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Dear Mr Keith Weeks

Well done on the investigation of the bank charges. I believe that the SA consumer is being ripped off in a big way. At one stage I was monitoring my bank account to do a cost analysis and to my horror discovered that I was paying over R400 a month in bank charges as all the cost accumulate on my small salary. I have now drastically reduced my transactions with my bank (Standard Bank) and have started to do more cash transactions. Now this is a bit worrying for me as in SA where crime is so high and carrying cash is not recommend.

One can understand why Barclays came to SA as ABSA and the other banks are milking the SA public. Please look into these charges.

Regards

Jan-Hendrik Dreyer

PS Have you considered do look at the telecommunication costs in SA. I believe that we are 400% more expensive then the second most expensive country in the world.

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