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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Burden on taxpayers could double due to new government policies

According to the latest report, published by trade union Solidarity, the burden on South African taxpayers could double if the White Paper on the National Health Insurance (NHI) is accepted and the Green Paper on social security is implemented after being revisited.

With the proposed tax adjustments for both the NHI and the social security funds individuals earning R20 000 per month, will be taxed at a marginal tax rate three times higher than at present (198.1% increase).

"It is clear that the impact of these policy documents means the end of personal wealth in South Africa."

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The cost and burden of cancer

"The Cancer Alliance, made up of civil society and NGO partners and advocates, has released its 'Cost of Cancer' report looking at the challenges for this disease, reported **Daily Maverick** 21 September 2021.

"It is the first time such comprehensive data sets have been included in one report. It underlines the fact that the cost of cancer care is not only a burden on cancer patients get access to medical care and support, the report touches on multiple hidden costs that patients face, including lost income, transport costs, accommodation and housing, debilitating human resource capacity, and consequences of not addressing the enduring stigma and myths of the disease.

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Can Discovery pull this off?

"Justin Price of PSG Asset Management and the market is anxious that the government will put the nag back under its core Discovery Health business with a centralised National Health Insurance. And Price acknowledged that many investors are worried that the NHI could kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

Yet Discovery continues to demonstrate, with self-fill, the scope for partnership between the private sector and the government,

wrote Stephen Cranston in **Financial Mail** 30 September 2021).

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NEWS ON GOVERNMENT

NHI Bill: It is about much more than future health

The National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill - introduced in Parliament in August 2019 - is one of the largest reforms proposed since 1994 by the government of national unity. It has been subjected to a rigorous process of public participation, with submissions from interested parties and has also conducted a series of public hearings across the country to obtain direct public input.

"The Bill, and the approach taken by the PCH, will have a profound impact - not only on the future health system, but on the future health prospects of society - crucial and economic wellbeing"

according to an Editorial in **Daily Maverick** 30 September 2021).

"A number of unique reviews necessary to address access to healthcare, financial protection, quality of care, and the NHI Bill, have been undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Scheme Amendment.Bill returns recommended by the Health Market Inquiry, and return of the scope of practice of the various statutory councils."

To read the article by Gasmat Sookoo, Judi Cornell, Ilana Moser & Vishal Brijlal, Child Health Officer

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Crisp now acting DG for Health

Dr Anthony Crisp has been appointed as the Acting Director-General of the National Department of Health (DoH) after the resignation of Dr Sandile Buthelezi last month. Crisp is currently the Deputy Director-General of the DoH responsible for Health Systems Governance. He has also been appointed about the role in the NHSA in Digital Wise scandal.

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