

BLOEM CEO IS NEW MEC

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Premier Ace Magashule on Friday named Dr Benny Malakoane as the new health MEC during the Female Entrepreneur Awards gala dinner at Glen Agricultural College.

Magashule spoke at the annual event, which was presented by the department of agriculture and rural development, and thanked agriculture MEC Mosebenzi Zwane for acting as health MEC in addition to his own portfolio after the death of Fezi Ngubentombi.

He said it was obvious Zwane's heart was in agriculture and thus decided to appoint somebody new as health MEC for health.

Ngubentombi was killed in a car accident on December 1 on her way back from the Hands Off Zuma rally in QwaQwa. The BMW in which she was travelling crashed into an overhead bridge on the N1 near Bloemfontein.

Ngubentombi and her driver, a member of the VIP police protection unit, died in the accident. Another SAPS member and Ngubentombi's youngest daughter, Zandile, 13, survived the accident.

The death of Ngubentombi, who had been health MEC since February 2011, was described as "a huge loss for the ANC and the provincial government". She was public works and rural development MEC since 2009.

Malakoane is the CEO of Bloemwater and a former economic development, tourism and environmental affairs MEC.

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