

The members presented by the DA on Sunday as having defected from the GOOD Party were not members of the new outfit formed by Patricia de Lille in 2018, a party official said.

De Lille, a former DA member herself and former mayor of Cape Town, formed GOOD after a public fallout with the official opposition party. She was appointed minister of public works and infrastructure by President Cyril Ramaphosa soon after the May 8 election.

GOOD secretary-general Brett Herron said he did not recognise “a single person” from the group DA Western Cape leader Bonginkosi Madikizela said on Sunday had crossed over from the party.

The party is still setting up structures countrywide and a decrease in numbers will not bode well for it as it prepares to contest the 2021 local government elections.

In SA’s May 8 general elections the party received 70,408 or 0.40% votes, which secured them two seats in parliament. It also has one seat in the Western Cape provincial legislature.

De Lille could not immediately be reached for comment.

“In the meantime, we are growing as a party. We are building a branch in every ward. Next year we are going to have a candidate selection

De Lille’s party denies DA claims



No defections . . . Patricia de Lille

process for the 2021 election campaign. The DA is making a mountain out of a molehill. [What happened] has no affect on us,” Herron said.

Stellenbosch University political analyst Amanda Gouws said political parties seemed to be consolidating their support bases ahead of the local government elections.

Gouws noted the DA was losing supporters who were unhappy about Helen Zille’s return as its federal council chair.

“Maybe these supporters had ulterior motives for joining the GOOD Party and are now going back to the [DA] party where they came from,” she added. *-Businesslive*