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But it is not just the wages of public workers that are being threatened. There are many vacancies not being filled and many workers will lose their jobs. Unemployment will rise. This means even less teachers, nurses and police. Already there are schools with more than 80 learners in a class.

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