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# MEET NEW MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING ADVISORY PANEL

The Housing Advisory Panel was established in terms of Limpopo Housing Act, 2006 (ACT 2 OF 2006).

The Panel consists of five members who must have knowledge, qualifications or experience in the field of housing development.

The functions of the panel are: (a) to advise the MEC on the Provincial Housing Policy and Strategy and viability of all housing development plans; (b) to serve as a consultative forum for external role-players to be involved in the policy formulation process for the purpose of informed decision-making; (c) to conduct and manage investigations requested

by the MEC for the purpose of informed decision-making; and (d) to perform any other function concerning housing matters which the MEC refers to the Panel.

A member of the Panel must have one or more of the following skills: (a) sufficient knowledge of the national and provincial housing legislation; policy; and strategy; (b) expertise in low income housing finance; (c) technical knowledge of residential township development and housing construction relating to standards and planning; (d) legal expertise regarding contracts and conveyancing aspects of housing development; (e) practical

experience regarding project implementation, planning, township establishment, engineering services, provisioning and costing of housing products; (f) experience in community development and communication of the community's interest in housing development; and (g) expertise regarding housing development in support of agricultural activities or rural development.