

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS 20 OCTOBER 2014.

1. The Joint Committee on Ethics and Members Interests held its inaugural meeting of the 5th Parliament on 8 July 2014. Hon NA Masondo from the NA and Hon. A Singh from the NCOP were elected as Co-Chairpersons of the Committee.

At the same meeting the Committee agreed that the deadline for the disclosure of financial interests be extended to 15 August 2014, in order to allow Members sufficient time to disclose their interests.

2. The Joint Committee on Ethics and Members Interests adopted the 2014 Register of Members Interests on 17 September 2014. All Members whose submissions were due at the deadline had submitted except for Hon Nkoana. Hon Nkoana's disclosure was subsequently received within the revised deadline set by the Committee.
3. On 17 September 2014 The Joint Committee on Ethics and Members Interests considered the complaint submitted by Hon Dreyer in respect of the Executive Members' Ethics Act. Hon Dreyer withdrew the complaint.
4. The Joint Committee on Ethics and Members Interests on the 15 October 2014 held a workshop for Members of the Committee to understand the requirements of the Code of Ethical Conduct and understand the Committee procedures for complaints.
5. In keeping with the tradition of sharing its experiences, the Committee met with the City of Johannesburg to discuss and share experiences on the implementation of Codes of Conduct.
6. The Committee received a complaint from Hon B Holomisa regarding Hon.B Mbete. In considering the complaint which raised the issue of the acquisition of shares in 2010, and requested clarity on whether the Hon Mbete drew two salaries.

The Committee found, that Hon Mbete obtained the shares in period when she was not a Member of Parliament in 2010. The Committee is only mandated to consider the actions of Members of Parliament during their term of office. The matter therefore falls outside the scope of the Committee. Hon Mbete confirmed that she receives only one salary.