



NEW MINISTER OF TRANSPORT STILL ADVOCATING RABS?

Minister Mbalula delivered his first Budget Vote Speech in Parliament last week. He did not mention the highly contested and controversial RABS (Road Accident Benefit Scheme) Bill, but did refer to “a no-fault scheme” (which means RABS?). This is a change from the previous five years when RABS featured prominently every year...we wonder why this ‘softening’?

Aprav believes this is because of the pending court case? The ANC is yet to file their opposing affidavit on the DA’s Cape High Court application to Review a decision by the former Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Transport (PoCT), when Minority views on the RABS were ignored. In future any RABS related item will be subject to a response to this Application and the next move will have to be in the Cape High Court!

Seemingly the minister is paving the way for another version of RABS?

We would like to remind you of the harmful impact the RABS (no-fault based system) will have on SA’s road users. It will limit fair compensation to anyone injured in a car crash and will eliminate their access to the courts.

Aprav supports the Minister's emphasis on appointing a permanent CEO for the RAF. He mentioned that the Transport Department want young talent to take up board positions, to "infuse new energy and fresh thinking". We hope that sound judgement will prevail and that a new CEO will ensure full and efficient execution of the legal mandate of the RAF.

The Deputy Minister (former Chairperson of the PoCT) essentially said nothing about the RABS. She refers to RABS in the last line of her speech - "there are bills on the table of the PoCT that need to be finalised". Interesting...

APRAV monitors all meetings of the Portfolio Committee on Transport carefully and will attend any meeting where RAF and or RABS features on the agenda!

