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Room 314, Bram Fischer Building

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Date: 27 June 2023

**THE SPEAKER OF COUNCIL
MARYKE DAVIES**

Rule 38 Question from the Freedom Front Plus on Political Appointments.

1. Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Freedom Front Plus's rule 38 questions on Political Appointments.

Question 1: How many staff members were employed in the offices of the Executive Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, the members of the Mayoral committee and the chairs of the section 79 Committees in October 2021?

Executive Mayor: 66
Dep Executive Mayor: 19
Office of the Speaker: 57
Section 79 Committees: 4
Council Whip: 25
MPAC: 10
Total: 181

Question 2: Have any new staff members been employed in the offices of the Executive Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, the members of the Mayoral committee and the chairs of the section 79 Committees since 1 November 2021 to date?

Yes, from 1 December 2021 to 15 June 2022 the following number of employees have been appointed to the different Offices:

Executive Mayor: 62
Dep Executive Mayor: 15
Office of the Speaker: 44
Section 79 Committees: 4
Council Whip: 25
MPAC: 21

Council Support: 8

Total: 179

Question 3: How many permanent staff members are working in the offices of the Executive Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, the members of the Mayoral committee and the chairs of the section 79 Committees?

As from 1 July 2022 a total number of eleven (11) permanent employees from the administration were seconded to the different Political Offices for a period of one (1) month till 31 July 2022. No permanent staff members were appointed. The positions were eventually advertised in line with the regulations, however national CoGTA presented to councillors prototyped organisational structure that the municipality had to comply with in line with the Municipal Staff Regulations. Council has since approved the staff establishment for public office bearers for implementation by administration.

Question 4: How many contract staff members are working in the offices of the Executive Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, the members of the Mayoral committee and the chairs of the section 79 Committees?

As from 1 July 2022 a total number of forty-three (43) skeleton staff were contracted to the different public office bearers to provide support on month to month to allow finalisation of the staff establishment for public office bearers. Council has since approved the staff establishment on 02 June 2023, and recruitment process shall commence.

Question 5: Have any employment contracts been signed by any political staff members in the offices of the Executive Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, the members of the Mayoral committee and the chairs of the section 79 Committees?

Yes: Appointment/Secondment letters were issued to employees appointed /seconded from 01 July 2022.

Yours Sincerely,


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ACTING CITY MANAGER