

**STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

29 MAY 2019

Fellow South Africans,

In the election of the 8th of May, South Africans provided this administration with a clear mandate to accelerate inclusive economic growth, act with greater urgency to tackle poverty, improve government services, fight corruption and end state capture.

If we are to give effect to this mandate, we need a capable, efficient and ethical government.

Today, we are announcing some of the outcomes of the reconfiguration of national government.

As I indicated in the State of the Nation Address in February 2018:

“It is critical that the structure and size of the state is optimally suited to meet the needs of the people and ensure the most efficient allocation of public resources.”

In undertaking this review, we have been guided by the need to build a modern developmental state that has the means to drive economic and social transformation, to embrace innovation and to direct effort and resources towards where they will have the greatest impact.

All South Africans are acutely aware of the great economic difficulties our country has been experiencing and the constraints this has placed on public finances.

It is therefore imperative that in all areas and spheres of government, we place priority on revitalising our economy while exercising the greatest care in the use of public funds.

To promote greater coherence, better coordination and improved efficiency, we have combined a number of portfolios, thereby reducing the number of Ministers from 36 to 28.

- **Trade and Industry** is combined with **Economic Development**
- **Higher Education and Training** is combined with **Science and Technology**
- **Environmental Affairs** is combined with **Forestry and Fisheries**
- **Agriculture** is combined with **Land Reform and Rural Development**
- **Mineral Resources** is combined with **Energy**
- **Human Settlements** is combined with **Water and Sanitation**
- **Sports and Recreation** is combined with **Arts and Culture**

We had already combined the portfolios of **Communications** and **Telecommunications and Postal Services**.

We have also decided to add responsibility for infrastructure to the **Public Works** portfolio and to add responsibility for employment to the **Labour** portfolio.

If we are to make effective progress in building the South Africa that we all want, it is important that we deploy into positions of responsibility people who are committed, capable and hard-working, and who have integrity.

In appointing a new national executive, I have taken a number of considerations into account, including experience, continuity, competence, generational mix and demographic and regional diversity.

The people who I am appointing today must realise that the expectations of the South African people have never been greater and that they will shoulder a great responsibility.

Their performance – individually and collectively – will be closely monitored against specific outcomes. Where implementation is unsatisfactory, action will be taken.

I have decided to make the following appointments to the National Executive:

The **Deputy President** is David Mabuza.

The **Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development** is Thoko Didiza.

The Deputy Ministers are Sdumo Dlamini and Mcebisi Skwatsha.

The **Minister of Basic Education** is Angie Motshekga.

The Deputy Minister is Dr Regina Mhaule.

The **Minister of Communications** is Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams.

The Deputy Minister is Pinky Kekana.

The **Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs** is Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

The Deputy Ministers are Parks Tau and Obed Bapela.

The **Minister of Defence and Military Veterans** is Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.

The Deputy Minister is Thabang Makwetla.

The **Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries** is Barbara Creecy.

The Deputy Minister is Maggie Sotyu.

The **Minister of Employment and Labour** is Thulas Nxesi.

The Deputy Minister is Boitumelo Moloi.

The **Minister of Finance** is Tito Mboweni.

The Deputy Minister is Dr David Maseko.

The **Minister of Health** is Dr Zwelini Mkhize.

The Deputy Minister is Dr Joe Phaahla.

The **Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology** is Dr Blade Nzimande.

The Deputy Minister is Buti Manamela.

The **Minister of Home Affairs** is Dr Aaron Motsoaledi.

The Deputy Minister is Njabulo Nzuza.

The **Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation** is Lindiwe Sisulu.

The Deputy Ministers are Pam Tshwete and David Mahlobo.

The **Minister of International Relations and Cooperation** is Dr Naledi Pandor.

The Deputy Ministers are Alvin Botes and Candith Mashego-Dlamini.

The **Minister of Justice and Correctional Services** is Ronald Lamola.

The Deputy Ministers are John Jeffery and Inkosi Phathekile Holomisa.

The **Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy** is Gwede Mantashe.

The Deputy Minister is Bavelile Hlongwa.

The **Minister of Police** is General Bheki Cele.

The Deputy Minister is Cassel Mathale.

The **Minister in the Presidency** is Jackson Mthembu.

The Deputy Minister in the Presidency is Thembi Siweya.

The **Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities** is Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.

The Deputy Minister is Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize.

The **Minister of Public Enterprises** is Pravin Gordhan.

The Deputy Minister is Phumulo Masualle.

The **Minister of Public Service and Administration** is Senzo Mchunu.

The Deputy Minister is Sindy Chikunga.

The **Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure** is Patricia De Lille.

The Deputy Minister is Noxolo Kiviet.

The **Minister of Small Business Development** is Khumbudzo Ntshavheni.

The Deputy Minister is Rosemary Capa.

The **Minister of Social Development** is Lindiwe Zulu.

The Deputy Minister is Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu.

The **Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture** is Nathi Mthethwa.

The Deputy Minister is Nocawe Mafu.

The **Minister of State Security** is Ayanda Dlodlo.

The Deputy Minister is Zizi Kodwa.

The **Minister of Tourism** is Nkhensani Kubayi-Ngubane.

The Deputy Minister is Fish Mahlalela.

The **Minister of Trade and Industry** is Ebrahim Patel.

The Deputy Ministers are Fikile Majola and Nomalungelo Gina.

The **Minister of Transport** is Fikile Mbalula.

The Deputy Minister is Dikeledi Magadzi.

These men and women we have appointed to the executive are drawn from all corners of our country.

For the first time in the history of our country, half of all Ministers are women.

We have also included a significant number of young people.

This is in fulfillment of our commitment to giving young people roles of responsibility in all sectors of society.

This is part of a generational transition in which we are creating a pipeline of leaders to take our country further into the future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to all those outgoing members of the Executive who served the country so ably in the Fifth Administration.

We continue to value their experience, skills and contribution, and will give them suitable responsibilities where they will be able to serve the nation.

Allow me to express my gratitude to all the Members of the incoming Executive for making themselves available to serve the nation, and I wish them all the best in the execution of their responsibilities.

We have all been called upon to serve the people of this country, and we will do so to the utmost of our ability.

I thank you.