

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 1762.**

**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(1) What are the (a)(i) names and (ii) positions of the members of the Public Service Commission as at 1 September 2016 and (b) last dates of current terms of offices of each member;

(2) (a) how many positions were vacant at the Public Service Commission on 1 September 2016 and (b) what steps will be taken to (i) avoid interruptions in the provision of service by the specified entity and (ii) ensure the rapid filling of the specified vacancies in the future? NW2070E

**REPLY**

1. **(a)(i)-(ii) and (b)**

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| **Name** | **Position** | **Date Appointed** | **End of term** | **Term of office** |
| Mr BM Mthembu | Deputy Chairperson | 20160101 | 20201231 | 2nd Term |
| Ms SS Nkosi | Commissioner: National | 20140424 | 20190423 | 2nd Term |
| Ms LV Sizani | Commissioner: National | 20111001 | 20160930 | 1st Term |
| Mr DS Mkhwanazi | Commissioner: Mpumalanga | 20140501 | 20190430 | 2nd Term |
| Ms MD Sejosingoe | Commissioner: North West | 20121210 | 20171209 | 1st Term |
| Mr TG Mashamba | Commissioner: Limpopo | 20150824 | 20200823 | 1st Term |
| Mr MH Seloane | Commissioner: Gauteng | 20111101 | 20161031 | 1st Term |
| Ms MA Marais-Martin | Commissioner: Northern Cape | 20150413 | 20200412 | 2nd Term |
| Dr WH Boshoff | Commissioner: Free State | 20140301 | 20190228 | 1st Term |
| Mr S Mafanya | Commissioner: Eastern Cape | 20140211 | 20190210 | 2nd Term |
| Dr GG Woods | Commissioner: Western Cape | 20120101 | 20171231 | 1st Term |
| Dr MP Sithole | Commissioner: KZN | 20150901 | 20200831 | 1st Term |

1. **(a)**

Since 1 September 2016, there are two (2) vacancies for Commissioners based at the national office in Pretoria and the President has not yet designated a Commissioner to be a Chairperson of the Commission in terms of Section 5(1) of the Public Service Commission Act, 1997.

**(b)**

1. The President has, in terms of Section 4(1) of the PSC Act, 1997, addressed a letter to the Speaker of the National Assembly on 27 May 2016 requesting the National Assembly to initiate a process to fill the vacancies that will occur when the term of office of two Commissioners expire on 14 August 2016 and 31 August 2016 respectively. The Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration as well as Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation has been tasked with the responsibility to find suitable candidates to fill the vacancies.
2. Given the current prevailing legislative framework which requires the National Assembly to fill the vacancies, it is difficult for the PSC or Ministry to expedite the process as the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration as well as Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation is tasked with the responsibility to finalise the process. Therefore, the onus rests with the Portfolio Committee to ensure rapid filling of the vacancies as the matter is before the Committee.