

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 28 MAY 2021**

**QUESTION NO.: 1546.**

**Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What are the reasons that vacant Head of Department posts in the North West are filled with persons employed on temporary contracts? **NW1749E**

**REPLY:**

The appointments of Heads of Department is governed by the Public Service Act which states that such appointments shall not exceed a period of five years. The contracts of two serving heads of department (COGTA and Human Settlements) were extended by the Premier on a short term basis at the end of their initial 5 year contract periods. The recruitment process of replacement full time incumbents is currently underway.

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