

## **DA shuffles KZN MPLs as it 'readies to govern'**

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The DA in the province has reshuffled its representation in the KZN Legislature.

The move comes after a leadership change late last year when Francois Rodgers was elected as the party's leader in the provincial legislature following the resignation of Sizwe Mchunu as the leader of the DA in the provincial legislature.

Rodgers will now replace Mchunu on the Office of the Premier portfolio committee.

Mchunu will now take up a place left by Rodgers on the Public Works portfolio committee.

Rishigen Viranna will replace Mbali Ntuli on the Education portfolio committee.

Ntuli will now serve in the Social Development portfolio committee, where Viranna previously served.

Hlanganani Gumbi will replace George Mari on the Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) portfolio committee.

Mari will now sit in the Human Settlements portfolio committee, taking up Gumbi's place.

DA chief whip Mark Steele said the party had already written to the Office of the Speaker regarding the changes, which will come into effect on Monday.

Steele said the party was positioning itself as a government-in-waiting for the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

"The adjustments have also been made in order to present the people of KZN with the most effective official opposition team possible as the DA works towards achieving a change of government in KZN in 2019.

saw a deep political shift, where the message of change through the ballot box was received and endorsed by people across the country.

"The people of KwaZulu-Natal are ready for that change," he said.