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**To:** Banking Enquiry  
**Subject:** increased bank charges

Dear Mr Weeks

From news reports I understand that there is going to be - or already is - an enquiry into the very high bank charges here in SA. Is it possible for individuals to submit their own problems regarding these charges? The reason I ask is that my daughter and I do needlework designs for overseas magazines - mainly the UK and USA - and are paid by cheque. The bank charges on these cheques (which average between \$250 and \$350) have been R63.00. Since last week, however, the charge has gone up to R97.00. We feel this increase of over 50% is iniquitous and would be very pleased if someone could look into it.

With regard to the everyday charges we have to pay here I would just like to say that I lived in the UK for 8 years and had an account with Lloyds Bank - which is now LloydsTSB bank. There are no charges whatsoever for an ordinary personal account unless one goes into the red. And yet this bank, like the others in the UK, manage to maintain large buildings, branches, staff etc. in places such as London.

Thankyou  
Regards,  
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