



New ADSA executive committee

In July 2017, the 2017 – 2019 ADSA executive committees commenced the start of their term. The new committee is full of energy and passion to continue to develop the dietetic profession to contribute towards achieving optimal nutrition for all South Africans. We wish the new committee a steadfast term. The new committee members are:

President	Nicole Lubasinki
Branch Liaison	Nazeeia Sayed
Communications	Monique Piderit
CPD	Mary-Anne Victor
Membership	Kerry-Ann Dolloway
PPD	Natalie Mat Myers
Public Relations	Abigail Courtenay and Mpho Tshukudu
Public Sector	Neo Mongoegi
Representation	Christine Taljaard
Secretary	Lizzie Mohube
Sponsorship	Monique Tredoux

ADSA presents in parliament

On 6 June 2017, ADSA's COO Jessica Byrne had the opportunity to present on ADSA's Position Statement on the Proposed Taxation of Sugar Sweetened Beverages in South Africa in Parliament – a first for ADSA.

The taxation of sugar-sweetened beverages, now referred to as the Health Promotion Levy (HPL), was presented in the 2017 Budget speech and included in the 2017 Draft Rates Bill. Public comments to the Standing Committee on Finance around the HPL were presented at hearings that were held on 31 May and 6 June 2017 in parliament, where representatives from industry, NGOs, academics and public health bodies were given the opportunity to present their positions on the draft bill. Following this, National Treasury and SARS shared a draft response document that addressed comments on the proposed HPL raised from written comments and during the hearings. In the draft response document, National Treasury and SARS made some important revisions to the February 2017 Draft Rates Bill that help strengthen the HPL for its stated purpose of health promotion, and

National Treasury and SARS should be commended on thoughtful responses to issues raised during the hearings. ADSA has had the privilege of being part of the consultation process and has submitted comments to the committee on four occasions. It is hoped that the committee will now move ahead with the legislative process to pass the levy.

To read ADSA's full position statement on the proposed taxation of sugar-sweetened beverages in South Africa, go to <http://www.adsa.org.za/AboutUs/PoliciesandPositionStatements.aspx>.

Dietitian's week 2017

In collaboration with the British Dietetics Association (BDA), Dietitian's Week was celebrated in South Africa from 12–16 June, with the 2017 theme '*Eat Fact Not Fiction*'. This year's theme highlighted the important role of dietitians who are able to interpret nutrition science and dietary guidelines in order to customize nutrition advice for individuals. We thank all the ADSA spokespersons who assisted with media queries through Dietitian's Week, and took part in the BDA Twitter Chat on 12 June, #dietitiansweek. The BDA infographic was adapted to the South African context and translated in Xhosa and Zulu, and is available for download on ADSA's website.

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Kind regards,

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Executive Committee

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