

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 26 FEBRUARY 2021**

**QUESTION NO.: 490**

**Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(a) What number of (i) directors-general and (ii) heads of departments (HODs) in the public service are (aa) permanently employed, (bb) in acting positions, (b) for what period have they been acting in such positions and (c) will he furnish Dr M M Gondwe with a breakdown of this number in each government department? **NW546E**

**REPLY:**

1. (i) (aa) Directors-General - 37 Nationally appointed; 8 Provincially appointed (Schedule 1 of the Public Service Act, 1994) - (Directors-General are appointed on contract for a term not exceeding five years)

(bb) Acting Directors-General - National 8 Directors-General are acting; Provincially 1 Director-General is acting.

(ii) (aa) Heads of Department: 87 appointed – (Schedule 2 of the Public Service Act, 1994) – (Heads of Department are appointed on contract for a term not exceeding five years)

(bb) Acting Heads of Department – 25.

(b&c) Officials are appointed to act from the date the post has become vacant – **Period of Acting Directors-General Nationally by Department *(data: as at 31 December 2020)***:

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| **National Departments** | **Post vacant date** | **Duration vacant (months)** |
| Department of Social Development | 2017-05-31 | 43 |
| Department of Water and Sanitation | 2017-11-30 | 37 |
| Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development | 2020-10-31 | 2 |
| Department of Military Veterans | 2018-06-15 | 31 |
| Small Business Development | 2018-09-30 | 27 |
| The Presidency | 2020-08-31 | 4 |
| Communication and Digital Technologies | 2020-06-30 | 6 |
| State Security Agency | 2018-04-30 | 33 |
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| **Provincial Department** | **Post vacant date** | **Duration vacant (months)** |
| North West Office of the Premier | 2019-04-30 | 20 |

(b&c) Officials are appointed to act from the date the post has become vacant – Period of Acting Nationally by Department: ***(data: as at 31 December 2020):***

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| **Province** | **Provincial Department** | **Post vacant date** | **Duration vacant (months)** |
| **KZN** | Provincial Treasury | 2020-06-30 | 6 |
| Transport | 2020-04-30 | 8 |
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| **Northern Cape** | Provincial Treasury | 2014-10-31 | 74 |
| Education | 2020-08-31 | 4 |
| Roads and Public Works | 2020-07-31 | 7 |
| Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development | 2019-10-31 | 14 |
| Environment and Nature Conservation | 2020-02-01 | 11 |
| Economic Development and Tourism | 2014-10-31 | 74 |
| Health | 2020-02-28 | 10 |
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| **Eastern Cape** | Health | 2020-09-30 | 3 |
| Rural Development and Agrarian Reform | 2018-09-30 | 27 |
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| **Mpumalanga** | Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs | 2018-05-31 | 31 |
| Public Works, Roads and Transport | 2019-10-31 | 14 |
| Economic Development and Tourism | 2014-10-31 | 74 |
| Education | 2019-08-31 | 16 |
| Health | 2013-06-01 | 90 |
| Cooperative Governance | 2020-02-29 | 10 |
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| **Gauteng** | Community Safety | 2020-02-29 | 10 |
| Health | 2020-10-01 | 3 |
| Economic Development | 2020-11-30 | 1 |
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| **Limpopo** | Education | 2020-01-31 | 11 |
| Social Development | 2020-05-01 | 8 |
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| **North West** | Agriculture and Rural Development | 2020-10-01 | 3 |
| Health | 2020-01-13 | 12 |
| Social Development | 2018-11-30 | 26 |
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