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# Call to exercise fiscal prudence

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“Members of the executive and the staff supporting such members are urged to acquaint themselves with the provisions thereof and ensure that fiscal prudence is taken into account when applying the provisions thereof,” read Mchunu’s letter.

Ramaphosa has the power to review the guide from time to time.

In terms of the new guide, the staff complements in the offices of ministers, their deputies, premiers and MECs has more than doubled in some instances.

Ministers and premiers were previously entitled to 10 core support staff while deputy ministers and MECs could have up to six, according to the handbook.

The proposed staff establishment for the office of a member (minister, deputy minister, premiers and MECs) and administrative support staff has been capped to between 11 and 15 people.

Ministers’ offices would have 15 posts while premiers and MECs 13 each, with deputy ministers having 11, the guide stated.

The government would also increase the amount that can be spent on security at private residences designated as official residences from R100 000 to R250 000.

The guide also gives Mboweni widespread powers to curb spending on luxury cars and other perks.