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### **The EFF's Internal Revolution**

Today the IRR releases a report, 'The EFF's Internal Revolution', documenting the extraordinary turnover rate of MPs inside the party's national caucus, and examining its organizational culture.

Written by IRR head of politics and governance Gareth van Onselen, the report shows that 61% of all EFF national members of parliament have resigned or been expelled since the 2014 election, by some considerable distance the most among all of the bigger parties represented in parliament.

Despite this, EFF leader Julius Malema, addressing the media after the party's fourth annual planning session (or 'Fourth Plenum') this week, made the following statement: "The EFF is the only stable and genuinely united organisation in South Africa. Other political organisations are defined by internal strife, which evidently impacts on their capacity to lead society and provide sustainable and quality services to the people."

That statement is patently false, and yet it was accepted wholesale by the media. There is a tendency to not properly analyse the EFF on its own terms, as a party with its own characteristics, organisational culture and challenges, but to focus merely on its external messaging and rhetoric. Yet, look past the theatrics and there is another story.

The EFF leadership has effectively orchestrated a silent revolution inside its national caucus.

The 'EFF's Internal Revolution' maps the changes, the reasons given by the party for them and the consequences for its ability to perform both in the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces.

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