

e-toll uncertainty - we can't stand it either - 30 Oct 2012

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Minister of Finance Pravin Gordhan has said that the [fiscus can't sustain the uncertainties around e-tolls](#). Well, a great many motorists and companies are also uncertain of what impact e-tolling is going to have on their monthly costs. After much to-ing and fro-ing, the monthly bill was capped at R550 per month for light vehicles, but in this report, Gordhan is reported as saying "statistics derived from the gantries on the highway showed that people would not be paying more, on average, than R150 or R100 a month. He said inflated numbers were being put out to the public." Clear as mud?

These tolls are going to impact on every one of us, everywhere in the country, because every company based in Gauteng, having operations in or through Gauteng or dealing with any such company, will face increased costs. And guess who will have to pay...

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Food-crop improvement by conventional plant breeding, without resorting to GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) technology, is the goal of the African Centre for Crop Improvement (ACCI) and its work has borne fruit and [African farmers can now select seeds for their needs](#).

Thinking of travelling to the US? Think again... [Travel chaos is looming as the US cancels flights](#) thanks to Cyclone Sandy. Air France, British Airways, Virgin and other European airlines cancelled all flights into New York, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and Philadelphia on Monday, while US airlines called off thousands of domestic flights and diverted planes away from Sandy's path. There is likely to be a knock-on effect, so check with your travel agent or airline if you're due to travel to the US.

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