

**MINISTRY**

**COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE**

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**QUESTION**

**Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, with reference to the reply to question 3529 on 15 December 2017, his department has since received the outstanding information? NW1782E

**RESPONSE**

Yes, the below response is based on the outstanding information submitted to the Department of Cooperative Governance by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in the Gauteng Province (“the Province”).

The following status prevails in respect of the number of persons that worked in each of the various political offices in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Council:

**(a)** **Mayor**

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| **Date** | **Number of Persons that Worked in the Office** |
| As at 1 August 2016 | 54 |
| As at 1 August 2017 | 63 |

**(b)** **Speaker**

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| **Date** | **Number of Persons that Worked in the Office** |
| As at 1 August 2016 | 8 |
| As at 1 August 2017 | 8 |

**(c)** **Chief Whip**

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| **Date** | **Number of Persons that Worked in the Office** |
| As at 1 August 2016 | 20 |
| As at 1 August 2017 | 35 |

**(d)** **Mayoral Committee Members**

There were ten (10) mayoral committee members as at 1 August 2016 and as at 1 August 2017.

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| **Date** | **Number of Persons that Worked in the Office** |
| As at 1 August 2016 | 10 Political Advisors |
| 10 Personal Assistants |
| 10 Administrative Assistants |
| As at 1 August 2017 | 10 Political Advisors |
| 10 Personal Assistants |
| 10 Administrative Assistants |

**(e)** **Chairperson of a Committee**

There were fifteen (15) chairpersons of committees as at 1 August 2016, and seventeen (17) chairpersons of committees as at 1 August 2017.

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| **Date** | **Number of Persons that Worked in the Office** |
| As at 1 August 2016 | 6 Researchers |
| 15 Administrative Assistants |
| 6 Committee Administrators |
| As at 1 August 2017 | 6 Researchers |
| 17 Administrative Assistants |
| 6 Committee Administrators |

In summary, the total number of staff members as at 1 August 2016 was 139, and as at 1 August 2017 it was 165.

1. The below background is based on a report submitted by the City of Ekurhuleni to the Province.

Parliamentary question relates to the previous reply to question 3529 on 3 November 2017

2. The Municipal Human Resource Systems unit in the Department of Cooperative Governance has developed draft regulations on the Local Government: Municipal Staff Regulations.

As per Chapter 2, Item 5(b)(2) of the above-mentioned draft, the following posts may be provided on the approved staff establishment in the offices of the political office bearers, subject to the category, size and affordability of municipality, including approval by council of the municipality:

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| **Executive Mayor / Mayor** | **Deputy Executive Mayor/ Deputy Mayor** | **Speaker** | **Chief Whip / Whip** | **Councillor Support** | | |
| **Member of Executive Council/ Mayoral Committee/Chairperson of a subcouncil** | | **Party Offices** |
| * Chief of Staff * Executive Secretary * Community Liaison Officer * Senior/ Registry Clerk * Driver | * Head of the Office of Deputy Mayor * Executive Secretary * Driver | * Head of the Office of the Speaker * Public Participation and Outreach Coordinator * Public Officer: Petitions and Hearings Ward Coordinator * Coordinator: Community Development Workers * Senior / Administrative Officer * Executive Secretary * Driver | * Support Officer * Secretary | * Manager: Councillor Support * Executive Support Officer per POB * Secretary per POB | * Manager: Councillor Support * Executive Support Officer per POB * Researcher per POB * Secretary per POB | |
| **Possible Shared Resources:**  1. Researcher and Speech Writer  2. Committee Support (Administration) | | | | | | |