

New Deputy Minister of Justice

DR Mantombazana Edmie Tshabalala-Msimang MP has been appointed as the new Deputy Minister of Justice with effect from July 1996.

Dr Tshabalala-Msimang was born in Durban in 1940. She attended the Inanda Seminary and after matriculating in 1959 she obtained the BA degree at the University of Fort Hare in 1961. She registered for a pharmacy degree but discontinued her studies after six months for political reasons. She obtained the MD degree at the First Leningrad Medical Institute (USSR) in 1969 and subsequently a diploma in obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Dar-es-Salaam Medical School in 1972. She attended various courses in public health, primary health care and services and public administration at universities and served in the field of health care in African countries between 1969 and 1991, when she returned to South Africa.

In South Africa she held offices inter alia in the National Progressive Health Care Network between 1991 and 1994 and was elected as a member of parliament in 1994. She was chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health and a member of various other committees including that of Public Enterprise and the Ad Hoc Committee on Sterilisation and Abortion.

She served on numerous other committees and attended conferences, seminars and workshops, mainly in the field of health, especially primary health care – on many occasions reading conference papers.

In the political field she has been active in the ANC's Women's League and in fundraising activities.

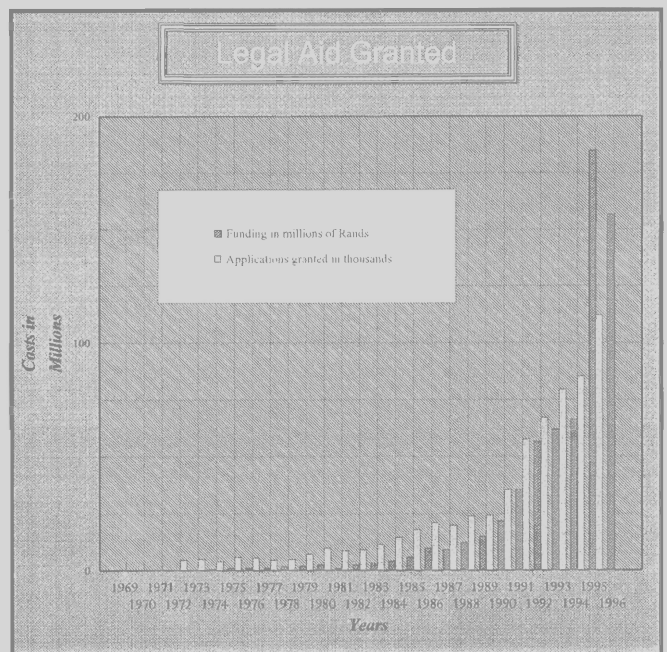
She is married to MTB Msimang and they have two daughters.



Legal Aid funding

The funding of legal aid has dramatically increased as set out in the following figures and graph:

| Years | Funding in Rands | Applications granted in thousands |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1969 / 1970 | R50,000 | |
| 1970 / 1971 | R150,000 | ▲ no information |
| 1971 / 1972 | R120,000 | ▼ |
| 1972 / 1973 | R210,000 | 4,534 |
| 1973 / 1974 | R220,000 | 4,868 |
| 1974 / 1975 | R457,000 | 3,958 |
| 1975 / 1976 | R935,000 | 5,900 |
| 1976 / 1977 | R1,120,000 | 5,579 |
| 1977 / 1978 | R1,000,000 | 4,524 |
| 1978 / 1979 | R1,509,000 | 4,735 |
| 1979 / 1980 | R2,000,000 | 7,144 |
| 1980 / 1981 | R2,359,000 | 9,873 |
| 1981 / 1982 | R575,000 | 8,640 |
| 1982 / 1983 | R2,538,000 | 9,163 |
| 1983 / 1984 | R2,911,111 | 11,342 |
| 1984 / 1985 | R4,105,000 | 14,463 |
| 1985 / 1986 | R5,847,000 | 17,862 |
| 1986 / 1987 | R9,577,000 | 21,106 |
| 1987 / 1988 | R9,000,000 | 20,021 |
| 1988 / 1989 | R12,000,000 | 24,082 |
| 1989 / 1990 | R15,101,000 | 24,289 |
| 1990 / 1991 | R21,878,000 | 35,513 |
| 1991 / 1992 | R35,206,000 | 57,692 |
| 1992 / 1993 | R56,477,000 | 67,103 |
| 1993 / 1994 | R62,165,000 | 79,500 |
| 1994 / 1995 | R66,325,000 | 85,231 |
| 1995 / 1996 | R184,410,000** | 112,178* |
| 1996 / 1997 | R156,457,000 | |



Notes:

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