

# MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

## MEDIA ALERT

**Tuesday, 21 May 2014**

### **New members of the legislature sworn in**

Dear Editors and Journalists

Today marked the historic first day of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature. Thirty members of the legislature took oath before Honourable Deputy Judge President Aubrey Ledwaba at the Legislature Chamber.

Thirty members - 24 from the African National Congress (ANC), 3 from the Democratic Alliance (DA), 2 from Economic Freedom Fighters, and 1 from the Bushbuckridge Residents Association (BRA) were sworn in during the sitting. The members were grouped in fours as they were sworn-in. Mr DD Mabuza was among the first group to be sworn-in by Honourable Ledwaba.

Mr DD Mabuza was nominated as the Premier of the province after the voting process that accorded him 24 votes against DA member Anthony Benadie who only managed to get three votes.

The Speaker of the Legislature was the second person to be elected during the sitting. Ms BT Shongwe, the Chief Whip of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legislature was elected as the Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature.

Mr David Dube retained his position as the Deputy Speaker of the Legislature.

During the sitting, Ms Cathy Dlamini, Mr Jomo Nyambi, Mr Moses Mhlanga, Mr George Mthimunye, Dr Carim Vawda and Mr Farat Essack were elected as permanent delegates to represent the legislature in the National Council of Provinces.

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