

S.A. CURRENT AFFAIRS

Girl from Benoni & guy from Limpopo



CHARLIZE THERON, the South African-born actress, now an established celebrity in Hollywood, is one of the single largest private donors to the ANC. From 1996 to 2008 she contributed R3.6 million (US\$450,000) to ANC election campaigns, with a further R250,000 (US\$30,000) to the **ANC Women's League** and the **ANC Youth League**.

The released records end with 2009. However, considering the Treasurer General's report of 2004 – in which it was revealed that Theron's 'Africa Outreach Project' would, as part of its annual operations cost, include an R800,000 (US\$60,000) yearly donation to the **Youth League** – it is safe to assume that she has continued with her contributions.

Theron's contributions are not just monetary. In 2010, Charlize's 'Africa Outreach Project' made an offer to secure **Julius Malema's legal council** in his case against AfriForum. Although the offer was declined, Charlize made a personal contribution of an undisclosed amount towards Julius's legal fund.