

# Four MEC's replaced

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**Lentswe, Klerksdorp-** Four North West MECs have been fired in premier Job Mokgoro's cabinet reshuffle last week.

The announcement was done on Thursday 6 December. Dr Magome Masike (Health), Manketsi Tlhape (Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development), Mmule Maluleke (Public Works) and Hoffman Galeng (Social Development) were given the boot.

**Lentswe** learned that this was after

the ANC's PTT met and gave a mandate to Premier Mokgoro to reshuffle his cabinet.

Masike was replaced by MEC Madoda Sambatha who was fired by former premier Supra Mahumapelo last year in June.

Tlhape's position was taken by the longest serving MEC in the province, Desbo Mohono.

Maluleke had to hang up his socks to Oageng Molapisi, meanwhile Fenny Gaolaolwe took over from Galeng.

The four fired MECs caused several different headlines the past year.

Dr Masike's department faced allegations that include dealings with the Guptas, Mediosa, Buthelezi's ambulances and others.

Tlhape left under a cloud of allegations of instructing officials from the company, AgriDelight that she appointed to deliver cattle to her farm and also giving the former President Jacob Zuma R1.5 million worth of cattle as a present.

Maluleke made headlines too when his department was investigated and it was found that a number of companies had been allegedly awarded tenders irregularly.

And Galeng was accused of paying at least about R50 000 a month for security at his home.

Wendy Matsemela was appointed as the new MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development.

Motlalepula Rosho was hired too as the new MEC for the department of local government and human settlement.