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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JACOB ZUMA ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CABINET, 10 MAY 2009

Members of the media,

Good afternoon and thank you for joining us.

We have since the launch of the ANC Manifesto indicated the type of new administration we envisaged in terms of size, shape and political focus.

We wanted a structure that would enable us to achieve visible and tangible socio-economic development within the next five years.

It should be a structure which would enable us to effectively implement our policies.

The structure of Cabinet and national departments has therefore been re-organised to achieve better alignment between the structure, our electoral mandate as per our election Manifesto, and the developmental challenges that need to receive immediate attention from government.

In summary, some of the changes in the structure of government are the following:

Following extensive research on international models on how governments in other parts of the world plan and monitor performance, we have decided to establish a National Planning Commission which will be based in the Presidency.

The NPC will be responsible for strategic planning for the country to ensure one National Plan to which all spheres of government would adhere.

This would enable us to take a more comprehensive view of socio-economic development in the country.

We have also created a monitoring and evaluation competency in the Presidency, to monitor and evaluate the performance of government in all three spheres.

There will therefore be two Ministers in the Presidency, one responsible for the NPC and the other for Monitoring and Evaluation as well as administration in the Presidency.

Other changes are the following:

- The Department of Minerals and Energy will be split into two separate departments of Mining and of Energy, each with a Minister.
- The Department of Education will be split into separate Ministries, one for Basic Education and the other for Higher Education and Training.
- The Department of Housing will be called the Department of Human Settlements to take on a more holistic focus.
- There will be a new department of Rural Development and Land Affairs, which are part of our key priorities for the next five years.
- The Department of Water affairs and Forestry becomes the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs.
- A new Department of Economic Development has been established to focus on economic policymaking. The implementation functions will remain with the Department of Trade and Industry.
- A new department of Tourism has been created.
- Agriculture becomes Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- The Department of Provincial and Local Government becomes Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.
- A new Ministry has been created for Women, Youth, Children and People with Disability, to emphasise the need for equity and access to development opportunities for the vulnerable groups in our society.

The Cabinet that will fulfill our objectives is composed as follows:

The Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa will be Mr Kgalema Petros Motlanthe.

The rest of Cabinet in alphabetical order is as follows:

1.	Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Tina Joemat-Pettersson
	Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Dr Pieter Mulder
2.	Minister of Arts and Culture	Lulu Xingwana

	Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture	Paul Mashatile
3.	Minister of Basic Education	Angie Motshekga
	Deputy Minister of Basic Education	Enver Surty
4.	Minister of Communications	Siphiwe Nyanda
	Deputy Minister of Communications	Dina Pule
5.	Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Sicelo Shiceka
	Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Yunus Carrim
6.	Minister of Correctional Services	Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula
	Deputy Minister of Correctional Services	Hlengiwe Mkhize
7.	Minister of Defence and Military Veterans	Lindiwe Sisulu
	Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans	Thabang Makwetla
8.	Minister of Economic Development	Ebrahim Patel
	Deputy Minister of Economic Development	Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde
9.	Minister of Energy	Dipuo Peters
10.	Minister of Finance	Pravin Gordhan
	Deputy Minister of Finance	Nhlanhla Nene
11.	Minister of Health	Dr Aaron Motsoaledi
	Deputy Minister of Health	Dr Molefi Sefularo
12.	Minister of Higher Education and Training	Dr Blade Nzimande
13.	Minister of Home Affairs	Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
	Deputy Minister of Home Affairs	Malusi Gigaba
14.	Minister of Human Settlements	Tokyo Sexwale
	Deputy Minister of Human Settlements	Zou Kota
15.	Minister of International Relations and Cooperation	Maite Nkoana-Mashabane
	Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (1)	Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim
	Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (2)	Sue van der Merwe
16.	Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development	Jeff Radebe
	Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development	Andries Nel
17.	Minister of Labour	Membathisi Mdladlana
18.	Minister of Mining	Susan Shabangu

19.	Minister of Police	Nathi Mthethwa
	Deputy Minister of Police	Fikile Mbalula
20.	Minister of Public Enterprises	Barbara Hogan
	Deputy Minister of Public Enterprises	Enoch Godongwana
21.	Minister for the Public Service and Administration	Richard Baloyi
	Deputy Minister for the Public Service and Administration	Roy Padayachie
22.	Minister of Public Works	Geoff Doidge
	Deputy Minister of Public Works	Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu
23.	Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform	Gugile Nkwinti
	Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform	Dr Joe Phaahla
24.	Minister of Science and Technology	Naledi Pandor
	Deputy Minister of Science and Technology	Derek Hanekom
25.	Minister of Social Development	Edna Molewa
	Deputy Minister of Social Development	Bathabile Dlamini
26.	Minister of Sport and Recreation	Makhenkesi Stofile
	Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation	Gert Oosthuizen
27.	Minister of State Security	Siyabonga Cwele
28.	Minister in The Presidency (1) <i>National Planning Commission</i>	Trevor Manuel
29.	Minister in The Presidency (2) <i>Performance Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Administration in the Presidency</i>	Collins Chabane
30.	Minister of Tourism	Marthinus van Schalkwyk
	Deputy Minister of Tourism	Thozile Xasa
31.	Minister of Trade and Industry	Rob Davies
	Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry (1)	Thandi Tobias
	Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry (2)	Maria Ntuli
32.	Minister of Transport	Sbusiso Joel Ndebele
	Deputy Minister of Transport	Jeremy Cronin
33.	Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs	Buyelwa Sonjica
	Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs	Rejoice Mabhudafhasi

34.	Minister of Women, Youth, Children and People with Disabilities	Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya
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We stated clearly during the campaign that we want an efficient, caring and effective administration, which will be accessible and responsive to the needs of the people.

We reiterate that we will not tolerate laziness and incompetence, and that we will emphasise excellence and achievement from the Cabinet and the public service.

With these objectives in mind, I am confident that the new structure of government will enable the state machinery to speed up service delivery.

Civil servants will not lose their jobs as a result of these changes. This is a matter of principle in terms of the country's labour relations dispensation.

I however want to stress to our public servants that the era of hard work has begun. Public servants who do their work diligently and efficiently have nothing to worry about.

I wish the new team all the best with their responsibilities.

We request the South African public and all key sectors of our society to support them in their national service.

Let me also take this opportunity to wish all South African mothers well on Mother's Day today.

Mothers are the backbones of our families, communities and our nation. We truly appreciate their role in our society, in both the public sphere and within families.

I thank you.