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HEALTHCARE

Minister Health Aaron Motsoaledi has problems with his budget. Nobody is surprised.

He admits that at least 40 % of the entire budget of the Department of Health goes towards paying lawyers and clients for medical negligence and medical mishaps at State Hospitals and clinics.

Auditor General in his report of 21 November 2018 stated that the bad accounting situation in the Department of Health was deteriorating.

It is in this setting that the sheer madness of the ANC's proposal for national health insurance (NHI) becomes patently clear.

They wish to pump billions more into the Department of Health to fund their failed version of state hospital and state clinic healthcare for all, yet the system is rotten to the core and cannot be salvaged.

The solution is private health care for all and a medical aid for every adult South African, administered by the private medical aid industry.

The Free Democrats campaign for a medical aid for every adult South African, funded by a payroll deduction of between 3 – 5 %.

The election of 2019 should be about healthcare.

The NHI proposal by the ANC is a road to nowhere. Taxes will increase to fund it. Taxpayer funds will be at the mercy of a government department that has never received a clean audit.

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