



## Win with the ANC

The cash-strapped ANC has devised a great way of raising funds for the upcoming elections – bankrolled by a businessman who has been known to bail out the organisation when it could not pay salaries. The scheme is very simple, so claims a comrade who was at the receiving end of it: ‘this is the interface between technology, electioneering and wealth creation. Viva how the digital highway leads straight to the ATM!’. If you have a cellular phone you might have been lucky enough to receive this message in recent weeks. It goes as follows:

‘Win with ANC! R100 000 to be won. ANC was formed in 1912-true or false? SMS answer, surname, name to 36852. R5 per sms. Forward to others. ANC Gauteng.’ For sending the sms to some of your closest friends the ANC receives a commission. Hopefully this doesn’t lead to some “shaiiky” business!

### Strive against terrorism

As we celebrate ten years of democracy we tend to forget the bad old days of apartheid with all those state of emergency laws. Well if you feel nostalgic then pay attention to the negotiations around amendments to the Anti-Terrorism Act. At the time of going to press, Redeye heard that intense negotiations were underway to define what constitutes an act of terrorism. It is understood that a proposed amendment defined this as being an unlawful strike in essential services or any unlawful strike which fundamentally damages the economy. Presumably, this is all part of Bush’s war against terror!

### DA: Go BIG or go home

Staying on the elections. It is understood that the DA in the Western Cape is trying to take advantage of some of the

tensions between Cosatu and the ANC in the province. As part of this strategy, the DA has gone big on promoting as one of its election promises a basic income grant (BIG). Presumably this is an attempt to win the coloured working

class vote or Cosatu members. What the DA might not know is that not all Cosatu members are enthusiastic about BIG nor would they be particularly happy about the DA’s view and labour market flexibility.

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### Out of Africa: for some light electioneering relief

*This apparently was posted on the South African Tourism Website. The questions were answered by the website owner.*

**Q:** Does it ever get windy in South Africa? I have never seen it rain on TV, so how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

**Q:** Will I be able to see elephants in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you’ve been drinking.

**Q:** I want to walk from Durban to Cape Town – can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it’s only two thousand kilometres, take lots of water.

**Q:** Is it safe to run around in the bushes in South Africa? (Sweden)

A: So it’s true what they say about Swedes...?

**Q:** Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in South Africa? Can you send a list of them in JHB, Cape Town, Knysna and Jeffrey’s Bay? (UK)

A: ... and what did your last slave die of?

**Q:** Can you give me some information about Koala Bear racing in South Africa? (USA)

A: Aus-tralia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific. A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe which does not... Oh forget it! Sure, the Koala Bear racing is every Tuesday night in Hillbrow. Come naked.

**Q:** Which direction is north in South Africa? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 90 degrees. Contact us when you get here, and we’ll send the rest of the directions.

**Q:** Can I bring cutlery into South Africa? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

**Q:** Can you tell me the regions in South Africa where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

**Q:** Do you celebrate Christmas in South Africa? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

**Q:** Please send a list of all doctors in South Africa who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-me-ri-ca, which is where YOU come from. All South African snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

**Q:** I was in South Africa in 1969 and I want to contact the girl I dated while I was staying in Hillbrow. Can you help? (USA)

A: Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour.

**Q:** Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you’ll have to learn it first.