

## **Mzansi reacts to Minister Mkhize's nepotism scandal –**

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Another day, another high-ranking government official caught up in a scandal concerning family members obtaining cushy state jobs. This time Health Minister Zweli Mkhize is in the spotlight after hiring his allegedly corrupt niece Sibusisiwe Zulu. Mkhize gave his relative an enviable post, Chief of Staff, despite the serious nature of the crimes Zulu is accused of. The Democratic Alliance has since called for an investigation, with the party's Siviwe Gwarube commenting: “Zweli Mkhize appointed his niece as his chief of staff, amid compelling corruption allegations against her. It is essential that the appointment of a family member that has been suspected of corruption is investigated thoroughly. This brazen appointment of his family member is clearly a sign of things to come.” Briefly.co.za reported that DA leader John Steenhuisen had spoken out against the NHI and Gwarube says this is yet another reason why the proposed bill will fail: “Sibusisiwe Ngubane Zulu was blamed for the mismanagement and misappropriation of billions of rands while working for the Public Investment Corporation (PIC). Her appointment in the Minister’s office is deeply problematic. This proves why the DA’s fight against an NHI Board selected by the Minister is fully justified.” But citizens seem to be unsurprised by the revelation, even if the person implicated in shady dealings was carried out by a minister. With corruption and looting becoming commonplace, it was business as usual for Mzansi.