

# Roll-a-Quad Fundraiser

## 3 December 2011

**Rustenburg** – As the year comes to an end, we would like to encourage all businesses in the North West to enter in a team for Roll-a-Quad. All the donations raised will benefit the North West Disability sports fund.

Our goal is to enter more disabled athletes in the Olympics. This year the South African Championships was held in Rustenburg for the first time ever! The event hosted athletes from all corners of South Africa including Oscar Pistorius.

However, this year we have seen a lot of talented, up-and-coming athletes from the North West, but these athletes struggle to do their best due to no

funds and support available. By hosting this event we encourage local business to support this wonderful cause. This is also a great opportunity for teambuilding.

Consensus North West is entering two teams. We encourage all to take the challenge and join us on the 3rd of December 2011 at Olympia Park Stadium to roll a quad and actually get the feeling of how it feels to be a disabled person.

We are all fired up and ready to take the trophy home – the challenge is on!!!

**For more information contact Esti on 082 799 3546 Or Karel on 071 632 2935.**



## Information Bill faces opposition

South Africa's largest opposition party, the Democratic Alliance (DA) and AfriForum are ready to have the Protection of State Information Bill declared invalid in the Constitutional Court, after it was passed by the National Assembly on Tuesday this week.

"The Bill is, as a whole, vague, complex and difficult to understand. The Bill in its current form will prevent the media from acting as a watchdog in a democracy, as information can be classified randomly," said Ernst Roets, who is the Deputy CEO of AfriForum.

The DA's leader in parliament – Lindiwe Mazibuko – vowed to lead a campaign by opposition parties to denounce the Bill, which will become law if President Jacob Zuma signs the document.

Cosatu Secretary General Zwelinzima Vavi also said on Thursday that the trade union would convince Zuma not to sign the controversial Bill into law.

However, the ANC Chief Whip welcomed the National Assembly's passage of the Protection of State Information Bill on Tuesday.

Furthermore, spokesperson Moloto Mothapo said the Protection of State Information Bill was essentially a security bill, and not a media bill. He said it was aimed at protecting the national security of the country.

"It is firmly in line with best international practice as states have constitutional obligations to protect their people and territorial integrity." He said the Bill was a consequence of the acknowledgement that there were still inconsistencies and discrepancies in the current Protection of Information Act, of 1982, which presently regulates protection of disclosure of certain information.

"A review of the current Act revealed that it is outdated, as it contains some provisions that are contrary to the Constitution and other legislation in that it contains legal presumptions which are deemed to be unconstitutional."

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has meanwhile denied any link between the passing of the Protection of State Information Bill on Tuesday and the plummeting value of the rand. He was grilled on the issue by an opposition Member of Parliament (MP) which led to a round of heckling on Wednesday. Gordhan was quizzed in the National Assembly.

In response, Democratic Alliance MP Dion George said, "When the bill, commonly known as the secrecy bill, was passed on Tuesday through this house... the currency slid," to which Gordhan responded by quoting what he called scientific evidence explaining the true reason for the rand's performance.



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