

Free education doable

SIR — Countries such as Ghana and Brazil spend a lot of money on tertiary education. How do we in SA explain a situation where the state sponsors a poor child from primary school to secondary education, then after matric just drops that child?

Countries such as Singapore,

lacking the natural resources we have, continue investing more money on education to grow their economies.

There are many ways we can fund tertiary education in this country. We must start by cutting the Cabinet and taking away the ministers' luxury cars. The departments can manage without deputy ministers, who add no value. We must also speed up the moving of Parliament to Pretoria.

The government and the private sector must start to prioritise small business and entrepreneurship development to grow SA's economy.

So the rich must support the poor and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme must manage those funds properly. We need to guide our pupils to do courses that are needed by the economy. We need more engineers, artisans and accountants. More career guidance from as early as Grade 9 is needed.

The #FeesMustFall campaign must focus on poor students, not the so-called missing middle. Deserving kids must be sponsored by the state and the private sector. Students must pay back a certain percentage when

they are working. Remember, black people pay "black tax", and often need to support their younger siblings.

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