

MEDIA STATEMENT

CHANGES TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT

National Treasury notes media reports around the changes it made to senior management.

The department announced last week that Mr Willie Mathebula would replace Mr Schalk Human as acting Chief Procurement Officer, Ms Zanele Mxunyelwa would replace Mr Jayce Nair as the acting Accountant-General, and Mr Phila Mhlakaza would replace Lindy Bodewig as the acting chief director for the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Some of the officials who took over in acting in these positions from September 1, have vast experience spanning close to 15 years.

The changes were made in order to avoid a situation where officials act in positions for too long. It is trusted that the newly appointed officials will contribute towards a new perspective and approach on the IFMS.

The changing of positions was to ensure that Mr Human, Mr Nair, and Ms Bodewig are freed to focus solely on the positions they were appointed for, which is chief director for supply chain management information communication technology; chief director for governance, monitoring and compliance; and chief director for technical support services respectively.

Director-General Dondo Mogajane has already stated in Parliament that a forensic investigation is being conducted on IFMS and that no one has yet been found guilty of any wrongdoing. The Director-General in Parliament also promised to take action against people who will be found to be in the wrong with regards to the implementation of the first IFMS.

Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba wishes to express that the changing of positions is not an indictment on the officials that have been asked to return to their positions. Minister Gigaba has also asked that the department be afforded the opportunity to conclude the investigation, details of which will be made public once finalised.

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