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TO: Municipal Managers
In the Free State Province
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR: 1 OF 2006

**REGULATORY SERVICES AND SUPPORT: NEW APPOINTMENTS OF
SENIOR STAFF**

1. This department received various complaints after new appointments of some heads of department and other senior positions were made at some municipalities where the incumbents were not always suitably qualified or as competent as would have been expected.
2. In view of the above and taking into account the pronouncement of the State President that municipalities must appoint suitably qualified and competent staff and the agreement reached on the MEC IGR Forum meeting held on 2 December 2005, it is requested that your municipality do not further embark on the appointment of senior staff until 1 March 2006 without taking on board my department on any new appointments to be made.
3. Kindly note that this request must not be viewed as an interference with your autonomy as a municipality to appoint new staff members.

With kind regards

MM Tsoametsi
Deputy Director-General
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Date:

Circular 4 of 2005 dated 30 November 2005 dealt with the Term of Office of Councillors and was sent to Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers, Municipal Managers in the Free State and SALGA Free State.