

ANC MPs to rethink Secrecy Bill?

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The ANC has kind of confirmed that the Protection of Information Bill will be delayed to ensure that all its MPs (and probably its alliance partners too) are happy to pass it. The Daily Maverick watched Gwede Mantashe do an egg-dance about this on Monday morning.



Obviously ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe couldn't tell journalists at the ANC's briefing in Johannesburg this morning that the party's national executive committee (NEC) over the weekend decided that MPs should be convinced to hold off with the contentious Protection of Information Bill a little bit longer.

The Bill - which deals with the disclosure of "classified information" - is due to be tabled for debate in the national assembly on Tuesday, but the ANC has, in an unusual step, called its MPs to Parliament on a Monday afternoon to caucus about the matter.

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