

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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Gauteng government makes changes in senior management to strengthen service delivery

Premier Panyaza Lesufi has made some changes in senior management to strengthen the capacity of the state. Premier Lesufi has appointed the new Head of Department for the Department of Infrastructure Development (DID), Ms Masabatha Mutlaneng.

Mutlaneng is not new to the department, she has served the provincial government with diligence since 2002. Before joining the City of Tshwane as acting City Manager in July 2020, she served as Deputy Director-General responsible for corporate services management at DID. She is bringing extensive managerial experience that is enormously needed in the department. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Leadership.

In addition, Premier Panyaza Lesufi extended the acting appointment for Mr Mduduzi Mbada as Director General in the Office of the Premier.

Other changes are as follows:

- Dr Darion Barclay moves from the Department of Transport and Logistics to the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Head of Department.
- Dr Thulani Mdadane moves to the Department of Transport and Logistics as the Head of Department from DID.
- Matilda Gasela will continue as the Head of Department for Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Thembeni Mhlongo also remains as the Head of Department for Social Development.

The provincial government deemed the above changes in the administration necessary after the expiration of contracts and the need to strengthen service delivery.

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