



Chief Whip Mbulelo Goniwe and Deputy Chief Whip Andries Nel cuts cakes during their birthday.  
**BELOW:** The Chiefs poses with staff after the party.



# Chiefs humbled by birthday surprise

The staff of the office of the Chief Whip in Parliament last month threw a surprise party for both Chief Whip and the Deputy Chief Whip. The two birthday gentlemen, Mbulelo Goniwe and Andries Nel, were both turning 47 and 40 respectively.

The Chief Whip office staff, led by Head of Caucus staff Matthews Oliphant, presented them with a knob Kierrie, a wooden kudu and designer African National Congress mugs.

Both Goniwe and Nel expressed heartfelt gratitude for the humane act and further encouraged the staff to do the same among themselves.

"We are indeed grateful for this, no amount of words can adequately express how thankful we are," said the Chief Whip.

The Deputy Chief Whip said the surprise function was "unexpected and humbling".