

**MINISTRY:**

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 1720**

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**Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

What are the details of each (a) position filled in (i) her Ministerial Office and (ii) the Water and Sanitation’s Ministerial National Rapid Response Task Team since 1 June 2019 and (b) person occupying each specified position in terms of (i) qualification (s) and (ii) remuneration? NW3120E

**REPLY:**

Conditions of employment such as salaries and qualifications of staff are confidential. Laws such as the Protection of Personal Information Act and the Basic Conditions of Employment, amongst others, protects the confidentiality of such information.

(i) I However, wish to indicate to the Honourable Member that posts in the Ministry have been filled as outlined in the Guide for Members of the Executive, otherwise commonly referred to as the Ministerial hand Book.

| **No** | **Designation/ Position** |
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|  | Head of Ministerial Services |
|  | Cabinet & Parliamentary Liaison Officer |
|  | Chief Protocol Officer |
|  | Private Secretary |
|  | Director: Communications |
|  | Stakeholder Relations Officer |
|  | Assistant Private Secretary |
|  | Appointments Secretary |
|  | Office Manager to Head of Ministry |
|  | Office Manager to Special Adviser |
|  | Personal Assistant |
|  | Ministerial Aide |
|  | Assistant Stakeholder Relations Officer |
|  | Driver/ Messenger |
|  | Domestic Worker |
|  | Domestic Worker |

(ii) I will preface my response to this question by providing background to the Ministerial National Rapid Response Task Team (NRRTT). As far back as 7 May 2015 during my Budget vote speech I said the following:

“Communications and outreach programmes are part of our frontline services to ensure that the correct messages reach our people, in order to reduce the social distance referred to. I have decided to appoint a National Rapid Response Task Team that will help us communicate with our communities before implementing any policies, so that they understand the benefits, who would qualify and who would not, etc. This, we believe will lessen the tension that always arise when there is a development. This Task Team will also assist us understand where there is a problem and allow us to rapidly respond to problems as they arise”.

The NRRTT has been in existence since the Fifth Administration when I was the Minister of Human Settlements. The Team did not only act as communicators and a consultation arm of the department but it is also in the frontline when there are emergencies in informal settlements. A case in point is the disaster which befell the community of Imizamo Yethu in Hout Bay in 2017, where a large section of this area was devastated by fires. Another example is the delay that was caused to the implementation of the N2 Gateway Project in 2007 and 2008 where people who were due to benefit from the project refused to relocate.

Due to the enormity of the challenges facing the Department of Water and Sanitation, which I am now also responsible for, we replicated the model and appointed additional NRRTT members to assist with water and sanitation issues such as the protests in the Vaal and Butterworth areas.

Accordingly, the NRRTT consists of a Convenor, two Deputy Convenors, for Human Settlements and for Water & Sanitation, as well as eight members responsible for Human Settlements and eight members for Water & Sanitation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DHS AND DWS:**

**Office of Minister LN Sisulu**

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| **No** | **Name** | **Designation/ Position** | **Level** | **Qualifications** |
| 1 | Francois W Hugo | Head of Ministerial Services | 15 | Hons, BA Administrations |
| 2 | Ntombeswazi P Taitai | Chief Director: Cabinet & Parliamentary Liaison | 14 | Bachelor of Administration, Hons BAdmin, Masters in Economic Policy |
| 3 | Charlotte MS Dube | Chief Protocol Officer | 14 | BA: State and City |
| 4 | Mareldia Chowglay | Private Secretary | 13 | Grade 12 |
| 5 | Tuso W Zibula | Director: Communications | 13 | N Diploma: Journalism |
| 6 | Pearl N Gigaba | Stakeholder Relations Officer | 11 | Grade 12 |
| 7 | Nonkonzo V Nkosi | Assistant Private Secretary | 11 | Grade 12 |
| 8 | Thoko J Selamolela | Appointments Secretary | 9 | Grade 12 |
| 9 | Ebony F Mulaudzi | Office Manager: office of the Head of Ministry | 9 | Grade 12 |
| 10 | Sylvia N Ndlovu | Office Manager: offices of the Special Advisers | 9 | N Diploma: Cost and Management Accounting |
| 11 | January J Skhosana | Personal Assistant | 8 | Grade 12 |
| 12 | Wynand Langeveld | Ministerial Aide | 6 | Grade 12 |
| 14 | Zoe Adams | Assistant Stakeholder Relations Officer | 10 | B Tech; Commercial Administration |
| 15 | Fikile Raboroko | Driver/ Messenger | 5 | Grade 10 |
| 16 | Judith G Masuku | Refresher Coordinator | 6 | Grade 12 |
| 18 | Lucia T Mbune | Domestic Worker | 3 | Grade 11 |
| 19 | Menzi Simelane | Special Advisor IV | 16 | LLB |
| 20 | Mo Schaik | Special Advisor IV | 16 | Masters in Optometry |

The details for the National Rapid Response Task Team members are as indicated in the table below:

| **No** | **Name** | **Position** | **Qualifications as per CV** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Thami ka Plaatjie | Chairperson of NRRTT | Master’s Degree |
|  | M Ncedana | Deputy Convenor | ND: Public Management |
|  | Xolile Burns Ncamashe - Deputy Chairperson | Deputy Chairperson | * BA Degree * Bachelor of Arts Honours (Philosophy) * Master of Social Science African Studies * Higher Diploma in Education |
|  | LA Dichoetlise | Member | * Grade 12 * Office Administration Certificate * Business Management N6 |
|  | Ms Suliwe Ancedile Sihlwayi | Member | * BA Degree – Media Culture Communication * English Literature (Honours) (Cum Laude) |
|  | Chumani Maxwele | Member | * B. Political Science Degree * Honours Degree in Political Science |
|  | Mogomotsi Mogodiri | Member | * Professional Certificate in Government Communications and Marketing |
|  | Ms Noli Qunta | Member | * Still awaiting her CV |
|  | Likhaya Nqgezana | Member | * CV mentioned a few certificates of attendance however she has indicated she is still completing them. |
|  | Carla Motau | Member | * Grade 12 indicated in the CV however no proof has been provided. |
|  | Mahle Khuzani | Member | * Bachelor of Arts Degree * Post Graduate Certificate in Education (FET) * Certificate Programme in Housing Policy Development and Management |
|  | Prince X Sigcawu | Member | Diploma in Education |
|  | K Morero | Member | CV not received |
|  | R Madlala | Member | N Diploma: Cost and Management Accounting |
|  | T Skwatsha | Member | CV not received |
|  | MB Ntuli | Member | CV not received |
|  | P Khumalo | Member | CV not received |
|  | S Byneveldt | Member | CV not received |
|  | V Mabizela | Member | CV not received |