

DA's land-reform plan shot down by Thoko Didiza

A PROPOSAL that the state purchase up to 4% of commercial agricultural land that came onto the market each year to help resolve the land hunger of the previously disadvantaged has been shot down by Land Affairs and Agriculture Minister Thoko Didiza. Didiza was responding to the Democratic Alliance (DA) which suggested the state should get directly involved in the purchase of land coming onto the market so that it could achieve the 30% transfer of commercial farmland to the previously disadvantaged by 2014. She said the opposition was trying to frustrate land reform and the DA's alleged plan for land reform was premised on the willing buyer, willing seller concept. — *I-Net Bridge*