



**MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY
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Mr. Cedrick Frolick (MP)
House Chairperson
National Assembly, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
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Dear House Chairperson,

**SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY / REPORTING OF BOTH GCIS AND MDDA
TO THE COMMUNICATIONS PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

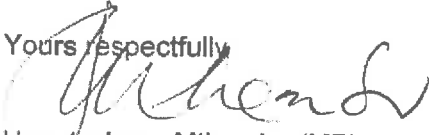
On the 29th May 2019, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the appointment of a reconfigured National Executive following the recently held General Elections. The Minister in the Presidency was entrusted to be responsible for the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) including the National Planning Commission (NPC), Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) and the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA).

The core mandate of GCIS is to drive a coherent government messaging, proactively communicates with the public about government policies, plans programmes and achievements. The Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) is a statutory development agency established for promoting, supporting and ensuring media development and diversity in South Africa.

Given the core mandate and functions of the two entities, the Ministry recommends that GCIS and MDDA be transferred to account and report to the Communications Portfolio Committee, instead of the current Portfolio Committee of Public Service and Administration (DPSA).

I trust that the above will receive your urgent and considerable attention.

Yours respectfully,



Hon Jackson Mthembu (MP)
Minister in the Presidency
Date: 08/08/2019.