

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 24 MARCH 2017**

**QUESTION NO.: 732**

**Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(1) Whether there is any position of director-general in any national department that is currently vacant; if so, (a) how long has each specified position been vacant and (b) what is the reason for each vacancy;

(2) Have the vacancies been advertised; if so, (a) were interviews done and (b) on what date will the vacancies be filled;

(3) (a) What is the total number of persons who are currently employed in positions of director-general in an acting capacity, (b) for what period have they been acting in each position and (c) has any of the specified persons applied for the positions;

(4) Which contracts of directors-general will expire in the (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19 and (c) 2019-20 financial years?

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**REPLY**

(1) Yes, there are 10 vacant Directors-General positions in National Departments

(a) Department of Arts and Culture: 2 years, 2 months

Department of Communications: 2 years, 10 months

Department of Cooperative Governance: 10 months

Department of International Relations and Cooperation: 9 months

Department of Military Veterans: 2 years

Department of Mineral Resources: 1 year, 1 month

Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: 1 years, 6 months

Department of Transport: 10 months

Economic Development Department: I year, 11 months

Government Communication and Information System: 1 year, 7 months

(b) Details with regards to the reasons for each vacancy can be obtained from the respective departments.

(2) Advertising, interviewing and filling of posts within departments remain the responsibility of each Executive Authority, therefore information in this regard can be obtained from the relevant departments.

(3) (a) There are 13 persons appointed in acting capacity as Directors - General.

(b) Department of Arts and Culture: 1 year, 3 months

Department of Communications: 1 year, 11 months

Department of Cooperative Governance: 1 month

Department of International Relations and Cooperation: 9 months

Department of Military Veterans: 5 months

Department of Mineral Resources: 1 year, 1 month

Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: 2 years, 5 months

Department of Police: 1 year and 5 months

Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: 4 months, there is an incumbent appointed in acting capacity since the Director- General is currently on suspension.

Department of Transport: 6 months

Economic Development Department: 11 months

Government Communication and Information System: 2 year, 5 months

(c) Relevant details with regards to any of the specified persons having applied for the position of director-general in which they are acting can be obtained from the respective departments.

(4) Contracts of directors-general expiring in the following financial years:

(a) 2017-18 Financial year

Department of Women: 14 November 2017

Department of Police: 11 June 2017

Department of Public Works: 14 January 2018

Department of Science and Technology: 31 March 2018

Office of the Chief Justice: 31 March 2018

(b) 2018-19 Financial year

Department of Small Business Development: 30 September 2018

Department of Traditional Affairs: 31 August 2018

National Treasury: 15 May 2018

(c) 2019-20 Financial year

Department of Defence: 14 December 2019

Department of Labour: 30 November 2019

National School of Government: 31 December 2019

Department of Home Affairs: 31 March 2020

**End**