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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFRICAN LANGUAGES AS MEDIUMS OF INSTRUCTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

I, Professor Kader Asmal, MP, Minister of Education, in accordance with Treasury Regulations 20 [issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act of 1999], hereby establish the *Ministerial Committee to Advise on the Development of Indigenous African Languages as Mediums of Instruction in Higher Education*.

Name

The name of the committee will be the Ministerial Committee to Advise the Minister on the Development of Indigenous African Languages as Mediums of Instruction in Higher Education.

Terms of Reference

The Committee is expected, in the first instance, to advise the Minister of Education on a framework for the development of indigenous languages for use as mediums of instruction in higher education. Such a framework should, amongst others, address the following.

1. Criteria for the selection of languages to be developed for use in higher education. This may require an assessment of the current usage of indigenous languages in higher education.

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2. The number of languages that should be earmarked for development, and for which academic disciplines or fields of study.
3. An identification of the key areas which will require attention, such as the development of dictionaries, teaching and learning materials, staff development etc.
4. The institutional arrangements required for implementation, including the respective responsibilities of higher education institutions and the Government.


Time frames

1. The Ministerial Committee will be expected to provide the Minister of Education with a framework report within a six-month period, having undertaken the necessary research and consultation.
2. Once a framework is adopted by the Minister of Education, the Committee will be asked to develop a detailed plan, including a budget, for the implementation of the framework proposals.
3. The Committee will be expected to draw on the necessary technical and other expertise in developing such a plan. The time frame for the development of the implementation plan will be six months.
4. Where appropriate, members of the team will be remunerated according to Treasury Regulation 20.2 and 20.3.
5. The secretariat for the Task Team will be provided by the Directorate: Policy Support of the Higher Education Branch of the Department of Education.

Members

I have appointed the following individuals to serve on the Ministerial Committee to Advise on the Development of Indigenous African Languages as Mediums of Instruction in Higher Education:

- ◆ Professor N Ndebele, University of Cape Town - Chairperson
- ◆ Professor R Finlayson, University of South Africa
- ◆ Professor R Madadzhe, University of the North
- ◆ Professor S E Ngubane (University of Natal)
- ◆ Dr M Nyamende, University of Cape Town
- ◆ Ms T January-Mclean, Department of Arts and Culture
- ◆ Dr C Lubisi, Advisor to the Minister
- ◆ Ms N Tsheole, member of Parliament



Professor Kader Asmal (MP)

Minister of Education

25 February 2004