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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**No. 421****18 May 2010****APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE INSTABILITY PREVAILING IN THE
BUSHBUCKRIDGE REGION IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE****6 May 2010**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, MP, Minister of Basic Education, hereby appoint a Ministerial Committee to Investigate the Instability Prevailing in the Bushbuckridge Region in the Mpumalanga Province.

TERMS OF REFERENCE**AIM**

1. The central task of the Ministerial Committee is to recommend to the Minister, mechanisms in which the poor performance of schools and learners in the Bushbuckridge region can be addressed.

MANDATE AND BACKGROUND

2. The Minister of Basic Education has been mandated to address the poor performance of schools and learners in the Bushbuckridge region.
3. In pursuance of this mandate, the Minister wishes to investigate historical and socio-economical conditions, political dynamics in education, school and district staffing infrastructure issues and the availability of learner support materials and the incorporation of Bushbuckridge into Mpumalanga.
4. The investigation of these issues is important in the process to normalise and strengthen education in the area with the aim to uplift poor performing schools and learners.

SCOPE OF WORK

5. The Committee will undertake the following in co-operation and under the supervision and guidance of Mr PB Soobrayan, Director-General of Basic Education.
 - a) Interview managers in the provincial, regional and circuit offices.
 - b) Interview educators from selected schools.
 - c) Interview key stakeholders such as teacher unions, governing bodies and community organisations.
 - d) Report on this with recommendations to the Minister of Basic Education.

COMPOSITION OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

6. The following persons will be appointed to serve on the Ministerial Committee:
- Mr M Mangena (Chairperson)
 - Mr KG Shai
 - Mr MH Mnisi
 - Ms BS Ndlovu

TIME FRAMES

7. The Committee will be appointed to commence with its activities by a date as determined by the Minister and should conclude its work two weeks thereafter.

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION

8. The Committee must report on the investigation and make recommendations to the Minister of Basic Education directly after the investigation but within the two week period.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

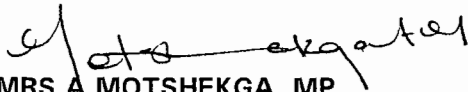
9. Committee members will be paid a daily honorarium at Government's standard rates for Ministerial Committees.
10. The Committee will be expected to submit a business plan to the Minister, which will include the plan of work of the Committee and the estimated cost of this work.
11. The Department will make all travel and accommodation arrangements of Committee members, subject to Government rates.
12. The Department will reimburse all other administrative expenditure that Committee members incur in carrying out the work stipulated in the business plan. To this end, the chairperson of the Committee must approve and sign invoices and forward them to the Department. Claims of the Committee must be made in accordance with the rules of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (the PFMA).

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COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT

13. The appointment of the Committee is subject to the provisions of regulation 20, Part 8, of the Treasury Regulations for Departments, Trading Entities, Constitutional Institutions and Public Entitled, issued in terms of the PFMA.



MRS A MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 10 May 2010