**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**COMMITTEE FOR SECTION 194 ENQUIRY ELECTS MR QUBUDILE DYANTYI AS CHAIRPERSON**

**Parliament, Tuesday, 20 July 2021 –** At its first sitting, the Committee for Section 194 Enquiry elected Mr Qubudile Dyantyi as Chairperson.

The committee was established by the National Assembly (NA) on 16 March 2021 to conduct a constitutional inquiry into the fitness to hold office of Public Protector Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

Mr Dyantyi said: “The real work to investigate whether or not the Public Protector is fit to hold office will only start now. We are not appointed to rubber stamp any predetermined decisions, but we will be guided by applicable rules and the law to conduct our work.”

He further said that the first task of the committee will be to come up with a programme to ensure that the committee moves with speed and due diligence.

The committee has 35 members, and it will require a quorum of 18 members to take decisions as per rule 162(2) of the NA Rules.

**ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SECTION 194 ENQUIRY, MR QUBUDILE DYANTYI**