

# POIB - its good point (yes, it does have one)



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NEWSWATCH: IFP MP Mario Oriani-Ambrosini says the fight against some clauses in the Protection of State Information Bill is SA's first real exercise in democracy, reports IOL. Meanwhile, Yunus Carrim will be in the hot seat over the SABC/MultiChoice deal, reports AllAfrica, e.tv has slammed the same deal, reports BusinessTech, and EWN reports on where some of our SABC licence fees have gone.

## For more:

- IOL: [Info Bill is a democracy exercise: MP...](#) IOL says that according to Oriani-Ambrosini, "the fight against certain parts of the Protection of State Information Bill ... was the first real exercise of democracy. People came to Parliament and said we don't want this."

Dead right. A great many people do not want the law, but unfortunately we seem to have many who do - and critics of the bill reckon that the latter want it not so much to legitimately protect sensitive state information, but more as a means to cover up their own corruption, incompetence and mismanagement.

Well on the bright side, as Oriani-Ambrosini says, at least the bill perhaps can be thanked for being the catalyst for what he reckons to SA's first real exercise of democracy.

- AllAfrica: [South Africa: Carrim Must Attest to Validity of SABC/MultiChoice Deal...](#) Here we go again... the SABC once again back in the news for all the wrong reasons.
- BusinessTech: [e.tv slams secret DStv-SABC deal: report...](#) Meanwhile, e.tv is reported to be up in arms over the same SABC/MultiChoice deal.
- EWN: [Former SABC head's R2.4m payout...](#) Well, if you have ever wondered what exactly happens to some of your licence fees monies that you pay out every year, because according to our national broadcaster "it's the right thing to do" (even if you don't ever watch its repeats and shows from back whenever), here's your answer... According to EWN, the SABC's former head of news and current affairs Phil Molefe "was paid R2.4m after leaving the national broadcaster in May this year".



Yunus Carrim... to appear before Parliament. (Image: GCS)

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