



# Premier Ntombela reshuffles cabinet

**P**remier Sisi Ntombela announced five changes to her Provincial Cabinet during a media briefing held at her office on 9 May in Bloemfontein. The changes are as follows: The Department of Health got a brand new MEC in Montsheng Tsiu, she takes over from Butana Komphela who will now head the Social Development Department. Former Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Oupa Khoabane has been moved to head the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs while Dr. Benny Malakoane who was the MEC for DESTEA will fill Khoabane's position as MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development. Limakatso Mahasa who was the MEC for Social Development has been moved to

DESTEA. Departments which retained their MEC's were Education (Tate Makgoe), Public Works (Dora Kotzee), Sports, Arts and Culture (Mathabo Leeto), Finance (Elsabe Rockman) and Police (Sam Mashinini). The Human Settlement Department which was part of COGHTA has been assigned to the Public Works and Infrastructure MEC Dora Kotzee. "I would like to thank the MEC's who have been appointed to new portfolios for their dedication whilst they were serving in their previous portfolios. I wish them well in their new portfolios and have confidence that they will be equal to the task," said Ntombela. Ntombela welcomed the new

Health MEC Montsheng Tsiu, saying she brings "A wealth of experience" after working in the healthcare sector for many years. MEC Tsiu is a former Chairperson of Nehawu in the province and was a Manager for Nursing Services at the Free State Department of Health prior to her appointment as an MEC. *In photo: Seated: New Health MEC Montsheng Tsiu, Premier Sisi Ntombela, Limakatso Mahasa (new MEC for DESTEA). Standing: (l-r) Social Development MEC Butana Komphela, MEC Oupa Khoabane (new MEC for Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs) and Dr. Benny Malakoane (Agriculture and Rural Development MEC).*  
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