

To All Media Houses

17 May 2019

**Bloemfontein, Wednesday, 15 May 2019**– The Free State Legislature sends congratulatory messages to all South Africans who participated in the 2019 General Elections. Our democracy is richer today because all South Africans in their diversity within and outside the country played a role to restore our constitutional integrity. Further congratulatory message goes out to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) for delivering free and fair elections, and everyone who worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of our elections is maintained.

We take this opportunity to further congratulate political parties who have won seats in the Free State Legislature. They are; the African National Congress (ANC) with 19 seats – the Ruling Party, the Democratic Alliance (DA) with 6 seats – Official Opposition, the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) with 4 Seats & (the Freedom Front Plus (VF+) with 1 seat. We can say once again that, the people of the Free State have spoken. We wish congratulate returning members, and further wish non-returning members all the best in their future endeavours. We will forever be indebted to your contribution.

The election of these parties as official representatives of the people of the Free State Legislature marked the establishment and the beginning of the Sixth Democratic Legislature.

Preparations are already underway for the first sitting of the Free State Legislature which includes the process of registration of new members, First Sitting of the Sixth Democratic Free State Legislature, First Sitting of the National Assembly, First Sitting of the National Council of Provinces, the Induction of New Members and the Inauguration of the President as key features on our calendar.

The Free State Legislature is in terms of the law currently engaging with the Judge President to finalise the logistics for the swearing-in ceremony.

20 May 2019,

(Closed Session)

Meeting with political parties represented in the Free State Legislature for ***Briefing on Inauguration of New Members.***

22 May 2019

- First Sitting of the Sixth Free State Provincial Legislature
- Election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker
- Election of the Premier
- Election of the permanent delegates to National Council of Provinces
- Designation of the Special Delegates to the National Council Provinces

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Fourth Raadsaal



The proposed date for the State of the Province Address will be announced soon.

Statement released by the Free State Legislature.

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