

# Kwa-Sophie

## Derek Keys: Minister of Seduction

No wonder our economy is in a mess. Finance Minister Derek Keys obviously thinks the economy is a sex game. Talking about the budget, he told the press: "The government is really in a feminine posture."

In the past, he explained, the government made investment decisions by itself - "a masculine role". Now the government wants to get the private sector involved. Keys asked: "How are you going to seduce [investors] into behaving in the kind of way you want them to behave? This is a feminine role." For millions of unemployed and homeless people, the economic mess is not a joke. The NP government is clearly still not used to the idea that these people will soon be voting, and more than half of the voters are women!

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## Right for the wrong reasons

*The Star* newspaper correctly criticised male politicians at a multiparty planning meeting for jeering when the ANC suggested more women should be included in the talks. But the paper then spoiled things by giving all the wrong reasons. It said: "Not only have they actively helped - while keeping the home fires burning - but many sacrificed husbands, fathers, sons and lovers in death, jail or exile ... Women are often natural mediators ..."

Women do not want to be defined as home-makers, wives, daughters, sisters or "natural" mediators. They want equality! With friends like this, who needs enemies?

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## Quote of the month

*"Only by admitting to and coping with their weaknesses will men ever become truly strong. If women accept that men face obstacles to personal fulfillment, just as they do, they can make a huge contribution to genuine equality between the sexes ... In the end, it's no good men complaining about women: they've got to get up and win a better life for themselves."*

*From Not guilty - In defence of the modern man by David Thomas* ◉

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