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MINISTER NZIMANDE STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER ZANELE MAGWAZA MSIBI

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, passes his heartfelt condolences to the Magwaza-Msibi's family, friends and her political party, the National Freedom Party (NFP) following the passing away of Zanele Magwaza-Msibi.

Minister Nzimande said KaMagwaza-Msibi will, inter alia, be remembered for her leadership in various strategic initiatives in the science and technology sector and in Parliament.

“Despite experiencing serious health problems in 2014, kaMagwaza-Msibi continued in the portfolio and, against great odds, managed to complete her term in office. She brought energy and enthusiasm to her portfolio, and led a number of flagship initiatives during her time at the Department, including working on the Southern African Young Scientists Summer Programme and the Hydrogen South Africa (HySA) programme,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande said KaMagwaza-Msibi strongly believed in the need to educate and train young scientists, particularly women, to drive the knowledge-based socio-economic development and to address global challenges.

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