

# We're living in taxing times - 23 Jul 2013

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I suppose it's good that Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has initiated [a far-reaching and fundamental review](#) of SA's tax system. It is going to look at a number of issues around taxation. A major issue is simply that there is a relatively small tax base and many might reckon that tax base is being overtaxed.

Allied to any revisions in the tax regime, must come a genuine, no-hold-barred, no-sacred-cows approach to combating corruption, mismanagement and wasteful spending.

The average taxpayer understands the need for taxes, but when we see our hard-earned cash being flushed down the toilet or stolen, instead of being used properly, forgive us for becoming a little miffed.

Time is money, so it would be as well for those charged with issuing of radio licences to up their game where necessary and help local businesses. It seems [license delays in SA are prompting communications companies to look elsewhere](#). That's a gain for "elsewhere" and a loss for South Africa.

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