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Hon. Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize
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Dear Hon Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize

REQUEST TO URGENTLY FILL SABC BOARD VACANCIES

Recently four members of the board of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) resigned – Khanyisile Kweyama, John Mattison, Krish Naidoo and now Mathatha Tsedu.

The President has today in the ATC informed Parliament that he has accepted the resignations and that the positions should be filled urgently.

The filling of four vacancies that existed due to the resignations of Rachel Kalidass, Victor Rambau, Febbe Potgieter-Gqubule and the withdrawal of Nomvuyiso Batyi has already been advertised.

I hereby request that another advertisement must now be issued with the same deadlines of nominations closing on 21 December 2018, so that the committee can also interview for the four new vacancies, so that all eight vacancies are filled in January 2019.

It is crucial that the vacancies are urgently filled as we need stability in the SABC.

Given the gravity of the matters raised above I trust that you will also view these matters in a serious light and will proceed to address these requests with the urgency they warrant.

Yours Sincerely,

Phumzile van Damme, MP
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