such as Johannesburg for efficient, visible policing. Right now, policing is invisible - be it law enforcement of municipal policing. The growth of vagrants populating public parks is getting out of hand, and the police will not (or cannot) do anything about it. From a municipal policing [perspective, the focus is on collecting traffic fines - offering no evidence to support demands for payment, accompanies by threats. * Time to act on the Zondo commission ... why have there been no prosecutions? * The disgrace of spending money (which we don't have) on frivolous charges laid against Israel at the ICC to pay back a huge financial bailout paid by Iran. This shows South Africa is happy to collude with a mass-murdering regime. Watch the international news.	Peter	self-employed
	2026-02-06 09:20:25	Minister, I am speaking as a recently divorced woman aged 50 years. I have spent my entire life in the service of family only to find myself divorced and unaided in my time of need. I have had to move into my mother’s home to restart my life with a huge debt that my ex husband forced me into during the divorce. I find that there is no help for me from anyone after this divorce has caused me illness. There is no help from the municipality for reduced rates for electricity / water which is the most expensive at the moment for people on the ground. I am working but I can’t afford rent . I can’t find a better job because companies want younger people to employ. The government and society has failed me. I took care of everyone in my family through all their needs and now when I need help there is none for me and my daughter . If something happens to my mother , my siblings will kick me out of the house and I will be homeless. Why has government made food electricity and water so expensive that we can’t make ends meet? Why is there no control? Why haven’t you increased the basic threshold for tax to at least R15k or R17k? How can we pay tax when we earn R15k and rent and water and electricity and transport to work is already R15k???? This is gross injustice . Please do something about it.	Zaheda	employed individual
	2026-02-06 09:15:00	They must hand over power to people that knows what to do to grow the economy. No matter what we suggest, they will do what benefits them... more money to steal...	Sew	retired
	2026-02-06 08:53:52	If we can be serious in addressing corruption. More resources are not used for the intended purposes because of corruption. I doesn't serve any purpose to increase budget, increased budget benefits looters	Zweli	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:46:20	Stop the corruption Stop cadre deployment Apply anti-corruption laws equitably and without favour Every day more info comes through the mockery of lawsuits and investigations, on government corruption, naming names but never does the ANC stir from loyalty, cos obviously they are entitled to their plunder since they are comrades in the revolution. And are all doing it. Just stop it, especially at municipal level where services are being destroyed, because money goes into pockets, not infrastructure, parts and labour The comrades must stop feeding STOP IT	Mathew	retired
	2026-02-06 07:50:02	Why are citizens being asked for input? Is this because the African National Circus wants to be seen as a peoples party ahead of elections. Gondwana is a backward-thinking militant. Now suddenly our opinions matter.	Deangelo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:50:01	Why are citizens being asked for input? Is this because the African National Circus wants to be seen as a peoples party ahead of elections. Gondwana is a backward-thinking militant. Now suddenly our opinions matter.	Deangelo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:33:01	The Minister wants your "tips" on: Find answers inline. 1️⃣How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Create an independent unit to role out the Solar Panels. 550Watts panels are optimal. Eskom will sort itself out, when they start losing customers. 2️⃣Where to cut government spending: Live poor. There is no need for status when in Government - you already got the respect of the people. ?AIso by living poor, one will know the plight of the people. 3️⃣How to fix municipal finance failures: PAC(Public Accounts Committee) Meetings - every month. I tried to attend an online PAC link was not sent to me. My municipality also got an ass whipping on national TV (via the Parliament YouTube channel). When the public know how their money is spent..... Hey... Performance increases. 4️⃣What to do about the tax burden on households: It's time everyone gets to pay tax. Even that R10 collected in the rural areas would help. ?Only former Indian and white areas are paying rates, tax, lights and water.... This then causes more problems. The child birth in these paying communities are shrinking, and the child birth in the non-paying communities are increasing. ? Supplementary: Gold crashed this week. .....Gold is the only thing keep our country up. But it won't for long.	Kajan	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:17:02	I want like to express my concern that South Africa is putting the interests of Islam and then therefore by extension Brics ahead of the needs of the country. Islam is a real minority in this country. The outsize wealth production by Bangladeshi,Pakistani and Ethiopian businessmen in the EC is scary. In the main road of Gonubie there is only one small business that is owned by a black woman hairdresser. There might be a BEE rendering office for appearance sakes but no other business providing daily services, ie.daily tangible common product. Why is it that in the Eastern Cape only the taxi industry and crime is successful!? Are the Xhosa nation incapable of building business that start from the ground up? There are too few success stories. Why is there no celebration of their success' (more of these means more tax?) Also I do mean that, you must exclude the taverns and tjisinyama. How come Umtata is run by gangsters. How come a client of mine (born and bred there) explained his lifestyle in Umtata and that would be like living in a war zone. Daily only shopping, different routes, different times, different Spars. UNTIL our great leaders and great comrades live and breathe like the poorest of the country then the foolishness they speak and the economic principle they espouse cannot even be entertained. The measure of it worldwide is plain to see. Show me a successful socialist country, not a Nordic country, and I will show you an elite, living like millionaires (that's just civil services). So the left in this country are nothing but vampires. Case in point is now the Mayor of New York. Watch that disaster So my complaint is crime, the Islam threat to our local business and taxes being wasted on leftist agendas that means nothing. How about paying girls not to get pregnant until 24. Monthly stipend. Initially it might be more expensive but it can change? You run the numbers. Then do what Trump has imagined. Give the mother 20k for her first 2 kids only. The first 2 kids only get an investment that matures at 21. Encourage responsible parenting. Make it more difficult to get married. You cannot live with tribal law and the new 21st century constitution at the same time. Something has to give.	Warren	business owner
	2026-02-06 07:13:11	Please budget for FMD crisis relief / damages for commercial and emergency farmers, wildlife custodians and community commonages	Renee	business owner
	2026-02-06 06:28:17	Emotional support structures for teachers, higher salaries for teachers. Environmental protection	Misha	
	2026-02-06 05:54:15	A lot of money is providing grants. With unemployment we are creating generations that are not learning the need to work. Giving grants without any service in return is not very good stewardship. Rather create opportunities where people render community service in return for the monthly grant.	Dr Willem G.	self-employed
	2026-02-06 04:59:00	reducing the size of the executive, improving procurement through "value-for-money" and transversal contracts, cutting wasteful spending on non-essential services (like foreign missions, perks for officials and addressing corruption and inefficiencies in parastatals and service delivery	Dalene	retired

	2026-02-06 00:33:43	Looking to the medium and long term, surely the wisest use of funds (among other more orthodox pathways) would be to provide radio and TV-mediated education on the rationale for lowering the population, offering contraception gratis and outpatient sterilisation gratis, to stabilise then gradually decrease the population. Perhaps even provide financial incentives to this end Impossible to set it all out here , but where the public tends to point fingers at ministers, we too must take take responsibility at an individual level, take (our own) destiny into our own hands, look more pragmatically at the already critical here and now and down the timeline, raise our own understanding of life standard deterioration (demographic density/competition for resources/abuse of substances, etc), projected failure of agricultural produce driven by climate change - what land we have already under pressure, livestock suffering, current classroom sizes, lack of infrastructure, suboptimal provision of medicine, unemployment - everything. Fewer people, fewer problems, easier to steward, and a greater ratio of resources per capitum, improved quality of life. Don't shy away from the simplicity BUT, we need relevant education, assistance, and motivation to change mindset. We didn't reject the convenient introduction of Western medicine, so it follows we owe it to our own freewill and higher level cognition to exercise duty as Man in exchange for human privilege, and compensate for this by limiting the birth rate - all of us together	Keira	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 22:48:47		Franz	retired
	2026-02-05 21:26:37	The only ANC government "projects" that have seen any success are the systematic looting of the country and institutionalized corruption that exists. Mr Minister, if you have the will and the courage, STOP IT NOW. It may already be too late.	Alan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:47:36	UNEMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYABILITY: The is only one big idea that can meaningfully tackle the dual problem of unemployment and unemployability that has created South Africa's greatest challenge - hopelessness among youth. Government must embrace the roll-out of apprenticeships to create artisans so that every school lever can become an apprenctice. This should be funded by a public-private partnership and is a tried and rested system across the developed world. There can never be a ggreat leap forward in employment and entrepreneurship without a mass base of artisans. Not one political party has any viable alternative fort addressing this problem and the culture of hopelessness that is driving crime. School-levers must have opportunity. Presently there is none. Piecemeal mickey-muse employment gimmicks up to now is no match for an apprenticeship and cadetship programme leading to growth of artisanship and dignified work.	Patric Tariq	retired
	2026-02-05 20:24:32	Raise the VAT threshold to 2 million..it has been at 1 million for far to long. It will help small businesses and stimulate the economy	Kevin	business owner
	2026-02-05 19:56:12	I am writing to respectfully request that the current Small Business Turnover Tax threshold be reviewed and adjusted to reflect today’s economic realities. The turnover tax system was introduced to support small businesses and encourage growth, which is something many of us truly appreciate. However, the turnover cap has remained unchanged for many years, while inflation and operating costs have continued to rise significantly. As a result, many small business owners are finding it increasingly difficult to improve their financial situations. Our expenses – including rent, fuel, supplies, utilities, and wages – continue to increase, yet our income is restricted by the existing threshold. In real terms, this means that many small businesses are effectively earning less than before, despite working harder and taking on greater risks. This places pressure on entrepreneurs who are trying to grow sustainably, create jobs, and contribute to the economy. Instead of encouraging progress, the current cap can unintentionally limit development and long-term stability. I kindly ask that consideration be given to increasing the turnover threshold in line with inflation and current market conditions. Doing so would greatly assist small business owners in building stronger, more resilient enterprises and improving their quality of life. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I sincerely hope that this matter can be reviewed in support of South Africa’s small business community. Yours faithfully, Emma Fae Visser	Emma	self-employed
	2026-02-05 18:51:58		coen	self-employed
	2026-02-05 18:38:56	The illegal, criminal economy puts the official one te shame. Freeze all government and semi State spending. If you want money, get it from the illegal, criminal economy. There's 30 years of it.	Casper	business owner
	2026-02-05 18:29:39	Dear Minister Pleas think of helping people over 90 . I have a parent that really try to save as much when they were young but her living of her interest just make it impossible to survive . She is still paying tax. What about more interest that they don't have to pay tax on or a really sizable tax rebate if say over 90. PLEASE THINK OF THIS VERY SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE AND HELP	Lucia	retired
	2026-02-05 18:17:36	Stoo government steeling money. Yes there is mismanagement, yes there are better ways to spend the money that we have, yes money can be distributed better. But first, let's solve the problem of money getting stolen, m9ney going missing. Then we can work on the other problems. Prosecute those who steal, this includes mismanagement, fraud, bribes etc etc.	Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:35:55	That the ANC will continue their stealing. There are no consequences for these vile people.	Robert	retired
	2026-02-05 17:26:37	Budget more for old age grant	Johan	
	2026-02-05 16:42:02	First and foremost stop the corruption whic is entrenced by all departments institutionalised by Zuma and has become the norm.	Anton	retired
	2026-02-05 16:18:43	Increase pensioners monthly pension by 100%	Jean	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:41:20	They are all thieves and cannot manage anything.	Johanna	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:09:59	Capital Gain and Estate Duty: An estate having to realise assets - investments, Property etc and will pay Capital Gains on the surplus plus estate duty on the estate value (less rabates etc). This amounts top double taxation. In addition, the distribution of the proceeds of investments will attract dividends tax if the asstes were held in a company or CC. Can this double tax burden be eliminated?	Barrie	retired
	2026-02-05 15:04:39	STOP CORUPTION!!!	DARRYL	retired
	2026-02-05 14:55:10	Technically we should be focused on all of the items in the list, but I would like to see proper budget allocated to general infrastructure repair and maintenance, tackling corruption and improving policing.	Kevin	
	2026-02-05 14:38:32	1/ How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. Halt the corruption and employ competent people 2/ Where to cut government spending. a) Stop giving yourselves annual increases. b) Do away with deputy ministers. They do nothing that adds value to our country. c) Do away with all the freebies, schools, hospitals and illegal immigrants. How to fix municipal finance failures. a) Introduce accountability. b) Tackle corruption and ban nepotism. What to do about the tax burden on households. Remove vat on all foodstuff.	Trevor	
	2026-02-05 13:48:45	Use it to remove the ANC from power. Their politicians and cadres roll in cash while SA sinks into debt. They are the cause of our debt issues.	Dave	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:12:05	Spend money sendiblle and where it can't be. misused	Andries	retired
	2026-02-05 12:43:21	Rural development and infrastructure must be prioritised. Basic services water, electricity and sanitation should be treated as such “Human Rights “ Main Roads in all rural areas must be a tar or paved if tar is not cost effective. Projects of infrastructure must be centralised so that there is no money returned to National Treasury not utilised. Qualified professionals, project managers to do the job	Gloria	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:13:35	There are too many people in government doing nothing but earning big salaries , they should all do the jobs allocated to them. Go to any goverment office and they are all sitting and you stand like a nanna and wait for attendance and then the computers are down so you have to go back the next day and hope you are attended to. They should clean the offices when they are doing nothing. They just have not been told how to attend to customers. They forget that our tax money pays their salaries and they should be told that, and attend to the public.	Barrie	retired
	2026-02-11 23:28:29	In 1933 Hjalmar Schacht became president of the Reichsbank in Germany, again. His primary goal upon assuming power was to reduce unemployment by stimulating public works. To do this he wanted to provide the economy with cheap credit so Mefo Bills came into play These were used to borrow money from people who had been hording cash. So a huge public works program began with construction of the German Autobahn, draining fields for agriculture and numerous other projects. Unemployment fell dramatically and the Reichsarbeitsdienst (RAD) came into existence. Initially it was voluntary but was made mandatory in 1935 for men 18 - 25 to serve for at least 6 months. Yes, it later served the military but initially it was to sort out public works. During the period 1929 to 1939 the unemployment rate in Germany went from 13.3 up to 43.8 by 1932 but down to .9 by 1939. In the UK for example it was 10.4 in 1929 rose to 22.1 in 1932 and was 10.5 in 1939. In South Africa our unemployment is over 30% and around 40% in some areas. Maybe consideration should be given to conscripting the unemployed and initially training them in military discipline then training and using them in public works and infrastructure rejuvenation. As middle men are avoided costs could be kept lower than they would normally be. Houses could be built with training in carpentry, plumbing, bricklaying, roofing etc water infrastructure, electrical infrastructure, agriculture, dam building and so on could be a place for training as could many other areas of need. In Germany Mefo bills were used to raise funds for the public works and later to rearm the country so maybe those in South Africa who over many years have become very rich out of a lax environment could be approached to invest their ill gotten gains in the well being of the country and by contributing to a bill similar to the Mefo bills. This proposal has many possibilities that maybe in depth discussion would unearth. Radical thinking when applied to the huge problems facing our country may come up with a way forward that will benefit future generations. Maybe this proposal has a few thoughts that can be built upon.	Les	retired
	2026-02-09 21:43:50	Government should spend more money on the Education and Health Sector.	Ronald	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 21:43:48	Government should spend more money on the Education and Health Sector.	Ronald	unemployed individual
	2026-02-09 18:43:13		Selvie	retired

	2026-02-09 16:33:40	This government has evolved since 1994 but remains locked into legacy approaches, thinking, and perspectives. Consumerism, pollution, recycling, environmental impact assessments, etc are typically dealt with at municipal or NGO level, but not national level. National government should allocate incentive plans to stimulate recycling recyclable products for food, food stamps, airtime, electricity units, etc. Besides the obvious epidemic plastic pollution in our canals, rivers, etc, our own houses, offices, storerooms etc are overflowing with eWaste like old phones, phone batteries, chargers, charger cables, etc. National government should drive efforts to convert the accumulated eWaste into jobs and careers collecting, separating, sorting, storing, eWaste. It needn't be a huge amount initially, R5M - R10M say, but eWaste recycling is an opportunity for stimulating the economy from the ground up. Next year, based upon the lessons learned, the activity, amount, and approach can be amended, but eWaste is not going away...	Michael	retired
	2026-02-09 14:29:55	Government must stop propping up SOE's that are full of corruption. It's a black hole that can never be filled. Privatise the entity's if you cannot control the corruption Stop wasting money on nonsense like overpriced overseas travel and renaming towns! Cut all the deputy ministers. Hit hard on the thieving municipalities' leadership.	Thalia	employed individual
	2026-02-09 13:50:29	Government must stop wasting money unnecessary. Duplicating government employment positions and departments on all government spheres, more especially on senior management. Cut off all deputy positions, it's just a unnecessary duplication of positions in all spheres. Heads of departments should take responsibility and be accountable, instead of delegating their responsibility they are paid for to deputies, then they don't know what is happening in their departments. Including age limit on employees more especially in parliament, most of the members are above the emplyment age of 60 years. Introduce age working limit years, allow age below 60 years in parliament anyone above 60 years should retire, that will also cut off unnecessary government costs. An expense filtered down to us tax payers who are struggling with making ends meet on our daily lives, on high cost of living difficult to even afford the very basic needs.	Busisiwe	retired
	2026-02-09 11:56:22	Cadre deployment combined with BEE has been instrumental in the collapse of our fiscus and infrastructure. The budget allocations become meaningless when the personnel responsible for spending the allocations are incompetent and lacking in integrity. This scenario has infiltrated not only the government, but more importantly our civil service from the top to the bottom. I say this because the government is the noise while the civil service is the entity that actually gets things done. This is what happens in operational nations. When our leadership becomes interested in competent governance rather than futile and irrelevant ideological pursuits (which in reality is vote mongering), then I would pay more attention to budget allocations. The BUDGET is just another opportunity for a party and fashion parade while the majority of our population are struggling to survive.	Raymond	self-employed
	2026-02-09 11:02:45	It's high time that a considerable amount be made available for our pensioners and increase their monthly pension to R3500.00 at least.I am a SASSA pensioner and have paid my taxes all the years and deserve to be looked after by government.Not every one have high paying jobs and policies for retirement	Gerrie	retired
	2026-02-09 10:50:45	The amount of R45,000 of interest free tax income is negligible & has remained so for over a decade with no adjustment for inflation also the amount of R2,000,000 added to the value of the sale of a house before Capital Gains tax has remained the same since first introduced in 2002 No allowance for inflation. Primary homes should NOT have capital gains taxes on them in any event. SARS is screwing us.	Aliki	retired
	2026-02-09 10:50:44	The amount of R45,000 of interest free tax income is negligible & has remained so for over a decade with no adjustment for inflation also the amount of R2,000,000 added to the value of the sale of a house before Capital Gains tax has remained the same since first introduced in 2002 No allowance for inflation. Primary homes should NOT have capital gains taxes on them in any event. SARS is screwing us.	Aliki	retired
	2026-02-09 10:34:40	The best way to cut expenditure is to stop giving government workers such ridiculous salary increases on already inflated salaries. If a normal business is not making a profit, the workers do not get increases. And cut the number of employees at places like Eskom. There are to many workers, and the salaries are ridiculously high and they get bonusses for performance. What performance ? And with the ridiculous amount of political parties, are more government positions required ? As that will also cost extra money. The normal worker do not get an increase or a bonus if there is no money. We have to accept it. Why cant government workers not accept it for a year or so. And finally : STOP LENDING MONEY LEFT RIGHT AND CENTRE.	Mariana	employed individual
	2026-02-09 08:57:29	I think the greaatest financial problem in South Africa is how funds are wasted. Thi is through corruption, outright theft, incompetence and neglect. What I would advocate is that a consortium of Chartered Accountants be appointed on a muti year basis to investigate every part of Government and Government agencies to detect problem areas and put forward 5 year plans to rememdy them. And then have the authority to take action immediately to implement those plans. We see investigation after investigation with flowery recommendations which are carefully buried or thwarted. Time for a change.	DIGBY	
	2026-02-09 05:41:59		Xolani	employed individual
	2026-02-08 12:18:21	Unmanaged Population growth in poorer and state dependent communities	Carol	employed individual
	2026-02-08 10:41:41	I believe we need to spend money cleaning out SAPS so they can go after all the thieves who are enriching themselves and now providing services. I also believe our budget must be directed to making sure we employ competent people in the civil service who are there to serve us and not themselves. Clean out the crooked employees and don't spend millions on lengthy court cases. Finally I believe that SA needs to spend money teaching leadership at all levels how to lead with the intent to do the above. If our cabinet drove honest and ethical leadership through their DGs and CEOs of the SOEs we would not have these problems in SA and our people who suffered under apartheid would not continue suffering under our democratically elected government. A key part of this leadership training is they learn how not to be cowards, rather how to develop their own courage to hold people accountable for doing a good or a bad job. Leadership is too soft and too concerned about what people think of them. This prevents them from doing the right thing. Google the Care and Growth leadership model. It is powerful and can change people's attitude. Thank you Pam Pretorius	Pam	self-employed
	2026-02-08 08:15:32	My concern is that the misappropriation of public funds by our leaders directly undermines the national budget and negatively affects its ability to meet the country’s needs.. Our leaders are not serious.. E.g..some places has electricity when you check on the system ,but there is nothing when you check physically.	Charles	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 03:56:27	STOP ANTISEMITISM in your sick country	Pablo	retired
	2026-02-07 23:34:47	Privatise as much as possible. Root out corruption.	Matt	employed individual
	2026-02-07 22:10:44	Much of the ills in Gpvernment. whether at National or Provincial level is due to the FACT that cadre deployment, nepotism and inefficient, unqualified people are appointed to key roles which impact every sphere of Government. Competent people are being sidelined because of employment equity excuses. At every depratment or municipality the public is faced with incompetence, arrogance and a sense of entitlement. Employ people solely on merit and committment and we will see a turnaround in service delivery.	Susan	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 15:11:39	The solution to all the questions posed is very simple, get rid of the ANC cadres and prosecute all those accused of corruption. Appoint people that are competent and have a background in the field and if they do not perform, fire them. Employees do not need a baby sitter, if they can not cut it, they need to get fired, no retraining, no second chances, they need to take responsibility and be prepared for the consequences of their poor performance.	Grant	
	2026-02-07 12:11:01		Desiré	retired
	2026-02-07 07:06:04	1. Corruption will kill our beloved country, the'rot from within' is like a life draining cancer. There seems to be no apparent moral compass in operation. People should not need a policeman of judge to tell them when they are doing something wrong - they know in their hearts! 2. We as a 'developing country' must have a vibrant manufacturing sector, yet like the majority of Africa such a thing appears incomprehensible, it is easier to import anything and everything! This does not build a country. It is why this sector is at an educational level is called 'the built environment'. ALL other activity is the non building Service industry. This excludes Agriculture, which like Zimbabwe has been corroded by ignorance, Zimbabwe was the 'bread basket' of Africa, now it imports food! We are going the same way! Owning land and best utilising land are very different. Current land use will simply spread deserts! Overgrazing by sheep & goats is the biggest desertification method known to man! Thank you for this opportunity to voice my thoughts, and I sincerely wish you good luck.	Paul	retired
	2026-02-07 06:19:51	It is unfair of SARS to withdraw money from private bank accounts for supposedly owing them money. They are not even willing to tell us why they think we owe them anything. We have been paying our taxes for decades.	Marthie	employed individual
	2026-02-07 05:31:10		Alwyn	employed individual
	2026-02-06 16:31:34	PLEASE STOP STEALING AND CAPTURING SA ASSETS AND THE PEOPLE 'S MONEY. START GIVING JOBS AND STOP ENRICHING YOURSELVES AND FRIENDS. STOP STOP STOP ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!!!	Rashiedah	retired
	2026-02-06 16:14:32	Land restitution from 1652 as Nkosi luthuli; equitable where mere 2% foreigners cannot be owning 80% of most fertile land, while indigenous majority sucks thumbs or is exploited by them. Our ancestors were agriculturists for thousands of years b4 them. Unbundle the WMC corporates. Pension is a joke n strangling us elders; increase to at least R5 000. Ourvdiversity not reflected in government of among national white-owned chains n franchises.	Hanif	retired
	2026-02-06 15:17:17	1)Budget for youth mentoring and development : skills, apprenticeships 2)Sustainable infrastructure delivery 3) spacial transformation to bring about equity 4)innovation, Eg around supply and treatment of water	Vanessa	
	2026-02-16 13:52:12	1) Replace useless people in catogories with Competent people. 2) Abolish BBBEE it is not working.	Christo	self-employed
	2026-02-14 16:55:32	Municipal and government employees should not be receiving salary increases unless their area of responsibility is within budget, functioning correctly and has used it's allocated budget correctly. It is unacceptable that employees receive massive increases, especially at a higher level, when they also have additional benefits i.e. housing that most South Africans do not have the same benefit.	Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-14 07:01:34	Please fix old age pensions. Hear me out. There has been so much attention given to BASIC WAGE and miminum wage, to give people affordability on their income on the very minimum required for survival with dignity so WHY is Old Age Government pension 50% of that..do they get 50% discount everywhere? The logic isnt there..Please watch the old ones shopping on pension day..its tragic... our elders who rely on gov, go hungry 50% of the month (based on the math of minimum wage to sustain). Reduce the extra ordinary high salaries of state workers and use that extra for our pensioners.	Wendy	self-employed
	2026-02-13 22:02:52	It's easy,cut the huge salaries to everyone in government. Turn off the "free" electricity to all the scattered camps.you want power,pay for it.why should the few hard working tax payers pay for free loaders? The tenderneers have all the stolen money sitting in bank accounts here in sa.take it back.stop lying about the fuel prices buuuuuuuttt you don't care because none of you care. As long as your bank accounts in the uae keep getting bigger you all will just keep on doing what you want.	Jared	unemployed individual
	2026-02-13 17:41:56	My concern, as it must be for many other taxpayers, is that the levels at which certain taxes are applied have not been revised in many years. The tax bands for income have been revised, but that is about all. Death duties, or the duties which are charged on estates haven't changed in 20 odd years. More precisely the value of an estate is taxed on anything over R7m for a married couple. When this was initially introduced it was a significant sum of money. These days the sum of R7m is an amount owned by many middle class taxpayers and the so-called bracket creep has not been adjusted. I am not in the tax industry so I am not aware of the exact percentages which applied then and what they are now when in comes to the proportion on estates having to pay estate duty. A budget is not all about taking but is also about treating the taxpayers fairly.	Stuart	retired
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	2026-02-04 08:09:06	Firstly and foremostly. They need to WAKE UP. Apart from that each ministers/deputy must get 1 (ONE) task at a time. Multiple task running is method they use to hide that they are doing nothing. Pick 1 thing and if they fail at that they are out. No salary increases for 5 years. They must buy their own cars. If they can't afford it they can Uber. They must pay rent while living in government housing. No security details.	JJ	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:07:31	Government should start to learn how to NOT steal anymore, because this is the direct result of why SA is in the state that it currently is	Christa	retired

	2026-02-04 08:04:47	Government officials in high positions should all take salary cuts. Their salary should be market related and based on their performance the previous year. Municipal spending should be audited to ensure finances are not stolen. All Tenders and those responsible should be audited by third parties to ensure work gets done and that it is charged at reasonable rates. Those convicted of murder in our prisons should be executed. Urgent Resources should be spent on water systems, as without water no industry can move forward, and the whole economy will collapse. Investment should go towards nuclear energy, as this is the cleanest and most stable type of energy. BEE laws should be reduced to increase foregn investment. The private sector should be consulted and invited to play a bigger role in all government and municipal services. All government employees should be subject to annual performance reviews and if work is unsatisfactory they should be fired. All unnecessary government soending, such as support for Gaza, name changes, donations towards nations abroad such as zimbabwe should immediately stop and all funds should be used to benefit the south african economy. Government officials should pay income tax as any other south african. Government should keep themselves to the problems of south africa and stop criticizing and saying things in tge internationa arena. This makes us look incompetent and reduces foreign investment. No resources should go in the development of any new laws. Investment should only go towards enforcing current laws. All laws that are not obeyed, cuplprits should be fined.	Marzanne	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:02:45	Stop the corruption and crime, stop BBEE, stop wasteful expenditure, make the government much, much smaller, employ competent people regardless of race, stop supporting badly managed SOEs and municipalities.	Erik	retired
	2026-02-04 08:01:44	Debt repayment of interest should be written off	Feizal	retired
	2026-02-04 07:56:59		John	retired
	2026-02-04 07:55:38	The state needs to be capacitated and work with civil society and business to accelerate growth. the acceleration of the Public Service Amendment Bill, which would introduce transparent and competitive recruitment processes in the public service, improve pay, and increase civil servants' status South Africa should follow Singapore's example. Greater public-private partnerships (PPPs). With South Africa's debt-to-GDP ratio at over 74%, the nation is limited in its ability to raise capital on international markets. Thus, private capital can be integrated into public-private sector partnerships, highlighting some successful prior examples like the Gautrain and some toll roads. PPPs in renewable energy projects and rail and ports could have serious benefits. In terms of logistics, South Africa already has manufacturers, producers, and miners, but they need mobility to export products to maintain their existing employment levels. "PPPs lead to infrastructure development, job creation, innovation and technology transfer, skills transfer, improved service delivery, and ultimately revenue generation. So, if you take all of those things coming together, it talks to driving that economic flywheel. We should also increase Gold production, Platinum and Diamond production and keep it in South Africa to make it resilient against the flagging US Dollar and work to creating a gold and resource backed currency for Africa like Muammar al-Qaddafi tried to before being assassinated by the US and European colonisers.	Jason	retired
	2026-02-04 07:52:48	Curb wasteful spending. No increases in salaries for non performing ministers, including their supporting staff and SOE execs. Take away the perks received due to working for government. They earn millions each year, surely they can afford their own housing, electricity, medical aids and transport. Stop suspending criminally implicated people with full salaries, they are not earning their salaries. Cut parliament, we do not need so many people there, nothing gets done anyway. Rather invest in new developments, like factories or such to create more job opportunities for all the unemployed people. This will also alleviate the strain to pay out unemployment grants.	Phillip	
	2026-02-04 07:47:35	I want him to limit government spending and limit the government wage bill which will force a reduction of highly ineffective bloated cabinet.	Luke	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:46:59	Please fire yourself (in all possible ways) and do the same to the rest of your corrupt cabinet.	Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:46:55	1. State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Key issue: Persistent SOE losses reflect governance failures, political interference, and unfunded mandates. Recommended actions: • Governance reform: • Appoint independent boards with fixed terms and protection from ad hoc removals. • Enforce merit-based executive appointments and performance-linked contracts. • Operational restructuring: • Complete functional and financial unbundling of Eskom (generation, transmission, distribution). • Position transmission as a regulated natural monopoly with open-access grid rules. • Capital and discipline: • Introduce strategic equity partners via minority stake sales (20–30%), retaining state control. • Fiscal transparency: • Fund social and developmental mandates explicitly through the budget rather than SOE balance sheets. 2. Expenditure Consolidation Key issue: Spending growth, particularly on compensation and bailouts, is structurally misaligned with revenue trends. Recommended actions: • Compensation containment: • Freeze real public-sector wage growth for 3–5 years. • Limit headcount growth to frontline services (health, education, policing). • Institutional rationalisation: • Review and merge overlapping departments, public entities, and advisory councils. • Eliminate entities with limited service-delivery impact. • Conditional financial support: • End unconditional SOE bailouts. • Require restructuring plans, asset disposals, and governance reform as conditions for support. • Procurement efficiency: • Centralise procurement of common goods and services. • Mandate public disclosure of major contracts to reduce leakage. 3. Municipal Finance and Service Delivery Key issue: Municipal financial distress poses a systemic risk to water, sanitation, electricity, and road infrastructure. Recommended actions: • Automatic intervention mechanisms: • Trigger mandatory financial administration for repeated audit failures, with executive authority. • Revenue protection: • Ring-fence water and electricity revenues. • Implement a once-off write-off of irrecoverable debt, followed by strict enforcement. • Structural reform: • Merge non-viable municipalities to improve scale and financial sustainability. • Professionalisation: • Require professional accreditation for CFOs, engineers, and municipal managers. • Prohibit political appointments to key financial and technical posts. 4. Household Tax Burden Key issue: Rising tax pressure on households risks reduced compliance and economic drag. Recommended actions: • Base broadening: • Strengthen enforcement in profitable informal and semi-formal sectors using data integration. • Middle-income relief: • Adjust personal income tax brackets more fully for inflation. • Limit increases in indirect "stealth taxes" (fuel levies, municipal surcharges). • Tax mix rebalancing: • Gradually reduce reliance on personal income tax. • Expand luxury consumption, environmental, and land-value taxation. • Credibility and compliance: • Improve public transparency through clear reporting on expenditure outcomes.	Antoinette	retired
	2026-02-04 07:45:32		Catherine	retired
	2026-02-04 07:36:35	The cabinet is miles too big with high salaries doing little work.	Loki	
	2026-02-04 07:33:01	STOP CORRUPTION! HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE ! GIVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM RATEPAYE RS OVERSIGHT OF MUNICIPAL SPENDING	Sue	retired
	2026-02-04 07:31:56		Mike	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:30:38	If we do not have money to spend then we can start to cut on all luxeries. The money should be accounted for and spent where the ROI will be the biggest. Perhaps we need to put on a business hat in these conversations to make the tuff decisions. Our Goverment is in business rescue,so how do you turn it around? You need to think of it like a business and sacrifices unfortunately will have to be made. If our economy grows then people loosing their government jobs can be accommodated elsewhere. We have to take excellence above mediocrity.	Mia	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:21:58	Suspended politicians / officials should not receive a salary while sitting at home doing nothing.	Melitza	retired

	2026-02-04 07:20:57	How is it that people in this position do not have the integrity to use a calculator.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:20:46	NPO's doing work with the vulnerable are not given enough money to operate. Rentals, large electricity bills, rates, are not taken into account. Monies are allocated for services which are not used resulting in unspent funds, and deviations take forever to be approved or are not approved, resulting in DSD returning monies to treasury. Monies are paid late every quarter putting pressure on NPO's who have to carry DSD, and many have closed down.	Quentin	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 07:16:36	Fire the deadwood ministers drawing astronomical salaries. Get rid of corruption. Hire people that can actually do the job and not rely on BEEE hires. Get rid of district municipalities. No more extravagant parties, jet-setting etc. that the ministers feel is their right. All the above is pure logic - we shouldn't have to even mention it. Hold ministers accountable for their spending.	Andre	
	2026-02-04 07:16:14		Werner	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:14:25	Please stop government spending on things like blue light brigades and bodyguards for everyone.	Irene	retired
	2026-02-04 07:09:25	Government needs to fire non performing ministers and employ people who are fiscally aware. Corruption and mismanagement needs to be stopped in its tracks.	Claudia	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:06:24		M	business owner
	2026-02-04 07:00:58	Deep dive into actual spending and reduce or eliminate corruption which we all know is happening	Daniel	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:56:52	Streamlining on spending: inauguration and free meals for parlement can already save a lot of money and less waste. Parlementries have a big salary and fringe benefits. If they pay for municipal account and electricity, the accounts will immediately become smaller because they will start being more considerate. This also applies to provincial and municipal employees. Disciplinary hearings must be expediated so that salaries can be stopped sooner if somebody's services are ended. Tenders must be given to businesses who have a decent history of expertise and control over money paid in advance for non service delivery.	Winnie	retired
	2026-02-04 06:54:49	Over 60% of non-interest spending goes toward the "Social Wage" (Education, Health, Social Grants). However, the public often highlights "wasteful expenditure" (VIP security, bloated cabinets).	Bame	employed individual
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	2026-02-04 06:48:55	Get there affairs in order , no need for deputy ministers Privatize Eskom and Transnet! Review the cabinet ministers over bloated salaries and unnecessary allowances, they are civil servants not royalty!	Sandra	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:47:16	Stop spending (wasting) money we din't have. Cut the public sector payroll and get remaining people to do their jobs	Johan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:46:51		Gene	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:45:58		Winnie	retired
	2026-02-04 06:42:18		Sandra	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:41:53		Adel	
	2026-02-04 06:35:32	Government / municipal salaries to be reduced to what is normal and not grossly inflated. Educated, capable, honest people in these positions. Stop killing the goose that lays the golden egg. If salaries were cut and dishonesty, theft and corruption were removed, there would be sufficient funds to redress South Africa's problems. It starts at the top.	Carol	retired
	2026-02-04 06:30:25	Cut ministers salaries by half. Raises should be based on performance. Remove SOE subsidies and government subsidies. Government officials serve the people of their countries and should experience the same level of life. Spend money on education. Upgrade teacher training and learner education. Education forms the basis of common sense, knowledge, discipline and accountability. The emphasis of any budget should be education. Upgrade infrastructure and repair neglected infrastructure. Educate the members of the SAPS in public relations and basic law. They are not a private army.	Etienne	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:28:51		Trish	retired
	2026-02-04 06:20:25	The goverment sector is filled with overpaid, uneducated people. Most just there for the paycheck and couldn't give a crap about the country, economy, or servixe delivery. Zero motivation or accountability for not doing their job.	W	
	2026-02-04 06:13:24	Cut out deputy ministers	Gisela	retired
	2026-02-04 06:12:04		Rose	retired
	2026-02-04 06:12:04		Rose	retired
	2026-02-04 06:12:03		Rose	retired
	2026-02-04 06:07:24	Please cut on ministers and deputy ministers, they are too many.	Thanda	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:57:58		Gys	retired
	2026-02-04 05:56:36		Julie	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:56:20	Government is top heavy cut back on all salaries,cars and housing allowances! All government employees and contractors should be screened by SARS for earnings and possible corruption. Make sure all members are doing there jobs properly.	Clive	retired
	2026-02-04 05:55:01		Liesel	retired
	2026-02-04 05:54:43	The corruption, theft and ridiculous salaries paid to politicians and municipal government employees is the biggest issue. Although the inflated salaries continue to increase, the service of these individuals continues to deteriorate Deterioration of the South African infrastructure, which is falling apart due to lack of funds and intention, is of grave concern. Water and electricity delivery is unstable at best. Our roads and traffic lights are a disaster. My suggestions: Dismiss incompetent, lazy workers Cut salaries down to a reasonable, job related amount Stop paying undeserved bonuses Staff at SARS need to be more accessible and a lot more helpful.	Mary-Anne	retired
	2026-02-04 05:54:24	Run the country like a business!!! To achieve that red tape needs to be reduced and policies revised to aid economic growth.	Johann	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:53:13	Half the deputy ministers and replace incompetent municipality staff with qualified young people.	Gerald	retired
	2026-02-04 05:51:08		Karen	retired
	2026-02-04 05:48:27		Henri	retired
	2026-02-04 05:46:47	Get rid of the ANC led munisipalities all corrupt and incompetant then things will be looking up	Cliff	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:46:35		Paul	retired
	2026-02-04 05:43:24	Stop giving away free stuff. The people paying for it have had enough and are leaving the country and borrowing more puts grandchildren in debt	Dave	retired
	2026-02-04 05:38:26	Cabinet needs to be cut smaller. Deputy ministers should be appointed on a shared basis. 1 deputy minister assisting in 2-3 portfolios depending in the portfolio. Social grants need to be taken away for certain things and rather focus in skill development in order for the people to get work and not be happy to just get a grant. Tax on households need to lower. Households are overtaxed with PAYE municipality fees and margins that is put onto products like electricity which is a basic right but becomes so expensive. Paye must be capped a 20% scale	Petrus	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:36:32	If we being honest and practical lets not shout "cut tax" While I agree with that I will try provide a sensible solution. 1: just drop unnecessary things like the blue light brigade. Those are very nice costly cars and never just 1. 2 You have to many people in gvt - yes you get to blame the NATS they built big gov. Freeze increases. you will get dead wood to simply leave. 3: Use VAT. do you need a 1m car? sure its nice if you can afford it but you dont NEED it (game vehicles and the like - outlyers) So increase vat exempt for more basic foods. scrap the 15% and make it a consumption tax. So more you spend the more you pay. SOME (albeit few) will start to save, which is good. Given most voters are not in the top tax brackets this isnt even hard to palate for government. I know this will never happen but was nice to express my thoughts - PC	paul	self-employed
	2026-02-04 05:36:04		Morgan	

	2026-02-04 05:23:09	DOWNSIZE GOVERNMENT GET RID OF DEAD WOOD AND UNQUALIFIED REMOVE POLITICIANS IMPLICATED IN CRIME UMTIL PROVEN INNOCENT	George M	retired
	2026-02-04 04:56:58		Marths	retired
	2026-02-04 04:39:18	Get rid of half government employees. Stop vip protection.	Deon	
	2026-02-04 04:35:42		Pieter	retired
	2026-02-04 04:32:49	Cut the ANC Government. Less Departments, ONE DG/dept, NO increase in salary, NO funding for private cars use government cars, LESS security, NO blue lights and privatise Eskom, Denel, Transnet, Post Office and Dept of Water.	Lorinda	retired
	2026-02-04 04:19:22	Roads and Bridges build in a first Class system. Copy from the Chinese	Sidney	self-employed
	2026-02-04 04:00:35	More budget needs to go to job creation and primary school education. Literacy makes a person employable. A job makes someone a person. Jobs are a primary basic need. It should be someone's right to find work.	Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-04 03:42:09		Rajendra	employed individual
	2026-02-04 01:08:45	Do away with the SRD and teacher assistant funding , create jobs , cut down on positions and government departments that only take mony without giving any, increase salaries for goverment workers in public service , they do pay tax after all , Make tender contract emplyment permanent and have more tax generated through permanent jobs in government	John	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:53:03	I tell you what - get rid of half the cabinet ministers - take away all the privileges that they get and all the bonuses they should not be earning, and we will quickly find loads of money for a lot of what needs investment. Then get rid of SOE's because the state can't operate a battery in a vibrator, let alone a whole ESCOM, Transnet, PUTCO, etc, etc. and allow the public to employ who they deem fit for the job!	Lilia	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:52:17	1. Cut cabinet by two thirds - for a non-performing entity - salaries need to be cut drastically. Government employees including politicians to retire at age 65. 2. Reduce government perks for remaining government members - no luxury vehicles or accommodation and Ministers and their staff are to pay for water / lights & rates and taxes. 3. Impose income tax on the taxi industry - why must they get away from paying taxes for income earned. 4. Stop taxing the small tax base and rather reduce taxes to a flat 25% for all pensioners. 5. Create jobs so that the tax base can be increased. 6. Identify all ghost employees, those on suspension and stop their salaries / finalise disciplinary hearings. 7. Corrupt officials to be fired and funds from ill gotten gains to be repaid.	Des	retired
	2026-02-03 22:50:21	Please stop the stealing of the money and use it to fix everything. We are just borrowing money so it can be stolen at the moment. It is disgraceful!!	Cecilia	
	2026-02-03 22:42:07		Imran	employed individual
	2026-02-03 22:32:00	It is clear to all that we have an ineffective government and that we employ (something like) twice the number needed to do the work.Please figure out ways to reduce the rediculous expenditure on manning our governmental services.	Johan	retired
	2026-02-03 22:31:03	Do you have to tender for everything? For example if government needs diesolene, phone Engen or Total and let them deliver. Leave out the middlemen. If a tender is given, don't pay before the project is completed, because the contractor inevitably disappears before the job is done. Tenders tenders, tenders. Abuse of taxpayer money.	john	retired
	2026-02-03 22:15:33	Cut back on salaries and perks on a bloated Cabinet,assistants for assistants,Deputies for deputies and overpaid Government employees and Government officials, overseas trips and expensive top of the range motor vehicles.The secretary to Parliament earns more than the State President.	Raymond	retired
	2026-02-03 22:12:31	Reduce cabinet by at least 75%. It will save a lot of money and reduce theft and fraud by cabinet members.	Vic	retired
	2026-02-03 22:12:16	Reduce cabinet by at least 75%. It will save a lot of money and reduce theft and fraud by cabinet members.	Vic	retired
	2026-02-03 22:11:59	Stop the grants system and use the funds for job creation then the economy will grow and unemployment will be halved. Cut the cabinet down half the size as well as all the deputy ministers as well as government employees. The time to reduce taxes and stop corruption is now, get the justice system same as pre 94 and act on these corrupt anc elite and cadres, get the NPA legit to start doing their job and finding the root of the corruption and the head of all the snakes in government. If corruption and grants stop and the BEE is made redundant, this country would be able to get out of this hell hole the anc has created with destroying this country in the last 30 years that the pre 94 government has built.	Harry	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:11:50	When looking at the 2026 Budget, the big elephant in the room is definitely government spending. While we all know there are endless competing needs, we can't ignore that debt-service costs are eating up a huge chunk of the pie, leaving less for the things that actually move the needle, like infrastructure and education. It feels like we've reached a point where we can't just keep "spending more" to solve problems; we need to focus on spending better. By trimming the fat in underperforming departments and getting a tighter grip on how money is used in our SOEs and municipalities, we can free up the cash needed to grow the economy without leaving the vulnerable behind. It's all about getting more "bang for our buck" so we can finally break the cycle of rising debt.	Matthew	
	2026-02-03 22:09:22		Francois	self-employed
	2026-02-03 22:09:04		Larraine	retired
	2026-02-03 22:06:02		Hilda	retired
	2026-02-03 22:04:10	Cut the salaries and start making government officials pay their own way. Thousands of rands on dinners, expensive hotels, luxury cars? Atrocious and unnecessary, and cannot be funded by the taxpayers while our infrastructure collapses. You are public servants, not royalty.	Kay	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:59:53	Cut all ministers' spending immediately; they should pay for their own parties, cars, housing, and healthcare. They don't deserve any of the extravagant perks they're currently enjoying. There's a bloated government full of people who are being paid to do absolutely nothing. The corruption, theft, and dishonesty are rampant, especially among the ANC, EFF, and IFP—why are they even in power? They are not leaders; they're more racist than the previous regime and incapable of running this country. They're funneling excessive amounts of money into their own pockets instead of addressing the needs of the people of South Africa. What have these parties done for our country? Nothing! All they do is wreck everything, demolish buildings, and even steal the bricks and copper pipes. Look around—our land is a disgrace! There's no clean water, roads are riddled with potholes, and hospitals are filthy. Towns are cluttered with rubbish everywhere. It's infuriating! What have these parties done for our country? Nothing! All they do is wreck everything, demolish buildings, and even steal the bricks and copper pipes. Look around—our land is a disgrace! There's no clean water, roads are riddled with potholes, and hospitals are filthy. Towns are cluttered with rubbish everywhere. It's infuriating	Linda	retired
	2026-02-03 21:54:33	There are several opportunities for savings. 1 Shut down the RAF. Revert to the old Third Party Disc and outsource this to Insurance companies. Firstly it reduces fuel cost which will stimulate economic growth. Secondly it removes a massive "industry" of corruption. 2 Get rid of the SETAs. These are inefficient and another cesspool of corruption. Give incentives to private companies to employ and develop shills. Remove the bureaucratic inefficiency. 3. All vehicles purchased by the state must be manufactured in RSA. This includes the Ministerial vehicles. 4 Remove the Blue Light Brigade. Give Ministers including the President, an allowance to spend on security. If they want 20 vehicles the shortfall must come from their own pockets. Redeploy the skilled officers to crime hotspots.	Tony	retired
	2026-02-03 21:44:17	There are many things which government can do which do not involve a great deal of money. 1. Tourism. Tourists hate dirty places, RSA is competing with CLEAN countries, where tourists do not get mugged or have personal effects stolen from their hotel,rooms or at airport. Lead by example and include teaching values like picking up litter not throwing it in primary school. The infants will teach and shame their parents. Promote resourcefulness. Recycling, upgrading, refurbishing, repairing. Bring back apprenticeships, proper 4 year ones where young people learn properly. The aids capital of the world should be ashamed of loose morals. Teach sexual constraint, faithfulness, monogamy at school, to reduce need for health care. Stricter control of drinking and driving will reduce accidents. Lifestyle audits on the despised and numerous crooked drivers licence examiners who take bribes but fail those who refuse to cough up. RSA isn't short of money, it is short of decent values. Teach that greed is bad. Make nepotism illegal so qualified skilled people needed for specific tasks get th e jobs instead of family members, girlfriends, buddies etc. not capable of the jobs they are paid to do. You cannot run a first world economy with tribal values. It isn't a party, it is hard work, no easy fix. Get rid of 30% passrate, what an insult to suggest young South Africans are too stupid to achieve 50% pass mark. You are failing to compete with the rest of the world but have become the laughing stock	Jane	retired
	2026-02-03 21:40:13		Tony	retired
	2026-02-03 21:38:26	Government's salary burden is completely disproportionate to both tax revenue and government output - streamline it significantly. The tender system is a near bottomless pit of fraud and wastage - cut the cronies and over expenditure. Cyril doesn't need 5 helicopters to fly his family around - cut wasteful spending that helps no one. And stop wasting money and meaningless crap like renaming roads and airports.	Devon	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:30:07	SA could never pay off this debt and therefore will always be beholden to some country , which can continue to dictate to us how and to whom we must pay homage.	Glen	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:25:43	We currently have the largest cabinet in the world, comprising 32 ministers and 43 deputies, and it incurs over R1 billion in salaries alone. If you add the perks, VIP protection and so on, this balloons to over R4 billion. Somehow, first-world countries such as Germany (17), Japan (20), and the USA (26) manage with fewer than we have. Measures must be taken to reduce the cabinet size. Beyond the cabinet, the public sector wage bill exceeds R700 billion. Somehow, the bloated cabinet and civil service costs have to be reduced.	Grant	
	2026-02-03 21:19:48		Nina	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:19:33		Jonathan	
	2026-02-03 21:15:32	Please get rid of the cadres who have no clue how to do their jobs! Please reduce the bloated civil service. They have had 3 decades to learn how to do their jobs and if they still don't know they never well. Please reduce the wasteful spending. Please root out the corruption and put better safeguards in place. Please make senior politicians more accountable. Please encourage the government to move away from their controlling socialist policies that are throttling the economy. Please ask the president to replace Gwede Mantashe.	Bradley	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:12:50	Government spending on salaries, perks etc. is bloated. Number of posts need to be trimmed, so do salaries, so do perks. This applies nationally and regionally. There also needs to be clear transparency with the public about how much money is coming in and what it is being spent on. These records need to be accessible to any citizen.	Candi	
	2026-02-03 21:08:45	The government needs to stop treating our taxes as their own personal slush fund!! Stop excessive spending on BEE contracts that charge R20000.00 for a mop that can be bought at Makro for R100.00. The public are not a cash cow for the ANC greed!!	Keren	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:08:40	Reduce all the unnecessary levels of ministers salaries, and all the perks. Stricter accountability in departments with their budgets. Punish fraudsters in government	Kerry	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:08:36	Please stop municipalities and central government from using public funds for refreshments, lavish hotels, business and first class travel and luxury vehicles. Also, stop dumping our money into their already fat pensions. Let them contribute to their own pensions like the rest of us. Stop creating jobs in government and rather, focus on getting foreign companies to come in and drop the racist and archaic BBBE restrictions. We have the highest unemployment in the world and yet, like fools, government has consistently pushed an agenda to merely lie to voters that they are doing something. Act now whilst you can because I can promise you that voters are turning their back on you guys. Arrest corrupt officials and recoup money from the sale of their assets. Catch their sons and daughters who have won tenders unfairly - freeze their accounts and get our money back. Catch the thieves at Eskom, Transnet, the Post Office and central Government. Also get Cyril to get crooked ministers to pay back their salaries into our public purse.	David	employed individual

	2026-02-03 21:02:09	Dear Minister Godongwana, this is a hard job... Cutting government jobs would be a start. With a few notable exceptions government departments don't do much, so the loss won't be great, get private companies to bid for the work they do and do away with BEE. Budget half of the departments money to pay for the private partners. Make it a third... i would welcome ex employees to bid, as the good ones could actually achieve this goal and continuity would be good. The pfma might be problematic, bbut as long as your ministry's employees hold the purse strings, we should be fine. I would then try and spend that money on debt repayment. It is It ridiculous, to spend more than you earn in the first place and then that interest is more than your deficit. Scrap bbee requirements for government procurement. The same bbee people could get the job, but they couldn't overcharge you, there are enough good black businesses around to get this right by now. Now i want you to spend my money on "not getting paid what you expected to get paid" Charge those poor black farmers who rent from you... 0.5% per month rent, interest free the first 5 years. Not 1%... If they are managing it well, i.e. they are farming well, i.e. they are producing and selling and earning an income, convert the lease agreement to a rent to own, or hire purchase. Keep to 0.5% payments. I think this will create more farmers paying off more land.... The inflated land prices are creating a peri-urban problem, where people can't farm profitably due to high land prices. Unless they have off farm income that pays for the farm. You want to create vibrant black farmers not serfs, i hope i am right about this... they need ownership to do this. And you want food security around the cities. Quality food is quality life. Malnourishment is the largest future problem we have. It drives crime, poor education outcomes and a lot of stress. This cost to society is just rising, we owe it to our children to spend money on food. Support those black farmers preferentially to buy food for schools and hospitals and orphanages. And other feeding schemes. Don't stop buying because there aren't any black farmers left, just buy from them first. At the price other farmers can provide for. No middle men. Unless it is a farmer owned co-op, that adds value to your supply chain. So in short, spend my money on debt, dignity and proper land ownership for farmers... save money by cutting ineficiency and giving more land to farmers	Andre	self-employed
	2026-02-03 21:01:15	I do not trust the govement.	Dawie	retired
	2026-02-03 20:54:09		Natalie	self-employed
	2026-02-03 20:53:03	Considering the ridiculously high salaries paid to parliamentarians their travel, housing, vehicle etc. allowances should come out of their own pockets.	Trevor	retired
	2026-02-03 20:51:10		Willa	retired
	2026-02-03 20:51:00	Deputy Ministers, deputy everything (director generals, mayors etc) must be cut. Perks need to be cut. A R750k car does the same job as a R2m car. No business class air travel, no fancy hotels. Stop the fruitless and wasteful expenditure People cannot be suspended indefinitely. Fire people who steal, and jail them.	David	retired
	2026-02-03 20:49:47	I believe that government should set an extreme example if they want to gain back trust. Move parliament to Pretoria. Take wlaway the ministers housing in Cape Town. That will already set a bold example. Then reduce the VIP protection budget by 2/3ds and allocate that money to policing. That will be the best show of government seriousness to reduce cost and wasteful expenses.	Johnny	
	2026-02-03 20:35:48	Has an independent financial analysis been done, truly independent? South Africa simply cannot afford what government is doing. 60,7% of voters tried to tell politicians that in 2024, but were rebuffed by a coalition that strictly keeps with the policies that were in place before that election. For example, the NHI instead of properly investigating why the existing free clinics and hospitals collapsed. The NHI policy explicitly states the fund will "succeed" because government will lose LESS money due to corruption than private medical aids currently lose. Did 60,7% of voters not just told you that government corruption is unacceptably high? Do you think it was easy for the voters of South Africa to turn away from the ANC of Mandela, as if the problem of corruption is too small to take seriously? The NHI will not succeed but fail, even if the mathematics work (which the court asked the President for but got no response), due to fatal levels of corruption in ALL public funds. The list of cases like the above goes on and on but government does not listen, come to introspection, get real independent data and CHANGE. So, saying the reduction of government spending is a key issue, is extremely hopeful, but if this issue is not solved, our children and grandchildren face a failed state because the fiscal cliff is upon us. The GDP-growth per person (including illegal immigrants who are not deported) is shrinking, therefore the fiscus must shrink its budget PLUS investigate the reasons for this shrinking number and do something about it. Instead we receive draft bills and regulations week-after-week that focus on the opposite, voters be damned. Stop the spending, in other words, change the policies, in other words take the 2024 election results seriously!	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:30:26	Government spend lot of money on personnel rather than service delivery e.g bloated cabinet ministers and deputy ministers .They need to reduce the cabinet.	Mike	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:20:34		Adrienne	self-employed
	2026-02-03 20:18:47	: Over 60% of non-interest spending goes toward the “Social Wage” (Education, Health, Social Grants). However, the public often highlights “wasteful expenditure” (VIP security, bloated cabinets).	Mvuselelo	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:15:14	1) Rule out corruption as per the below 2) Reduce cabinet 3) All employment MUST be based on merit ONLY 4) Privatize all SOE's - the state cannot run a chicken coup, never mind a business 5) Stop grants, educate people to rely on themselves instead if Govt. 6) Stop this LAND issue, no white farmers to have water or export rights - you are killing our food sources SOE's failures, examples, SAA, Transnet, Post office, Denel, Military, Police, etc., all in its M@*r in because of above reasons, all of this is costing taxpayers money	Sophia	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:09:03	Reduce bloated cabinet and VIP protection expenditure by doing less in person meetings if and when possible. Consolidate or reduce ministerial positions that are redundant or have too many ministers and deputies doing very little day to day.	Christopher	employed individual
	2026-02-03 20:01:10	Cut the govrrment by 50 percent	Leon	retired
	2026-02-03 19:58:26		Liana	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 19:53:25	Stop ALL BEE appointments immediately. Merit should be the only criteria for being appointed to a post.	Harold	retired
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	2026-02-03 19:49:57	Ditch the NHI completely. Drastically reduce the number of state employees at all levels. Get rid of all deputy ministers and reduce the number of ministries.	Dudley	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:49:40		jan	retired
	2026-02-03 19:42:39	Cut parliament by HALF. Athe very least by half. This bloated 'organism' is the worst wasteful expenditure in the history of mankind.	David	
	2026-02-03 19:39:35	Government has locked itself in a corner by insisting on only beee companies service the country and many of these companies use the opportunity as a cash cow and never deliver. Mp's are paid exorbitant salaries plus given vip security and blue light bragade vehicles at the states cost including the president Stop wasting money and get the right people for the job not the right colour for the job.	Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:37:20	Get rid of deputy minsters.Reduce hefty govt salaries and blue lights/ security costs.	ANGELA	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:36:16	Want to save on government spending there is only one way. Fire have of parliament, all with criminal acquisations regardless if proven, if there is smoke there will be a fire! Those without criminal acquisation reduce their salary with 50%. No other bonus but for remarkable performance if and when that becomes apparent. Not happy with that then resign there is millions of people that would do their work for state benefits and do so better! And this includes the president! Get the stolen and captured monies back!	Jay	retired
	2026-02-03 19:35:42		John	retired
	2026-02-03 19:34:09		Frederick	retired
	2026-02-03 19:23:59	1.Too many ministers and members of parliament. Reduce their number and their salary 2.Reduce the correctional inmates budget. They should plant maize meal and plant their own vegetables. They should produce their own foods 3.pay as you earn should equal pension not higher than pension as it now 4. All the foreigners should pay for using facilities like clinics and schools because they are not included in the statistics for budget. They should pay to cover up the shortfalls	Mmatlou Blandinah Yv	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:09:51	South African government is making billion rands loan, so they fund free health care, education, housing and social grants for foreign nationals, we need to put an end to this madness. No government can house so many Africans at their expense. How is Sars going to achieve its tax collection target when there are so many unemployed South Africans.	Dumisani	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 19:08:14	Stop the corruption and wasteful spending!!!	Justin	
	2026-02-03 19:08:03	The easiest way to save money is to cut the number of ministers and Deputy ministers. Then stop paying those who are on suspension for corruption related activities.	Rudene	retired
	2026-02-03 19:08:02	The easiest way to save money is to cut the number of ministers and Deputy ministers. Then stop paying those who are on suspension for corruption related activities.	Rudene	retired
	2026-02-04 09:14:40	1. cut grants to underage pregnancy - they should be in school -give them contraceptives rather. will lower birth rate and govt dependency. give up on the notion that children are wealth!! 2. no more bailouts to SOE's 3. moratorium on civil salaries for 2 yrs i.e no further increases - they are unproductive anyway. 5. cut extravagant car allowances 6 educate educate educate our youth , and for pity's sake pay our govt teachers a better wage - they are shaping and moulding the future generations.	terry	retired
	2026-02-04 09:14:18	Rationalise and incorporate under-performing Government Departments into other Departments where possible. Eliminate Deputy Minister positions Eliminate private security / VIP Protection services for minor GVT officials (mayors, municipal managers etc.) Aggressively prosecute any financial malfeasance at any level of GVT - there must be severe consequences for wasteful expenditure, for under-spending on service-delivery budgets or irregular expenditure. Stop suspending ministers on full pay while investigating allegations.	Niki	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:11:58	Ministers and deputies should be limited to one residential area. Or else they should pay out of their pegs for the second residential area. For the next three years they should not get increase to their packages. Their traveling allowances should be reduced and the savings be utilized to refund the loans.	Mbonani	employed individual

	2026-02-04 09:09:55	1. Stop promoting incompetent persons to high ranks in the military, we have no functioning submarines, and no navy to talk about but we have 50 plus admirals. 2. We have enough generals, 1 for every 150 troops in the military with luxury benefits and vehicles. 3. The military basis and infra structure is falling apart and we have become the joke - once again - of the the world and also in Africa. I guess if you allow the military infra structure to fall apart you can get more construction tenders again ripping of the tax payer. 4. Appoint competent leaders in the police. and prison services. Fire every deputy minister, they are leeches. 5. Cut down ministers and combine portfolios. 6. Stop stealing	Raymond	
	2026-02-04 09:08:49	Stop spending on (give aways) start spending on job creations.	MICHELE	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:04:59	Fold-up irrelevant or underperforming departments into larger ones, consolidating management and removing layers of unnecessary salaries. - Women, Children and Disabilities to be given to social development as a portfolio - Eliminate mineral resources, give gas to energy, and mining rights to finance while labour and compliance in the sector is given to labour. Eliminate deputy minister positions. Eliminate the sports and culture department, and directly funding insitutions without the overhead. Cap spend on security for VIPs as a proportion to the NPA's budget. Expand tax brackets. Eliminate small business department. Hand responsibilities to trade and industry.	Adam	
	2026-02-04 09:01:11	1. the public sector wage bill - honestly I cannot believe that this government has one of the highest per capita public sector wage bill - which in itself is an insult in a country that has such high unemployment- however adding salt to the wound is the lack of service, all citizens agree and I think no one in government can honestly say that our service delivery is good. it is disgusting - in some departments almost non existent yet the wages get higher . .. 2. stop the corruption - not more BS and lip service -STOP corruption and get those caught to actually pay the money back, then use those funds to fix what has been broken - which is pretty much every department. like rail transport, health services, education system etc etc and please bring back trade schools . 3. stop spending money on adding more BEE related limitations to a country that is drowning in debt and has huge unemployment 4. also stop spending money on changing names of rds / towns etc	sharon	
	2026-02-04 09:00:32	It seems our "skelms" are getting more clever and they are getting assistance from government employees. When someone is SUSPECTED (with good reason) of fraud, he/she must be put on UNPAID leave and hearings expedited. Also, ALL guilty parties must be NAMED AND SHAMED.	Anita	retired
	2026-02-04 09:00:12		Reginald	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:58:19		sheryl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:53:44	Cutting wasteful and unnecessary expenditure at government level, i.e. benefits, security details, etc for ministers and deputy ministers should be reviewed/reconsidered. In addition, government departments/ municipalities should not be allowed to suspend personnel on fully paid leave for months/ years without resolution. Processes should be in place to resolve issues within a maximum of 90 days, and then the party/ies involved should be re-instated or their employment be terminated. Aggrieved parties can use the CCMA and/or Labour court if they are not happy with the outcome. State-Owned entities should be made to compete with private providers so that they are forced to improve their effectiveness and affordability. Private providers should be allowed into the energy and water markets. Taxes on middle income individuals and small businesses should be reduced, and taxes on high income earners and big businesses should be increased. High income earners and big businesses that try to avoid paying tax should be vigorously pursued by SARS. Finally, a more proactive and aggressive stance should be taken on corruption in every organ of State.	dorothy	
	2026-02-04 08:52:26	We need a completely new government, which is unlikely. The only other hope is that the F F Plus replaces the ANC, as the majority party, and helps drive improved economic reform, tackles corruption & service delivery with a rational & practical plan - which is then actually implemented!! No more empty talk. We need someone like Minister Groeneveld with a sense of governing our Beloved Country. If I were the President, the first thing I would do is sack all the ministers and PMs who ride the wave for the income benefits. They will pay for their own housing, transport, and all the BS they get from the taxpayers' money. Take out the PMs alone. A secretary doesn't need a secretary to help her with her job. Why does a Minister need a PM to help with his/her job? Ministers get a big salary, so they must work for it.	Antoinette	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 08:51:58		Imraan	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 08:51:56		Sibusiso	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:51:36		Johan	
	2026-02-04 08:50:37	The biggest expense is in Parliament. Cut out all the unnecessary lackies who sit in parliament and sleep or just do not turn up and still get paid. Fire all government employees who have benefitted themselves by stealing the money that should be used to fix the infrastructure so we as citizens and get better roads, water, health, security.	George	retired
	2026-02-04 08:49:32	1. CUT the President, Ministers and all Government salaries, bad governance and poor service delivery should not be rewarded. 2. Reduce the bloated cabinet. 3. Tackle wasteful and un-necessary expenditure in all government departments and SOEs. 4. SARS should tax the TAXI INDUSTRY and go after all illegal traders that does not contribute to the fiscus. 5. Spend more on creating jobs & growing the economy, which will result in an increase in the tax base 6. Put correctly qualified people into government jobs 7. Privatise SOE's	Liz	retired
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	2026-02-04 08:45:35	We bandy about numbers in millions, billions and trillions not thinking how much money a billion rand is. Spending R1 per second, 1 million Rand would last a bit over 11 days. 1 billion rand would last 32 years. So I realise that, in the staggering amount of money collected in taxes, hundreds of millions spent on a military show or any other frivolous event may not seem a lot. But the man in the street, or more especially in an informal settlement, would prefer that this money went to address the population's immediate dire requirements of health, housing and water. Please curtail valueless spending.	Patrick	retired
	2026-02-04 08:44:05	Reduce the number of ministers and deputies. They do not add value, but cost a lot of money along with all the salaries, housing, cars, security and other benefits. Do not put people on paid suspension, it is giving the message that you can do whatever you want and still get paid. Reduce the money spent on parties and functions. They are hugely overpriced and basically tells the public that their hard earned taxes are just wasted on the government's pleasure. Do away with the blue light brigades. The cost of all the police escorts and disruption to the traffic is huge. Privatise as many organisations as possible so they can become competitive. SOE's have no incentive to be competitive and add value, as they get money anyway.	Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:43:13	It's very simple get rid of the massive cost burden of salaries of people that actually do nothing. Example you can't have millions of people working for water affairs if all the money goes to salaries and there is no money to fix the infrastructure. So if there's no money to fix the infrastructure why are you paying all those people. Get rid of them and the same goes for SOEs et cetera. Very simple, prioritise SOEs and don't compete with private enterprise it doesn't work. This is not rocket science. You all know the answers you just don't have the guts to do it. Sell SOE's to private enterprise.	JJ	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:41:48	Cut spending, starting with our expensive cabinet. That would be a good way to demonstrate that you can lead by example.	Johan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:41:16	Reduce the number of ministers and deputies. They do not add value, but cost a lot of money along with all the salaries, housing, cars, security and other benefits. Do not put people on paid suspension, it is giving the message that you can do whatever you want and still get paid. Reduce the money spent on parties and functions. They are hugely overpriced and basically tells the public that their hard earned taxes are just wasted on the government's pleasure. Do away with the blue light brigades. The cost of all the police escorts and disruption to the traffic is huge. Privatise as many organisations as possible so they can become competitive. SOE's have no incentive to be competitive and add value, as they get money anyway.	Liezl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:38:53		Costa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 08:38:33	Far too many government workers - cutting this by 10% would make a big difference. The rest to be put on revue regarding job performance Grants to be halted within a year. SASSA grants were meant as a safety net during Covid 19, not to run until money runs out. Foreigners should not receive grants as they have contributed nothing to the Fiscus and are basically a drain on our economy	Peter	retired
	2026-02-04 08:38:23		Ilze	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:37:51	The government should spend money to remove all the crooks who are steeling the tax payers money. Once our taxes are not depleted by corruption, we can move on to fixing the Municipalities - put in people who know how to run these.. Our money should be used for updated public transport, infrastructure , cheaper water and electricity, better roads and cleaning up our cities. Cape Town is proof that this can happen.	Janet	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:33:32	Municipalities should be thoroughly audited in terms of over spending, another issue that needs to be looked in to is at schools there are foreign nationals that take their kids to semi private and they fill in exemption forms to be exempted by government, that is unlawful, Government shouldn't those.	Simon	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:29:01		Phillip	retired
	2026-02-04 08:27:30		Monica	self-employed
	2026-02-04 08:27:11		Nigel	
	2026-02-04 08:26:31		Anna	retired
	2026-02-04 10:26:17	It is time that increases are done with a specific amount. 3 Percent of a million is R30 000 while of R200 000 it is only R6000. Give every state employee a fixed amount eg R1000 pm to increase. It will save billions and everyone will get something.	Belinda	

	2026-02-04 10:17:00	The problem National Treasury faces and has been facing for the past 15 years, in my humble and honest opinion, is not a lack of tax revenue, but simply the way in which the tax revenue collected has been spent by various government departments. It is blatantly obvious and crystal clear, that the tax revenue collected from hard-working and loyal South Africans, have been wasted on fruitless expenditure. We simply cannot continue like this as the remaining tax base cannot subsidize fruitless expenditure anymore. If, during the past 15 years, tax revenue collected was spent wisely and accounted for properly, we would not have been in this predicament, and I am saying this with the utmost respect towards our National Treasury and the South African Revenue Service. I plead with the Finance Minister to not impose any more taxes, but to rather shift focus entirely on making sure that all government expenditure is spent on projects that benefit all South Africans and that corruption and maladministration in terms of government spending, is properly investigated and that those responsible, are held accountable by the criminal justice system. Kindest regards and God Bless.	Heinrich	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:13:42		Claudia	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:07:06	Reduce the number of government employees Reduce the number of ministers and deputy ministers Reduce the ministers' and deputy ministers' salaries and fringe benefits Remove all corruption and wasteful spending Ensure grants are only paid to legally qualified persons	Henry	retired
	2026-02-04 10:06:42		Werner	retired
	2026-02-04 10:06:01		Stefan	retired
	2026-02-04 10:05:33	Getting into debt is easy and this is what they have done, no accountability and corruption followed greed. Having so many useless people in the Government who are more concerned about filling their coffers than address maintanence issues. With a hand full of tax payers and they not supporting businesses which provide jobs its a disaster. When big companies close and even he smaller ones unemployment less money but than again money in is money not allocated to the countries needs.	STASSINA	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:03:55	Start with jailing all the fat cats who steal most of the tax budget	GLYNN	retired
	2026-02-04 09:58:50	Cut down on Minister's salaries, and reduce the number of Government employees and Deputy Ministers.	Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 09:55:39		Norman	retired
	2026-02-04 09:54:30	Government spending is at the heart of our economy. You CANNOT spend what you do NOT have. Understand this, and you understand the way forward. Government's wasteful expenditures is a leak in the financial system. Government's corruption is a leak in the financial system. Government's misappropriation of funds due to so called "emergency provision", but this provision was manufactured due to weak / unwilling oversight of procurement regulations. Government's (SARS) lack of will in known / public corruption matters is noticeable. Plug these leaks, & you find yourself with a workable fiscus. Put PUNITIVE measures in place to discourage these repeated offenses. Currently people with a disciplinary case against them can just resign before facing the law. This is NOT enough. Currently there are NO tangible consequences to their offenses. This is exactly WHY these offenses are so widespread across all government departments. They do so, because they can get away with it. The VIP protection services does NOT need such a huge budget. On a PRAGMATIC stand point, the VIP budget CANNOT exceed the individual budget of Health, of Education, of Public Policing or of Basic services. On a MORAL stand point, the VIP budget CANNOT exceed the individual budget of Health, of Education, of Public Policing or of Basic services. On an ETHICAL stand point, the VIP budget CANNOT exceed the individual budget of Health, of Education, of Public Policing or of Basic services. It is true, that a minister - any particular minister - CANNOT & should NOT think of himself or herself as more important & more valuable than the South African citizen - this truth is absolute & concrete. The collective people of SA, as citizens are more prone to death, hurt & injury than any one or more ministers. So... it does NOT make sense to throw money into the budget for VIP protection, while Health, Education, Public Policing & Basic Services struggle or take budget cuts. This is IMMORAL, UNETHICAL & SELF-SERVING of an uncaring, greedy government. It is MY tax money, so spend it on ME, so that I am safe with policing. Spend it on ME, so that I can get to work & turn the economy. Spend it on ME, so that I have access to speedy & proper healthcare. Spend it on ME, so that I can send my kids of a functioning school. It is MY tax money, so spend it on ME, NOT on yourself!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Glenn	employed individual
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	2026-02-04 09:53:52	Stewardship, if you are found faithful with little much will be added! Scriptural and true! They cannot be trusted with any or additional funds at this stage and have not shown to be good stewards over the past 30 years! Smaller cabinet, less government employees, performance based remuneration and work to get paid!	Francois	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:53:19	Changing names of places, roads in SA should stop. This is costing SA money when we could be doing more for the people. Mismanagement of funds within Government needs to be taken seriously and people need to be accountable for this.	Syndiah	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:52:40	Cut down on the number of Government employees and Deputy Ministers	Jean	retired
	2026-02-04 09:51:30	The biggest thing is expense is the largme cabinet staff and the salaries. It the most staffed cabinet in the the world. Cut the size and the salaries of each minister. As well as the deputy ministers and their team expenses. The country will be able to pay off the accounts we owe me	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-04 09:50:36		Charl	
	2026-02-04 09:50:04		Rory	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:46:17	Government is spending more in salaries for civil servants who do not do their jobs and do not sit at their desks. I invite the minister to phone 3 government officials firstly to see if they actually exist, then are they at work and then are they at their desk and what are they busy with - maybe drinking a cup of coffee? If I phone any government department or municipal office invariably the person you are trying to get hold of is just not available;	Claire	
	2026-02-04 09:44:18		Wally	retired
	2026-02-04 09:44:07	The SA people should insist on international oversight as to how the SA govt produce spendindg priorities and exactly how funds are spend on such priorities. International auditing and expenditure control.	Piet	retired
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	2026-02-04 09:40:35	Ons regering veral die kabinet is hopeloos te groot en kan baie verminder word. Dit sal ook baie korrupsie gevalle uitskakel.	Tom	
	2026-02-04 09:37:19	You cannot Spend more than you Earn. Its not Sustainable. Halve the government workforce and you will still get the same amount of Output.	Dave	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:32:29	Government spending needs to be cut down. SOEs have too many idle workers who are paid salaries that does not equate to the output they are providing.	Tiago	unemployed individual

	2026-02-04 09:30:27		Eddie	retired
	2026-02-04 09:26:02	Over bloated cabinet and municipal spending. Incorrect allocation of spending leading to wasteful expenditure on things that don't benefit South African citizens	Diane	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:23:27	1. Cut grants to underage pregnancy - they should be in school - give them contraceptives rather. This will lower birth rate and govt dependency. Give up on the notion that children are wealth!; 2. No more bailouts to SOE's; 3. Moratorium on civil salaries for 4 years - no further increases - especially for unproductive government employees who fail to deliver; 5. Cut extravagant car allowances; 6. Educate our youth and for pity's sake pay our govt teachers and nurses a better salary - teachers are preparing the next generation and nurses take care of our sick.	FAEEZ	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:21:45	Government departments must be managed better and more financial /budget controls be implemented. Staff numbers must be reduced including MPs.	Andre	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:20:37	Have less ministers Spend lwss on executive vehicles Less spending on envoys overseas Stop making lawsuits to the international court	Craig	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:13:32	Reduce the number of staff in all municipalities particularly those those who have been appointed by their contacts only. Wherever there is corruption deny any Federal funding and cut the number of ministers down to 15. It is impossible to justify 74 except for Brotherly Love	Rorie	retired
	2026-02-04 11:58:40	No government cars, houses or benefits. Those in power should earn the median salary of the country. Be there because you want to be there not be there for money. They earn such big salaries and get government houses. There is a police mansion across the road from me, sell that and all those like it. Or rent them out for government income. Ministers do not need mansions. let them buy their own houses with their own pay checks. No jets, let them fly economy. No blue light brigade its excessive and unnecessary. Let ministers take public transport. Then they will see how to fix it. Budget and SONA should be low key political meetings not red carpet events with dinners and catwalks. SOEs should be sold to private corporations. Reduce regulation on businesses and employment equity. It only makes the rich richer and does not uplift the poor. Look into effective means other countries have used to uplift the bread line. Japan for example. Reduce crime by focusing on smaller more visible crimes to reduce the appearance of crime which reduces the bigger crimes as symptoms. pay the teachers more and the politicians less. Teach financial planning, budgeting, and tax management in schools. less forex regulations and fees so as to allow money more easily into the country. Tax gambling heavier. The gambling crisis is hitting hard on the poor and middle income population. Ban advertising of gambling whish is unavoidable to see at present its so bad. Ban purchasing of chinese products which end up in our landfills and detract from local production and sales. Allow internet access for all people so education and independence can grow. ie remove the BEE ban. Reduce welfare to 2 children per household. People are having kids to get welfare and we have too many people to employ, house and feed. Take the over population incentive away. No welfare without proof of job hunting efforts. Other countries do this. You dont get money for nothing. Lower prime lending rate so people can spend less on interest to banks and more on economic contribution. Make labor law more flexible to allow people to hire more easily without being stuck with someone lazy and incapable. If people can get fired, they will more easily be hired and perform better and thus also improve service across government departments. A governing party should not be allowed to be in power for more than 2 terms. A rotation should be required in order to allow for productivity, competition and new ideas. Elections should have initial round then from that round we vote between the top 5 so as to avoid wasted votes and voting should be compulsory like it is in Australia.	Jackie	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:58:08		Louise	retired
	2026-02-04 11:53:20	Stop waiting money on fancy cars for politicians and councilors and flying politicians 1st class or in private planes!!	Petina	retired
	2026-02-04 11:53:17		Martie	retired
	2026-02-04 11:50:29		David	
	2026-02-04 11:49:28	Raak ontslae van die onnodige klomp adjunkministers!!!	Marthie	retired
	2026-02-04 11:45:14	Reduce the number of Ministers, and their exorbitant salaries. Increase the regulations around awarding government contracts. Reduce the red tape for SME. The Vat threshold needs to re visited , many SME cannot afford to be registered for a turnover of R1M. SARS should be carrying out lifestyle audits and visiting high-end buyers of vehicles and Houses.	Janice	retired
	2026-02-04 11:43:59	Cut government spending: stricter control on tenders, security for theft by government and municipal workers, reduce non essential government and municipal workers and train those that remain to actually do their jobs efficiently. We have the largest cabinet in the world and they can't run the country efficiently!	Beverley	self-employed
	2026-02-04 11:43:09	Reduce the number of cabinet and other ministers. Get rid of all deputy ministers. Reduce the supporting staff as well. Reduce ALL ministerial salaries to about 10 percent of what they are now. Get rid of anybody who has been in any way connected to corruption. Make sure that those who are left are actually competent enough to do the job, and if not, get rid of them too. That should go a long way towards reducing the salary bill, at least! A minister's salary should be worked out in the following way: Take the GNP, divide by the number of working people in the country, and that will give you the amount a government minister should earn. If he wants to improve his salary, let him work to improve the GDP. That will involve getting rid of BEE and toxic foreign relations policies, in order to attract investment and allow competent people to be involved in the economy, not excluded simply because of the colour of their skin.	Alison	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:38:40	The ANC is bankrupting this country to line their own pockets, replace them.	Christo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:37:49	Government couls cut big chuncks from their expenses by not dividing the year between Pretoria and Capetown.	Elsz	retired
	2026-02-04 11:37:42		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 11:32:33	Firstly, get rid of ministers involved in corruption. Secondly reduce the number of ministers and deputies Reduce their salaries to a reasonable amount	Henry	retired
	2026-02-04 11:32:17	Please cut down on Government spending, first by reducing Cabinet. Please cut down staffing on all tiers of Government, as this is a waste of taxpayers money. Extra taxation must be given to the gambling boards that make tremendous amounts of money from poor to middle class South africans. Private health Care is very expensive and their annual increases are always above inflation, they should pay a super tax as well.	Umang	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:30:55	I think it is time r for zero - based budgeting. Our economy is in dire straits. We cannot afford to have vanity government/public service programmes usurping up millions of Rands with returns (if any) that have no relevance to what is required to put the country and its people on an improved financial trajectory. Millions of Rands are spent on name changes at a stage in our economy where this adds nothing in real terms, s&t claims, refreshments at the work place, exorbitant consumables, etc. Each government department should be requested to rethink its expenditure profile and re-align this with contributions to infrastructure maintenance and improvement and stimulus to grow the local economy... and NOT to allow the latter on lining the pockets of tenderpreneurs. Accounting practices in the supply chain management area must be tightened and value for money must be an ever-present focus. The moment a service provider "slips", immediate intervention must be taken, either to improve programme management practices and oversight, or to terminate the contract.	Eugene	retired
	2026-02-04 11:30:42		Clive	
	2026-02-04 11:28:51	Get rid of e procure system. Prices paid for goods, for services ridiculous Scape bbbeee only. Best price for good services and products	Juliana	retired
	2026-02-04 11:25:35	Firstly, start by Bible reading and open parliament in prayer. Sort out corrupt officials out first and let them rot in jail for life first. Then expose and sort out the corruption in Eskom regarding tenders and overspending etc. Sort out the police and army, then we will see. But until then, forget about it!	Gustav Nic	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:22:44	Primary focus MUST be cutting government spending. This will have an immediate effect on all sectors and allow the tax burden to be eased on a tiny tax base under immense pressure, carrying the whole nation and paying for wasteful expenditure. 1 - Social grants must be overhauled. Instead of paying out free education, health and social grants (i) introduce a tiered system where grants are according to household income instead of the maximum grant paid out unilaterally. (ii) incentivise small business over grants. Use the grant kitty toward effective entreprenuerial programs. Jobs over grants. (iii) Easing pressure on the grant kitty will immediately save huge amounts which can be re-invested into CORRUPTION-PROOF (NB) entrepreneurial programs to provide JOBS NOT GRANTS. (If "Jobs over grants" were your campaign slogan, and you demonstrated you were delivering on this, you would win every ward and metro.) 2 - Cabinet spending is a travesty of justice in a country with so many living below the poverty line. (i) Cut all redundant cabinet positions. Give a suitable severance package and start saving millions, turning the country around. (ii) Wasteful and irregular spending is not theoretical - we can all see the abundant evidence in the headlines. Make this a top priority, to cut it out. This is what will save the nation. If you follow these steps you will go down in history as South Africa's best leader.	Gus	
	2026-02-04 11:21:44		Odwa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 11:21:41		Robert	
	2026-02-04 11:09:22		MR M G	
	2026-02-04 10:59:59	Privatize SOE like Eskom aDavend Transner! Stop throwing money down the drain! Invest in infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure. Look at the LONG term view. Stop trying to please everyone and make the hard decisions that is best for EVERYONE in the long run, not just the 'tenderpreneurs'!	Dave	

	2026-02-04 10:57:18	Reduce the goverment Seats. Reduce salaries in Goverment to show the public those who represent the people in Parlament can also be be demoted and get smaller salaries. Hold MP's responsible. Rather make thier salaries linked to performance like CEO's of Private companies. Find better ways to control how money flow in SOE's to prevent corruption.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:53:13	Government to rid members with fraud and corruption. Stop paying themselves ridiculous salaries and concentrate on getting South Africa stable again	Melany	retired
	2026-02-04 10:52:28	There must be better oversight and accountability when it comes to goverment spending. Too many contracts get awarded to incompatent contractors and over inflated contracts are not being flagged. We as citizens work hard for our salaries our tax should be respected and spend wizely not wasted!	Heino	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:50:15	Too much money is spent on state officials including parliamentarians, state machinery (too many workers not doing their jobs); and too much money being borrowed. Government must live within its means. Stop bailing out SOE's, close the Post Office services, etc. Spend more money on education and training and health.	George L	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 10:45:58	Cut the cost of Blue Light Security and put circa R2 BILLION back in to the exchequer pot. “ South Africa's expenditure on "blue light" VIP and static security for government officials is projected to reach over R4 billion for the 2026/27 financial year, encompassing R2.46 billion for VIP protection and R1.6 billion for static protection. This cost, which covers protection for the President, ministers, and deputy ministers, has increased from R3.7 billion in 2024/25. Key Costs and Details Total Projected Costs (2026/27): Approximately R4.06 billion. Budget Breakdown: R2.46 billion for VIP protection (in-transit) and R1.60 billion for static security. Recent Spending: In the 2024/25 financial year, R3.7 billion was spent, with roughly R2.5 billion used by early 2026. Fuel Costs: The "blue light brigades" (VIP convoy protection) incurred around R42 million in fuel costs. Overtime Pay: Close protection officers claimed roughly R200 million in overtime in 2022/23 and R161 million in 2023/24. Context: These costs cover protection for the President, deputy president, ministers, deputy ministers, and international dignitaries. Criticism: The high spending, often referred to as "blue-light brigades," has faced scrutiny for prioritizing VIP protection over general crime-fighting, with the budget exceeding that of units like the Hawks.	Alexander	retired
	2026-02-04 10:43:19	Salaries of president, vp ,mps and cabinet , also provincial cabinets should be reduced not increased. Blue light security guatds forso called vips to be scrapped.	Deon	
	2026-02-04 10:42:45	My husband and I have paid taxes all our working lives, which is 64 plus years, yet we don't qualify for a government pension. We had an aim in life, tried to save and provide for ourselves over the years, paid into a private pension fund and own a house. Now our meagre pensions from that fund are still being taxed. A hobo in the street, who has never contributed one cent to the betterment of the country can claim a grant, a disability and a government pension.	Judy	retired
	2026-02-04 10:42:42	I think many officials are over paid for the work they do. I think standards need to be set for what needs to get done and their success on those standards should determine their salaries. The better they do, the more they can get paid. Rather than getting paid even if they don't do anything of value whatsoever.	Josua	
	2026-02-04 10:38:43	ñ Largely the theft and misappropiation of budget done by the caders, amongst the top but also in local government. Second to that is the 142 race laws	Elizabeth	retired
	2026-02-04 10:33:38	The government just spends like water basically on fake tenders and this goes right to the top with Mashateli's son. They spend money we don't have. The parliamentarians have too many perks costing the tax payer millions. Basically they spend money for the sake of spending. The infratures in South Africa, not touch since 1994, are all backing up now and most of South Africa are experiencing, dreadful circumstances just because the lax ANC could't be bothered with these duties, too busy spnding money on useless deal, commissions where no action is taken after the commission has pointed out all the problems and who should be going to jail for fraud, main example the Zondo Commission, and now the Madlanga commission, going on for months but now the erstwhile president in his "wisdom" now wants another commission to check out the original commission (Madlanga) to see whose lying or whatever. It's like Jacob Zuma with his court cacses. Goes nowhere and the government cares little. John Steenhuizen seems to have joined the ANC nw with the fiasco of FMD which is going on from 2019 and still nothing is made. The farmers are not even able to vaccinate their cattle in case they fall foul of the law. This country has no hope, is corrupt, lazy, dishonest to their citizens. And so mch more.	Dianne	retired
	2026-02-04 10:31:17	Time that incompetant anc caders go. Put people with brains in .fire all deputy min. Get rid off 40% off govermant workers. Privitize soe's. Stop stealing the money. And last one is anc is not capeble to manage enything. They useless	Sarel	retired
	2026-02-04 10:30:25	Cut public service excessive salaries. Cut government salaries by 80%. This would immediately bring the political killings rate down. Parliamentary perks are completely out of control. Cut the ridicules perks given to politicians. Fancy cars. Excessive security. Entourages. Deputies. Advisor’s. Spokespersons. Handbag carriers. Free flights. Free Housing. Free lunches. Parties. Free Power, Free Water. Free municipal rates. Excessive pension benefits.	Larry	retired
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	2026-02-04 14:57:43	Just get rid of the ANC goverment. Voetsek ANC and the country will be better place. We don't need to more ons they are gone the remaining people will manage to run the country but only locals no Politicians.	Peter	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 14:57:41	Just get rid of the ANC goverment. Voetsek ANC and the country will be better place. We don't need to more ons they are gone the remaining people will manage to run the country but only locals no Politicians.	Peter	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 14:55:04	It’s ridiculous SA has so many ministers and deputy ministers all sucking the country dry with their benefits. Houses flights electricity cars all free to them and the massive cost of protecting them with their blue light brigades and security details. All lowly local municipalitiy majors etc also qualify for this excess. Then they are kept on full salary if suspended . The cost is exorbitant.	Rachael	retired
	2026-02-04 14:53:20	Government needs to urgently curb excessive, non-essential spending — particularly on travel, luxury accommodation, and administrative costs that add no value to citizens. Public money is being lost at an alarming rate through: 1. Irregular & Wasteful Expenditure Between 2018 and 2024, national and provincial departments recorded more than R10.3 billion in fruitless and wasteful expenditure. In 2022/23 alone, the combined wasteful, irregular, and unauthorised spending exceeded R40 billion. 2. Mismanagement in State-Owned Enterprises SOEs such as Transnet continue to drain public funds through overpayments, penalties, and costs related to failed or cancelled projects. 3. Unsustainable Debt Service Costs In the 2024/25 financial year, South Africa spent R385.6 billion on debt-service costs — more than what was allocated to health or economic development. That means more money is going to interest payments than to improving people’s lives. 4. Excessive Administrative Spending Despite economic pressure on ordinary citizens, government departments continue spending heavily on catering, entertainment, hotel stays, and other non-essential administrative luxuries. 5. Municipal Corruption and Dysfunction Billions are lost every year due to corrupt tenders, abandoned projects, and municipalities that cannot perform basic service delivery. 6. Failed or Abandoned Feasibility Studies Millions are poured into studies for infrastructure projects that never materialise — meaning the money simply disappears without any public benefit. This money should be redirected to: Fixing and modernising our education system Properly enforcing the laws of this country Strengthening road safety and compliance Because if we can’t enforce the most basic rules — like stopping at a red light or a stop sign — how do we expect to enforce the laws against serious crimes? Lawlessness starts small. A society does not collapse overnight; it erodes slowly through thousands of everyday acts of disregard: Littering without consequence Ignoring traffic laws Disrespecting public spaces Failing to follow regulations Normalising “small” acts of dishonesty When small rules aren’t enforced, people stop respecting the big ones. And that is how you create a country where lawlessness becomes the norm rather than the exception. South Africa needs to restore accountability — from the smallest infractions to the largest cases of corruption. Respect for the law should be consistent, visible, and non-negotiable. Only then can we rebuild a society that is safe, functional, and governed by fairness rather than chaos. Dear Minister of Finance - that is where you need to spend our hard earned tax money.	Natasha	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:45:31	Government officials are getting payed much more than in the private sector. Specially entry level salaries with too much benefits. Cut their salaries or stop all increases. Promise you there will not be many officials leaving their jobs. They will only toy toy or go on slow strikes as they know they will not get the same salary in the private sector.	Kobus	business owner
	2026-02-04 14:37:08		Roger	retired
	2026-02-04 14:37:04	Government corruption . Stop GNU corrupt Ministers spenditure of R450 MILLION on personal travel, hotels and meals. Wasteful!! ANC parties spend R1.4 BILLION on parties while the homeless citizens of SA die on the streets of starvation and exposure. Promises of spending more on housing and poverty every time an election comes around are just EMPTY promises. Where are these houses for the poor.	Cheyrl	
	2026-02-04 14:34:37	Reduce the number of Government jobs drastically, because there are far too many Government employees who are incompetent, have no drive to excel and are inefficient in their positions. Restructure the Government organisation, determine the competence criteria for each job and then reassess each employee's competence for the position held. Cull he dead wood and redeploy the competent employees in positions for which they meet the competence criteria. Privatise SOEs and energy and water investments.	Roy	retired
	2026-02-04 14:25:30	Cut deputies, cut salaries of parliamentarians, cut corruption and excess and wasteful spending. Municipalities MUST pay Eskom and for ALL arrears.	Ethne	retired
	2026-02-04 14:22:21	We have incorrectly guessed the growth in our economy and therefore overspent for years. We need to trim the Public service, do away with Deputy Ministers and unnecessary staff. Why not ask them to give their job description as to what they actually do. Do Lifestyle audits on all top ranking govt employees to identify fraud. Go with zero growth and spending applicable to that income for the next 2 years	Grant	employed individual

	2026-02-04 14:20:57	Government must reduce tendering on maintenance project by appointing qualified artisans to maintain infrastructure in all Municipalities and Provincial Depts. Recruit and train more artisans to reduce unemployment. Implement structured enterprise development with mentorship support which include private sector. Appoint external monitoring committee that monitor all awarded big projects to reduce to minimize appointing unqualified service provider. All schools given budget should provide Audited financial statement to monitor the use of funds. Revive technical high and colleges in rural communities in order to create artisans. Appoint qualified technical teachers which must include White, colored, Indians in Government institutions Health = appoint external board which private sector, Ngo and Civic society to monitor Healthcare budget, expenditure, viability of projects to be done in hospital by benchmarking with international markets or standards. Bring in donors to improve health care, infrastructure and education but donors must not give funds to SA instead they must implement and formal handover the structure that will be maintained by qualified artisan. Invest in water in rural communities by installing borehole and force each household to contribute R10 towards the maintenance and provide incentive to household that are into Agriculture and Agro processing. Construction of Police Stations and appointment of EPWP peace officers to reduce in rural towns and communities. Bring in Private sector in creating job opportunities	Babalwa	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:17:53	Stop “wasteful expenditure”.	Gerhard	retired
	2026-02-04 14:14:28		Cindy	business owner
	2026-02-04 14:11:34	Cut the amount of ministers and deputy ministers . reduce governemt personel , Reduce the perks . Have one parliament . No pension benefits once you leave	rob	retired
	2026-02-04 14:11:01	President Cyril Ramaphosa should leave a legacy he can be proud of by: 1. Being decisive and ruthless about the other members of the cabinet and removing those who are even rumored to be involved in dishonesty, thereby drastically reducing government spending as a whole. 2. Remove ministers such as Gwede Mantashe, who is not only rumoured (from many sources) to be dishonest, but is also incompetent and has reduced the mining industry to a shadow of its former self. 3. Cutting out at least 50% of his cabinet (this is also overstaffed by all international standards), thereby further reducing government spending. 4. Perform a serious audit of the municipalities and have the dishonest culprits removed, instead of just lecturing them on the benefits of doing their jobs properly.	Kenneth	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:55:22	Match spending to incoming revenue, to cut to zero. 1 - pay market related prices for goods and services, Treasury to implement a price guide to be used for all procurement and any attempted spending more than 10% of the guide price needs to be fully justified and approved, before it can go ahead 2 - stop practice at local, provincial and national government where departments take previous budget and adjust for inflation as new budget. Each department needs to investigate the needs of their communities within boundary they serve, prepare a list, prioritise the list and make a 5 year plan. The priority items for next year to consider what resources and skills will be needed to implement and make the budget accordingly 3 - stop using public sector employment as a means to secure political votes, to stay in power. If tomorrow 50% of public sector job were cut, most citizens would not feel any impact in service delivery	Tamas	
	2026-02-04 13:50:46	Reduce the size of the civil Servise.	Donald	retired
	2026-02-04 13:49:41	We as South Africans have been saying PLEASE REDUCE THE CABINET SIZE. We heard the Deputy Minister of Police at the Ad Hoc Commity admitting that he's got no powers. We need to get rid of the Tenders. We were told by the ousted Escom CEO that instead of buying a R10.00 item, we'll get it at 200% more. We saw this with the unfortunate killing if our innocent engineer at Vereeniging. Johannesburg is now planning to appoint a Deputy Mayor. There's just so much we can see and achieve if you can get rid of the Deputies and Tenders.	Tebogo	retired
	2026-02-04 13:46:31		Naomi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:43:48	1. Please abolish the posts of Deputy Ministers. 2. Please give the pensioners a decent living pension - who can lice on R2 300.	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-04 13:31:01	Well as we know our over inflated government with all the perks it comes with could be the 1st, 1st that gets cut to start saving money, pay for your own water, electricity, transport, fly economy, stay in hostel's and private security like the ordinary South African needs to, give them a budget yearly with regards to goverment spending not blank Cheque’s and balance sheets with millions in deficits. Enough of everything is for free, nothing is for free, everything cost money, from the ground up!! Lock up and seize assets of all corrupt people who have stolen food from the people’s mouths and fed themselves and their family, lock them up and make their families pay back every cent that’s not accounted for!	Otto	
	2026-02-04 13:24:37		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 13:23:11	Issues where the tax payers monies are being wasted by the ANC 1. Unprecedented Government & ANC municipality corruption 2. Excessive hiring & inflated salaries as well as Cadre policies resulting in positions being filled by unqualified management. Expensive and often unqualified consultants being used for inhouse work 3. Irregular benefits and excessive perks for public sector 4. irregular expenditure, ie inflated contracts, fraudulent tenders, and unauthorised spending Opportunities for Savings 1. Reduce Public Sector Wage Bill 2. Stop non-essential government hiring & align wage increases to inflation. Stop Cadre hiring and implement performance-based salaries 3. Reform or privatise inefficient State-Owned Enterprises. Ensure accountability & transparency 5. Tackle Corruption 6. Creating and implementing spending guidelines for official duties and requirements, with strict transparent auditing 7. Transparent tender processes 8. Cost-benefit analyses before launching new projects to ensure sustainability & to ensure critical initiatives receive funding.	Guni	retired
	2026-02-04 13:22:45	The minister of finance have to stop being a political puppet that must find financial "solutions" for a failing government's uncontrolled over-spending of which a lot originates from fraudulent transactions . As long as politicians are not held responsible for mismanagement and illegal (criminal) spending, it will not stop. If you want to fix a leaking pipe you first have to turn down the supply tap. There should be much stricter control of how taxpayers money are allocated and made available irrespective of the mismanagement and plundering. Maybe its time for a special and honest (if at all possible) legal unit that can deal promptly and effectively with the mismanagement and plundering of taxpayers money instead of the unproductive and ineffective commissions politicians and criminals use to hide behind. Stop funding these useless political instruments.	DeWet	retired
	2026-02-04 13:21:59		Cee	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 13:21:58		Cee	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 13:21:26		Fausto	retired
	2026-02-04 13:20:24		Mariaan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:13:44	Government salaries for top officials and ministers are ridiculously high. They work for the people and therefore their salaries should be determined by the people, not their buddies - all with the same skeletons rattling in the closet. Spending on frivolous items and functions must be cut - a friend attended a government department information session where the price per plate was at least R800 +, but at the same meeting they were told there is no money for NPOs. More accountability for irregular spending - wipe out corruption from the top.	Annelle	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:05:52	Cut all deputy cabinet ministers and sort out corruption. Fire everyone in the municipalities who do not do their jobs, curtail useless spending. It's obvious!! No more commissions please just proper policing and jail time. It is outrageous that we have to be subjected to such poor governance. Government get your act together please.	Louella	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:03:58	Limit child grants to 2 children for a single guadian. We encourage the wrong behaviours. Reduce student bursaries and limit the amount of student bursaries to successful passes with a maximum of 3 years study. Do away with traditional leader payments unless they can uplift their communities and physically show improvement in their subjects' standard of living.	Vanessa	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:03:35		Clive	
	2026-02-04 13:00:11		Jurgen	retired
	2026-02-04 12:58:39		Allister	
	2026-02-04 12:56:29	Please, Mr Minister, Weed out the unnecessary ,from the bloated numbers of staff, to government spending in general. Hire staff who are properly qualified, so as to cut out (or down) extra spending on outsourcing to private companies.	Antoinette	retired
	2026-02-04 12:54:50		Vanessa	retired
	2026-02-04 12:46:55		Karen	employed individual
	2026-02-04 12:44:33	VIP protection needs to restricted to say top 5 positions in Government. The number of officials need to be drastically reduced. There should only be one seat of Government. Anti corruption investigations need to be more effective.	Nigel	retired
	2026-02-04 12:29:05		Chris	retired
	2026-02-04 12:28:44	Tax taxi industry Tax Shabeens Tax All small home rental industry.	Walter	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:04:54		Yaakov	retired

	2026-02-05 12:04:27	The cabinet should be at least halved. Municipal managers and workers should be appointed according to ability no matter what political party they belong to. Zero extra expenses like travel, security, body guards, meals, etc. That can be paid with their own money, as we all have to. Nothing can change if government doesn't get serious about their lavish spending (on themselves!) habits. It's completely unacceptable now, as it has always been.	Ina	
	2026-02-05 12:03:29	A simple and effective way for Treasury to cut costs is to eliminate routine catering for government meetings and daily operations. Most public servants earn regular salaries and, like workers in the private sector, can reasonably be expected to pay for their own meals or bring food from home. Catering provides no direct benefit to the public, does not improve service delivery, and represents a recurring expense that adds up to at least an estimated R70 million per year at national level alone, with the true figure likely higher once all departments and entities are considered. From a public finance perspective, it is low-value spending and easy to remove. Ending routine catering would also reduce administrative burden and close off a common avenue for inflated invoices and procurement abuse. Treasury could implement this with a simple directive allowing food only for genuine exceptions such as emergency operations. Beyond the financial savings, it would send an important message that government is willing to tighten its own belt before asking citizens to do the same — a small but meaningful step toward restoring fiscal discipline and public trust. In the same spirit, Members of Parliament's entertainment benefits should be abolished entirely. Entertainment is not a work necessity and delivers no public value; it is a personal luxury. Any leisure or social functions should be paid for by the individuals who derive enjoyment from them, not by taxpayers struggling with rising living costs. Removing these perks would reinforce the principle that public office is a position of service, not entitlement, and would help restore credibility by drawing a clear line between legitimate work expenses and personal indulgence.	Werner	
	2026-02-05 11:58:11	Forget NHI we can't afford another "cash cow' SOE! FIX WHAT'S THERE ALREADY, BECAUSE THE PRESENT HEALTH SYSTEM IS IN A SHAMBLES!!!!	Norman	retired
	2026-02-05 11:56:28		Carel	
	2026-02-05 11:53:40		Cornelia	retired
	2026-02-05 11:52:49	Instead of asking how to allocate our budget, I think that government needs to first and foremost tackle the corruption within their ranks so harshly that it terrifies anyone else even thinking of acting without integrity. I personally believe that the corruption and theft in all levels of government is the main reason for South Africa having been brought to its knees financially and for the failure of proper maintenance to our infrastructure. Secondly, severely downsize cabinet and reduce salaries. Next, do away with B-BBEE policies so that the most competent and qualified persons can be hired, regardless of race, colour, religion etc. Once the CAUSE of our fiscal and failing infrastructure issues has been remedied, we can then spend our taxpayers' monies on remedying all of our failing infrastructure, creating employment etc. With the assurance that our money will actually be used for the intended purposes instead of being stolen and/or used to line government officials, public workers and Tentripaneur's pockets	Jean	retired
	2026-02-05 11:52:22	Get rid of all the SOEs and let the private sector run things. Every day, you hear on the news that government departments and government officials don't pay their municipal fees (for example), and nothing happens. Let a private person miss one payment, and all hell breaks loose! Get rid of the incompetent people - appoint people according to their skills. Stop putting people in positions they are not qualified for, yet they get fat salaries! AND DON'T FORGET THEY GET BONUSES FOR BEING INCOMPETENT!	Carol-Ann	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:50:50		Joe	retired
	2026-02-05 11:50:50		Joe	retired
	2026-02-05 11:47:34	Tender process leads to overcharging and corruption	Ewald	
	2026-02-05 11:45:38	More scrutiny should be placed on spending than trying to police the people more. Too much money is wasted landing up in corrupt hands and not benefitting taxpayers and normal citizens	Roger	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:41:27	I would strongly recommend reconsidering social grants. Yes, we need to look after our underprivileged citizens, but we should not incentivise them so much that they choose not to work, or even worse, have children just to receive grants. Therefore, I recommend that the child grant be increased, for example to R750 per month, but that it is not per child. It is per mother. Therefore, there is still some support, but it does not incentivise people to just have more children for the grant.	Anculien	
	2026-02-05 11:39:21	Uncontrolled, irrational, open to corruption. This hole just gets deeper and deeper.	Erik	self-employed

	2026-02-05 11:39:06	Stop the Debt From Growing (Primary Budget Surplus)
		
		The fastest way to reduce debt is first to stop borrowing more.
		That means running a primary surplus (revenue > spending before interest).
		How do you get there quickly?
		• Freeze expansion of the public wage bill
		• Cut non-performing programmes
		• Halt SOE bailouts unless tied to restructuring
		• Improve SARS revenue collection efficiency
		• Crack down on procurement corruption
		This doesn't require dramatic political theatre — it requires strict fiscal discipline.
		
		Fix Eskom and Logistics (Growth = Debt Relief)
		Debt-to-GDP ratio falls fastest when GDP grows faster than debt.
		If GDP grows at 3–4% instead of 1%, the debt ratio stabilizes or falls without extreme cuts.
		The biggest growth levers:
		• Stable electricity supply
		• Functional ports and rail
		• Regulatory certainty for investors
		• Faster approval processes for business
		Economic growth is more powerful than salary cuts in reducing debt ratios.
		
		Sell or Restructure State-Owned Enterprises
		One of the fastest technical ways to reduce debt:
		• Partial privatization
		• Strategic equity partners
		• Asset sales (non-core state assets)
		• This:
		  • Brings in immediate capital
		  • Reduces future bailout risk
		  • Improves operational efficiency
		  • This is politically sensitive — but financially effective.
		
		Control Interest Costs
		• Debt becomes dangerous when:
		• Borrowing rates rise
		• Investors lose confidence
		• Maintaining fiscal credibility lowers borrowing costs, which compounds into massive savings over time.
		a 1% reduction in borrowing cost can save billions annually.
		
		Targeted Public Sector Reform (Not Blanket Cuts)
		Cutting ministers' salaries would make headlines but barely impact debt.
		However:
		• Natural attrition hiring freezes
		• Early retirement packages
		• Digitization of services
		• These reduce long-term structural spending without collapsing services.
			Ernst	

	2026-02-05 11:35:59		Herbert	retired
	2026-02-05 11:35:52		Adriaan	retired
	2026-02-05 11:35:51		Adriaan	retired
	2026-02-05 11:33:49		Daniel	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:28:31	Maybe they can decrease the amount of Government Official employe as we have a large cabinet of Ministers that do not need to be there. All Parlement Ministers including the President can take a drastic cut in their salaries, and no salary increase until loans are 70% paid up.	Vanessa	retired
	2026-02-05 11:16:03	Government spending must be cut and we must live within our means. Growth is the answer not debt.	Chris	
	2026-02-05 11:14:23	Government Spending is obscene. Reduce the size of Cabinet by 2 thirds Reduce the pay packages of senior Government Employees, they are not value for money. Cut Blue Light Brigades entirely. Ban fancy cars for Government and Municipal employees. Spend the Money on Maintenance and spend it effectively. Forget the NHI, spend the money on fixing the current health system and spend it effectively. Jail the perpetrators. Spend the money on reinstating the Vaccine production for agriculture, import the vaccines and use them. Get government to get its head out of the sand and actually DO the right things	Robin	retired
	2026-02-05 11:08:32	There are too many civil servants and even deputy ministers. Employ people who are properly qualified for the position to improve service as well as cut down on unnecessary salaries. Reduce spending on Blue Light brigades and unnecessary travel expenses. There would appear to be a high number of government employees on suspension with full pay - sometimes for years. What a waste of taxpayers money . Proper control of the tender process would perhaps help stop some of the corruption.	Valerie	retired
	2026-02-05 11:04:08	Stop. spending astronomical amouts on security for Government members . Train and fund a SAPS group for that purpose and give them the necessary tools,money, equipment , legal rights etc. they may need for their work .	Paul	retired
	2026-02-05 11:01:56	There are many ways to cut government spending. Lavish parties, commissions of enquiries, keeping ministers in their posts who are not Qualified to do the job. Putting ministers on suspension instead of firing them and finally sustaining such a bloated cabinet!!!!	Ronald	retired
	2026-02-05 10:57:15		joubert	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:56:08	Cut out employing unqualified staff, who do not know what they are doing. Ministers and cabinet staff are overpaid. Cut corruption. Ensure tenders and invoices are legitimate and not inflated because it is government spending. Do a decent job so that those who pay tax also get benefits instead of 10% supporting the rest of the country.	Barbara	retired
	2026-02-05 10:54:10	Stricter controls on government spending !!!	Antonio	self-employed

	2026-02-05 10:54:09	The government still seems to lose an unacceptable amount of money through the appointment of ineffective or corrupt contractors to execute on much needed work and services. We cannot continue to tax the small percentage of the population to fund the corrupt and inefficient government. Remove ministers and public employees who have no experience or ability for their job and replace them with educated and effective individuals.	Marlies	retired
	2026-02-05 10:49:49	1. STOP spending taxpayer money on unnecessary SANDF parades. 2. The amount of generals in the SANDF is sickening, we do not need that many, those salaries can go towards buying aircraft, ships and tanks etc.	Charmion	self-employed
	2026-02-05 10:43:56	Fraudulent and wasteful spending in all departments will most likely assist to minimize govt debt. Saving on interest and diligent scrutiny of any spending will surely assist in a huge budget surplus . however, does he have the will to do the right thing? Doubtful	Jan	retired
	2026-02-05 10:37:27	The national government needs to firstly rein in corruption to stem the tide of immense debt, stop making foolish international partnerships and start making wise spending choices for basic services like healthcare, actual affordable education with true outcomes and actual policing with crime reductions	Julie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 10:36:51		Lillian	retired
	2026-02-05 10:25:24	Privatising the state owned entities will relieve the budget from permanent high expenditures and transform them into competetive companies in the market	Rainer	retired
	2026-02-05 10:18:28	Privatise the prominent SOE's, namely Eskom and the Railways, and concentrate on health care and corruption within the others. Cancel all forms of racist BEEE laws and work on promoting proper education systems within primary and secondary education system. Stop all cadre deployments. Adopt a zero tolerance policy with all crime, jailing cell phone, stop street and traffic light infringements up to 24 hours. This will certainly restore the rule of law.	Graham	retired
	2026-02-05 10:10:13	Stop theft and corruption.	Wout	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:08:37	Reduce the size of government by removing deputy ministers. Use this saving to employ more teachers-this will help with the unemployment rate as well as improving the level of skills in learners by having smaller class sizes. Dismissals, not suspensions that drag on for years, to implemented for all corrupt government employees	Denise	retired
	2026-02-05 10:07:03	Over 60% of non-interest spending goes toward the “Social Wage” (Education, Health, Social Grants). However, the public often highlights “wasteful expenditure” (VIP security, bloated cabinets).	Skye	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:05:37	Start with ACCOUNTABILITY !! Consider Governmental and Local Government salary freezes for a year. Follow strict and TRANSPARENT tender allocation process. Reduce bodyguard numbers.	Terence	retired
	2026-02-05 10:01:50	Government spending and corruption need to be more finely monitored. The amount of money that is unaccounted for is staggering and disgusting.	Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-05 09:54:00	Corruption has hollowed out this country and unless accountability is brought to government spending and the right people are in the right place, it doesn't matter what we do with the rest. Besides that, water and education are top priorities, to live and give people opportunity.	Jackie	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:35:05		Werner	retired
	2026-02-05 09:33:33		VIVIENNE	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:32:28		Ian	retired
	2026-02-05 09:28:52		Louise	retired
	2026-02-05 09:23:42		Jean	retired
	2026-02-05 09:22:27		Francois J	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:20:18	1. Why so many ministers 2. Why the name changes of towns? etc 3. Security for the ministers yet the voters have no security 4. Fancy cars 5. Overseas visits 6. All the commissions - yet no notice is taken from their input 7. All foreigners (illegal) allowed into SA 8. All foreigners with shops/business - do they pay tax	Carmen	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:08:27		PIET	retired
	2026-02-05 09:06:42	I am a government employee and we do waste money by spending on unnecessary things and not spending on important things. Unnecessary spending are things like changing city names. It is a waste of money. It costs a fortune about R200 Mil. We should remember the past so we do not make the same mistakes again. No try and obliterate the past. This is a waste of money. All government staff whether they are ministers or just an administrator should fly economy. While government has no money we all should be curbing our costs. The monthly cost cutting measures are not working. By the time we get the approval, we have to travel the next day and this incurs booking at a much higher rate. If I want to go to a conference in 6 months time, we should book the flight and accommodation immediately at the lower cost. It just makes financial sense. Many ministries should in actual fact only be a chief Directorate. Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) should only be a CD of Department of Social Development (DSD) for example. I am a woman and I do not need a Department of women. What do they do? How many people are they to justify a whole Department and what have they actually accomplished in 30 years..not much when you look at the lives of every day women in South Africa. In fact we are worse off and live in a far more dangerous SA. Then we overspend on things like SONA. This should be entirely online until our finances improve. The pomp and ceremony while so many of our citizens live in poverty is in-you-face ostentatious. We overspend on things that are not our core functions in departments. Why do we need to go away somewhere for strategic planning in Departments. We have boardrooms. It is costs we just cannot afford. Yet we curb subsistence and add administrative burden in managing subsistence with the cost cutting measures that end up being a very large labour intensive costs and being more expensive. It makes no sense. We need to streamline administrative burden, get rid of the 'deadwood' lazy staff. Build and uplift staff who really work hard and want to be civil servants - no matter the skin colour as BEE is the biggest mistake of the government. It encourages mediocrity. There is currently no incentive to work hard in the civil service. No reward for hard work; so why should we.? That is why government employees have such a bad reputation for not doing their job. Those of us working hard are getting demoralised. Lastly stop the corruption that is still very much ongoing. The moment you are chosen to be in government, the party politics should stop and you should start serving all citizens. The ongoing blatant corruption, the ongoing employment of parliamentarians suspected of corruption must stop. The lengthy investigations with staff suspended on full pay should stop. After 3 months on suspension, pay should be halved. After 6 months it must be suspension without pay. Then staff under suspension will want investigations to be completed asap and will be on HR to do their jobs and finalised disciplinary procedures asap as well. The government priorities are not at our core functions. This is why our spending bill is so high. Then the most important part of cutting spending is to fix the Central Supplier Database for procurement. A guy with an email address and cell number should not be on the CSD. This is a 3rd party supplier. He does not employ or uplift anyone but himself. This is not BEE. It is self enrichment and encourages fraud. More than half of all suppliers on the CSD are not real BEE. It is just one black person with a cell number and a gmail address. Real BEE is where you have an actual business premises, you employ staff, giving more people a job, you make or actually sell goods or provide an actual service. This empowers staff who then can take care of their families. The CSD does not do this. Fix it PLEASE	Lieze	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:04:59		Helen	retired
	2026-02-05 09:04:57		Helen	retired
	2026-02-05 09:02:22		Pascal	
	2026-02-05 09:01:46		Christian	
	2026-02-05 08:56:06		Dion	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:50:47	Honorable minister start by cutting waste , fraud and abuse of taxpayers hard earned money by corrupt officials. secondly decline all increases to cabinet ministers its time they start to earn their money and get off the gravy train. our healthcare system is collapsing nationwide so use he ministers increase to fund the day hospitals and Hospitals in general. Provide proper safety for our communities and lastly remove all perks and privileges of all sitting members, ministyers in Parlaiment as we the ordinary citizen can pay for basic services so can they . They're already earning astronomical salaries.	ROGER	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:49:49	Cull much of the top heavy Government... do away with Deputy Ministers, and some of the portfolios of Cabinet. Downsize those over generous Parliamentary salaries and perks. Fire that useless Minister of Arts and Culture, Gayton McKenzie. Preferably ... well, never mind.	Anthony	retired
	2026-02-05 08:47:07	The goal is to force accountability in a way that is credible, lawful, and hard to dismiss. Practical, realistic ways to do this in SA (not just shouting into the void). It is important to demand independent verification, independent forensic audits, compliance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). This is not an unreasonable or a radical demand. An independent, private forensic accounting firm, appointed outside political influence to audit; infrastructure spending, SOE bailouts, Municipal grants, Covid-era funds (still relevant), housing, water, electricity, healthcare budgets. Private firms are harder to manipulate and reputational risk if they lie. South African taxpayers are entitled to measurable outcomes for public expenditure. Continued service delivery failures alongside escalating budgets raise legitimate concerns regarding financial governance.	Mandy	self-employed

	2026-02-05 08:45:07	Policy Proposal: Transforming Youth Employment and Training through SANDF National Service A Strategic Mechanism for Reducing Youth Unemployment and Enhancing Skills Development in South Africa Introduction South Africa faces a persistent challenge with youth unemployment, compounded by inefficiencies and wasteful expenditure within current training initiatives. The 2026 National Budget presents an opportunity to overhaul existing systems by redirecting resources from Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) and ineffective private training centres to the South African National Defence Force (SANDF). This proposal advocates the establishment of SANDF as a national youth training facility, introducing a compulsory three-year service for all citizens aged 18–21, irrespective of academic achievement. The initiative aims to foster military discipline, provide trade skills across Army, Navy, and Airforce branches, and offer a student stipend. The following report outlines the mechanism, assesses its feasibility, and explores anticipated benefits and challenges for policy makers and government officials. Current Issues: Inefficiencies in SETAs and Training Centres Despite considerable budget allocations, SETAs and numerous private training centres have failed to deliver meaningful employment outcomes for the nation's youth. Reports indicate high dropout rates, poor skills transfer, and the proliferation of “bogus” institutions offering substandard programmes. This results in substantial wasteful expenditure, undermining efforts to reduce youth unemployment and eroding public trust in government initiatives. A lack of standardisation, oversight, and alignment with labour market demands further exacerbates these issues, necessitating urgent reform. Proposed Mechanism: Redirecting Funding to SANDF Youth Training Facility To address these shortcomings, the following mechanism is proposed: 1. Budget Reallocation: Re-direct funds previously earmarked for SETAs and unaccredited training centres to SANDF, ensuring transparent oversight and fiscal responsibility. 2. Facility Upgrading: Invest in upgrading SANDF bases and infrastructure to accommodate a national youth training facility capable of hosting large cohorts annually. 3. Programme Development: Collaborate with trade unions, industry bodies, and educational experts to design accredited, market-relevant skills programmes embedded within military service. 4. Monitoring and Evaluation: Establish robust mechanisms for ongoing evaluation, with clear metrics for employment outcomes and skills acquisition. Compulsory Service Framework The cornerstone of this proposal is a compulsory three-year SANDF service for all South African citizens aged 18–21, regardless of educational background. Key elements include: • Inclusivity: All youth within the specified age range participate, promoting social cohesion and equal opportunity. • Duration: Three years of structured service, balancing military training, trade skills development, and community service. • Stipend: Participants receive a monthly stipend, supporting basic living costs and incentivising engagement. • Branch Assignment: Youth are assigned to Army, Navy, or Airforce branches based on aptitude and national workforce needs. Training and Skills Development The programme will integrate trade skills training across all SANDF branches, including but not limited to: • Technical Trades: Engineering, mechanics, electronics, aviation maintenance, and IT support. • Vocational Skills: Carpentry, plumbing, welding, logistics, and supply chain management. • Health and Emergency Services: First aid, healthcare support, disaster response, and fire safety. • Soft Skills: Leadership, teamwork, discipline, communication, and problem-solving. Training will be accredited and designed to facilitate transition into civilian employment or further study upon completion. Partnerships with industry and educational institutions will be prioritised to ensure relevance and recognition. Expected Outcomes The anticipated benefits of this approach are multifaceted: • Economic Impact: Reduction in youth unemployment, creation of a skilled workforce, and improved economic productivity. • Social Benefits: Enhanced social cohesion, reduced crime rates, and strengthened national identity through shared service. • Individual Advancement: Youth gain valuable work experience, accredited qualifications, and improved employability. • Fiscal Efficiency: Elimination of wasteful expenditure on ineffective training systems, with improved return on investment for public funds. Feasibility and Challenges Implementing this mechanism will require careful consideration of the following challenges: • Logistical Complexity: Scaling SANDF facilities and programmes to accommodate all eligible youth may necessitate significant investment and phased implementation. • Legal and Ethical Considerations: Compulsory service raises questions about individual rights and must comply with constitutional provisions. • Transition Management: Ensuring smooth transfer of funding, staff, and resources from SETAs and private centres to SANDF. • Quality Assurance: Maintaining high standards in training delivery, safeguarding against the risk of replicating previous inefficiencies. • Public Perception: Addressing concerns about militarisation and ensuring the programme is seen as a developmental, not punitive, initiative. Mitigation strategies include extensive stakeholder engagement, pilot programmes, gradual scale-up, and continuous monitoring and evaluation. Conclusion and Recommendations The proposal to repurpose SANDF as a national youth training facility, funded by redirecting resources from ineffective training systems, presents a bold opportunity to tackle youth unemployment and enhance skills development. While challenges exist, the potential economic, social, and individual benefits warrant serious policy consideration. It is recommended that government initiate a feasibility study, engage stakeholders in programme design, and develop a phased implementation plan with clear accountability measures. This approach has the potential to transform South Africa’s youth employment landscape and maximise the impact of the 2026 National Budget.	Andrew	self-employed
	2026-02-05 08:40:15		Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 08:36:36	Mp's to take a 50% paycut, remove all personal security perssonel vehicles and other recources. Manage tenders correctly. Prosecute all fraudulant politicians.	Duane	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:36:31	Mp's to take a 50% paycut, remove all personal security perssonel vehicles and other recources. Manage tenders correctly. Prosecute all fraudulant politicians.	Duane	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:26:47		Jos	
	2026-02-05 08:12:14	The rot and glut of incompetent, cadre deployed and appointed buddies in government and municipal positions must be identified and removed. One can't address symptoms while the incompetence continues. It may be painful to all, but only temporarily.	Johann	retired
	2026-02-05 08:08:04	The President should freeze salary increases for parliamentarians for 3 years. Get rid of deputy Ministers. Wasteful expenditure must be not be tolerated. The new funds can be used to fix the old infrastructure.	Ismail	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:04:35	We cannot go on like this. I am a very small buisiness owner and want to start onther buisiness but cannot get small funding. I am White. Bond payments also is a new theft in our country. I have pais oenr R500 000 rand back but only R38000 in Capital. Now.. how do you grow a buisiness if taxes keep on going up and borrowing is almost impossible and paying back loans is legally theft.	Gert	self-employed
	2026-02-05 08:03:39	Cut down on your cabinet! You do not need all those unnecessary posts! With the free’d up money put it into water infrastructure.	Tamsyn	
	2026-02-05 07:55:18	reduce the size of government by at least 50%, starting with the reduction of deputy ministers.	Jim	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:53:22	Sombody must see to it than Government Spending is Doing what it said it would do! No more R5mil projects now costing R20 mil. No more incompetent people appointed as Government officials, all over Government. Much SMALLER Government! Stop the theft!	Johan	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:52:23		Petru	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:50:43	Over 60 % of interest spending goes toward the “Social Wage” (Education, Health, Social Grants). However, the public often highlights “wasteful expenditure” (VIP security, bloated cabinets). Survey Question: If you had to reallocate 5% of the current budget from one department to another, where would you take it from, and where should it go?	Susan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:29:18	South Africa needs a stronger police department. Please allocate more funding for the police to have more vehicles and staff to attend to and investigate crime.	Shaun	Non-profit
	2026-02-05 07:23:11	Ask politicians to give up their 13th cheque. A little sacrifice from them will make them more tolerable. Do away with security guards for politicians. Let them rely on vigilance as do the rest of us in self protection. Perhaps there should be rules about flashing their wealth around to draw attention to themselves. A course in humility might help them. They (mostly) haven't after all been elected for their popularity with the people of this country. There are far too many of them. For many years in the provincial public service salary scales were /are probably still, ignored. No one came in at the entry level. Appointments were on the top level of the scale and then merit increased were expected to get increases annually. It was hard to award these to many post fillers. This practice needs to be checked.	Elizabeth	retired
	2026-02-05 07:18:35	- Privatize privatize privatize - Cut government employees to the bare minimum; outsource as much as possible. IN the private sector competition will drive pricing down and quality up - Stop BEE - it grossly inflates prices and hinders international investment - Stop EWC - another barrier to international investment - International investment will turn the economy around and encourage fast growth	Iemke	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:10:28	Too many Politicians on the pay roll and over paid. Do away with Mayors, in the past they were paid by the hour. Now they get a wacking salary for what. Too many useless people working in the government and municipalities, also over paid. Do away with free Money ie Grant for Kids to have children plus unemployment grant. There is plenty of work to be done. Perhaps the Government should consider giving 3 meals a day and a place to sleep in exchange for manual labour, not R 350 for the month. We build our infrastucture and the jobs will come, Turn Goverment statals into Private sector.	James	self-employed
	2026-02-05 07:07:04	Cut Government jobs starting at the top...with oversized departments and heads of department. Spend money on Security within your departments to stop the stealing. Stop illegal immigrants from receiving assistance...would ensure they return to their countries if no freebies are given. Our people are without jobs, are starving	sandra	retired
	2026-02-05 07:05:58		Lawson	retired
	2026-02-05 06:57:21		Alan	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:57:21		Alan	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:55:47		Mariaan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 06:46:04	Our Government officials are paid too much and dont look after the people. They should get paid less, less perks and fancy cars, dinners etc.	Christina	retired
	2026-02-05 06:44:24		Pino	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:41:34		Vanessa	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:35:42		Lyn	

	2026-02-05 06:24:41	Cut the bloated cabinet down and remove unnecessary deputies. Employ technocrats as heads of functional departments, freeze government salaries for the top tiers, invest in infrastructure - roads, water especially, invest in education and security, health. Decrease spending so we can lower debt. Privatize transnet - especially rail and harbours - not to caders or BEE compliant companies - this is really important. Clean out eskom management and address government and municipal corruption. It drains this country.	Meiring	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:14:24		Boitumelo	self-employed
	2026-02-05 06:06:35	STOP STEALING MONEY Halt government salary increases for MPs, ministers and heads. Let them work on a performance based salary scale. Get ride of the unnecessary positions in ministries. You need 1 minister and 1 deputy. Thats it! Get rid of BBBEE so the expats would have a reason to return to SA. SOEs are dead. Privatize them. STOP STEALING MONEY	Hendrik	
	2026-02-05 05:43:43		Ian	retired
	2026-02-05 04:54:58		Pieter	employed individual
	2026-02-05 02:24:26		G	self-employed
	2026-02-05 01:40:42	Immediate reduction in parliamentary salaries, particularly those of ministers that do NOT need an increase despite being approved. Immediate stop to uncontrolled expenditure on blue light brigades with strict limits. Add to that strict limits on travel, accommodation and other unnecessary wasteful expenditure by by MP's and ministers. Much, much more focus on accountability by all persons in government employ in senior positions at all levels which must include a service level agreement that requires any and all excessive, wasteful and fruitless expenses they incur or authorise negligently without due diligence, fraudulently or otherwise must become recoverable from them personally, including from their pensions. Such recoveries should be done without delay and repayed into the fiscus.	Marque	retired
	2026-02-05 01:35:24		Margo	
	2026-02-05 01:33:26		Margo	
	2026-02-05 01:26:06	Tax is bad for the economy: It takes resources from people who knows best how to generate those resources in the first place. Government should be as small as possible. Keep us safe and build infrastructure. Everything else we'll do best.	André	
	2026-02-05 00:10:47	Wasteful expenditure and corruption can’t be allowed to continue unchecked like it is now. SARS without an accountability database populated with proof of correct and efficient spending of cash before releasing tranches of money is nothing but racketeering disguised as government expenditure	Martin	employed individual
	2026-02-04 23:28:37	Really can we comment? Still stealing money via corruption and tenders. Bloody gatvol I tell you!	Bianca	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 22:51:10	Cut number of ministers and we don't need deputy ministers .	Colin	retired
	2026-02-04 22:42:30	FIX OUR ROADS!!!!! Everyone talks about energy, water and health which indeed is critical but what about the thousands of accidents due to unsafe beyond repair roads! When the injured can not be assisted due to our limited health infrastructure capacity. Bring back our dignity, fix our road and all transport related infrastructure, Thank you!	Ngomusa Cheryl	employed individual
	2026-02-04 22:39:26	Government needs to reduce the amount of.people in parliament. Their salaries should also be reduced as well as their added benefits. The tax paying people should not be funding their extravagant lifestyles.	Doreen	retired
	2026-02-04 22:34:44	Government is spendong too much because it wants to cater for the whole world. It should do away with illegal immigrants so that the budget can be sufficient for its citizens.	Pule	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 21:56:20		Relebohile	self-employed
	2026-02-04 21:54:59	Spend less on grants, and pay off debt. This is sound financial principles.	Willie	retired
	2026-02-04 21:51:39		Elize	retired
	2026-02-04 21:51:38		Elize	retired
	2026-02-04 21:34:14	Incompetent people not being held accountable forcresults and poor service to the citizens of SA, corruption, job entitlement vs service delivery.	Christo	retired
	2026-02-04 21:09:35		Jan	business owner
	2026-02-04 20:59:17		Piet	retired
	2026-02-04 20:56:45		Trevor	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:54:45		Johannes David	retired
	2026-02-04 20:54:43		Johannes David	retired
	2026-02-04 20:42:24		Louisa	retired
	2026-02-04 20:42:22		Louisa	retired
	2026-02-04 20:24:01		Morne	
	2026-02-04 20:22:21	In my experience, government employees waste too much time without getting the job done efficiently. This results in too many employees who get paid to do nothing. Contracts are also awarded to companies based on relationship, BEE and nepotism, resulting in a huge loss to the country. We need the government to stop spending wastefully and to tighten the belt. Furthermore, government grants are excessive and encourage passive citizens. Government should be encouraging hard work to earn a living.	Catherine	retired
	2026-02-04 20:20:30		Lieb	retired
	2026-02-04 20:18:31	Overspending of money, salaries, travel, functions etc. None capable municipalitie management Corruption in government	JG	employed individual
	2026-02-04 20:18:14		Dean	business owner
	2026-02-04 20:12:52		Patrick	retired
	2026-02-04 20:12:35	Reduce the size of parliament by at least 50% Get rid of the deputy ministers who really has no function. Publish the contents of the Ministerial handbook so that regular people can have insight into the outrages privileges these useless leaches sitting on the benches in parliament enjoy. Get some tips on how to reduce those privileges that are simply unaffordable. Stop spending money on ideological things like name changes and statues etc. Stop having parliament in two cities. Pick one and close the other as it is just a waste of taxpayers money shifting all these people and their staff between Pretoria and Cape Town. Reduce the number of commissions of investigation and ensure the results of those are implemented speedily and without favor to certain individuals Stop all bailouts for SOE's. If they fail let them fail and have the private sector come in and do the work much more efficiently.	Dewald	self-employed
	2026-02-04 20:04:55		Jenny	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:59:57		J H	retired
	2026-02-04 19:54:57		Pregs	retired
	2026-02-04 19:50:06		Samantha	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:41:51		Ro-anne	
	2026-02-04 19:38:39	Government should stop spending to immigrants, legal or illegal. Those who came to the country should have both life and medical aid Insuarance to cover their temporary stay in the country. South Africans tax payers are over taxed because of this nonsense. South Africa cannot be Africa. Nooo	Singi	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 19:34:26	I believe we need to start at the Parliament level First. This is bloated and needs to be reduced by 20%. There are just too many Ministers and Deputy Ministers. We need to also review the policy of protection services to these Ministers why should the Tax man cover this cost. The next is to address Eskom resources which is also Bloated and to be reduced by more than 30%. Many of the resources are overpaid for what they have to deliver. The next is at Municipal level where more focus is required on the correct skills be deployed for the applicable service delivery and STOP ALL Cadre deployment with immediate effect. We should also with immediate effect make sure that any Government employee who is suspended to be suspended with NO PAY. This enforcement may change the guilty persons to review their actions before committing any.	Dipak	retired
	2026-02-04 19:31:00		Peter	retired
	2026-02-04 19:26:51		Sharon	business owner
	2026-02-04 19:25:26		Jeannie	retired
	2026-02-04 19:25:24		Jeannie	retired
	2026-02-04 19:24:35		Titia	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:20:57	In a country smaller than most of the 1at world nations, we have the second most embassies and an inflated number of ministries and SOCs. Mr Minister it's time to for common sense to prevail, we cannot spend what we don't have. Secondly please incentivise hard work, overtime and second incomes by not taxing it so heavily. The event will grow as more people can hired as small businesses expand.	Dewar	
	2026-02-04 19:18:29		Simpiwe	business owner

	2026-02-04 19:15:11	The only way to stop government over spending is to get a new government. The ANC has had enough time to do right but they are only going backwards. Until they can increase the economy and creat work for the people and not being corrupt the overspending won't stop.	Andre	retired
	2026-02-04 19:06:49		Loraine	retired
	2026-02-04 19:05:42	Reduce the bloated Public Service. Reduce staff to absolute essentials, and moderate salaries. The Public Service should never be protected employment. The mantra should be 'be efficient and serve, or go'.	Terrence	retired
	2026-02-04 19:05:21		Kevin	retired
	2026-02-04 18:30:44		Laura	retired
	2026-02-04 18:18:39	Must get the older White people with experience to get us out of this problem. I know it will take years to sort out the problem created by the ANC. And I'm not a racist	Dave	
	2026-02-04 18:17:42		sue	
	2026-02-04 18:12:06	Eliminate at least 50% of the parasites employed in government, who, combined, earn approximately R1.3 TRILLION in their sheltered employment positions. Send them to old-age homes where they belong. What could they possibly be contributing to this country/ economy?!	Angela	self-employed
	2026-02-04 18:09:38	Too many on payroll. low productivity.	DB	
	2026-02-04 17:59:01	Why spend money on changing the names of certain areas? Eg KwaZulu-Natal to KwaZulu. Why do members of parliament get a pay rise despite the economy hitting the nation? Why are there no accountability by certain members of parliament regarding illegal matters and not complying to the constitution!!?	Sheela	retired
	2026-02-04 17:57:51	Government has an unsavoury record of wasting tax payers' money. How can one provide any input on incurring debt to pay back debt? As you stated: 1. Our government is projected to spend R434.9 billion this year just on interest. That is more than we spend on our entire Health system - Just stop throwing the little money there is, into an open hole. 2. They are still spending roughly R370 billion more than we provide in tax revenue - As long as there are no strictly-enforced conditions, nothing will happen. Do not try to squeeze more out of the already over-burdened tax payers. 3. Infrastructure: While energy is stabilising, our water infrastructure requires a R1 trillion investment over the next few years - While no-one can survive without water, our national roads system is falling to pieces, not even to mention quality of general infrastructure in our cities. There are simply no consequences for non-performance. The Minister wants your "tips" on: 4. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet: Use no more cadres to drink at the trough. Involve private industry. If there is no performance, then there should be enforcable consequences. 5. Where to cut government spending: Reduce the number of highly-paid civil servants who do absolutely nothing....sorry, ...who are contemplating how things just fall apart. No-one has been brought to book as far as I know. Many of them sit at home, earning full salaries, making no contribution of any kind, save to vote for their dear comrades again. 6. How to fix municipal finance failures: Stop giving them any money without very strict conditions. 7. What to do about the tax burden on households: Stop squeezing the last bit tax money out of the tax payers. In any democracy, which I hope we still are, the electorate deserves the government they voted into power. Our current government lost the last election, but continues to "rule" as if nothing had happened. 8. Our opposition parties (excluding the "lunatic fringe") are in such a shambles that my hope of ever seeing this fixed, is dwindling fast.	Philip	retired
	2026-02-04 17:49:06		Sylvia	retired
	2026-02-04 17:46:21	Cut Government Spending. Make Municipal workers need to take responsibility for their jobs. Cut the size of the Cabinet. Cut down on the amount of Municipal Workers. To many have nothing to do. spend on Education, Education Education!!!	Owen	
	2026-02-04 17:39:48	Reduce the cabinet including cutting number of deputy ministers. Then reduce all their salaries to "normal" levels. (These people are not Executives of major corporations so why should their salaries be as high?)	Gayo	business owner
	2026-02-04 17:38:48		Dirk	retired
	2026-02-04 17:31:00	You can start by having one minister per department not more, stop with excessive security details, stop looting the coffers… don't really know why he wants feedback because they don't ever do what they say they'll do..	Van	
	2026-02-04 17:29:11	Wasteful expenditure generated by government employees should be cut or reallocated. Each minister's (and perhaps those lower down the chain as well) remuneration should be tied to the performance of their portfolio, and the performance along with the targets should be made public. That way, they would be incentivised to actually do a good job and earn their remuneration, with the members of the public being able to hold them accountable. Right now, there are many examples of ministers not pulling their weight but still getting their full remuneration from the public. Any taxpaying member of the public faces tangible consequences for poor performance, why should the public sector (who are funded by taxpayers) be any different?	Imraan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:22:54	Spending more than coming in. Restrict spending. Luxuries and security should be reduced. Start paying back debt. No increase for government employee s until overspending is fixed.	Corne	business owner
	2026-02-04 17:12:11		Anne	retired
	2026-02-04 17:05:47	The ministers & MPs DO NOT need to fly business/first class or stay in ridiculously expensive accomodation. Us "ordinary" South Africans need to cut costs, so can they. There are cheaper but still safe & secure options available. Departments that overspend or do not pass their audits should be held accountable, not just given a slap on the wrist. If I can cut out luxuries & stick to my budget, surely the people who are in charge of leading & growing our country can do the same.	Vicky	employed individual
	2026-02-04 17:04:44		jill	retired
	2026-02-04 16:56:17	Corruption eats us up- massive amounts disappearing. Wasteful spending must stop on all government levels. No more statues and street renaming before a municipality has not sorted out and financed sustainable the basics regarding the required water and sanitation and solid waste services. We are drowning in sewage and single use plastic waste and every freshwater source in South Africa is under threat to get polluted that way..	Susanne	business owner
	2026-02-04 16:50:55	There are way to many people getting (not earning) to much money for doing nothing, in the SOES and in government. Cut the work force and you will save billions. I am 87 yrs old worked for 23 yrs for the government as a teacher, paid my pension in every month. My pension is now just over R11 000. Don't you think it's a disgrace. God is not sleeping, He is coming soon for only His children. They who stay behind will go through hell.	Andrina	
	2026-02-04 16:48:53	Government expenditure, especially on salaries for incompetent people, are way in excess of where they should be and absord massive amounts cof money that could rather be spect on fixing failing infrastructure such as water supply and sewage treatment.	Peter	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:44:27	Restructure all government departments, get rid of the rot, the corrupt, the useless, the criminals and the fat heads of departments that have continually failed to deliver basics. Get only the minimum required staff and head count. STOP corruption	Arno	
	2026-02-04 16:43:58	Big salary cuts on all the ministers	Bets	
	2026-02-04 16:41:24	The first thing I would do is insist on Lifestyle Audits for all government official and root out corruption. Just read about unqualified persons appointed to high paying jobs because of having close ties to ministers in the presidency. Also enforce consequence management for blatant defrauding of government departments. 'Pay Back the Money"	victor	retired
	2026-02-04 16:38:38	Giving increases to civil servants who have a history of non-performance or delivery of services should not be rewarded and is not financially efficient for a start.	Malu	
	2026-02-04 16:38:32		Anthony	retired
	2026-02-04 16:37:24	Stopping the bleeding first. To address SA's debt, I'd suggest the Minister focus on immediate fiscal discipline. 1) Cut unnecessary spending: Review and reduce non-essential budget items, for example, luxury government expenditures, inefficient subsidies. 2) Boost revenue collection: Crack down on tax evasion, improve tax compliance, and broaden the tax base. 3) Prioritize growth drivers: Protect/increase spending on infrastructure, education, and healthcare to stimulate economic growth. Stopping the bleeding means tackling corruption and mismanagement too – transparency in budgeting and swift action on graft would help restore investor confidence. Specifically. Curb SA's debt, focus on rationalizing government spending: Audit state-owned enterprises: Identify and address inefficiencies/siphoning at entities like Eskom, Transnet. Cut low-impact programs: Review subsidies, grants, and projects with poor ROI. Freeze non-essential hiring: Except for critical roles (e.g., healthcare, education, law enforcement). The key is ensuring every rand spent drives growth or addresses inequality.	Charles	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:37:18		Angelene	retired
	2026-02-04 16:36:57		Hester	retired
	2026-02-04 16:30:56		Ernest	self-employed
	2026-02-04 16:14:21	Cut down on the number of ministers and their deputies, and stop all of their perks. Stop VIP protection for so-called important people. Let there be accountability for all government employees, Stop cader deployment. Cut the SOE's and privatise them	Eugene	
	2026-02-04 15:59:55	Government spending is beyond understanding. My suggestion is to... Stop all exhorbitant salaries, luxury items and extravagant living of government employees. This is looting of taxpayers money. Cut out all useless and unproductive employees and replace with productive people. Stop all anniversary celebrations which cost an absolute fortune. A government that cares for the country and it's people does not put itself and its employees above the rest of the country and spend all the money that comes in and then still borrows, sinking the country into unimaginable debt.	Maria	business owner
	2026-02-04 15:54:13	The racist BEE discriminator applied to every cent of government expenditure costs the fiscus more than any other item through its enabling of corruption and exclusion. Its time the government focused on getting the best value for its expenditure instead of using crony economics to enrich a few elite cadres.	Richard	business owner
	2026-02-04 15:48:23	My main concern is the extent of corruption, embezzelment, and the appointment of unqualified cadres in critical positions	Joe	self-employed
	2026-02-04 15:38:27		Marié-Luïse	retired
	2026-02-04 15:25:10	1. Implement consequences for looting and tender corruption - with a minimum 20 year jail sentence without parole . 2. Do the long promised lifestyle audits and prosecute in a special court set up solely to deal with corruption. 3. Review performance of all government entities and reduce head count where there are excess people than what is required to have excellent performance , put inept people on early retirement and employ enthusiastic youth to replace them at lower salaries. 4. Populate municipal departments with competent young people and get rid of the non performing incompetent old guard	Hedley	retired
	2026-02-04 15:21:42		Trish	retired
	2026-02-04 15:12:59		Lizanne	retired

	2026-02-04 15:10:51	Q) Half all govt employees salaries. They are paid far to much for what they do??? 2)You can't have people who do not know how to run departments that they are supposedly in charge of???	Robert	
	2026-02-04 15:07:49		Alan	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:06:43		Glenda	retired
	2026-02-04 15:06:11		Christa	retired
	2026-02-04 15:01:54	Government should be run on the same principles as a business i.e. you can not spend more, than what you earn. - Close SOE's that do not deliver a cost effective services e.g. Post Office and use the private sector e.g. banking sector for SASSA payments etc. - No salary increases for government employees or SOE employees until the deficit has been cleared and the economy grows - Implement investment- and market friendly policies - stay away from communist ideology as it has been shown not to work. Be pragmatic and do what is best for the country not the ANC's ideologies. - Adjust the tax brackets upwards by at least 10-20% as this has been a "hidden" tax that has caused major wealth destruction of the middle class - Adjust the VAT registration bracket upward to at least R 2.5 - 5 million as this is a major "red tape drag". - Reduce the VIP protection budget significantly - No new motor vehicle purchases for any level of government, officials incl. mayors should use pool cars.	Frank	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:17:39	stop waisting tax payers money start planning and spend properly	xander	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 14:06:52	We are drowning in debt - this results in a massive expense that does absolutely nothing to help our nation. Wise men teach us to "live within our means", reducing expenses to align with our income. I believe that we could save a lot of money by reducing our "overheads": - REDUCE THE BLOATED CABINET (South Africa has one of the world's largest cabinets relative to its population. The 2024 Government of National Unity (GNU) cabinet consists of 32 ministers and 43 deputies, which is significantly larger than the US (15), UK (24), and Germany (17), despite these countries having larger populations and economies.) - REDUCE OTHER HIGH-LEVEL STRUCTURES (e.g. provincial structures). One senior official salary is equivalent to a lot of ordinary citizens. - REDUCE THE FRUITLESS EXPENDITURE. It would be a possibly shocking exercise to calculate the total amount spent to date on name changes to places and streets. Now we are discussing renaming a province!! This is just one example. A key question to ask is "Does this help the people or simply advance an ideological goal?" A country that is broke cannot afford to spend money on non-essential tasks.	Alan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:55:32	PLEASE PLEASE stop to make pensioners pay income tax in South Africa.	Marthinus	
	2026-02-06 13:35:21		Yvonne	retired
	2026-02-06 13:24:07	South Africans are being asked to tighten their belts while government continues to spend billions on an inflated executive. We have one of the largest cabinets in the world, yet service delivery keeps declining. Ministerial salaries, perks, blue-light convoys, travel and support staff place an enormous burden on the fiscus, with very little accountability or measurable improvement in outcomes. In a country facing unemployment, failing infrastructure and rising taxes, this level of spending is indefensible. A smaller, more efficient cabinet would save money, improve oversight and restore public trust. Leadership should start by leading through restraint, not excess.	Marianne	
	2026-02-06 13:22:59		Desiree	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:22:11	South Africans are being asked to tighten their belts while government continues to spend billions on an inflated executive. We have one of the largest cabinets in the world, yet service delivery keeps declining. Ministerial salaries, perks, blue-light convoys, travel and support staff place an enormous burden on the fiscus, with very little accountability or measurable improvement in outcomes. In a country facing unemployment, failing infrastructure and rising taxes, this level of spending is indefensible. A smaller, more efficient cabinet would save money, improve oversight and restore public trust. Leadership should start by leading through restraint, not excess.	Meyburgh	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:22:06	Government spending should be drastically addressed. I am sure I am not even completely aware to what extent government officials are supported by the state but multiple homes need to go. I don't see why ministers and members of parliament need to be housed or have housing support, free electricity, etc. The rest of SA battle to make ends meet, Government officials need to feel what it is like. Multiple vehicles for officials also need to go. If an official wants more than one official vehicle let him buy it himself. There should also be more accountability to flying around the country, use of cell phones, Government credit cards. All this should be monitored yet officials seem to think it is their 'right'. It should also be forbidden for family members of officials to fly on government money. Blue light security details need to be eliminated. I respect that officials need some protection but 15 vehicles for one person is ridiculous and expensive. Who do they think they are. Addressing this would release funds and ease the other areas that are in default.	Lorna	retired
	2026-02-06 13:21:41	The main reason for Goverment, National, Provincial and Local is the enemy of "Irregular and Waistful" expenditure. This area of audit findings is just a loophole to steal money. Example, The expense of buy Sandwiches at R520 per sandwich and having a CFO, Municipal Manager or Department head sign off on it knowing that marked related price which is paid in the marked is more like R25. It is stealing which has no penalties of law enforcement. That is one small example of misuse of tax payers monies. There should be an independant body wish scrutinize the Goverment institutions with power of prosecution.	Peter	retired
	2026-02-06 13:12:30		roberta	retired
	2026-02-06 13:11:38	Government spending reduction tips: 1. No more expensive cars for ministers and deputy ministers. The can drive Toyota or Nissan or use Old available fleet of Government cars that are less than 10 years. 2. Ministers and deputy ministers should fly in economic class which is just as comfortable. 3. No expensive hotels for accommodation, rather use decent 3 star hotels or Road or Town lodges. 4. Ministers and deputy ministers must pay for their own Water and electricity accounts plus buy their own food in our Ministerial Residential houses as users. 5. Retired presidents should only receive payments and medical aids for one wife and not for the other 6 plus wives like in Jacob Zuma's case. 6. No more salary increases for President, Deputy President, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, All Parliamentarians, Provincial Premiers, Deputy Provincial Premiers and Provincial MEC's, Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Provincial Traditional Leaders inclusive of The Current Zulu and Xhosa Kings. Traditional leaders should be monitored more closely as to how they contribute to the advancement of their constituencies vs self enrichment.. We should only do payments and Medical aids support for the first wife of all traditional Kings and leaders. RSA can't foot the bill for their choice of having more than one wife. Any additional wives are for their own account. This should be done until further notice when we see that our Fiscal capacity and RSA economy has improved or grown.. 7. Stop all rental contracts with Non governmental buildings agencies for all Departments and rather buy or build our own Government buildings for usage vs exorbitant and Corrupt Rental Agreements. 8. Stop all expensive Government Car Rental and leasing options but rather buy and manage our own fleets and Municipality level. 9. Increase old age pensions and disability grants to at least R3500. 10. Increase child support grants to at Least R1500 to make sure kids are not left vulnerable. 11. Free basic, secondary and tertiary education for all RSA students to improve our Country's literacy and overall educational levels. 12. Lastly reduce our pathetically inflated RSA GNU executive MINISTERS TO ONE MINISTER PER DEPARTMENT OR MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY.. IN OTHER words, REDUCE THE INCOMPETENT SIZE OF THE RSA CABINET. We do not need the current disgraceful inflated Ramaphosa Cabinet with useless Deputy Ministers which translates to fruitless and wasteful expenditure.	Denver	employed individual
	2026-02-06 12:44:08		G	retired
	2026-02-06 12:34:38	All government ministers and employees should not have a private medical aid. They should be forced to go to Government facilities . This would be a saving to government and definitely improve the quality of government hospitals	Wayne	retired
	2026-02-06 12:29:01	Massive fraud and operational inefficiency across the board in local and national government and SOE's needs to addressed. BEE is at the root of this issue and only merit based appointments can restore the budget overspend .	Miles	employed individual
	2026-02-06 12:16:28	Too much wasteful expenditure, no accounting for where taxpayers money is going too. Taxpayers money should not be spent on "VIP" protection or mansions or luxury cars for government officials. It should be spent on infrastructure maintenance and development	Lelani	business owner
	2026-02-06 12:13:13	Cut government spending at the top first. South Africa's Cabinet is too large and too expensive to justify in a tight fiscal environment. Reduce the size of Cabinet and deputy ministers by merging overlapping portfolios and capping political appointments. Treasury should set a hard target (for example: reduce Cabinet to a maximum of 22 ministers within 12 months) and publish the total savings (salaries, perks, support staff, vehicles, travel, offices). In the same week, public office-bearer increases were approved at 4.1% in some categories (effective 1 April 2026), with 3.8% in others. This sends the wrong signal when households are being squeezed and departments are asked to do more with less. Freeze political executive increases for 2026/27, and link future increases to clear delivery outcomes and fiscal performance, not automatic adjustments.	Hester	retired
	2026-02-06 12:12:55		Jann	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:12:13	Government needs to disband all the useless departments creating new rules and over-regulating how companies are allowed to conduct their business. Let them sit on their political thrones and eat the KFC, but leave businesses alone to employ people and stimulate the economy. The ongoing suppression of South African businesses is forcing companies to operate offshore, and is blocking any foreign investment in SA.	Ian	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:06:30	Government has to spend less on outsourcing and corruption. An audit has to be done on all Government Employees and whether they still exist within the system, whether they are still required, and actually attending to the business of Government. Bribery and corruption have to stop, even if they have to put cameras on every employee to put a stop to this. There should be less government departments and less ministers too.	Jan	retired
	2026-02-06 12:00:38	I really do feel that Government spending is out of hand, from National to Provincial to Local Government, then also included in this is the SOE's especially our dear Eskom, Telkom and Post Office. I've wondered and wondered if we were to cut all politicians salaries to a standard market salary of below 50k a month, if we cut irregular expenses, did proper lifestyle audits, and only spent money where it is really needed, maintained our infrastructure, not playing catch-up, and just be accountable for income generated. What would the Fuel price be, what would inflation be, what would tax rates be, both income and VAT. I fear our Government is not doing enough with the income generated to have a healthy economic climate in South Africa.	Eugene	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:58:50	Government has to spend less on outsourcing and corruption. An audit has to be done on all Government Employees and whether they still exist within the system, whether they are still required, and actually attending to the business of Government. Bribery and corruption have to stop, even if they have to put cameras on every employee to put a stop to this.	Lisl	business owner
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	2026-02-06 11:51:49		Ben	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:51:49		Ben	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:49:33	Stop spending money on BBBEE. Dont' alloacate any money on the R 100B BEE fund.	Gerrit	business owner

Snapshot of South Africa's national spending
Approximate consolidated spending (2024/25 medium term): about R2.4 trillion, rising to R2.6 trillion by 2026/27.
Roughly 60% of non-interest spending is the "social wage" (education, health, social protection, community development, employment). National Treasury
Debt-service costs are one of the fastest-growing items.

To "cut government spending" responsibly, the focus should be on:

Waste, duplication, and corruption

Inefficient entities and bailouts

Bloated administration and perks

Poorly targeted subsidies and programmes

Not on basic education, primary healthcare, or core social protection.

High-level consolidation target
Let's design a 3-year consolidation plan:

Target: Reduce non-interest expenditure by about R70–R90 billion per year by year 3 (±3–4% of total spending), mainly via efficiency and reprioritisation, not blunt across-the-board cuts.

Debt-service relief: Slowing spending growth, plus better growth and SOE reform, reduces borrowing needs and interest costs over time.

Proposed cuts and savings by area
1. Public sector wage bill and administration
Goal: Contain growth of the wage bill and cut non-core admin.

Freeze net headcount growth in non-frontline posts (head office, support, duplicative units) for 3 years.

Estimated saving: R15–R20 billion by year 3.

Voluntary early retirement and redeployment from over-staffed admin units to frontline services (teachers, nurses, police) instead of hiring new staff.

Net saving: R5–R10 billion.

Cap perks and benefits:

Reduce travel, conferences, catering, and non-essential training budgets by at least 30% across national and provincial departments.

Saving: R8–R12 billion.

Rationalise entities and boards:

Merge overlapping agencies, reduce number of boards and board fees, and integrate back-office functions (HR, IT, finance).

Saving: R5–R8 billion.

Total potential by year 3: ±R35–R50 billion

2. State-owned enterprises (SOEs) and bailouts
SOEs have been a major drain through repeated bailouts and guarantees.

Strict "no bailout without restructuring" rule:

Any support must be tied to cost-cutting, staff rationalisation, asset sales, and private-sector participation.

Saving: Reduce ad-hoc bailouts by R15–R25 billion per year.

Privatise or partially privatise non-strategic assets:

Sell minority stakes or concession rights in ports, freight rail operations, some energy generation, and non-core property portfolios.

Use proceeds to reduce debt, lowering future interest costs.

Consolidate overlapping SOEs:

Merge entities in transport, communications, and development finance where mandates overlap.

Saving: R3–R5 billion in operating costs.

Total potential by year 3: ±R20–R30 billion (plus lower future interest costs)

3. Procurement, corruption, and waste
South Africa loses huge amounts through inflated contracts, collusion, and poor procurement controls.

Centralised e-procurement platform for all major goods and services:

Transparent, competitive bidding; publish all contracts and prices.

Aim for 5–10% savings on selected categories (medicines, textbooks, IT, vehicles, construction).

Saving: R20–R30 billion by year 3.

Standardised pricing and framework contracts:

National price ceilings for common items (laptops, office furniture, vehicles, etc.).

Aggressive recovery of irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure:

Link senior managers' performance bonuses to reduction in irregular expenditure.

Total potential by year 3: ±R20–R30 billion

4. Better targeting of social and economic programmes
Without scrapping the social wage, you can still cut inefficiency and poor targeting.

Social grants: tighten administration, not slash core grants:

Clean up fraud and duplicate beneficiaries using data-matching and verification.

Saving: R3–R5 billion.

Rationalise overlapping employment schemes:

Merge or streamline public employment programmes with weak outcomes.

Focus on those with proven impact (e.g., school assistants, community health workers).

Saving: R5–R8 billion.

Review subsidies and tax expenditures:

Phase out low-impact subsidies and tax breaks that mainly benefit higher-income groups or underperforming sectors.

Saving: R5–R10 billion.

Total potential by year 3: ±R13–R23 billion

5. Capital spending: cut waste, not good infrastructure
Cancel or redesign "white elephant" projects:

Projects with low economic or social returns should be stopped or scaled down.

Saving: R5–R10 billion.

Stronger project appraisal:

Require proper cost-benefit analysis and independent review for large projects.

Shift from new builds to maintenance:

	2026-02-06 11:41:31	the government should look at reducing the following 1) Number of ministers and deputy ministers 2) Number of support staff 3) The number of government employees most departments have two many staff sitting around providing a sub standard level of service to the public. 4) Put a moritorium on wage increace and negotiations until government spending is under control 5) Apply tax scales to all ministers and staff 6) Reduce /remove support for ex government officials including ex presidents 7) Remove BBBEE practice as it only supports the connected persons and not the masses who are still in the same situation that they have been all their lives . 8) All tender awards should only been made on proven performance , too many construction projects are awarded and then the contractor fails and the project is then tendered again with the same result due to the contractor not having any experience	rob	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:41:00	Cut Government Ministers salaries and increase pensioners payment. Ministers earning R7000+ per DAY and SASSA pensioners have to survive on R2340 per month.	Denton	retired
	2026-02-06 11:39:51	Good day You have requested tips on how to cut down on certain spending for your budget which is due to come out in the near future. You have firstly asked us to indicate to you how do you stabilize Eskom and Transnet and other SOE's. I would suggest that you can most likely instruct the Heads of these SOE's to get rid of the dead wood in their employment personnel and for a change to employ people based upon their capabilities and not their colour or political lines. Get rid of the cadre appointments which appear to be rife in ANC Government. With regards the Government's overspending i'd suggest that we should cut down upon the various ministers' salaries as most of them are doing nothing and merely sitting in parliament and are really "back pinchers". It might be an idea to get rid of all the deputy ministers who are merely there to collect salaries and do nothing else. You enquire as to tips on how to fix the municipal finance failures which i think is beyond your jurisdiction and must be dealt with by the various municipalities unless you want to impose officials to take over these failures of municipalities and to rectify them and in that instance i'd suggest you make sure that the people so appointed are capable of doing so. Lastly you enquire tips as to what to do about the burden of taxation on households. If there will be less corruption relating to various Government Departments and lack of control over the financial spending, then one could relief households by reducing or eventually getting rid of VAT on household goods. Furthermore it is also my suggestion that the Government utilizes the various properties which they have and own or control and see that they are put to use. There are various properties belonging to the Government which at present are vacant and it appears as if there is no intention of trying to lease them out and acquire some income. An example i will give that there is a South African Revenue Office in New Redruth in Alberton which was utilized at one stage by the Revenue Service but now stands vacant. There are various other Government buildings standing vacant which could be put to better use. In certain instances there have been complaints by employees of various Departments of the Government relating to the facilities in which they work at the moment whereas there are decent facilities standing empty. I'd suggest that this now be looked at. The aforesaid is my input to your budget. Yours faithfully G N Dracatos	George	business owner
	2026-02-06 11:34:11	Suggestion: Would it not be better for our Country if Ramaphosa did not give himself a MASSIVE salary increase, the Government stopped corruption, and Parliamentarians took a pay cut to further fix our Country's infrastructure - water outages - power outages - potholes - no municipal work being done on all of our verges, etc. Additionally, we should have a bigger and better day in Government spending. i.e. spending millions on unnecessarily changing the names of roads! What for??? Thank you.	Joy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 11:32:51	Corruption and incompetence need to be addressed to reduce government spending. I work at an SOE and the incompetence and lack of will to work in our support services is costing my projects, wasting huge amounts of time and results in wasted expenditure. Coupled with reduced research funding year on year, lack of skills (both technical and support) and the increasing bureaucracy to make people look busy, we are overworked, overstressed and not meeting outcomes and targets. Government spending needs to be reduced. Competent people need to be employed at SOEs, municipalities, boards of institutions (musicians on the board of Joburg Water???), and provincial and national departments, even if that means reducing the staff compliment so the rest of us can do some work and make the changes we need in South Africa.	Kerri	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:28:14	THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STOP STOP WASTING OUR TAX MONEY FOR CORRUPTION!!! I AM ANGRY BECAUSE IT UNBELIEVABLY LUDICROUS HOW THE STATE HAS BAMBOOZLED THE CITIZENS HARD EARNED MONEY!!!!	Yongama	
	2026-02-06 11:23:03		Willie	retired
	2026-02-06 11:21:41		Margaret	
	2026-02-06 11:14:02	Reduce the bloated cabinet size. This was supposedly one the objective 10 years ago and instead the cabinet has basically doubled in size. Reduce money spent international trips that seems to require a multitude of bodies to attend.	JOE	retired
	2026-02-06 11:04:44	There is way too much frivolous spending on road name changes, minister salary increase, extravagant traveling and security when there are more pressing problems like children who don't have food. Only those who are registered for tax and who's tax in up to date should be allowed to vote. People who pay tax care about where their money is going	Tarryn	self-employed
	2026-02-06 10:51:59		Geoff	self-employed
	2026-02-06 10:47:16		Dr Raj	retired
	2026-02-06 10:42:46	Members of Parliament must be reduced by 50%. Inflated salaries must be reviewed. Benefits of members including blue light brigade must be stopped immediately.	Belinda	retired
	2026-02-06 10:42:35	SOE's were once making a profit but now seem to be hollowed out look at Denel etc	David	retired
	2026-02-06 10:40:13	Take away ALL credit/debit cards. Make members pay for fuel and electricity plus other services before handing them any more free-bee's. Spending my /our money as they please, unlimited nogal, must stop!	Marianne	retired
	2026-02-06 10:31:14		Beverley	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:27:58	Most importantly free the government from corrupted persons and other types of corruption instantly. They not building SA and it's people, they breaking SA financially down. It is time to Review and Analyse the entire government system, operations, policies, economy, and the SA peoples financial stability and growth. Less red tape government restrictions and increase taxes for government ministers and officials, but plough tax free savings opertunities to SA people. The more skills the more jobs to discard poverty and add to SA economy growth. Goverment must create jobs for all not only for a certain race. .This must start from high school level. and secure jobs for the next generation with more skills training toward SA needs to become an independently financial strong company. Learn from the Chinese and use it in SA to import and export incorporating our own people to sustain our minerals, farming, textiles, medication, herbs, etc Use funds to secure effecient and effective medical facilities at affordable cost to all. More employment needed in this area, skilling our youth or unemployed. Use some of the budget to eliminate crime, to create a safer country. This means technology enhancement and alert systems and cameras across the entire SA. Using solar cameras on municipal Street lights., with a day & night online monitoring team from each area and Highways, roads , public places, malls and schools by AI monitoring systems. Job creation online systems. Deport those who doesn't belong here, in SA, to their own countries. They live taxfree and deplete our resources. Skill and monitor the prisoners and those release, to become and asset to SA by cleaning the environment, farming assistance, under supervision. To do nothing in jail is to create gangsters and no upliftment to become beter citizens. Let them be an example of building SA in any which way needed. Give funds towards SA clea-uo and skill people to waste and pollution factors. Global warming is real. Stop informal settlements immediately. Held South African's responsible for good ethics raising children with monthly upliftment seminars arrange by government in partnership with all educational institute s, universities, private stakeholders, as well as youth development strategies to improve lives. This mean have a special budget to address this in SA, then no dialogue , that cost millions will be needed. Use those with expertise like retired people to guide the younger generation to become self efficient this will enhance income from a Sassa revenue, with the focus to still contribute to the SA system. Ensure that those that are currently on the government pay roll for monthly support system start getting jobs within 6months to be able to sustain themselves. Open SA factories again and restore old buildings for this purpose. Government Funds must be channeled towards elderly & frail care and on the other side children health and welfare in schools and in the communities.	Bon	retired
	2026-02-06 10:27:36		Pierre-Yves	
	2026-02-06 10:20:39	Closer alignment with private sector in respect of turnaround strategies of all State-owned enterpises. Get rid of corrupt officials for once and for all	Gerhardt	retired
	2026-02-06 10:05:39		Mary	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:04:15		Aveshan	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:03:18		david	retired

	2026-02-06 10:02:29	We have in relative terms the best paid public sector in the world, yet the most inefficient and corrupt public sector at all levels. Public servants don't serve, but spend their time creating more bureaucratic obstacles for ordinary citizens, and if not pre-occupied with that, they spend their time enriching themselves at the expense of the citizenry. All government departments are dysfunctional, and government as a whole has led South Africa on a path of economic stagnation, surging violent crime, failed foreign and defence posture and infra-structure collapse. If it was not for the resilience of the private sector and a few windfalls in global mineral demand and prices, South Africa would have been in a very dire position. Yet the South African [ANC] government still stick to their failed socialist policies and ideologically driven dogma and view the private sector, which is the economic engine of the country, as enemy number one.	Casper	self-employed
	2026-02-06 10:00:28	In the words if two Past American presidents: "It's not Americas wealth that built it's roads,but its roads that built its wealth " " You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening those who are strong." (Abraham Lincoln?). Government spending is focussed on ever increasing handouts to the poor while those who are being overtaxed because the strong have left South Africa with their money because of that as well as a socialist government policy that is unaffordable with " free services" thst are bankrupting Municipalities. Next is corruption that is turning those who pay tax against support for the government that favours self enrichment and entitlement. The negatives of Apartheid legislation that favoured the few was taken over via BBBEE and greed at national, Provincial and Local Government. People that sre a burden to our economy are rewarded while our educated and highly qualified engineers, doctors etc dit at home in poverty. I short Government spending says it all. With independent stats of 90 million people including some 30 million who are here either legally, illegally or have claimed asylum all entitled to our health care system, scarce water, power etc,etc abd porous borders the future is economically unsustainable. The failure of government to improve / maintain the existing hospital system has now led to a new bright lightbulb ? moment...the intended NHI which nobody can afford. Government has failed grossly in not maintaining anything wuth our tax money which disappeared in corrupt management of these SOEs that gas lead to our economic demise.. In short Government is incapable of creating jobs. It must empower the one multiplier that will have the quickest impact on job creation and increasing the tax burden through economic growth. The private sector is that multiplyer along with vidible consequences for anyone in government or elsewhere found guilty of fraud and corruption which must become a crime against the state. Who us the state? Us the people!	Norman	retired
	2026-02-06 09:50:16	Get rid of half the cabinet. NO Deputy ministers	Andre	retired
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	2026-02-06 09:50:15	Get rid of half the cabinet. NO Deputy ministers	Andre	retired
	2026-02-06 09:49:04		Moegamat	self-employed
	2026-02-06 09:40:06		Khoebaha Aran	Non-profit
	2026-02-06 09:34:37	The government steals the money via corruption and theft and now that all the funding has disappeared they want to charge the few taxpayers even more money. The autrocities that this government has committed against its people is something beyond comprehension	Uwe	retired
	2026-02-06 09:34:02		Pam	retired
	2026-02-06 09:33:45		Theo	retired
	2026-02-06 09:33:03	Wealthy countries don't have debt; poor countries can't afford debt. Please reduce the terrible burden of debt on out people. Clear the debt in the shortterm so we can get real with infrastructure development and economic growth.	Matthew	retired
	2026-02-06 09:24:09		wayne	retired
	2026-02-06 09:21:45		Jacobus	retired
	2026-02-06 09:17:54	Halveer aantal parlementslede.Stel aan/kies geleidelik net persone wat gekwalifiseerd en toegewyd is om hul betrokke portefeulje uitstekend te behartig.	Winie	retired
	2026-02-06 09:16:14		Dirk	self-employed
	2026-02-06 09:15:01	Dont know how to adress this matter, as bilions already "allocated" on behalf of every south african with no benefit to the people The people were never engaged or regarded as to implementation of funds to adress critical infrastructure or relief to citizens, actually we are liable for funds never beneficial to grow the country and economy wich was squandered by leaders on behalf of citizens, the backlog of interest alone is a lifelong burden on citizens for generations to come, even if drastic change in our economy happens today, it would take decades to repair damage thats been done, everyone is waiting for a miracle but seems to forget how to use the tools to make the miracle a reality. Im not just speaking for myself but most people on the floor who lives in the hustle every day.	Edward	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:59:08	Urgently stop BEE Cut staff in whole Government and Municipals Employ educated people Do not pay for work done for Municipalities and government projects before the work is inspected and to the right quality Tax informal trading on a flat rate there is Biliions to be made to repay our debt and just see how the smuggled tobacco caused many job losses	Marius	retired
	2026-02-06 08:54:15		David	retired
	2026-02-06 08:47:27	Reduce the bloated Parliament - remove unnecessary Deputy MP's who are adding ZERO value to the citizens of South Africa. Put tighter controls in place for Travel and other Disbursement spend, including Catering, functions. STOP the luxuries !	Stephen	self-employed
	2026-02-06 08:46:45		Jacobus	retired
	2026-02-06 08:45:41	Government officials do not need an allowance for clothing, car, housing and flights. They have the best salary increments as compared to the people that they server. They still even have the audacity to do corruption. SCRAPE THE ALLOWANCE AND SAVE THE MONEY THAT YOU CLAIM YOU NEED.	Bridget	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:44:05		Vis	retired
	2026-02-06 08:43:52	Government reduces on unnecessary use of third-party companies when doing any of their business e.g. booking air trip through a third-party company unlike booking straight with the airplane companies	Tebogo	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:43:10	South Africa repeatedly states that children are the future and that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. However, the budget allocations do not reflect this principle. The Child Support Grant consistently receives the smallest increases, despite supporting millions of children who depend on it for basic needs such as food, clothing, school uniforms, and transport. Children do not choose poverty, yet they bear its full impact. Providing “enough” does not mean luxury — it means dignity. Even the poorest children deserve to be adequately fed, properly clothed, and able to attend school without shame or disadvantage. Chronic underfunding of the Child Support Grant undermines early development, educational outcomes, and long-term economic productivity. It is also concerning that child grants are paid last, reinforcing the perception that children’s needs are less urgent than others, when in reality they are the most immediate and foundational. If government is serious about long-term growth, social stability, and reducing future welfare dependency, investment in children must be prioritised — not marginalised. Strengthening the Child Support Grant is not charity; it is a strategic investment in South Africa’s future.	Nomsa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:32:30	I am going to say the obvious. There has to be strict auditing so illegal tenders don't get accepted where money is put into their back pockets. Government employees aren't there to get rich from stealing. This must be stopped. Municipalities should go back to using a strict schedule for salaries and the number of employees according to the rate payer role. Set by government for all municipalities not by the municipality itself. A budget for each department must be set by looking at what their allowance is. It is not a Christmas wish list for unnecessary parties, galas and spending. Our country can be pulled right by having people representing us who are there for the people not there to see how much money they can illegally accumulate before leaving.	Wynn	retired
	2026-02-06 08:28:40	The cut should be on Members of Parliament salaries and additional allowances. Introducing higher tax on the wealthy population.	Clementine	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:27:58	The regular annual shortfall between govt's income and expenses has to stop. Immediately. They keep on kicking the tin down the road each year instead of solving the issues: Reduce the number of employees - Eskom in particular - and limit the amount we spend on labour. Take tough decisions. Whether now on in future, you have to make and implement these choices. Yes, you will lose voters. Not be the governing party anymore.... At least you have made the right choice.	Ben	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:22:29	Get rid of BEE, its of no value yo the people who need help the most	bruce	retired
	2026-02-06 08:20:49	Parlement members/ministers should be cut by half!	Erica	retired
	2026-02-06 08:20:48	Parlement members/ministers should be cut by half!	Erica	retired
	2026-02-06 08:18:11	> Freeze all parliamentary salary increases for the next 5 years. > Drastically decrease the the security services of parliament members and diplomats > All municipalities that have failed the audits to receive the same budget until they pass an audit > Relook the budgets with a zero-base	Thabo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:15:54		Linda	retired
	2026-02-06 08:11:24	Not too long ago, a blue light brigade passed me with government officials riding in Black Mercedes cars, each worth more than my house. Easy, sell those, stop paying officials so much. Seriously, we wonder how we can save money, but ministers are paid like CEOs of very successful companies, and are chartered around in 1st class flights and very expensive cars. That's a clear and easy win. Sell those cars. Pay ministers less. Spend less on their travel. That's probably a couple of million, if not reaching into billions a year suddenly available for important things, like fixing our water and sanitization infrastructure. They failed us, why should they be paid as if they are successful?	Le-Roux	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:03:09	Stop corruption. Tax payers are few. Its a lie that inflation is so low. Everything has gone up. Fix holes in roads and infrastructure before spending millions on name changes which doesn't put food on a table. Prioritues - .It just doesn't look like its the people of south africa.	TRACEY	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:02:28	The money in this country is simply being stolen. The people live in squalor, the infrastructure is falling apart, water is worse than scarce and electricity is on the brink of collapse. All interest outside of South Africa should end. DIRCO should be reduced and the government needs to focus solely on fixing our country. Hostels, hospitals, schools, city center, roads. Stop tje war with the West and we will get funding.	Justine	
	2026-02-06 07:59:26		Johan	retired
	2026-02-06 07:41:38		Casper	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:39:47	Cut 50% off all the politicians salary, perks etc from MP's right down to local municipal council members irrespective of race , color, creed or party.	Eugene	business owner
	2026-02-06 07:31:32		Cheryl	retired

	2026-02-06 07:22:26		Mncedisi	retired
	2026-02-06 07:20:52		Ernst	retired
	2026-02-06 07:19:27		Cobus	retired
	2026-02-06 07:19:25	Just keep all tax money out of the hands of any individual and group who has any connection to the anc - easy.	Gerrie	retired
	2026-02-06 07:16:44		Gail	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:16:12		Nema	employed individual
	2026-02-06 07:15:33	Stop no result investigation of corruption and then interfere with the course of law. Reduce salaries and cut out unnecessary ministers - they deliver nothing and aren’t accountable cut ministerial salaries and spending on exorbitant sums of taxpayer money spent on overseas trips Set aside that saving for reinvestment in building the infrastructure that you haven’t maintained for 30 years	Rowland	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 07:10:46		Lungile	self-employed
	2026-02-06 07:09:12		'Mark	self-employed

	2026-02-06 07:07:46	Subject: 2026 Budget input: cut the waste, fix the basics, enforce accountability Dear Minister Godongwana, South Africans are being asked to accept “limited resources” while living with failing services, rising crime, collapsing municipal infrastructure, and constant bailouts for broken entities. Households have already had to cut spending to the bone. Government must do the same — and it must finally be held accountable for results. Your budget should be guided by one test: Does this allocation fix the basics, grow the economy, and restore trust — or does it protect waste and reward failure? Below are my responses to your questions. 1) Economy and the fiscus (growth + jobs) Single policy change: Stop making investment hard. Create a national fast-track for investment and delivery with binding timelines for permits, municipal connections, procurement adjudication and project approvals, with a public dashboard and penalties for non-performance. Businesses don’t invest when the state is slow, unreliable, and unpredictable. Speed + certainty + functioning infrastructure is the real jobs programme. 2) Government spending priorities (reallocate 5%) If I had to reallocate 5%: Take from: bloated executive/administrative expenditure, non-essential perks, duplicative entities, repeat audit offenders, and programmes that exist mainly to feed tenders instead of outcomes. South Africans are tired of paying for “VIP” spending while basic services collapse. Move to: 1. Municipal water and sanitation maintenance (ring-fenced, verified, published project lists) 2. Safety and justice capability (forensics, detectives, case backlogs, NPA/courts) When people are unsafe and municipalities fail, the economy cannot grow. Full stop. 3) Addressing the deficit (cut vs revenue without raising taxes) Prioritise cutting waste and enforcing discipline, then grow revenue through growth and compliance. Do not squeeze the same compliant taxpayers harder while allowing waste, theft, and non-performance to continue. Concrete steps: • Freeze non-critical headcount growth and senior management perks. • End “no consequences” for failed spending and repeat audit findings. • Recover losses through real investigations and prosecutions, not press conferences. • Expand the tax base by enabling real jobs and formalisation. 4) Stabilise SOEs No more unconditional bailouts. Bailouts have trained entities to fail safely. Any support must be strictly conditional, time-bound, and linked to: professional boards, transparent procurement, measurable milestones, and consequences for failure. Where feasible, require private-sector partners to bring capital, skills, and performance discipline — taxpayers cannot remain the automatic backstop. 5) Energy and Water infrastructure Prioritise repairing and maintaining municipal water and sanitation first. South Africa has a “build new while what we have collapses” problem. Maintenance is not optional — it is the foundation of health, industry, agriculture, tourism and dignity. Continue renewables, but structure them so private capital carries more of the build burden while the state fixes core systems and planning. 6) Tax policies and revenue The most meaningful relief for households is: • Inflation adjustment of PIT brackets (fiscal drag is punishing working people) • plus targeted hiring/apprenticeship incentives that are simple to claim but strictly auditable and tied to real employment and training completion. If you want more revenue without raising tax rates, then grow the number of people earning and paying, and tighten compliance fairly. 7) Debt sustainability and interest costs Interest costs are exploding because confidence is weak — and confidence is weak because the state doesn’t deliver and doesn’t enforce consequences. My “tip”: commit to a credible multi-year expenditure ceiling, cut waste, and reallocate to growth-enabling basics (safety, water, logistics, skills). Then use private participation to deliver infrastructure faster and more reliably. Debt sustainability is not achieved by speeches. It is achieved by discipline, delivery, and credibility. 8) Municipal finances Stop funding failure without consequences. Support municipalities with ring-fenced conditional grants for maintenance, published project lists, independent verification, and real intervention triggers. Pair this with strict consequences for mismanagement — including removal from office and prosecution where warranted. Also prioritise billing/collection capability. A state that cannot collect what is owed cannot sustain services. Additional points that must be addressed in the Budget Skills, schools, and technical training South Africa does not need more plans — it needs work-ready skills. Expand TVET quality and workplace learning: trades, artisans, maintenance, fabrication, electronics, plumbing, electrical, welding, caregiving and nursing support. Make it easier for private business to train youth and absorb them into jobs through incentives tied to verified outcomes — not more red tape. Safety, security, and justice Budgets can be allocated, but if outcomes are poor, it means money is being burned without impact. Streamline and professionalise the entire chain: policing, forensics, courts, prosecution and intelligence oversight. The public must see improvement in convictions, response times, and reductions in violent crime — not more “VIP protection” while communities are abandoned. Hunger and feeding schemes Feeding schemes must be protected from corruption: publish supplier lists, pricing, delivery proof, school-level oversight, and prosecute theft aggressively. Starving children cannot be the cost of tender politics. Transport and logistics Road maintenance and rail recovery must be prioritised. Too many lives are lost on unsafe roads, while freight dependence on trucks destroys roads and raises costs. South Africa needs rail restored for freight and safe commuter movement. Immigration and borders (lawful administration) Border management must be functional, lawful, and enforceable. A country that cannot manage borders and documentation invites exploitation by criminal networks and undermines trust in the system. Minister, South Africans are exhausted. Not because change is impossible — but because incompetence and waste keep being rewarded while the public pays the price. If citizens must cut spending in a tough economy, then government must do the same: • fewer perks, fewer bloated structures, fewer repeated failures without consequences; • more maintenance, more safety, more skills, more jobs; • and real accountability, including recovery of losses and prosecution where misconduct is proven. Respectfully, Yvonne Cape Town	Yvonne	business owner
	2026-02-06 07:07:37	Leaders in government are there to serve the people not to put their own ideas/wants up front.	Sietse	retired
	2026-02-06 07:07:36	Leaders in government are there to serve the people not to put their own ideas/wants up front.	Sietse	retired
	2026-02-06 07:03:31	The inflated parliament and all associated security costs that are involving private security companies. Money that are spent without accountability .	Daniel	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:57:24		Jacques	employed individual
	2026-02-06 06:54:29	Reduce dependency on social.grants and provide social support in other ways eg housing, job opportunities, subsidized transport systems.	Dianne	
	2026-02-06 06:48:28		Braam	retired
	2026-02-06 06:40:51	Lack of service delivery, Fruitless and wasteful expenditure. High unemployment...	Patrick Zweilthini	employed individual

	2026-02-06 06:31:22	The key changes required are: Reduce the excessive salaries paid to government people from President down to senior management at municipalities. Their current salaries are far higher than the in the commercial sectors. Only select the best people for each job in Government. Singapore changed from a small unimportant country to a booming economy by doing this small change to employment policy. Remove all ghost workers from every part of Government. Start putting the people stealing money in jail. NOT ON SUSPENSION WITH FULL PAY	Milton	business owner
	2026-02-06 06:28:56		William	self-employed
	2026-02-06 05:56:41		Richard	retired
	2026-02-06 05:45:27		Dave	business owner
	2026-02-06 05:32:24		Abraham	employed individual
	2026-02-06 05:22:18	1 Cut on the VIP Protection Criminals 2 Cut on bailing out failed/thieving SOE's	Fuad	retired
	2026-02-06 02:12:21	The government has too many portfolios with too many ministers and deputy ministers who earn exorbitant salaries. The same principle goes for provincial goverments which could be grouped together and run more efficiently by people who are chosen on merit, rather than nepotism. Proper financial accountability is needed by honest auditing and reporting. Punitive steps should be taken against those who do not adhere to sound economical principles. In short, we need a DOGE as in the USA to establish where money is wasted and can be spent better to uplift we the people, regardless of race.	Henriette	retired
	2026-02-06 00:40:13	Due to global unrest and high crime level, increase spending towards police and the military.	Saider	employed individual
	2026-02-06 00:40:12	Due to global unrest and high crime level, increase spending towards police and the military.	Saider	employed individual
	2026-02-06 00:38:21	When looking at other countries 'ministers' we here in SA appear to have many many more. Suggestion - cut the positions, stresmline the job descriptions. Use only the best qualified even if they're of a different political party. Be united! Unity is strength. Have a common goal eg work together for the benefit of the people! If the 'chief/head' is right, the country will prosper God bless South Africa!	Anne	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 23:47:25		Perfect	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 23:31:09	There are too many Ministers and Public Officials doing nothing	Francois	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 23:17:45	The government wage bill is out of control. We need to reduce the number of ineffective hangers on, who are not qualified nor have the skills or experience to add value. This money can be spent to kick start the economy and create real jobs.	Tony	retired
	2026-02-05 22:42:14	Do away with Deputy ministers because they don't even stand in for their ministers when the ministers are on leave, and acting minister is appointed for that period while there are deputies. Deputy ministers don't even clearly know what their job descriptions are.	Emmanuel	employed individual
	2026-02-05 22:11:13		Char	retired
	2026-02-05 22:10:57	This is a very great concer as they are spending so much money on unnecessary trips for staff,where by our local schools are suffering with no funds to fix the school windows, roofs ,safety gates and bathrooms this is very almaring ,I feel government needs to see how they can assist the local school with a percentage of funds to help the schools.	Sarah	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 22:08:39	The minister needs to drastically curb spending on blue lights, security etc. for all levels of government (including municipal and parastatal) by management and appointed officials. Savings should be channeled to pay of debt.	Leslie	employed individual
	2026-02-05 21:53:00	Die kabinet moet heelwat verklein word. Na die regering van nasionale eenheid in werking gestel is, het ons president die kabinet vergroot en baie adjunkte aangestel om sy kamerade hul poste te laat behou. Hulle werkverrigting is maar swak, maar hulle salarisse en byvoordele baie goed. In die geheel is dit maar min, maar dis 'n goeie begin.	Theunis	retired
	2026-02-05 21:52:56		John	self-employed
	2026-02-05 21:50:19		Selwyn	retired
	2026-02-05 21:15:25		Oranotse	employed individual
	2026-02-05 20:54:18	Good Day. South Africa is spending too much money on absolute nothing. Obviously it would not change if any Communist orientated party rule the country. If a Government of stature took over they must be God obeying individuals. Bring back God into Parliament, Schools, Universities, Workplace and Home. Financial Freedom, Government must create their own Wealth and not relying on the taxpayer and companies as they are already past recovery. Create wealth by bringing back Rail services. Build better and more rail tracks. Build bigger and faster trains, eg. Maglev trains. Build trains and carriages of world quality and get oversees buyers and investors. Bring back and invest in Iscor, Vecor, Sasol, Escom, SAA, Denel. Build ships and harbors, the biggest and best in the world. Get South African Airways up and running, bigger and beter then ever. Expand the routes and get more customers as well. Build SA brand Aeroplanes. For this we need the worlds best technology, equipment and engineers. This will be Billions and not Millions. Build more schools, universities, training centers for artizans and engineers. Step up the learner programs as we was the best in all fields like engineering, hospitalization, docters, nurses. Now we are absolute the worst. One generation screwed the nation. Build bigger and better roads. Take away trucks and taxis and make train and bus services more reliable and accessable to all. It will make SA a much safer place and death toll on roads will decrease by at least 80%. Build bigger dams, bigger and higher buildings, this is a direct window to the rest of the world. The rest of the world look on what other countries can build and achieve, and SA is not one of them. Get farming and manufacturing back to where it was before 1994. South Africa produce the best food in the world. (I know it and I can testify as I stay in NZ and they import all their fruit from other countries and nothing compares to SA) Get the Law System and Correctional Services as well as Police and Defence back in line. Make more strict rules for criminals. Bring back the death penalty. Too get SA up and running and to be bigger and better then 1994 it would cost at least a few Trillion Dollars. To get this money the fastest is to get mining back on line. We have the resources. Just need the right people.	Cornelis	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 20:53:41	Cancel BEE immediately. Cancel all ANC racist laws immediately.	Michael	self-employed
	2026-02-05 20:46:31		Paul	business owner
	2026-02-05 20:44:37	This should be cut out all together. The president and his minions earn enough money and can afford to take their personal stash for company business. Also, salaries should be cut for all members of parliament including the president. No company cars. No bodyguards. No entertainment. No large hotel bills. People are starving in SA and the people that are supposed to be leading us are just abusing us. Enough is enough.	Beverley	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 20:21:01		Jefferyne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 20:20:59		Jefferyne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 20:20:59		Jefferyne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 20:01:55		Daniel	employed individual
	2026-02-05 19:53:53		Emmanuel	business owner
	2026-02-05 19:37:43		Suzette	retired
	2026-02-05 18:30:18	Stop the tender process and establish government departs and employ skilled workers than can run the repairs and projects in house with permanent staff employees.	Melissa	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:24:31	Reduce government spending, by cutting unnecessary over expenditure (e.g. VIP security of over R4billion per year; president & minister pay (which put them in top 3% income earners in country)) and by getting rid of policies that promote paying excessive amounts for any services (e.g. tenders that charge uncompetitive prices). Alternatives to social wages should be found. The burden on taxpayers are too high, and ways should be found to ease the burden.	Marcus	employed individual
	2026-02-05 18:22:01		Lilian	retired
	2026-02-05 18:04:00	Decentralise government to improve the cost-effectiveness of its functions. "Government for the people, by the people" should be the motto of every level of government. When government administration is made more accountable to the public, spending on the services it renders will be cut , massive savings will be realised and spending programmes will become less open to corruption.	Pieter	retired
	2026-02-05 17:51:42		Jb	retired
	2026-02-05 17:41:50	Recover all the stolen money and there will be money for the budget.. Stop the corruption And government officials to take accountability for their departments and work for their salaries.	Julie	
	2026-02-05 17:40:44		Abel	unemployed individual

	2026-02-05 17:37:41		Mpho	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:33:17		deon	
	2026-02-05 17:30:54		Irene	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:24:06		Mike	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:21:49	It is time all the parliamentarians stopped being so greedy, we are top heavy with too many Ministers & Deputy Ministers. If individuals cannot show fiscal responsibility, caution, honesty, respect & care for other human beings plus personal budgeting, what hope is there ??!!!	Ingrid	retired
	2026-02-05 17:01:46	SOE's should be privatised to reduce Government spending.	Jean	retired
	2026-02-05 17:01:19		wellem	retired
	2026-02-05 17:01:16		Shawn	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:59:15		Marlies	retired
	2026-02-05 16:58:14	Cut the government of the day by 60%	Graham	retired
	2026-02-05 16:56:48	My advice : - After a budget is approved stick to the budget. Stop paying any increase and bonuses to non performing ministers and governal officials and employees. Hold premiers accountable for good governing and finances. Stop paying salaries to suspended employees. Stop bailouts for SOE's they should be managed to be profitable, don't pay lame ducks. Require accountability for all governing bodies, departments and municipalities or withhold subsidies. Stop waisting money on the poor and unworkable experiments (like NHI) rather fix real needs like the roads. Increase the sassa for the old age.	Johan	
	2026-02-05 16:56:04		Juan-Pierre	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:53:22		Colleen	retired
	2026-02-05 16:47:26		Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-05 16:43:15	Eliminate the gross number of ministeries with all the attendent costs to eliminate the excess baggage carried by all these incompetent people. Compare to most emerging nations wearew grossly over-staffed in ministerial appointment to :comrades".	Hilton	retired
	2026-02-05 16:42:10	He is wasting our time… they are going to steel it anyway… they don't listen … specially to whites… so he can ask himself	David	self-employed
	2026-02-05 16:40:00	I am indeed at lost for words as the Government just carry on carrying on as they have seen how they have driven our country into an unmanaging "monstrosity" month after month, but somewhere along the line I am sure GOD will intervene.	Hercules	retired
	2026-02-05 16:28:27		Diane	
	2026-02-05 16:27:15	Firstly cut down on the Cabinet to much People with high salaries Secondly cut down on wasting of money (uncontrolled expense's) Put people in jobs who can do the work. Less people will be needed and more controls that the job is done Stop sealing money from the state clamp down on all corruption Stop borrowing money and pay back the loans. Lower income tax	DENISE	retired
	2026-02-05 16:27:00	Reduce the cabinet size and pay cabinet ministers realistic (not bloated) salaries, Stop giving grants to all and sundry. Make people work for their money, Send prisoners out to work for the councils and municipalities, No financial support for unregistered foreigners, Give pensioners more benefits - especially those that have contributed to the fiscus for many years, Invest in water infrastructure as a matter of priority, Start taxing people from a lower income - even if it is 1%. Let everyone who earns, contribute something. They will value things more if it is coming from their income as well.	Che	business owner
	2026-02-05 16:24:59	The bloated civil service and government employee numbers must be reduced and the economy stimulated with business friendly regulations.	Peter	retired
	2026-02-05 16:15:58	Firstly cut down on the Cabinet to much People with high salaries Secondly cut down on wasting of money (uncontrolled expense's) Put people in jobs who can do the work. Less people will be needed and more controls that the job is done Stop sealing money from the state clamp down on all corruption Stop borrowing money and pay back the loans. Lower income tax	johan	retired
	2026-02-05 16:05:22	I believe government spends an exhorbitant amount of money on unnecessary expenses that are completely ridiculous when considering the quality of life most South Africans live. No more private security, no more government events worth millions, no more kick backs and wasted exeonditure	Jadon	
	2026-02-05 15:41:39	Government must reduce the number of members of parliament. The cost of each minister, their deputies, vehicles and security is costing RSA a fortune!! It is not sustainable especially when their service delivery is so poor. Their spending is also very wasteful.	Bernadine	retired
	2026-02-05 15:21:04		Debbie	retired
	2026-02-05 15:15:12	Too much money is spent on state owned enterprises. Stop spending my hard earned money on them. Get rid of half the government, freeze their salary increase and renegotiate government's salary and benefits downward significantly. Keep tem accountable. Punish the municipalities not delivering services and giving doubtdul tenders that are never completed.	Belinda	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:59:56		Lorane	
	2026-02-05 14:52:48	1. Holding Government officials accountable for carelessly overspending, 2.How you going to route out criminal elements around tendering system 3. Reduce parliament officials overhead	Motheo	business owner
	2026-02-05 14:50:07		Sue	
	2026-02-05 14:23:47	A priority is to reduce government expenditure on overseas trips, motor vehicles, conferences and unnecessary items. It should not expect taxpayers to pay for their extravagance. And competent people should be placed in management positions.	Caroline	retired
	2026-02-05 14:18:28	Cut the heavy government / parliament. Stop the huge benefits that is better than what any worker can afford for the parliament members. Stop the baby grant and the R350. There is just not enough people working to carry the burden of top heavy government.	Leanna	employed individual
	2026-02-05 14:18:03	Focus on spending less, and work in a honest way.	Manuela	
	2026-02-05 14:17:49	Stop spending money on unnessisary things like name changes. And there are far too many LP's earning way to big salaries. They can pay for their own housing, municipal fees, transport, all that. Take away their fat benefits and soon you will see them leave. All the fat cats in covernment have no idea what it is like to live paycheque to paycheque.	Melissa	
	2026-02-05 14:12:53	The government is too big, employs too many people, too many people who should have retired by now, or who should have been given early retirement and put on a pension, preferably a fixed pension which would have brought them back to earth! Don't spend money South Africa does not have! Don't borrow money long term to pay for expenditure today! Expenses should be paid from today's income. If the income does not meet the expenditure, cut the expenditure! No one with sense uses long term money, i.e. savings piled up over ten, twenty, thirty or forty years to pay a salary or to buy groceries! Live within your means, and please tell SARS to stop threatening the tax payers, i.e. the geese that lay the golden eggs! Another thing, pay off South Africa's debt! The capital! Not just the interest! Get some past BEE money from the 100 or so recipients of that unfair racist policy, and reduce the debt. Explain to South African taxpayers how on earth the following had been achieved: The politician in question is the former Deputy President of South Africa, David "DD" Mabuza, who passed away on July 3, 2025. Following his death, a legal battle emerged over his R44.7 million living annuity (pension) administered by Alexander Forbes. Even earning R2 million per annum over 30 years and contributing 20 percent of pensionable income, would not have resulted in R44.7 million living annuity! Be honest! Has SARS looked into this as they do have full view of income earned over a lifetime and pension contributions made!	Erika	retired
	2026-02-05 14:04:48	1. Government officials should have allocations for travel expenses. Economy class flights - if you want business or 1st class, pay the difference. Hotel accommodation - a maximum spend per night - upgrade at your own cost. The same for car hire - if Joe Soap can manage in a Toyota Corolla, so can government officials. 2. Child Grants - incentivize having fewer children by offering a generous grant for the first child and no grants for further children.	Debbie	
	2026-02-05 14:04:28		Gabrielle	
	2026-02-05 13:52:20	The Finance Minister can start saving by cutting the huge salary increases that the ministers and MP are all getting. Why has none of the millions that has been stolen by corrupt officials never being recovered and returned to the South African public.	Wendy	self-employed
	2026-02-05 13:47:49	No more perks no more freebies halve salaries NO INCREASE IN SALARIES no catering at meetings no breakfasts,lunch and dinners no bodyguards this must apply to the ENTIRE government and civil service!	rosalie	retired
	2026-02-05 13:42:15		Sam	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:38:10		Dayne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 13:33:38		stefan	retired
	2026-02-05 13:32:43		Catherine	self-employed
	2026-02-05 13:18:11	A moratorium on Government officials: Salary increase for 2 years No water and lights benefits for 2 years	Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 13:14:28	Corruption still appears to be rife - either that or plain inefficiency. Ensure proper systems are in place to ensure expenditure is going to the right place and at a reasonable cost. That's just step 1 but at least get that right and then see how much it really costs to run a country.	Simon	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:13:23		Esias	

	2026-02-05 13:13:08	Basically you need to take lessons from our good partner, china. Don't concern our legal systems with western countries as they are not our friends. In china corruption means death sentence. Mayor or minister the law doesn't differentiate. In Afghanistan currently the ministers don't get a salary and they don't take bribes. For this country to implement such a system is highly impossible with the current cabinet. You need to cut spending to the core. Don't allow spending. No matter what. Stop all spending. For 3 months at least. This will make it difficult for tenders to be sold and the ministers of corruption will be looking for money which the love. This will cause the corrupt to leave government and start spaza shops which will be of great benefit to the people.	Mohamed	
	2026-02-05 13:13:00	The government, should take a pay cut, to allocate much needed funds, for water stability and economic growth, as well as infrastructure rebuild. The onus shouldn't be on the taxpayers alone. Government officials, should take a pay cut. The question remains, why do we have two deputy ministers for each political portfolio.	Zulpha	retired
	2026-02-05 13:01:24	Eskom was previously been told on how to resolve the issue, and although they know it, they decided to have deaf ears on the situation. Remove the excess employees in Eskom and ensure that it is according to what it requires. Do layoffs and get it over with, similar to what had happened with the Postal services. Transnet is on a similar matter, no one wants to use the service as crime is an issue and also that they railway services are not maintained and causing companies to look for alternative ways. Remove the deputy ministers, other countries does not have it, you are wasting money on employees that does not belong. Stop spending money on name changes of town and street names. Stop wasting money on the R370 Sassa grant and do not give immigrants also. Start taxing taxi owners, your issues will be resolved. You are scared to do all these things, because you know that they country will go in chaos and they will rebel against you for what you did. You should have done the legal and right thing and wanted to give everything for free and wanted to be soft on taxi owners that should be paying taxes. Stop milking taxes from fuel levies, and get the fuel price stabilized without all your things that you want to pay like the road accident fund that is only getting robbed everyday. As soon as you stabilize the fuel price, then consumer prices will lower. with municipal finances failures has to do with the people that are put in place by members that look at favouritism and not looking at and if the person can do the job. The problem is that decisions are made through the town and city hall alone, instead of creating a national board that checks the enquiries and audit before approvals. Stop giving choices to mayors and lower management the choice to make and move it similar to the police that have dedicated offices where decisions are made like at national level. The tax burden is plainly on the reason for all your spending and putting levies on everything that you could get, including by raising the price on electricity which is expensive and unable to pay. Stop increasing the municipal fees, as the services are not fully provided. I am even unemployed since 2022, and have tried multiple times to get the sassa grant and to date did not receive anything. Your services are up to nothing and you are unable to ensure that everyone are audited and that the necessary people are doing their jobs. on paper everything always looks perfect, but you know that this country have fallen so badly.	Quintun	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 12:31:55		Rob	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:29:03	I agree with Andrew above get rid of the ANC, EFF and MK. They might be freedom fighters but song died long ago. For 30 plus years they ruined South Africa's first world class status to a banana republic.	Nico	self-employed
	2026-02-05 12:24:22	The solution is simple. Kick out the ANC. SA cannot be saved by anything ANCEFFMK. As long as they remain a force there will be no will to wipe out corruption and incompetence which are the two main drivers of our failed state.	Andrew	retired
	2026-02-05 12:17:44	The only way to improve the fiscus is to get rid of all the deputy cabinet ministers as they are unnecessary and reduce the number of cabinet ministers. Employ people on a merit base system. Stop all the enquiries into corruption, we spend millions and millions on the enquiries without ever achieving anything through them. I could go on and on!!!	Christine	retired
	2026-02-05 12:16:57	Cut back on top salaries, they are getting huge salaries while the people that put them in power can barely survive on the salaries they get	Stephen	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:15:37		Sam	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:12:39	The only way to improve the fiscus is to cut all the deputy cabinet ministers and reduce the number of cabinet ministers. Also, employ people on a merit base system, stop all these enquiries into corruption as we spend millions and millions on the enquiries with no effect.	Alex	retired
	2026-02-05 12:09:42		Willem	self-employed
	2026-02-05 12:07:28		Joachim	retired
	2026-02-05 12:07:17	The state employs far too many people altogether. Many of those employees earn substantial or large salaries but are totally incapable/incompetent/disinterested/corrupt. Therefore on all levels of government there is extraordinary wastage and lack of delivery. The budget must allocate less money for state employees and incapable/ incompetent/disinterested/corrupt employees should be removed from every level of government including ministers, municipalities, healthcare, education SOE's etc. we cannot afford to continue increasing debt.	Judy	business owner
	2026-02-05 12:07:16	The state employs far too many people altogether. Many of those employees earn substantial or large salaries but are totally incapable/incompetent/disinterested/corrupt. Therefore on all levels of government there is extraordinary wastage and lack of delivery. The budget must allocate less money for state employees and incapable/ incompetent/disinterested/corrupt employees should be removed from every level of government including ministers, municipalities, healthcare, education SOE's etc. we cannot afford to continue increasing debt.	Judy	business owner
	2026-02-12 07:21:05		Nohle	retired
	2026-02-12 01:13:42	Social grants should be reduced except for pensions. The COVID grants should be removed. The income generated should go to partially to old age pensions of South African citizens and the balance into feeding schemes and raising the standard of school education. Feed scholars and teach them properly in reasonable size classes. We have disadvantaged our children for 30 years and handed the jobs to foreigners because we have let our children down. Reduce the size of parliament and ministers to a third of current levels. Cut provinces to a maximum of 5. Do away with district municipalities. They are an overburden and work against local municipalities. Have financial officers with at least a CIMA recognised qualification.	Jeff	retired
	2026-02-11 19:54:17	Hi. There are many ways of saving and cutting government spending. 1. Cut the number of deputy ministers: our government is top heavy and n other country in the worlds has so many deputies. 2. Stop appointing committees to investigate problems in different departments. It is the work of the minister to make sure his department runs smoothly. And then they appoint another committee to investigate the first committee?? 3. How is it possible to give all the top government officials raises on their salaries, if the poor are getting poorer? Because nobody else gets increases? If you work it out some are getting up to R17 000 a month more!!! Not even mentioning the back pay from April last year? 4. Cut their free living advantages and cars and travelling expenses? . We pay over our heads for utility bills, but they get everything for free? Are they taxed on this money? Why do they need body guards if they are honest and guilt free? 5. Mr Mandela promised all the FREEDOM AND FREE UTILITIES? WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE PROMISES. sucked up by the main characters referring to ANIMAL FARM. SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS! 6. EDUCATION BUILDS A COUNTRY AND MAKES OR BREAK IT! It is a disgrace to see what is happening to educators and learners. Use the raises given to top cats to make pupil/educator numbers less. How can any human teach up to 70 learners in 1 class? Do research on how many educators have mental break downs, hands full of tranquilizers to survive the day? Mental institutions numbers of educators? 7. It is the government's weak management and greediness that is putting our country in such high debts. 8. Cut out the middle man in all sections of management. THE DEVIL IS DANCING WITH JOY!!	Martie	
	2026-02-11 16:47:07	When our interest repayment amounts to more than we spend on the health system ... or I read that "personal security" for MPs amounts to more than we spend on our entire policing system, it makes me livid. The profligate spending on unnecessary ,ego-driven nonsense is the first place to start. Trips of 15 delegate overseas, staying in luxury hotels, and travelling first class could be a start...	Helene	employed individual
	2026-02-11 14:41:10	Reduce Cabinet size Reduce payments/stipends/allowances/disbursements on all traditional kings and other Budget for lifestyle assessments, both for gov. employees and private	Francois	business owner
	2026-02-11 14:11:43	Government spending: Reduce Cabinet size Reduce payments/stipends/allowances/disbursements on all traditional kings and other Budget for lifestyle assessments, both for gov. employees and private Reduce commissions of enquiry Increase teacher income	Steven	business owner
	2026-02-11 12:55:24		Kathleen	retired
	2026-02-11 11:38:59	We have a horribly blotted and greedy government, in short we have too many well paid 'managers ' and too few deadicated workers	Derek	self-employed
	2026-02-11 08:22:19		Elize	retired
	2026-02-11 06:06:03		Chris	employed individual
	2026-02-11 04:05:41	For years we have heard about the high unemployment rate yet nothing substantive has come forth from our leaders. But what no one has highlighted is the ever increasing baby boom that is funded by taxpayers. Over the years this increasing number of offspring has contributed to unemployment and the inadequacy of facilities such as medical schools housing etc. It is time to stop the child benefit and curtail existing child benefit payments to one child per family. The country needs at least 10 years of minimal birthrate so that solutions can be put in place to solve the huge problems that exist because our population has outstripped our resources. Have the courage to address the burgeoning social welfare trap that has cost this country dearly over many years. Stop paying people to have children it's an iniquitous practice . Historically any such benefit should have been limited to one child per family. Stupidity has ruled in this area for many years it's time to do something sensible but of course that is not the way of government is it.	Les	retired

	2026-02-10 16:41:26	The government spending had ballooned with much spending on salaries of officials - who are not performing!! SAPS: The violent crimes in South Africa has increased dramatically while police resources are tied up in unproductive administrative work, and diminishing the percentage of actively deployed police. The last times SAPS visited my home was to "inspect a safe" and such useless activities detracts from the focus on fighting crime. Eskom: Eskom has been - in my opinion - deliberately mis-managed to the bring the country to its knees and make your country uncompetitive on the world markets. The Escom price increase co-incided with deteriorating electricity supplies to gain momentum for a call to 'outsource' power to the private sector, potentially giving Mr Patrice Motseppe t Immigration: The RSA has become burdened by an influx of foreigners with the purpose of giving birth in the RSA to secure citizenships and funding for their families. We have come a safe haven for migrant labourers, taking jobs from the SA citizens, at a time when the president promises more 'jobs.' Expropriation without compensation: When a government sets legal process in place to steal from the very people whose interest they swear to protect, the become illegitimate and corrupt. Land reform: The largest holder of land in the RSA is the government. Why not sell of the unproductive land so held to broaden both the capital income tax and future tax revenue when jobs are diminishing, the economy is shrinking and the tax revenue base is eroding? Education: The whole education system is focussed on making people 'job takers' rather than 'job creators'. Re-allocation a substantial portion of the national budget to skilling people to become active job creators rather than job takes would change our education system for the better.	Henry	business owner
	2026-02-10 14:48:19	Government can cut back expenditure by reducing the parliament, we don't need that big cabinet. They don't do anything for the people on the ground but we must pay them very high salaries that can stop now. Stop wasting our hard earned money by handing our the taxes as it is nothing or then reduce the personal/individual taxes.	Lizhette	employed individual
	2026-02-10 11:53:17	Let all ministers take a 15% pay cut.	Debra	retired
	2026-02-10 11:21:37	The huge sums of money that are spent by an over bloated Govt on so many unnecessary expenses. Then unnecessary setups such as renaming cities with names many cannot begin to pronounce Costing millions of Rands across the board. Money which could be better spent on education, medical facilities. All for the betterment of the people. A new name does not draw in more revenue. Buy books & medical necessities.	Jaylee	retired
	2026-02-10 10:39:34		Kobus	retired
	2026-02-10 09:29:05		Gabakgatle	employed individual
	2026-02-10 07:44:32	5% of the salaries paid to government officials reallocated to social grants etc.	Laura	employed individual
	2026-02-10 01:57:31		jeff	retired
	2026-02-09 23:03:33	1. Greatly diminish the extravagantly top-heavy leadership and excess "workers" across the board in ALL govt structures. 2. Stop all paid suspensions plus benefits until proven innocent when back pay may be given. 3. Stop all Tenderpreneurship - tenders should only be open to direct suppliers without a chain of incompetent greedy people eating at the trough. 4. Increase education and health budget to facilitate rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and quality of training.	Marlene	retired
	2026-02-09 22:39:24		Therese	
	2026-02-09 20:33:26	We urgently need to create jobs for unemployed youth in South Africa. Utilize funds from UIF and dysfunctional and overpaid SETA,s to create short term jobs and skills training. Reduce salaries of top ministers and municipal counselors and create a fund for job creation managed by UIF. Subsidize NGO,s that already do training for the unemployed. Increase budget for the CCMA as the Commission has a huge back log of cases and many people lose their jobs without having a fair chance when it comes to social justice and their right to fair labour practises to be upheld.	Fezeka	employed individual
	2026-02-09 19:33:57	We urgently need to create jobs for unemployed youth in South Africa. Utilize funds from UIF and dysfunctional and overpaid SETA,s to create short term jobs and skills training. Reduce salaries of top ministers and municipal counselors and create a fund for job creation managed by UIF. Subsidize NGO,s that already do training for the unemployed.	Jasper	retired
	2026-02-09 17:41:58	We have probably the largest cabinet in the world going from minister, deputy, lower officials etc. All getting houses and perks. It's a bloated cabinet which must and can be scaled down.	Peter	business owner
	2026-02-09 16:39:12	The solution starts with what is best for SA/municipality and not what's best for the "ruling" party. (do not expect a change in this budget with a failing state.) Second, replace all political appointees with career professionals where their performance is measured against objectives. Third, align/target the government salary and wage bill, including that of the politicians with GDP going back to 1994. The list is endless.....	Willem	retired
	2026-02-09 14:57:15		Brigitte	retired
	2026-02-09 14:57:14		Brigitte	retired
	2026-02-09 13:27:08	THE ANC MUST RETURN ALL THE STOLEN FUNDS FROM THEIR COMTADES THAT WAY SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE ABLE TO RIVAL AMERICA , THEY HAVE STOLEN AND PLUNDERED BILLIONS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRIES MONEY , GIVE IT BACK YOU FLITHY THIEVES	SHARON	
	2026-02-09 13:14:35	Bloated Public Services and SOE,s Escom, Dept of Defence with over 100 generals Deputy Ministers with nothing to do Properly Resource Hospital, Schools, Defence Force Consider a citizen force with annual call up. Provides man power at low cost, help with youth unemployment and resources for national emergencies like floods etc. Municipalities Must be properly managed. Services are crumbling eg water electricity roads BEE Must go as source of curruption that is pulling the country appart	Richard	retired
	2026-02-09 12:23:12	Reduce salaries and perks for ministers. Reduce the number of ministers. no full pay while on suspension.	Matthew	self-employed
	2026-02-09 12:17:29	Cutting Government Spending / Health Budget Optimization Subject: Budget Tip: A "2-for-1" Fiscal Multiplier to Clear Surgical Backlogs (African Synergy Health) *To the Minister of Finance and National Treasury* , In response to the call for solutions to address the national deficit and optimize government spending, African Synergy Health (ASH)—operating under a signed MOU with the National Department of Health—presents a proven mechanism for Synergizing Resources. *The Fiscal Proposition:* The government is currently burdened by a deficit where expenses outstrip revenue. Our model offers a direct counter-strategy for the Health Budget: We propose a Public-Private Partnership that reduces the state's financial burden by 66% per procedure. *The Strategy: Synergizing Resources to Reduce Deficit* The state does not need to fund the eradication of surgical backlogs alone. By Synergizing Resources, we leverage the high supply of private sector capacity to meet the high demand of public sector patients. *The Proposal: The 2-for-1 Synergy Match* We propose a funding model that acts as a fiscal multiplier: For every R1 Million allocated from the Department of Health budget, ASH commits to matching it with R2 Million in private-sector resources. This ensures that every Rand of public spending unlocks R2.00 of private value (Specialists, Theatres, Consumables). This is not just health reform; it is fiscal efficiency. *Proof of Efficiency* Since the 2023 ASH Mandela Week Surgical Marathon, we have used this model of Synergizing Resources to conduct 349 procedures in 27 days. We have cleared patients off the state's waiting list at a fraction of the traditional cost to the fiscus. *Execution 2026* The ASH Mandela Week Surgical Marathon 2026 will scale this model across 6 provinces. We invite the Treasury to adopt this "Synergy Model" as a standard for health expenditure—transforming the budget from a sunk cost into a leveraged investment. *Ubuntu. Precision. Synergizing Resources.* Dr. Viola Morolo Founder & CEO, African Synergy Health	Mantsoelengwe Viola	Non-profit
	2026-02-09 11:41:52	South Africa has one of the largest cabinets in the world and one of the poorest service delivery records. The cabinet size in 1994 was a fraction of the size that the current one was and the country was run well. At all levels of Government, including SOE's there is an excess of top level people, none of which have performance contracts (or if they do they are not measured against these). It is time for a 'Back to the Floor' approach where department heads spend most of their time at the workplaces of their departments, to see the reality of what is going on. There also needs to be strict curbing of perks to ensure that the funds that I contribute in Taxes (still paying as a pensioner) are used to serve the people, but to further enhance the lifestyle of the ministers, deputy ministers and their blue light brigades - the latter are totally unnecessary and the abolishment will return billions of Rands to the Fiscus.	Roy	retired
	2026-02-09 11:29:52		Riaan	employed individual
	2026-02-09 10:44:03	Do we really need 9 provinces PLUS a parliament ? Far too much duplication of portfolios and very few of them operating successfully. Suggest we cut down to 5 provinces and reduce parliament to half the current number of deligates. Mandela's cabinet was much smaller than the current cabinet and was quite effective and efficient. Why don't we go back to that structure ?	Greg	
	2026-02-09 10:43:52	stop having deputy ministers stop having commission of enquiry where nothing gets done re the outcome	Kevin	retired
	2026-02-09 10:41:29		Jabu	business owner
	2026-02-09 10:33:51		Darrell	self-employed

	2026-02-09 10:24:32	Smaller cabinets, a reduction in governmental officials salaries and a crunch down on the stealing of rands so openly would be a great start.	Dani	
	2026-02-09 10:18:58	Stop stealing, misappropriating and corruption. Fire any and everybody guilty of going against the law	Alan	business owner
	2026-02-09 10:10:25	Reduce spending on incompetent and corrupt government officials. Reduce their salaries and perks. Hold them accountable by firing them when proved corrupt. Use the money to provide basic services.	Jacqueline	business owner
	2026-02-09 09:26:14	Rid the Governing bodies, including provinces and municipalities, of incompetent and corrupt caders. Employ only educated dedicated and non-corrupt personnel. Stop issuing contracts to those with connections.	Derek	retired
	2026-02-09 09:19:21		Cecile	employed individual
	2026-02-09 09:14:43		Spencer	employed individual
	2026-02-09 08:33:41	Why are the city of cape town employing staff and giving tenders for the same work that is a wast of money.	Matthew	employed individual
	2026-02-09 08:12:41		Gabrielle	
	2026-02-09 07:58:07		RUSSELL	employed individual
	2026-02-09 07:52:27	Treat Government like a business. Go for business rescue and limit over spending. Downscale salaries and expenditure to live within tax boudaries. Open power supply to multiple suppliers. Allow private companies to use railway as transport alternative, just make sure railway is in working condition.	Hans	business owner
	2026-02-09 07:32:25		David	retired
	2026-02-09 07:26:22		Dirk	self-employed
	2026-02-09 06:20:03		Xolani	employed individual
	2026-02-09 06:15:34	I think the most important task for the 2026 budget is to reduce debt to acceptable levels. The only way to achieve this is by getting rid of unproductive jobs in the civil service. If the jobs do not add value it must not be there. The loss of jobs will easily be made up with a better economy that will create more jobs in the private sector.	Jacques	retired
	2026-02-08 22:02:09	South Africa's debt paying off should be a priority because that should curb spending on government salaries and add efficiency and accountability for spending. Just borrowing more until we have embraced saving is no way for a country to go. Water and sewerage systems, building and maintenance should also warrant healthy budgets. Close down the military to promote peace and save money.	Patrick	self-employed
	2026-02-08 21:09:53		Rene	self-employed
	2026-02-08 20:56:39		Steve	
	2026-02-08 20:03:04	Cut the number of cabinet posts (ministers and deputy ministers) to make the government leaner than what we have at present.	Gerhard	retired
	2026-02-08 19:51:39	I think government should - appoint competent people in key positions and stop its policy of cadre deployment - trim the number of ministers and public servants to the bare necessity - apply strict disciplinary measures in government - get rid of corrupt government employees, do not just move them to other positions to continues their corrupt practices there. - Mr Ramaphosa should take responsibility for poor judgment of character when making government appointments. The people are suffering because he does not seem to recognise incompetence or poor character.	Jeanne	retired
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	2026-02-08 19:17:19		Sabelo	unemployed individual
	2026-02-08 19:09:29		Riaan	self-employed
	2026-02-08 16:30:55	Reduce Cabinet to spend less money on wasteful salaries	Dennis	retired
	2026-02-08 16:05:24		Jonathan	
	2026-02-08 14:05:36		Margie	retired
	2026-02-08 12:55:39	The government does not spend correctly, allowing far too much wastage. Cut the number of Government departments and ministers in half, remove non-productive admin people at head office. Spend the money employing more teachers nurses and doctors. Build proper toilets and classrooms at every school. Upgrade the requirements to be a Grade R to Grade 3 teacher - this is the most critical phase. Reduce the size of the armed forces, especially the upper ranks, and use the money to pay back debt	Anton	self-employed
	2026-02-08 10:07:58	Reduce perks. Cell phone allowance must have R1500 limits. Car allowance maximum R600 000. All personnel to contribute 50% for medical contributions, and pension fund. Restrict number of overseas visits and number of persons. Persons over the age of 63 must retire, as required in the education dept. Increases must be less than inflation. In all sectors, including Municipalities, employees must reapply for their positions and qualifications checked.	Lynn	retired
	2026-02-08 09:53:09		Lynn	retired
	2026-02-08 09:21:23		Ntsako	student
	2026-02-08 08:46:29		Gill	retired
	2026-02-08 08:41:29		Thana	self-employed
	2026-02-08 08:14:30		Llewellyn	retired
	2026-02-08 06:33:02	Gouvernment"s focus is directed outside of SA and her citizens to the interests of the east instead of useing taxpayers contributions to provide for the country's own health and wealth. Shouldn't any responsible gouvernment first feed and build up its own peopke's and infrastructures? A smaller cabinet, no increases to any cabinet minister or high ranking officials, more towards water, sanitation, schools, education, propper safety and security measures, roads, hospital, etc. Jobcreation should be high up on the list so that social grants can be minimized as taxpayers will be increased.	Anna	retired
	2026-02-08 03:54:13		Tony	retired
	2026-02-07 23:51:14	Remove the none working sept minister-they have no power and getting extra money-reduce the " body guards" and their cars- the saps- from col and up remove vehicle allowance they can use normal state make cars-remove 90% col/brig/genls- to only 6 general and tapper down-no salary increase for levels 12 and up and parliament people for 6 yrs— recheck sassa-thousands are going who should not qualify..	Cedric	retired
	2026-02-07 23:11:57	The top government staff earn high salaries for no reason. Tip- government staff should have normal salaries that they can live on. The rest of the money should go into fixing water: electricity issues	Yvonne	employed individual
	2026-02-07 20:36:04		Denise	retired
	2026-02-07 20:25:14		David	
	2026-02-07 19:04:35	The govt spends way too much on things which don't provide any positive results. Some tips: - If govt employees on all 3 levels are under investigation for misbehaviour, halve their salaries until proven guilty or not - Stop any cadre deployment and race/gender based preferences when filling posts - Don't bail out SOEs, and involve the private sector much more in them - Set clear achievement goals for all govt employees at all 3 levels and if they don't perform, no annual salary increases for them - Set corruption traps and if employees fall for them, immediate dismissal without further salary	Rolf	retired
	2026-02-07 18:30:25		Fernando	retired
	2026-02-07 18:21:36		Bertram	Non-profit
	2026-02-07 17:55:43	Immediately stop funding private security and blue light brigades for ministers and mayors. We don't have a country where officials are assassinated on the roads. Rather put this money towards policing in informal settlements to make those areas safe for the residents and deport illegal foreigners in our country.	Stefan	employed individual
	2026-02-07 17:19:28	invest in majority, they then take care of the whole	carol	retired
	2026-02-07 15:04:49		Frances	retired
	2026-02-07 14:13:26	To reinforce fiscal credibility, Budget 2026 should standardise and reduce executive perks — including luxury vehicles, blue-light convoys, travel class, accommodation allowances, and the size of ministerial offices — demonstrating leadership by example while protecting taxpayers and supporting growth over higher taxes. Ministerial vehicles: Standardise ministers to a single, mid-range state vehicle per portfolio and eliminate automatic luxury upgrades and frequent replacement cycles to reduce costs and set a visible example of fiscal discipline. Blue-light convoys: Restrict blue-light usage to roles with verified security risks and prohibit routine use for convenience, reducing abuse, operating costs, and public resentment. Travel class: Require economy class travel for domestic and short-haul flights, allowing business class only where operationally justified and formally approved. Accommodation and hospitality: Introduce strict cost ceilings and government-negotiated rates for accommodation and hospitality expenses to prevent excessive or inconsistent spending. Ministerial support staff: Cap the size of ministerial offices and consolidate administrative and advisory functions across departments to achieve permanent, structural savings. Post-ministerial benefits: Time-limit all post-tenure security and benefits unless objectively justified by risk assessments, reinforcing the principle that public office is temporary service rather than entitlement.	Michael	employed individual

	2026-02-07 14:00:46	The government is bloated and overweight, slow to move, and quick to find reasons to stop work. This is the end result when we employ people and appoint them to managerial positions, and allow them to appoint service providers to do the work they were employed to do. The government needs to be trimmed, at each level, from Cabinet, Province, and Municipality. An example, a rural school needs water. The process will involve the local municipality, the district municipality, the provincial and the national departments of environment, education, public works, and water and sanitation, with consultants assisting each of the role players, and a contractor. In the real world, where competence efficiency and diligence are valued, one government office, one engineer and one contractor should suffice. But not in SA...we are obsessed with "job creation" and pack the supply chain with as many people as possible...like a feedlot, giving each one just enough authority to stop the process of delivery.	Ron	retired
	2026-02-07 13:51:50		Nasser	employed individual
	2026-02-07 12:30:29	As a retired business man, it's so easy to see! If you spend more money than you bring in , then you have to reduce your expenditure, by reducing staff and salaries and prioritising expenses! Or you could work on increasing the tax base! Why is the taxi industry not being taxed? Why do we waste money on ideology and not productivity? We begged the USA to disband AGOA! We ended with 1 year extension and a lot of future uncertainty for exporters to the USA! Wake up ANC, and pick your friends better! Ideology does not feed people!	Julian	
	2026-02-07 12:11:34		Nancy	self-employed
	2026-02-07 12:09:01	No longer funding universities for student bursaries Fix all munisipal infrastructure Build dams for water Maintenance on infrastructure Employ skilled: not based on race Build schools	Hester	retired
	2026-02-07 11:33:01		Susan	retired
	2026-02-07 11:15:32	Stop the Blue Light Brigade. Also start allowing for inflation in determining the tax levels. The middle class is being taxed into oblivion.	John	self-employed
	2026-02-07 10:51:32	I suggest that the government does away with the social relief grant. They also need to relook at the grant for children, not everyone must qualify for it. Only those who are historically disadvantaged. The poor of the poorest that will curb the spending.	Patelia	employed individual
	2026-02-07 10:51:11	Too many chiefs try to govern the country with very little effect. Means the work is done inefficiently.	Nico	retired
	2026-02-07 10:35:55	Stop wasting money on window dressing such as changing history! Stop wasting money on a bloated cabinet with people who do not know how to do their jobs! Stop wasting money on ridiculously expensive 'extras' to the high-and-mighty, eg cars, travel, security, homes, clothing, etc! Stop avoiding prosecution of corrupt officials.	Fitz	retired
	2026-02-07 10:25:02	Contribution 1: I really think that we overspend because we have too many provinces and district municipalities. We can cut expenses by reducing the number of provinces and district municipalities. Contribution 2: Interest rates are decreasing and pensioners are battling with this reduction in income stream. The tax free portion of interest was not adjusted upwards for the past two years. Please adjust the tax free portion upwards to help our pensioners.	Hentie	retired
	2026-02-07 09:57:21		Diane	retired
	2026-02-07 09:26:29	Reduce the wasteful spending by cutting down the bloated salaries of cabinet members and politicians. They are supposed to serve their country not get fat off of it!! Also SARS needs to start taxing the taxi industry and obtain the billions in surplus income this will provide.	Melissa	employed individual
	2026-02-07 09:13:22	Apply the principle "from each according to her/his ability" to Income Tax, and "to each according to her/his need" to M.P's salaries. Let the rich be less rich so that the poor can become less poor.	Michael	retired
	2026-02-07 09:05:28	We are voting ppl who dnt represent us at all they are all rich while we are poor im a pensioner who cant make ends meet wth sassa too little for a living cost of living is too high pls look into it prioritize it.thnx	Rebecca	retired
	2026-02-07 08:23:20	Bloated cabinet and corrupt politicians.	Richard	business owner
	2026-02-07 07:50:12		Kevin	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 07:44:47	For a start they can control the astronomical figures the officials get. How can they justify the high salaries. Control the wage percentage. They employ more people than they can afford. Repair things correctly the first time. Cut corners doing repairs and maintenance costs the tax payers more in keeping the infrastructures . Example patch jobs on pipes that should be replaced.	Annette	self-employed
	2026-02-07 07:33:03	Fire underperforming government officials and all that have criminal cases pending or criminal records. Replace with qualified professionals from the private sector that already have the solutions	Grant	self-employed
	2026-02-07 07:24:12	Government expenditures can be curbed by investigating appointments given through nepotism. This is possibly the biggest killer of our economy: putting under-educated, useless people in charge & then having to spend more billions on "fixing" their mistakes by appointing even more, less-incompetent people to try. Clean up your act!	Carol	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:17:16	Overspending on tenders and incompetent vendors, where work needs to be redone all the time. inferior paint on the roads 2. Outrageous payments for events and ralleys. 3. Payment packages for government workers,in management. 4. Stop employing lazy incompetent workers for Council. They think you earn a salary without doing the work. That is why our Country is in such a mess and dirty. The ANC created a third world Country from a once beautiful rich Country by all their ignorance and greed. Stop the ANC to keep on stealing from its people. 5. STOP the Heavy and outrageous salary payments for ANC government	Marianna	self-employed
	2026-02-07 07:09:40	Government salaries need to be curbed as well as spending not needed for the portfolio. Another huge issue is fraud and theft, remove corrupt officials. Also ensure that money stolen, defrauded and misused is paid back to recover loses. I pray that GOD will give wisdom to you .	Maryam	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:07:07		Cheanne	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:02:40		Andre	
	2026-02-07 06:58:34	ANC led Government has set aside around R100 billion for BEE but in essence this funds can used to address infrastructure challenges that we have as a country. It's clearly that this funds will looted by the connected few of the ANC. So Government must look into how they prioritize how they spend public funds.	Kagiso	
	2026-02-07 06:41:44	1.Overspending on tenders and incompatant vendors, where work needs to be redone all the time. 2. Outrageous payments for events and ralleys. 3. Payment packages for government workers,in management. Cut down on little gain on more.	Dorothea	retired
	2026-02-07 06:05:05	Restructure the Tender system in a way that the public can see who got the tenders, who does the work, was it completed satisfactorily and correctly and who got paid. Redefine tender fraud as a crime against the country with severe jailtime for the convicted and a confiscation of their proceeds, even f they try and hide this by transfering the proceeds to others.	Terry	retired
	2026-02-07 06:02:17	Goverment should spend less on grants, the % of people paying tax is way less than the % of people that are unemployed. Decrease minister salaries to a reasonable amount and spend more on the military.	Cathrine	employed individual
	2026-02-07 05:34:59		Nombuso	employed individual
	2026-02-07 05:27:24	Rather spend money on rooting out shady government officials and people in authority taking bribes. Ther HAS to be consequences for this.	Toinette	employed individual
	2026-02-07 04:29:03		Freda	employed individual
	2026-02-07 00:17:51	The ANC is a proudly corrupt criminal enterprise. They don't care about anything else other than extracting wealth from anywhere it can. The people don't matter. The country's economics don't matter. The country's infrastructure. Ports. Rails. etc. Nothing matters. Why don't the people of SA wake up to this fact. It is so obvious. Why do the poor, previously disadvantaged, jobless, uneducated people of SA allow the ANC to destroy SA? Maybe because they have nothing. No responsibilities. No meaning to their lives. Not living. Just existing. They will only wake up and vote the ANC out when they have suffered enough.	Richard	business owner
	2026-02-06 23:25:11		Nick	self-employed
	2026-02-06 23:25:11		Nick	self-employed
	2026-02-06 22:35:36		Jack	retired
	2026-02-06 22:18:30	The money spent on salaries for a bloated cabinet needs restructuring as there are portfolios which as citizens have forgotten they are in existence.Secondly not everyone needs a Bemer, so a Minister of Agriculture needs a 4*4 bakkie to drive in contacting Farmers.Business class flight can only apply to the President,the rest are employees of the state and can fly budget class.Lastly why have security for ministers driving two German made cars.Bodyguards can be two otherwise show me a risk assessment to justify so many body guards.	Maredi	retired
	2026-02-06 22:14:51		Sandra	retired
	2026-02-06 22:04:58	We the citizens do not trust you.!! This is not a random feeling or racist or an exaggeration - your track record of 30 years is the proof of your ineptitude, your corruption your disregard for all citizens. The simplest thing YOU and everyone around you can do to help this country is to start telling the truth!! Tell the truth to your party when you see wrong doing, tell the truth to your colleagues even when it's uncomfortable, tell the truth to your friends and partners and be honest with yourself. 1. Those that have stolen must go to jail otherwise it doesn't stop. So spend money on investigating and prosecuting your colleagues, business and private individuals who have been involved in this mess. This will have the affect that it becomes a deterrent, it breaks the thieving culture and its also reduces the deficit, because less funds leave the Fiscus. 2. Spend money on education. Support more apprenticeships in practical trades with real life skills. This will have the affect that more people can have meaningful work, which will have a direct positive affect on communities, which in turn means more people paying tax. 3. Spend money on the arts and culture in great diversity. It is in art and culture that we learn to reflect on ourselves, where we find the answers to our problems, where we find new insights of how to proceed into the future. This will have the affect on our countrymen to become reflective, engaged and seeking human beings. 4. Start telling the truth in every part of your life!	Andreas	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:49:20		Carolyn	employed individual

	2026-02-06 21:38:28		Aletta	self-employed
	2026-02-06 21:35:41		Bennie	retired
	2026-02-06 21:29:38		Retha	business owner
	2026-02-06 21:14:57		Dale	employed individual
	2026-02-06 21:00:42	The low hanging fruit: 1.Cut cabinet to 15 with no deputies 2.Remove VIP protection (who ever needs protection let them pay for it) 3.Foreign governments must pay to educate,healthcare and to deport their own citizens. 4.Do away with Covid grants 5.Do away with tenders. 6.Illegalize consultants. 7.Do away with cadre deployment.Go for skilled,competent and ethical people.	Rex	retired
	2026-02-06 20:48:53	Ensuring that the money budgeted gets used for its intended purpose should one of our top priorities. We lose how many millions to corruption every year. This will not be easy though and honestly I don't really know how it would get fixed. However giving most of our municipalities the money they need to function and ensuring it gets used to better those departments will definitely be a step in the right direction.	Savanna	employed individual
	2026-02-06 19:51:17	Cut salaries of president, deputies and ALL MP's.	Abdee	retired
	2026-02-06 19:45:45	stop bailing out the state entities it is done close it . use moneys to fix infrusructre stop pay increases ,make the cabinet 50 % smaller	willie	self-employed
	2026-02-06 19:22:48		Graham	retired
	2026-02-06 18:22:02	Stabilising SOEs like Eskom and Transnet- Implement robust governance and accountability measures - Encourage private sector participation and investment - Restructuring and debt relief, like Eskom's R230 billion debt relief package - Improve operational efficiency and reduce costs - Increase transparency and communication with stakeholders Cutting Government Spending- Reduce wasteful expenditure and inefficiencies - Prioritise essential services like healthcare and education - Streamline government departments and entities - Implement cost-saving measures like energy efficiency initiatives - Review and optimise procurement processes Fixing Municipal Finance Failures- Strengthen financial management and oversight - Implement robust billing and revenue collection systems - Address municipal debt issues, like Eskom's R103 billion municipal debt - Encourage private sector investment and partnerships - Improve transparency and accountability in municipal governance Tax Burden on Households- Avoid increasing tax rates, focus on broadening the tax base - Improve tax compliance and reduce evasion - Review and adjust tax brackets to mitigate fiscal drag - Implement measures to reduce income inequality, like progressive taxation - Encourage economic growth to increase revenue	caroline	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 18:10:31		jan	retired
	2026-02-06 17:48:22	Trevor Manual did it right. He had the guts, insight and support to cut Govt. Spending in the first years after the advent of Democracy. Minister Godongwana can do the same and attain hero status but it will require guts and he will not get much support from our Presidential Jellyfish!	Edward	retired
	2026-02-06 17:23:42		Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-06 17:21:22		Heleen	retired
	2026-02-06 17:17:13		Sheila	retired
	2026-02-06 17:14:14		Daniel	retired
	2026-02-06 17:12:21	We need to get a tight grip on government spending. Do a proper overall of government. Detailed investigation into corruption and accountability.	Elmare	
	2026-02-06 17:01:25		chris	retired
	2026-02-06 16:59:46	Also cut down on the number of ministers and commissions where nil is done on findings	Gavin	retired
	2026-02-06 16:36:37		Jacobus	retired
	2026-02-06 16:18:07	Stop all the overseas trips for those who don't need to go, if they do travel it should be economy class like the rest of us, and the hotels etc should be affordable. We don't need all the Deputy Ministers who are not doing anything useful. Stop all the perks as we, the taxpayers, can't afford to support them. They're all earning enough to pay their own way!!!	Eva	retired
	2026-02-06 15:51:23	less spending on functions, plane trips for all and family, more reasonable cars, use buildings govnment have and stopped renting, REDUCE SALARIES AND BONUSES. Stop giving friends work and back pays. STOP THE STEALING.	Pet	retired
	2026-02-06 15:44:22	The government must avoid unnecessary luxuries like overseas trips, luxury cars, staying in 5 star hotels etc. and spending money on staff sitting around doing nothing in Government service - also " job creation" where 5 people are paid to do the work of one.	Elize	retired
	2026-02-06 15:24:43		Lourens	self-employed
	2026-02-06 15:20:34		Ana Msr	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 14:56:37		Johan	retired
	2026-02-06 14:47:58	No salary increase for any state / municipal / parastatal employees in 2026. They are already 30% overpaid.	Naas	retired
	2026-02-06 14:44:59	Reduce size of cabinet by 50% al least. Prioritise spending on infrastructure and the needy after a thorough analyses of the deserving poor. Increase the tax net - a thorough analysis is required to ensure ALL the tax dodgers are brought to book.	Ian	retired
	2026-02-06 14:31:38		Ronnie	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:31:36		Ronnie	employed individual
	2026-02-06 14:31:34		Ronnie	employed individual
	2026-02-16 20:54:32		Gabriel	retired
	2026-02-16 09:49:42	Our taxes are going to waste and not been directed to our infrastructure. Reduce the burden by cutting unnecessary spending on jobs for cadres and contracts for the connected. We don't have a money shortage issue, we have a dishonest and criminal government issue. Until that is sorted nothing else will work. Put better systems in place to keep track and make sure the money cannot be stolen.	Lyle	employed individual
	2026-02-14 21:52:14	The tax payers are not seeing the benefit of the spending. Service delivery is super bad and the people in those roles to oversee that the job is done needs to be held accountable. Are they not thinking where the money is coming from??	Shaun	employed individual
	2026-02-14 20:40:15	Government spending should never exceed income from taxes. The Ministers in particular should be able to control their departments so that there is never any deficit spending. We need more wisdom and input to help direct where Government spending is allocated	Peter	retired
	2026-02-14 15:40:49	Govt officials can no longer Get millions of rands .it simply is unsustainable and we cannot afford it .Cyril Ramaphosa needs to give back the money to his doners to the university he started and the money he stole from me and also Patrice Motsepe he stole 400 million dollars from.me same as the president we can nolonger fund their lifestyles something has to give.the max a municiple individual can get is 100 000 a month the max a bGovt official can get is 1million rand	Russel	unemployed individual
	2026-02-14 11:24:47		Brian	retired
	2026-02-13 17:04:09	Cutting governments spending should be top priority. 1. End the deputy ministers, all of them. There are suitable staff in each department to deal with the the times that a minister is not available 2. Reduce the ministers' salaries to that of a general manager in a corporation in the private sectors. Ministers are not high-flying CEO's of billion-dollar multi-national corporations. 3. Stop lending for government projects. Government must only keep the playing field level, so to speak and ensure that there is redress if players don't play by the rules and an aggrieved party lays a charge. You would to well to stick to there principles. Government spends way too much money and is not delivering the results.	Roland	business owner
	2026-02-13 14:24:35	Spending more than you "earn" is like heading off a cliff	Neill	retired
	2026-02-13 13:01:33		Ramjit	retired
	2026-02-13 11:03:59	Mismanagement and corruption in finance departments of most of the government entities (local, provincial and national) is one of the biggest problems and needs to be seriously looked into. Furthermore, in my opinion, the workforce of most of the government entities (local, provincial and national) is too large and not productive enough.	Alta	retired
	2026-02-13 08:35:33	The president always says that together we must fix South Africa; instead of doing this, the government tries to keep everything barely alive. This doesn't help as everything is slowly collapsing. My suggestion is to let certain things collapse and allow the private sector to take over. This will be horrible at first, but it will do 2 massive things: Funds can be allocated somewhere else, and it will create jobs with private companies filling the gap. If you can't decide on which, roll a dice. Please don't use these extra funds to evenly divide them over all the other sectors; instead, create a national goal. For example: Fix the water issues in Gauteng. Immediately use these funds to do a massive upgrade to all the water infrastructure. Or instead, massive upgrades to the roads. You must invest the most in the places where the economy is the strongest. This will cause the rest of the country to grow.	Ricus	employed individual
	2026-02-12 21:29:03	Nothing can change if the government is not replaced with God fearing, honest leaders.	Elizabeth	

	2026-02-12 13:45:58	Cut wasteful expenditure and reduce debt fast as we are going to hit a fiscal cliff at this current trajectory	David	employed individual
	2026-02-12 12:14:20	At present we have some big credibility challenges that need to be addressed to keep taxpayer confidence, and these are: 1. The ongoing corruption at Govt level undermines trust. 2. The lack of competence across the govt and into the municipalities affect service delivery. This is due to Cadre deployment to key positions without the competencies needed to actually do this job. 3. BEE is also hurting the country and the economy by pushing up the cost of doing business in South Africa. 4. An unfriendly regulatory environment for local business, with way too much red tape and unnecessary compliance requirement. 5. A poor attitude to foreign investment, with a take it or leave it approach for the Govt. When actually we are in big trouble and desperately need foreign investment. 6. Aligning with countries that have no respect for human rights like Iran and China.	David	retired
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	2026-02-04 08:07:46		Mike	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:06:19	With new residential complexes being built in the urban areas, our water infrastructure cannot keep up with the increasing demands. Water cuts are now frequent and extremely disruptive. Investment in water infrastructure is essential and urgent.	Lesedi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 08:01:12		Roy	retired
	2026-02-04 07:54:21	Our Electricity grid is unstable at best. I was recently without power for 9 days, this is not acceptable. Our water services are similarly in a terrible state and need repairs immediately. Our roads are full of potholes and are basically undriveable, use the taxpayers money to fix the country's power, water and roads.	Gail	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:50:35	1. Reduce spending by government offices and politicians on travel, entertainment, parties. 2. Reduce allowances of government veterans. No need for them to not pay just because they were officials once upon a time. 3. Clean up social grants - people are claiming for grants that shouldn't be, the system is being milked. 4. Clamp down on non tax-paying income earners like hawkers, street food vendors and apartment/flat rentals. 5. With every cent saved, push it into fixing our water infrastructure, and thereafter servicing debt.	A	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:49:43		Nompumelelo	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:30:41		Yolande	retired
	2026-02-04 07:14:52		Rosemary	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:13:14		Solwazi	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:40:48		Ella	retired
	2026-02-04 06:18:58		Marthie	retired
	2026-02-04 05:57:29		Deleni	retired
	2026-02-04 05:53:41	Water mostly is an essential part of our lives and needs to be prioritized. An allocation of enough money to address this is of the utmost importance. Our government must learn to make people responsible for such accountable.	Norman	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:21:45		Gerhard	retired
	2026-02-04 04:01:20	Minister, 1 trillion on water infrastructure for a country already so in debt. I have a solution, a radical one. Encourage every home owner to build an underground reservoir adjacent to his house to store the pristine, free manna that falls from the heaven. At least 2m in radius and 2m deep, and preferably bigger. On our return from living in the Netherlands and seeing how they managed water in the past, we built just a reservoir in our garden. To all intents and purposes we are off the water grid. We do use some at the end of the dry season. It took 8 men two weeks to build the reservoir, including digging the hole by hand. Plastering correctly needs expert advice and guidance so it does not leak. In fact the state should develop teams of builders to go out and do this. This project would reduce flooding, provide employment for builders, stimulate the building economy, and save the fiscus a mint. It would cost far, far less than 1 trillion rand. Come and see our reservoir if you don't believe me; and the huge vegetable garden it irrigates. We drink the water, it is plumbed into our home. Come, come and see.	Barrie	retired
	2026-02-03 22:35:28	The country needs urgent attention to the water infrastructure and construction of new dams, we are a scarce water resource country and the amount of water lost via the water leaks due to lack of maintenance. If left unattended, it will become the second worst disaster after load shedding.	Dale	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 22:29:07	Energy and the supply of drinking water are what I view as a urgent matter. In both sectors when tenders are out for review and submission very strict structures must put into place to ensure they put their money where their so called mouth is. Ensure that if tenders are awarded they must put a very strict set of rules and get constant feedback on the work being done. Let's not see money sqwanded and no improvement being done Short and sweet ... Don't let billions land in the wrong hands. Poor South Africans especially in rural areas are suffering terribly.	Brenda	retired
	2026-02-03 22:04:00	Public private partnerships are the only viable way forward for energy and water investment. Water is going to become a crisis that will make load shedding feel like a minor inconvenience. No power is one thing, but no water can be life threatening. It has to be addressed and the government has shown it cannot do this on its own. It has to apply the same approach as electricity and have a dedicated minister, along with a proper water recovery plan, including private participation.	David	employed individual
	2026-02-03 21:57:31	If you keep on with this BEE tenderpreneur buddy enrichment nonsense, no amount of advice will fix your mess.	Paul	retired
	2026-02-03 21:11:28		Jennifer	retired
	2026-02-03 20:44:18		Lesley	
	2026-02-03 20:42:11		Daniela	unemployed individual
	2026-02-03 20:10:39	I believe state owned enterprises should privatized as the government has tried running them, but just keep failing and we waste a lot of money on bailouts. i also believe minister and and deputy minister salaries should be purely performance based. This will save us money is their departments don’t perform and will make things better if the do perform. I believe water being a great necessity for survival that this should be a priority for spending.	George	employed individual
	2026-02-03 19:55:44		Annemarie	self-employed
	2026-02-03 19:47:07	Listen SA has an influx of foraign people who consume our basic resources eg water and electricity without paying services. This challenge will not be sorted for as long as SA is having foreigners.	Leonard	employed individual
	2026-02-03 18:34:39		Tex	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 08:25:32		Pat	retired
	2026-02-04 10:13:47	Its time to realize that the financial drain which is the 2 power plants we have has been proven an exorbitant waste of money.... private power generation has surpassed both madupi and kusile yet government wastes money on them.....Start cutting there and allow the public to help as they already are more than capable to do so at a fraction of the cost....Use that cost saving to assist with our water crisis....Lets wake up and realize that without water WE DIE! Fact! You want to save money then cut on all the unnecessary positions in government, cut all the unnecessary embassies we have around the world and for goodness sake stop all the unnecessary travel expenditure by officials with unnecessary blue light brigades....time to call a spade a spade, we are in this mess because of GREED!	Quinton	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:08:31	Not diminishing other governmental issues, we cannot survive without water and electricity.	MARRION LYLE	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:54:09	We need to eliminate all corrupt uneducated and underperforming individuals in the public sector. All tenders/spending to be transparent and all will slowly fall in place	Vickash	retired
	2026-02-04 09:49:58		Sheila	retired
	2026-02-04 09:34:14	Re structure the Eskom and water industry To may manager. to many departments. To many unauthorized people. To many GM's No control over pears No accountability	braam	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:17:45	Energy and water are the two most important element that sustains the human race and more importantly provides for growth and prosperity. Government has to provide a white paper strategy for the short, medium & long term that ensures investments are channeled to large scale energy and water projects. These projects must create business and work opportunities for our people, not just for the rich but for all South Africans. The potential to achieve these mega projects is there. All it needs is the will of governmentto execute, appointing competent & skilled people and creating localised industries.	Visvanathan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:17:08		Tess	self-employed
	2026-02-04 11:09:19		Susan	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:04:55	Get rid of all existing Entities thats failing Energy and Water. Give Private entities to take over this function. Have better systems to control Money flow to avoid corruption where there is tender fraud and money end up in wrong hands.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:59:36	South Africa has been pillaged by a corrupt government for in excess of 30 years. This needs to stop NOW. The money, OUR money should be spent on resurrecting the infrastructure and essential services, Water & Power. All SOE's should be privatized to allow them to function as profitable businesses, not being mis managed and destroyed by those people who have zero insight into business management. Schools, hospitals, roads should be prioritized to restore the self respect that the people of South Africa have been denied for decades.	Charles	self-employed
	2026-02-04 10:37:56	Energy & water go hand in hand with SOE's Look at Telkom's success since 1991 when they moved from P&T Over the years Telkom has shed all non telephony operations and since early 2000 Telkom has shrunk both properties and manpower in both management & operational fields. To this extent that Telkom's engineering/telephony staff now exist as OPENSERVE ie...OPENSERVE now compete with Service providers to maintain and expand their network.....This extremely successfull even in the face of huge competition This success is due to the fact that Service Providers had to REDO AND SUCCESSFULLY pass ther trade skills under the supervision of Open Serve qualified examiners All service providers are linked to Telkom/Openserve with stringent timelines and completion protocols in place All work is annually revised and and awarded every 2 years, always based on very stringent protocol wrt type of work vs payment vs quality inspections So Telkom has its Hub in Pretoria with Contact managers that manage each of RSA regions...ie Western Cape, Kwa Zulu Natal , Easten Cape...etc etc linked to Contract Managers in each region handling Service Providers	james	self-employed

	2026-02-04 14:54:27		Lee	self-employed
	2026-02-04 14:31:25		CANDICE	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:54:14		Jenny	
	2026-02-04 13:43:51		Marietha	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 13:08:26	Economy: Get rid of BEEE. ----Govt spending: CUT out VIP security - let them be as unsafe as the rest of us! ----Budget deficit: Reduce size of cabinet(s). Never spend more than what we HAVE. Don't fill vacant posts in civil service and municipalities except for qualified people who were retrenched before. ----SOEs: NO MORE BAILOUTS. Let sinking ships SINK. ----Energy and water: Fix what we HAVE before spending on ANYTHING else. Water crisis 70% of budget, Electricity 30%. NO renewable energy expenditure until we are completely out of debt. ----Tax: Corporate tax incentives for hiring. ----DEBT: STOP DIGGING THE HOLE WE ARE IN! ----Municipal: Punish mismanagement, fire the unqualified, cut bloated salaries. CLOSE the feeding trough.	Leona	business owner
	2026-02-04 12:36:42		Jose	retired
	2026-02-04 12:35:29	Our infrastructure is unreliable and costs money when it goes offline. It needs to be taken seriously to invest on either better infrastructure or to seriously overhaul the repair of the current infrastructure	Grace	self-employed
	2026-02-05 11:54:48	This specifically apply to water related infrastructure and to a large extent on local government level. A. Generally, water supply is being regarded a simple process, which require low levels of skills, when it comes to the design of systems. This result in totally inadequate designs, which result in large costs due to future maintenance, rehabilitation and water systems not functioning as intended - low level of service in comparison to the capital that was expended. Due to inadequate design skills, about 60% of capital spend on water infrastructure "goes down the drain" and do not result in service delivery to citizens waste full expenditure. B. Over and above the problem stated above, infrastructure provision in general, on local government level, is being seen by officials and politicians as a way to enrich individuals and not as an asset to the benefit of communities. The combination of A and B is the biggest reason why water and other infrastructure is SA are in the dilapidated state it finds itself. Exceptions to the above is very few !!	Andre	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:40:59		Shaun	retired
	2026-02-05 11:17:46	Funding should prioritize repairing existing water and sanitation systems because they represent the foundational layer of public health and economic stability. While renewable energy is a critical long-term goal, failing water infrastructure leads to immediate health crises and massive resource waste—often losing up to 50% of treated water through leaks. Securing safe, reliable water is a prerequisite for any sustainable community; without it, the social and economic stability required to transition to a green energy future is at risk.	Munyaradzi	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 10:55:13		Francois	
	2026-02-05 10:54:46		Edward	retired
	2026-02-05 10:54:44		Edward	retired
	2026-02-05 10:01:03	Ministers are paid unreasonably high salaries. There should be a ceiling placed on how much ministers can earn. Being in government shouldn’t be a get rich scheme, it should be for people who truly want to make a positive difference in this country. I’m worried about the country’s water infrastructure. Definite attention needs to be placed there before there’s a water crisis in this country…That would be embarrassing for South Africa to not even be able to supply its people with clean water because of a lack of maintenance over the years. And it would just prove everyone who has immigrated right, about this country being a mismanaged disaster. I’d like to see the government take some pride in their work of serving the best interests of our country and its people, instead of trying to pocket as much money as possible while in their positions. The government is draining tax payers completely, and tax payers get next to nothing in return for it. This makes people feel like they are being robbed by their own government. And it seems like the government instead of managing its spending better, just keeps coming up with new ways to steal money from its hard working citizens.	Linda	self-employed
	2026-02-05 09:42:23		Andre	retired
	2026-02-05 09:35:39		Isaac	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:27:49	Development is paramount to sustainability of water and electricity supply. Maintaining the aging infrastructure. Municipalities need to be redressed and not affected by political instability. They should fail and be handed over to the private sector.	Lynn	retired
	2026-02-05 09:16:27	Start by building 1 or 2 New electricity and water infrastructure per year. Then at least there will be progress but do not stop maintaining or infrastructure.	Kalie	retired
	2026-02-05 09:09:11	This should be no 1 priority and is our basic need	Ivan	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:27:58	All are important but infrastructure maintenance is always essential, particularly water and sanitation otherwise you will get disease and thats a big one yo sort out if you ever can. With proper management and the right qualified people in their jobs with a decent salary not overpaid, should take the country a long way.	Anne	retired
	2026-02-05 07:47:27	Everybody in South Africa depends on power and water supply, with out these two elements we don’t function as a nation. Water storage resilience is fundamental and should be a central government deliverable so more storage and water transmission should be constructed across the country so when one part of the country is in major stress then water can be delivered from another part of the country that has surplus. After this we then need to fix the local storage and delivery networks. Poor management and funding allocation in within municipalities has led to the failure of their networks and sewer treatment. Put the right people in charge with the right staff	Peter	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:36:14	Exploration for oil and gas along the coast should receive top priority to reduce energy costs and generate revenue. Exploit the shale gas resources. That made the USA self-sufficient w.r.t. oil and gas. Halt the idiotic transition to renewables and stop subsidies for renewable energy generators. Global warming aka climate change is a scam and the greenhouse gas hypothesis is not supported by real sciences like physics, chemistry and geology. That's about the only thing that Donald Trump does right. Along with that, the Department Minerals and Energy requires an overhaul. The officials are taking years to approve new mineral right applications instead of months. More mines means more jobs and more revenue.	Dirk	retired
	2026-02-05 07:17:53	We see how the water issues have impacted people, no one can be without water. How to save money to redirect. Start running the government like a business. Get Vusi Thembekwayo - master business strategist to step in as Financial Manager - if there is one man in South Africa that will start the correct process it is him. Get rid of all the cadres that is doing less than 60% work for their huge salaries. Or let all the "leaders" take a huge pay cut. Stop spending on top management that has no clue what they are doing! If our top level goverment "leaders" can humble themselves, stop see what is in this for them and start working honestly for the people , South Africa can have a turn around. As a small business owner if the budget don't work the top management are the first to cut their income and spending.	Adelle	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:57:19		Recia	retired
	2026-02-05 06:04:50	The os no economy and no life without these	Marius	
	2026-02-05 01:00:54	1. The economy and fiscus - Invest in Agriculture. Esp. Veterinary and Animal Biosecurity crisis regarding livestock. 2. Government spending - The size is a long-term issue. However, the emphasis should be on much better outcome of this spending for the people of RSA. 3. Large budget deficit - Reduce. Use recovered stolen funds from state capture to repay loans. Esp. fund recovered from overseas. 4. Stabilising SOE finances - from within government as well as through PPPs. 5. Energy and water investments - A) get modular nuclear power stations in 3 localities, Cape Town, P.E. and Richards Bay. B) Continue with the 2nd Lesotho highlands scheme. But get parliament to authorise National Government to take over the water management of Municipalities who do not show capacity to stop wholesale and retail water loss through old and broken pipes. 6. Tax revenues - Continue the good work. Recover more unpaid tax. Enable SARS to investigate and seize assets of tax offenders. 7. Debt sustainability - Use recovered stolen funds from state capture to repay loans. Esp. fund recovered from overseas. 8. Municipal finances - Where insufficient, make funds available. But only when there is capacity to used funds effective. Get parliament to authorise National Government to take over the finances of ineffective municipalities with a capacitating training program. 9.	Jürg	retired
	2026-02-04 21:19:27		Hardie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 19:40:25		Grant	self-employed
	2026-02-04 18:48:50		Johan	retired
	2026-02-04 17:27:14	Repairing and building new water infrastructure systems.	Kathy	retired
	2026-02-04 17:18:22		Zeenat	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 17:05:11	Would suggest that Treasury consider re introducing sec12J . This created a venture capital industry that supported entrepeneurship, and proffesional industry. Today tech enabled companies are driving entrepeneurship .and growth, Banks are not supporting startups. The tax incentive to be linked job creation in certain industries. eg. Technology : R 1000 000 investment into qualifying company must create 2 new jobs to qualify for 12J allowance. Tourism: R 1 000 000 investment into qualifying company - must create 2 new jobs to qualify for 12J tax allowance Agriculture: R 1000 000 investment into qualifying Company must create 4 new jobs to qualify 12J tax allowance Need risk adjusted returns for Venture Capital investors. Provident funds must invest 0,5% in Venture Capital industry under reg 28.	Jeff	business owner

	2026-02-04 16:29:28		Jessie	retired
	2026-02-06 13:21:51	Repair and upgrade the sewerage systems and stop dumping raw sewerage into the oceans and rivers. Water recycling program invest money in new ways to deal with sewerage disposal and cleaning of water ways. Recycling must become Law and how to take care of the environment.	Zelda	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:54:11	It should be top priority to invest in energy and water investments. South Africa has the Atlantic and Indian Oceans around us and should have obtained skilled people to erect water sanitation and desalination plants, without silly BEE outsourcing schemes. We can even fill a desert with greenery if we just used our skills and created employment in this manner. Government should subsidize solar roofing, batteries, solar geysers. For now, Government should assist all solar users to register without all the red tape. Make it easy so that everybody can and wants to register and we can find out who has and who must still get. If all South Africans have water and energy problems would be less. Eskom will still be important to provide energy on bad weather days etc. and can also expand its role as a service provider to other countries, to assist them to be energy sufficient	Lisl	business owner
	2026-02-06 11:53:49		Ben	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:12:40	If we reduce parliament we can save money to put towards Eskom nuclear power stations, revamp our water system, urgent need to increase pensioners stipend and provide new pensioners accommodation (homes). There is not enough stock for people reaching 60 and needing to live n a pensioners facilities. ensure that parks, streets are revamp and maintained.	Ruth	retired
	2026-02-06 11:07:23	The water problem needs to be sorted out.	Glenn	retired
	2026-02-06 10:22:31	These are two areas of ongoing concern, our government has spent a bit of money, but progress outside the Western Cape is slow or non-existing, money goes to tenders and jobs never get done or they not done properly, people assigned to these tasks have been incompetent for far too long. Stop blaming apartheid and get the right people with the country priorities employed. SA water and energy is still in shambles,.. Do not fix this by selling our water and energy to China either, employ the right people check where the money goes and let's have it fixed. Weather patterns are changing and this will be a problem that will affect all in the very near future. Our people are poor and hungry, lets at least provide clean water and energy for SA.	Sandra	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:45:33		Shelley	
	2026-02-06 06:47:33	Julle moet meer damme en kragstasies bou om by te hou met populasie groei. Laaste 32 jaar geen suksesvolle projekte in die verband.	Daniel	employed individual
	2026-02-06 05:37:59		Klaas	employed individual
	2026-02-06 04:07:25	I suggested Minister speed-up funding and introduction of Balcony Solar PV tech programmes to low-income households, to relieve the grid and prevent illegal connections and reduce non-payment by these households. Enforce feasibility study of storm-water drainage systems during construction of roads, as these will channel our so scares water and yet experiencing lot of rain ? also prevent water blockage on roads. The Minister should re-evaluate municipal officials appointments especially MIG PMU or appoint knowledgeable consultants to assists Municipalities with planning & implementation stages.	Nelson	employed individual
	2026-02-05 22:46:19	Only funding of new infrastructure for water. electricity and sanitation should be considered. Repairs are poorly done and create a constant output of financial resources that could rather be spend on new infrastructure	Revona	retired
	2026-02-05 21:46:36	Water must be the priority	Tiaan	
	2026-02-05 21:40:44		Idamarie	retired
	2026-02-05 21:36:50		Idamarie	retired
	2026-02-05 21:01:51		John	retired
	2026-02-05 19:53:14		Keneuwe	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 19:00:19	Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure. Government should spend money on maintaining infrastructure and also invest some money in holding those responsible for maintenance of infrastructure to account. The priority is probably water. We don't like living without electricity but we CAN'T live without water.	Odette	retired
	2026-02-05 18:56:25		Brian	retired
	2026-02-05 16:55:26	Survey Question: What should be the priority for infrastructure funding: building new renewable energy projects or repairing existing municipal water and sanitation systems? We should not be choosing between water and energy, we need both of these services to function well!	Marli	
	2026-02-05 16:15:20	No Politian should be allowed anywhere near the local municipalities', they are to be run by private qualified individuals from the Manager down, all engineers, technicians, basic staff to be employed by the municipality, no more tenders, everything in house, employ from the local communities. Job creation permanently happens. crime is reduced etc Remove the red tape in the private companies to provide water , sanitations and power to the local communities eg, Bio FUEL generators could run the whole of Ballito with power, no eskom required.	Craig	self-employed
	2026-02-05 16:05:35	Our water infrastructure is in a shocking state and water is life! Water and food security are essential and seem to be largely ignore. Please consider investing in both before it is too late to stabilise.	Kay	
	2026-02-05 16:04:31		Arno	employed individual
	2026-02-05 13:55:55		Carien	business owner
	2026-02-05 13:13:10		Candi	employed individual
	2026-02-05 12:24:16		Lindiwe	
	2026-02-12 07:30:34	Money needs to urgently be directed to sort out the water infrastructure and energy /electricity stability in the grid. We cannot continue having water disruptions. This issue is a human rights issue and needs the most attention before anything else. Funds thereafter need to be directed to a public transport system that works with taxi industry regulated.	Sandra	employed individual
	2026-02-10 17:23:31		Zwelisha	employed individual
	2026-02-10 13:30:25	Our infrastructure is crumbling due to years of neglect. The streets have more potholes than street. Some areas have been left without water for more than 20 days at a time. It's unacceptable, and maintenance needs to be a top priority. Don't promise us pie-in-the-sky idealistic notions; focus on solid administration and repair.	Jeanette	employed individual
	2026-02-10 12:46:41	Building new renewable energy projects AND repairing existing municipal water and sanitation systems. Get real Enoch: Not enough tax revenue and government wastage will be your downfall. (Pity that this will impact ALL South Africans). Couple that with all the FINITE tax money used to buy diesel to burn at inefficient power plants and YOU will answer to your maker and to your children who will have to survive your dismal legacy.	Jared	
	2026-02-10 07:01:01	CLEAN water delivery at a descent price. however SEWERAGE issues are gravely concerning. we need more sewerage farms and all sewerage pipes need to be maintained!	rollo	
	2026-02-09 10:35:59		Cheryl	employed individual
	2026-02-08 10:18:58		Pieta	
	2026-02-08 08:19:35		Werner	employed individual
	2026-02-08 05:33:13		Nomphelo	employed individual
	2026-02-07 18:34:03		Molahlehi Daniel	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 18:34:01		Molahlehi Daniel	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 15:25:51	This must be addressed School children in Knynsa could not swim in the sea because of sewerage in bay - the municipality should be held accountable for water to residents also in Johannesburg residents without water to drink - and we have been informed that rainfall will not be enough to fill dams	Joan	retired
	2026-02-07 12:15:22		Nancy	self-employed
	2026-02-07 08:13:15	Minister, the 2025 Budget Overview admits that while R1 trillion is planned for infrastructure, billions are still being lost to 'fruitless and wasteful expenditure.' My primary concern is the R37.5 billion in potential savings identified in spending reviews that remain uncollected due to a lack of accountability. Specifically regarding water: losing 47% of our supply to leaks while asking for a R1 trillion investment is a failure of maintenance, not just a lack of funding. The 2026 budget must shift from 'emergency' spending—which often invites corruption—to a disciplined National Leak Repair Grant that forces municipalities to fix existing pipes. We cannot continue to fund 'ghost workers' and administrative waste while our taps run dry.	Andries	employed individual
	2026-02-07 05:12:10		Yvonne	employed individual
	2026-02-07 03:56:01		Johannes	retired
	2026-02-07 03:56:00		Johannes	retired
	2026-02-07 02:32:46	I wish WATER be a top priority MANTUSINI because the POOR opt to buy WATER from the bakkies that deliver at between (R600-R800) per load, since 1994 this issue has top priority in the IDP and PORT St JOHNS claimed water is the responsibility of OR TAMBO Municipality, plz I request you to demand such a service to be a TOP PRIORITY in Mantusini, I thank you in advance Mphathiswa	Lakhe	employed individual
	2026-02-07 02:32:43	I wish WATER be a top priority MANTUSINI because the POOR opt to buy WATER from the bakkies that deliver at between (R600-R800) per load, since 1994 this issue has top priority in the IDP and PORT St JOHNS claimed water is the responsibility of OR TAMBO Municipality, plz I request you to demand such a service to be a TOP PRIORITY in Mantusini, I thank you in advance Mphathiswa	Lakhe	employed individual
	2026-02-07 00:44:54	Job creation through municipal work on upkeep.	Oswald	self-employed
	2026-02-06 22:04:34	I think the government should reduce some of the ministers salaries ore some of their benefits, The citizens cannot be the only ones who are sacrificing for the country while people who are to fighting to be ministers which means servant are enjoying. Some of the benefits towards Ministers and their Mps should be reduced.	Seth	student
	2026-02-06 22:04:32	I think the government should reduce some of the ministers salaries ore some of their benefits, The citizens cannot be the only ones who are sacrificing for the country while people who are to fighting to be ministers which means servant are enjoying. Some of the benefits towards Ministers and their Mps should be reduced.	Seth	student
	2026-02-06 19:06:04	Let all the ministers and adjunct ministers in the parliament make a once off deduction of 10% of their salaries to the taxman. The president deduction must be 20% .This would reduce the deficit of the budget	Piet	retired
	2026-02-06 18:38:50		Declan	employed individual

	2026-02-06 18:25:10		Thokozile	
	2026-02-06 16:56:40		Tsakane	employed individual
	2026-02-06 15:05:19		Mammy	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 14:49:46	Repairing existing municipal water and sanitation systems should be the priority for infrastructure funding.	Sané	
	2026-02-15 15:51:06		Samantha	unemployed individual
▼ 4. Stabilising State-Owned Entity finances	**75**			
	2026-02-04 08:00:51	NO increase in renumeration for any state-owned entity - eg civil service, municipal and provincial employees.	Naas	retired
	2026-02-04 07:43:42	I'm no expert on finances, but I do know that if a department gets a qualified audit, they obviously cannot be trusted with more money. Why is it that we see so little accountability in the face of so much corruption, wasteful expenditure and shameless open theft? This is not sustainable. Give the money to lifestyle audited polygraphed personnel or suffer the consequences. Apartheid robbed many people in this country from dignity and welfare, but no one has ripped them off quite as decidedly as the looting cadres. Also, the shrinking tax base cannot keep on sustaining the expanding unemployed population. This should be obvious but it seems necessary to point out anyway. Use it, don't use it.	Willie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:14:47		Sharron	
	2026-02-04 07:11:11		Tim	retired
	2026-02-04 07:06:27	Government should privatise the SOE's so that these entities become self efficient and not a burden on civil society. Allow more than one supplier of an essential service like Eskom because competition makes way for better run SOE's, with better collection systems and therefore takes the burden off tax payers.	Clinton	business owner
	2026-02-04 06:51:55		Tsholofelo	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:45:47	Kick the cadres out of the S.O.E and replace them with proper and experienced business leaders. You will never solve the problem until you remive the cause of the problem.	Gerhard	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:43:01	I would like to see a phased out or split of the maintenance and Capital budget between BBBEE and the private sector (60 /40 %). This is to ensure growth and job creation in both sectors. Job creation must be the highest drive or target.	Willem	
	2026-02-04 06:12:41		Peter	retired
	2026-02-04 05:35:54		Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:35:53		Paul	employed individual
	2026-02-03 23:18:18		e	self-employed
	2026-02-03 23:18:17		e	
	2026-02-03 22:43:15	49% of all SOEs should be privatised and then that 49% should be listed. This would bring innovation and governance to SOEs as well as fiscal and HR discipline to stop the packing of payrolls and hire of top management who cannot do their jobs. It would also deliver money to the state to pay down debt.	Michael	business owner
	2026-02-03 22:39:17		Hestelle	retired
	2026-02-03 21:59:21		Alistaire	
	2026-02-03 20:12:52	Entities: Eskom | Transnet Problem: These two alone are strangling growth, tax revenue, exports, and investor confidence. Recommendation • Stop bailouts. Replace with equity-for-reform: funding only if assets are concessioned to private operators. • Concession freight rail corridors (coal, iron ore, containers) to private logistics firms for 20 years. • Fast-track independent transmission operator and allow private generators guaranteed grid access. • Sell non-core Eskom land/property to pay debt. • Make cable theft and infrastructure sabotage a priority crime with dedicated courts. In addition to my primary concern::: Administrative bloat problem: Too many managers, departments, advisers, cars, travel, consultants. Recommendation • Freeze all non-essential public sector hiring for 24 months. • Cap management layers: no department may have more than 5 reporting levels. • Slash consultant budgets by 50% (build internal capability). • Merge overlapping departments and entities. • End luxury vehicle fleets, business-class travel, hotel conferences. • Digitise paperwork → reduce admin posts through attrition. Municipal finance problem: Billing failure, water losses, no consequence for mismanagement. Recommendation • Treasury takes over billing systems in failing metros (centralised platform). • Ring-fence water & electricity revenue: cannot be used for salaries. • Make prepaid water/electricity meters standard in high-loss areas. • Withhold grants from municipalities that don't produce audited statements. • Professionalise municipal CFO roles (national pool of experts). Household tax burden problem: Tax base is shrinking because skilled people and businesses are leaving. Recommendation • No VAT increase. No personal income tax hike. • Expand tax base by enabling growth, not punishing compliance. • Tax incentives for firms that hire first-time workers. • SARS focus: illicit trade, customs fraud, and the informal import economy. • Offer a once-off voluntary disclosure amnesty to bring offshore money home. Water infrastructure problem: The state cannot afford the R1 trillion water rebuild. Recommendation • Launch a National Infrastructure PPP Office inside Treasury. • Invite pension funds and insurers to fund water, roads, ports for long-term returns. • Standardised PPP contracts to remove red tape. • Fast approvals (90 days) for energy, water, logistics projects. Accountability problem: No one is personally liable for financial collapse. Recommendation • Performance contracts for all SOE and municipal executives. • Personal financial penalties for audit failures. • Publish a Quarterly Wasteful Expenditure Dashboard per department. • Ban officials implicated in irregular expenditure from future public roles.	Michael	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:25:58		Nina	retired
	2026-02-04 09:53:47	Stop wasting money and be held accountable.	Mike	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:01:15	Stop giving SOE's support. Implement better systems to control and trace the Money Flow for corruption Purposes. Stop giving failing SOE's annual salary increases. Get rid of Managment that is not performing. Allow Private Companies to take over SOE's that is not performing.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:56:02	The electricity supply and cost has been a major drain on the fiscus as well as an inhibitor for growth in our economy. The major reason is that Eskom has transformed from a benevolent monopoly into a monster that is focussed on its own agenda which seems to be the survival of Eskom in its current form, at all cost. Eskom should be an enabler in the supply chain of a commodity at the cheapest sustainable price. (Eskom is a name on a piece of paper. The driving force behind Eskom is people with a mind set that seems to favour business practices which do not support productivity and the best interests of the population of SA.) My solution is a total re-invention of Eskom based on: - Shut down NERSA, an unnecessary expense, which makes no contribution towards curbing Eskom's inefficiencies. - Eskom should not have a profit motive and should therefore be legislated as a non profit organisation with only an electricity generating function with sufficient continuous generating capacity to keep the national grid fully supplied at all hours. (This implies that Eskom should have generation on stand by which cannot be fully productive. It should therefore be an SOE, maintained by Government as an essential service to the country. It should be needless to say, but efficiency of operation is essential. - Electricity generation should privatised. - A seperate SOE should own the distribution grid, again as a non profit and make it available at a usage charge. - The state should be an enabler in the supply and distribution of electricity to support growth of the economy, not the controller of the details in the supply chain.	Quentin	retired
	2026-02-04 14:27:30	This is a HUGE problem for SA. It drains money and have nothing to show for it. Let the private sector share in SOE decisions and responsibilities.	Albertus	employed individual

	2026-02-04 13:42:58	1. Institute consequence management. 2. Enforce compliance with the PFMA; 3. Stop funding non-performing SOE's; 4. Stop SOEs from overloading staff appointments. 5. Cap Board and executive salaries and perks; 6. Set caps on international travel; 7. Remove bodyguards. 8. Punish fruitless and wasteful expenditure. 9. Punish qualified audits. 10. Remove non-performing boards.	Jonathan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:38:19	Cut two thirds of the staff at Eskom, as by all international standards, Eskom is much too overstaffed. This will bring down the cost of electricity, instead of increasing it.	Kenneth	self-employed
	2026-02-04 13:17:40	Please hand over SOEs to the last Managing system that ran it efficiently without fail, power cuts, and trying to get users to pay for their mistakes	Bronwen	employed individual
	2026-02-04 13:11:23		Anil	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 12:55:00	The best thing that can be done for SA is to privatise most SOE's. These have been rife with fraud and theft for decades now and cost the public hundreds of billions in wasteful expenditure. Eskom should sell off all of its powerplants and focus only on distribution and infrastructure. Power generation should be privatised, and opened to wind, solar and other alternative generation sources. All private power producers should be represented on the Eskom board, and Eskom must be held accountable for its finances. This will help to drive down the cost of electricity by introducing competition, it will also lessen the burden on the public coffers, and it will greatly reduce a "honey pot" that has been dipped into by criminals for decades, which will save the public hundreds of billions in waste annually. Similarly, Transnet should be responsible for operating and maintaining railway infrastructure, and the operating of cargo and passenger trains must be privatised. This will reduce the number of heavy vehicles on the road, firstly alleviating congestion and road damage, and so reducing expenditure on failing road infrastructure, secondly it will create safer roads for all South Africans, especially in high accident areas such as Town Hill in Pietermaritzburg and Van Reenens Pass in Van Reenen, Northern Natal. Lastly, this will greatly reduce the transport cost of goods, leading to great relief at the tills for all South Africans.	Brett	
	2026-02-05 11:42:20	Privatize Eskom and Transnet. Let private Companies buy Power Stations and then sell the Electricity to Municipalities. If they don't perform and generate power they go bankrupt just like any other business. No bail out, just get out so another Company can try. The same with Transnet. You will only see a difference when a CEO has to report to the Board. If he/she doesn't perform they get the boot, just like any other business. Harbours and Railways will work exactly on a Pay as you go concept. Why must Tax payers foot the bill for incompetence? If I don't use it I still have to pay? Doesn't make sense. Private companies will get rid of lazy incompetent workers and the system will thrive bringing in more tax.	Johan	
	2026-02-05 10:39:54	I borrowed this from a post by Nic as it is exactly what we should be doing - I hope Nic does not mind:- 1. Time to have the private sector take over the ownershiop and ruunning of all SOE's to seal off sources of looting by ANC members and the relatives. 2. Time to charge all municipal management in all municipalities have manipulated their expenditure and looted. 3. Do independent audit checks on all municipal management and confiscate all properties of such officials where the audits reveal living beyond their means and excesses. 4. Fast track disciplinary procedures against all officials so that the Justice system can process court proceedings against. 5. Terminate all payment to all officials charged with corruption INCLUDING ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING PAID IN FULL WHILST SUSPENDED. 6. Follow the same process as above for all suspect ministers, Deputies, HOD's, relatives and associates. 7. Blacklist all those found guilty and name and shame them and their associates so that they can NEVER work in Government at any level. 8. Confiscate all ill-gotten properties, goods, and services, sell off and use funds to cover legal charges and deposit the surplus into an account managed by the Auditor General together with private representatives as an Executive comprising senior financial and legal experts. This confiscation to unclude all off-shore assets 9. Lay charges of high treason against all who have enriched themselves via any form of corruption or mismanagement. Back in global history, high treason was subject to the death penalty. Time to bring that back and rid governments world wide of parasites who fail to honour their respective constitutions that pledge them TO SERVE THEIR PEOPLES.	Dave	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:32:12	Tighter budgetary controls on Provincial , Municipal and National level. Bailouts must stop. Graft and corruption must be prosecuted.	Jason	self-employed
	2026-02-05 10:26:29	1. Time to have the private sector take over the ownershiop and ruunning of all SOE's to seal off sources of looting by ANC members and the relatives. 2. Time to charge all municipal management in all municipalities have manipulated their expenditure and looted. 3. Do independent audit checks on all municipal management and confiscate all properties of such officials where the audits reveal living beyond their means and excesses. 4. Fast track disciplinary procedures against all officials so that the Justice system can process court proceedings against. 5. Terminate all payment to all officials charged with corruption INCLUDING ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING PAID IN FULL WHILST SUSPENDED. 6. Follow the same process as above for all suspect ministers, Deputies, HOD's, relatives and associates. 7. Blacklist all those found guilty and name and shame them and their associates so that they can NEVER work in Government at any level. 8. Confiscate all ill-gotten properties, goods, and services, sell off and use funds to cover legal charges and deposit the surplus into an account managed by the Auditor General together with private representatives as an Executive comprising senior financial and legal experts. This confiscation to unclude all off-shore assets 9. Lay charges of high treason against all who have enriched themselves via any form of corruption or mismanagement. Back in global history, high treason was subject to the death penalty. Time to bring that back and rid governments world wide of parasites who fail to honour their respective constitutions that pledge them TO SERVE THEIR PEOPLES.	Nic	retired
	2026-02-05 10:06:02	Get rid of the corruption at SEO's, national and local government. Do skills and lifestyle audits. Get rid of ghost employees. Fix the infrastructure like roads, ports and water. Fix the police. Get the sea patrol vessels fixed so we can protect our fishing within economic zone.	Peter	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:03:39		Vincent Trevor	retired
	2026-02-05 08:53:16	We need intelligent people with financial experience & knowledge running this country in all fields and aspects	GLADYS	business owner
	2026-02-05 08:30:56	Hire competent personnel. Practice consequence management.	Dalu	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:24:05		Trevor	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:30:59	Privatize SOE, place salary ceilings on these individuals and hold them accountable for expenditure and wasteful bosses	Naas	retired
	2026-02-05 06:33:33	Stop now the billion rand a month lost to Eskom from the in bedded culture of corruption, vandalism and crooked tenders Governments like citizens must budget to spend within their means only and not continue to build up huge deficits on the never never with no accountability for the consequences	Claire	business owner
	2026-02-05 06:22:35	South Africa SOE are been operated by people who have no idea about an economy. They are only worked about growing Policy and not the local economy They don’t understand that SOE money need to be spent on local manufacturing interest and not just on individual business who import all manufactured goods thus not keeping the money in our local economy The SOE staff also have no idea about productivity and overcharging services which causes investors to close up shop thus creating Job losses which results in losses for tax revenue from the company closing and the staff being cut of employment	Sean	business owner
	2026-02-04 21:05:41	Privatise tje running of SHE'S Give them incentive to share in a profit, but set clear goals and restraints. Government should not be running businesses, they should implement policies and ensure they're actioned.	Alistair	business owner
	2026-02-04 20:03:55	SELL OFF THE UTILITIES TO PAY OFF THE DEBT AND PRIVATISE THE PARTS TO MULTIPLE COMPETITORS	dax	self-employed
	2026-02-04 15:00:27	Privatise all SOE's. SOE currently know that the government will bail them out if they do not make a profit. Open up the market for example post office and electricity, so that there is no monopoly but fair demand and supply.	Mariani	employed individual
	2026-02-06 13:17:15		Ncane	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 12:18:02	State-owned entities must be required to perform. Their funding should be strictly conditional on meeting clearly defined performance, governance, and financial benchmarks. Individuals within these institutions must be held personally accountable for non-performance, fraud, and corruption. Where there is conclusive evidence of criminal conduct, decisive action should follow — including suspension, prosecution, and recovery of losses where possible. Public confidence will not be restored through inquiries and reports alone. What is needed is visible, consistent enforcement and consequences for wrongdoing. Without accountability at an individual level, continued funding merely rewards failure and perpetuates systemic abuse.	Matthew	self-employed
	2026-02-06 11:36:10	Corruption and incompetence need to be addressed to stabilise the finances of SOEs. I work at an SOE and the incompetence and lack of will to work in our support services is costing my projects, wasting huge amounts of time and results in wasted expenditure. Coupled with reduced research funding year on year, lack of skills (both technical and support) and the increasing bureaucracy to make people look busy, the few competent scientists and engineers are overworked, overstressed and not meeting outcomes and targets. Government need to invest in research and upskilling. Competent people need to be employed at SOEs, municipalities, boards of institutions (musicians on the board of Joburg Water???), and provincial and national departments, even if that means reducing the staff compliment so the rest of us can do some work and make the changes we need in South Africa.	Kerri	
	2026-02-06 11:27:55	I strongly recommend all Bee and other equity laws are revoked as this is where the corruption starts. Employment should not be based on BEE. The SOEs should appoint employees not based on colour but on training and expertise. Independent auditors should be appointed to audit the finances, and independent board to audit employees and their fitness to still hold office and their education. Employees guilty of corruption should face stiff penalties. The employees of the SOEs should be independent and not linked to a political party. That is not the basis to appoint well trained employee. Thinking on the old Railway Police, South Africa should enact a specialized uncorrupted SOEs police force that looks after National Assets like railway lines and electrical cables etc., which in turn will employ more people and instead of outsourcing security guards, they can train their own guards within this system. The old training system should also be enacted so that employees can join the SOEs and receive inhouse training with qualifications, as well as updated training as tech changes. Our Transnet infrastructure requires urgent attention to get the taxi's and trucks off the road and give the people other employment within a new system. The old housing schemes should also be brought back. Break down the old slum houses and build new ones, again creating employment but not with BEE service providers that have interesting websites but are fake	Lisl	business owner

	2026-02-06 11:22:18	Privatise all state owned entities. These companies are costing the tax paying public both money and harm to the economy. Management and leaders in SOE's have a very poor historic record: SAA, SAPO, Transnet, Eskom, PRASA, SABC. All of these entities went from well run, cost effective economic boosters, to burdening the tax payer. The growth of our economy is dependent on industrialisation, port management, rail and roads that are managed by efficient, cost effective large scale COMPETENT project managers.	Lee	business owner
	2026-02-06 10:56:52		Gopaul	retired
	2026-02-06 10:52:46	Stop the bailouts and privatise	Samantha	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:09:22		Mandisa	retired
	2026-02-06 08:48:43	Solution: There must be accountability. At the moment there is little to no accountability, people can mismanage as much as they want and nothing happens. We have good laws but is not enforced and especially it is not enforced on everyone equally. Laws must be strictly enforced and equally enforced on every one. Corrupt government officials must be jailed no matter who they are. The combination of no accountability and failure to prosecute corrupt officials in SOE is what is bringing it to its knees. LEARN FROM CHINA regarding above.	Pieter	business owner
	2026-02-06 01:39:02		Marjos	retired
	2026-02-05 23:17:19	Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions. Survey Question: Should the government continue to provide financial bailouts to struggling SOEs, or should these entities be required to find private-sector partners to stay afloat? NO Struggling SOEs should be required to find private-sector partners, and taxpayers should not bear these costs.	Wendy	
	2026-02-05 22:28:44		Warren	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 21:08:13		John	retired
	2026-02-05 18:04:41	Privatize SOE Cut the number of cabinet ministers Government spending on salaries of municipal managers ect must be cut	Mark	business owner
	2026-02-05 17:52:54	Just stop all the thieving and we would have so much more money to spend on all the things that need to be done. Privatise the SOEs and get people who don't steal to rung them!	Lesley	
	2026-02-05 16:38:04	Scrap BEE Thirty two years of BEE has shown it doesn't work !	Geoff	retired
	2026-02-05 12:19:13		Gillian	retired
	2026-02-10 20:57:57	1. What is the point of the budget as the government goes on spending as if there is no tomorrow. 2. No salary adjustments. 3. Cut Cabinet posts immediately and weed out dead weight like Defence Minister etc. 4. Remove Dangor from his post so that Foreign Affairs can operate normally. 5. Follow Indias's example and negotiate mutually beneficial trade deals. 6. Stop running to the usa? 7. The SOE's must operate on their own two feet so they can experience first hand how irrational their thinking is. The state must stop bailing them out. Private sector companies on making a loss have to shut shop.. let SOE follow suite 8. Let the Minister realise NHI is dead	Kantilal	
	2026-02-09 17:05:21	State Owned entities like Eskom are killing our economy with high energy prices for little amounts of energy. Our country's citizens are already stricken with high rates and taxes, then we still have to worry about spending large amounts of money for very little power on prepaid electricity. Please have a desperate look at Eskom and its rates.	Gustav Lindsay-Mark	self-employed
	2026-02-09 11:10:26	Transnet should manage its infrastructure and social responsibility transport but most of the trains could be privately owned and operated like the Gautrain, Saldanha-Sishen line, Rovos Rail, Ceres Rail Co., etc. Imagine if hotel or tourist groups had their own trains running regularly: Southern Sun / Virgin / Marriot / Emerites trains running several times a day between Johannesberg and Cape Town / Durban / Kruger Park / Vic Falls etc with the ability to have your car railed on the back of the train to have it arrive with you at destination. (we used to do that but only to Cape Town). ALL DESTINATIONS. It should be compulsory for container trafic to go by train - get them off the roads. Then sub-contract the management of our ports to ensure they are run with world class efficiency and cost effective profit centres. These are all revenue producing ideas and left to private operators will produce profits and taxes. Companies will pay to lease the tracks and uses the ports	Greg	
	2026-02-09 11:10:25	Transnet should manage its infrastructure and social responsibility transport but most of the trains could be privately owned and operated like the Gautrain, Saldanha-Sishen line, Rovos Rail, Ceres Rail Co., etc. Imagine if hotel or tourist groups had their own trains running regularly: Southern Sun / Virgin / Marriot / Emerites trains running several times a day between Johannesberg and Cape Town / Durban / Kruger Park / Vic Falls etc with the ability to have your car railed on the back of the train to have it arrive with you at destination. (we used to do that but only to Cape Town). ALL DESTINATIONS. It should be compulsory for container trafic to go by train - get them off the roads. Then sub-contract the management of our ports to ensure they are run with world class efficiency and cost effective profit centres. These are all revenue producing ideas and left to private operators will produce profits and taxes. Companies will pay to lease the tracks and uses the ports	Greg	
	2026-02-09 10:39:18	With reference to stabilizing SOE's & Municipal debt, they should be treated as a normal business and Business Rescue & Turnaround principles should be applied. The project should be led by external, strong, practical & experienced business consultants with a positive track record in turnarounds. The only way to sort these businesses out is to apply normal business principals of supply & demand. Ramping up the independent Internal Audit with the relevant powers would also assist in cleaning up the rampant fraud & misappropriation of funds within these organizations which are draining out funds. This would lay a strong foundation for the future with proper business processes & controls in place.	Cheryleen	self-employed
	2026-02-08 21:11:31		Frederick	employed individual
	2026-02-08 17:00:07	1.DO AWAY WITH SONA TO SAVE 2.DECREASE AND CONTROL BORROWING ,BUILT OWN CAPACITY , 3.FREEZE SALARY INCREASE OF GOVERMENT EXECUTIVES 4.	Setobe	retired
	2026-02-08 06:22:53	Dear Minister. In order to stabilize our state entities what needs to be done is get rid of of outside investment and generate internal tax revenue by restoring jobs to ordinary tax paying loyal South African citizens . The South African population is blessed with their own professionals across race but they are not being given the chance to stay in the country and rebuild our own resources. I believe that only true patriotism still exists and our citizens cant wait for that Clarion call to come together and save what is left of our beautiful country.	Marie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 10:03:47		Sonette	employed individual
	2026-02-07 00:09:29		Mandla	employed individual
	2026-02-06 20:29:29	Can we stabilise eskom and transnet and do away with this IPP with intermittent power. The is no economy globally that was built using solar and wind. Can we focus on coal and nuclear	Siphiwo	unemployed individual
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	2026-02-06 19:13:29	Go back to employing qualified personnel within the SOE; and in so doing minimize giving out contracts - with the goal of eliminating corruption around projects.	Johan	business owner
	2026-02-17 10:33:08		Abraham	retired
	2026-02-14 19:10:04	Govenment should stop wasting money on SOE. State owned entities should be able to sustain themselves.	Musa	employed individual
	2026-02-12 13:00:27	I believe government spending should drastically be reigned in and most of our SOEs should be privatised since the government is not able to manage them at all.	Ryno	employed individual
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	2026-02-04 07:57:57	Reduce corruption and tenders and use the money to pay off government debt	Cole	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:54:02	I suggest for the economy to be boosted , you need to lower tax on food essentials, any item that's locally produced in order for the people of SA to spend money , and to boost the economy. All tourist coming to SA has to pay a 15% tax fee on everything, flights accommodation, ect. SA citizens should have the luxury of discounted rates in prime locations. A mind shift needs to transpire. Locals should have more work opportunities. I.E experience should count more than qualifications, especially in jobs thats based on training , instead of specialized skills. Like admin, communication, local government should have a promotion policy for the people who has been there for years and has grown with the organization. SA should love their people more than money	Desmaine	employed individual
	2026-02-04 07:25:36		Eric	self-employed
	2026-02-04 06:28:40	Reign in spending on flash items like VIP security for EVERY gov dept - ridiculous!!	Philip	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:28:35	There is a great need in the healthcare institutions. Costs are rising every year but their budgets are not matching the rise - patients are not being adequately looked after in state hospitals and clinics, an example in case is the unavailability of stoma bags and products for stoma patients in the Eastern Cape.	Teboho	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:22:50	We have to cut back the debt. This is basic financial knowledge. We cant just tax and spend the country into bankruptcy.	Gordon	employed individual
	2026-02-03 23:03:26		Walter	retired
	2026-02-03 22:24:10	To reduce the deficit, all government procurement must be strictly value for money, no BEE premiums, no ideological preferences for suppliers, suppliers to be evaluated strictly on merit, held strictly to terms, and paid on time. After 30 years, it is time to scrap preferential procurement. If emerging suppliers still can't compete, they never will be able to. We can't afford the premiums any more.	Trevor	
	2026-02-03 21:52:18		Paulus	retired
	2026-02-03 21:21:52	It is critical that RSA stop living beyond it’s means, not only should we budget for zero deficit we should attempt to repay debt. This is not difficult to achieve, here are some ideas: Benchmark versus other countries, any consulting firm could help government to identify opportunities. Here are some ideas, half the size of government, implement zero based budgeting in all SOE’s, implement transparent national procurement structures for government and SOE’s etc Tax the taxi industry, stop illegal importation of cigarettes.	Stephen	retired

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	2026-02-03 20:44:40		Richard	retired
	2026-02-03 20:41:04		Henry	retired
	2026-02-03 20:20:53	Essentially every item is equally critical and the budget is a balancing act. However the problem is that government continues to carry a very bloated wage bill from government employees that pretty much do not do their jobs. I have no confidence that this government will be able to dig themselves out of the hole the have dug - but one area to look at is to make a more efficient public wage bill. The government must cut expenses, whilst spending on things that will grow the fiscus. Currently the government spends on expenses, and hopes the fiscus will grow from nothing. Essentially the government payroll is what should be cut. If the burden is placed on the people of this country, in the form of more tax - it will show a fundamental misunderstanding of how an economy works. If the few people who are able to pay tax - are taxed into oblivion, then the few people will not be able to spend in the economy, and eventually we will erase the struggling middle class. In order to lift people out of poverty - this government needs to spend money in such a way that it creates jobs. This needs to be done whilst cutting the bloated government wage bill. And effectively allowing business to thrive - grow the economy and in so doing, lift people out of poverty. I doubt this will happen. But I'm amazed the minister asked.	Gustav	self-employed
	2026-02-03 18:57:44	Hands off	Dean	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:07:28	Good day Minister, thank you having the opportunity to guide the government on spending the budget but before we comment on this topic, let us comment on the following very important subject: who are the government and who is the Steward and Custodian of our taxes? To highlight the importance of this question we need to go back to a very important date in our history and this date was when we as Christians, who developed our country voted in a referendum to what we wanted to happen in the future of our country bearing in mind that we are created to the image of our God, we serve as creators and our Creator who are the creator of our finger prints which no human can reproduce! Our decision was to add a third chamber to the existing Parliament which never happened but our rights were deliberately been hijacked and captured by a few liberals named in Matthew chapter 16. They caused this terrorist organisation called the ANC apartheids movement to manage our country named in Revelation chapter 13, the Word of God! This lead to the appearance of two seeds been allowed in our country, the seed of Christ, John chapter 3, Galathians chapter 3, Revelation chapter 19, John chapter 10, Deuteronomy chapter 28 and the seed of satan, Matthew chapter 25 and chapter 13, Matthew chapter 16 and Revelation chapter 13! With respect to the past debt, we will not be accountable for the crime, lawlessness, corruption, crime, incompetence, mismanagement and irregular spending of tax money because we know that tax money does not belong to politicians but are God's money. For this reason all those who have taken the mark of the beast, voting for the ANC apartheids movement must be held accountable, because we were excluded by this satanic movement by means of their foolish religious policies! Let us just move away from the Ubuntu spirit to the Spirit of Dr. HF Verwoerd, a man with wisdom and knowledge who was murdered by these same liberals because of his policy against monopolies in our country. This murder allowed these liberals becoming stinking rich at the cost of the ordinary citizens as we see today, also all the minerals is the property of the people while the ANC apartheids movement changed the laws to suit their own interests and we know their names! To resolve all your questions let us go back to the Biblical history of who are really our Fore Father and the answer is Jacob! He is the Father of the black and white sheep, not Ismail nor Isaac! Today we are using a calendar which goes back to the year 0000, a date nobody can ignore, a very important date as written in Matthew chapter 1, the Word of God! We are not using any other calendars, every time when we write a date on a letter we use our calendar which nobody can deny as no human can deny the reality of the forms of our finger prints created by our Father which are in the heavens above, therefore human gods does not exist but just a scam or witchcraft as explained in Revelation chapter 22, the Word of God. Hopefully you will have the wisdom as explained in Daniel chapter 12 to understand what this importance message is about because our God is a jealous God as declared in Exodus chapter 20 repeated in Exodus chapter 34, having the opportunity to rectify the mistakes of the past! We as the Body of Christ hereby request the revision of the voting system only allow those with a valid ID document and valid tax certificate to vote who are active members of our economy. This, Minister is the message from our God, Saviour and Healer to you to save our country from any further destruction. Thank you in having the opportunity to deliver this message to you!	Derek	business owner
	2026-02-04 08:57:31	Replace all the thieves, robbers and criminals in government with responsible and capable people. Problems solved.	Herman	
	2026-02-04 08:20:00		pasquale	retired
	2026-02-04 09:53:58	Survey Question: To bridge the budget gap, should the government focus more on cutting current expenditure or finding new ways to grow revenue without raising taxes? Surely we should spend less, create our own infrastructure solutions and invest in Tourism to South Africa - as we own only a very small percentage of global travel.	Anja	self-employed
	2026-02-04 11:12:00	Privatize SOEs. Implement proper monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems based on sound international standards. Implement better systems to control and trace the money flow. Root out corruption. Stop giving failing SOE staff annual salary increases. Get rid of managment staff that are not performing.	Lisa	Non-profit
	2026-02-04 10:32:54		Paddy	retired
	2026-02-04 14:50:51	How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet. Stabilising state-owned enterprises such as Eskom and Transnet requires more than repeated financial bailouts. The core problems are governance failure, political interference, lack of accountability, and inefficient operational models. Firstly, any financial support must be conditional on strict governance reform. Boards and executives should be appointed on merit, not political affiliation, with clear performance targets and consequences for failure. Where corruption or mismanagement has occurred, there must be visible prosecution and recovery of losses. Without accountability, further funding simply rewards failure. Secondly, SOEs must operate under transparent, commercially realistic models. Eskom and Transnet should publish clear, independently audited cost structures and turnaround plans that are accessible to the public. Tariff increases or user fees must be justified by measurable improvements in reliability and service delivery—not used to plug inefficiencies or historical debt. Thirdly, private-sector participation should be expanded. Strategic partnerships, concessions, and partial privatisation can introduce capital, skills, and operational discipline while reducing the burden on taxpayers. In the case of Transnet, allowing private operators access to rail infrastructure would immediately improve logistics efficiency and economic growth. Finally, the burden of stabilisation must not fall disproportionately on households and small businesses. Consumers should not be expected to fund repeated mistakes through higher tariffs while service quality deteriorates. Economic growth depends on reliable electricity and transport infrastructure at affordable costs. Stabilising Eskom and Transnet is possible, but only if reform is genuine, transparent, and focused on long-term sustainability rather than short-term political survival. Government spending should be reduced in areas that do not directly contribute to essential services, economic growth, or social upliftment. Firstly, excessive administrative and bureaucratic costs must be cut. This includes inflated management structures, overlapping departments, unnecessary consultants, and non-essential travel and accommodation expenses. Too much public money is spent on administration instead of delivery. Secondly, wasteful and irregular expenditure must be eliminated through stronger oversight and consequence management. Funds lost to corruption, failed projects, and poor procurement practices represent one of the largest drains on the public budget. Preventing this leakage is more effective than raising taxes. 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Qualified and experienced professionals should be appointed to senior financial positions, not political appointees. Strong consequence management is essential. Officials responsible for wasteful and irregular expenditure must face disciplinary and criminal action. Without accountability, financial collapse will continue. Revenue collection systems must be modernised to ensure accurate billing and fair enforcement.	Gilberto	retired
	2026-02-04 13:35:56		Bruce	employed individual
	2026-02-05 11:59:30		Peter	employed individual

	2026-02-05 11:42:35		Paul	retired
	2026-02-05 09:45:13	The are are too many Government Departments and Ministers. Many of the Departments spend much costly time and money trying to justify their existence by adding more laws/restrictions on the private sector and thus inhibiting economic growth, which should be the top priority of the Government to get rid of the terrible levels of unemployment and poverty. Money is also wasted on unnecessary expenditure on overseas trips and public appearances such as the totally wasteful expenditure on the Rand Easter Show. The Budget should cut back on such expenditure and push to reduce the number of Government Departments.	Lawrence	self-employed
	2026-02-05 08:19:38		Muzaffar	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:17:27	Government debt and the resulting interest repayment levels are not sustainable. The tax base is to small. Trying to squeeze more revenue out of this small over burdened segment of the population is bordering on criminal extortion. Cut government wasteful spending.	Grace	
	2026-02-05 08:14:41	If only wasteful expenditure on bloated government ministers and deputies could be reduced to a minimum and unused and unproductive state owned property could be turned into revenue to be used in paying down governmnt debt, not to mention the money wasted in corruption, we could have a healthier and less debt burdened state	Alan	retired
	2026-02-05 06:55:26		Ursula	retired
	2026-02-05 06:55:25		Ursula	retired
	2026-02-05 06:31:53		Craig	
	2026-02-04 20:37:21		Eberhardt	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:56:13		Tebogo	employed individual
	2026-02-04 18:28:08		Philip	retired
	2026-02-04 18:25:30	Stop commission for corrupt people and no body to to jail. Stop.the corrupts all those cease all fortune from cut down on soe cut government expenses Stop getting involved in anders countries affairs	Ronald	retired
	2026-02-04 15:56:46	Goverment wages and perks could be cut by 30 %and we will have enough . The sum we needed before vat debacle the dsum was done and and we could have enough .	Victor	retired
	2026-02-06 11:52:51		Peter	
	2026-02-06 09:56:27		Moatshe	retired
	2026-02-06 09:46:06	A budget deficit has been growing annually under past ANC led government with little done to address the situation.It must be addressed as a priority.Spending more than you earn is a recipe for failure -common sense really.It will take time but all government departments must share this burden and we as South Africans will have to endure our share paying for years of ANC LED MISMANAGEMENT.	Antonius	retired
	2026-02-06 09:26:10		Barry	
	2026-02-06 09:19:21	Our problem is not that we need more tax revenue or government investment to drive economic growth. What we need to do is to remove all the waste and fraud within government. We need to shrink cabinet, cut useless/ over-staffed government jobs, and become more efficient in our spending. Now this is something that is very unpopular to do and political suicide for politicians. Hence, I suggest a more realistic approach (something that Javier Milei did in Argentina) is let the inflation do the cutting. The minister must not increase the budgets of the various departments and just use the same budgets as last year. This way departments will internally have to become more efficient with their spending and provide relief to the already over burdened tax payers. We also need tax relief to tax payers by adjusting the tax brackets with inflation which the government have not done for the last 2 fiscal years. Doing this will give more money to tax payers' pockets which will allow the market to stimulate the economy naturally on its own without any government intervention, i.e. government spending money to "stimulate" economic growth.	Xandro	employed individual
	2026-02-06 08:46:07	We need to minimize debt	Roland	self-employed
	2026-02-06 06:52:43	Get rid of the SOE's. Privatise them. They are a drain on the goverment expenditure. Try and reduce the loans in order to teduce the interest that needs to be paid..	Kobus	
	2026-02-05 20:42:02	Fire the entire cabinet and let business take over with every citizen actually being responsible for their own disasters.	Kila	
	2026-02-05 20:41:57	Stop losing our money to interest and waste.	Schalk	employed individual
	2026-02-05 17:14:27	I am extremely concerned that government continues to spend more than its income. You are killing us and generations to come of our children with all this debt you continue racking up minister! Please be responsible and hold government to living within its means and paying off the huge debt mountain the ANC has racked up over the last 32 years. The small and ever shrinking number of taxpayers in SA can no longer afford to support the unemployed half of the country! You told us the Covid R350 (now R370?) was just a temporary measure, so now END IT! SA has important priorities that are MUCH more important to finance: 1. Our water infrastructure and sewage systems have been hugely neglected and the municipalities have allowed this to deteriorate way beyond their ability to repair. Your central government is going to have to step in and help to prevent our rivers from becoming totally polluted and unusable. 2. The entire criminal justice system is a mess, from SAPS to the NPA and our courts, which are so busy (and inefficient) that solving and prosecuting the crime and corruption will take forever at this rate! You cannot allow these thieves to continue undermining our ability to spend your budgets serving those who have contributed to your fiscus. If these budgets, e.g health and education continue to be plundered as we can now clearly see, the citizens who contribute will never get the full services we all pay for. 3. Please use all your good offices to persuade the GNU to review the government procurement processes, which currently, under the guise of BBEEE, allow anyone with the right pigmentation to charge 20% or 25% extra, beyond normal costs, just enriching the same 100 or so families /mafia over and over again! You know very well this is just Buddy Based Black Elite Enrichment so end it NOW, ONCE AND FOR ALL!! 4. I could add many more hints and tips, both for spending priorities as well as savings opportunities, but if you could even just focus on these few items it would be a great start: Water and sewage infrastructure Criminal justice system And to fund this: End BBBEE procurement and End the Covid allowances These are luxuries you know very well our country and our economy can no longer afford. Yours most sincerely, David Jordaan.	David	retired
	2026-02-05 17:08:55		Leo	retired
	2026-02-05 15:55:50		Leseja Johannes	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:50:46	We are spending more than we earn, filling the gap with loans. The deficit is roughly 4.6% of GDP. To bridge the budget gap, should the government focus more on cutting current expenditure or finding new ways to grow revenue without raising taxes? Bailouts for entities like Eskom and Transnet have cost taxpayers hundreds of billions. Should the government continue to provide financial bailouts to struggling SOEs, or should these entities be required to find private-sector partners to stay afloat?	Ivan	retired
	2026-02-05 15:45:20	All the robbers in government must me subject imprisonments And all assets must be seized	Jo Anne	self-employed
	2026-02-05 14:18:55		Kevin	retired
	2026-02-05 13:54:24	We are spending more than we earn, filling the gap with loans. The deficit is roughly 4.6% of GDP. Spend only what you have and not a cent extra maybe even spend less than what is received in taxes. That way the debt can be paid off	Enzo	employed individual
	2026-02-09 16:39:15	The focus of the upcoming budget should be on reducing the budget deficit! This can be achieved by 1) reducing government spending, in particular wasteful, unnecessary undertakings and reducing government ministers and staff (why have a minister of electricity and a minister of mineral & energy?). 2) Stop bailing out non performing SOEs. Let the private sector sort them out! 3) Stop wasting money in the administration and control of this REIPPPP! Rather finance the upgrade and improvement of our water infrastructure. 4) create a more fair and realistic tax regime. Give companies tax incentives for investing into raw material beneficiation, this creates jobs and makes our products more competitive. 5) There are a number of laws and regulations which aim to ensure good performance levels and accountability of all state employees in national, local and municipal positions. There must be a relentless enforcement of these laws and regulations to make the state operational activities more effective, efficient and competent. This will lead to enormous savings in spending while at the same time improving the service delivery to all, individuals and companies. 6) On reform performance look at the BLSA tracker here https://tracker.blsa.org.za/ and here https://tracker.blsa.org.za/quarterly-review/. There are a lot of areas where there is no or little progress. Each non- performing reform item is a chance to save money by either stopping this reform or getting it right. 7) Don't run to rich countries for finance deals for whatever. Rather ask them to educate us so that we can help ourselves in the long run. Forget JET and other fancy terms, just do what is fair, respectful and sustainable within the budget and meaningful for the country and nation.	Manfred	self-employed
	2026-02-09 16:36:24	RSA can't afford to invest in the economy for state ownership. MINING Gwede Mantashe has unbelievably witheld the granting of mining licences to literally hundreds - if not thousands - of mining company applicants. The granting of hundreds of licences will bring billions of investor dollars / Rands into the economy, create many thousands of jobs into both the construction and mining sectors, generate vast tax revenues and develope significant infrastructure without it costing the fiscus anything. Thereby reducing the budget deficit and the need for govt. to provide. Revenues generated could be used to reduce foreign debt and the operating mines would further augment this positive wealth generation cycle by increasing export revenues and tax. Commitment to mineral beneficiation will create additional revenues and will reduce govt. debt even further, provided the govt. doesn't try to participate as an owner / operator thereby creating yet another loss making SOE.	Greg	
	2026-02-09 10:55:46	What if Eskom power generation plants were packaged into - say - 4 independent companies, each having a mix of old, medium and relatively new power plants. Each company cluster could be listed on international stock exchanges and sold to operate as independent power producers (IPP). 1. Revenue generated could more than wipe out Eskom debt. 2. Eskom becomes a buyer and seller of power and manages distribution. 3. the 4 power generation companies will compete to become lowest cost producers to secure base load contracts as well as most efficient peak demand suppliers. 4. Consumers could revert back to the days when electricity in South Africa was some of the most efficient in the world. Counter inflationary. massive investment incentive.	Greg	
	2026-02-09 09:10:07	Get rid of all the corrupt government employees that are stealing from the coffers, paying for falsified tenders, spending money on private expenses, parties and trips from government funds etc. I am sure that will go a long way to reducing the budget deficit.	Nevilene	employed individual
	2026-02-07 01:26:01	Trusting in God, we shall be bonds to none. If Christ has set us free, should we make any our master? That debt must be paid quickly!	Fabian	
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	2026-02-06 20:56:04	Ndicinga uba uRhulumente wethu thina bamnyama akasithatheli ntweni ubona nje abantu anobasebenzisa only xakuthiwa yena uzofuman I votes emveni Koko asilaxaze pha noba ingakhutshwa Yona budget kodwa ndithenge ngeke sichole nembuphu sophela ukuyibikela kumabona kude Jonga Kwa indlela esificene ngayo kumatyotyomve esihlala kuwo kodwa Kade kwathiwa siselungelweni lokufumana isibonelelo inxaso ikhetha abathile Kweli lethu ilizwe sizizimenqe zosopolitiki sohlala sibuka Kubo izinto ezintle kungathwa nantsi business grant ngapha une idea that could change Impilo zabanye abantu ngoba umnyama ude ufikelelw ebengeni loba system yethu iyakukhupha kwi age Yona ungafumana yimpilo enjani keleyo siyiphilayo once wadlula Ku 35 why singavele sifimane isibonelelo sabantu abadala ke ngoba akusekho nto sinoyifumana kuRhulumente wethu Ngapha siyaxhaphazekq zisebenza kanzima sirhola Mali enhlgafikanga naku R10 000 Kanti Rhulumenente Lo wethu uza Nani kuthi	Thuliswa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 19:11:42		Tony	retired
	2026-02-06 15:42:57	Start by dping lifesyule audoys om rvrruy state ot municipal emplouee. The hey an explanatoon fpr whete the momey came from. Not from sallary! Now sell off all their asseys and theit immrdiatr familly's too and jail them all. Then take a no tolerance attitude to corruption and enforce it. Probmem solved. And, I would be less aggrieved by the 47% tax I pay	Robin	retired
	2026-02-12 12:28:43	To bridge the budget gap, government should focus more on cutting current expenditure or finding new ways to grow revenue without raising taxes.	Johannes	employed individual
▼ 8. Municipal finances	**98**			
	2026-02-04 07:49:26	It's so important to look at what is actually happening to the finances allocated to the Municiplalities, in that the funds are allocated but misused to fund people just sitting in their offices not holding the people accountable that are under them working in the streets. The workers are just moving rubbish from one area to another. THE RUBBISH IS THEN BURNT ON THE EDGE OF THE STREET OR IS BURNT IN THE RUBBISH SKIP PROVIDED BUT NEVER EMPTIED. There is no thought about air pollution or the poisoning coming out of the burnt ash into the storm water drains or if blocked just runs down the street into the nearby streams, where the people get water to drink, when the water does not come out of the taps. Off the subject- where is the funding allocated to manage or exterminate the packs of hunting dogs destroying out natural heritage. A South Africa without wildlife to keep the ecosystems in balance is not a place for a human to live as there is no hope of survival? Good Luck with your Finance allocations it's writing that is on the wall that you our government must read and react to. Can you not see it when you drive around- Sorry I forgot you are corrupt and dont hold your peoples best intrerst at heart.	Daniel	employed individual
	2026-02-04 06:59:53	1. Abolish district municipalities - their "work" can be taken up by representative councillors from the municipalities within the district. 2. Abolish proportional representation councillors. Instead, to achieve proportional representation, give elected councillors a weighted vote. 3. Enforce the MFMA, and hold MAYCO members civilly and criminally accountable for waste/ fraud etc.	andrew	employed individual
	2026-02-04 05:36:06	The abuse of state funds by the politicians and not providing services to the community is getting out of hand. They must be held accountable and be arrested. We are suffering with basic needs like water, road infrastructure is so poor that the accidents are sometimes caused by potholes etc.	Nondumiso	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 04:32:26	stricter consequences for financial mismanagement	Hennie	employed individual
	2026-02-04 03:42:28		Joseph	retired
	2026-02-03 22:17:31		Clifford	retired
	2026-02-03 21:18:25		Clifford	retired
	2026-02-03 20:43:09	Municipalities collectively owe Eskom and Water Boards billions of Rands. Rather than bailing out municipalities and those SOEs, clear (some of) that debt directly on behalf of the municipalities. Do NOT give municipalities more money to misappropriate. Also legislate that going forward municipal rates collected for water and electricity MUST be ringfenced for that purpose. Should a municipality be unable/unwilling to do so, allow Eskom and Water Boards to collect directly from municipal customers.	Willemien	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:10:11	Municipal managers and mayors must be accused of mismanagement, fired, tried and convicted. Municipal Finances must be "outsourced" to: 1. Accounting firms working in tandem with Civil Engineering firms to renovate and rebuild what is left of our failed infrastructure - all under Helen Zilles' management and oversight. 2. THIS means that not a single municipal employee touches any money.	Willem	self-employed
	2026-02-04 09:09:10	Prioritising areas where more is spent than income generated, or mis-managed. It is crucial to fix the puncture, then there will be reduced need to keep inflating the tyre.	Frans	business owner
	2026-02-04 09:07:15	WHy is there no accountability for Municipalities with failed audits	Kevin	
	2026-02-04 09:00:31	The government needs to break the pattern of appointing people for any other reason than Competence. Cadre deployment costs us all and benefits only a few.	Roy	retired
	2026-02-04 08:58:06		Garth	
	2026-02-04 08:46:10	1. Close dysfunctional municipalities down and outsource their functions to private business. 2. Stop supplying electricity to municipalties that are more than three months in arrears with their payment. 3. All the studies show that Eskom has 50% too many employees and that their average salary is 50% above the norm. Freeze Eskom salary increases for at least 5 years. This will automaticalle get rid of a number of people as well. 4. Stop illegal cigarettes. Billions of rands of low hanging fruit. 5. Get rid of all deputy ministers. 6. Close the post office down. Its functions have already been taken over by private enterprise. 7. Government must step out of the way so that the economy can grow, jobs be created and the tax base can grow. Remove all uncertainties. A tax base of 7.5 million supporting 28 million social grants is not sustainable.	Jan	retired
	2026-02-04 08:20:49		Mary	retired
	2026-02-04 08:19:37	Stricter consequences for misuse of government funds. Frequent litigation at the cost of the tax payer should be avoided by ensuring that government officials are 100% sure of their case before taking matters to court. Managers who use disciplinary processes frivolously should pay out of their pockets. Government needs to look at all aspects of department budgets spent on things that dont really improve service delivery such as celebrations of all those various calendar DAYS., overseas meetings, the number of people attending who do nothing there. Etc.	Savithree	retired
	2026-02-04 10:00:09	The municipal should start doing their own jobs. Stop with contractors. They have so many workers on payroll doing nothing earning high salaries. Start implementing performance salaries cut all employees who are only on the payroll and not doing Amy work. Amd for the SRD sassa. Get these unemployed employees to start cleaning the areas they live in. Set up a program to evaluate the progress and pay them their R370. South Africa will be clean, and people will get self-worth because they earn their money. Amd now I hope I did not spend 10 minutes of my precious time for nobody to consider or read this suggestions	Theresa	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 11:42:09	There has to be tighter controls and accountability for the millions lost through Municipalities. Stricter governance and monitoring by the Auditor General are key in curbing this with severe & tangible consequences for breaches.	Nonkululeko	business owner
	2026-02-04 11:06:39	The municipal mayors and managers are paying themselves huge salaries and bonuses in failing municipalities . Why are they allowed to do this? They must get paid like any civil servant and not decide themselves how much they can get.	Belinda	
	2026-02-04 11:01:58	The management of finances and the billing of residents in Msunduzi Local Municipality is a disgrace. The Municipality unilaterally decided to make residents settle their bills on the fifteenth instead of the thirtieth/thirty-first. Residents had to pay twice in a month to settle their bills. In December 2025 I had to persuade the Municipality to recover my settled bill from an account which they never disclosed. More often they rely on estimated than actual readings, but we see Meyer readers cars moving up and down. They also expect residents to take readings and submit at their own costs. These unfair practises must come to an end.	Nkosikhona	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:45:34	COJ is failing to meet Service delivery. They have Administration issues. They have Billing Issues. The different departments fail to communicate to resolve issues resulting is wrong billing issues as well as disconnections of wrong properties. Don't penalise owner on Rates Rebate than own more than on property. Investigate how money flow in Municipalities and who has access to all the money because too much money is flowing out to wrong people in corrupt ways. Water, Electricity and Sewer and Refuse has increased exponentially in the past making property ownership impossible and have a chain reaction on Tenants and Banks and the economy. Stop over evaluating Property Prices.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:36:13	This article highlights some of the concerns: Municipalities collapsing across South Africa Bianke Neethling • 29 July 2025- South Africa’s municipalities are in dire straits, with most of the problems they face linked to leadership instability and governance failures. South Africa’s Auditor-General (AG), Tsakani Maluleke, recently outlined the problems facing local government in a conversation with the Centre for Development and Enterprise. In her latest Integrated Annual Report for the 2023/24 fiscal year, Maluleke, who has worked in the AG’s office for over a decade, sounded the alarm about mismanagement at South Africa’s municipalities. Specifically, she said many of the country’s municipalities and metros are plagued by poor revenue management, debt collection and budgeting practices, and financial losses due to poor-quality spending. In conversation with the CDE, Maluleke explained that the design of local governance arrangements places tremendous responsibility and authority in the hands of the council, led by the speaker, and in the hands of the political executive leadership, led by the mayor In a great many other countries, if municipalities do not function, councillors or Mayors resign--however in SA, they do not; and do not seem at all concerned about poor service delivery, but keep on draining the funds, being corrupt. When will this all end? Are they not concerned about the future of their children?	Shirifa	retired
	2026-02-04 14:56:53	Municipalities are the face of service delivery, they should be put under serious scrutiny of the Finance Ministry. First, stamp out fruitless and irregular expenditure by ensuring that the accounting officers are properly qualified. Secondly, get rid of the tenders by not outsourcing services like accounting, legal, acquisitions etc. Thirdly, the Auditor General must have access to the Municipalities Finance systems to keep check of waste and looting.	Vakele	
	2026-02-04 14:56:52	Most Municipal finances are in disarray. 1. Appoint only competant people, make them accountable. 2 Oversight committees are not working point 1 above MUST apply to members. 3 Strengthen the powers of the Auditor General, give the position some "teeth". 4 Invest in the correct and common model of reporting on a REGULAR basis,weekly if necessary, with ACTION FOLLOW UP initiated and reported 5 Regular KPI analysis - sort out the dead wood.	charles	
	2026-02-04 14:56:50	Just one of many suggestions. Penalise ie pass legislation to criminalise any organisation that purchases stolen cables	Jeremy	
	2026-02-04 13:58:06	Clean up the incompetent and unsuccessful municipalities ,fire incompetent ministers and get local municipalities operating efficiently . Downsize the ministry by at least 35 %.Quite clearly there are not many ministers in this government that are working and doing anything worthwhile, therefore get rid of the ones that are not performing.	martin	retired
	2026-02-04 13:58:05	Clean up the incompetent and unsuccessful municipalities ,fire incompetent ministers and get local municipalities operating efficiently . Downsize the ministry by at least 35 %.Quite clearly there are not many ministers in this government that are working and doing anything worthwhile, therefore get rid of the ones that are not performing.	martin	retired

	2026-02-04 13:35:53	Municipal Finances: 1. Restore the pre-1994 governance structure when Councillors were non-executive. They provided oversight of the budget and monitored its implementation. They only received a small stipend for attending Council meetings. 2. The Mayor (who was paid only a little more than the Councillors) had access to a black Mercedes-Benz, which belonged to the municipality. He had a chauffeur who worked for the Municipality. 3. There were no bodyguards. 4. Municipal employees were public servants employed by the Public Service, and were appointed based on their experience and qualifications. They could not be hired or fired by the Counsellors. 5. The Town Clerk was the de facto CEO of the municipality and had years of experience in the local authority. 6. There was consequence management. 7. The Municipal managers ensured that regular maintenance was carried out on infrastructure.	Jonathan	self-employed
	2026-02-04 12:49:59		bobby	retired
	2026-02-05 11:33:32		Freda	employed individual
	2026-02-05 10:22:52	Unfortunately, the very them government is not serious about fighting fraud and corruption, more especially on municipal infrastructure, construction mafia are continuing. Limited or no oversight on infrastructure constructions. Projects are left unfinished and nobody is held accountable or the money is not recouped. Another contractor will then be appointed. Projects are continuously failed to meet their completion deadlines and also overspend their allocated budget; more money is required which was not budgeted for hence borrowing increases (increasing state debt) and no one is hold accountable. Monies are paid to constructors where there is no work done at all or limited work done, budget the budget is depleted. Low quality work is done, e.g maintenance of road and bridges and such maintenance does not last long, and new funds will be needed to do the same work. to me this is not a rocket science. It is simply a don't care attitude which our government is show casing. As a result, the government finances will continue to bleed. Municipalities owe ESKOM millions if not billions. National Treasury should withhold certain percentages of municipal budget and pay Eskom directly, by so doing the municipal debt to Eskom will be reduced over time.	Surprise	
	2026-02-05 09:48:28	1. Send all the illegal immigrants back to their countries, they are a huge burden for our South Africans, and they are part of a huge percentage of crime which cost our country billions of rands. 2. The salaries are too high for all politicians and senior management of the state. 3. Appoint competent people at the municipalities, at the moment the incompetent people are wasting the money and don't know how to manage a municipality. 4. Our crime is at an all time high because the police does not do their job, and they keep on appointing more police, which is wrong. 5. Get all the above in order, then we can save the country billions, and then we can lower the VAT at least with 1%	Pieter	business owner
	2026-02-05 09:16:13	Employ qualified people from top to bottom. With all tenders and RFQs awarded, hold engineers and procurement responsible if work is done substandard way e.g. roads and potholes fixed collapsing few months later [engineers must sign off on all bill of materials to see it is correct and also the project, that is completed correct - procurement needs to investigate cost/brand of material to ensure it is correct and not inflated] Tender awarded companies must be experienced in their field and not given to individuals that outsource the job. Roads works is to be done by Road Work reputable companies directly, so they can give a guarantee on the job and fix if it collapses [for free]	Hedda	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:01:36	Start from the bottom upwards. Too many people don't have access to clean water, and roads are a mess in even large towns and small cities such as Rustenburg. (More potholes than tar!). Councillors spend more money on themselves than on their voters' needs. That must end.	Tessa	employed individual
	2026-02-05 08:09:07		Fanny Paul	retired
	2026-02-05 08:07:54	Ensure the implementation of MFMA. This cannot be done as long as municipalities are still as politicised as they are. Employ capable and skilled cadres, not those who can make more noise.	Sipho	unemployed individual
	2026-02-05 07:26:55	Municipal workers need to be paid market related salaries and be customer orientated. They need to be accountable and their performance evaluated before any bonus is paid. Accounting officers from the private sector should be used on a part time or temporary basis until the public sector is upskilled. Retired accounting officers could be used as consultants. No bonus for management or mayor until non compliance issues are resolved.	Paula	
	2026-02-05 07:07:15		Ayub	
	2026-02-05 07:06:50		Tshilidzi	self-employed
	2026-02-05 05:47:37	People think the money in the municipality belong to them but its the people's money. Politicians should not run the metro, municipality it is a business on it own. And privatization of metro is not a good idea because u gie your money away. Like a cctv systems. U got all the departments in the municipality health care to waste management give less car allowance, check up on Buget and treasury department whey think money belongs to them , use of private contacters to minimum, employee more in the municipality there is money just use it right.	Wouter	employed individual
	2026-02-05 04:53:46		Neill	self-employed
	2026-02-04 23:46:18		Mpinda	retired
	2026-02-04 20:52:42	I believe that we need a systems overhaul at the munucipal level. A transparent immutable accounting system is needed to account for wasteful spending and fraud detection (blockchain). Yes, it won't serve the purpose immediately, but it will form the backbone of honest governance at th systematic level without outsourcing intergrity from indivuduals. Implementing this starting from a municipal level is a good bottom-up aproacch so that honest governance start from the ground up, creating a strong trusworthy point of contact with citizens first.	Karabelo	student
	2026-02-04 20:43:42	Municipal Finances failures can be fixed when you have a person with the rightful Qualifications at the Head. Stop spending money on unnecessary implementation of meters etc and fixed the water pipes in Gauteng. For 32 years NO Maintenance was done and the whole of SA is going down the hills. Thousands of people are employed and when they worked 10 stands and looked how 1 person is working. This money can be spent better than employed people that stands and do NOTHING. What to do about the tax burden on households. stop employed more Ministers that are not capable to do the JOB	Elise	self-employed
	2026-02-04 20:38:53	It's easy, cut salaries and reduce workforce. Overheads are too high	Tanya	business owner
	2026-02-04 20:29:31		Jessica	self-employed
	2026-02-04 20:21:30	Please spend some money on fixing the R65 road outside of Ermelo. Also. Please root out the corruption inside of the licensing department of Ermelo. The building and Systems need urgent upgrading. Spending some momey on the schools would also help	Carel	self-employed
	2026-02-04 19:54:57	Crime is the single biggest issue along with corrupt/bankrupt municipality fraud. This prevents businesses wanting to invest, prevents more jobs, prevents stability, increases crime/drugs/alcohol/theft and a degenerate unemployable future population group. Rewarding municipalities who do a good job (by paying them on time) would be helpful, by monitoring their spend (so they don't mispend/or steal) is vital, including for example, if residences are wanting to build, fast tracking applications like SPLUMA or Heritage or EIA's so that the money from the local community comes in faster and they can employ more people faster. Provide services to paying customers instead of keeping going into more debt. In the UK for example they provide electricity on a coupon basis so you pay for what you need/use and if you don't pay you dont get it. No service should be provided if not paid for, debt, interest on debt and poor collections will tank the country. Invest in infrastructure, police and debt collection!	Chaline	business owner
	2026-02-04 18:28:30	Without functioning municipalities, national budget allocations fail to convert into service delivery, economic growth, or public trust. Fixing municipal finance is the highest leverage intervention.	Jean	self-employed
	2026-02-06 12:13:02		LORRAINE	retired
	2026-02-06 11:44:25	The municipalities are a joke. Why must one pay rates and taxes to a municipality that cannot provide water, electricity, infrastructure and a clean environment. The whole lot should be unemployed, and a new group of uncorrupt people who have financial and administrative saffy should take over the administration of the municipalities. It is only a matter of time before the people revolt. For instance, I know of houses that have been standing empty for years were the legal departments have not done anything to collect the outstanding rates and taxes for more than 27 years. Appoint the right people and not the people connected to a certain political party. This is a huge problem as nothing can get done due to political interference in the day to day administration of the municipalities	Lisl	business owner
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	2026-02-06 11:23:18		Mary	retired
	2026-02-06 10:50:34	VAT on Prepaid Electricity and Water Supply Services. The VAT erodes the users' spending power. It is already a challenge to survive after the real effect of inflation.	RICKY	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:13:45	Replace cadres with honest and capable people to do the work.	Koenie	retired
	2026-02-06 10:04:37	Start by reducing the size of municipalities, e.g. Joburg needs to reduce in size, let Randburg, Sandton, Roodepoorts etc. all manage their own areas and control their own finances! This will help with money control and the required services paid for by the actual residents!	Andrew	employed individual
	2026-02-06 10:04:05	All municipalities employees should get the same salary in all the different provinces as should all those who are in charge. One can't pay himself as much as he likes. It should be on a sliding scale as you progress higher in your job.	Louisa	retired
	2026-02-06 10:04:03	All municipalities employees should get the same salary in all the different provinces as should all those who are in charge. One can't pay himself as much as he likes. It should be on a sliding scale as you progress higher in your job.	Louisa	retired
	2026-02-06 06:52:00		Albert	employed individual
	2026-02-06 06:16:29		Khomotso	employed individual
	2026-02-05 21:05:54	Cut government staff overload. Cut the inflated salaries. Cut municipal staff overload and salaries. Stop buying politicians fancy cars and houses. Stop the Dubai shopping trips. SA's biggest problem is corrupted officials. Sad to see how they live while citizens have nothing no money no jobs no food no houses sitting under bridges. Shame on you mr so called leader.....	M	retired
	2026-02-05 20:21:31	First and foremost, Minister Godongwana I feel you do a great job. Please keep up the good work. The 2026 budget priorities are all pretty important, and I believe fixing the municipalities is the top concern because they are crucial to supporting the poor and the vulnerable. And of course it starts with leadership. The ANC has allowed corruption to seriously undermine our progress. This must change.	Nic	
	2026-02-05 18:42:18	Provide funding to reverse 30 year systematic neglect of infrastructure in municipalities. implement measures to stop looting of municipal funds.	Eleanor	retired
	2026-02-05 15:58:09		Ann	retired
	2026-02-05 15:53:13	As much as this is critical service delivery point for communities, there needs to be more involvement from NT in relation to management of procurement. All RFQs or RFPs (capped at certain values) should be approved by the NT and supported by relevant market analysis. The current situation makes it impossible to get value for money and standardization. Everyone does as they deem fit and yet by pre-approval you ensure the necessary checks and balances are taken care of before the actual advert goes out and evaluation is completed together with adjudication. Procurement should not be regulated by politicians but by relevant specialists and with council only providing strategic decision making to eliminate the current spiraling Irregular and Fruitless expenditure.	Mr S	employed individual
	2026-02-05 15:27:19	Let us begin with the municipalities.. This will fix the infrastructure in the towns. The money not used can then flow back to the provincial governments that can be used to fix infrastructure. Money not spent can then be used by goverment to start paying back the loans.	Izak	
	2026-02-05 15:09:04	There should be a lot more control over how municipal spending is carried out and hefty fines if service delivery is not prioritised. No Disciplinary hearings held for non-compliance - this is shocking and every single person handling funds must be held strictly accountable	Daphne	retired

	2026-02-05 14:51:29	There should be professional auditors given the job of making sure that municipal budgets are fair, and adhered to, and no wasteful expenses are allowed. Most city water infrastructures have not been maintained for many years and budgets put aside for infrastructure repair and maintenance has been squandered of other projects. I Ethekwini alone 60% of water is lost through burst pipes and poor infrastructure.	Victor	retired
	2026-02-05 12:44:50	Municipalities that don't get good audit results should have their budget cut by 10% year on year, until they receive clean audits. The full might of the law must fall on all of the corrupt and inept cadres and actual accountability must occur	Stuart	
	2026-02-11 14:50:06	The social grant system should be changed so that as far as possible recipients “earn”their grant to some extent by working a small number days doing community service work. This would restore pride to the recipients and enable the provision of services that would otherwise be far too expensive to be affordable. Perhaps work initiatives could include clearing of alien invasive plants, building fire breaks, clearing litter and dumped trash, maintenance of road verges, maintenance of public areas and parks and so forth. Perhaps there are ways to create work opportunities on state funded projects where grant recipients could earn a salary rather than receive a grant. Contractors should be given targets for employing grant recipients in the project area.	Chris	business owner
	2026-02-10 18:15:52	Sir, since I was in high school we lived in Sasolburg. The town that won the price of the most neat and beautiful town in the Free State. Streets was clean, grass in the greenbelts and pavements was clean. Now we live in a jungle. In 1984 there were about 34 tractors to cut grass, now there is maybe one. All the equipment were sold to pay salaries for a lot of people working in offices that cannot do the work. Get rid of permanent mayors, they only need to be at meetings and when there are marathons etc. They can be paid a small amount because they can do other jobs, like mayors before 1994. Get rid of people sitting at desks, earning astronomic salaries and car alowances, not knowing what to do, people destroying equipment because the do'nt know how it work. Not one of them deserve a car alowance. This alone is milions in municipal revenue each month. Appoint poeople who check the workers on the outside. Here in Sasolburg workers are all by themselves, 2 working and 12 lying on the ground sleeping, no one to make sure te work gets done. They work for 14 days on a 1km strech just to clean the side of the road, 14 workers each day. There are so much money spend on people not working, cars and even cars for their children, parties and then there is no money to fix the town. I would love to get in there and fire all of them and appoint people who want to work. No bonusses if everything in the town is 100%, from the water to the roads, everything. No allowances for anyone, even the mayor. Maybe the mayor and all department heads of departments must be held accountable for everything they did not fix, contracts they approved illegal, etc. Sasolburg was one of the neatest town in the whole of SA and now it is on of the filthiest.	Ronel	retired
	2026-02-10 12:20:33	Firstly, stop the thieving! Its rife in Municipalities the main reason why they cannot provide services... this bleating about no funds, then 100 Commissions (which also cost money) lay bare the threads of corruption and exploitation.	Delia	unemployed individual
	2026-02-10 09:53:18	There is no sexy way to fix the mess. We need people who can do the job ie. qualified accountants - who use sound financial principals - who cannot be overidden by the politics of the day They need the power to cut costs - especially useless staff and focus on core spending to fix core issues These are: - water delivery (Greenside has been without water for 18 days up to 9 Feb 2026) - electricity delivery from old and ailing substations (Cydna eg has had quite a few issues in the last 3 months) - potholes - law enforcement - much more visible policing.	Carol	employed individual
	2026-02-10 07:28:45		Sonwabile	employed individual
	2026-02-09 20:44:19	You can start by lowing municipal management salaries and minister salaries eg bi-annual increases and gradully decreasing there inflated salaries. And lowering the allowances eg vehicle, and housing and flying and other perks. Also NO pay while on suspension as when you are suspendid you have are already suspect when this happens.	Charles	retired
	2026-02-09 15:11:56	First thing, let's look at our policies if they're working for us or against us, and let's not be emotional about it. How to stabilise SOEs like Eskom and Transnet Eskom - All municipalities to clear their own debt or allow Eskom to take over those municipalities failing to honor their payments. Transnet-Governance enforcement and do external audits for the company. All senior management to have a performance contract. Where to cut government spending. Reduce ministry sizes and have performance measures for appointed ministers. How to fix municipal finance failures. Governance is to be enforced on all municipalities; look at municipalities like Cape Town, where they run municipal projects in line with proper governance and project management processes. It's either you deliver or step aside for people who can deliver. What to do about the tax burden on households. Ask ourselves if our policies are working for us or against us. Teach the RSA citizens about options available to assist them (Rural and Township Areas).	Sizwe	employed individual
	2026-02-09 09:58:17	Municipalities should be audited for fraud and mismanagement. More permanent oversight risks bogging down an already suffering system, and more red tape only slows things for the consumer. However, periodic random audits would effectively reduce corruption. I.E. “This week, we will audit all of the accounts, functions, payments, and other activities of the Edenvale branch of Ekurhuleni. Next week, we will randomly pick another area to address.” Once periodic audit is established, municipalities should be either split into smaller areas, or given sub-areas based on wards with more individual power. This allows several changes to take place: 1) municipalities will be more able to address individual issues. Kayalami, Edenvale, and Thembisa do not need the same things right now, and asking one group to address all of these issues in one go is difficult at best, and downright unreasonable at worst. Management should be empowered to address the issues in the area they oversee, in particular. 2) Smaller systems make fraud harder to hide, and metrics easier to measure. This allows individual wards to show their budgets more accurately and efficiently, and opens the door to rewards to being implemented based on excellence, if it becomes required or helpful to do so. 3) Smaller areas can call on debts faster, identifying the reasons behind non-collection, and planning to solve them. Finally, to address the debt issue, debts should be identified based on reason, and addressed differently depending on why it accumulated. The following ideas are harder to implement, but definitely wonderful, in an ideal world. 1) Debts due to lack of ability to pay, that is, families who are or were too poor to pay off their debts, should continue to continue to be given debt relief schemes, but also be offered community work to help pay it off. Many families may find this “barter” approach more attractive, since getting work in to earn the money they need can be hard. These offers could range from litter collection or cleaning, for those without qualifications, to electrical work on government buildings, for those with the necessary degrees. This would effectively reduce the debt owed and maintain the dignity of those who want to work and pay their debts, but can’t. 2) Debts due to deliberate neglect should be addressed with legal repercussions. Ideally, a reduction on their credit score would be used, but I am unaware of how communicative SARB would be in helping this issue.	Chenoa	employed individual
	2026-02-08 17:34:50		moses	retired
	2026-02-08 08:20:45		Zacharia	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 11:01:02		Gary	employed individual
	2026-02-07 08:37:14		Gillian	retired
	2026-02-07 08:00:16		Motsamai James	unemployed individual
	2026-02-07 07:53:46		Neil	employed individual
	2026-02-07 07:11:41	Criminally charge the entities who is having Fruitless expenditure as this is money stolen by ANC cadres deployed by the Government structures. Act against them, don't bail them out as this is just more money to steal.	Pierre	business owner
	2026-02-07 04:23:39	The failure in municipality especially in their finances, it is caused by lack of accountability. 1. Budgets for the Municipalities must be presented to the Traditional Authorities as they know the people very well including their challenges. The Ward system monitoring has a lot of gabs. But through izigodi model, Amakhosi knows each and every household through izinduna (headmen). 2. The Mayor should account to the Traditional Authorities of the Local municipality. After every 3 months there must be a report of the work done so far and the money spent. The Traditional Authority through their structure together with the municipality should do oversight. 3. The local companies must be prioritized to run local projects in order to increase job opportunities and alleviation of poverty. They can only outsource scarce skills. 4. Tvet collages need to share their qualified students data base with the Traditional Authority Secretariat office and the local municipality LED office so that they can work together in identifying deserving students. 5. All small towns must must invest in solar systems in lighting Street lights across the municipality. 6. This lighting system must include Royal Houses in the local municipality to ensure safety of the Kings, Queens and their families. 7. They will then cut a lot of costs and those savings can be used to maintain municipality roads and collection of waste constantly.	Themba	business owner
	2026-02-06 21:18:37		Rhona	retired
	2026-02-06 20:26:59	Musf have Competent, properly qualified and experienced employees from the top down. Not cadres, but people who know, understand, and comply with the requirements of their job including MFMA, control budgets to eradicate fruitless and wasteful expenditure, and meet the requirements of the Auditor General. There must be full accountability, lifestyle audits, and hiring of staff who are competent and literate. Not persons who cannot answer an email and have no language comprehension skills. This is equally applicable to national level all the way to ministers. The ministers selected to head up positions need to be far better assessed for capability and compatibility. Being a loyal cadre is NOT the top qualification for the job!	Vanessa	retired
	2026-02-06 19:49:29	Divide the country into Divisional Councils (DC) and they manage smaller towns infrastructure . No more mayors , fancy cars ...only a head of the DC who prepares a business plan, investment costs and operational costs for the DC area. They acquire capital equipment to fix the roads and have a workshop in the DC Head office city . It worked very well in the 70's... (Kuruman , Upington as example) It was well organised and tenders were managed by skilled people ...in other words, people with competence . Lets fix the country ...give the people a safe place and apply financial control	Schalk	retired
	2026-02-06 19:22:35	Enforce the law (is it a law or just a suggestion?) that prohibits a municipality from spending more than a certain percentage of the budget (or maybe use expenditure as a marker) on personnel. I have seen a municipality spend 95% of their budget on personnel.	Johan	business owner
	2026-02-06 16:54:03		Zindela	self-employed
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	2026-02-06 16:04:03		Pippa Spohr	retired
	2026-02-06 16:04:02		Pippa Spohr	retired
	2026-02-06 15:43:42	Municipalities finances are a total mess. Mismanagement and corruption, incompetence and zero productivity is ruining South Africa. Finances allocated to municipalities should be managed by tax rate payer’s associations	Ellen	retired

	2026-02-06 14:48:48		Chris	retired
	2026-02-15 09:51:57	1. Fix SOEs like Eskom & Transnet) End cadre deployment; appoint independent, merit-based boards. Unbundle Eskom fully and accelerate private energy generation. Open rail and ports to private operators to improve efficiency. No bailouts without strict reform conditions and private participation. 2. Cut Waste, Not Services Slash wasteful expenditure (consultants, luxury travel, VIP protection). Reduce the size of Cabinet and merge redundant departments. Freeze non-essential public sector hiring. Cap the public wage bill growth. 3. Rescue Municipal Finances Enforce clean audits with real consequences. Place failing municipalities under administration faster. Professionalise municipal appointments (skills over politics). Protect infrastructure maintenance budgets. 4. Relieve Taxpayers No VAT or personal income tax increases. Prioritise economic growth over tax hikes. Expand support for small businesses and job creation. Crack down on corruption and recover stolen funds.	Banele	
	2026-02-13 13:04:28	Please fix our municipalities. Especially how they were run by the previous government - that was the proper way to do things. That was the correct way to do things. The municipalities today in South Africa would be maintaining and doing so much better if there was better control. If this is not fixed, this will never, ever improve. And more people will have jobs and our roads will be well maintained and up to date. At the moment there is chaos for sure.	Silawyn	retired
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	2026-02-04 07:21:23		Anita	self-employed
	2026-02-04 07:20:14	Would it be possible to incentivise people to have smaller families to to help bring the population growth rate to a more sustainable level? People are having more children than they can afford. They then complain that there are not enough jobs, etc to go around. People need to be responsible in this regard.	Bernhard	unemployed individual
	2026-02-04 07:19:53		Coster	employed individual
	2026-02-04 04:59:20	This sick animal of a government is beyond saving through tweaking a "budget", amongst others. The sooner it's put down, the better. A feudal approach may prove to be more fair to taxpayers.	Pieter	retired
	2026-02-04 04:42:08	There is so much to say on this topic. Finances never get to a bad place overnight and the same is true for good finances they never get to a good place overnight. Sort out your debt. If something is not sustainable let it die. Don't bail it out just because it has a nice name to it. Finances are a hard black and white thing. Your balance sheet will show how things are. Not emotional "black mail." We need to sort out our own back yard before we can think of being a major player in the world. My advice is sort out your debt so you can spend on the things that really matter. Like being able to feed your self and have shelter and cloths. Get back to basics. Don't fool your self. Cut back on things that are not producing. Every wasted Rand on things that are not necessary will cost you in the long run. We are not in this financial state from a one day event. It will take time to rebuild. It can be done. But it requires discipline and sacrifice from everyone. But more so from our leaders!!! Lead by example!!!	Darryl	business owner
	2026-02-04 04:23:18	Can we focus on curbing debt? Seeking lower interest rates from countries, lowering borrowing. Finding smart ways to use what we have rather than outsourcing people outside the country to do it. Even if it's 1000 different ways to save little bits here and there, this all adds up towards South Africa becoming financially independent.	Shannon	employed individual
	2026-02-03 23:31:11		Lerato	business owner
	2026-02-03 23:31:09		Lerato	business owner
	2026-02-03 21:24:45	Consider debt issuances in foreign currency for the coming period. The bulk of SA's debt is Rand denominated, which carries high interest rates. Foreign debt (EUR/USD) would carry much lower interest rates, even with default and credit risks added on, and the currently favourable exchange rates could be taken advantage off with forward contracts of swap instruments to hedge out exchange rate movements. Consider an Islamic approach to debt raising as well, where debt is raised on specific infrastructure projects rather than for working capital and general expenditure, and the income derived from said projects cover the cost of the debt being raised for the projects.	Hamza	employed individual
	2026-02-04 09:10:39		Robin	
	2026-02-04 08:32:06	Government spending is on a negative, ever increasing spiral and digging the country into a deep hole from which it progressively becomes more difficult to come out of every year. Government simply has to bite the bullet now by lowering spending with immediate effect. Should this not happen government will eventually be ousted by financially desperate rioters.	Dick	retired
	2026-02-04 11:13:43	Collect Taxes more broadly from all people in SA irrespective wheter they Citizens or not. There is a lot of Industries and businesses that run operation in SA without paying tax for example Taxis. They utilise the roads for their business but contribute nothing to the economy in form of tax. Taxis operate mainly with cash and dont pay tax on their income whihc need to change as its become a very big industry and need to be better regulated to collect tax from them.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 10:51:11	Reduce personal Tax and raise Vat on Goods. This way taxes can securely be collected more broadly and securely from every person in South Africa irrespective wheter they are Citizens or not. This way taxes can be collected based on a indiviuduals lifestyle and spending which will encourage people to save more.	Wynand	employed individual
	2026-02-04 14:52:45		Wil	retired
	2026-02-04 14:07:49	Priority focus must be on reducing the debt burden. Govt needs to be reduced - reduce the bloated number of Ministers, and do away with Deputy Ministers. Reduce the number of MPs. We need to cut our coat according to our cloth! In terms of taxation, SA should introduce a sliding scale of VAT, just like on income tax. Basic foodstuffs, healthcare, electricity, basic water allocation, and internet services (including data) should be non-vatable. However, vatable goods need to increase through their 'luxury' status e.g. personal vehicles' vat double with each R1m increase in price; personal aircraft and luxury yachts should be 1-00-200% vatable and so on. Taxing the rich not just on income but on their excessive consumption of resources is an absolute must today. In addition to goods, water is the most critical resource in SA and use, must be taxed accordingly; excessive and unnecessary over-use should be criminally penalised.	Nicholas	self-employed
	2026-02-04 14:06:02	The government including fiscus are hiding head in sand, completely oblivous	Etienne	
	2026-02-05 11:29:11	South Africa produces a primary surplus on a fairly regular basis. We are now reaping the rewards of a resources supercycle leading to massive increases in Tax Revenue. All this seems to do is encourage additional spending. Surely this is a once in a decade (if that) opportunity to reduce debt, not spend the windfall on new expense items	Garry	employed individual
	2026-02-05 09:44:54	Government should focus on debt repayment as it is the most costly expense. They should then focus on future spending within budget and avoid further debt	Frederick	
	2026-02-05 09:11:44		Richard	employed individual
	2026-02-05 07:04:42	Cut down on debt by repaying loans AMD government officials ie politician salaries should be frozen - no increases for the next 5 years! My personal business has had to freeze my salary since 2019 because of the forced lockdown. I have lost millions because of governments poor decisions on the Covid debacle, now I am suffering because of FMD - another government failure! They do not deserve the fat salaries they earn. All private security for politicians should be scrapped as well, only the president should have that.	Ashley	business owner
	2026-02-04 19:07:19		Gloria	retired
	2026-02-04 17:50:06		Albert	
	2026-02-04 17:13:27	Taxpayers are already overburdened and the number of taxpayers and companies paying tax is decreasing every year. Government is overspending on a bloated cabinet and unsustainable SOE's like the SABC. Corruption is still widespread.	Rajen	employed individual
	2026-02-04 15:43:41	My suggestions are as follows: Stop illegal immigration. The citizens of this country can no longer bear the financial burden of this influx. All Pakistani businesses are talking cash only from customers, this evading tax, and then use all resources paid by South Africans. Not fair!! Stop municipal manager stealing and end corruption.	Prabhasini	employed individual
	2026-02-06 11:10:16	Constantly growing debt is obviously not sustainable. It is a tax on your children for the expedience of political wins	Travis	
	2026-02-06 10:54:57	Reduce the unnecessary debt. South Africans are paying huge taxes, and half of it goes towards corruption!!! And take away the R370 which you are paying to healthy, young people who have a brain to think and hands. Poverty is a lack of creative thinking.	Bianca	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 08:19:27		Melanie	unemployed individual
	2026-02-06 06:21:16	Just as a person must live within their means so government should re-assess what is nice-to-haves and what is essential. A name change of a city will not lift people from poverty.	Anke	
	2026-02-06 05:23:39	The 2026 Budget should prioritise debt stabilisation, growth-enabling infrastructure, and institutional repair over new programmes. It should reduce wasteful and non-productive expenditure, restructure rather than rescue SOEs, condition municipal support on performance, and protect ... but not expand ... social protection. Above all, it should favour execution, accountability, and sustainability over short-term political relief.	Timothy	retired
	2026-02-05 18:51:50		Sandi	retired
	2026-02-05 16:32:14	Stop all further expenditure on a wishlist NHI. Better manage the current health system because funding is sufficient provided efficient MANAGEMENT is employed NOT CADRES!!!!!!! I know - I managed, later inspectec and eventually supply chain managed new Grootte Schuur Hospital. I KNOW!!!!	Chris	retired
	2026-02-05 13:50:54		Johann	retired
	2026-02-05 12:37:08	Pay your debts first, before you start lending again. If that means stunted growth so be it. Let the private sector take over service delivery. (this will increase tax revenue and spur on a different kind of development) - yes everyone needs basic needs in terms of human rights but surely why must this burden only fall on the government and its slow bureaucratic processes. Simply ask for some basic requirements (that are performance driven) and when they hit milestones - some funds become available. Surely there are some smart money men who can figure out how to make this possible and eventually make service delivery obsolete in municipalities.	Rudi	
	2026-02-09 07:55:07	Dit is ONAANVAARBAAR dat ons so baie rente op skuld het en nog so aanhou oorbestee op nonsense!!! te groot kabinet, te veel kommissies wat niks bereik, dorpnaam veranderings, swak munisipale bestuur en reis en verblyf vir honderde nikswerd amptenare! rig alle fondse net op ons infrastruktuur en werkskepping en beleggings sal volg.	Karen	employed individual
	2026-02-08 15:24:40		Michelle	employed individual
	2026-02-07 19:50:04	Debt sustainability is tied to the deficit between income and expenditure. It is so simple. For a budget to work you must spend LESS than you earn. The difference should be used to decrease the loan value.	J	employed individual

	2026-02-07 08:43:46	Dear Minister, I propose we do the following to stabilise the fiscus and reduce spending while ensuring services are not reduced to the most vulnerable. 1. Freeze all senior management salaries including ministers and deputy ministers and all MPs or a period of 24 months. No government can consider itself pro poor when its most senior members are enriched and rewarded for poor delivery. All senior salaries are more than adequate to live well. 2. Reduce spending on the blue light brigade and other perks for MPs. 3. Limit travel spending for all departments, ideally set a cap to spending that is aligned with the work done by each department. Set a cap on the rate to be paid for accommodation per night. If a minister wishes to stay in a 5 star hotel, they can pay the difference. All travel should be reimbursed at economy class rates. 4. Remove the deputy minister position from all departments immediately and use this savings for debt repayment. 5. Call for a review of the number of MPs. This number should be reduced by at least half. Include in the budget means for improving electronic communication and responses from the ministries so that all communities may communicate more effectively with the ministries without the need for additional MPs. 6. Include in the budget an independent skills and lifestyle audit for all MPs, for all senior management and persons involved in the procurement in each department. 7. For water sustainability, engage with the Water Research Commission who has been doing research on water reclamation and recycling. Funding may exist from the Bill Gates foundation for pilot projects to test this technology. 8. Any investment in water treatment works must include a component of recycling the water to a potable standard or use of the non-potable treated water for industry, farming, sports fields, etc. 9. Water investment should be directed to municipalities to fix aging infrastructure. To receive these investments, municipalities must include a motivation detailing the sections to be fixed and the repairs must be demonstrated before the end of the financial year with proof that these repairs were undertaken. A peer review of the report by an independent engineer could assist. Municipalities must also prove they are working with communities to identify and fix leaks.	Kristin	business owner
	2026-02-06 23:16:55	Too much of the budget is going toward paying interest on past mistakes instead of improving people's lives today. When we spend more on debt repayments than on healthcare, it becomes clear that the system is under strain. If we don't slow down debt growth and fix wasteful spending, there will be less money every year for infrastructure, services, and real economic growth, no matter how much tax people pay.	Gerhard	business owner
▼ No concern	**4**			
	2026-02-04 09:27:00		motsamai	employed individual
	2026-02-04 21:21:41		Olivier	retired
	2026-02-04 21:21:39		Olivier	retired
	2026-02-05 20:21:20	NOBODY HAS ANY MONEY NOW FUCK OFF!	C	self-employed