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RAVI Pillay is back in the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government mix after he was appointed as adviser to Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube.

This is according to provincial government spokesperson Lennox Mabaso, following a provincial executive council meeting on Wednesday.

Pillay's appointment was one of the issues resolved at the meeting.

Mabaso said the executive council approved the appointment of the former Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (Edtea) MEC as a special adviser to Dube-Ncube.

"Exco believes that the appointment of Mr Ravi Pillay will add value, not only in the Premier's Office but also in the entire provincial government," Mabaso said.

He said Pillay was a seasoned lawyer who boasted vast experience in the public sector and had a wealth of knowledge in the evolution of public policy and relevant legislative frameworks.

Pillay has served in the sphere of local government, the KZN legislature and the executive council, holding

key strategic portfolios such as Provincial Treasury MEC, Public Works and Human Settlements MEC, and Edtea MEC.

Pillay resigned in August ahead of the KZN cabinet reshuffle after Dube-Ncube was sworn in.

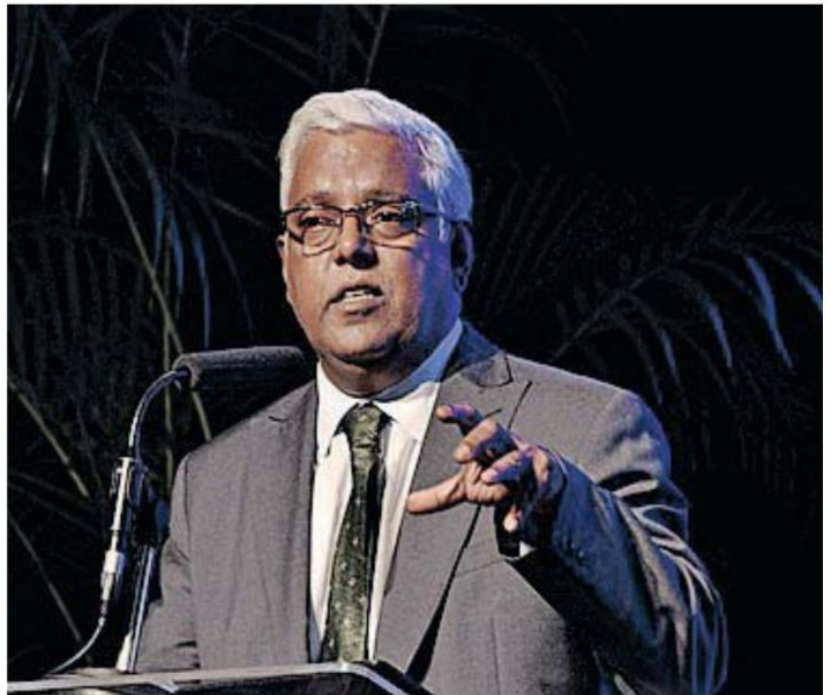
In a letter to the department, Pillay said after a discussion with his political party, he had resigned as a member of the legislature and MEC.

The letter said: "I wish to record my sincere appreciation to each of you – head of department, senior management, all staff, entity boards members and staff – for your support and contribution to strengthening Edtea and its entities and giving effect to each respective mandate to addressing the challenges of our time – poverty, unemployment and equality."

He paid tribute to all those who contributed to overcoming the challenges of the recent past.

"We have proved our resilience as a province and given real meaning to #KZNRising. There is still much to be done, and I have no doubt that you will be equal to the task."

Pillay's name was not on a list of new MECs to be appointed that was circulating on social media, spreading fears that he was on his way out.



NEWLY appointed adviser to KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Ravi Pillay. | ARCHIVES