

Interim report of the Portfolio Committee on Communications on the filling of five vacancies in the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) Council, dated 11 February 2020

The Portfolio Committee on Communications (the Committee), having considered requests from the Minister of Communications and Acting Speaker of the National Assembly to fill five vacancies in the ICASA Council, reports as follows:

A letter dated 6 August 2019 was received from the Minister of Communications –

(a) informing the National Assembly of the existence of a vacancy in the ICASA Council, as a result of the removal of Mr Rubben Mohlaloga as a Councillor and Chairperson of the Council; and

(b) requesting the National Assembly to commence with the process of filling the vacancy in terms of section 5 of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000 (Act No. 13 of 2000).

Another letter dated 7 August 2019 was received from the Acting Speaker of the National Assembly –

(a) informing the Minister of Communications and the Committee that four vacancies would arise in April 2020 as a result of the end of term of the following Councillors: Mr Paris Mashile, Ms Botlenyana Mokhele, Mr Peter Zimri and Dr Keabetswe Modimoeng; and

(b) informing the Minister of Communications that the National Assembly would commence with the process of identifying candidates to fill the four vacancies in terms of section 5 of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000 (Act No. 13 of 2000).

The Committee considered the letters from the Minister of Communications and the Acting Speaker of the National Assembly and resolved that the Secretariat should proceed with the process of publishing an advertisement in the media calling for nomination of persons to fill the five vacancies in the ICASA Council. The advertisement was published in all eleven

South African official languages in two national newspapers, two regional newspapers and seven community media newspapers. Seventy-five nominations were received.

On 11 February 2020, the Committee met to consider the criteria and skills required to fill the five vacancies, and unanimously resolved that the following 20 candidates be shortlisted for interviews:

Ms Botlenyana Mokhele; Mr Peter Zimri; Dr Keabetswe Modimoeng; Mr Edmund Baloyi; Ms Yolisa Kedama; Mr Ashraf Patel; Mr Siphon Tsotetsi; Ms Sandisiwe Ncemane; Ms Zamokuhle Khanyile; Mr Junior Khumalo; Dr Charles Lewis; Mr Zolani Matthews; Ms Dikeledi Mushi; Ms Nompucuko Nontombana; Mr Lebogang Bopalamo; Mr Kenilworth Choeu; Ms Amanda Cuba; Adv Luthando Mkumatela; Mr Phosa Mashangoane and Mr Linden Petzer.

Interviews will be conducted on 25, 26 and 27 February 2020 at Parliament.