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PREMIER NTOMBELA APPOINTS HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

The Free State Provincial Government (FSPG), has undergone a thorough, and transparent recruitment process which commenced with the advertisements of positions for Heads of Department (HODs) from August 2021 to January 2022.

Subsequent to the rigorous recruitment process, the Premier of the Free State, Sisi Ntombela, has in terms of Section 12 of the Public Service Act:1994, appointed HODs in the following departments, which had vacancies, after recommendations were made by the panel which sat through the interview process.

Provincial Treasury:

Ms. Masechaba Sasing, a Chartered Accountant [CA (SA)] by profession, has been Acting HOD at Provincial Treasury since June 2021. She has from December 2018 to date, occupied the position the strategic position of



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Provincial Accountant General (PAG). She has extensive experience in government.

Human Settlements:

Ms. Mosa Masitha, a qualified quantity surveyor, specializes in and has far-reaching experience in construction management. She boasts vast experience in built-environment and project management as well as human settlements, having served in various capacities of management in governance roles.

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA):

Mr. Tshepiso Ramakarane, a legally trained and seasoned civil servant, has extensive experience, at the highest level, in government administration, having served in various capacities for over 32 years, including strategic appointments as Special Advisor to a former Premier, HOD for Agriculture, as well as Head of Planning in the Office of the Premier. He is a former Municipal Manager of the Setsoto Local Municipality.

The aforementioned appointments are all effective as of 01 September 2022. All HODs have been formally introduced and inducted into the Executive Council (EXCO) in a special sitting which took place on the afternoon of 01 September 2022.

The Premier, still fresh from a spirited, strong-willed Women's Month Programme of August 2022, is particularly pleased that women have taken centre-stage in the appointments of HODs, in government's quest for gender parity, principally and consciously, in a government and province that already has four women as Members of the Executive Council (MECs) and a Premier which is also female.

The appointments of HODs at Police, Roads and Transport (PRT), Social Development and Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (SACR), are currently being finalized, after also going through the necessary Human Resources (HR) and government processes.



Moreover, the Premier is hopeful that these crucial appointments will assist the caring government of the Free State, in improving and speeding up the implementation of progressive policies and programmes, in government's expedition to deal with the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

The FSPG, despite the current economic challenges, remains committed and steadfast, to providing quality services to the people of the province, under the clarion call of *Operation Phethisa*, which was recently launched by the Premier.

The Premier calls upon all government officials at all levels, citizens of the province including the private sector, to work together in collectively Building the Free State We Want.

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