

Dear Editor/Reporter

**Media Statement**  
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The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature has learnt with shock about the death of a senior and long serving Member of the Legislature, Inkosi Nyanga Ngubane, after a short illness. Inkosi Ngubane departed this life at a Pietermaritzburg hospital early today.

Inkosi Ngubane became a Member of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature in 1994 after the first democratic elections. He was soon appointed as Member of the KwaZulu-Natal Executive Council (MEC) of Environment and Traditional Affairs where he oversaw the amalgamation of the erstwhile Natal Parks Board and the KwaZulu Nature Conservation Service.

He was later appointed to the position of MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs and was also responsible for Safety and Security in the Province. In 2004 he was appointed as MEC for Social Welfare and Population Development. He was also an Inkosi of KwaZashuke Traditional Authority in Bulwer.

A hard working and selfless man, Inkosi Ngubane served the people of KwaZulu-Natal with dedication and altruism in various capacities.

He was a senior Member of the IFP serving his party in its National Executive Council. He was a kind person who conducted himself with decorum in the Legislature. The Legislature has been left poorer without Inkosi Ngubane and his robust debating prowess.

The Speaker of the Legislature, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni and the entire House including staff and management express their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Ngubane family, the people of KwaZashuke, relatives, colleagues and friends for the loss of a kind and compassionate Member.

The Office of the Speaker also extends its condolences to the IFP for the loss of an outstanding member who served his party for a very long time with loyalty and dedication.

They must find comfort and strength from knowing that God is with them during this dark and sad hour.

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